

Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts



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Annual Report 1996

Handy References

Emergency Number: 911

SIREN CODE: One (1) blast for Ambulance and for all fires.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings/Office Hours:

Administrative Assistant, 655-2245 (1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Assessors, 655-2300, PO Box 184 (1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

Monday/Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Board of Health, PO Box 1082 (meet: 1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, 655-2245, PO Box 336 (meet: 1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

Every other Wednesday, 7:00-7:30 p.m., Selectmen's business; 7:30 p.m.-closing, Open Discussion

Cemetery Commission, PO Box 883 (meet: 1st Floor, Youth Center Building (or) Maple Street Cemetery) 1st Saturday, April - October, 3:00 p.m., Winter meetings as needed.

Conservation Commission, PO Box 1084 (meet: 1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Council on Aging, PO Box 821 (meet: Hinsdale Community Center)

1st Monday, 1:00 pm

Dog Officer, 655-0201 (your call will be forwarded to Dalton Dispatch)

Finance Committee, 655-0300 (meet: Kittredge School)

1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department, 655-2533 (for routine calls), PO Box 442 (meet: Firehouse)

1st and 3rd Tuesday, Monthly, 6:30 p.m. practice; 8:00 p.m. meeting.

Highway Department, 655-2304, PO Box 472

Winter Hours 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Other Seasons Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Library, 655-2303, PO Box 397

Monday/Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.;

Wednesday/Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Planning Board, PO Box 1081 (meet: Firehouse)

1st Monday, 7:30 pm

Police Department, 655-0201 (for routine calls), PO Box 463 (Firehouse Building)

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - close of business

Sewer/Water Administrator, 655-2300, PO Box 65 (1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Town Clerk, 655-2301, PO Box 803 (1st Floor, Youth Center Building)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.,

And By Appointment

Transfer Station, 655-2305 (Plunkett Reservoir Road)

Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.;

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Treasurer/Tax Collector, 655-2306, PO Box 799 (2nd Floor, Youth Center Building)

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Veterans' Agent, 684-6102, (Dalton Town Hall)

Monday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Youth Center, 655-2302

Monday through Thursday, 5:30 pm - 8:00 p.m.; Friday 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.;

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mid-October through early April

Sewer Committee - 1st + 3rd Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 ^{to close of business} Kittredge School

POPULATION

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Officers, Committees and
Public Library
of the
TOWN OF HINSDALE
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1996

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8/97 Paul Litchfield is now Director
of Ambulance Service.
100 Plunkett St Ext
PO Box 425

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 1999
John Genzabella, Secretary	Term Expires 1997 2000
David E. Quail, <i>Secretary 2/6/25/97</i>	Term Expires 1998

ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)

Dave Kowalczyk, Chair	Term Expires 1999
Laura Galliher	Term Expires 1997 2000
Open	Term Expires 1998

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES (4 Year Term)

James E. Holland	Term Expires 2000
Brian Kardasen	Term Expires 1998

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Christine Pike, Chair	Term Expires 1997 2000
Barbara Genzabella (appointed through 5/97)	Term Expires 1999
Lee Girard (appointed through 5/97)	Term Expires 1998
Dianne Haber (appointed through 5/97)	Term Expires 1999
Harold Hotchkiss	Term Expires 1998
Fern Leslie	Term Expires 1999
Dean Smith	Term Expires 1998
Heather Swail	Term Expires 1997 2000
Ward Tinney (appointed through 5/97) <i>Chris Regan (appt thru 5/98)</i>	Term Expires 1997 2000

MODERATOR (3 Year Term)

Richard J. Marran	Term Expires 1997 2000
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PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Dudley Billings, Chair	Term Expires 1998
Earl Carmel <i>open Walter Ulmer 8-20-97 (appt through 5/98)</i>	Term Expires 1997 2002
Morgan Davis	Term Expires 2000
Brian Smith	Term Expires 1999
Michael Viner (appointed through 5/97) <i>elected 5/97</i>	Term Expires 2001

TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)

Dawn Frissell	Term Expires 1999
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TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)

Pauline Wheeler	Term Expires 1997 2000
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TREE WARDEN (3 Year Term)

Richard Quail, Sr.	Term Expires 1998
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Appointed Officials

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Christine Regan

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Katherine Kirchner
Paul Meyers

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

~~John Clark~~ Frank Avalle (resigned 7/30/97)

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

~~John Clark~~ Frank Avalle

APPEALS BOARD

John Goddard, Chair
Nancy Paquin
Matthew Ross
Meredith A. Read, Alternate
Cathy Selva, Alternate and
Acting Clerk

ASSISTANT TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Christine Regan

ASSESSORS' ASSISTANT

Gus Martin

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Carmel

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ed Goddard, Chair
Ken Boudreau, Secretary
Open

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Dawn Frissell, Chair
Holly Adams
Katherine Kirchner, Assistant
Mary Lou Galliher, Assistant
Open
Open

BUILDING INSPECTOR

William Goddard

CEMETERY COMMISSION

William Loehr, Treasurer
Judith Huntoon, Secretary
Harold Hotchkiss

~~David Swail~~

resigned 4/98

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Harold Hotchkiss, Director
Meredith A. Read

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

• Rene Moser, Chair
• Harold Hotchkiss, Asst. Chair
• George Fuller • Bill Basiliere 7/29
• Steve May • Ted Shreve 7/23
• David Shorey 6/10/97 resigned

COUNCIL ON AGING 655.2973

Dionisia Casey, Chair *Chair*
~~Barbara Callahan~~, Treasurer *resigned*
Martha Freshler, Secretary *Chair 7/2*
~~Lauria Mitchell~~ 7/2
~~Amy Wahl~~ 7/2

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Teri Trufant, Chair
Barbara Genzabella
Karin Grierson
Deb Hopmans
Andrea Powers

Lester Trufant

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Marge Murray, Secretary
Frank Avalle
Lee Girard
Paul Litchfield
Adrian Proctor
James Scace
David Shorey

FOREST WARDEN

Larry Turner

GAS INSPECTOR

Steve Flood

HEALTH INSPECTOR

(appointed by Board of Health)

William Goddard

**HINSDALE HOUSING REHAB
PROGRAM ADVISORY PANEL**

Harold Hotchkiss, Chair

Meredith A. Read, Alternate

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Rice, Chair

Katherine Kirchner

Doris Olds

Judy Quail

LIBRARIAN

Rose D. Wilson

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Donald Davis, Chair

Dawn Frissell

Paul Meyers

Ann Marie Welch

Peter White

Ann Peters, Honory Member

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (TOWN)

Mary Lou Galliher

Christine Pike

Paul Rice

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Richard Quail, Sr.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

(appointed by Building Inspector)

Richard Vinette

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT REP.**

Ward Tinney Robin Dewkett 7/23

OPEN SPACE PLAN COMMITTEE

Tom Butler, Chair

Candice Galeucia

Barbara Genzabella

Ed Goddard

Rene Moser

Dennis Regan

POLICE CHIEF

Mark A. Green

POLICE OFFICERS

Bradley A. Briggs, Jr.

John Clark

* Gabrielle Daignault Taglieri

Frank DiPiero

* Robert M. Levardi, Sr.

* Christopher Powell, Sgt.

James Seace

* Heather Wilson

POLICEMAN, SPECIAL

Richard Quail, Sr.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Charles DeAngelus

RECREATION/SPORTS COMMITTEE

Peter Blake, Chair

Marjorie Filkins, Treasurer

Kathy Bramer

Gunter Breitmeir

John DiSantis

JoAnn Dowling

Kevin Dowling

Marian Hart

Mark Hoag

Ed Plouffe

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT

Patrick E. Galliher

**SEWER AND WATER ADMINISTRA-
TOR**

Meredith A. Read

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

Mary Lou Galliher

TOWN HALL STEERING COMMITTEE resigned 4/98

Mark Green, Chair

Dawn Frissell

Katherine Kirchner

Richard Marran

David Swail

Larry Turner

VETERANS AGENT

Delmar Stevens

WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR

Richard Eastland

WIRING INSPECTOR

John Broderick

**504 COORDINATOR OF HANDICAP
AFFAIRS**

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

9/3/97
 ADD sewer committee 5 Andrew Pratt, Linda Chaffre,
 Steve Mack, John Eagar, Steve Salvini, Monica Montferrat,
 Rene Moser, Dudley Billings, Patrick Mehr, John Genzabella
 9/17/97

* Susan Liimatainen
 * Mark Maddalena
 * Robert Wakefield
 * Thomas Dawley II

David Scott
 Pauline Wheeler

Selectmen's Report

1996 has been a very busy and productive year for the Town. The Tax Collector, with the assistance of a hired consultant/assistant, reduced the amount of personal property, real estate, and motor vehicle excise taxes owed from \$707,481 in June, 1995 to \$283,551 in June, 1996. The water filtration plant has been completed, and we are getting closer to an agreement with the federal government for funding for the beginning of the Phase III sewer projects. Improvements have been made to the town cemeteries, and additional, substantial improvements are planned. The library and youth center continue to thrive. And, our employees and volunteer board and committee members continue to provide quality service to our residents.

Our tax rate has fallen from \$14.13 in FY95 to \$13.33 in FY97, resulting in a lower base from which to start when the payments for the Kittredge, Nessacus and Wahconah building and renovation projects kick in this coming year. As we look forward to Fiscal Year 1998, we are also beginning to take a serious look at employee compensation levels, as well as the level of service required to provide residents of Hinsdale with quality service. Keeping the needs of town residents in mind, as well as your ability to pay for these services, we plan to ensure that both compensation and level of service are at adequate levels.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to thank all of our employees and committee members for their efforts on behalf of the town, and would like to encourage all residents to become involved in Town government. We thank you for your support in 1996, and look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE A. MARSHALL, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Special Town Meeting

MAY 15, 1996

MINUTES

Of 1,095 registered voters, 23 were present and voted on the following:

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from available fund "Capital Expenses - Sewer" and appropriate the sum of \$5,465.00 for a replacement Sewer Flow Meter.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to transfer from available fund "Water Rents Reserved" and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for Water Department Administrative Expenses; \$1,800.00 of which shall be used to pay back the grant anticipation note due May 31, 1996 in combination with a smaller-than-anticipated State Grant for water meters; and \$1,700.00 of which shall be used to pay the interest on said note, or on its extension if necessary.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$850.00 for the purchase of a carbon monoxide meter.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 for Dalton Communications Center expenses.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for Winter Roads Maintenance.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$1,150.00 for Youth Center Maintenance for sanding and varnishing the gymnasium floor.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$1,584.00 for a total of four (4) concrete picnic tables for the Plunkett Reservoir Beach and Israel Bissell Site areas.

ARTICLE VOTE: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9: Other Business.

Meeting Adjourned 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL

Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Special Town Meeting

SEPTEMBER 18, 1996, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Of 1,117 registered voters, 39 were present and voted on the following:

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$6,397.94 for two oil furnaces for the Youth Center building.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$127,330.00 from available fund "1996 Transportation Bond Issue" for capital improvements on Hinsdale Town Roads in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate from available funds "Sewer Receipts Reserved" the sum of \$1,241.00 to pay the Town of Dalton for Fiscal Year 1996 sewer service for the Beechwood/Old Windsor Road area of Hinsdale.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to pay a Fiscal Year 1996 Dalton/Hinsdale Little League bill.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: Amended to Read: To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$450,000.00 additional amount of debt authorized by the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Committee on September 12, 1996 for the constructing, equipping and furnishing of an addition and renovations to the Kittredge School in Hinsdale.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed unanimously.

