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Selectmen's
Office

Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts



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Annual Report 1998

Directory Of Town Services

Department	Phone	Address	Hours/Meeting Times
Administrative Assistant	655-2245	PO Box 336 39 South Street	Monday-Thursday 8AM-2PM Friday 8AM-1PM
Ambulance	911		
Assessors	655-2300	PO Box 184 39 South St.	Mon.-Thurs. 8AM-2PM, Wed 6:30-8PM
Board of Health	655-8212	PO Box 1082	Meets 4th Tuesday of month at 7PM, Consultation 6-7PM every Wednesday, Town Hall
Board of Selectmen	655-2245	PO Box 336 39 South St.	Meets every other Wednesday, 7PM, Town Hall
Building Inspector	655-2309	PO Box 336 39 South St.	Every Tuesday 4-6PM, Town Hall
Cemetery Commission		PO Box 336 39 South Street	
Central Berkshire Regional School District	684-0320	PO Box 299 20 Cleveland Rd. Dalton	
Conservation Commission		PO Box 1084 39 South St.	Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 7PM, Town Hall
Council on Aging	655-2973	PO Box 821 39 South St.	Lunch served Wednesday & Friday. Call for other activities
Dog Officer	684-0500	39 South Street	
Emergency Management	Emergency 911 Business 655-8689	520 Creamery Road	
Finance Committee		PO Box 1083 39 South Street	Meets 1st Thursday of month at 7PM, Town Hall
Fire Department	Emergency 911 Business 655-2533	PO Box 442 134 Maple St.	1st and 3rd Tuesday, 8PM, Fire Station
Highway Dept.	655-2304	PO Box 472 156 Maple St.	
Kittredge Elementary School	655-2525	PO Box 368 80 Maple St.	
Library	655-2303	PO Box 397 58 Maple St.	Mon. 9AM-12 noon, Tues. 2-5PM, Wed. 5-8 PM, Thurs. 5-8PM, Sat. 9AM- 12 noon
Planning Board		PO Box 1081 39 South Street	Meets 1st Monday of month at 7PM, Town Hall
Police Dept.	Emergency 911 Business 655-0201	PO Box 463 39 South St.	Wednesday, 6PM
Sewer Committee			1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Kittredge School
Sewer/Water Administrator	655-2307	PO Box 65 39 South Street	Wednesday, 6:30-7:30PM
Town Clerk	655-2301	PO Box 803 39 South St.	Wed. 6:30-8PM
Transfer Station	655-2305	106 Plunkett Reservoir Rd.	Tues. 3-7PM, Thurs. 2-6PM, Sat. 9AM-4PM, Sun. 11AM-3PM
Treasurer/TaxCollector	655-2306	PO Box 799 39 South St.	Mon.-Thurs. 10AM-2PM, Wed. 6:30-8PM
Veterans' Agent	655-8110	PO Box 490	
Youth Center	655-2302	95 Maple St.	Mid October through early April, Mon-Thurs 5:30-8PM, Fri 5:30- 9PM, Sat 9:30AM-4PM
Zoning Board of Appeals	655-2626	PO Box 404	

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Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 1999 2002
John Genzabella, Secretary	Term Expires 2000
David E. Quail, Member	Term Expires 2001

ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)

Laura E. Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2000
David L. Kowalczyk	Term Expires 1999 2002
Open	Term Expires 2001

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES (4 Year Term)

Richard A. French	Term Expires 2000
James E. Holland Kardaxen	Term Expires 2002

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

✓ Christine Pike, Chair	Term Expires 2000
✓ Barbara Genzabella	Term Expires 1999 2002
✓ Dianne Haber	Term Expires 1999 2002
✓ Harold Hotchkiss	Term Expires 2001
✓ Fern Leslie Nelson Galeducia	Term Expires 1999 2002
✓ Lisa Nataro (appointed through 5/99)	Term Expires 2000
✓ Peter Samsel	Term Expires 2001
✓ Dean Smith	Term Expires 2001
✓ Heather Swail Fern Leslie (appointed thru 5/2000)	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 (appointed through 5/99)	Term Expires 2003
Walter Ulmer (appointed through 5/99)	Term Expires 2002
Morgan Davis (Delegate to Berk. Reg. Planning Comm.)	Term Expires 2000
Brian Smith CHAIR	Term Expires 1999 - 2004
Michael Viner DOUG CARVER, (appointed through 5/00)	Term Expires 2001

TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)

Dawn Frissell	Term Expires 1999 2002
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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 2001
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Appointed Officials

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Abby Kramer Mayou

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Paul W. Litchfield, Director

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

ACT TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Katherine Kirchner

Paul Meyers

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

~~Frank Avalle~~ John Donnelly

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

~~Frank Avalle~~ John Donnelly

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

Richard Haupt

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Harold Hotchkiss, Director

~~Meredith A. Read~~

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

William Basiliere

~~Harold Hotchkiss~~

Ted Shreve

Open Todd Para

Open Lynne Robertson

COUNCIL ON AGING

Martha Freshler, Chair

Dionisia Casey, Vice Chair

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Raymond Bolduc, Director

Brian Miner, Deputy Director

Donald Coleman,

Communication Officer

Shaun Galliher,

Public Affairs Officer

Geraldine Drumm

Laura Galliher

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

Larry E. Turner, Chief

Ralph Cormier, 1st Asst. Chief

David Olds, 2nd Asst. Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Marge Murray, Secretary

Frank Avalle

Lee Girard

Paul Litchfield

Adrian Proctor

James Scace

David Shorey

FOREST WARDEN

Larry Turner

GAS INSPECTOR

Steve Flood

HEALTH INSPECTOR

(appointed by Board of Health)

William Goddard

HINSDALE HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM ADVISORY PANEL

~~Harold Hotchkiss, Chair~~

~~Meredith A. Read, Alternate~~

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING Comm

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Rice, Chair
 Katherine Kirchner
 Doris Olds
 Judy Quail

LIBRARIAN LAURIE VILORD

~~Rose D. Wilson~~

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mary Lou Galliher, Chair
 Dawn Frissell, Secretary
 Laura Galliher, Treasurer
 Paul Meyers
 Ann Marie Welch

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (TOWN)

~~Christine Pike~~ ~~HAROLD HOTCHKISS~~
 Paul Rice
 James Martin
 MARY LOU GALLIHER

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Richard Quail, Sr.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

(appointed by Building Inspector)
 Bill Zeitler

NORTHERN BERK. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REP.

Robin Dewkett

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Dennis Regan
 Margaret Roussin
 Richard Roussin
 Marian Tinney
 Ward Tinney

POLICE CHIEF

Mark A. Green

POLICE OFFICERS

Thomas Dawley II
 Robert M. Levardi, Sr.
~~Susan Limatainen~~
~~Heather Nicholas~~
~~Christopher Powell, Sgt.~~
~~James Seace~~
~~Gabrielle Taglieri~~
~~Robert Wakefield~~
 ERIC AUTENREITH
 BRYAN CLOUTIER

TEMPORARY

Richard Murdoch
 Michael Perkins

POLICEMAN, SPECIAL

Richard Quail, Sr.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Charles DeAngelus

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

ASSISTANT TO

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

Mary Lou Galliher

TOWN HALL STEERING COMMITTEE

Mark Green, Chair
 Dawn Frissell
 Katherine Kirchner
 Richard Marran
 David Quail
 David Swail
 Larry Turner
 Pauline Wheeler

VETERANS AGENT

Philip Collins

WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR

Richard Eastland

WIRING INSPECTOR

John Broderick

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

YOUTH CENTER

Board of Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen was kept very busy during 1998. Capital projects in the town of Hinsdale began with a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to complete the Lower Main Street Water Main Replacement project. The Phase III Sewer Committee under the leadership of John Eagar broke ground for the Plunkett Sanitary Sewer System. The project is being funded by a combination of grants and loans. Ground was broken for our new town hall and we watched as it neared completion. Many roads in town got a new road surface through state funding programs.

Strategic Planning began in earnest this past year when the Town was awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development for a project entitled "Master Plan Start-Up". It was decided to begin portions of the Master Plan. With another grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Town embarked on a project called "Growing Smart". A Steering Committee and four task forces were formed to work on this study. With the help of our consultant, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the town is getting started thinking about planning for the future. In addition, the town appropriated money to begin an Open Space and Recreation Plan. Another grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development is enabling the town to complete an Employee Classification and Wage Compensation Study in order to ensure that compensation and level of service are at adequate levels. The Selectmen formed a Solid Waste Management Study Committee to determine whether the town could save money by changing the way waste is handled. As with neighboring towns in the county, costs of waste disposal are escalating and costs are not equitable to everyone in town.

The Selectmen recommended that a Telecommunications Bylaw be passed. A public hearing was held by the Planning Board and the bylaw was passed at a special town meeting.

In Selectmen's regular business we approved the transfer of the Cable TV license from Pegassus to Avalon. We approved a new liquor license at the Home Club on Route 8. Earth removal permits were renewed.

Thank you to the many volunteers who donate untold hours of their spare time to make this the vibrant community that it is. We encourage all residents to become involved in and become part of your town government. Thank you to the talented and dedicated town employees who do their jobs with the best interests of the town in mind. We look forward to another busy and rewarding year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Minutes Of Special Town Meeting

May 20, 1998

There being 33 registered voters present who are residents of the town of Hinsdale, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the elected Town Moderator, Richard Marran.

Selectmen present: Bruce Marshall, David Quail, John Genzabella

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the treasury a sum of money to the Winter Roads Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the treasury a sum of money from available funds to the Winter Roads Wages Account.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for three sets of sand truck chains and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$4,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the Sand Truck Chains Account.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for a grab thumb for the backhoe and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$2,000.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Grab Thumb Account.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$127,330.00 from available fund "1996 Transportation Bond Issue" (second apportionment) for capital improvements on Hinsdale Town Roads in accordance with Chapter 113B of the Acts of 1996.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for a current map of the entire town showing all lot lines to be used by all town boards and commissions and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,200.00 from Certified Free Cash into the Town Map Account.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for engineering services provided by Tighe & Bond for final adjustment of the water filtration plant and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$5,500.00 from available fund "Water Rents Reserved" into the Water System Rehabilitation Account.

