

Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts



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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, P.O. Box 336, Youth Center Building, 1st Floor
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Assessors, 655-2300, P.O. Box 184, Youth Center Building, 1st Floor
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Wednesday, 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM

Board of Health, P.O. Box 1082

Meets on fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, Youth Center Building, 1st Floor

Board of Selectmen, 655-2245, P.O. Box 336, Youth Center Building, 1st Floor
Meets every other Wednesday, 7:00-7:30 PM, Selectmen's Business, 7:30 PM Open Discussion

Cemetery Commission, P.O. Box 833

Meets every first Saturday, April - October, 3:00 PM, Winter meetings as needed.

Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 1084

Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Youth Center, 1st Floor

Council on Aging, P.O. Box 821

Meets every first Monday at 1:00 PM, Hinsdale Community Center

Dog Officer, 684-0300

Finance Committee, P.O. Box 1083

Meets every first Thursday at 7:00 PM at Kittredge School

Fire Department, 655-2533 (for routine business), P.O. Box 442, 134 Maple Street

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM practice, 8:00 PM meeting

Highway Department, 655-2304, P.O. Box 472, 156 Maple Street

Hours: 7 AM to 3:30 PM

Library, 655-2303, P.O. Box 397, 58 Maple Street

Hours: Monday 9:00AM - Noon, Tuesday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM,
Thursday 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon

Planning Board, P.O. Box 1081

Meets every first Monday at 7:30 PM at the Fire Station, 134 Maple Street

Police Department, 655-0201 (For routine business), P.O. Box 463 134 Maple Street

Meets every Wednesday 6:00 PM

Sewer Committee, P.O. Box 657

Meets first and third Tuesday, 7:30 PM

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

Hours: Every Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Town Clerk, 655-2301, P.O. Box 803, Youth Center Building, 1st Floor

Hours: Wednesday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Friday 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, and by appointment

Transfer Station, 655-2305, Plunkett Reservoir Road

Hours: Tuesday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Thursday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
Sunday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - Noon, Wednesday, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Veterans' Agent, 684-6102, Dalton Town Hall

Hours: Monday 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.; Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Youth Center, 655-2302, 95 Maple Street

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Friday 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM -
4:00 PM. Open mid October through early April

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Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 1999
John Genzabella	Term Expires 2000
David E. Quail, Secretary	Term Expires 1998

ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)

Dave Kowalczyk, Chair	Term Expires 1999
Laura Galliher	Term Expires 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 2000
Barbara Genzabella	Term Expires 1999
Lee Girard	Term Expires 1998
Dianne Haber	Term Expires 1999
Harold Hotchkiss	Term Expires 1998
Fern Leslie	Term Expires 1999
Christine Regan (appointed through 5/98)	Term Expires 2000
Dean Smith	Term Expires 1998
Heather Swail	Term Expires 2000

MODERATOR (3 Year Term)

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

Dudley Billings, Chair	Term Expires 1998
Walter Ulmer (appointed through 5/98)	Term Expires 2002
Morgan Davis (Delegate to Berk. Reg. Planning)	Term Expires 2000
Brian Smith	Term Expires 1999
Michael Viner	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 2000
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TREE WARDEN (3 Year Term)

Richard Quail, Sr.	Term Expires 1998
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Appointed Officials

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Abby Kramer Mayou

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Katherine Kirchner

Paul Meyers

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Frank Avelle

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Frank Avelle

APPEALS BOARD

John Goddard, Chair

Nancy Paquin

Matthew Ross

Meredith A. Read, Alternate

Cathy Selva, Alternate and
Acting Clerk

ASSISTANT TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Abby Kramer Mayou

ASSESSORS' ASSISTANT

Dusty Haas

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Harold Hotchkiss, Director

Meredith A. Read

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rene Moser, Chair

William Basiliere

Harold Hotchkiss, Asst. Chair

George Fuller

Ted Shreve

COUNCIL ON AGING

Martha Freshler, Chair

Dionisia Casey, Vice Chair

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 Avelle

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)

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT REP.**

Robin Dewkett

POLICE CHIEF

Mark A. Green

POLICE OFFICERS

Thomas Dawley II

Robert M. Levardi, Sr.

Susan Liimatainen

Mark Maddalena

Christopher Powell, Sgt.

Gabrielle Taglieri

Robert Wakefield

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 ADMINISTRATOR

Meredith A. Read

SEWER COMMITTEE

John Eagar, Chair

Dudley Billings

Linda Chaiffre

John Genzabella

Steve Mach

Patricia Mehr

Monica Montferrat

Rene Moser

Andrew Pratt

Steve Salvini

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

Mary Lou Galliher

TOWN HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Mark Green, Chair

Dawn Frissell

Katherine Kirchner

Richard Marran

David Quail

Larry Turner

Pauline Wheeler

VETERANS AGENT

Delmar Stevens

WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR

Richard Eastland

WIRING INSPECTOR

John Broderick

**504 COORDINATOR OF HANDICAP
AFFAIRS**

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen's Report

A look back at 1997 reveals a very productive year for the town. The Phase III Sewer Committee was formed in October and hit the ground running. Under the chairmanship of John Eagar, they got on the fast track and energized the Ashmere Lake/Plunkett Reservoir sewer project. They applied for grants and loans from the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Revolving Fund. The Lower Main Street water pipe replacement project was very close to being funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs at the close of 1997.

The Hinsdale Public Library and the Hinsdale Youth Center are busier than ever serving the needs of the townspeople of all ages. Our part time Police Department is the best in the Berkshires. Our volunteer Fire Department is among the best trained in the county and stand ready to serve at all times. The Department of Public Works does an outstanding job of keeping our roads open in the most severe weather. The town employees continue to provide quality service to residents. Those who serve as volunteers on town boards and committees, serve the town with pride and dedication while delivering a high level of service.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, we would like to thank all of those people who are active in town government for their efforts on behalf of the town. We encourage all residents to become involved and be part of local government in action. We thank you for your support in 1997 and look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
BRUCE A. MARSHALL, Chairman
DAVID QUAIL, Secretary
JOHN GENZABELLA

Special Town Meeting Minutes

November 12, 1997 6:32 P.M.

Of 1,163 registered voters, 31 (3% of registered voters) were present and voted on the following:

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to appropriate \$30.45 for a Fiscal Year 1997 Berkshire Eagle legal ad, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$30.45 from Certified Free Cash into the Conservation Commission account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate \$185.88 for a Fiscal Year 1997 Energy Answers Company/Pittsfield, Inc. bill, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$185.88 from Certified Free Cash into the Town Waste Disposal account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate \$26.69 for a Fiscal Year 1997 Cartographic Associates, Inc. bill, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$26.69 from Certified Free Cash into the Assessors Expense account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate \$24,550.00 for settlement of the challenge to the eminent domain taking of land for the water filtration plant, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$24,550.00 from available fund "Water Rents" into the Water Rehabilitation account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6: Voted to appropriate \$6,000.00 for Fiscal Year 1998 health insurance costs, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$6,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Town Insurances account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7: Voted to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the Phase III Sewer Committee expenses, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,500.00 from available fund Capital Expenses-Sewer into a Sewer Committee account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8: Voted to appropriate \$112.54 for a FY97 Police Department bill, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$112.54 from Certified Free Cash into Police Department Expenses.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9: Voted to appropriate \$600.00 for Emergency Management Department expenses, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$600.00 from Certified Free Cash into Emergency Management.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$150,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11: Voted to appropriate an additional \$3,000.00 for Administrative Assistant salary, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into Administrative Assistant Salary.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12: Voted to accept and to ask the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to enact the following:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 of Chapter 80 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Assessors of the Town of Hinsdale may, and at the request of the owner of the land assessed shall, apportion all assessment of betterments or any unpaid balances thereof made under said Chapter 80, into such number of equal portions, not exceeding forty, as is determined by said Board of Assessors, or as is requested by the owner of the land assessed, as the case may be, but no one of such portions shall be less than five dollars. Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of said Chapter 80 shall apply to all assessments made by the Town of Hinsdale thereunder.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13: Remarks

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
DAWN L. FRISSELL
Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Special Town Meeting Minutes

May 21, 1997 6:30 P.M.

Of 1,184 registered voters, 13 (1.1% of registered voters) were present and voted on the following:

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 for Belmont watershed appraisal and litigation costs, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$10,000.00 from available fund "Water Rents" into the Water Rehabilitation account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate \$4,650.00 for the Town audit for the year ending June 30, 1996, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$4,650.00 from available fund "Water Rents" into the Water Rehabilitation account.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer from Certified Free Cash into Water Rents Reserved the sum of \$3,677.12, this being the total sum received as interest on water rehabilitation in FY95 and FY96.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$7,370.91 for FY97 winter roads maintenance, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$7,370.91 from Certified Free Cash into Winter Roads Maintenance.

ARTICLE VOTE: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6: Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 Members of the Police Department of the Town of Hinsdale:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote, to meet in the Kittredge School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 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 \$21,412.00 for the Hinsdale Public Library, \$10,453.04 to be for the Library Director's salary, \$2,713.50 to be for the Assistant Salary and \$8,245.46 for operating expenses. Of the total amount, \$20,965.83 to be raised by taxation and \$446.17 to be applied from the county dog tax refund, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected Town Officials in accordance with Chapter 41 Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action thereon.

Assessors:

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

Moderator 40.00

Selectmen:

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

Town Clerk 5,000.00

Treasurer/Tax Collector \$19,121.00

TOTAL: \$32,361.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the appointed Town Officials in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 108A of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action thereon:

Administrative Assistant	\$30,000.00
Assistant Assessor	30,000.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Dog Officer	1,500.00
Fire Chief	1,000.00

1st Assistant Fire Chief	800.00
2nd Assistant Fire Chief	600.00
Gas Inspector	200.00
Health Inspector	500.00
Inspector of Animals	200.00
Police Chief	7,600.00
Veteran's Agent	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$74,200.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon:

Administrative Assistant Expenses	\$ 1,350.00
Ambulance Service	6,000.00
Appeals Board	600.00
Assessors Expenses	8,700.00
Assessors Revaluation	5,000.00
Building Inspector's Expense	264.00
Community Day Expense	500.00
Computer Maintenance	500.00
Conservation Commission	800.00
Council on Aging	3,000.00
Dog Officer's Expenses	500.00
Fire Department Expenses	22,132.00
Heating Town Garage and Fire House	5,000.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Interest - Short Term Debt	2,500.00
Legal Counsel	4,500.00
Licensing Board Expenses	88.00
Memorial Day Expense	700.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Expenses	1,000.00
Planning Board Expenses	350.00
Selectmen's Expenses	2,200.00
Sports/Recreation Committee	1,350.00
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	4,800.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	800.00
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00
War Memorial	300.00
Waste Disposal - N. Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,351.00
Youth Center Service Contract - Oil Furnaces	300.00
Youth Center Maintenance	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$78,135.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Municipal Lien Certificate fees that are presently deposited into the General Fund to be paid to the Tax Collector/Treasurer or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,354 in order to be able to accept a reimbursement grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to hire a full time police officer for three years. Of this total, \$22,000. will be for salary, \$9,354 will be for fringe benefits and \$5,000 will be for Police Academy tuition. Of the total amount, \$7,030.00 to be raised by taxation, and \$29,324 to be applied from Free Cash and subsequently reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

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 the Tree Warden's Expense, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of maintaining office machines in the town offices, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of information system replacement for the Administrative Assistant, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing zoning By-Law Section 4 (Use Regulations), R-5 (Agricultural and Residential), 2. found on page 10 by eliminating Section 2g Gravel, loam and sand removal so that the by-law will read as follows:

2. Uses which may be permitted with a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- a. Mobile Home Park as regulated in Section 7;
- b. Fur farms;
- c. Commercial piggeries;
- d. Heavy manufacturing;
- e. Commercial summer camps;
- f. Salvage yards (automobile dismantling or used parts yards).