A motion was made to use a secret ballot. The moderator polled the voters. Six voters voted for a secret ballot. The majority voted to use a voice vote. A voice vote was taken.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: Other Business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL
Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Special Town Meeting

MARCH 12, 1997, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Of 1,181 registered voters, 15 (1% of registered voters) were present and voted on the following:

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for FY97 sewer expenses, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$5,000.00 from available fund "Sewer Receipts Reserved" into Sewer Operating Expenses.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$8,100.00 for FY97 water wages, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$8,100.00 from available fund "Water Rents" into Water Department Wages.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00 for FY97 veterans' benefits expenses, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,300.00 from Certified Free Cash into Veterans Aid.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: Amended to Read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$57,000.00 to be used to pay expenses associated with the soil contamination at Kittredge School, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$57,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into Soil Contamination Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: Other Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL

Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Annual Town Meeting Order of Business

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS:

To One of the Policemen 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 Kittredge School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m., 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.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$17,975.00 for the Hinsdale Public Library, \$11,856.00 to be for the Library Director's salary and \$6,119.00 for other expenses; of the total amount, \$17,687.63 to be raised by taxation and \$287.37 to be applied from the dog tax refund, or take any other action thereon.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1998 as adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,153,362.00 for the Operating Costs of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District capital budget for Fiscal Year 1998 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,074.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the Town Officers in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action thereon:

Selectmen:

Chairman	\$ 1,600.00
Secretary	1,400.00
Member	1,200.00

Assessors:

Chairman	1,600.00
Member	1,200.00
Member	1,200.00

Administrative Assistant	23,024.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Dog Officer	1,500.00
Fire Chief	1,000.00
1st Assistant Fire Chief	800.00

elect

*For FY99,
separate
appointed from
elected.
Ch 41 § 108
concerns
elected only.

Fix salaries
+ raise +
approp in
same
article?*

2nd Assistant Fire Chief	600.00
Gas Inspector	200.00
Health Inspector	500.00
Inspector of Animals	200.00
<i>elect</i> Moderator	40.00
Police Chief	7,000.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00
<i>elect</i> Treasurer/Tax Collector	18,564.00
Veteran's Agent	<u>800.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$68,428.00
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon.

<i>Assessor</i>	a. Administrative Assistant Expenses	\$ 1,350.00
	b. Ambulance Service	6,000.00
	c. Appeals Board	600.00
	d. Building Inspector's Expense	264.00
	e. Computer Maintenance	500.00
	f. Conservation Commission	800.00
	g. Council on Aging	3,000.00
	h. Dog Officer's Expenses	500.00
	i. Excise Tax Expenses (Automobile)	1,000.00
	j. Fire Department Expenses	22,000.00
	k. Forest Fires	132.00
	l. Heating Town Garage and Fire House	5,000.00
	m. Historical Commission	200.00
	n. Interest - Short Term Debt	2,500.00
	o. Legal Counsel	4,500.00
	p. Licensing Board Expense	88.00
	q. Memorial Day Expense	700.00
	r. Planning Board Expenses	350.00
	s. Reserve Fund	12,000.00
	t. Selectmen's Expenses	2,400.00
	u. Sports/Recreation Committee	2,350.00
<i>Tax Collector</i>	v. Town Clerk's Expenses	1,000.00
	w. Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00
	x. War Memorial	300.00
	y. Waste Disposal - N. Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,351.00
	z. Youth Center Maintenance	<u>350.00</u>
		\$72,235.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,500.00 for Assessors expenses; \$30,000 of which shall be for a full-time Assistant Assessor; \$5,000.00 of which shall be for annual revaluation of town properties; and \$4,500.00 of which shall be for miscellaneous expenses; or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,352.00 for Tree Warden's Expense, or take any other action thereon.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for a Service Agreement for the oil furnaces in the Youth Center building, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the removal and replacement of the oil storage tank at the Youth Center building, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$4,500.00 from Certified Free Cash into a Youth Center Oil Tank account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon.

a. Berkshire Regional Planning District	942.47
b. Berkshire County Retirement Assessment	20,689.00
c. Berkshire County Sheriff's Communication Center	<u>500.00</u>
	\$22,131.47

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon.

a. Accounting Service	7,320.00
b. Baseball Field and Town Green Mowing	1,300.00
c. Cemetery	12,000.00
d. Dalton Communications Center	8,000.00
e. Election Officers and Ballots	1,200.00
f. Emergency Management (Civil Defense)	3,000.00
g. Finance Board Expenses	900.00
h. Fire House Loan - Principal and Interest	6,187.00
i. Health Board Expenses	625.00
j. Police Department	36,115.00
k. Printing/Delivery of Annual Town Report	2,100.00
l. Recreation Association	6,000.00
m. Registrars Board	1,500.00
n. Social Security and Medicare Taxes	4,000.00
o. Street Lights	10,600.00
p. Tax Title Expenses	2,000.00
q. Town Insurances	62,000.00
r. Town Officers' Salaries	68,428.00
s. Treasurer Bank Fees	300.00
t. Treasurer/Tax Collector Expenses	4,991.00
u. Veterans Aid	14,010.00
v. Visiting Nurse Association	<u>2,025.50</u>
	\$254,601.50

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon.

a. Fuel (Motor), Highway, Fire and Police	11,500.00
b. Highway Dept. Administrative Expenses	750.00

c. Highway Dept. Bridges	1,500.00
d. Highway Dept. Garage Maintenance	3,000.00
e. Highway Dept. Machinery Maintenance	22,800.00
f. Highway Dept. Street Signs	250.00
g. Highway Dept. Summer Maint. of Town Roads	33,300.00
h. Highway Dept. Winter Road Maintenance	36,250.00
i. Highway Dept. Uniform Rental	1,200.00
j. Town Waste Disposal	70,000.00
k. Town Waste Disposal Wages	7,707.00
l. Highway Dept. Wages - Winter Roads	30,000.00
m. Highway Dept. Wages - Non-Winter Roads	37,000.00
n. Highway Depart. Vacation and Paid Holidays	<u>9,784.00</u>
	\$265,041.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$127,330.00 from the second half of available fund "1996 Transportation Bond Issue" for capital improvements on Hinsdale Town Roads in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$52,840.00 for Vocational Education, of which amount \$45,640.00 shall be for Tuition and \$7,200.00 for Transportation; of which amounts \$36,512.00 for Tuition and \$7,200.00 for Transportation shall be raised by taxation, and \$9,128.00 for Tuition shall be transferred and appropriated from Certified Free Cash; or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,000.00 for the Hinsdale Sewer Committee Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", of which amount \$37,000.00 shall be for Sewer Department Operating Expense, \$2,000.00 shall be for Sewer Maintenance, \$2,000.00 shall be for Sewer Department Employee Wages, and \$1,000.00 shall be the salary of the Sewer Administrator, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved For Appropriation", for payment of principal and interest on Fiscal Year 1998 sewer debt obligations the sum of \$16,693.00, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$55,600.00 for Water Department Expenses from available funds, "Water Rents", of which amount \$30,900.00 shall be for Water Department Operating Expense, \$22,000.00 shall be for Water Department Employee Wages, \$1,000.00 shall be for the Water Department Administrator salary and \$1,700.00 shall be for Water Department Administration Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$117,331.86 from available fund "Water Rents" to pay the following Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bond payments for the water rehabilitation project, or take any other action thereon.

\$31,964.00 for the \$570,871.00 loan; payment due July, 1997.

\$8,336.86 for the \$112,500.00 loan; payment due September, 1997.

\$66,161.00 for the \$982,200.00 loan; payment due September, 1997.

\$10,870.00 for the \$200,000.00 loan; payment due June, 1998.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,165.00 to pay the principal and interest on the Rural Development Fire Truck Bond, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Health Screenings for Fire Department personnel, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for a new overhead Highway Department garage door, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,500.00 from Certified Free Cash into a Highway Garage Door account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for an audit of the Fiscal Year 1997 Town Records, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 from available fund "Sale of Cemetery Lots" for a cemetery expansion project, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a Community Day for the Town of Hinsdale, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$280,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$280,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27: 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 receive payments from funeral homes for grave digging services, and to expend payments to grave diggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with ex-

penditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during the coming fiscal year;

- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments 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 the coming fiscal year;
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments 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 the coming fiscal year; and
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments 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 \$3,000.00 during the coming fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L.c.111, Section 127B 1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works, or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote adopted under Article 28 of the May 18, 1994 Annual Town Meeting by reducing by \$615,429.00 the amount the Town authorizes the Treasurer to borrow for the Water Rehabilitation Project, from \$2,481,000.00 to \$1,865,571.00, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote adopted under Article 9 of the October 13, 1993 Special Town Meeting by rescinding the au-

thorization to borrow \$30,450.00 for the land taking for the water filtration plant, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for computer replacement, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32: Other Business.

ARTICLE 33: To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| (1) Selectman | for (3) years |
| (1) Assessor | for (1) year |
| (1) Assessor | for (3) years |
| (3) Finance Committee Members | for (3) years |
| (2) Finance Committee Members | for (2) years |
| (1) Finance Committee Member | for (1) year |
| (1) Moderator | for (3) years |
| (1) Planning Board Member | for (5) years |
| (1) Planning Board Member | for (4) years |
| (1) Treasurer/Tax Collector | for (3) years |

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 First Congregational Church in Hinsdale on Saturday, May 24, 1997 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 33 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY directed to serve this 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 this 30th day of April, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRUCE A MARSHALL, Chairman

JOHN C. GENZABELLA, Secretary

DAVID E. QUAIL, Member

Fiscal Year 1998 Proposed Budget and FY96-FY98 Tax Levy Impact

Account	FY96 Total	FY97 Budget	FY97 Add'l	FY98 Budget	FY98 Tax Impact	Add'l Funds Source/Date
1. Accounting Service	7,020.00	7,220.00		7,320.00	100.00	
2. Administrative Assistant Expense	1,340.00	1,350.00		1,350.00	0.00	
3. Ambulance Service	6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00	
4. Appeals Board	600.00	600.00		600.00	0.00	
5. Assessors' Expense	15,320.00	15,320.00		34,500.00	19,180.00	
6. Assessors' Revaluation	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	
7. Auditing Expense	0.00	0.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
8. Baseball Field & Town Green Mowing	1,301.00	1,200.00		1,300.00	100.00	
9. Berkshire Regional Planning District	897.22	919.55		942.47	22.92	
10. Brk. Cty. Retirement System	16,791.00	22,010.00		20,689.00	(1,321.00)	
11. Brk. Cty. Surveyor's Dept.	200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
12. Building Inspector's Expense	264.00	264.00		264.00	0.00	
13. Cemetery Operating	9,200.00	9,200.00		12,000.00	2,800.00	
14. Cemetery Expansion	0.00	0.00		18,000.00	0.00	AF- Sale of Lots
15. Central Brk. Regional Operating	1,112,638.00	1,136,989.00		1,153,362.00	16,373.00	
16. Central Brk. Regional Capital	1,699.00	6,821.00		138,074.00	131,253.00	
17. Communications Center, County	500.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
18. Communications Center, Dalton	6,600.00	7,100.00		8,000.00	900.00	
19. Communications Center, Dalton, FY95	327.98	0.00		0.00	0.00	FC 11/29/95
20. Community Day Expense	0.00	0.00		500.00	500.00	
21. Computer Maintenance	0.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
22. Computer Replacement	0.00	0.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
23. Conservation Commission	800.00	800.00		800.00	0.00	
24. Copy Machine, Town Offices	0.00	5,000.00		0.00	0.00	FC 5/15/96
25. Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	
26. Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
27. Election Officers & Ballots	2,613.00	2,500.00		1,200.00	(1,300.00)	
28. Emergency Management	2,750.00	2,750.00		3,000.00	250.00	