ARTICLE 9: Comments from meeting attendees included question of the possibility of a bylaw dealing with junk (other than junk cars) in people's yards and trailers in yards for the purpose of rebuilding or renovating a house.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM by Moderator Richard Marran.

Respectfully submitted,

**DAWN L. FRISSELL
Hinsdale Town Clerk**

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Minutes Of Special Town Meeting

July 15, 1998

There being 15 registered voters present who are residents of the town of Hinsdale, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the elected Town Moderator, Richard Marran.

Selectmen present: Bruce Marshall, David Quail

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$9,674 for Fiscal Year 1998 Winter Roads Maintenance and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$9,674 from the Stabilization Fund into the Winter Roads Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 3: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$3,415 for Fiscal Year 1998 Winter Roads Wages and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,415 from the Stabilization Fund into the Winter Roads Wages Account.

ARTICLE 4: Planning Board Chairman Dudley Billings appeared before the meeting to give an oral report from the Planning Board concerning the proposed Telecommunication Bylaw. It was voted unanimously to amend the existing Zoning Bylaw by adding Section 12: Town of Hinsdale Telecommunication Tower Bylaw. (Full text of this bylaw can be found in the 1997 Annual Town Report)

ARTICLE 5: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$2,300 for the Open Space and Recreation Plan and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$2,300 from available fund "Small Cities" into the Open Space and Recreation Plan Account.

ARTICLE : There was no other business to be brought before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM by Moderator Richard Marran.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL
Hinsdale Town Clerk

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Minutes Of Special Town Meeting

SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

There being 34 registered voters present who are residents of the town of Hinsdale, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the elected Town Moderator, Richard Marran.

Selectmen present: Bruce Marshall, David Quail

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

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

A. A Grave Openings revolving account, this account to receive payments from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to grave diggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during Fiscal Year 1999;

B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account, this account to receive payments from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 1999;

C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account, this account to receive payments from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 1999;

D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account, this account to receive payments from building permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000.00 during Fiscal Year 1999.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to amend this article to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to keep the Tree Warden Expense account at \$5,352.00. Vote on the amendment was passed by a simple majority taken by hand count (14 yay and 10 nay). Vote on the amended article passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 4: Voted unanimously to fix the salary of the Tree Warden at \$2,000.00 as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Tree Warden Salary account.

ARTICLE 5: Voted unanimously not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of Tree Warden Assistants.

ARTICLE 6: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of the Reserve Fund and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$12,000.00 from available fund "Additional Lottery Receipts" into a Reserve Fund account.

ARTICLE 7: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,200.00 from available fund "Additional Lottery Receipts" into an Open Space and Recreation Plan account.

ARTICLE 8: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$5,037.00 for the purpose of expenses at the new Town Hall and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$5,037.00 from available fund "Additional Lottery Receipts" into a new Town Hall expense account.

ARTICLE 9: Voted unanimously to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 143 Section 3Z as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in any city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section, any part time inspector of buildings, building commissioner, local inspector or alternate inspector may practice for hire or engage in the business for which he is certified, licensed or registered under the building code, while serving as such inspector; provided, however, that within the area over which he has jurisdiction as inspector or alternate inspector, he shall not exercise any of his powers and duties as such inspector, including those of enforcement officer of the state building code for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, demolition or removal work done by himself, his employer, employee or one employed with him. The inspection of such work shall be performed by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner of another city, town or district or by a special assistant inspector of buildings or assistant building commissioner who is appointed solely for the purpose of performing such inspections by the Mayor of a city, the Board of Selectmen of a town or the governing board of a district.

ARTICLE 10: Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of continuing education credits for the Building Inspector or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 11: Voted unanimously to appropriate an additional \$200.00 for the Building Inspector salary and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$200.00 from available fund "Additional Lottery Receipts" into the Building Inspector Salary account.

ARTICLE 12: Voted unanimously to amend the vote adopted under Article 21 of the May 20, 1998 Annual Town Meeting by appropriating an additional \$420.00 for Vocational Transportation and to fund said appropriation by transferring from "Additional Lottery Receipts" the sum of \$420.00 to the Vocational Transportation account.

ARTICLE 13: Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$123,755.00 from available fund "1997 Transportation Bond Issue" for capital improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1997.

ARTICLE 14: There was no other business to be brought before the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM by Moderator Richard Marran.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL, Hinsdale Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting Order Of Business

BERKSHIRE, SS:

To One of the Members of the Police Department of the Town of Hinsdale:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

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

- A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to receive payments from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to grave diggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2000.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2000.
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2000.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to receive payments from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2000.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to receive payments from the County; and to expend payments to the Assistant to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the fiscal year 2000.
- F. A Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling revolving account, this account to receive payments from the MRIP (Massachusetts Recycling Initiative Program and MRF (Massachusetts Recycling Facility); and to expend payments for recycling projects and recycling education in the town of Hins-

dale, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000 during Fiscal Year 2000.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2000 pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53F, or to take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00
Moderator Salary	40.00
Selectmen Chairman Salary	1,600.00
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,400.00
Selectmen Member Salary	1,200.00
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00
Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,694.23
Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for the upkeep and repair of the buildings, equipment, highways and cemeteries and for all other charges and expenses of the operating budget of the town for the year, including schools and recreation, or take any other action thereon.

	Proposed FY2000 Budget	Selectmen's Action	Finance Committee Action
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Legal Counsel	4,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Moderator	40.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,400.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Member Salary	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectmen Expense	1,816.00	Recommended	Recommended
Administrative Asst.	30,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Administrative Asst. Expense	1,350.00	Recommended	Recommended
Finance Board Expense	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessors Expense	5,916.00	Recommended	Recommended
Asst. Assessor Salary	31,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Revaluation	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,694.63	Recommended	Recommended

Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,084.00	Recommended	Recommended
Bank Charges	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Tax Title Expense	3,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Treasurer/Collector CAMA Sys.	2,900.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Expense	826.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Record	2,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Election Officers	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Board of Registrars	1,126.00	Recommended	Recommended
Licensing Board Expense	88.00	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation Commission	1,374.00	Recommended	Recommended
Clemson Leveler	700.00	Recommended	Recommended
Planning Board Expense	350.00	Recommended	Recommended
Appeals Board Expense	600.00	Recommended	Recommended

HIGHWAYS

Summer Road Wages	39,206.25	Recommended	Recommended
Highway Admin.	700.00	Recommended	Recommended
Vacations & Paid Holidays	9,800.00	Recommended	Recommended
Bridges	1,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Summer Road Maintenance	35,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Garage Maintenance	4,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Road Machinery Maintenance	25,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Street Signs	250.00	Recommended	Recommended
Highway Department Uniforms	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Winter Roads Maintenance	38,750.00	Recommended	Recommended
Winter Roads Wages	33,312.50	Recommended	Recommended
New Plow	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Street Lights	11,770.00	Recommended	Recommended

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

C.B.R.S.D. Operating	1,230,248.00	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
C.B.R.S.D. Capital	251,145.00	Recommended	Recommended
Vocational Education Tuition	71,746.00	Recommended	Recommended
Vocational Education Transport.	32,490.00	Recommended	Recommended
Library Director's Salary	11,954.21	Recommended	Recommended
Library Staff Salary	5,894.00	Recommended	Recommended
Library Expenses	8,621.00	Recommended	Recommended

VETERANS

Veterans Agent Salary	800.00	Recommended	Recommended
Veterans Agent Expenses	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Memorial Day Observation	700.00	Recommended	Recommended
War Memorial	300.00	Recommended	Recommended

CEMETERIES

Cemetery	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
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PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chief's Salary	7,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Police Department	38,685.00	Recommended	Recommended

Crossing Guards	2,590.00	Recommended	Recommended
COPS Salary	22,550.00	Recommended	Recommended
COPS Fringe Benefits	7,519.32	Recommended	Recommended
Dalton Communication	8,610.00	Recommended	Recommended
Berk. Cty. Sheriff Communication	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Chief's Salary	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
1st Assistant Chief's Salary	800.00	Recommended	Recommended
2nd Assistant Chief's Salary	600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Department Expense	21,832.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Salary	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Expense	300.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Education	600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Emergency Management	3,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Compressor	4,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Dog Officer Expense	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00	Recommended	Not Recommended
Tree Warden Assistants	1,000.00	Recommended	Not Recommended
Tree Warden's Expense	5,352.00	Recommended	Not Recommended

HEALTH & SANITATION

Ashmere Lake Cleanup	5,550.00	Recommended	Recommended
Plunkett Lake Cleanup	6,450.00	Recommended	Recommended
24-Hour Ambulance	6,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Animal Inspector	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Waste Disposal Wages	8,138.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Waste Disposal	70,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
No. Berkshire Waste District	2,350.80	Recommended	Recommended
Health Inspector's Salary	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,085.00	Recommended	Recommended
Health Board Expense	625.00	Recommended	Recommended

DEBT & INTEREST

Fire House Loan, Principal	5,380.00	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Truck Loan, Principal	10,165.05	Recommended	Recommended
Interest Long Term Debt	9,268.95	Recommended	Recommended
Interest Short Term Debt	5,500.00	Recommended	Recommended

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

Audit	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Accounting Services	10,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Heating-Garage-Fire House	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Insurances	64,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Computer Maintenance	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Hall Operating Expenses	10,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Hall Emergency Wiring	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Office Machine Maintenance	1,400.00	Recommended	Recommended
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	2,100.00	Recommended	Recommended
Council on Aging	3,000.00	Recommended	Recommended

Recreation Association	5,100.00	Recommended	Recommended
Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,350.00	Recommended	Recommended
Youth Center Maintenance	350.00	Recommended	Recommended
Youth Ctr. Furnace Service Contract	300.00	Recommended	Recommended
Community Day	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Historical Commission	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
County Retirement	30,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Social Security & Medicare	4,612.50	Recommended	Recommended
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	990.08	Recommended	Recommended
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Wide Mowing	14,850.00	Recommended	Recommended
Centrex Telephone	5,752.80	Recommended	Recommended
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$2,412,008.49			

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve a bylaw to establish, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 106B, a Capital Improvement and Long Range Planning Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Article 49. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement and Long Range Planning Committee, composed of seven (7) registered voters of the town and one member of the Finance Committee. Each member shall serve a term of one year (to coincide with the fiscal year). The Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, or chief administrative official shall be an ex-officio committee staff member without the right to vote. The committee shall choose its own officers.