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will approve the transfer of \$350,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the Town Budget for the purpose of erecting Town Offices on property owned by the Town, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of erecting new town offices. To fund said appropriation, the Town authorizes the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes thereafter, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon:

Berkshire Regional Planning District	\$ 965.98
Berkshire County Retirement Assessment	\$23,976.00
Berkshire County Sheriff's Communication Center	\$ 500.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the following purposes, or take any other action thereon:

Accounting Service	\$ 7,420.00
Baseball Field and Town Green Mowing	1,300.00
Board of Health Expenses	625.00
Board of Registrars	1,700.00
Cemetery Operating	12,000.00
Crossing Guards	2,590.00
Dalton Communications Center	8,152.00
Election Officers and Ballots	2,700.00
Emergency Management	3,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	500.00
Fire House Loan - Principal and Interest	5,918.00
Motor Fuel: Highway, Fire and Police	13,000.00
Police Department	38,685.00
Printing and Delivery of Town Report	2,100.00
Recreation Association	6,000.00
Social Security and Medicare Taxes	4,500.00
Street Lights	10,700.00
Town Insurances	71,400.00
Town Officers' Salaries	106,561.00
Treasurer Bank Fees	200.00
Veterans' Aid	14,010.00
Visiting Nurse Association	<u>2,025.00</u>
TOTAL	\$315,059.50

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums for the Department of Public Works, or take any other action thereon:

Highway Dept. Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Highway Dept. Bridges	1,500.00
Highway Dept. Garage Maintenance	4,000.00
Highway Dept. Road Machinery Maintenance	25,000.00
Highway Dept. Street Signs	250.00
Highway Dept. Non-Winter Road Maintenance	35,000.00
Highway Dept. Winter Road Maintenance	38,750.00
Highway Dept. Uniform Rental	1,200.00
Wages - Highway Dept. Winter Roads	32,500.00
Wages - Highway Dept. Non-Winter Roads	38,250.00
Wages - Town Waste Disposal	7,939.00
Wages - Highway Dept. Vacation and Paid Holidays	9,800.00

Waste Disposal Operating	<u>70,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$265,189.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of repairing sections of Eagle, Hawk and Bear Hill Roads, which are unaccepted roadways located in the Skyview Grove Development at Lake Ashmere, or take any other action thereon.

APPROVED BY A 2-1 VOTE BY THE SELECTMEN
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1999 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,192,070.00 for the operating costs of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, or take any other action thereon.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District capital budget for Fiscal Year 1999 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$280,975 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,980 for the purpose of allowing Town employees to obtain dental insurance through the Berkshire County Treasurer's Office. The sum being requested is to cover 50% of the cost of said insurance, participating employees to pay the remaining 50%.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,283.00 for Vocational Education, of which amount \$62,924.00 shall be for Tuition and \$18,360.00 for Transportation, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$46,000.00 for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", of which amount \$37,000.00 shall be for Sewer Department Operating Expenses, \$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.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23: 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 1999 Sewer debt obligations the sum of \$16,693.00, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, "Capital Expenses - Sewer Fund" the sum of \$4,000.00 for Sewer Committee Phase III Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$55,600.00 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 SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26: 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 Farmer Home Administration) bond payments for the water rehabilitation project, or take any other action thereon.

1990 Water Loan (\$570,871.00)	\$66,161.00 payment
1993 Water Loan (\$112,500.00)	\$ 8,185.40 payment
1994 Water Loan (\$570,871.00)	\$31,964.00 payment
1995 Water Loan (\$200,000.00)	<u>\$10,870.00 payment</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$117,331.86

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 in order to accept a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Lake and Pond Grant in the same amount for a total amount of \$20,000.00 to be used to control the spread of the non-native nuisance aquatic plant, Eurasian Milfoil at Ashmere Lake, or take any other action thereon.

APPROVED BY THE SELECTMEN BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL
PROPERTY DEVALUATION

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE ON THIS ARTICLE WAS 3 OPPOSED
AND 3 IN FAVOR, WITH ONE ABSENTION

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,165 to pay the principal and interest on the Rural Development Fire Truck Bond, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for an audit of Fiscal Year 1998 Town Records, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a 5.86 acre parcel of land from the Berkshire Concrete Corporation (465 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield) which is the owner of record. Said parcel of land is a portion of a 23

acre parcel (map 108 lot 3, book 869 page 398) which is located on South Street, Route 8.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to reduce the tax rate.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$75,000.00 to reduce the tax rate.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning By-Law by adding Section 12 Town of Hinsdale Telecommunication Tower By-Law as follows, or take any other action thereon:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this by-law is to outline the special permitting process to site a wireless communication facility anywhere in the town of Hinsdale while minimizing potential damage and adverse visual impacts of wireless communication facilities on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, and areas of historic or high scenic value; to allow the provision of necessary wireless communication services in an orderly way; and to promote shared use of existing facilities to reduce the need for new facilities.

2. DEFINITIONS

Distance shall be measured on a horizontal plane.

FAA shall mean the Federal Aviation Administration.

FCC shall mean the Federal Communications Commission.

Height shall be the distance measured from ground level to the highest point on the structure.

Non-Residential Structure shall mean such structures as, but not limited to, buildings, grain silos and water towers, but does not include houses or apartments.

Roof Structure shall mean a wireless communication structure mounted on a roof of a building or the top of a water tower.

Wireless Communication Building shall mean any building or shelter used to house equipment primarily for the installation and operation of equipment for generating and detecting electromagnetic radiation, and is an accessory to a wireless communication structure.

Wireless Communication Device shall mean any antenna, appurtenance, wiring or equipment used in connection with the reception or transmission of electromagnetic radiation which is attached to a structure.

Wireless Communication Facility shall be used as a general term to include wireless communication building, wireless communication device and wireless communication structure.

Wireless Communication Structure shall mean any structure or tower intended to support equipment used for the transmission and reception of electromagnetic radiation, including the antennas, wiring or other devices attached to or mounted on a structure.

3. EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS BY-LAW:

- a. Wireless communication facilities used for Town or State emergency services.
- b. Amateur radio towers used in compliance with the terms of any amateur radio service licensed by the Federal Communication Commission and used solely for that purpose.
- c. Wireless communication structures and devices used expressly for home television reception.

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- a. No wireless communication facility shall be erected, constructed or installed without a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- b. Wireless communication facilities will be allowed by special permit in Zoning District R-5 only.
- c. Wherever feasible, wireless communication devices shall be located on existing towers or other non-residential structures, minimizing proliferation of new towers.
- d. Wireless communication devices shall be built so that the structural integrity of the facility is able to accommodate devices operated by another carrier with little or no modification.
- e. Wireless communication buildings shall be no larger than 500 square feet and 12 feet high, and shall be designed to match other accessory buildings on the site, and shall be used only for the housing of equipment related to this particular site.

5. SITING AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

a. Setbacks

- 1. The minimum distance from the base of the wireless communication structure to any property line or road right-of-way shall be at least 1.25 times the height of the structure to ensure an adequate fall zone.
 - 2. The minimum distance from any guy wire, anchor or brace to any property line or road right of way shall be equal to the length of the guy wire.
 - 3. The setbacks for the wireless communication building shall comply with the setback requirements for the zoning district.
 - 4. The wireless communication structure shall be a minimum distance of three times the height from school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, and abutting residences to prevent the structure from appearing to "tower" over, adversely affecting property values.
- b. The height shall be the minimum height necessary to accommodate anticipated and future use.
- c. The wireless communication structure shall, when possible, be sited off ridge lines and where their visual impact is the least detrimental to valuable historic and scenic areas.
- d. No new wireless communication structure shall be permitted unless the applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Hinsdale ZBA that no existing wireless communication structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed wireless communication device. Evidence submitted to demonstrate that no existing structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed device may consist of any of the following:
- 1. No existing wireless communication structures or non-residen-

tial structures are located within the geographic area required to meet the applicant's engineering requirements.

2. Existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures are not of sufficient height to meet the applicant's requirements.

3. Existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures do not have sufficient structural strength or cannot be brought up to appropriate strength to support the proposed wireless communication device.

4. The proposed wireless communication device would cause electromagnetic interference with the existing devices on the site, or the existing devices would cause interference with the proposed wireless communication device.

e. The fee, costs or contractual provisions required by the owner in order to share an existing structure for use are unreasonable as determined by the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals.

6. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

a. Wireless communication structures shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of users as technologically possible.

b. There shall be no signs or advertisements, except for no trespassing signs and a required sign giving a phone number where the responsible party can be reached on a 24 hour basis.

c. All wireless communication devices shall be colored, molded, and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.

d. The facility shall be fenced to control access.

e. Night lighting of the facility shall be prohibited unless required by the FAA. If required by the FAA, a copy of the FAA permit requiring the lighting should be submitted with the application.

f. There shall be a maximum of one parking space for each facility to be used in connection with maintenance of the site and not to be used for the storage of vehicles or other equipment.

g. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible.

h. Vegetative screening shall be used to screen abutting residential properties and roadways. Plants that fit in with the surrounding natural vegetation shall be used.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

a. Application for a special permit for siting wireless communication facilities shall be filed in accordance with Town of Hinsdale By-Laws Section 6-E.

b. Applicants are required to pay for any consultant hired by the Hinsdale ZBA pursuant to Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1989, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53G.

c. In the case of a proposal for siting a new wireless communication structure, or to site a wireless communication device on existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures including co-location with another carrier, the ZBA shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of filing of an application and shall issue a decision within ninety (90) days following the date of the public hearing.

d. The entire application including all items of submittal shall be submitted along with the regular application form to the following: 1 copy to the Building Inspector; 1 copy to the Fire Chief; 1 copy to the Director of Emergency Management; and 3 copies to the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals.

8. ITEMS FOR SUBMITTAL

a. Site plans and engineering plans prepared by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts, on 24" X 36" sheets at a scale of 1" = 40' or 1" = 200' where appropriate, on as many sheets as necessary to show the following:

1. North arrow, date, scale, seal(s) of the licensed professional(s) who prepared plans and space for reviewing engineer's seal.

2. Name and address of landowner and name and address of abutters. Property lines and location of permanent structures or buildings, within 500 foot radius of proposed wireless communication structure.

3. Existing (from a topographical survey completed within 2 years of application submittal date by a professional surveyor licensed to practice in Massachusetts) and proposed contour lines at maximum of 2 foot intervals and spot elevations at base of all the proposed and existing structures.

4. Vegetation to be removed or altered.

5. Plans for drainage of surface water and plans to control erosion and sedimentation both during construction and as a permanent measure.

6. Delineation of wetlands, if any.

7. Location of wireless communication structure, including supports or guy wires, if any.

8. Plans for anchoring and supporting the structure, including specifications of hardware and all other building material.