Account	FY96 Total	FY97 Budget	FY97 Add'l	FY98 Budget	FY98 Tax Impact	Add'l Funds Source/Date
29. Excise Tax Billing, Auto	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	
30. Finance Board Expense	132.00	200.00		900.00	700.00	
31. Financial Advisor/Bond Counsel	0.00	0.00	4,770.00	0.00	0.00	RSRV 10/3/96
32. Fire Department Expenses	22,000.00	22,000.00		22,000.00	0.00	
33. Fire Department Health Screenings	0.00	0.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
34. Fire Dept. Carbon Monoxide Meter	850.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
35. Fire House Loan	6,725.00	6,456.00		6,187.00	(269.00)	
36. Fire Truck Loan Interest - Short Term Debt	0.00	3,424.11		0.00	(3,424.11)	
37. Fire Truck Loan - Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00		19,165.00	19,165.00	
38. Forest Fires	132.00	132.00		132.00	0.00	
39. Fuel (Motor) Hwy, Fire, Police	7,600.00	10,000.00		11,500.00	1,500.00	
40. Gas Inspector's Expense	40.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
41. Health Board Expense	725.00	725.00		625.00	(100.00)	
42. Heating, Garage & Firehouse	6,500.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	
43. Highway Dept. Admin. Expense	750.00	750.00		750.00	0.00	
44. Highway Dept. Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	
45. Highway Dept. Chapter Funds	127,824.00	148,552.00		127,330.00	0.00	Trnsp. Bond
46. Highway Dept. Garage Door	0.00	5,000.00		3,500.00	0.00	Free Cash
47. Highway Dept. Garage Maint.	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00	
48. Highway Dept. Machinery Maint.	18,800.00	22,800.00		22,800.00	0.00	
49. Highway Dept. Salt Shed Grant	100,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	State Grant
50. Highway Dept. Street Signs	250.00	250.00		250.00	0.00	
51. Highway Dept. Summer Maint.	35,000.00	33,300.00		33,300.00	0.00	
52. Highway Dept. Uniform Rental	0.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00	
53. Highway Dept. Winter Roads	31,514.24	32,250.00		36,250.00	4,000.00	
54. Hwy. Dept. - Fed/State Snow & Ice Aid	17,074.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	Fed/State Grants
55. Hwy. Dept. - Prev. Yr. Winter Overrun	16,023.51	762.66		0.00	(762.66)	
56. Highway Dept. Wages						
Waste Disposal	7,410.00	7,560.00		7,707.00	147.00	
Water Dept.*	15,000.00	15,000.00	8,100.00	22,000.00	0.00	AF 3/12/97
Winter Roads	31,514.24	29,000.00		30,000.00	1,000.00	

Non-Winter Roads	35,790.00	43,997.00	37,000.00	(6,997.00)	
Sewer Maintenance*	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Vacation/Paid Holidays	9,166.00	9,700.00	9,784.00	84.00	
57. Historical Commission	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	
58. Interest - Short Term Debt	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	
59. Legal Counsel	5,777.82	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
60. Library Maintenance	11,290.49	13,661.64	17,687.63	4,025.99	
	309.51	313.36	287.37	0.00	Dog Tax Refunds
61. Licensing Board Expense	88.00	88.00	88.00	0.00	
62. Little League Sponsor Fee, FY96	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	FC 9/18/96
63. Memorial Day Expense	700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00	
64. Picnic Tables	1,584.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
65. Planning Board Expense	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	
66. Police Cruiser	19,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
67. Police Department	30,246.00	32,105.00	36,115.00	4,010.00	
68. Printing & Delivery of Town Report	2,024.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	100.00	
69. Recreation Association	7,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00	500.00	
70. Registrars Board	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,500.00	(400.00)	
71. Reserve Fund - Unexpended	0.00	6,230.00	12,000.00	0.00	
72. Selectmen's Expense	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	
73. Sewer Administrator Salary*	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
74. Sewer Committee Operating*	31,200.00	32,000.00	5,000.00 37,000.00	0.00	AF 3/12/97
75. Sewer Service FY96*	1,241.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	AF 9/18/96
76. Sewer Flow Meter*	5,465.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
77. Sewer Loans*	16,693.00	16,693.00	16,693.00	0.00	
78. Sewer Maintenance*	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
79. Sewer - Delinquent Collections*	0.00	833.00	0.00	0.00	
80. Sewer - Phase III Legal Notices*	1,628.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	
81. Social Security and Medicare	6,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	500.00	
82. Soil Contamination Expense	0.00	0.00	57,000.00 0.00	0.00	FC 3/12/97
83. Sports & Recreation Committee	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	0.00	
84. Stabilization Fund	0.00	0.00	280,000.00	0.00	Use Free Cash

Reduced
14,873.23
287.37
15,160.60

17,975

Account	FY96 Total	FY97 Budget	FY97 Add'l	FY98 Budget	FY98 Tax Impact	Add'l Funds Source/Date
85. Street Lights	10,500.00	10,500.00		10,600.00	100.00	
86. Tax (Delinquent) Collection Services	10,000.00	10,000.00		0.00	(10,000.00)	
87. Tax Title Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00		2,000.00	(3,000.00)	
88. Town Clerk's Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	
89. Town Clerk Record Rebinding	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00	
90. Town Insurance	55,000.00	56,004.00		62,000.00	5,996.00	
91. Town Officer Salaries	67,330.00	67,330.00		68,428.00		
Selectmen	4,200.00	4,200.00		4,200.00	0.00	
Administrative Assistant	22,290.00	22,290.00		23,024.00	734.00	
Assessors	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	
Building Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	
Dog Officer	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	
Fire Chief and Assistants	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00	0.00	
Gas Inspector	200.00	200.00		200.00	0.00	
Health Inspector	500.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	
Inspector of Animals	200.00	200.00		200.00	0.00	
Moderator	40.00	40.00		40.00	0.00	
Police Chief	7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00	0.00	
Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	
Treasurer/Tax Collector	18,200.00	18,200.00		18,564.00	364.00	
Veteran's Agent	800.00	800.00		800.00	0.00	
92. Treasurer Bank Fees	1,700.00	1,700.00		300.00	(1,400.00)	
93. Treasurer/Tax Collector Expense	4,444.70	4,450.00		4,991.00	541.00	
94. Tree Warden/Dutch Elm/Insect Control Exp.	8,352.00	5,352.00	1,000.00	5,352.00	0.00	RSRV 1/2/97
95. Veterans' Aid	15,294.50	12,400.00	1,300.00	14,010.00	1,610.00	FC 3/12/97
96. Visiting Nurse Association	1,966.50	1,966.50		2,025.50	59.00	
97. Vocational Tuition	22,755.00	22,755.00		36,512.00	13,757.00	
		10,621.00	5,640.00	9,128.00	0.00	Free Cash
98. Vocational Transportation	9,000.00	7,560.00		7,200.00	(360.00)	
99. War Memorial	300.00	300.00		300.00	0.00	
100. Waste Disposal Operating Expense	77,000.00	70,000.00		70,000.00	0.00	

101. Waste Disposal - N. Brk. Solid Waste	2,351.00	2,351.00		2,351.00	0.00	
102. Water Dept. Administrator Salary*	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	
103. Water Dept. Administrator Expense*	3,200.00	1,700.00		1,700.00	0.00	
104. Water Dept. Operating Expense*	37,900.00	37,900.00		30,900.00	0.00	
105. Water - Delinquent Collections*	0.00	1,667.00		0.00	0.00	
106. Water Loan Interest (1990, \$982,200)*	66,161.00	66,161.00	2,331.82	66,161.00	0.00	
107. Water Loan Int. #2 (1994, \$570,871)*	31,964.00	31,964.00		31,964.00	0.00	
108. Water Loan Int. #3 (1993, \$112,500)*	8,639.79	8,488.33		8,336.86	0.00	
109. Water Loan Int. #4 (1995, \$200,000)*	10,870.00	10,870.00		10,870.00	0.00	
110. Water Meters, Grant Anticipation Note*	1,800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
111. Youth Center Furnaces	0.00	0.00	6,397.94	0.00	0.00	FC 9/18/96
112. Youth Center Furnace Service Agreement	0.00	0.00		300.00	300.00	
113. Youth Center Maintenance	1,500.00	350.00		350.00	0.00	
114. Youth Center Rehab - Sm. Cities Match	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
115. Youth Center Oil Tank	0.00	0.00		4,500.00	0.00	Free Cash
Totals:	2,305,356.90	2,223,316.15	83,567.94	2,715,031.83	210,338.14	
Tax/Receipts Appropriation:	\$1,787,667.72	\$1,824,553.46	\$0.00	\$2,040,661.60		
Reserve Fund Appropriations:	12,000.00	0.00	5,770.00	0.00		
Free Cash Appropriations:	22,606.48	20,621.00	64,697.94	297,128.00		
Stabilization Fund Appropriations:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Water Appropriations:	176,534.79	174,750.33	8,100.00	172,931.86		
Sewer Appropriations:	61,227.40	54,526.00	5,000.00	58,693.00		
Other Available Fund Appropriations:	245,320.51	148,865.36	0.00	145,617.37		
Total:	\$2,305,356.90	\$2,223,316.15	\$83,567.94	\$2,715,031.83		

FC: Free Cash SF: Stabilization Fund AF: Available Fund RSRV: Reserve Fund

*Water, Sewer and Highway Chapter Fund costs are paid from Available Funds.

Changes do not impact tax levy.

Estimated Changes in Cherry Sheet - estimated 3/19/97
Cherry Sheet Increase \$17,000

Estimated Tax Impact from Above: \$210,338
Minus Estimated Changes in Cherry Sheet: \$ 17,000
Estimated Net Tax Impact: \$193,338

(Does not consider other changes in estimated receipts or overlay.)