The Committee shall study proposed capital projects, improvements and long range planning projects involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which:

- Are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years;
- Have a useful life of at least five years;
- Cost over \$5,000;
- Are listed in the town's strategic planning documents.

All officers, boards and committees, including the Selectmen shall by December 31 of each year, give to the committee on forms prepared by it, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing six year period. The committee shall consider the relative need, merit, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and of items of strategic long range planning and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town. No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the Committee's report, or the committee shall first have submitted a report to the Board of Selectmen explaining the omission.

The committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Budget for the next fiscal year, and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following five fis-

cal years. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration and approval. The Board shall submit its approved Capital Budget to the Annual Town Meeting for adoption by the Town.

Such Capital Improvement Program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums from departmental budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the town through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years, or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five years in the future.

The committee's report and the Selectmen's recommendations shall be published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the Finance Committee report. The Committee shall deposit its original report with the Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$95,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the Town Budget for the purpose of reducing the tax rate, or take any other action thereon.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,450 in order to accept a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Lake and Pond Grant in the same amount for a total of \$12,900 to be used to control the spread of the non-native nuisance aquatic plant, Eurasian Milfoil at Plunkett Reservoir, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$64,693.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

\$ 1,000.00	Salary of the Sewer Administrator
\$37,000.00	Sewer Department Operating Expenses
\$16,693.00	Payment of Fiscal Year 2000 Sewer debt obligations
\$ 2,000.00	Sewer Maintenance
\$ 2,000.00	Sewer Department wages
\$ 6,000.00	Sewer Phase III Administration

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$195,802.33 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses from available funds, "Water Rents", or take any other action thereon.

\$ 1,000.00	Salary of Water Administrator
\$ 1,360.00	Water Department Administration Expense
\$ 30,900.00	Water Department Operating Expense

\$ 22,000.00 Water Department Wages

\$140,542.33 Water Bond Payments

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$930.00 from available fund "Small Cities" into the Selectmen's Expense account to reimburse the Selectmen for the "Welcome to Hinsdale" sign, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,550.00 from available fund "Small Cities" into the Business and Downtown Development Account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

***NOTE:** The following articles are for Fiscal Year 1999

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,400.00 from the Fiscal Year 1999 "Town Insurances" account to the Fiscal Year 1999 "Town Hall Operating Expense" account in order to pay for costs incurred when a Town Hall work stop order was issued, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,858.83 for Fiscal Year 1999 winter roads maintenance and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$24,858.83 from Certified Free Cash into the Winter Roads Maintenance account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,603.98 for Fiscal Year 1999 winter road wages and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$2,603.98 from Certified Free Cash into the Winter Road Wages account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the Fiscal Year 1999 Assessors' Salaries account to the Fiscal Year 1999 Revaluation account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to carry forward the Fiscal Year 1999 Cemetery Expansion account in the sum of \$18,000.00 to the Fiscal Year 2000 budget, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to carry forward the Fiscal Year 1999 Plunkett Lake Dam account in the sum of \$17,052.19 to the Fiscal Year 2000

budget, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,577.30 for short term interest, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$75,577.30 from Certified Free Cash into the Short Term Interest account, or take any other action thereon.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 21: To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

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

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale, qualified by law to vote in the Elections, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street on Saturday, May 22, 1998 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 21 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 14th day of April, 1999

Respectfully Submitted,

HINSDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BRUCE MARSHALL
JOHN GENZABELLA
DAVID QUAIL

RETURN OF SERVICE
TOWN OF HINSDALE
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:

Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1997 -June 30, 1998

Cash on Hand July 1, 1997:

General	\$ 463,281.79
Petty	265.00
Sewer	186,644.18
Water	352,098.53
Trust	451,615.47

\$1,453,904.97

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Current year:

Personal Property	114,515.67
Real Estate	1,445,855.71

1,560,371.38

Previous years:

Personal Property	568.76
Real Estate	44,784.35

45,353.11

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current year	98,294.15
Previous years	40,645.20

138,939.35

Tax Titles

8,700.43

Roll Back Tax

984.00

Schools:

School Aid Chapter 70	33,772.00
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation	1,162.00

34,934.00

Temporary Loans:

Sewer Project	841,000.00
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Agency:

Group Insurance	311.41
Dog Licenses	1,037.75

1,349.16

Grants & Gifts:

Library Grant	2,437.60
STRAP Grant Interest	561.25
Arts Lottery Grant	3,288.95
Council on Aging - State	2,000.00
Police Vest Grant	1,995.00
DARE Grant	6,040.93
Community Policing Grant	11,012.00
Ashmere Lake Cleanup Grant	10,000.00
Water Rehab-Lower Main St.	500,000.00

537,335.73

Miscellaneous:

Abated Real Estate Taxes	25.85
Plumbing Insp. Fees Revolving	577.00
Electrical Insp. Fees Revolving	940.00
Grave Openings	1,125.00
Conservation Comm. Revolving	240.00
Tax Collector's Costs	4,967.00
Town Clerk's Fees	1,171.25
Deputy Collector Fees	688.00
Police Outside Detail	9,553.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	400.00
Sm Cities Reg. Housing Rehab	1,579.74
Dog Refund	446.17
Interest on Property Taxes	12,258.26
Interest on Excise Taxes	2,899.14
Interest on Tax Titles	3,504.55
In Lieu of Taxes	4,284.80
Garbage/Trash Charges	32,360.50
Municipal Liens	2,075.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	720.00
Liquor Licenses	900.00
Board of Appeals Permits & Fees	530.00
Board of Health Permits	1,277.50
Conservation Permits & Fees	552.71
Fire Dept. Permits	759.00
Gas Inspectors Permits	400.00
Mobile Home Permits	5,280.00
Planning Board Permits	100.00
Plumbing Permits	10.00
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	368.00
Zoning Board Permits	390.00
Town Licenses	638.00
Copier Receipts	33.75
Abatements to Surviving Spouses	175.00
Abatements to the Blind	350.00
Elderly Abatements	7,530.00
Veterans Benefits	13,159.31
Lottery	162,071.00
Highway Fund	34,040.00
Court Fines	31,405.50
State Owned Land	11,407.00
Interest on Savings	18,111.38
Interest on Water Rehab	233.46
Interest on Sewer Project	736.85
Misc. Revenues N.O.C.	153.70
Sale of Town Property	1,533.50
Refunds Net of Expenditures	154.25

372,115.67

Sewer:

Sewer Use Fees	45,556.58
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	6,880.00

Sewer Betterments	1,504.86	
Interest on Sewer Taxes	154.21	
Interest on Savings	8,628.81	62,724.46
Water:		
Water Rents	143,180.24	
Water Liens	14,355.00	
Misc.	2,679.44	
Installation Fee	500.00	
Interest of Savings	11,262.13	171,976.81
Transfer from other Funds		180,050.00
Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		27,589.71
Warrants Payable		<u>66,646.83</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		<u>\$5,503,975.61</u>
Summary:		
Cash on Hand 7/1/97	\$1,453,904.97	
General Fund Revenue	3,541,082.83	
Sewer Dept. Revenue	62,724.46	
Water Dept. Revenue	171,976.81	
Trust Fund Revenue	27,589.71	
Transfers Other Funds	180,050.00	
Warrants Payable	<u>66,646.83</u>	
	\$5,503,975.61	
Summary:		
Expenditures:		
General Fund	2,221,217.19	
Sewer	53,051.07	
Water	167,977.14	2,442,245.40
Transfers to other Funds:		
General	150,720.00	
Water	30,050.00	180,770.00
Warrants Payable prior year:		
General	14,730.05	
Water	3,420.40	18,150.45
Cash on Hand 6/30/98		
General	1,712,658.68	
Petty	265.00	
Sewer	196,317.57	
Water	324,363.33	
Trust	629,205.18	2,862,809.76
		5,503,975.61

Miscellaneous Expenditures		
Personal Property Refunds	46.78	
Real Estate Refunds	20,838.34	
Motor Vehicle Refunds	2,794.58	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	154.25	
Group Insurance	311.41	
Tax Collectors Cost	5,234.00	
Clerk Fees	1,213.00	
Deputy Clerk Fees	592.00	
Dog Licenses	1,037.75	
State Aid to Libraries	3,058.63	
Septic System Repair	2,304.00	
Water Rehab Grant	34,507.43	
Arts Lottery	2,532.00	
Council on Aging-State	1,412.00	
Police Vests	1,995.00	
DARE Grant	5,925.57	
Community Policing Grant	10,720.05	
Grave Openings	1,125.00	
Plumbing Insp. Fees	511.00	
Electrical Insp. Fees	940.00	
Police Outside Detail	9,553.50	
Mosquito Control Assmnt.	7,118.00	
Air Pollution Assmnt.	444.00	
STRAP Assessment	5,625.00	
Reg. Transit Authority Assmnt.	3,744.00	
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	1,680.00	
County Tax	13,728.44	
TOTAL		139,145.73

Reserve Fund Transfers

7/1/97 - 6/30/98

Appropriation	12,000.00	
Police Dept. Expenses	5,275.52	
Selectmens Expenses	657.28	
Dog Officers Expenses	150.00	
Bd. of Appeals Exp.	251.00	
Town Waste Disposal	3,244.71	
Conservation Commission	250.00	
Assessors Expenses	111.77	
		9,940.28
Unexpended Balance		<u>2,059.72</u>
		12,000.00

Balance Sheet -06/30/98
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:

CASH:

General Cash	\$1,712,658.68	
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	196,317.57	
Water Cash	<u>324,363.33</u>	
TOTAL CASH:		\$2,233,604.58

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop. Taxes F1987	83.54	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1992	18.72	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1993	12.62	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1994	60.76	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1995	146.24	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1996	45.99	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1997	89.28	
Personal Prop. Taxes F1998	<u>358.39</u>	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		815.54

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	71.16
Real Estate Taxes F1980	70.49
Real Estate Taxes F1981	83.46
Real Estate Taxes F1982	131.58
Real Estate Taxes F1983	1,707.37
Real Estate Taxes F1984	138.70
Real Estate Taxes F1985	116.80
Real Estate Taxes F1986	114.62
Real Estate Taxes F1987	129.40
Real Estate Taxes F1988	348.22
Real Estate Taxes F1989	1,047.81
Real Estate Taxes F1990	1,436.78
Real Estate Taxes F1991	1,767.76
Real Estate Taxes F1992	3,011.49
Real Estate Taxes F1993	6,090.42
Real Estate Taxes F1994	4,688.54