9. Plans for accessory buildings.

10. Layout and details of surfacing for access road and parking.

11. Amenities such as lighting, fencing and landscaping.

12. Four view lines in a one to three mile radius of the site beginning at North and continuing clockwise at ninety degree intervals plus additional view lines from any historic, scenic, or other prominent areas of town as determined by the Hinsdale ZBA.

13. A draft of the contract between the structure/building owner (if applicable) and the applicant.

14. Demonstrate that the wireless communication structure or non-residential structure (if applicable) to which the device will be mounted has the structural integrity to support such device.

15. Describe actions to be taken if electromagnetic radiation from the facility should exceed levels designated by the FCC.

b. A map showing the areas covered/served by the proposed wireless communication structure and device of different signal strengths, and the interface with adjacent service areas.

c. A locus map at a scale of 1" = 1000' (or whatever is necessary to show where in town the proposed tower is sited) which shall show streets and landscape features.

d. A description of the soil and surficial geology at the proposed site.

e. A narrative report written by the carrier and licensed professional which shall:

- a. Describe the justification of proposed site.
 - b. Describe the structure and the technical, economic and other reasons for the facility design.
 - c. Describe the capacity of the structure, including the number and type of additional facilities it can accommodate.
 - d. Describe actions to be taken if electromagnetic radiation from the facility.
 - e. Describe the projected future needs of the carrier, and how the proposed wireless communication facilities fit with future projections to serve the Town and adjacent towns.
 - f. Describe leasing agreements should another carrier desire to co-locate.
 - g. Describe special design features to minimize the visual impact of the proposed wireless communication facility.
- f. Proof of approval of all other necessary permits needed for construction and operation.
- g. If the proposed facility is taller than the zone height restriction (and the ZBA deems it necessary), after the application is submitted, and not more than 14 days before the public hearing, the applicant shall arrange to fly two foot diameter balloon at the site of the proposed installation. The date and location of the flight shall be advertised at least 14 days, but not more than 21 days before the flights, and again in the public hearing advertisement in a newspaper with a general circulation in the town.

9. APPROVAL

- a. In granting a special permit for wireless communication facilities, in addition to the findings required by the Town's Zoning by-law for Special Permits the Hinsdale ZBA shall find:
1. That the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the ZBA that the requirements of the by-law have been met.
 2. That the size and height of the structure is the minimum necessary.
 3. That the proposed wireless communication facilities will not adversely impact historic structures or scenic views.
 4. That there are no feasible alternatives to the location of the proposed wireless communication facilities, including co-location, that would minimize their impact, and the applicant has exercised good faith in permitting future co-location of facilities at the site.
- b. When considering an application for a wireless communication facility, the ZBA shall place great emphasis on the proximity of the facility to residential dwellings, its impact on these residences and will encourage the use of existing structures.
- c. Any extension, or construction of new or replacement towers or transmitters shall be subject to an amendment to the special permit, following the same procedures as siting a new wireless communication device on an existing structure.

10. CONDITIONS OF USE

a. The applicant shall post an initial bond to cover construction costs and an annual maintenance bond to cover maintenance for the access road, site and structure(s) and to cover the removal of facility in the event of non-operation in an amount approved by the Hinsdale ZBA. An access road may include existing town roads not designed for heavy traffic.

b. Regulatory Compliance

1. Annual certification demonstrating structural integrity and continuing compliance with current standards of the FCC, FAA and the American National Standards Institute shall be filed with the Building Inspector by the special permit holder.

2. If the FCC or FAA regulations are changed, the owner or operator shall bring the facilities into compliance within six months or earlier if a more stringent compliance schedule is included in the regulation.

3. Failure to comply with any regulations shall be grounds for removal of non-complying structures, buildings, devices at the owner's expense.

4. If the device is moved lower on the structure and the top of the structure is no longer needed, then the non-operational part of the structure shall be removed within 120 days.

c. Removal and Repair

1. An applicant must execute a covenant with the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals agreeing to remove within 180 days of notice from the town, the wireless communication facility not in operation for a period of 12 months, unless the reason for non-operation is the result of major damage.

2. If the facility is not removed within 180 days, the town will remove said facility at the owner's expense.

3. In the event of major damage, repair must begin within six months of the damage. Major damage shall mean damage to the facility caused by no fault of the owner or operator.

11. FEE STRUCTURE

The fee for filing an application with the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals is \$120.00. The applicant is responsible for the cost of mailing notification to all abutters and for the cost of the legal advertising.

Pursuant to Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1989, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G, applicants are required to pay for any consultant hired for the purpose of reviewing plans and proposals by the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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| (1) Selectman | for (3) years |
| (1) Assessor | for (3) years |
| (3) Finance Committee Members | for (3) years |
| (1) Finance Committee Member | for (2) years |
| (1) Planning Board Member | for (5) years |
| (1) Planning Board Member | for (4) years |
| (1) Tree Warden | 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 Election, to meet in the First Congregational Church in Hinsdale on Saturday, May 23, 1998 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 34 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY directed to serve the Warrant by posting up three (3) attested copies thereof, as required by the By-Laws of said Town of Hinsdale, seven (7) days at least before holding said meetings. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meetings.

Given under our hands this 30th day of April, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRUCE A. MARSHALL, Chairman

DAVID E. QUAIL, Secretary

JOHN GENZABELLA, Member

Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Cash on Hand July 1, 1996:

General	\$ 695,990.78
Petty	265.00
Sewer	168,424.47
Water	355,239.10
Trust	165,465.29

\$1,385,384.64

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Current year:

Personal Property	102,931.08
Real Estate	1,287,336.82

1,390,267.90

Previous years:

Personal Property	1,779.97
Real Estate	116,070.61

117,850.58

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current year	91,943.49
Previous years	37,984.86

129,928.35

Tax Titles

618.92

Schools:

School Aid Chapter 70	33,622.00
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation	1,484.00

35,106.00

Aid to Highways:

Chapter 85B	108,110.15
Chapter 204	21,222.00
Salt Shed	100,000.00

229,332.15

Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of Highway	97,487.00
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Serial Loans:

Fire Truck	198,900.00
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Agency:

Group Insurance	311.41
Dog Licenses	1,172.50

1,483.91

Grants & Gifts:

Federal Aid Water Rehab	74,760.00
Water Meter Grant	48,791.00
Elections - State	217.00
Library Grant	2,557.74
Septic System Repair Grant	18,000.00
STRAP Grant Interest	563.22
Arts Lottery Grant	3,249.05
Council on Aging - State	1,226.00
DARE Grant	8,076.09
Community Policing Grant	4,500.00
Underground Cleanup Grant	2,879.22

164,819.32**Miscellaneous:**

Plumbing Insp. Fees Revolving	858.00
Electrical Insp. Fees Revolving	1,160.00
Grave Openings	3,350.00
Tax Collector's Costs	4,065.00
Town Clerk's Fees	1,047.25
Police Outside Detail	13,028.00
Berk. Housing Dev. Corp.	219,594.46
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,200.00
Sm Cities Reg. Housing Rehab	140.88
Dog Refund	287.37
Interest on Property Taxes	22,641.21
Interest on Excise Taxes	2,528.58
Interest on Tax Titles	146.00
In Lieu of Taxes	4,310.80
Garbage/Trash Charges	29,940.30
Municipal Liens	1,275.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,520.00
Liquor Licenses	900.00
Board of Appeals Permits & Fees	360.00
Board of Health Permits	765.00
Conservation Permits & Fees	171.35
Fire Dept. Permits	1,166.00
Gas Inspectors Permits	240.00
Mobile Home Permits	4,980.00
Planning Board Permits	150.00
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	257.00
Zoning Board Permits	170.00
Town Licenses	458.50
Copier Receipts	15.17
Elderly Abatements	7,530.00
Veterans Benefits	8,625.02
Lottery	130,723.00
Highway Fund	34,042.00
Court Fines	15,385.00
State Owned Land	9,041.00
Interest on Savings	13,779.85

Interest on Water Rehab	601.45	
Misc. Revenues N.O.C.	249.50	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	221.90	537,924.59
Sewer:		
Sewer Use Fees	56,819.50	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	4,200.00	
Sewer Betterments	3,165.74	
Sewer Betterments Added to Taxes	899.00	
Interest on Savings	7,839.76	72,924.00
Water:		
Water Rents	157,049.93	
Water Liens	7,170.00	
Installation Fee	500.00	
Interest of Savings	13,756.16	178,476.09
Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		6,150.18
Warrants Payable		<u>18,150.45</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		<u><u>\$4,564,804.08</u></u>
Summary:		
Cash on Hand 7/1/96	\$1,385,384.64	
General Fund Revenue	2,903,673.72	
Sewer Dept. Revenue	72,924.00	
Water Dept. Revenue	178,521.09	
Trust Fund Revenue	6,150.18	
Warrants Payable	<u>18,150.45</u>	
	\$4,564,804.08	

Balance Sheet -06/30/97

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:

CASH:

General Cash	\$ 463,281.79	
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	186,644.18	
Water Cash	<u>352,098.53</u>	
TOTAL CASH:		\$1,002,289.50

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop. Taxes F1986	80.08
Personal Prop. Taxes F1987	83.54
Personal Prop. Taxes F1988	56.56
Personal Prop. Taxes F1992	98.52
Personal Prop. Taxes F1993	92.96
Personal Prop. Taxes F1994	108.49
Personal Prop. Taxes F1995	147.04
Personal Prop. Taxes F1996	94.08
Personal Prop. Taxes F1997	<u>374.33</u>

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**1,135.60****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	40.67
Real Estate Taxes F1973	62.24
Real Estate Taxes F1974	30.59
Real Estate Taxes F1975	54.53
Real Estate Taxes F1976	54.53
Real Estate Taxes F1977	69.16
Real Estate Taxes F1978	75.81
Real Estate Taxes F1979	76.24
Real Estate Taxes F1980	101.23
Real Estate Taxes F1981	119.86
Real Estate Taxes F1982	159.12
Real Estate Taxes F1983	1,735.90
Real Estate Taxes F1984	157.70
Real Estate Taxes F1985	116.80
Real Estate Taxes F1986	114.62
Real Estate Taxes F1987	129.40
Real Estate Taxes F1988	462.60
Real Estate Taxes F1989	1,190.90
Real Estate Taxes F1990	2,411.58
Real Estate Taxes F1991	2,660.96
Real Estate Taxes F1992	7,118.17
Real Estate Taxes F1993	8,550.42
Real Estate Taxes F1994	7,384.24
Real Estate Taxes F1995	13,439.62
Real Estate Taxes F1996	17,081.39
Real Estate Taxes F1997	<u>37,399.16</u>

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES**101,023.68****MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES**

Motor Vehicle Ex F1981	1,624.97
Motor Vehicle Ex F1982	1,065.77
Motor Vehicle Ex F1983	989.24
Motor Vehicle Ex F1984	1,033.97
Motor Vehicle Ex F1985	1,004.95