FY96 TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$2,305,356.90
FY97 TOTAL APPROPRIATION (a/o 1/6/97): \$2,306,884.09
FY98 PROPOSED BUDGET: \$2,715,031.83

FY94 TAX LEVY: \$1,450,710.00
FY95 TAX LEVY: \$1,453,609.00
FY96 TAX LEVY: \$1,450,396.01
FY97 TAX LEVY: \$1,451,678.00 (LEVY LIMIT = \$1,698,707)

FY98 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY:

Excluded from Prop. 2 1/2 Limits: \$116,901
Subject to Prop. 2 1/2 Limits: 1,528,115
TOTAL: \$1,645,016

ESTIMATED FY98 PROP 2 1/2 LEVY LIMIT: \$1,758,175

FY94 VALUATION: \$102,668,800
FY95 VALUATION: \$102,874,000 (.2% INCREASE)
FY96 VALUATION: \$106,023,100 (3.1% INCREASE)
FY97 VALUATION: \$108,903,100 (2.7% INCREASE)
FY98 ESTIMATED VALUATION: \$110,000,000 (1% INCREASE)

FY98 ESTIMATED TAX RATE: \$15.11/\$1,000 if valuation remained at \$108,903,100
\$14.96/\$1,000 with 1% increase in valuation
\$14.81/\$1,000 with 2% increase in valuation
\$14.67/\$1,000 with 3% increase in valuation

9/3/97
per budget: no tax rate
\$15

8/19 est. for new growth
\$50,000 1/2% increase
\$1,450,396.01
8/19 \$1,675,757 new growth
but w/ adjustments
new exemption, new
FY98 value is lower
than FY97
\$1,081,275,000

9599

FY97 FREE CASH AVAILABLE \$392,348.00 A/O 7/1/96 CERTIFICATION
FREE CASH USED 6,397.94 FY97 Oil Furnaces for Youth Center
300.00 FY96 Little League Sponsor Fee
1,300.00 FY97 Veterans Aid
57,000.00 FY97 Contaminated Soil Expenses
FREE CASH BALANCE A/O 3/19/97 \$327,350.06

STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE \$169,709.05 a/o 3/31/97

USE OF RESERVE FUND, FY96:

Tree Warden Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Election Officers/Ballots	700.00
Recreation Association	1,500.00
Treasurer/Collector Expense	138.70
Printing/Delivery Town Report	24.00
Winter Road Maintenance	4,528.48
Legal Counsel	1,777.82
Baseball Field and Town Green	101.00
Police Department	<u>230.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,000.00

Certification of 7-1-97
= \$ 215,284

Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Cash on Hand July 1, 1995:

General	\$ 563,661.26
Petty	265.00
Sewer	169,556.09
Water	339,353.90
Trust	192,176.33

\$1,265,012.58

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Current year:

Personal Property	110,517.82
Real Estate	1,249,028.33

1,359,546.15

Previous years:

Personal Property	638.01
Real Estate	226,866.26

227,504.27

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current year	84,456.15
Previous years	33,165.92

117,622.07

Tax Titles

12,518.44

Schools:

School Aid Chapter 70	33,397.00
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation	1,583.00

34,980.00

Aid to Highways:

Emergency Snow Removal	17,074.00
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Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Highway	132,000.00
Fire Truck	70,263.00
Water Rehab	50,584.97

252,847.97

Agency:

Group Insurance	2,048.47
Dog Licenses	712.50

2,760.97

Grants & Gifts:

Federal Aid Water Rehab	525,240.00
Elections - State	113.00
Library Grant	2,496.15

STRAP Grant Interest	650.82
Arts Lottery Grant	3,268.04
Council on Aging - State	1,226.00
DARE Grant	8,068.94

541,062.95

Miscellaneous:

Plumbing Insp. Fees Revolving	658.00
Electrical Insp. Fees Revolving	985.00
Tax Collector's Costs	2,689.69
Town Clerk's Fees	969.50
Police Outside Detail	2,874.00
Berk. Housing Dev. Corp.	259,432.54
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,050.00
Sm Cities Reg. Housing Rehab	131.87
Dog Refund	313.36
Interest on Property Taxes	51,118.82
Interest on Excise Taxes	1,415.11
Interest on Tax Titles	338.50
In Lieu of Taxes	4,484.85
Garbage/Trash Charges	32,158.42
Municipal Liens	1,100.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	2,700.00
Liquor Licenses	775.00
Board of Appeals Permits & Fees	850.00
Board of Health Permits	120.00
Conservation Permits & Fees	347.62
Fire Dept. Permits	972.00
Gas Inspectors Permits	260.00
Mobile Home Permits	4,860.00
Planning Board Permits	175.00
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	230.00
Zoning Board Permits	60.00
Town Licenses	427.00
Copier Receipts	40.00
Abatements to Veterans	1,225.00
Abatements to the Blind	526.00
Elderly Abatements	9,036.00
Veterans Benefits	7,973.99
Lottery	117,705.00
Highway Fund	34,042.00
Court Fines	17,012.50
State Owned Land	7,937.00
Interest on Savings	9,255.60
Interest on Water Rehab	1,637.54
Misc. Revenues N.O.C.	533.00
Newspaper Sales	78.00
Refunds	101.25
Refunds Net of Expenditures	176.54
Unclaimed Checks	431.13

580,206.83

Sewer:		
Sewer Use Fees	39,920.20	
Sewer Betterments	4,741.83	
Sewer Betterments Added to Taxes	89.80	
Interest on Savings	7,973.10	
		52,724.93
Water:		
Water Rents	155,843.50	
Water Liens	3,080.00	
Misc .	2,093.20	
Interest of Savings	13,155.89	
		174,172.59
Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		8,288.96
Warrants Payable		<u>32,483.13</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		<u><u>\$4,678,805.84</u></u>

Summary:	
Cash on Hand 7/1/95	\$1,265,012.58
General Fund Revenue	3,146,123.65
Sewer Dept. Revenue	52,724.93
Water Dept. Revenue	174,172.59
Trust Fund Revenue	8,288.96
Warrants Payable	<u>32,483.13</u>
	<u><u>\$4,678,805.84</u></u>

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:

CASH:

General Cash	\$ 695,990.78	
Petty Cash -Tax Coll.	50.00	
Petty Cash - Dog Officer	100.00	
Petty Cash - Assessors	15.00	
Petty Cash -Highway Dept.	100.00	
Sewer Cash	168,424.47	
Water Cash	<u>355,239.10</u>	
TOTAL CASH:		\$1,219,919.35

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop. Taxes F1975	205.00
Personal Prop. Taxes F1976	473.55
Personal Prop. Taxes F1977	535.60
Personal Prop. Taxes F1978	658.35

Personal Prop. Taxes F1979	535.00
Personal Prop. Taxes F1980	530.00
Personal Prop. Taxes F1981	775.28
Personal Prop. Taxes F1982	1,160.71
Personal Prop. Taxes F1983	75.91
Personal Prop. Taxes F1984	64.70
Personal Prop. Taxes F1986	587.99
Personal Prop. Taxes F1987	570.02
Personal Prop. Taxes F1988	118.20
Personal Prop. Taxes F1989	197.80
Personal Prop. Taxes F1990	217.19
Personal Prop. Taxes F1991	135.04
Personal Prop. Taxes F1992	171.78
Personal Prop. Taxes F1993	207.72
Personal Prop. Taxes F1994	467.75
Personal Prop. Taxes F1995	575.82
Personal Prop. Taxes F1996	<u>903.18</u>

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

9,166.59

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F1968	134.59
Real Estate Taxes F1969	27.65
Real Estate Taxes F1970	33.20
Real Estate Taxes F1971	30.80
Real Estate Taxes F1972	127.89
Real Estate Taxes F1973	581.72
Real Estate Taxes F1974	301.99
Real Estate Taxes F1975	977.34
Real Estate Taxes F1976	955.15
Real Estate Taxes F1977	846.49
Real Estate Taxes F1978	335.32
Real Estate Taxes F1979	1,007.15
Real Estate Taxes F1980	1,616.43
Real Estate Taxes F1981	2,820.46
Real Estate Taxes F1982	1,754.05
Real Estate Taxes F1983	2,023.86
Real Estate Taxes F1984	366.70
Real Estate Taxes F1985	1,516.80
Real Estate Taxes F1986	1,629.52
Real Estate Taxes F1987	3,087.55
Real Estate Taxes F1988	7,884.37
Real Estate Taxes F1989	4,048.08
Real Estate Taxes F1990	5,158.64
Real Estate Taxes F1991	8,337.10
Real Estate Taxes F1992	11,729.25
Real Estate Taxes F1993	12,768.06
Real Estate Taxes F1994	16,870.96
Real Estate Taxes F1995	36,833.93
Real Estate Taxes F1996	<u>80,227.92</u>

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES

204,032.97

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES

Motor Vehicle Ex F1981	1,624.97
Motor Vehicle Ex F1982	1,065.77
Motor Vehicle Ex F1983	991.24
Motor Vehicle Ex F1984	1,033.97
Motor Vehicle Ex F1985	1,011.63
Motor Vehicle Ex F1986	2,302.35
Motor Vehicle Ex F1987	1,181.31
Motor Vehicle Ex F1988	3,332.38
Motor Vehicle Ex F1989	3,467.93
Motor Vehicle Ex F1990	4,870.69
Motor Vehicle Ex F1991	4,446.39
Motor Vehicle Ex F1992	4,226.49
Motor Vehicle Ex F1993	4,401.01
Motor Vehicle Ex F1994	7,238.40
Motor Vehicle Ex F1995	7,456.68
Motor Vehicle Ex F1996	<u>21,700.24</u>

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES 70,351.45

WATER RENTS & LIENS

Water Liens	37,025.36
Water Rates	<u>66,504.34</u>

TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS 103,529.70

SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS

Sewer Use Fees	38,211.75
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	11,349.23
Sewer Betterments	9,122.73
Betterments Added to Taxes	<u>10,800.37</u>

TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS 69,484.08

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

Tax Titles	<u>20,024.11</u>
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TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS 20,024.11

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

State Aid-Hwy Chapter 33B	136,214.66
State Aid to Hwys-Salt Shed	100,000.00
State Aid Water Meter Grant	55,000.00
Federal Aid Water Rehab	<u>74,760.00</u>

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 365,974.66

LOANS AUTHORIZED

Loans Authorized-Water	598,206.03
Loans Authorized-Sewer	5,290,000.00
Loans Authorized-Land	30,450.00
Loans Authorized-Fire Truck	<u>198,929.00</u>

TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED 6,117,585.03

REVOLVING FUNDS

Town Clerk Fees	<u>11.50</u>
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TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS 11.50

OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	<u>1,200.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		1,200.00
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1988	780.36	
Overlay F1989	<u>2,021.18</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		2,801.54
APPROPRIATION BALANCES		
Winter Roads Maint.	<u>762.66</u>	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		<u>762.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$8,184,843.64</u></u>

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GENERAL ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES:

REVENUE		
Revenue F1997	<u>250,210.69</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		250,210.69
TEMPORARY LOANS		
Temporary Loan-Highway	132,000.00	
Temporary Loan-Water Rehab	48,791.00	
Temporary Loan-Fire Truck	<u>70,263.00</u>	
TOTAL TEMPORARY LOANS		251,054.00
AGENCY		
Group Insurance	28.31	
Dog Licenses	<u>79.25</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY		107.56
TAILINGS		
Unclaimed Checks	<u>272.51</u>	
TOTAL TAILINGS		272.51
GIFTS & BEQUESTS		
Cemetery Memorial	60.00	
Historical Gift	<u>76.50</u>	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		136.50
GRANTS		
St. Aid to Libraries	842.79	
STRAP Grant	11,560.03	
Arts Lottery Grant	4,532.46	
Council on Aging - State	797.86	
DARE Grant	1,943.57	
Capital Project -Sewer	<u>35,559.84</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS		55,236.55

REVOLVING FUNDS		
Tax Collector's Costs	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		50.00
LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		
Loans Authorized Unissued	<u>5,998,531.03</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		5,998,531.03
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
Mosquito Control	16.00	
Reg. Transit Authority	3,972.00	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		3,988.00
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	21,447.00	
Cons. Comm. Receipts Resrv.	7.50	
Sm Cities Reg Housing Rehab	2,915.62	
Sewer Receipts Reserved	78,338.63	
Water Surplus	<u>178,069.57</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP		280,778.32
OVERLAYS RES. FOR ABATE		
Overlay F67-F82	16,423.72	
Overlay F1983	2,099.77	
Overlay F1984	431.40	
Overlay F1985	1,516.80	
Overlay F1986	2,217.51	
Overlay F1987	3,657.57	
Overlay F1990	5,375.83	
Overlay F1991	8,472.14	
Overlay F1992	4,286.08	
Overlay F1993	16,914.53	
Overlay F1994	21,450.01	
Overlay F1995	32,744.71	
Overlay F1996	<u>34,434.50</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		150,024.57
REVENUE RESERVED		
Petty Cash Revenue	265.00	
Tax Title Revenue	20,024.11	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	70,351.45	
Sewer Usage Revenue	49,560.98	
Sewer Betterments Revenue	19,923.10	
Water Rents & Liens Rev.	103,529.70	
Aid to Water Meter Rev	55,000.00	
Fed. Aid - Water Rehab Rev.	<u>74,760.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED		393,414.34
WARRANTS PAYABLE		
Warrants Payable	30,063.93	
Warrants Payable Water	<u>2,419.20</u>	
TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE		32,483.13