Real Estate Taxes F1995	10,591.42	
Real Estate Taxes F1996	9,507.90	
Real Estate Taxes F1997	11,923.68	
Real Estate Taxes F1998	<u>62,563.33</u>	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES		116,154.70
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		
Motor Vehicle Ex F1981	1,527.19	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1982	994.52	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1983	989.24	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1984	1,031.45	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1985	1,004.95	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1986	2,325.60	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1987	1,143.08	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1988	3,014.36	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1989	3,242.30	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1990	4,455.69	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1991	4,114.93	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1992	3,250.11	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1993	2,424.85	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1994	2,719.81	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1995	3,936.08	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1996	4,498.65	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1997	5,873.63	
Motor Vehicle Ex F1998	<u>23,325.76</u>	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		69,872.20
WATER RENTS & LIENS		
Water Liens	25,231.89	
Water Rents	<u>47,515.38</u>	
TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS		72,747.27
SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	13,761.38	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	444.20	
Sewer Betterments	4,353.13	
Betterments Added to Taxes	<u>1,366.73</u>	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		19,925.44
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	108,215.78	
Tax Possessions	<u>2,728.96</u>	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		110,944.74
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
State Aid-Hwy Chapter 85B	28,104.51	
State Aid to Hwy Chapter 113	<u>254,660.00</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		282,764.51
LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authorized-Sewer	5,290,000.00	
Loans Authorized - Twn Hall	320,000.00	
Loans Authorized-Water Pol Prj	<u>200,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		5,810,000.00

DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		
Due from Stabilization Fund	<u>438,089.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		438,089.00
AGENCY		
Town Clerk Fees	<u>78.75</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY		78.75
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	<u>1,680.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		1,680.00
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1989	<u>14.66</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		<u>14.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$9,156,691.39</u>

Balance Sheet - 06/30/98

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES:

REVENUE		
Revenue Fiscal F1999	<u>685,919.57</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		685,919.57
TEMPORARY LOANS		
Temporary Loan - Sewer Proj.	<u>841,000.00</u>	
TOTAL TEMPORARY LOANS		841,000.00
AGENCY		
Tax Collector Costs	266.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	<u>96.00</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY		362.00
GIFTS & BEQUESTS		
Cemetery Memorial	60.00	
Historical Gift	<u>76.50</u>	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		136.50
GRANTS		
St. Aid to Libraries	677.46	
Septic System Repair Grant	15,696.00	
Water Rehab-Lower Main St.	465,492.57	
STRAP Grant	12,684.50	
Arts Lottery Grant	4,492.66	
Council on Aging - State	876.38	
DARE Grant	163.54	
Underground Cleanup Grant	2,879.22	
Ashmere Lake Cleanup Grant	10,000.00	
Capital Project -Sewer	<u>30,059.84</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS		543,022.17

53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		
Plumbing Insp. Revolving	<u>66.00</u>	
TOTAL 53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		66.00
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Conservation Revolving	<u>247.50</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		247.50
LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		
Loans Authorized Unissued	<u>5,810,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		5,810,000.00
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
Mosquito Control	9.00	
Reg. Transit Authority	<u>842.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		851.00
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	5,847.00	
Sm Cities Reg. Housing Rehab	4,636.24	
Sewer Receipts Reserved	103,564.73	
Water Surplus	<u>149,847.40</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.		263,895.37
OVERLAYS RES. FOR ABATE		
Overlay F67-F82	1,033.96	
Overlay F1983	1,726.39	
Overlay F1984	157.70	
Overlay F1985	116.80	
Overlay F1986	194.70	
Overlay F1987	212.94	
Overlay F1990	2,206.38	
Overlay F1991	2,648.26	
Overlay F1992	3,453.54	
Overlay F1993	9,069.30	
Overlay F1994	7,198.83	
Overlay F1995	13,615.53	
Overlay F1996	17,468.91	
Overlay F1997	14,415.23	
Overlay F1998	<u>21,787.25</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		95,305.72
REVENUE RESERVED		
Petty Cash Revenue	265.00	
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	110,944.74	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	69,872.20	
Sewer Usage Revenue	14,205.58	
Sewer Betterments Revenue	5,719.86	
Water Rents & Liens Rev.	<u>72,747.27</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED		273,754.65
WARRANTS PAYABLE		
Warrants Payable	64,911.30	
Warrants Payable Water	<u>1,735.53</u>	
TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE		66,646.83

SURPLUS REVENUE		
Surplus Revenue	<u>235,099.93</u>	
TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE		235,099.93

APPROPRIATION BALANCES		
Tax Title Expenses	5,177.08	
Highway Chapter 85	28,104.51	
Highway Chapter 113	127,330.00	
Highway Chapter 113B	127,330.00	
Vacations & Paid Holidays	1,291.26	
Bridges	6,000.00	
Street Signs	250.00	
Sand Truck Chains	4,000.00	
Grab Thumb	2,200.00	
Plunkett Lake Dam	17,252.19	
Cemetery Expansion Project	18,000.00	
Water System Rehab-Town	738.82	
Town Hall Steering Com Ex	455.29	
Youth Center Oil Tank	1,555.00	
Community Day	500.00	
Historical Commission	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		<u>340,384.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$9,156,691.39

Balance Sheet - 06/30/98

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	629,205.18	
Stabilization		191,116.18
Due to General Fund		<u>438,089.00</u>
	629,205.18	629,205.18

Balance Sheet 06/30/98

DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	200,440.00	
Fire House Loan		10,760.00
Fire Truck Loan		<u>189,680.00</u>
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LOANS	<u>200,440.00</u>	<u>200,440.00</u>
Outside Debt Limit	1,836,638.26	
Sewer		43,779.75
Sewer		25,057.00
Water Rehab		<u>1,767,801.51</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>1,836,638.26</u>	<u>1,836,638.26</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT:	<u>2,037,078.26</u>	<u>2,037,078.26</u>

Appropriations -Fiscal Year 1999

Code	Appropriation	FY1999 TOTAL	FY2000 PROPOSED	Change FY99/FY00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
10111.00	Legal Counsel	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
10114.00	Moderator	40.00	40.00	0.00
10122.00	Selectmen's Salaries	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
10122.01	Selectmen's Expense	2,200.00	1,816.00	(384.00)
10129.00	Administrative Assistant Salary	30,000.00	30,600.00	600.00
10129.01	Administrative Assistant Expense	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
10129.04	Administrative Assistant Computer	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
10131.00	Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
10141.00	Assessors Salaries	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
10141.01	Assessors Expense	8,700.00	5,916.00	(2,784.00)
10141.02	Asst. Assessor Salary	30,000.00	31,200.00	1,200.00
10141.04	MVE Bills	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
10142.00	Revaluation	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
10145.00	Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,121.00	19,694.63	573.63
10145.01	Treasurer/Collector Expense	4,800.00	5,084.00	284.00
10145.03	Bank Charges	200.00	200.00	0.00
10145.06	Tax Title Expense	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	T/C CAMA System		2,900.00	2,900.00
10161.00	Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
10161.01	Town Clerk's Expense	800.00	652.00	(148.00)
10161.04	Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
10162.00	Election Officers	2,700.00	1,200.00	(1,500.00)
10163.00	Board of Registrars	1,700.00	1,300.00	(400.00)
10165.00	Licensing Board Expense	88.00	88.00	0.00
10171.00	Conservation Commission	800.00	1,374.00	574.00
	Clemson Leveler		700.00	700.00
10175.00	Planning Board Expense	350.00	350.00	0.00
10176.00	Appeals Board Expense	600.00	600.00	0.00
HIGHWAYS				
	Highway CH. 11	123,755.00	0.00	(123,755.00)
20420.00	Summer Road Wages	38,250.00	39,206.25	956.25
20421.00	Highway Admin.	1,000.00	700.00	(300.00)
20421.01	Vacations & Paid Holidays	9,800.00	9,800.00	0.00
20422.00	Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
20422.02	Summer Roads Maintenance	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
20422.03	Town Garage Maint.	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
20422.04	Road Machinery Maint.	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
20422.06	Street Signs	250.00	250.00	0.00
20422.08	Hwy. Dept. Chains for Trucks	0.00	0.00	0.00
20422.12	Hwy. Dept. Backhoe Thumb	0.00	0.00	0.00
20422.20	Plunkett Lake Dam	0.00	0.00	0.00
20422.22	Hwy .Dept. Uniforms	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
20423.00	Winter Roads Maint.	38,750.00	38,750.00	0.00
20423.01	Winter Roads Wages	32,500.00	33,312.50	812.50
20424.00	Street Lights	10,700.00	11,770.00	1,070.00
	New Plow		5,000.00	5,000.00

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

30000.01	C.B.R.S.D. Operating	1,192,070.00	1,230,248.00	38,178.00
30000.02	C.B.R.S.D. Capital	280,975.00	251,145.00	(29,830.00)
30000.03	Vocational Tuition	44,945.80	71,746.40	26,800.60
30000.04	Vocational Transp.	21,420.00	32,490.00	11,070.00
30610.00	Library Director's Salary	10,453.04	11,954.21	1,501.17
30610.01	Assistants Salary	2,713.50	4,550.00	1,836.50
30610.04	Library Expenses	8,245.46	8,621.00	375.54

VETERANS

40543.00	Veterans Agent Salary	800.00	800.00	0.00
	Veterans Agent Expenses		500.00	500.00
40543.02	Veterans Aid	14,010.00	0.00	(14,010.00)
40543.04	Memorial Day Observation	700.00	700.00	0.00
40543.05	War Memorial	300.00	300.00	0.00