Motor Vehicle Ex F1986	2,325.60	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1987	1,162.56	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1988	3,177.38	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1989	3,270.74	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1990	4,540.69	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1991	4,170.14	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1992	3,768.76	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1993	3,201.73	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1994	3,827.83	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1995	5,197.45	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1996	7,487.39	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1997	<u>19,240.05</u>	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		67,089.22
WATER RENTS & LIENS		
Water Liens	24,368.47	
Water Rents	<u>63,855.00</u>	
TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS		88,223.47
SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	20,705.38	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	1,764.20	
Sewer Betterments	5,057.99	
Betterments Added to Taxes	<u>1,366.73</u>	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		28,894.30
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	<u>97,861.37</u>	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		97,861.37
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
State Aid-Hwy Chapter 85B	28,104.51	
State Aid to Hwy Chapter 113	<u>127,330.00</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		155,434.51
LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authorized-Sewer	5,290,000.00	
Loans Authorized-Water Pol Prj	<u>200,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		5,490,000.00
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Town Clerk Fees	<u>37.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		37.00
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	<u>1,280.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		1,280.00
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1988	5,130.07	
Overlay F1989	<u>1,652.75</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		6,782.82

APPROPRIATION BALANCES

Int. Short-term Debt	<u>1,606.38</u>	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		<u>1,606.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$7,041,657.85</u>

Balance Sheet - 06/30/97**GENERAL ACCOUNTS****LIABILITIES:****REVENUE**

Revenue Fiscal F1998	<u>267,040.23</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		267,040.23

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Cemetery Memorial	60.00	
Historical Gift	<u>76.50</u>	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		136.50

GRANTS

St. Aid to Libraries	1,298.49	
Septic System Repair Grant	18,000.00	
STRAP Grant	12,123.25	
Arts Lottery Grant	3,735.71	
Council on Aging - State	288.38	
DARE Grant	48.18	
Community Policing Grant	8.05	
Underground Cleanup Grant	2,879.22	
Capital Project -Sewer	<u>35,559.84</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS		73,941.12

REVOLVING FUNDS

Tax Collector's Costs	<u>170.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		170.00

LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS

Loans Authorized Unissued	<u>5,490,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		5,490,000.00

OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES

Mosquito Control	65.00	
Reg. Planning Comm.	1,490.00	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		1,555.00

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP

Sale of Cemetery Lots	5,447.00	
Cons. Comm. Receipts Resrv.	7.50	
Sm Cities Reg Housing Rehab	3,056.50	
Sewer Receipts Reserved	92,291.34	
Water Surplus	<u>175,146.27</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP		275,948.61

OVERLAYS RES. FOR ABATE

Overlay F67-F82	1,070.22	
Overlay F1983	1,735.90	
Overlay F1984	157.70	
Overlay F1985	116.80	
Overlay F1986	194.70	
Overlay F1987	212.94	
Overlay F1990	2,411.58	
Overlay F1991	2,660.96	
Overlay F1992	3,712.34	
Overlay F1993	9,340.88	
Overlay F1994	7,492.73	
Overlay F1995	13,615.53	
Overlay F1996	17,675.47	
Overlay F1997	<u>24,925.44</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		85,323.19

REVENUE RESERVED

Petty Cash Revenue	265.00	
Tax Title Revenue	97,861.37	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	67,089.22	
Sewer Usage Revenue	22,469.58	
Sewer Betterments Revenue	6,424.72	
Water Rents & Liens Rev.	<u>88,223.47</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED		282,333.36

WARRANTS PAYABLE

Warrants Payable	14,730.05	
Warrants Payable Water	<u>3,420.40</u>	
TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE		18,150.45

SURPLUS REVENUE

Surplus Revenue	<u>319,087.24</u>	
TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE		319,087.24

APPROPRIATION BALANCES

Selectmens Expenses	40.60	
Assessors Expenses	883.31	
Revaluation	320.00	
Tax Title Expenses	5,734.10	
Town Clerk's Records	200.00	
Conservation Commission	40.00	
Planning Board Expenses	8.00	
Highway Chapter 85	28,104.51	
Highway Chapter 113	127,330.00	
Summer Maintenance	5,367.79	
Vacations & Paid Holidays	304.93	
Bridges	4,500.00	
Plunkett Lake Dam	17,252.19	
BC Surveying Dept.	200.00	
Cemetery	900.00	
Police Department	79.85	
Dalton Communications Cnt	3,920.59	

Town Waste Disposal	832.75	
Soil Contamination Exp.	14,639.26	
Water System Rehab-Town	11,575.71	
Health Board Expenses	35.19	
Town Hall Steering Com Ex	3,828.37	
Sports/Recreation Comm	875.00	
Youth Center Maintenance	300.00	
Sewer Dept Collection Ser	100.00	
Water Dept Collection Ser	<u>600.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		<u>227,972.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>\$7,041,657.85</u></u>

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	451,615.47	
Stabilization		<u>451,615.47</u>
	<u>451,615.47</u>	<u>451,615.47</u>

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DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	215,040.00	
Fire House Loan		16,140.00
Fire Truck Loan		<u>198,900.00</u>
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LOANS	<u>215,040.00</u>	<u>215,040.00</u>
Outside Debt Limit	1,871,292.22	
Sewer		53,465.48
Sewer		27,991.43
Water Rehab		<u>1,789,835.31</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>1,871,292.22</u>	<u>1,871,292.22</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT:	<u><u>2,086,332.22</u></u>	<u><u>2,086,332.22</u></u>

Appropriations		FY1998 Total	FY1999 Proposed as of 4/2/98	Change FY99/ FY98
Code	Appropriation			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
10111.00	Legal Counsel	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 0
10114.00	Moderator	40	40	0
10122.00	Selectmen's Salaries	4,200	4,200	0
10122.01	Selectmen's Operating	2,400	2,200	(200)
10129.00	Administrative Asst. Salary	26,024	30,000	3,976
10129.01	Administrative Asst. Operating	1,350	1,350	0
10131.00	Finance Committee Operating	900	500	(400)
10141.00	Assessors Salaries	4,000	4,000	0
10141.02	Asst. Assessor Salary	30,000	30,000	0
10141.01	Assessors Expense	4,500	8,700	4,200
10141.04	Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,000	1,000	0
10142.00	Assessor Revaluation	5,000	5,000	0
10145.00	Treasurer/Collector Salary	18,564	19,121	557
10145.01	Treasurer/Collector Expense	4,991	4,800	(191)
10145.03	Bank Charges	300	200	(100)
10145.06	Tax Title Expense	2,000	0	(2,000)
10161.00	Town Clerk's Salary	5,000	5,000	0
10161.01	Town Clerk's Expense	1,000	800	(200)
10161.04	Town Clerk's Records	2,000	2,000	0
10162.00	Election Officers & Ballots	1,200	2,700	1,500
10163.00	Board of Registrars	1,500	1,700	200
10165.00	Licensing Board Expense	88	88	0
10171.00	Conservation Commission	800	800	0
10175.00	Planning Board Expense	350	350	0
10176.00	Zoning Board of Appeals Expense	600	600	0
10291.00	Emergency Management	3,000	3,600	600
	Municipal Lien Fees		1,275	
HIGHWAYS				
	Highway Chapter 113B	\$127,330	\$125,000	(\$2,330)
20133.00	Non-Winter Road Maintenance	33,300	35,000	1,700
20420.00	Non-Winter Road Wages	37,000	38,250	1,250
20421.00	Highway Administration	750	1,000	250
20421.01	Vacation & Paid Holidays	9,784	9,800	16
20422.00	Bridges	1,500	1,500	0
20422.03	Garage Maintenance	3,000	4,000	0
20422.04	Road Machinery Maintenance	22,800	25,000	0
20422.06	Street Signs	250	250	0
20422.22	Hwy. Dept. Uniforms	1,200	1,200	0
20422.24	Hwy. Dept. Garage Door	3,500	0	(3,500)
	Hwy. Dept. Garage Roof		0	0
	Hwy. Dept. Backhoe Thumb		0	0
	Hwy. Dept. Chains for Trucks		0	0
20423.00	Winter Roads Maintenance	36,250	38,750	2,500
20423.01	Winter Roads Wages	30,000	32,500	2,500

20424.00	Street Lights	10,600	10,700	100
	Unaccepted Road Repair	0	1,200	1,200
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES				
30000.01	C.B.R.S.D. Operating	\$1,153,362	\$1,192,070	\$38,708
30000.02	C.B.R.S.D. Capital	138,074	280,975	142,901
30000.03	Voced Tuition	45,640	53,935	8,295
30000.04	Voced Transportation	7,200	18,360	11,160
30610.00	Library Director Salary	9,090	10,453	1,363
30610.01	Library Operating	6,071	8,245	2,174
	Library Assistant Salary		2,713	2,713
VETERANS				
40543.00	Veterans Agent Salary	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 0
40543.02	Veterans Aid	14,010	14,010	0
40543.04	Memorial Day Observation	700	700	0
40543.05	War Memorial	300	300	0
CEMETERIES				
50491.00	Cemetery Operating	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 0
50491.02	Cemetery Expansion	18,000		(18,000)
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
60210.00	Police Chief Salary	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,600	\$ 600
60210.02	Police Department	36,115	38,410	2,295
	Crossing Guards	0	2,590	2,590
	COPS Grant	0	36,354	36,354
60212.00	Dalton Communication	8,000	8,152	152
60212.02	County Sheriff Comm.	500	500	0
60220.00	Fire Chief's Salary	1,000	1,000	0
60222.01	1st Asst. Chief's Salary	800	800	0
60220.02	2nd Asst. Chief's Salary	600	600	0
60220.04	Fire Dept. Expense	22,000	22,132	132
60220.06	Forest Fires	132	0	(132)
60220.07	Fire Dept. Health Screening	2,500	0	(2,500)
60241.00	Building Inspector Salary	1,000	1,000	0
60241.01	Building Inspector Expense	264	264	0
60242.00	Gas Inspector Salary	200	200	0
60292.00	Dog Officer Salary	1,500	1,500	0
60292.01	Dog Officer Expense	500	500	0
60294.02	Tree Warden's Expense	5,352	5,352	0
HEALTH & SANITATION				
70231.00	Ambulance Service	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
70249.00	Animal Inspector	200	200	0
70431.00	Town Waste Disposal Wages	7,707	7,939	232
70431.01	Town Waste Disposal Operating	70,000	70,000	0
70431.04	No. Berkshire Waste District	2,351	2,351	0
70450.03	Water System Rehab. Transfer	24,550	0	(24,550)
70510.00	Health Inspector's Salary	500	500	0
70522.00	Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,026	2,026	0
70522.01	Board of Health Expense	625	625	0

DEBT & INTEREST

80710.02	Fire House Loan	\$	5,380	\$	5,918	\$	538
80710.04	Fire Truck Loan		9,220		19,165		9,945
80751.00	Interest Long Term Debt		10,752		0		(10,752)
80752.00	Interest Short Term Debt		2,500		2,500		0
	Town Hall Loan		0		0		0