SURPLUS REVENUE		
Surplus Revenue	<u>612,287.89</u>	
TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE		612,287.89

APPROPRIATION BALANCES		
Tax Title Expenses	3,063.74	
Town Clerk-Book Rebinding	110.00	
Highway Chapter 85	97,487.00	
Summer Maintenance	1,250.00	
Vacations & Paid Holidays	1,536.50	
Bridges	3,000.00	
Plunkett Lake Dam	17,252.19	
BC Surveying Dept.	200.00	
Vocational Tuition-Transp	3,455.48	
Police Department	178.90	
Dalton Communications Cnt	3,293.00	
Fire Department Expenses	49.20	
Dog Officers Expenses	419.70	
Water System Rehab-Town	16,845.47	
Town Hall Steering Com Ex	3,828.37	
Recreation Committee	215.00	
Youth Center Maintenance	1,500.00	
Youth Center Building	1,000.00	
Picnic Tables	<u>1,584.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		156,268.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>\$8,184,843.64</u></u>

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	165,465.29	
Stabilization		<u>165,465.29</u>
	<u>165,465.29</u>	<u>165,465.29</u>

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DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	<u>21,520.00</u>	
Fire House Loan		<u>21,520.00</u>
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LOANS	<u>21,520.00</u>	<u>21,520.00</u>
Outside Debt Limit	1,904,381.76	
Sewer		62,689.98
Sewer		30,786.12
Water Rehab		<u>1,810,905.66</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>1,904,381.76</u>	<u>1,904,381.76</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	<u>1,925,901.76</u>	<u>1,925,901.76</u>

Expense Category/Account	Expenditures 7/1/95 - 6/30/96					Balance
	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Legal Counsel		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,777.82	\$ 5,777.82	\$ 5,777.82	
Moderator		40.00		40.00	40.00	
Selectmens Salaries		4,200.00		4,200.00	4,200.00	
Selectmens Expenses		2,400.00		2,400.00	1,967.23	432.77
Administrative Assistant		22,290.00		22,290.00	22,289.28	0.72
Administrative Asst. Exp.		1,340.00		1,340.00	1,339.11	0.89
Finance Board Exp.		132.00		132.00	128.00	4.00
Assessors Salaries		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,800.00	1,200.00
Assessors Expenses		15,320.00		15,320.00	15,087.73	232.27
Motor Vehicle Ex Billing		1,000.00		1,000.00	579.65	420.35
Revaluation		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Treas./Collector Salary		18,200.00		18,200.00	18,200.00	
Treas./Collectors Exp.		4,306.00	138.70	4,444.70	4,427.15	17.55
Bank Charges		1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00
Tax Collection Services		10,000.00		10,000.00	9,996.00	4.00
Tax Title Expenses		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,936.26	3,063.74
Town Clerks Salary		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Clerks Expenses		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Clerk-Book Rebinding		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,890.00	110.00
Election Officers & Ballots		1,800.00	813.00	2,613.00	2,613.00	
Board of Registrars		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,781.12	18.88
Licensing Board Expenses		88.00		88.00		88.00
Conservation Commission		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Planning Board Expense		350.00		350.00	21.77	328.23
Appeals Board Expense		600.00		600.00	546.14	53.86
Civil Defense		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,687.12	62.88
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 0.00	\$115,116.00	\$ 2,729.52	\$117,845.52	\$110,107.38	\$ 7,738.14

HIGHWAYS

Highway Chapter 85			127,824.00	127,824.00	30,337.00	97,487.00
Salt Shed			100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Summer Maintenance	67,500.00			67,500.00	66,177.58	1,322.42
Highway Administration	750.00			750.00	487.88	262.12
Vacations & Paid Holidays	9,166.00			9,166.00	7,629.50	1,536.50
Vacations & Paid Hol. FY 95	1,141.60			1,141.60		1,141.60
Bridges	3,000.00			3,000.00		3,000.00
Town Garage Maint	3,000.00			3,000.00	2,796.97	203.03
Road Machinery Maint.	523.52	20,000.00		20,523.52	20,448.73	74.79
Street Signs		250.00		250.00		250.00
Salt Shed Plot Plan	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	
Plunkett Lake Dam	17,252.19			17,252.19		17,252.19
Winter Roads Maint		47,500.00	32,602.48	80,102.48	80,865.14	(762.66)
Winter Roads Maint. FY 96	(16,023.51)		16,023.51			
Street Lights		10,500.00		10,500.00	10,442.25	57.75
BC Surveying Dept.		200.00		200.00		200.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$ 4,493.80	\$ 161,866.00	\$276,449.99	\$ 442,809.79	\$ 320,785.05	\$122,024.74

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

C.B.R.S. Assessment	1,112,638.00			1,112,638.00	1,109,663.00	2,975.00
C.B.R.S.D. Capital	1,699.00			1,699.00	1,699.00	
Vocational Tuition-Transp	31,755.00			31,755.00	19,998.25	11,756.75
Hinsdale Public Library	11,600.00			11,600.00	11,600.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES	\$ 0.00	\$1,157,692.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,157,692.00	\$1,142,960.25	\$ 14,731.75

Previous Expense Category/Account	Original Balance	Budget Budget	Total Revisions	Actual Budget	Expended	Balance
VETERANS						
Veterans Agent Salary		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Veterans Aid		9,000.00	6,294.50	15,294.50	15,240.75	53.75
Memorial Day Observation		700.00		700.00	645.90	54.10
War Memorial		300.00		300.00	25.85	274.15
TOTAL VETERANS	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 6,294.50	\$ 17,094.50	\$ 16,712.50	\$ 382.00
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery		9,200.00		9,200.00	9,200.00	
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 0.00
PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY						
Police Chiefs Salary		7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	
Police Department		30,016.00	230.00	30,246.00	30,067.10	178.90
Police Cruiser		19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00	
Dalton Communication		5,500.00	1,100.00	6,600.00	3,307.00	3,293.00
FY95 Dalton Comm. Ctr.			327.98	327.98	327.98	
Cnty. Sherrif's Comm.		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Fire Chiefs Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
1st Asst. Chiefs Salary		800.00		800.00	800.00	
2nd Asst. Chiefs Salary		600.00		600.00	600.00	
Fire Department Expenses		22,000.00		22,000.00	21,859.44	140.56
New Fire Truck			70,263.00	70,263.00	70,263.00	
Forest Fires		132.00		132.00	132.00	
Carbon Monoxide Meter			850.00	850.00	849.00	1.00
Building Inspectors Sal.		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Building Inspectors Exp.		264.00		264.00		264.00
Gas Inspectors Sal.		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Gas Inspectors Exp.		40.00		40.00		40.00

Dog Officers Salary		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officers Expenses		500.00		500.00	80.30	419.70
Dutch Elm Disease		1,000.00		1,000.00	994.00	6.00
Tree Wardens Expenses		4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00	6,988.14	11.86
Insect Control		352.00		352.00	352.00	
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS & PROP:	\$ 0.00	\$ 95,904.00	\$ 75,770.98	\$171,674.98	\$167,319.96	\$ 4,355.02
HEALTH & SANITATION						
24-Hour Ambulance Service		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Animal Inspector		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Waste Disposal.		85,000.00		85,000.00	75,957.25	9,042.75
No. Berkshire Waste		2,351.00		2,351.00	2,350.80	0.20
Water System Rehab	(182,476.04)		575,824.97	393,348.93	376,503.46	16,845.47
Health Inspectors Salary		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Board of Health Nurse	163.88	1,966.50		2,130.38	2,130.38	
Health Inspectors Exp		725.00		725.00	250.52	474.48
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$(182,312.16)	\$ 96,742.50	\$ 575,824.97	\$ 490,255.31	\$463,892.41	\$ 26,362.90
DEBT & INTEREST						
Fire House Loan		5,380.00		5,380.00	5,380.00	
Int. Long-Term Debt		1,345.00		1,345.00	1,345.00	
Int. Short-Term Debt		2,500.00		2,500.00	1,138.53	1,361.47
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 7,863.53	\$ 1,361.47
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES						
Accounting Services		7,020.00		7,020.00	7,020.00	
Heating-Garage & Frhouse		6,500.00		6,500.00	4,788.77	1,711.23
Town Insurances		55,000.00		55,000.00	52,036.47	2,963.53
Town Hall Steering Com	3,828.37			3,828.37		3,828.37
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire,Police		7,600.00		7,600.00	6,697.39	902.61

Previous Expense Category/Account	Original Balance	Budget Budget	Total Revisions	Actual Budget	Expended	Balance
Printing		2,000.00	24.00	2,024.00	2,024.00	
Land Purchase	41,000.00			41,000.00	35,000.00	6,000.00
Computer System	97.61			97.61	70.00	27.61
Council on Aging		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Recreation Association		5,500.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	6,572.52	427.48
Recreation Committee		2,350.00		2,350.00	1,804.25	545.75
Recreation Comm FY 95	982.28			982.27	982.27	
Youth Center Maintenance		350.00	1,150.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Youth Center Building		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Picnic Tables			1,584.00	1,584.00		1,584.00
Baseball Field & Twn. Grn.		1,200.00	101.00	1,301.00	1,301.00	
Historical Commission		200.00		200.00		200.00
County Retirement Assoc.		16,791.00		16,791.00	16,791.00	
Social Security & Medicare		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,701.96	1,298.04
Berkshire Planning Comm.		897.22		897.22	897.22	
Reserve Fund		12,000.00	(12,000.00)			
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$ 45,908.25	\$ 127,408.22	(\$ 7,641.00)	\$ 165,675.47	\$143,686.85	\$ 21,988.62
SEWER						
Sewer Administrator		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sewer Comm. Operating		29,000.00	2,200.00	31,200.00	29,347.12	1,852.88
Sewer Loan		16,693.00		16,693.00	16,693.00	
Sewer Maintenance		4,000.00		4,000.00	44.26	3,955.74
Sewer Flow Meter			5,465.00	5,465.00	5,143.77	321.23
Phase III Sewer - Legal			1,628.40	1,628.40	1,628.40	
TOTAL SEWER	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,693.00	\$ 9,293.40	\$ 59,986.40	\$ 53,856.55	\$ 6,129.85

WATER

Water Dept. Adm. Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Water Dept. Adm. Exp.		1,100.00	2,100.00	3,200.00	1,395.97	1,804.03
Water Dept. Operating.		52,900.00		52,900.00	38,158.05	14,741.95
Water Rehab Project		117,634.79	1,800.00	119,434.79	119,428.75	6.04
TOTAL WATER:	\$ 0.00	\$ 172,634.79	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 176,534.79	\$159,982.77	\$ 16,552.02
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$(131,910.11)	\$2,007,281.51	\$942,622.36	\$2,817,993.76	2,596,367.25	\$221,626.51