CEMETERIES

50491.00	Cemetery	12,000.00	1,000.00	(11,000.00)
50491.02	Cemetery Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY

60210.00	Police Chief's Salary	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00
60210.02	Police Department	38,685.00	38,685.00	0.00
60210.04	Crossing Guards	2,590.00	2,590.00	0.00
60210.16	COPS - Salary	22,000.00	22,550.00	550.00
60210.18	COPS-Academy Tuition	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)
60210.22	COPS - Benefits	9,354.00	7,519.32	(1,834.68)
60212.00	Dalton Communication	8,152.00	8,610.00	458.00
	Berk. Cty Sherriff Communication	500.00	500.00	0.00
60220.00	Fire Chief's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
60220.01	1st. Asst. Chief's Salary	800.00	800.00	0.00
60220.02	2st. Asst. Chief's Salary	600.00	600.00	0.00
60220.04	Fire Dept. Expense	22,132.00	21,832.00	(300.00)
60241.00	Building Inspector Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
60241.01	Building Inspector Expense	264.00	300.00	36.00
60242.00	Building Insp. Education	600.00	600.00	0.00
60242.00	Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	0.00
60291.00	Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
	Compressor		4,500.00	4,500.00
60292.00	Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
60292.01	Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
60294.00	Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
60294.01	Tree Warden Assistants		1,000.00	1,000.00
60294.02	Tree Warden's Expense	5,352.00	5,352.00	0.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

70100.00	Ashmere Lake Cleanup	10,000.00	5,550.00	(4,450.00)
	Plunkett Lake Cleanup		6,450.00	6,450.00
70231.00	24-Hour Ambulance	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
70249.00	Animal Inspector	200.00	200.00	0.00
70431.00	Town Waste Disposal Wages	7,939.00	8,138.00	199.00
70431.01	Town Waste Disposal	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
70431.04	No. Berkshire Waste District	2,351.00	2,350.80	(0.20)
70510.00	Health Inspector's Salary	500.00	500.00	0.00
70522.00	Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,025.00	2,085.00	60.00
70522.01	Health Board Expense	625.00	625.00	0.00

DEBT & INTEREST

80710.02	Fire House Loan (Principal)	5,918.00	5,380.00	(538.00)
80710.04	Fire Truck Loan (Principal)	9,681.00	10,165.05	484.05
80751.00	Interest Long Term Debt	9,484.00	9,268.95	(215.05)
80752.00	Interest Short Term Debt	2,500.00	5,500.00	3,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

90100.00	Audit	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
90122.00	Accounting Services	7,420.00	10,000.00	2,580.00
90192.00	Heating-Garage-Fire House	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
90192.01	Town Insurance	71,400.00	64,000.00	(7,400.00)
90192.02	Computer Maint.	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
90192.04	Town Hall Operating Expense	5,037.00	10,000.00	4,963.00
	Town Hall Emergency Wiring		1,200.00	1,200.00
90192.10	Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
90192.12	Office Machine Maint.	1,200.00	1,400.00	200.00
90195.00	Printing/Del.Town reports	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
90541.00	Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
90630.00	Recreation Assn.	6,000.00	5,100.00	(900.00)
90630.02	Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
90630.04	Youth Center Maint.	350.00	350.00	0.00
90630.06	Youth Ctr. Furnace Service Agreement	300.00	300.00	0.00
90630.07	Youth Center Oil Tank Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00
90630.08	Open Space Recreation Plan	3,500.00	0.00	(3,500.00)
90630.12	Community Day	500.00	500.00	0.00
90650.00	Baseball Field/Town Green Mowing	1,300.00	0.00	(1,300.00)
90691.00	Historical Comm.	200.00	200.00	0.00
90911.00	County Retirement	23,976.00	30,500.00	6,524.00
90916.00	Social Security & Medicare	4,500.00	4,612.50	112.50
90919.00	Town Insurance Dental	1,980.00	0.00	(1,980.00)
95690.00	Berkshire Cty. Reg. Planning Comm.	965.98	990.08	24.10
95781.00	Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
	Town Wide Mowing		14,850.00	14,850.00
	Centrex Telephone		5,752.80	5,752.80

CAPITAL PROJECTS

New Town Hall	350,000.00	0	(350,000.00)
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SEWER

300060.00	Sewer Administrator	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
300060.01	Sewer Operating Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
300060.02	Sewer Loan	16,693.00	16,693.00	0.00
300060.03	Sewer Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
300060.06	Sewer Dept. Wages	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
300075.00	Sewer Phase III Expenses	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00

WATER

400060.01	Water Dept. Administrator Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
400060.02	Water Dept. Administration Expense	1,700.00	1,360.00	(340.00)
400060.05	Water Dept. Operating Expense	30,900.00	30,900.00	0.00
400060.06	Water Dept. Wages	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
400060.12	Water Bond Payments	117,180.40	140,542.33	23,361.93

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	3,058,291.18	2,673,579.82	(389,711.36)
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LOCAL RECEIPTS

	FY1997 Actual	FY1998 Estimated	FY1998 Actual	FY1999 Estimated	FY2000 Proposed
Local Receipts					
1. Motor Vehicle Excise	\$129,928.00	\$130,000.00	\$136,145.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
2. Other Excise			984.00		
3. Penalties/Interest	25,316.00	25,300.00	18,662.00	18,000.00	19,000.00
4. In Lieu of Taxes	4,311.00	4,300.00	4,285.00	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	26,940.00	30,000.00	32,361.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
9. Other Charges for Services					
10. Fees	2,810.00	3,000.00	2,983.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
11. Rentals					
12. Departmental Rev. Schools					
13. Departmental Rev. Libraries					
14. Departmental Rev. Cemeteries					
15. Departmental Rev. Recreation					
16. Other Departmental Revenue					
17. Licenses and Permits	9,618.00	10,000.00	11,205.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
18. Special Assessments					
19. Fines and Forfeits	15,385.00	15,300.00	31,406.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
20. Investment Income	14,381.00	14,500.00	19,082.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
21. Misc. Recurring	250.00	300.00			
TOTALS	\$231,939.00	\$232,700.00	\$257,113.00	\$259,000.00	\$260,000.00

CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

School Aid Chapter 70	\$ 33,622.00	\$ 33,772.00		\$ 34,172.00	\$ 34,802.00
School Transportation	1,502.00	1,186.00		1,029.00	1,029.00
Lottery, Beano Charity Games	130,723.00	147,895.00		163,007.00	182,464.00
Additional Assistance					

	FY1997 Actual	FY1998 Estimated	FY1998 Actual	FY1999 Estimated	FY2000 Proposed
Highway Fund CH. 81	34,042.00	34,042.00		34,042.00	34,042.00
Regional Public Libraries					
Police Career Incentive					
Veterans' Benefits	12,793.00	7,708.00		6,490.00	6,490.00
Exemptions: Vets Blind, Surv.	1,465.00	1,313.00		2,938.00	2,938.00
Exemptions: Elderly, Cl.41 B,C.	8,913.00	7,519.00		7,530.00	7,530.00
State owned land	9,041.00	11,407.00		13,589.00	14,000.00
Municipal Stabilization Aid					
Public Libraries "Offset"	2,511.00	2,549.00		2,306.00	2,306.00
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET RECEIPTS	\$234,612.00	\$247,391.00		\$265,103.00	\$285,579.00
CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED CHARGES					
County Assessment		\$ 13,728.00		\$ 14,072.00	\$ 14,072.00
Mosquito Control		7,127.00		7,112.00	7,112.00
Air Pollution Districts		444.00		436.00	436.00
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge					
(underestimate)		1,280.00		1,680.00	1,680.00
Regional Transit		4,586.00		3,838.00	3,838.00
STRAP Repayment		5,625.00			
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,790.00		\$ 27,138.00	\$ 27,138.00
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET OVERESTIMATES					
Mosquito Control				9.00	10.00
Regional Transit				842.00	850.00
TOTAL CHERRY SHEET OVERESTIMATES				\$ 851.00	\$ 860.00

	FY1998 Adopted Per Recap	FY1999 Proposed	FY 2000 Proposed
I. REVENUES			
A. Taxation			
1. FY99 Levy Limit Base	\$1,698,707.00	\$1,757,932.00	\$1,829,959.00
2. FY98 Amended Growth			
3. (line 1 + line 2) x 2.5%	42,468.00	43,948.00	45,749.00
4. FY99 New Growth	16,757.00	28,079.00	20,000.00
5. FY99 Override			
6. FY99 Debt/Capital Exclusion		263,336.00	262,125.00
7. FY99 Other			
TOTAL REVENUE: TAXATION	1,757,932.00	2,093,295.00	2,157,833.00
B. NON-TAXATION			
1.a. State Aid Cherry Sheet	247,391.00	265,103.00	285,579.00
b. Cherry Sheet Prior Year Over Assessment	1,555.00	851.00	860.00
2. Local Receipts Not Allocated	232,700.00	259,000.00	260,000.00
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	20,000.00
7. Stabilization Fund Appropriated			
- Town Offices		350,000.00	
a. Stabilization Fund Appropriated to Reduce Rate		75,000.00	95,000.00
8. Overlay Surplus Appropriated			
9. Other Available Funds Approp.			
a. Chapter 11	127,330.00	123,755.00	
b. County Dog Refund	287.37	446.17	445.00
c. Sale of Lots	18,000.00		
d. Sewer	42,000.00	62,693.00	62,693.00
e. Water	172,931.86	172,780.40	172,780.00
f. Addl. Lottery		18,857.00	
g. Small Cities		2,300.00	
10. Deferral of Teacher's Pay			
11. Other Accounts To Reduce Rate			
TOTAL REVENUE: NON-TAXATION	1,139,323.23	1,355,785.57	897,357.00
TOTAL REVENUE	2,897,255.23	3,449,080.57	3,055,190.00
II. EXPENDITURES			
A. Appropriations			
1. Gross Appropriations (see Cert. of Appropriations, total col. a)	2,809,315.46	3,058,291.18	2,672,503.82
B. Other Amounts to be Raised			
1. Tax Title/Debt and Interest			
2. Final Court Judgements			
3. Overlay/Revenue/Offset Deficits	6,782.82	14.66	

4. Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,549.00	2,306.00	2,306.00
5. Authorized Deferral of Teacher's Pay			
6. Overdrawn or Unprovided for Accounts	1,606.38		
7. Other			
8. State and County Charges	32,790.00	27,138.00	27,138.00
9. Overlay	40,023.14	40,824.41	40,824.41
TOTAL OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	83,751.34	70,283.07	70,268.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,809,315.00	3,128,574.25	2,742,772.23
RECONCILIATION			
TOTAL REVENUE	2,897,255.23	3,449,080.57	3,055,190.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,809,315.00	3,128,574.25	2,742,772.23
EXCESS CAPACITY OR (DEFICIT)	87,940.23	320,506.32	312,417.77
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	108,678,100.00	109,431,400.00	109,431,400.00
TAX LEVY	1,669,991.77	1,772,788.68	1,845,415.23
TAX RATE	15.37	16.20	16.86