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

90100.00	Audit	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	0
90122.00	Accounting Services		7,320		7,420		100
90192.00	Heating-Garage-Fire House		5,000		5,000		0
90192.01	Town Insurance		62,000		71,400		3,400
	Town Insurance Dental		0		1,980		1,980
90192.02	Computer Maintenance		500		500		0
90192.06	Computer Replacement		1,500		2,000		500
	Office Machine Maintenance				1,200		1,200
90192.10	Motor Fuel (Hwy-Fire-Police)		11,500		13,000		1,500
90195.00	Printing/Del. Town reports		2,100		2,100		0
90541.00	Council on Aging		3,000		3,000		0
90630.00	Recreation Assn.		6,000		6,000		0
90630.02	Sports/Recreation Comm.		2,350		1,350		(1,000)
90630.04	Youth Center Maint.		350		350		0
90630.06	Youth Ctr. Furnace Serv. Agreemt.		300		300		0
90630.07	Youth Center Oil Tank Removal		4,500		0		(4,500)
90630.12	Community Day		500		500		0
90650.00	Baseball Field/Town Green Mowing		1,300		1,300		0
90691.00	Historical Comm.		200		200		0
90911.00	County Retirement		20,689		23,976		3,287
90916.00	Social Security & Medicare		4,000		4,500		500
95690.00	Berk. Cty. Reg. Planning Comm.		942		966		24
95781.00	Reserve Fund		12,000		12,000		0
	Ashmere Grand Match		0		10,000		10,000

SEWER

300060.00	Sewer Administrator	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	0
	Sewer Committee Operating		1,500		4,000		2,500
300060.01	Sewer Operating Expenses		37,000		37,000		0
300060.02	Sewer Loan		16,693		16,693		0
300060.03	Sewer Maintenance		2,000		2,000		0
300060.06	Sewer Dept. Wages		2,000		2,000		0

WATER

400060.01	Water Dept. Admin. Salary	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	0
400060.02	Water Dept. Admin. Expense		1,700		1,700		0
400060.05	Water Dept. Operating Expense		30,900		30,900		0
400060.06	Water Dept. Wages		22,000		22,000		0
400060.12	Water Bond Payments		117,332		117,332		0
	Water System Rehab.		0		10,000		10,000
	Due to Stabilization Fund	\$	280,000		0		(\$280,000)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

	Town Offices		0	\$	350,000		350,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:			\$2,747,867		\$3,066,328		(\$318,460)

LOCAL RECEIPTS

	FY1995 Actual	FY1996 Actual	FY1997 Actual	FY1998 Estimated	FY1999 Estimated
Local Receipts					
1. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$113,073.00	\$117,622.00	\$129,928.00	\$130,000.00	\$140,000
2. Other Excise					
3. Penalties/Interest	22,863.00	52,872.00	25,316.00	25,300.00	14,000.00
4. In Lieu of Taxes	15,275.00	12,422.00	4,311.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
5. Charges for Services - Water					
6. Charges for Services - Sewer					
7. Charges for Services - Hospital					
8. Charges for Services - Trash	26,939.00	32,158.00	29,940.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
9. Other Charges for Services					
10. Fees	2,510.00	3,840.00	2,810.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
11. Rentals					
12. Departmental Rev. Schools					
13. Departmental Rev. Libraries					
14. Departmental Rev. Cemeteries					
15. Departmental Rev. Recreation					
16. Other Departmental Revenue	108.00				
17. Licenses and Permits	11,256.00	9,077.00	9,618.00	10,000.00	9,500.00
18. Special Assessments					
19. Fines and Forfeits	22,718.00	17,013.00	15,385.00	15,300.00	15,300.00
20. Investment Income	8,165.00	10,893.00	14,381.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
21. Misc. Recurring	461.00	611.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
TOTALS	\$223,368.00	\$256,508.00	\$231,939.00	\$232,700.00	\$230,900.00

CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 33,172.00	\$ 33,397.00	\$33,622.00	\$ 33,772.00	\$ 34,172.00
School Transportation	850.00	1,609.00	1,502.00	1,186.00	1,186.00
Lottery, Beano Charity Games	102,169.00	117,705.00	130,723.00	147,895.00	163,007.00
Additional Assistance					
Highway Fund CH. 81	34,042.00	34,042.00	34,042.00	34,042.00	34,042.00
Regional Public Libraries					
Police Career Incentive					
Veterans' Benefits	6,641.00	6,466.00	12,793.00	7,708.00	7,708.00
Exemptions: Vets Blind, Surv.	1,138.00	1,481.00	1,465.00	1,313.00	1,313.00
Exemptions: Elderly, Cl.41 B.C.	10,040.00	10,542.00	8,913.00	7,519.00	7,519.00
State owned land	8,984.00	8,163.00	9,041.00	11,407.00	11,407.00
Municipal Stabilization Aid					
Public Libraries "Offset"	2,627.00	2,604.00	2,511.00	2,549.00	2,549.00
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET RECEIPTS	\$199,663.00	\$216,009.00	\$234,612.00	\$247,391.00	\$262,903.00

CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED CHARGES

County Assessment				\$ 13,728.00	\$ 13,728.00
Mosquito Control				7,127.00	7,127.00
Air Pollution Districts				444.00	444.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge					
(underestimate)				1,280.00	1,280.00
Regional Transit				4,586.00	4,586.00
STRAP Repayment				5,625.00	5,625.00
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,790.00	\$ 32,790.00

	FY1998 Adopted Per Recap	FY1999 Proposed
I. REVENUES		
A. Taxation		
1. FY99 Levy Limit Base	\$1,698,707.00	\$1,757,932.00
2. FY98 Amended Growth		
3. (line 1 + line 2) x 2.5%	42,468.00	43,948.00
4. FY99 New Growth	16,757.00	300,00.00 FY98
5. FY99 Override		
6. FY99 Debt/Capital Exclusion		263,336.00
7. FY99 Other		
TOTAL REVENUE: TAXATION	\$1,757,932.00	\$2,096,216.00
B. NON-TAXATION		
1.a. State Aid Cherry Sheet	\$247,391.00	\$262,903.00
b. Cherry Sheet Prior Year Over Assessment	1,555.00	1,555.00 FY98
2. Local Receipts Not Allocated	232,700.00	230,900.00
3. Offset Receipts		
4. Enterprise Receipts		
5. Revolving Funds		
6. Free Cash Appropriated	297,128.00	
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate		25,000.00
Free Cash to be Applied to COPS Fast Grant		29,324.00
7. Stabilization Fund Appropriated - Town Offices		350,000.00
a. Stabilization Fund Appropriated to Reduce Rate		75,000.00
8. Overlay Surplus Appropriated		
9. Other Available Funds Approp.		
a. Chapter 113	127,330.00	125,000.00
b. County Dog Refund	287.37	446.17
c. Sale of Lots	18,000.00	
d. Sewer	58,693.00	62,693.00
e. Water	172,931.86	182,931.86
10. Deferral of Teacher's Pay		
11. Other Acmounts To Reduce Rate		
TOTAL REVENUE: NON-TAXATION	\$1,156,016.23	\$1,345,753.03
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,913,948.23	\$3,440,969.03
II. EXPENDITURES		
A. Appropriations		
1. Gross Appropriations (see Cert. of Appropriations, total col. a)	\$2,712,217.43	\$3,066,327.92
B. Other Amounts to be Raised		
1. Tax Title/Debt and Interest		
2. Final Court Judgements		

3. Overlay/Revenue/Offset Deficits	6,782.82	
4. Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,549.00	2,549.00 FY98
5. Authorized Deferral of Teacher's Pay		
6. Overdrawn or Unprovided for Accounts	1,606.38	5,000.00 snow & ice
7. Other		
8. State and County Charges	32,790.00	32,790.00
9. Overlay	49,023.14	40,000.00 FY98
TOTAL OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	\$ 83,751.34	\$ 80,339.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,795,968.77	\$ 3,146,666.92
RECONCILIATION		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,913,948.23	\$ 3,440,969.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,795,968.77	\$ 3,146,666.92
EXCESS CAPACITY OR (DEFICIT)	\$ 117,979.46	\$ 294,302.11
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$108,678,100.00	\$108,678,100.00
TAX LEVY	\$ 1,639,952.54	\$ 1,800,913.89
TAX RATE	\$ 15.09	\$ 16.57

FY97 Year End Expense Budget Report						
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	\$ 3,347.10	\$1,152.90
Financial Adv/Bond C (10111.01)			4,770.00	4,770.00	4,770.00	
Moderator (10114.00)		40.00		40.00	40.00	
Selectmens Salaries (10122.00)		4,200.00		4,200.00	4,200.00	
Selectmens Expenses (10122.01)		2,400.00		2,400.00	2,298.79	101.21
Administrative Assistant (10129.00)		22,290.00		22,290.00	22,290.00	
Administrative Asst. Exp. (10129.01)		1,350.00		1,350.00	1,290.21	59.79
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		200.00		200.00	113.00	87.00
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,800.00	1,200.00
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		15,320.00	584.82	15,904.82	15,021.51	883.31
Motor Vehicle Ex Billing (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	955.80	44.20
Revaluation (10142.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,680.00	320.00
Treas./Collector Salary (10145.00)		18,200.00		18,200.00	18,200.00	
Treas./Collectors Exp. (10145.01)		4,450.00		4,450.00	4,414.61	35.39
Bank Charges (10145.03)		1,700.00		1,700.00		1,700.00
Tax Collection Services (10145.04)		10,000.00		10,000.00	5,810.00	4,190.00
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)	\$ 3,063.74	5,000.00		8,063.74	2,329.64	5,734.10
Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	844.82	155.18
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)	110.00	2,000.00		2,110.00	1,910.00	200.00
Election Officers & Ba. (10162.00)		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,410.59	89.41
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,453.13	446.87
Licensing Board Expenses (10165.00)		88.00		88.00	13.00	75.00
Conservation Commission (10171.00)		800.00		800.00	323.64	476.36
Planning Board Expense (10175.00)		350.00		350.00	33.60	316.40
Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)		600.00	71.57	671.57	671.57	
Civil Defense (10291.00)		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,638.65	111.35
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,173.74	\$116,638.00	\$ 5,426.39	\$125,238.13	\$107,859.66	\$ 17,378.47

HIGHWAYS

Highway Chapter 85 (20100.00)	\$97,487.00			97,487.00	69,382.49	28,104.51
Highway Chapter 113 (20102.00)			127,330.00	127,330.00		127,330.00
Highway Chapter 204 (20104.00)			21,222.00	21,222.00	21,222.00	
Summer Maintenance (20133.00)		33,300.00		33,300.00	27,932.21	5,367.79
FY96 Summer Maint. (20133.01)	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,250.00	
Non Winter Road Wage (20420.00)		43,997.00		43,997.00	33,251.32	10,745.68
Highway Administration (20421.00)		750.00		750.00	725.23	24.77
Vacations & Paid Holidays (20421.01)		9,700.00		9,700.00	9,395.07	304.93
Vacations & Paid Hol. F (20421.02)	1,536.50			1,536.50	60.00	1,476.50
Bridges (20422.00)	3,000.00	1,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)		3,000.00	0.21	3,000.21	3,000.21	
Road Machinery Maint. (20422.04)		22,800.00	157.64	22,957.64	22,957.64	
Street Signs (20422.06)		250.00		250.00		250.00
Plunkett Lake Dam (20422.20)	17,252.19			17,252.19		17,252.19
Hwy Dept. Uniform Re (20422.22)		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,121.46	78.54
Hwy Dept. Garage Door (20422.24)		5,000.00		5,000.00	3,730.00	1,270.00
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)		32,250.00	7,370.91	39,620.91	39,620.91	
Winter Road Wages (20423.01)		29,000.00		29,000.00	28,674.58	325.42
FY96 Winter Roads (20423.04)	(762.66)		762.66			
Street Lights (20424.00)		10,500.00	80.00	10,580.00	10,562.67	17.33
BC Surveying Dept. (20460.00)	200.00			200.00		200.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$119,963.03	\$ 193,247.00	\$156,923.42	\$ 470,133.45	\$ 272,885.79	\$197,247.66