MISCELLANEOUS: General Fund

Personal Prop Refunds	82.58
Real Estate Refunds	13,096.67
Motor Vehicle Refunds	1,312.71
Refunds Net of Revenues	55.00
Refunds Net of Expenditures	176.54
Group Insurance	1,707.59
Dog Licenses	633.25
Unclaimed Checks	158.62
State Aid to Libraries	3,662.86
STRAP Grant	11,096.29
Arts Lottery	2,433.29
Council on Aging State	500.00
DARE Grant	8,635.68
Plumbing Insp. Fees	658.00
Electrical Insp. Fees	985.00
Tax Collector's Demands	2,764.69
Town Clerk Fees	919.00
Police Outside Detail	3,282.00
Berkshire Housing Development	259,432.54
Mosquito Control Assessment	5,986.00
Air Pollution Assessment	424.00

Energy Cons. Assessment	74.00
STRAP Assessment	5,625.00
Reg. Transit Authority	5,211.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	1,200.00
County Tax	<u>13,039.17</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 343,151.48

SUMMARY

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$2,725,679.41	
Sewer	53,856.55	
Water	159,982.77	
		\$2,939,518.73

Warrants Payable prior year:

General	353,178.65	
Water	723.82	
		353,902.47

Cash on Hand 6/30/96:

General	695,990.78	
Petty	265.00	
Sewer	168,424.47	
Water	355,239.10	
Trust	165,465.29	
		1,385,384.64
		4,678,805.84

First Half of FY 97 Expenditures - July 1, 1996 - December 30, 1996

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Legal Counsel (10111.00)		4,500.00		4,500.00	703.40	3,796.60	16
Financial Adv/Bond C (10111.01)			4,770.00	4,770.00	4,770.00		100
Moderator (10114.00)		40.00		40.00		40.00	0
Selectmens Salaries (10122.00)		4,200.00		4,200.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	50
Selectmens Expenses (10122.01)		2,400.00		2,400.00	1,174.37	1,225.63	49
Administrative Assis (10129.00)		22,290.00		22,290.00	11,144.20	11,145.80	50
Administrative Asst. (10129.01)		1,350.00		1,350.00	599.96	750.04	44
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		200.00		200.00	95.00	105.00	48
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	1,400.00	2,600.00	35
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		15,320.00		15,320.00	6,829.36	8,490.64	45
Motor Vehicle Ex. Bil (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	46.30	953.70	5
Revaluation (10142.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,120.00	3,880.00	22
Treas./Collector Sal (10145.00)		18,200.00		18,200.00	9,100.00	9,100.00	50
Treas./Collector Ex (10145.01)		4,450.00		4,450.00	2,647.92	1,802.08	60
Bank Charges (10145.03)		1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00	0
Tax Collection Servi (10145.04)		10,000.00		10,000.00	4,690.00	5,310.00	47
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)	3,063.74	5,000.00		8,063.74	1,262.80	6,800.94	16
Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,496.00	2,504.00	50
Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	547.46	452.54	55
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)	110.00	2,000.00		2,110.00		2,110.00	0
Election Offcers & Ba (10162.00)		2,500.00		2,500.00	1,476.53	1,023.47	59
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,900.00		1,900.00	227.56	1,672.44	12
Licensing Board Expe (10165.00)		88.00		88.00		88.00	0
Conservation Commiss (10171.00)		800.00		800.00	29.03	770.97	4
Planning Board Expen (10175.00)		350.00		350.00	33.60	316.40	10
Appeals Board Expens (10176.00)		600.00		600.00	526.43	73.57	88
Civil Defense (10291.00)		2,750.00		2,750.00	1,727.10	1,022.90	63
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,173.74	\$116,638.00	\$ 4,770.00	\$124,581.74	\$ 54,747.02	\$ 69,834.72	44

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
HIGHWAYS							
Highway Chapter 85 (20100.00)	97,487.00			97,487.00	69,382.49	28,104.51	71
Highway Chapter 113 (20102.00)			127,330.00	127,330.00		127,330.00	0
Highway Chapter 204 (20104.00)			21,222.00	21,222.00	21,222.00		100
Summer Maintenance (20133.00)		33,300.00		33,300.00	12,521.32	20,778.68	38
FY96 Summer Maint. (20133.01)	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,250.00		100
Non Winter Road Wage (20420.00)		43,997.00		43,997.00	16,587.33	27,409.67	38
Highway Administrati (20421.00)		750.00		750.00	471.48	278.52	63
Vacations & Paid Hol (20421.01)		9,700.00		9,700.00	5,992.35	3,707.65	62
Vacations & Pd Hol F (20421.02)	1,536.50			1,536.50	60.00	1,476.50	4
Bridges (20422.00)	3,000.00	1,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00	0
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)		3,000.00		3,000.00	775.96	2,224.04	26
Road Machinery Maint (20422.04)		22,800.00		22,800.00	9,094.50	13,705.50	40
Street Signs (20422.06)		250.00		250.00		250.00	0
Plunkett Lake Dam (20422.20)	17,252.19			17,252.19		17,252.19	0
Hwy. Dept. Uniform Re (20422.22)		1,200.00		1,200.00	467.04	732.96	39
Hwy. Dept. Garage Door (20422.24)		5,000.00		5,000.00	3,280.00	1,720.00	66
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)	(762.66)	32,250.00		31,487.34	9,929.31	21,558.03	32
Winter Roads Wages (20423.01)		29,000.00		29,000.00	9,051.26	19,948.74	31
Street Lights (20424.00)		10,500.00		10,500.00	4,433.28	6,066.72	42
BC Surveying Dept. (20460.00)	200.00			200.00		200.00	0
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>\$ 119,963.03</u>	<u>\$ 193,247.00</u>	<u>\$ 148,552.00</u>	<u>\$ 461,762.03</u>	<u>\$ 164,518.32</u>	<u>\$ 297,243.71</u>	<u>36</u>
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES							
C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)		1,136,989.00		1,136,989.00	568,494.50	568,494.50	50
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)		6,821.00		6,821.00	3,410.50	3,410.50	50
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)		33,376.00		33,376.00		33,376.00	0
Vocational Trans. (30000.04)		7,560.00		7,560.00	3,024.00	4,536.00	40
FY96 Vocational Tuit (300000.05)	3,455.48			3,455.48	3,455.48		100
Hinsdale Public Libr (30610.00)		13,975.00		13,975.00	7,365.36	6,609.64	53
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES	<u>\$ 3,455.48</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,721.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,176.48</u>	<u>\$ 585,749.84</u>	<u>\$ 616,426.64</u>	<u>49</u>

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
VETERANS							
Veterans Agent Salar (40543.00)		800.00		800.00	400.00	400.00	50
Veterans Aid (40543.02)		12,400.00		12,400.00	6,380.00	6,020.00	51
Memorial Day Observa (40543.04)		700.00		700.00	250.00	450.00	36
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
TOTAL VETERANS	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 7,030.00	\$ 7,170.00	50
CEMETERIES							
Cemetery (50491.00)		9,200.00		9,200.00	7,400.00	1,800.00	80
Grave Openings (50491.02)		10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	0
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 11,800.00	39
PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY							
Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		7,000.00		7,000.00	3,499.98	3,500.02	50
Police Department (60210.02)		32,105.00		32,105.00	22,127.89	9,977.11	69
FY96 Police Dept. (60210.03)	178.90			178.90	176.19	2.71	98
Dalton Communication (60212.00)		7,100.00		7,100.00		7,100.00	0
FY 96 Dalton Communic(60212.01)	3,293.00			3,293.00	3,106.13	186.87	94
Cnty Sherrif Commun (60212.02)		500.00		500.00	500.00		100
Fire Chiefs Salary (60220.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	250.00	750.00	25
1st Asst. Chiefs Sal (60220.01)		800.00		800.00	400.00	400.00	50
2nd Asst. Chiefs Sal (60220.02)		600.00		600.00	300.00	300.00	50
Fire Department Expe (60220.04)		22,000.00		22,000.00	7,986.91	14,013.09	36
FY96 Fire Dept. Expen (60220.05)	49.20			49.20	49.20		100
Forest Fires (60220.06)		132.00		132.00		132.00	0
New Fire Truck (60220.08)					128,637.00	(128,637.00)	0
Building Inspectors (60241.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	0
Building Inspectors (60241.01)		264.00		264.00		264.00	0
Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	750.00	750.00	50

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
Dog Officers Expense (60292.01)	419.70	500.00		919.70	357.38	562.32	39
Dutch Elm Disease (60294.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	918.00	82.00	92
Tree Wardens Expense (60294.02)		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,246.95	753.05	81
Insect control (60294.03)		352.00		352.00	225.00	127.00	64
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$ 3,940.80	\$80,053.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 83,993.80	\$172,530.63	\$(88,536.83)	205
HEALTH & SANITATION							
24-Hour Ambulance Se (70231.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		0
Animal Inspector (70249.00)		200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00	50
Town Waste Disposal Wag (70431.00)		7,560.00		7,560.00	3,779.10	3,780.90	50
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)		70,000.00		70,000.00	33,208.41	36,791.59	47
No. Berkshire Waste (70431.04)		2,351.00		2,351.00	1,175.40	1,175.60	50
Water System Rehab-T (70450.03)	16,845.47			16,845.47	87,230.26	(70,384.79)	518
Health Insp. Sa (70510.00)		500.00		500.00		500.00	0
Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00)		1,966.50		1,966.50	819.40	1,147.10	42
Health Board Ex (70522.01)		725.00		725.00	105.35	619.65	15
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$ 16,845.47	\$89,302.50	\$ 0.00	\$106,147.97	\$ 126,417.92	\$(20,269.95)	119
DEBT & INTEREST							
Fire House Loan (80710.02)		5,380.00		5,380.00		5,380.00	0
Int. Long-term Debt (80751.00)		1,076.00		1,076.00		1,076.00	0
Int. Short-term Debt (80752.00)		5,924.11		5,924.11	5,318.23	605.88	90
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,380.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,380.11	\$ 5,318.23	\$ 7,061.88	43
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES							
Accounting Services (90122.00)		7,220.00		7,220.00	3,600.00	3,620.00	50
Heating-Garage & Frh (90192.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	892.41	4,107.59	18

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
Town Insurances (90192.01)		56,004.00		56,004.00	39,604.53	16,399.47	71
Computer Maintenance (90192.02)		500.00		500.00	402.00	98.00	80
Copier Machine (90192.04)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,965.00	35.00	99
Town Hall Steering C (90192.08)	3,828.37			3,828.37		3,828.37	0
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Po (90192.10)		10,000.00		10,000.00	4,481.88	5,518.12	45
Printing /Del. Town Re (90195.00)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
Council on Aging (90541.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
Recreation Associati (90630.00)		5,500.00		5,500.00	2,090.05	3,409.95	38
FY96 Recreation Assn. (90630.01)	215.00			215.00	215.00		100
Sports/Recreation Co. (90630.02)		2,350.00		2,350.00	566.42	1,783.58	24
Youth Center Furnace (90630.03)			6,397.94	6,397.94	6,397.94		100
Youth Center Mainten (90630.04)	1,500.00	350.00		1,850.00	1,500.00	350.00	81
Youth Center Buildin (90630.05)	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00	0
Picnic Tables (90630.06)	1,584.00			1,584.00	1,584.00		100
FY96 Little League B (90630.07)			300.00	300.00	300.00		100
Baseball Field & Twn (90650.00)		1,200.00		1,200.00	670.00	530.00	56
Historical Commissio (90691.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
County Retirment As (90911.00)		22,010.00		22,010.00	22,010.00		100
Social Security & Me (90916.00)		3,500.00		3,500.00	1,890.33	1,609.67	54
Berkshire Planning C (95690.00)		919.55		919.55	919.55		100
Reserve Fund (95781.00)		12,000.00	(4,770.00)	7,230.00		7,230.00	0
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$ 8,127.37	\$136,753.55	\$ 1,927.94	\$146,808.86	\$ 95,089.11	\$ 51,719.75	65
SEWER							
Sewer Administrator (300060.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50
Sewer Comm Operating (300060.01)		32,000.00		32,000.00	1,671.39	30,328.61	5
Sewer Loan (300060.02)		16,693.00		16,693.00		16,693.00	0
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
FY96 Sewer Service B (300060.04)			1,241.00	1,241.00	1,241.00		100
Sewer Dept. Wag (300060.06)		2,000.00		2,000.00	495.16	1,504.84	25