FY98 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	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 200.00
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	657.28	3,057.28	3,057.28	
FY 97 Selectmens Exp. (10122.02)	40.60			40.60	40.60	
Administrative Assistant (10129.00)		23,024.00	3,000.00	26,024.00	21,684.64	4,339.36
Administrative Asst. Exp. (10129.01)		1,350.00		1,350.00	1,350.00	
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		900.00		900.00	190.00	710.00
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,800.00	1,200.00
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		4,500.00	111.77	4,611.77	4,611.77	
Asst. Assessors Sala (10141.02)		30,000.00		30,000.00	28,846.25	1,153.75
FY 97 Assessors Exp. (10141.03)	883.31		26.69	910.00	910.00	
Motor Vehicle Ex Billing (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Maps (10141.06)			1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Revaluation (10142.00)	320.00	5,000.00		5,320.00	5,320.00	
Treas./Collector Salary (10145.00)		18,564.00		18,564.00	18,564.00	
Treas./Collectors Exp. (10145.01)		4,991.00		4,991.00	4,991.00	
Bank Charges (10145.03)		300.00		300.00	72.00	228.00
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)	5,734.10	2,000.00		7,734.10	2,557.02	5,177.08
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	798.04	201.96
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)	200.00	2,000.00		2,200.00	2,200.00	
Election Officers & Ba. (10162.00)		1,200.00		1,200.00	892.87	307.13
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,306.17	193.83
Licensing Board Expenses (10165.00)		88.00		88.00	8.00	80.00
Conservation Commission (10171.00)		800.00	250.00	1,050.00	764.24	285.76
FY 97 Conservation Co. (10171.01)	40.00		30.45	70.45	69.73	0.72
Planning Board Expense (10175.00)		350.00		350.00	181.05	168.95
FY 97 Planning Bd. Exp. (10175.01)	8.00			8.00	8.00	

Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)		600.00	251.00	851.00	774.73	76.27
Civil Defense (10291.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,989.94	10.06
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	7,226.01	122,307.00	5,527.19	135,060.20	120,727.33	14,332.87

HIGHWAYS

Highway Chapter 85 (20100.00)	28,104.51			28,104.51		28,104.51
Highway Chapter 113 (20102.00)	127,330.00			127,330.00		127,330.00
Highway Chapter 113B (20104.00)			127,330.00	127,330.00		127,330.00
Summer Maintenance (20133.00)		33,300.00		33,300.00	32,655.50	644.50
FY97 Summer Maint. (20133.01)	5,367.79			5,367.79	5,242.50	125.29
Non Winter Road Wage (20420.00)		37,000.00		37,000.00	36,731.69	268.31
Highway Administration (20421.00)		750.00		750.00	727.57	22.43
Vacations & Paid Holidays (20421.01)		9,784.00		9,784.00	8,492.74	1,291.26
Vacations & Paid Hol. F (20421.02)	304.93			304.93		304.93
Bridges (20422.00)	4,500.00	1,500.00		6,000.00		6,000.00
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,574.39	425.61
Road Machinery Maint. (20422.04)		22,800.00		22,800.00	22,510.38	289.62
Street Signs (20422.06)		250.00		250.00		250.00
Sand Truck Chains (20422.08)			4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
Grab Thumb (20422.12)			2,200.00	2,200.00		2,200.00
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	1,119.56	80.44
Hwy Dept. Garage Door (20422.24)		3,500.00		3,500.00	2,405.00	1,095.00
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)		36,250.00	9,674.00	45,924.00	45,923.62	0.38
Winter Road Wages (20423.01)		30,000.00	3,415.00	33,415.00	33,414.90	0.10
Street Lights (20424.00)		10,600.00		10,600.00	10,393.66	206.34
BC Surveying Dept. (20460.00)	200.00			200.00		200.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	183,059.42	189,934.00	146,619.00	519,612.42	202,191.51	317,420.91

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)		1,153,362.00		1,153,362.00	1,153,362.00	
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)	138,074.00	138,074.00		138,074.00	138,074.00	
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)		45,640.00		45,640.00	29,503.21	16,136.79
Vocational Transport (30000.04)		7,200.00		7,200.00	7,200.00	
Library Director's S (30610.00)		9,089.60		9,089.60	9,089.60	
Library Expenses (30610.01)		6,071.00		6,071.00	6,070.07	0.93
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES	0.00	1,359,436.60	0.00	1,359,436.60	1,343,298.88	16,137.72

VETERANS

Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Veterans Aid (40543.02)		14,010.00		14,010.00	5,460.00	8,550.00
Memorial Day Observ (40543.04)		700.00		700.00	522.00	178.00
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00	254.75	45.25
TOTAL VETERANS	0.00	15,810.00	0.00	15,810.00	7,036.75	8,773.25

CEMETERIES

Cemetery (50491.00)		12,000.00		12,000.00	11,480.00	520.00
FY97 Cemetery (50491.01)	900.00			900.00	900.00	
Cemetery Expansion P. (50491.02)		18,000.00		18,000.00		18,000.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	900.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,900.00	12,380.00	18,520.00

PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,999.96	0.04
FY Police Department (60210.01)	79.85		112.54	192.39	192.39	
Police Department (60210.02)		36,115.00	5,575.52	41,690.52	41,690.52	
Dalton Communication (60212.00)		8,000.00		8,000.00	6,445.83	1,554.17
FY97 Dalton Comm. (60212.01)	3,920.59			3,920.59	3,021.73	898.86
Cnty. Sherriif'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	21,976.76	23.24
Forest Fires (60220.06)		132.00		132.00	132.00	
Fire Dept. Hlth Scree (60220.07)		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,200.00	300.00
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	
Emergency Management (60291.00)			600.00	600.00	575.90	24.10
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)		500.00	150.00	650.00	607.02	42.98
Tree Wardens Expense (60294.02)		5,352.00		5,352.00	5,348.37	3.63
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROP:	4,000.44	87,463.00	6,438.06	97,901.50	94,790.48	3,111.02
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	116.67	83.33
Town Waste Dis Wage (70431.00)		7,707.00		7,707.00	7,706.40	0.60
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)		70,000.00	3,244.71	73,244.71	73,244.71	
FY97 Town Waste Disp. (70431.02)	832.75		185.88	1,018.63	1,018.63	
No. Berkshire Waste (70431.04)		2,351.00		2,351.00	2,350.80	0.20
Soil Contamination E (70439.00)	14,639.26			14,639.26	14,535.15	104.11
Water System Rehab-T (70450.03)	11,575.71		30,050.00	41,625.71	40,886.89	738.82
Health Inspectors Sa (70510.00)		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00)		2,025.50		2,025.50	2,025.48	0.02
Health Board Exp (70522.01)		625.00		625.00	585.82	39.18
FY 97 Health Bd Expen (70522.02)	35.19			35.19	35.19	
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	27,082.91	89,408.50	33,480.59	149,972.00	149,005.74	966.26

DEBT & INTEREST

Fire House Loan (80710.02)	5,380.00		5,380.00	5,380.00	
Fire Truck Loan (80710.04)	9,220.00		9,220.00	9,200.00	
Int. Long-Term Debt (80751.00)	10,752.00		10,752.00	10,752.00	
Int. Short-Term Debt (80752.00)	2,500.00		2,500.00	6.50	2,493.50
FY97 Interest Short (80752.01)	(1,606.38)	1,606.38			
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	(1,606.38)	27,852.00	1,606.38	27,852.00	25,358.50
					2,493.50

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

Audit (90100.00)	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,925.00	75.00
Accounting Services (90122.00)	7,320.00		7,320.00	7,320.00	
Heating-Garage & Frh (90192.00)	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,656.88	1,343.12
Town Insurances (90192.01)	62,000.00	6,000.00	68,000.00	52,022.81	15,977.19
Computer Maint (90192.02)	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Computer (90192.06)	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Town Hall Steer Com (90192.08)	3,828.37		3,828.37	3,373.08	455.29
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Po (90192.10)	11,500.00		11,500.00	9,548.38	1,951.62
Printing/Del. Town Re (90195.00)	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,084.00	16.00
Council on Aging (90541.00)	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Recreation Association (90630.00)	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,407.56	592.44
FY 97 Sports/Rec Comm (90630.01)	875.00		875.00	875.00	
Sports/Recreation Co (90630.02)	2,350.00		2,350.00	2,346.37	3.63
Youth Center Mainten (90630.04)	350.00		350.00	300.00	50.00
Youth Center Service (90630.06)	300.00		300.00	270.00	30.00
Youth Center Oil Tank (90630.07)	4,500.00		4,500.00	2,945.00	1,555.00
FY97 Youth Center Ma (90630.08)	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Community Day (90630.12)	500.00		500.00		500.00
Baseball Field & Twn (90650.00)	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,290.00	10.00
Historical Commission (90691.00)	200.00		200.00		200.00
County Retirement As (90911.00)	20,689.00		20,689.00	20,689.00	
Social Security & Med (90916.00)	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,986.72	13.28

Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)		942.47		942.47	942.97	
Reserve Fund (95781.00)		12,000.00	(9,940.28)	2,059.72		2,059.72
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	5,003.37	151,051.47	(3,940.28)	152,114.56	127,282.27	24,832.29
SEWER						
Sewer Administrator(300060.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sewer Comm. Oper (300060.01)		37,000.00		37,000.00	33,521.89	3,478.11
Sewer Loan (300060.02)		16,693.00		16,693.00	16,693.00	
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)		2,000.00		2,000.00	250.00	1,750.00
Sewer Dept Wag (300060.06)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Sewer Dept Coll (300070.02)	100.00			100.00	100.00	
Sewer Committee Phas (300075.00)			1,500.00	1,500.00	1,486.18	13.82
TOTAL SEWER	100.00	58,693.00	1,500.00	60,293.00	53,051.07	7,241.93
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	961.86	738.14
Water Dept. Operating (400060.05)		30,900.00		30,900.00	28,714.04	2,185.96
Water Dept Wag (400060.06)		22,000.00		22,000.00	19,369.39	2,630.61
Water Rehab Project (400060.12)		117,331.86		117,331.86	117,331.85	0.01
Water Dept Coll (400070.00)	600.00			600.00	600.00	
TOTAL WATER:	600.00	172,931.86	0.00	173,531.86	167,977.14	5,554.72
TOTAL EXPENSES	226,365.77	2,304,887.43	191,230.94	2,722,484.14	2,303,099.67	419,384.47

Administrative Assistant Report

My first year as the Town of Hinsdale Administrative Assistant has been busier than I could have ever imagined! Much to my surprise, every grant I wrote was funded. The year began with a Peer to Peer Technical Assistance grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to undertake a Master Plan Start Up. The town has never had a Master Plan. This makes planning for the future more difficult. The outcome of this project was to prioritize what areas of the Master Plan were the most important and to proceed with those pieces.