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)		1,136,989.00		1,136,989.00	1,136,660.00	329.00
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)		6,821.00		6,821.00	6,821.00	
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)		33,376.00		33,376.00	16,596.06	16,779.94
Vocational Transport (30000.04)		7,560.00		7,560.00	7,560.00	
FY96 Vocational Tuit (30000.05)	3,455.48			3,455.48	3,455.48	
Hinsdale Public Library (30610.00)		13,975.00		13,975.00	13,975.00	
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES	\$ 3,455.48	\$ 1,198,721.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,202,176.48	\$ 1,185,067.54	\$ 17,108.94

VETERANS

Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Veterans Aid (40543.02)		12,400.00	1,300.00	13,700.00	12,571.00	1,129.00
Memorial Day Observ (40543.04)		700.00		700.00	664.74	35.26
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00		300.00
TOTAL VETERANS	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 14,035.74	\$ 1,464.26

CEMETERIES

Cemetery (50491.00)		9,200.00	3,400.00	12,600.00	11,700.00	900.00
Grave Openings (50491.02)						
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 900.00

PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	
Police Department (60210.02)		32,105.00	300.00	32,405.00	32,287.90	117.10
FY96 Police Dept (60210.03)	178.90			178.90	176.19	2.71
Dalton Communication (60212.00)		7,100.00	500.00	7,600.00	3,679.41	3,920.59
FY96 Dalton Comm. (60212.01).	3,293.00			3,293.00	3,106.13	186.87

Cnty. Sherrif's Comm. (60212.02)		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Fire Chiefs Salary (60220.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
1st Asst. Chiefs Salary (60220.01)		800.00		800.00	800.00	
2nd Asst. Chiefs Salary (60220.02)		600.00		600.00	600.00	
Fire Department Expenses (60220.04)		22,000.00		22,000.00	21,672.10	327.90
FY96 Fire Dept Expen (60220.05)	49.20		49.20	49.20		
Forest Fires (60220.06)		132.00		132.00	132.00	
New Fire Truck (60220.08)			128,637.00	128,637.00		
Building Inspectors (60241.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Building Inspectors (60241.01)		264.00		264.00		264.00
Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)	419.70	500.00		919.70	357.38	562.32
Dutch Elm Disease (60294.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	996.50	3.50
Tree Wardens Expense (60294.02)		4,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	4,999.81	0.19
Insect Control (60294.03)		352.00		352.00	350.00	2.00
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROP:	\$ 3,940.80	\$ 80,053.00	\$ 130,437.00	\$214,430.80	\$209,043.62	\$ 5,387.18
HEALTH & SANITATION						
24-Hour Amb Ser (70231.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Animal Inspector (70249.00)		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Waste Dis Wage (70431.00)		7,560.00		7,560.00	7,558.20	1.80
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)		70,000.00		70,000.00	68,194.68	1,805.32
No. Berkshire Waste (70431.04)		2,351.00		2,351.00	2,350.80	0.20
Soil Contamination E (70439.00)			57,800.00	57,800.00	43,160.74	14,639.26
Water System Rehab-T (70450.03)	16,845.47		89,410.00	106,255.47	94,679.76	11,575.71
Health Inspectors Sa (70510.00)		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00)		1,966.50		1,966.50	1,966.50	
Health Board Exp (70522.01)		725.00		725.00	445.45	279.55
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$ 16,845.47	\$ 89,302.50	\$ 147,210.00	\$ 253,357.97	\$225,056.13	\$ 28,301.84

DEBT & INTEREST

Fire House Loan (80710.02)		5,380.00		5,380.00	5,380.00	
Int. Long-Term Debt (80751.00)		1,076.00		1,076.00	1,076.00	
Int. Short-Term Debt (80752.00)		5,924.11		5,924.11	7,530.49	(1,606.38)
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,380.11	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,380.11	\$ 13,986.49	\$ (1,606.38)

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

Accounting Services (90122.00)		7,220.00		7,220.00	7,220.00	
Heating-Garage & Frh (90192.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,240.34	759.66
Town Insurances (90192.01)		56,004.00		56,004.00	52,867.37	3,136.63
Computer Maint (90192.02)		500.00		500.00	467.00	33.00
Copier Machine (90192.04)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,965.00	35.00
Town Hall Steer Com (90192.08)	3,828.37			3,828.37		3,828.37
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Po (90192.10)		10,000.00	184.39	10,184.39	10,184.39	6,000.00
Printint/Del. Town Re (90195.00)		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,936.00	64.00
Council on Aging (90541.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Recreation Association (90630.00)		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,467.70	32.30
Recreation Comm FY 96 (90630.01)	215.00			215.00	215.00	
Sports/Recreation Co (90630.02)		2,350.00		2,350.00	1,143.05	1,206.95
Youth Center Furnace (90630.03)			6,397.94	6,397.94	6,397.94	
Youth Center Mainten (90630.04)	1,500.00	350.00		1,850.00	1,500.00	350.00
Youth Center Building (90630.05)	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Picnic Tables (90630.06)	1,584.00			1,584.00	1,584.00	
FY96 Little League B (90630.07)			300.00	300.00	300.00	
Baseball Field & Twn (90650.00)		1,200.00	145.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	
Historical Commission (90691.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00
County Retirement As (90911.00)		22,010.00		22,010.00	22,010.00	
Social Security & Med (90916.00)		3,500.00	6.37	3,506.37	3,506.37	
Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)		919.55		919.55	919.55	
Reserve Fund (95781.00)		12,000.00	(12,000.00)			
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$ 8,127.37	\$ 136,753.55	(\$ 4,966.30)	\$ 139,914.62	\$129,268.71	\$ 10,645.91

SEWER

Sewer Administrator(300060.00)	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Sewer Comm. Oper (300060.01)	32,000.00	5,000.00	37,000.00	36,416.27	583.73	
Sewer Loan (300060.02)	16,693.00		16,693.00	16,693.00		
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,240.00	760.00	
FY96 Sewer Serv B (300060.04)		1,241.00	1,241.00	1,241.00		
Sewer Dept Wag (300060.06)	2,000.00		2,000.00	334.02	1,665.98	
Sewer Dept Coll (300070.02)	500.00		500.00	300.00	200.00	
Sewer Dept Coll (300070.04)	333.00		333.00		333.00	
TOTAL SEWER	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,526.00	\$ 6,241.00	\$ 60,767.00	\$ 57,224.29	\$ 3,542.71

WATER

Water Dept. Adm. Sal (400060.01)	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Water Dept. Adm. Exp. (400060.02)	1,700.00		1,700.00	829.38	870.62	
Water Dept. Operating. (400060.05)	37,900.00		37,900.00	30,851.51	7,048.49	
Water Dept Wag (400060.06)	15,000.00	8,100.00	23,100.00	21,080.76	2,019.24	
Water Rehab Project (400060.12)	117,483.33		117,483.33	117,483.33		
Water Dept Coll (400070.00)	1,000.00		1,000.00	400.00	600.00	
Water Dept Coll (400070.02)	667.00		667.00		667.00	
TOTAL WATER:	\$ 0.00	\$ 174,750.33	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 182,850.33	\$171,644.98	\$ 11,205.35

TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ 155,505.89	\$2,079,771.49	\$454,071.51	\$2,689,348.89	\$2,397,772.95	\$291,575.94
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:

Personal Prop Refunds	294.57
Real Estate Refunds	29,509.04
Motor Vehicle Refunds	2,401.18
Refunds Net of Revenues	421.90
Refunds Net of Expenditures	1,947.31
Temporary Loan - Highway	229,487.00

Temporary Loan - Water Rehab	48,791.00
Temporary Loan - Fire Truck	70,263.00
Group Insurance	339.16
Dog Licenses	1,251.75
State Aid to Libraries	2,102.04
Arts Lottery	4,045.80
Council on Aging - State	1,735.48
DARE Grant	9,971.48
Community Policing Grant	4,491.95
Plumbing Insp. Fees	858.00
Electrical Insp. Fees	1,160.00
Grave Opening Revolving	3,350.00
Tax Collector's Demands	3,945.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,072.75
Police Outside Detail	13,028.00
Berkshire Housing Development	219,594.46
Mosquito Control Assessment	6,023.00
Air Pollution Assessment	437.00
STRAP Assessment	5,625.00
Reg. Transit Authority	3,852.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	1,280.00
County Tax	<u>13,365.16</u>
TOTAL	\$ 680,643.03

SUMMARY

Expenditures:

General Fund	\$2,849,546.71	
Sewer	57,224.29	
Water	171,644.98	
		\$3,078,415.98

Warrants Payable prior year:

General	30,063.93	
Water	2,419.20	
		32,483.13

Cash on Hand 6/30/97:

General	465,801.79	
Petty	265.00	
Sewer	184,124.18	
Water	352,098.53	
Trust	451,615.47	
		1,453,904.97
		4,564,804.08

Administrative Assistant Report

I am happy to report that after three years of effort, we have finally received funding to replace approximately 5,000 feet of old water pipe in the lower Main Street area. After a great deal of advocacy by Representative Shaun Kelly and Senator Andy Nuciforo, the state legislature awarded the Town of Hinsdale a \$500,000 grant during their supplemental budget process in January, 1998. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Coxé came to Hinsdale in February to present town officials with a ceremonial check. The money is now in the Town treasury, the designs are in process and the project is expected to be completed by the end of August. Our thanks go out to our local representatives and to the legislature for funding this very important project.

As many of you know, I left the position of Administrative Assistant in September to become the accountant for the Town of Dalton. Although it was a great five years, I found I was in need of a change. The Town was lucky to find Abby Kramer Mayou, who took over the position in January. Please welcome her into our town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE P. REGAN

Former Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant

I am happy to report that I began work as the Town of Hinsdale Administrative Assistant on January 12, 1998, filling the position that had been vacant for four months. It is a busy office and the tasks are varied. I never know whether I will be dealing with a Sewer or Water issue, a zoning infraction, license or permit issue, grant application, budget problem, or a myriad of other items that cross my desk. Every day I am struck by how charming the Town of Hinsdale is and what a treasure the hills and lakes are. The scenic byways are unequalled. I will be working with the Board of Selectmen to see that this beauty is preserved. Please stop in and introduce yourself and let the Selectmen know your concerns. This is your town government, and it works best when it has a broad base.

Respectfully submitted,

ABBY KRAMER MAYOU

Cemetery Committee Report

In 1997 there were twelve burials in Maple Street Cemetery. Many residents purchased lots in the cemetery throughout the year. Presently there are a few lots available in the existing cemetery grounds.

Our expansion project is continuing and when the project is completed the town should have sufficient burial space for years to come. Thank you to committee member Dave Swail for overseeing the project. Dave has spent many many hours bringing in fill and grading the area. We hope to have the project completed in a year or so but the availability of fill will dictate how fast the project moves. We continue to upgrade the grounds with shrubs and flowers and hope the efforts of the grounds crew is noticed. Reliable Yard Works puts in a lot of effort in keeping our cemetery grounds beautiful and their hard work is appreciated.

The Cemetery Committee is desperately seeking new members to volunteer some time to help oversee the cemetery. Any resident interested in being involved should contact the Selectmen's Office.