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
Sewer Dept. Collection (300070.02)		500.00		500.00	300.00	200.00	60
Sewer Dept. Collection (300070.04)		333.00		333.00		333.00	0
TOTAL SEWER	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,526.00	\$ 1,241.00	\$ 55,767.00	\$ 4,207.55	\$ 51,559.45	8
WATER							
Water Dept. Adm. Sal (400060.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50
Water Dept. Adm. Exp (400060.02)		1,700.00		1,700.00	522.16	1,177.84	31
Water Dept. Operatin (400060.05)		37,900.00		37,900.00	12,346.22	25,553.78	33
Water Dept. Wag (400060.06)		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,991.22	3,008.78	80
Water Rehab Project (400060.12)		117,483.33		117,483.33	106,613.33	10,870.00	91
Water Dept Collection (400070.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	400.00	600.00	40
Water Dept. Collection (400070.02)		667.00		667.00		667.00	0
TOTAL WATER	\$ 0.00	\$ 174,750.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 174,750.33	\$ 132,372.93	\$ 42,377.40	76
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$155,505.89	\$2,089,771.49	\$156,490.94	\$2,401,768.32	\$1,355,381.55	\$1,046,386.77	56

Administrative Assistant Report

As you have undoubtedly noticed, there has been a great deal of work done on the Youth Center building over the past couple of years. The Town has received approximately \$83,000 from the Massachusetts Small Cities program to re-shingle the roof, paint the exterior, repair and partially replace the chimney, replace all the windows, install a new fire escape, and install decorative louvers on the cupola. This is in addition to approximately \$26,000 which was received previously for handicapped accessibility improvements to the building.

All of this work was funded by the 1993 and 1994 programs. Our applications in 1995 and 1996, which have focused on water main replacement, were unfortunately unsuccessful. This is due, in great part, to the ranking system being used by the State to determine which applications get funded. Hinsdale, as a whole, is "better off" than many other communities, and we have lost points and have been eliminated from consideration almost before our proposal was reviewed, due to our relatively low "Community Needs Score." The State held public hearings in February, 1997 to receive comments about this grant program. I testified on the Town's behalf to advocate for a change in the ranking system. In addition, Representative Shaun Kelly is assisting us in our efforts to obtain State funding through some other means.

Our attempts to receive funding for the Phase III sewer project for Plunkett and Ashmere Lakes continue. United States Rural Development (RD) has determined that they will fund the Plunkett Lake project first, due in great part to the smaller size of the project and the amount of funding available. We are awaiting receipt of a funding proposal and agreement from RD so that we can determine what the cost to the users will be. The selectmen will then schedule a public meeting to get public input. RD continues to keep Ashmere Lake on their list of upcoming projects, and our hope is that the Ashmere project will get approved for funding within the next few years, as well. We will also look into funding through the State, as the State is in the process of revising its regulations. It appears that the amended state loan program - through the Water Pollution Abatement Trust and a Drinking Water Revolving Fund - may be more community-friendly than in the past. It may be very competitive with the federal program.

The gains in our recycling rate seem to have leveled off at about 20%. We did receive a check for \$2,196 as part of an agreement with the Materials Recycling Facility to reimburse the Town \$20 for each ton of recyclable materials it receives from us. We continue to see a decrease in the tonnage of bulky and metal waste being disposed of at the transfer station - a 61% decrease in bulky waste and a 57% decrease in metal waste for July - December, 1996 versus the same period in 1995. This has resulted in a savings of \$1,073 for this six month period.

I have continued my involvement with the Small Town Administrators of Massachusetts, and continue to attend other workshops and meetings which I believe are of benefit to the Town. I feel that it has been a productive year, and look forward to the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINE P. REGAN
Administrative Assistant

Cemetery Commission Report

To the residents of Hinsdale:

In 1996 there were eleven burials in the Maple Street Cemetery. We continue to maintain the grounds of the old Bisselville Cemetery on Route Eight, as well. The cemetery property continues to improve. We have added more flowering shrub gardens throughout the grounds, as well as the addition of a spring bulb garden in the rear of the cemetery. We are currently developing additional burial space to the right of the vault where the new trees have been added. This will give us approximately twenty to thirty new lots.

We would ask that lot owners please remove all winter decorations by May 1st. Any decorations left after that day will be removed by the cemetery crew to prepare for Memorial Day.

We would also like to ask lot owners if they could help us out by maybe taking the time to water our cemetery flowers and shrubs when they come to the cemetery to water family lots. We are short on help, and would greatly appreciate the effort, as it would keep our flowers and shrubs blooming all summer long.

We have finally started the long awaited expansion of the cemetery grounds in the back of the existing cemetery. Committee member David Swail has been overseeing the clearing of trees and grading of the land as many loads of fill will be brought in to properly grade the area for use as burial space. We have completed the installation of the new road out of the cemetery onto Old Dalton Road. This was installed to allow the large equipment access to the expansion area as well to provide a safer exit out of the cemetery for the large funeral vehicles. Many people were concerned about the blind views when trying to exit the cemetery onto Maple Street. We expect the expansion project to be completed sometime in the fall, or early spring of 1998; depending on how things go. The placement of roadways still needs to be determined, but won't be completed until we see exactly how much area we end up with after the site work is complete.

The cemetery grounds continue to be improved each year, and our grounds crew does an excellent job of keeping the cemetery in tip-top shape. Unfortunately, increased maintenance costs, and the much needed expansion project, along with insurance and workmen's compensation regulations, have increased our budget for this year. Once the expansion project is complete, we should be in good shape for the coming years.

Lots may be purchased by calling Bill Loehr at 443-9151 Monday thru Friday from 9 to 5, or Dave Swail at 655-2564. Lots are currently \$200 per lot, but may be changing early this summer. Lots are available to Hinsdale residents and former Hinsdale natives.

The Cemetery Commission is looking for additional members to help out. Please contact the Selectmen if you are interested. The commission meets on the first Saturday of the month from April to October at 3:00 P.M. either at the Town Hall or in the cemetery. All residents are welcome to attend.

A special thank you goes out to Judy Huntoon, Harold Hotchkiss and Dave Swail for all their help during the year.

Please feel free to contact any committee members with any concerns or suggestions you may have.

We also would like to thank Reliable Yardworks of Pittsfield for all our beautiful flower gardens, mowing and landscaping. Let them know you appreciate their efforts when you are in the cemetery. They take great pride in our cemetery, and it shows.

I would also like to thank Chris Regan from the Selectmen's Office for all her assistance and guidance during the year. She helps to make our jobs easier.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. LOEHR, Treasurer

Council on Aging

Meals served
Wed. & Fri. at
11:30 AM at Lions
Community Bldg.

In 1996, Jill Jarnowski, the outreach person for the hilltowns, made 5 home visits, 169 phone calls, and 43 follow ups for Hinsdale seniors.

The Council on Aging assisted seniors by providing transportation for 22 hair dresser's appointments, 8 doctor's appointments, 3 therapy sessions, 32 trips to the grocery store, and 10 visits to the bank.

The meal site served meals twice per week, for a total of 1,200 meals during the year, and a blood pressure clinic was held every month on the first Friday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

DIONISIA CASEY, Chairperson

Department of Public Works

To the Residents of Hinsdale:

This department has been active this past year with normal maintenance of the streets and water system.

Gravel roads were graded and gravel added where needed. Brush cutting was done on various roads to increase visibility and keep growth away from the roadsides. Shoulder work and drainage problems are still being worked on throughout town to improve road conditions year-round. Drainage improvements are a priority, because without good drainage, roads will not hold together as long as they should. Pothole patching is done on an as needed basis throughout town.

This winter was milder than the past several--man hours were down, but expenses were up due to the need for repeated applications of sand and salt on roads which re-froze due to freezing rain and sleet storms.

Paving was done on Smith Road, George Schnopp Road, and Old Windsor Road with Chapter 90 monies. Chapter 90 money is coming in on a more steady basis from the State, which allows us to work with a better time schedule than in the past.

Water Department activity has been on a routine schedule of spring and fall system flushing and quarterly cleanings of the sand filters, in addition to the daily operation and maintenance of the plant. The water main was replaced on South Street. 1700 feet of new 8 inch ductile iron pipe replaced the old, corroded four inch iron pipe. This will improve the volume and quality of water in that area.

In closing, I would like to thank all who have helped make the operation of this department run smoothly this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK E. GALLIHER
Road Superintendent

Emergency Management Agency

The Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency has been increasing its capabilities in order to better serve the Town of Hinsdale.

The 5,000 watt generator has been mounted on a custom fabricated trailer. This generator can now serve as a provider of emergency electricity and lighting. A second trailer was fabricated to carry the 10,000 watt generator, 400,000 BTU forced hot air heater, tent, field desk and flood lights. This assembly of items is providing a functional on-site Command Post assembled in approximately 45 minutes. Both trailers were fabricated by Brian Miner. Brian has donated in excess to 200 hours in designing and building these trailers. The trailer axles were donated by Ray Bolduc.

A portable garage was donated for the housing of both trailers in order to prevent weather caused deterioration of the trailers and associated equipment.

The May 1996 short term telephone outage for the 655 exchange identified a weakness in our ability to respond to situations. As a result, an additional radio was donated, to insure the constant communications link can be maintained between Hinsdale and Framingham or Belchertown Emergency Management Headquarters.

The water trailer was requested and provided during the well pump failure at Ashmere Heights. All water used in the trailer is drawn from the Town's water system.

The Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency stands prepared to support the needs of the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. BOLDUC
Director

Finance Committee Chairman's Report

To the Residents of Hinsdale:

During the past fiscal year, your Finance Committee has acquired new members, as well as a new Chairperson.

The collection of \$423,930 in back taxes owed to the Town was a highlight of this past year. This one time influx of funds has enhanced Hinsdale's sound financial status, resulting in a certification of \$392,348 in "free cash" as of July 1, 1996. The majority of Town officials is advocating placing the monies in the Stabilization Fund. Unforeseen expenses that may come up may reduce the Stabilization Fund transfer, but the final determination for these new funds will be made at the upcoming Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee's agenda this past year included:

- Reviewing town budgets with more emphasis on understanding actual cash flows;

- Researching and comparing wages and salaries to determine a fair and equitable salary structure;

- Addressing the needs of department heads and assisting in their decision-making processes; and

- Taking advantage of opportunities for assistance from the Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services, the Association of Town Finance Committees, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Of particular value was the Capital Planning workshop offered by Local Services.