We identified Economic Development and Growth Management as the two top priorities. The town was awarded a \$35,000 grant to begin a Growing Smart project which combined an Economic Development Plan and a Growth Management Strategy. With our consultant, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, we formed a Steering Committee and four task forces (Land Use, Open Space, Business Issues and Fiscal Issues) to help identify issues of concern and to steer the study. I owe a debt of gratitude to those of you who chaired those committees and to those of you who attended the many meetings required in order to focus the study.

Another important aspect of the Master Plan which we identified was open space. The town appropriated funds necessary to hire the Conway School of Landscape Design to help complete an Open Space and Recreation Plan. Part of this required that a survey be sent to every household in town. The Open Space Committee did an outstanding job of seeing that the goals and objectives identified in the study were those that the town residents had identified in the survey and at community meetings.

Both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee felt that the town needed to understand employee compensation levels. The town was awarded a second Peer to Peer Technical Assistance Grant to complete an Employee Classification and Wage Compensation Study. I worked with Williamstown's Town Manager, Steve Patch on that study.

I worked with the Solid Waste Management Study Committee to evaluate the way waste is disposed of in town and to recommend possible changes.

I love working with all of the wonderful volunteers that I have come to know through my many projects. Your energy, talent and support is what makes this job so satisfying. I encourage all town residents to get involved in some aspect of town government. This is your town and it should be governed by you.

Respectfully Submitted,

ABBY KRAMER MAYOU
Administrative Assistant

Cemetery Committee Report

To the Residents of Hinsdale:

This past year was again a busy summer for the cemetery committee. There were fifteen burials over the course of the year and the cemetery saw a slight increase in the number of cremation burials. The cemetery is desperately looking for volunteers to serve on the cemetery committee. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Abby at the Selectmen's office. This will be my last report as a member of the cemetery committee as my moving to Pittsfield and a career change two years ago have made it increasingly difficult to put in the time required to keep the cemetery running smoothly. The cemetery has seen many improvements over the last nine years from flowers and shrubs, new trees and a cemetery sign just to mention a few. We are moving forward on the expansion project but it is taking longer than we planned as much more clean fill is still needed to bring the area up to the proper grade. Dave Swail and Rick Galliher have put in countless hours bringing in fill and grading the area. Rick will continue to monitor the area as we move forward. Lots are available and may be purchased by contacting Abby at the Selectmen's office. During Halloween week approximately 20 to 30 stones were tipped over or broken in the rear of the cemetery. Most have already been put back up while others have gone to a local monument shop to be painstakingly put back together. A special thank-you to fellow members Harold Hotchkiss and Judy Huntoon who have put in many years of volunteer service to the Cemetery Committee. It is volunteers such as them that make the difference. Also a big thank-you to Abby who always makes my job easier. As the summer approaches the Cemetery Committee will be reorganized with either a new superintendent or additional members who volunteer for the Cemetery Committee. The cemetery records will be in the new Town Hall and information can be obtained by contacting Abby. It has been an enjoyable nine years and I've had the opportunity to be part of many improvements to the cemetery grounds as well as the chance to meet a lot of new people. I will stay on for a while to assist whoever takes over until they feel comfortable with the day to day operation of the cemetery. Thanks again.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. LOEHR
Hinsdale Cemetery Committee

Department of Public Works

During the past year, the Hinsdale Highway Department performed normal road maintenance on all roads in town. Paved roads were patched and shoulders graded and cleaned where needed for better drainage. Gravel roads were graded in the spring and fall and when needed. Roads were resurfaced and/or rebuilt on Main Street, Robinson Road, Plunkett Street and a section of New Windsor Road with Chapter 90 monies at a cost of \$184,000.00. Drainage improvements were completed in various locations throughout town, two specifically were 325 feet of Watson Road and replacement of a 40 inch diameter culvert across Robinson Road. Routine maintenance of the complete water system was done on a scheduled basis.

Equipment and building maintenance was done on a regular basis. Routine maintenance is a high priority to maintain longevity of our equipment. Projects for this coming season will be roadside maintenance, brush and grass cutting, resurface and rebuild Old Dalton Road, along with regularly scheduled maintenance.

The town was given some snow fighting equipment from the City of Pittsfield which was put into service when our old Chevy Army surplus sander failed. The equipment is in good shape and should last a few winters at very little cost to the town. As of this writing we are awaiting the arrival of a new roadside mowing tractor to be shared by surrounding towns for roadside mowing and is being sponsored and financed by Western Massachusetts Electric Co. The only cost to the town of Hinsdale is for man hours to operate the machine. This will allow Hinsdale to mow more roads especially roads with heavier vegetation. The cost of this tractor to any of the towns involved would be prohibited without the assistance of WMECO. For this we say a thank you.

An addition to the main town garage was built for much needed office and storage space for \$38,000.00. This project was completed with Chapter 90 monies, so there was no impact to the taxpayer.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have made this department run so smoothly this past year and to all Hinsdale residents for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK E. GALLIHER
Road Superintendent

Emergency Management Agency

State law mandates the establishment of an Emergency Management Department in each town in the Commonwealth. This mandate provides for how both natural and man made disasters are managed and the public welfare is safeguarded. The Town of Hinsdale has been recognized as one of the best-equipped and staffed Emergency Management Departments in Berkshire County. We are constantly striving to acquire for the Town (at little or no cost) surplus equipment and materials that could prove vital in the event of an Emergency. Examples of acquisitions include the generators, which provide power to the Fire Station and Grange Hall in the event of a power outage and small portable generators that can be brought on site for emergency power generation, a water tanker for those areas of the town not covered by the public water supply, portable heat generating units and various power tools for clearing storm damage. All of these items have been procured and put in service through the donation of hundreds of hours of labor by the volunteers of the Emergency Management Department. Current projects include evaluation of the towns communication and power generation systems to insure that there will be no interruption of service due to year 2000 computer "glitches" and the installation of an alternate power source switch and wiring for the new town hall. While we sincerely hope that the need never arises to put our skills and equipment to use, the people of the Town of Hinsdale should be proud of the efforts put forth in establishing this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. BOLDUC
Director

Finance Committee Chairman's Report

To the Residents of Hinsdale

During FY 99, the Finance Board worked diligently to oversee town finances. With the help of chief administrative officers and other department heads, we as a committee, obtained a greater understanding of the complexity of revenue/expenditures equation, and thus the relationship to the budget process. Budget administrators have done a commendable job by containing costs and maintaining quality service to the town.

Operating expenses continued to increase this fiscal year and two special town meetings had to be held to deal with budget changes or over sights.

At the annual town meeting in May 1998, voters made decisions that resulted in a tax rate of \$16.20 per thousand. This was an increase of \$1.11 per thousand over the previous year. At this meeting, \$350,000.00 was transferred from the Stabilization Fund to finance the new town hall, and \$100,000.00 was

used to buffer the tax rate. To date the Stabilization fund remains at \$210,000.00.

The Free Cash Account, at this time, contains \$118,000.50. The May 1999 annual town meeting will change the free cash position. It would be prudent, however, to not let this account be drawn down too low.

The town has been in the throes of many large projects, among which are: the new sewer construction around both Plunkett and Ashmere Lakes; the construction of the town hall; the completion of Nessacus and the final aspects of the Kittredge addition. Also, with the help of grant monies, Hinsdale's "Growing Smart" Project was undertaken and is now in progress.

Issues involving pay scales and raises continued to occupy the mainstage of budget debates, but with the help of the "Peer to Peer" grant, Mr. Stephen Patch has been hired to analyze the payroll positions of the town through job descriptions and, thereby, help to determine salary guidelines. This is still "in progress" at this time.

The FY 2000 budgeting process involved some unanticipated issues such as the change in accounting costs and software changes resulting in added costs to the town. Increase in school operating costs is a perpetual issue, with the school department budget projecting a 3.2% increase in operating expenditures. Hinsdale's assessment will be \$1,230,248. The 1999 annual town meeting will determine the viability of this figure. Capital expenditures in the school budget show a slight decrease of \$29,830. This should be lower, still, in FY 2000. All in all, the operation expenditures for FY 2000 will be approximately \$2,672,503.82, depending on the outcome of the annual town meeting in May. This figure also includes Sewer and Water. Sewer and Water operating monies come from receipts received by those using these services. This will result in a projected tax rate of \$16.86 per thousand again, dependent on the outcome of annual town meeting in May.

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

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINE PIKE
Finance Committee Chair

Visiting Nurse Association

The Berkshire VNA-the VNA of the Berkshires 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 increasing awareness of the value of preventative care continues to be 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, 103 influenza and pneumonia immunizations were given this past year. Pneumonia vaccine administration increased 31%.

We also are pleased to report that 68 visits were completed at regularly scheduled Board of Health Prevention Clinics. Residents receive the personal attention of our public health nurse in monitoring blood pressure, testing blood sugars, being tested for TB, receiving immunizations or being able to receive counselling on health related issues or referrals to other medical and wellness programs. Support of these wellness programs by the Town of Hinsdale allows a good coordination of services for residents and avoidance of some duplication in services.

We at the Berkshire VNA and Berkshire Health Systems extend our sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve your residents.

1. BVNA provided 1,337 home health visits to the residents of Hinsdale. Care received included skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, homehealth 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: Salmonella 4.
3. Health promotion clinic statistics:

<u>Number of Clinics</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Health Promotion: 11	68
Influenza: 1	103

• Services provided by our nurses:

Medication use: 7	Nutrition: 9	Medical conditions: 7
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• Screenings:

Blood pressure: 68	Diabetes: 1
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• Immunizations:

Influenza (flu): 90

Pneumonia: 13

All residents of Hinsdale are accommodated at health promotion clinics 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.