Lots may be purchased by calling the Selectmen's Office and they will put you in contact with someone on the committee who can arrange to show you what is available in the cemetery.

The cemetery gates will be open again this spring when the weather allows for safe passage over the roads.

Thank you to Harold Hotchkiss, Dave Swail and Judy Huntoon for volunteering their time and energy on the Cemetery Committee.

Also the Cemetery Committee would like to thank Chris Regan for all the help she's given us over the years. Chris was always willing to help us in any way she could. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor in Dalton.

The Cemetery Committee will be posting a new meeting schedule in the Selectmen's Office in late May. The committee meets once a month during the summer and as needed throughout the year. All residents are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. LOEHR
Hinsdale Cemetery Committee

Department of Public Works

The Highway Department has been kept busy on routine maintenance of all town roads. Gravel roads are graded and materials added when needed. At this time a list of roads for resurfacing and reconstruction is being compiled. This will be completed with Chapter 90 monies. Brush cutting is done on an as need basis. Drainage problems are being corrected in as many areas as money allows. Pothole maintenance and roadside mowing is done on a routine schedule. We have seen less snow than usual this winter, but more sleet and ice than usual, requiring the need for more material than normal. The storms began earlier in the season and were more persistent. Although not major, they still required the need for materials to keep roads safe for travel.

The Water Department is also maintained by Highway Department employees. Routine flushing is done on a semi-annual basis. Filter cleaning is done quarterly. Problems with equipment at the water treatment plant and problems with water quality to certain areas of town are being addressed by this department and the town engineers as they occur. Water quality was questioned last summer. Attention to this required many extra man hours for other than routine testing. These problems should be resolved very soon and be back to normal.

This coming year has the potential for many new projects throughout town with water main improvements, possible sewer line extensions, the resurfacing of Route 8, and normal scheduled highway department activities. All of these projects require many man hours of input and locating existing lines and structures from the department. All of our equipment is in reasonably good shape due to an ongoing preventive maintenance schedule. Smaller repairs are done in-house with the more major repairs contracted out.

In closing I would like to take the time to thank everyone in town for their support in helping to make this department run as smoothly as it has this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK E. GALLIHER
Road Superintendent

Emergency Management Agency

The Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency has been active supporting the needs of the Town of Hinsdale.

During the July Tornado visitation, the Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the Hinsdale Fire, Police and Highway Departments, provided a united team in the event of potential disaster. Fortunately, none of the three funnels landed.

The 1968 Jeep was retired and sold for \$1,500.00

A five thousand watt generator and trailer were recently acquired for \$100.00. Upon completion of repairs, the generator will be placed into service.

Once again, the Hinsdale Emergency Management Agency is prepared to support the needs of the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. BOLDUC
Director

Finance Committee Chairman's Report

To the Residents of Hinsdale

The Finance Committee during Fiscal Year 1998 was busy continuing on the course started in FY 1997. Much of the Committee's agenda involved cash flows and how they relate to the needs of the town.

Topping the agenda again this year:

Wage structure and the relation to positions and duties

Working with Department Heads and compromising FY 99 budgets

Utilizing the assistance of the Department of Revenue's Local Services Representatives

FY 98 realized a considerable increase in the operating budget and FY 99 will as well. The Free Cash Account, as well as the Stabilization Account are in good positions at this time. At the May 20, 1998 town meeting the citizens of Hinsdale will be asked to vote on using some of the Free Cash to contain the tax rate. Presently the tax rate is \$15.09 per thousand.

The financial effects of the new Kittredge Elementary School and the new Nessacus Middle School will have a very great impact on the FY 99 tax rate, as will the increased school department operating budget. Central Berkshire Regional School District is asking for a 3.4% increase over last year.

During FY98 there were increases in the Administrative Assistant Salary and the Assessors Expense. The Assessors hired an Assistant in their department due to the increased work load. The Cemetery budget also increased due to the cost of expansion of the cemetery size.

The May 20, 1998 Town Meeting warrant will include some out of the ordinary requests such as raising and appropriating \$35,354, in order to be able to accept the grant from the US Department of Justice to hire a full time police officer and \$10,000 to match a State grant to control the weeds in Ashmere Lake.

The voters will be asked to use \$350,000 of the Stabilization funds to use to build a new Town Hall. This is in addition to borrowing \$200,000 for the purpose of financing portions of the cost of building the new offices.

As Chairperson of Finance Committee, I would like to extend a sincere "Thank you" to all the Finance Committee members for their time and effort expended during the year and especially during the budgetary process. I would like to thank all town employees and volunteers for allowing us to work with you and keeping us informed of developments.

A very special "Thank you" to Mr. Joe Boudreau from the Department of Revenue's Local Services for his incorporation of modern technology into FY 99 budgetary process. Also, a sincere expression of gratitude to Chris Regan, who provided invaluable assistance throughout the year. Welcome, Abby.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE PIKE

Finance Committee Chair

Fire Department

In 1997 the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to 66 calls representing 740 man hours. The breakdown of calls are as follows:

Types of Calls

Structure Fires	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23
Fire Alarms (False)	7
Wood Stoves - Chimney	7
Brush-Outside	8
Vehicle Fires	2
Mutual Aid Stand By	5
EMS Assist	4
Other	10
Total	66

Calls By Towns

Hinsdale	56
Becket	3
Peru	5
Dalton	2

1997 was an excellent training year for the whole department. With our new pumper, Jaws of Life, and the State mandated training we kept quite busy this past year. Thankfully fire calls have been down, although MVA's continue to rise. The Firemen's Association, with the blessing of the Selectmen have started a building expansion project which will add 40 feet to the rear of the firehouse. This project is privately funded with no cost to the taxpayers of the town. Construction will start in the spring.

LARRY E. TURNER, Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse Association

The Berkshire VNA is pleased to provide comprehensive home health and health promotion services to the residents of Hinsdale.

Through your Board of Health program with the Berkshire VNA we have provided health education, screening and disease prevention clinics as well as in-home visits to support individual, family and community well-being.

Susan Kaufman, RNC, our public health coordinator, tracks, manages and provides follow-up investigation on all reports of outbreaks of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis and bacterial food poisoning. Increasing the number of influenza and pneumonia immunizations given to town residents and increase awareness of the value of preventative care, has been a key focus of this program. These preventable illnesses can cost thousands of dollars in hospital and medical care and lost work and wages. Demonstrating the impact of this effort, 100 influenza and pneumonia immunizations were given this past year. This is a 14% increase from last year.

1. BVNA provided 2,297 home health visits to the residents of Hinsdale. Care received included skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, home health aide and maternal/child health. These visits are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other insurances, or were provided under the BHS Free Care Program.
2. Complying with requirements for notifying Massachusetts Department of Public Health of all reportable diseases, the following incidents were reported, investigated and received follow-up: Chicken Pox 16
3. Health Promotion Clinic Statistics:

Number of clinics 12

Attendance 77

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR NURSES:

INSTRUCTION:

Medication use 10

Nutrition 16

Medical conditions 12

SCREENINGS:

Blood Pressure 77

Cholesterol 0

Diabetes 1

IMMUNIZATIONS:

Influenza (flu)

91

Pneumonia

9

Measles, Mumps, Rubella

0

Hepatitis B

0

Other

0

OTHER:

Tuberculosis/Mantoux Testing

0

Vitamin B12 Injections

0

Outreach/Homebound visits

0

All residents of Hinsdale are accommodated at the Fire Station for health promotions on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call BVNA at 1-800-788-2862 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at our clinics and to working together in the future to maintain and promote good health in Hinsdale and we always welcome your comments and feedback.

Respectfully submitted

JEFFREY L. PRINGLE

Vice President of Home Care

Board of Health

The year 1997 has again been a very active year for the Board of Health. For the second year in a row the board has been working with an open position, and if it were not for the hard work and commitment of the members and their agent, much work would have not been completed.

The two board members are now state certified as soil evaluators, due to training and exams taken at UMass last summer. The health agent is planning to complete this course when his busy schedule allows.

Again the main health concern for the board and the community continues to be the completion of town sewer around Ashmere and Plunkett lakes. But with assurances from the Sewer Committee that all this will become a reality within the next two years, gives hope that the board can help home owners avoid costly upgrades and relieve all lake areas of ground water damage.

Future health issues involving food services, training, rabies, and such, keep the Board of Health on the fore front of community needs.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Ken Boudreau and Bill Goddard who continue to serve the Board of Health and the town so well.

1997 Permits Issued

Day Care	2
Camping	1
Summer Camps	3
Septic System Permits	
Upgrades	4
New	4
Installers	4
Haulers	3
Well Permits	3
Food Service	3
Trailer Parks	2
Complaints to BOH	0

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. GODDARD, Chairman

Animal Control Officer

Since taking the position as Animal Control Officer in September of 1997, I have logged over 35 calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Complaints:	6
Wild Animal Calls:	11
Informational Calls:	8
Trapped Animal Calls:	1
Stray Dog Calls:	9
Inspections:	0

There continues to be many unlicensed dogs and/or dogs without identification. I encourage dog owners to license their dogs and keep the license on the dog at all times to facilitate identification. I would like to acknowledge Dr. Keith Beebe's assistance in boarding the stray dogs. I would also like to acknowledge two animal control officers in Becket for their assistance with getting some of the stray dogs found adopted into good homes. Of the 9 stray dogs found, 2 were placed for adoption and 7 were reunited with their owners.

I am looking for input from the townspeople as to where a dog kennel might be placed in the future so that the Town can board the dogs and keep any proceeds therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK W. AVALLE, JR.

Hinsdale Public Library

Another year has come and gone, with the Library being busier than ever. The summer of 1997 started out with a 60% increase in materials circulation from last summer! The Summer Reading Program for children age 2 to grade 8 had 133 participants, that is our highest number ever. I want to thank Katie Bragg, Joe Ciaburri, Carrie Geibel, Caitlyn Waldheim and Amanda Wilson for assisting with the Program. These Middle School age kids took control of the store we set up for the summer and help kids redeem the tokens they earned by reading for neat prizes. This has worked as a wonderful incentive to get children to read during the summer and not lose the skills they work on all school year. It also encourages parents to read to their children before they get to school. No matter how you look at it the children win.

Mary Lou Galliher has come back for another year to do our Monday morning story time. During the school year we have anywhere from 5 to 25 children and their parents crowded into our children's room singing, reading doing fine and gross motor skills and just having a good time. Thank you Mary Lou for making Monday mornings such a special time for our little ones.

A new addition this year is a Book Discussion Group organized by Betty Chisum and Robin Marshall. They meet once a month and discuss a wide variety of books. If you are interested please call the Library to see what book they will be reading this month. Our thanks go to these two women for getting us started with an adult program.

As the next fiscal year is upon us we are looking at completing a Long-Range Plan that the State is requiring all libraries to complete at some point. With the completion of this process we will be eligible for different grants, whether or not we can take advantage of any of them remains to be seen.

The Library continues to offer current recreational reading material. Our Inter-Library Loan rate has dropped a little as our budget is increased. We are helping more students do research. The Internet remains a popular item, even though it is text only. We are noticing older students coming in to use our resources, which is wonderful to see. It remains a challenge to try to keep

current with all the various topics they are looking for, but what a rewarding feeling it is to have them come again and again.