The tax rate in past years has remained well below the levy limit. The FY97 rate was \$13.33 per \$1,000 of valuation. The FY98 rate will be higher (but still well below the levy limit) due to the tax increases for such items as the purchase of the new fire truck and the addition, renovation and replacement of Kittredge, Wahconah and Nessacus Schools. The new rate will depend on the outcome of the Annual Town Meeting, which is to take place on May 21, 1997, as well as on property growth in Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE PIKE, Chairperson

Fire Department

In 1996, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to 48 calls, representing 563 man hours. The breakdown of calls is as follows:

Type of Call

Motor Vehicle Accidents	12
Structure Fires	3
Fire Alarms	7
Chimney Fires	6
Brush/Outside	4
Service Calls	2
Search and Rescue	3
Other	3
Wires Down	1

Mutual Aid/Standby

Dalton	3
Peru	1
Windsor	1
Becket	<u>2</u>

Total: 48

1996 was a fairly quiet year, fire-wise, with only one major structure fire in January. Motor vehicle accidents still are the highest number of calls, with fire alarms (mostly false) rising in number each year.

Fire Department members have kept busy, first with the changeover of our old pumper to a tanker, which was put in service in November, and then with training after the delivery of our new Class A pumper. Training on the state of the art compressed air foam system has been ongoing since delivery.

Our next project will be getting ready for the town's next ISO audit. With our new water system, excellent fire fighting equipment, and some of the best trained firefighters in the county, we hope to gain a better rating for all residents of the town of Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY TURNER, Fire Chief

Board of Health

As 1996 comes to a close, the Board of Health looks back at a year of positive progress on many community health issues.

Title 5 (state regulations of soil absorption systems) began its first full year of implementation. As many home owners applied for installation and upgrades of existing systems, and due to these new regulations, the Board has been working with them in meeting compliance in a manner which promotes public health and recognizes economic feasibility.

Additionally the BOH has applied for, and has received \$220,000 for a Management Grant and Loan Program of septic system upgrades, available for all persons seeking low interest loan financing. Although all details have not yet been finalized, funding procedures will be available from the BOH in early 1997.

Well permits are now required for all persons desiring to install a well on their property. This mandate has proven worthwhile in monitoring minimum required distances of well sites.

Looking ahead, the BOH continues to pursue many long term goals of health issues of the community; i.e. Phase III of the community septic system around Ashmere and Plunkett Lakes, vaccinations, rabies, etc. - issues which will be facing all of us in the next few years.

As the BOH looks back on the progress made last year, we also look back on a year where the board has still operated with an open position, and again

ask that if you have the time and a sincere desire to serve your community, please contact the Selectmen for information on the procedure to be appointed to the BOH.

In closing I would like to thank Ken Boudreau, and William Goddard for their knowledge, training and expertise in making the 1996 year on the BOH a year of enlightenment, education and enjoyment, and to Christine Regan for her assistance. Without their help, the board would have been very unproductive, and the community not as well off as it presently is because of their fine efforts.

1996 Permits Issued

Day Care	1
Camping	1
Summer Camps	3
Septic System/Total	8
Upgrades	3
New	5
Installers Permits	3
Septic Haulers Permits	2
Well Permits	8
Food Service	3
Trailer Parks	2
BOH Complaints	4
BOH Complaints Inspections	4
BOH Complaints Corrections	4

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. GODDARD,
BOH Chairman

Hinsdale Public Library

The Library once again has had a very productive year. We are enjoying the new computer access to the World Wide Web and trying to find a way to measure patron usage. Last year we received a grant which provided us with a computer set up and free access to the World Wide Web, or Internet (text only). It has helped us supply information to students. We find we are much busier than previously, but have no easy way to measure our activity. Most people need guidance by the library staff to navigate in the WWW. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come in and try it out (come with something in mind to look for - that makes it easier for all involved).

The Children's Programs remain the major thrust of our programming. Story hours are still being done by Mary Lou Galliher. Our thanks to her for all her hard work, what a wonderful job she has done for us. The Summer Reading Program had well over 100 children participating this summer. We set up our Library Store again this year. The children read, earned tokens and bought prizes. We were fortunate enough to have five middle school volunteers this year. Thank you to Chas Fassell, Carrie Geibel, John Geibel, Melissa Keil, and Caitlyn Waldheim. They ran our program very efficiently and had some fun too.

As we look to this next year we are planning to move and upgrade the Young Adult collection. It is very exciting for me to see a need for this collection as in past years we had very few teenagers using our collection. Last year an effort was made to separate the Young Adult (YA) books from the Juvenile (j) collection. A more careful effort is now taking place to purchase more YA titles. In the near future the collection will find a new home in the large reading room. This is being given in memory of Bill Robins by his family. The gift is a second bookcase to house the YA collection. We are extremely grateful to the family for their generous gift.

As always we thank the town and our patrons for all your support.

Households with cards	331
Circulation	10,176
Non-Resident Circulation	2,739
Total hours open FY96	732

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE D. WILSON
Library Director

Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project

Crews made 40 trips to Hinsdale, checking and spraying for adult and larval mosquitos. They spent 203 man hours checking and treating 6,588.3 acres for adults and larvae. The crews also responded to 3 calls for assistance. 172 total miles of town roads, camps and campgrounds were adulticided during the months of June, July and August. The crew also cleaned 320 linear feet of old ditch, removing .3 cubic yards of silt and debris. 320 square yards of brush and weeds were cut in conjunction with the ditch cleaning. The following pesticides and biological controls were used for adult and larvae mosquitos; 220 pounds of Novo Nordisk BTI Granule, 68 pounds of Aquabac 200G BTI Granule, 1 gallon of Golden Bear 1111, and 32.5 gallons of Scourge Diluted.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. JURGENSON
Superintendent

Report of the Planning Board

Building Lots

The subdivision of land this year was very active. All approvals were building lots for residential housing. Each one of these new lots had all frontage, side, front and back requirements. Those that did not meet the requirements were referred to the Board of Appeals.

Planning

There was a clarification between the Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning Board on the raising of an existing house to put it on a new foundation. All Boards agree that no additional living space will be allowed over a new foundation without a special permit.

Respectfully submitted,
DUDLEY BILLINGS, **Chairman**
BRIAN SMITH, **Secretary**
MORGAN DAVIS
EARL CARMEL
MIKE VINER

Hinsdale Police Department

The members of this department have undergone a very long and hard year. We have been and continue to be called upon more and more. This year we handled over 985 calls, made 13 arrests, investigated some 46 accidents, and made over 100 court appearances. We received some \$12,000.00 in grant monies and brought in upwards of \$15,000.00 to the town coffers from fines.

The officers and I have tried to give quality service to our citizens, however, sometimes the need has outgrown the capabilities of the department. We should and must take a good look at what is needed to continue to bring quality service to our town. All of our officers continue to maintain all required certifications and updates. Our D.A.R.E. Program continues to be strong in the community as well as our sponsorships of various sports teams and of Boy Scout Troup 21.

Once again, I'd like to thank all the townspeople who stand behind us and support our various activities. But, most of all I'd like to thank the officers of this department who have served not only the citizens of Hinsdale with great dedication but also myself. These people know what needs to be done, and they do it with pride and integrity.

Respectfully submitted,
MARK A. GREEN, SR.
Chief of Police

Officers of the Hinsdale Police Department

Sgt. Chris Powell
Robert M. LeVardi, Sr.
Frank DiPierro

Brad Briggs
Jim Scace
John Clark

Heather Wilson
Gabrielle Daignault
Robert M. LeVardi

Sewer and Water Administrator

Calendar Year 1996 saw the completion of the new Hinsdale Water Filtration Plant, with final acceptance and payment negotiated between the Town, the Engineer, and the Contractor.

A major problem during the last part of the year developed when the dirt collected in the storage tank during construction was carried into the new mains and aggravated by the annual inversion of the water in the reservoir. An intensive cleaning and flushing program was carried out, and several more are scheduled during 1997.

The Town has also applied, unsuccessfully in spite of heroic efforts, for State funds to replace the old mains in the lower Main St. area - the last major part of the Town needing them. Twice rejected, we have enlisted Shaun Kelly in the legislature to see what we have to do to succeed. It is certainly deserved.

The metering upgrade is still working, and we are hoping to make a first reading of meters in March (1997), after which we will determine when we can start billing by meter. Probably not this year.

Finally, in order to continue to repay the loans that funded the Water Rehabilitation program, a harsh but necessary program is under way to collect delinquent water bills. As of year end 1996, some \$23,500 in overdue amounts has been collected, \$15,500 will be assigned as water tax liens on real estate, and \$16,200 is still on payment plans.

MEREDITH A. READ
Sewer and Water Administrator

Tax Collector's Report

The Tax Collectors Office had a very busy and prosperous Fiscal 1996. Over \$400,000.00 in back taxes were collected enabling the Town to have free cash of \$382,348.00

At the end of Fiscal 1995, there was an uncollected balance of \$707,481.08. This includes Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Excise. A year later on June 30, 1996, the outstanding balance was \$283,551.01, with the majority of this figure being for Fiscal 1996. I am striving to reduce this figure even more, and should be able to keep up with this, as long as the new programs we have set in place in this office are followed thru each year.

Again many thanks to the Citizens of Hinsdale who have worked with me. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
PAULINE B. WHEELER
Collector of Taxes

Town Clerk's Report

Dog Licenses

Male @ \$10.00	21
Male Neutered @ \$4.00	37
Female @ \$10.00	8
Female Spayed @ \$4.00	56
Kennel	
4 Dogs or Less @ \$20.00	2
10 Dogs or Less @ \$40.00	<u>1</u>
Total Licenses Sold	125

Monies Turned Over to the Treasurer \$682.00

Licenses and Permits

Selling Milk, 5 @ \$2.00	\$10.00
Selling Oleo, 5 @ \$2.00	10.00
Selling on Sunday, 7 @ \$5.00	35.00
Weekend Entertainment, 3 @ \$5.00	15.00
Selling Trailers and Accessories	
1 @ \$30.00	30.00
Selling Gas, 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Selling Used Cars, Class II & III	
4 @ \$20.00	80.00
Burial Permits, 15 @ \$5.00	75.00
Raffle and Bazaar, 2 @ \$10.00	20.00

Amount Turned over to the Treasurer \$270.00

Vital Statistics

Births	14
Marriages	6
Deaths	26

Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

Primitive Firearms	2
Archery Stamps	2
Fishing:	
Resident	4
Resident Over 70	1
Resident 65-69	1
Non-Resident 3 Day	1
Sporting	
Resident	9
Resident Over 70	4
Hunting	1
Wildlands Conservation Stamps	17

Total Turned Over to the
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife \$514.25

Veterans Agent

Ordered and received two veterans foot markers.

Sent for two "Presidential Memorial Certificates".

Had two cases of lost discharge papers.

Had two cases of Chapter 115 (Veterans Aid).

Office hours: Monday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Phone Number: 684-6102

Expenses - Veterans Aid: \$12,494.25

State Reimbursement: \$10,916.77

IN MEMORIAM

Korea

Eugene A. Brunet, Sr.

Vietnam

William R. Robins, Jr.

Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Association

Ambulance Report

1996 was a busy year for the Hinsdale Ambulance. The Association took delivery of a new "state of the art ambulance." Hours of training required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and 181 emergency calls kept all our volunteers very active.

The Hinsdale Ambulance now has 20 emergency medical technicians and a group of "first responders" that staff the ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Here is a breakdown of the ambulance activity during the previous year:

Calls By Town:

Hinsdale	99
Washington	35
Peru	24
Dalton	12
Middlefield	9
Becket	2

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. PIKE

Director of Ambulance Services