Total Circulation	11,580
Inter-Library Loans	68
Household Cards Issued	413
Total Hours Open	741

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE D. WILSON,
Director, Hinsdale Public Library

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Paul Rice
Ann Marie Welch
Ann Peters, Honorary Member

Library Committee, Town

Mary Lou Galliher, Secretary
Laura Galliher
Christine Pike

Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project

Project personnel made 47 trips to Hinsdale to monitor mosquito breeding sites and to spray for adults and larvae mosquitoes. Personnel spent 206 person hours checking and treating 5,572.9 acres for adults and larvae. The crews also responded to 8 calls for assistance. In addition, 146.1 miles of town roads, camps, campgrounds and residential properties were adulticided during the months of June, July and August. Cleaning and maintaining of drainage ditches was done by a field crew from Berkshire Training and Employment in conjunction with project personnel. The following pesticides and biological controls were used for adult and larvae mosquitoes: 176 pounds of Novo Nordisk BT1; 2.5 gallons of Golden Bear 1111; and 27.5 gallons of Scourge (diluted). We wish to thank you for your continued support and we sincerely hope that you will continue to employ the Berkshire County Mosquito Control project to improve the health and comfort of the citizens of Hinsdale and their animals at a minimal cost to them.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. JURGENSON
Superintendent

Hinsdale Police Department

The Hinsdale Police Department once again has had a very busy year. Along with responding to some 2,000 calls, we have made six arrests, issued some 1,800 citations, made over 85 court appearances, and investigated some 56 motor vehicle accidents.

Calls for service continue to grow. Four new officers were brought on board this year to fill vacant slots. Our whole department continues to keep up all required classes. Our D.A.R.E. program is progressing with three instructors serving our community. Our officers also continue to stay involved with our younger community by volunteering in organizations like Boy Scouts, Baseball, Youth Center, Fun Fairs and wherever else they may be needed.

We have brought some \$33,000.00 into our community with grants and fines. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers of this department for their support and outstanding service to our towns.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK A. GREEN, SR.
Chief of Police

Sergeant Chris Powell
Officer Robert M. Levardi, Sr.
Officer Gabriel Taglieri
Officer Heather Nichols

Officer Mark Maddalena
Officer Thomas Dawely
Officer Robert Wakefield
Officer Sue Liimatainen

Sewer and Water Administrator

Calendar Year 1997 saw the first full year of operation of the new Hinsdale water filtration plant. With experience, flushing, and switching of amounts, types, and input locations of chemicals, the brown water problems seen in 1996 and some of 1997 has been reduced to the reasonable variations always found in water systems. Also good news, the chlorine has been reduced to less than half the original requirements, and some further reductions are being checked out. We are still, unfortunately, testing selected locations for some very minor amounts of lead and copper, expecting to control them by small amounts of further chemicals.

In the area of construction, we have finally been successful in obtaining a State grant of \$500,000 to replace the old water mains in the Lower Main Street area-the last major part of the Town needing them. Our legislators, Shaun Kelly and Andrea Nuciforo deserve great credit for this, as does Christine Regan, our Administrative Assistant last year. Work has already started and the money has been received as of January 28, 1998. Some engineering has been done in time that the job can be completed in 1998.

Meter upgrade is down to only 40 remaining bad units, and we are determined to take our first readings in March, 1998, after which we can determine

when we can start billing by meter. We will probably have to accumulate data over the period of a year.

Finally, a separate committee specifically designated "Sewer Committee" under our established Town Sewer Commission (Selectmen) is working on sewerage Plunkett and Ashmere Lakes. Grants have been obtained and expenses will be carried by those being sewerred.

Respectfully submitted,

MEREDITH A. READ

Sewer and Water Administrator

Sewer Committee

The Hinsdale Sewer Committee was formed by the Board of Selectmen in October 1997 with a charter to develop a strategy, secure funding and implement the Phase III Sewer Project.

Hinsdale recently received word from U.S. Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural development that it would fund both phases of the Plunkett Reservoir project during Federal Fiscal Year 1998, and that the Town could expect to receive \$1,075,000 in grant money and a 4.5% loan in the amount of \$841,000 for total funding of \$1,916,000.

With the Plunkett financing in place, the Sewer Committee focused its attention toward the financing of the Ashmere Project. Realizing that the project could stretch out for another six to eight years while Hinsdale secured grants and loans from Rural Development, a decision was made to pursue the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan program as a means to finance the Ashmere Lake Sewer Project. While the Sewer Committee attempted to obtain a commitment from the State for the engineering and design portion of the Ashmere project, it became obvious that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) could not move fast enough to approve a loan for Ashmere that would enable the project to run concurrently with the Plunkett project. At this point, it was decided to obtain separate financing for both the engineering and the construction at Ashmere Lake. After reviewing the situation with Rural Development's Regional Director, Daniel Beaudette, the Sewer Committee was successful in obtaining an unofficial commitment from Rural Development to provide the \$200,000 required for the design and engineering effort at Ashmere. Based upon the submittal of a revised application with Rural Development, which reduces our outstanding request from \$3,370,000 in grants and loans to \$200,000 in grants, and through the efforts of Congressman John W. Olver, we now expect to receive the entire amount in the form of a grant, which leaves the actual construction of the Ashmere segment of the project dependent upon an SRF loan. In order for the project to be funded by SRF in 1998, a Project Evaluation Form (PEF) was prepared and submitted to DEP by the December 15, 1997 deadline, which permits the Ashmere Lake Project to be placed on the priority list to be announced in February, 1998. This should allow sufficient time for the loan application to be submitted and approved in time to meet the accelerated schedule.

Although an ambitious schedule, the Sewer Committee feels that the progress to date supports the accomplishment of the "fast track" time line adopted by the Committee, which projects construction of the entire Phase III Sewer project to commence in July 1998. This should allow the Plunkett Project to be completed in 1998 and the Ashmere Lake project to be completed by the summer of 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A EAGAR, Chairman

Sewer Committee Members

Dudley Billings

Linda Chaiffre

John Eagar

John Genzabella

Steven Mach

Patrick Mehr

Monica Montferret

Rene Moser

Andrew Pratt

Steven Salvini

Tax Collector's Report

The Tax Collector's office once again, has had a very busy year. As of June 30, 1997, the 1997 Outstanding Real Estate Tax amount was \$29,641.06. As the original commitment amount was \$1,348,271.34, this shows a 98% collection rate on Real Estate. The 1997 Personal Property commitment amount was \$103,222.28, and the outstanding balance as of June 30, 1997 was \$289.65. This is more than a 99% collection rate and was made possible due to following the procedures set up over the last few years and also the guide lines set forth by the state for collecting taxes.

Many new projects are underway for the 1998 Fiscal Year. We are trying to clear up the rest of the outstanding figures, but an extreme amount of research has to be done on the remaining pieces. This will take probably a couple of years.

Again many thanks to the Citizens of Hinsdale who have worked with me in my continued efforts to clear all overdue taxes. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

PAULINE B. WHEELER
Collector of Taxes

Town Clerk's Report

Dog Licenses

Male, 39 @ \$10.00	\$ 390.00
Neutered Male, 67 @ \$4.00	268.00
Female, 18 @ \$10.00	180.00
Spayed Female, 89 @ \$4.00	356.00
Total amount turned over to Treasurer	\$1,194.00

Licenses and Permits

Selling on Sunday, 4 @ \$5.00	\$ 20.00
Weekday Amusements, 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Selling Used Cars Class II & III, 4 @ \$20.00	80.00
Selling Gas, 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Selling mobile homes and accessories, 1 @ \$25.00	25.00
Selling Flowers, 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Selling Oleo, 1 @ \$2.00	2.00
Selling Milk, 1 @ \$2.00	2.00
Liquor License, 1 @ \$125.00	125.00
Liquor License, 1 @ \$30.00	30.00

Vital Statistics

Births	25
Deaths	43
Marriages	5

Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

Resident Fishing, 7 @ \$22.50	\$ 157.50
Non-Resident Fishing, 1 @ \$32.50	32.50
Resident Fishing over age 70, 1	0.00
Resident Hunting, 4 @ \$22.50	90.00
Resident Sporting, 3 @ \$40.00	120.00
Resident Sporting over 70, 2	0.00
Resident Hunting over 70, 1	0.00
Wildlife Conservation (Res.), 11 @ \$5.00	55.00
Wildlife Conservation (Non-res.), 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Archery Stamps, 2 @ \$5.00	10.00
Primitive Firearms, 2 @ \$5.00	10.00
Total turned over to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	\$ 480.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN FRISSELL

Veterans Agent

Ordered 3 veterans foot markers

- 1) Winthrop C. Drosehn
- 2) James E. Naughton
- 3) Howard W. March

Sent for 4 "Presidential Memorial Certificates"

- 1) Winthrop C. Drosehn
- 2) James E. Naughton
- 3) Paul M. Vachula
- 4) Howard W. March

Had 2 veterans on Chapter 115 (Veterans aid)

Cost \$9,322.00 reimbursement from the State \$8,802.20

In Memoriam

Winthrop C. Drosehn
Howard W. March
James E. Naughton
Paul M. Vachula

Respectrully submitted,

DELMAR STEVENS

Ambulance Report

Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen's Association

1997 was a busy year for the Hinsdale Ambulance. The Hinsdale Ambulance now has 15 Emergency Medical Technicians and a group of "First Responders" that staff the ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I would like to thank them all for their support to our fine community, and our surrounding communities.

Hinsdale Ambulance responded to 187 calls this past year. The breakdown is as follows, with motor vehicle accidents in ().

Calls By Town:

Hinsdale	108	(17)
Becket	5	(1)
Dalton	12	(4)
Middlefield	13	(1)
Peru	28	(4)
Washington	21	(2)

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL W. LITCHFIELD
Director of Ambulance Services

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

Recycling efforts in Hinsdale during Fiscal Year 1997 resulted in 74.85 tons of paper and 32.65 tons of glass, cans and plastic containers being recycled. District-wide the total tonnage of recycled materials increased by five percent over FY96.

The District again sponsored a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Held on June 21, 1997 at both Hoosac Valley Regional H.S. and Mt. Greylock Regional H.S., over 5,000 pounds of household hazardous waste was collected for disposal by Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc. Over 250 district households participated in the collection, which was free for residents of Hinsdale and other district towns. Driveway sealer, antifreeze and pesticides were the most common items. Simultaneously, staff and volunteers from the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) conducted a latex paint collection. 175 combines gallons of usable latex paint was donated for use by non-profit groups and charities. The District is grateful to CET for their assistance with our hazardous waste collection and other projects throughout the year.

Through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, home composting bins are available at half their regular retail price. The bins are easy to use and turn yard and vegetable wastes into compost. We will be sponsoring composting workshops given by CET at various locations throughout the year.

Although our services have increased, the assessment to the Town of Hinsdale remains at \$1.20/per person.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBIN DEWKETT

District Commissioner for Hinsdale

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission held 15 meetings during the year. Meetings included 13 hearings to review and process 8 "Requests for Determination" and 5 "Notices of Intent". Approximately 30 site visits were conducted for varied purposes. Two members resigned and two new members William Basiliere and Ted Shreve were appointed by the Selectmen keeping the board at 5 members total. The year saw implementation of the "River Act" establishing a 200 foot "resource" area from the river bank and requirements to control "Storm Water" drainage.

Respectfully submitted,

RENE MOSER, Chairman