Sincerely,

ELLEN MYERS

Executive Director

Animal Control Officer

During 1998, I received and responded to the following calls:

Dog Bites:	5
Cat Bites:	1
Complaints:	17
Missing Dogs:	9
Stray Dogs:	21
Stray Cats:	1
Stray Horses:	2
Informational Calls:	8
Wild Animals:	10
Animals vs. Motor Vehicles:	2
Animal Rescue:	1
Total Calls:	77

The number of stray dogs during 1998 has tripled. This is due to the fact that some dog owners are not obeying the leash law in effect in the Town of Hinsdale and also dogs are being abandoned and dumped by other individuals. These offenses are subject to a fine and compliance with the leash law will be enforced.

Dog bite incidents have increased since last year. Many dogs still are not licensed with the Town and have not had proper vaccinations. Compliance with regard to the licensing and vaccination of animals will be enforced and fined accordingly.

Thanks to Laurie Robertson, a Hinsdale resident, we now have a temporary kennel to house our stray dogs.

All calls to the animal control officer should be made through Dalton Dispatch at 684-0300 so that a permanent record can be made of the call.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. AVALLE, JR.

Board of Health

As 1998 ends, the Board of Health was very active in many changing aspects of community health.

The start of Phase III of the community sewer project around the two lakes virtually halted any upgrades of private sewer systems in these areas, as many home owners opted to forego upgrades and waited for hook up to the new systems.

After a slow start, the BOH is currently attempting to have on data base, listings of all other private sewer systems within the town. This task has been slow in completing due to the fact that the board has been short staffed for several years, and more immediate needs mandated this to a lower priority.

Still the needs of local health regulations seem to be increasing, as the board is constantly faced with new health issues almost weekly. At present the board is concentrating its efforts on new and future mandates of health regulations, with new training being available to BOH members it is the goal to have all members certified as health officers, with training provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Again my thanks go to the 2 other hard working members of the Board of Health, Ken Boudreau and William Goddard, who give many hours to the town in their efforts to make the Board of Health a viable part of community government.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD A. GODDARD, Chairman

Hinsdale Public Library

I would like to start by thanking the Peters family for the donation of an overstuffed chair for our main room. It was given in memory of Ann Peters. While Ann's physical presence is gone her spirit lives on with us.

We have had a very successful story and craft time done by Mary Lou Galliher. We have started out each session with a few children and each year seen tremendous growth to have as many as 23 pre-schoolers in the program. On Mondays the children and parents (grandparents...) gather for stories, songs and a craft. The program is run through the school year. A program done throughout the year is the Book Discussion Group led by Betty Chisum and Robin Marshall. This is a small group that meets monthly on the third Thursday. They are very informal and meet for a good time of friendly discussion. If you would like any information on these two programs please call the Library. A summer Bedtime Story time was offered for the second year thanks to Tami Brooks and Mindy Bennett. These two college students volunteered one evening a week all summer to come in and read stories to children. Tami read picture books to the little ones and Mindy read a chapter books to the older ones. We are very fortunate to have these wonderful volunteers, thank you all.

The program that has the largest group participating in it is our Summer Reading Program. I wish to thank Joe Ciaburri, Josh Kardasen, Aija Trufant and Amanda Wilson for being our Middle School volunteers. With a little guid-

ance they run the program for me each summer. This past summer we had 128 children participate. The program is offered for children age two through grade eight. It starts the last day of school and runs for at least eight weeks. Children sign up at the library and earn Library tokens for hours spent reading Library books checked out from our Library. The tokens are then turned in for a variety of prizes ranging from stickers to water bottles, a different assortment of prizes are purchased for each summer. It is very important to encourage reading through the summer to keep reading skills learned throughout the school year, and with younger children to prepare them for school and a lifetime of reading. I also want to thank all the parents who support our program by bringing in their children and reinforcing the importance of reading.

The Library just received another grant for a new computer. We now offer fully graphical Internet access. A new Gateway 3000 was received as part of the Massachusetts Information and Library Network. The old computer has been set up for simple typing and desktop publishing. Both of the computers are available during regular library hours for all to use. If you are interested in going online and seeing what the Internet is all about, please stop in to see us. I offer help to anyone who comes in as the workload allows.

The Library is being used very steadily, with many more children and teens using us for research and homework. The kids are naturally drawn to the computer and are becoming a fixture at both computer stations. Adults...don't be discouraged, just ask at the desk and the kids will move when it's your turn. It has been our pleasure to offer the Internet access to the camp counselors and foreign exchange students for e-mailing home and friends. Some days our quiet little Library is anything but quiet with all the various activities going on.

Circulation:	
Books	11,392
Videos	1,187
Periodicals	783
Total	13,362
Inter Library Loans Received	35
Registered Households	447
Total Hours Opened	711

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE D. WILSON,
Director, Hinsdale Public Library

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Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project

Crews made 43 trips to Hinsdale checking and spraying for adult and larval mosquitoes. 220 man hours were spent checking and treating 7,067.7 acres for adults and larve. Mosquito breeding sites throughout town were checked and treated if necessary on a weekly basis April through September. The crews also responded to 9 calls for assistance from town residents. 187.2 total miles of town roads, camps and residential properties were adulticided during the months of June, July and August. The following pesticides and biological controls were used for larve and adult mosquitoes: Novo Nordisk BTI; Golden Bear 1111; and Scourge (diluted).

Project surveillance in early March observed mosquito larve in mosquito breeding sites begin to develop, because of the mild winter. Project personnel began monitoring mosquito breeding sites in late March and treating the sites if necessary. With above normal temperatures in April mosquito larve began to develop rapidly as the water temperature warmed. In early May adult mosquitoes began to emerge from the mosquito breeding sites and because of this the project started its adulticiding program earlier than usual. April and May were relatively dry months and as a result of this most mosquito breeding sites began to dry up. Also the spring brood of mosquitoes was below normal because of the dry weather. June started out dry but heavy rainfall in the middle of the month resulted in a very heavy population of re-flood mosquitoes. By the end of June member towns were inundated with adult mosquitoes and the project received a tremendous increase in calls from member town residents which continued until mid-July. By Mid-July calls were declining and project surveillance indicated a large decrease in adult mosquito populations. August was a dry month with little or no mosquito breeding observed. Calls for assistance also dropped considerably from the previous month. By September 1st project surveillance indicated a lack of adult mosquitoes, and adulticiding (spraying) was discontinued.

From September 7th till the end of November water management (cleaning and maintaining of drainage ditches) was the project's main function. A field crew from Berkshire Training & Employment youth corps worked with project personnel for three weeks. Also during September, October and November project personnel did surveillance and inspected properties where calls were received for new mosquito breeding sites. In December project employees focused on winter activities (maintenance & repair of vehicles and equipment, record keeping, map update, training, etc.

We wish to thank you for your continued support and we sincerely hope that you will continue to employ in the future recognized experts who are properly trained, licensed and state overseed to do your mosquito control. This service improves the health and comfort of your citizens and their animals at a minimal cost to them.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. JURGENSON
Superintendent

Hinsdale Police Department

Our department has had a very busy but rewarding year. With the appointment of Officer Heather Nicholas as the department's first full time officer we have been able to provide the town with the kind of services that are not only expected but needed. We have received \$22,000.00 in grant monies in addition to our COPS grant. These funds have enabled us to purchase some computer equipment that was badly needed by the department. It also has helped us to put extra patrols on the road. We have and will continue to keep all officers updated on courses. We are looking forward to serving the town in our new headquarters at the town hall. In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the town for their support and to all my officers for their dedicated service and commitment to both myself and the town.

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

Sergeant Chris Powell

Officers: Robert M. Levardi, Sr.	Thomas Dawley
Gabrielle Taglieri	Susan Liimatainen
Heather Nicholas	James Scace
Robert Wakefield	

Tax Collector's Report

We have closed the books once again and report that the outstanding figure at the end of FY 1998 has increased by \$17,593.94. This is due primarily to the increased tax rate and one rather large tax bill being added to the outstanding list. We still have a 99% collection rate for Personal Property but the Real Estate collection rate dropped from 98% to 96%. More tax takings are going to have to be done, placing liens on these properties.

We started mailing Notice of Warrants this summer for outstanding Motor Vehicle bills, and I appointed a Deputy Collector and he hand delivered the Warrants for these same outstanding bills. We had a great success rate in collecting many old bills. This procedure is a fairly new one and has to be completed before tagging the registry of motor vehicles for non payment of excise tax bills. People tagged at the registry for non-payment will not be able to re-register their car or re-new their driver's license until all bills are paid.

Once again many thanks to the People of Hinsdale who have worked with me in my continued efforts to keep the overdue figures down. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
PAULINE B. WHEELER
Collector of Taxes

Water and Sewer Administrator

Calendar year 1998 saw a full year of smooth operation of the Hinsdale water filtration plant. One final problem - a temporary failure of the control system due to inadequate lightning protection has been solved by corrections in the system at the vendor's expense.

The nagging 5 year problem with bad meters has been resolved. First readings were taken of all meters in September 1998. A second reading in March 1999 and a third in September 1999 will lead to the first billing on the basis of usage in October 1999.

The replacement of old water mains in the Lower Main Street area was completed during 1998 (the last major effort in the water system rebuild started in early 1990's). The future should be restricted to more common minor problems, although the Federal Government's latest standards, issued December 3, 1998 for controlling "previously unregulated deadly microbes in the water as well as cancer causing compounds that can result from disinfection chemicals" will doubtless create new problems we will have to address. We shall see.

Respectfully submitted,

MEREDITH READ
Sewer Water/Administrator

Sewer Committee

With the Plunkett Reservoir Project having received funding in the amount of \$1,916,000 from USDA Rural Development in early 1998, the focus quickly turned to the bid and award phase. By mid year the proposals were received from the prospective bidders and Petricca, having submitted a successful bid of \$1,288,882, was issued a Notice to Proceed on July 16, 1998. Actual construction began in August and all gravity and low pressure lines were installed by the end of December. The installation of the grinder pumps commenced late in the year and continued through the winter months, except for a brief shut-down caused by adverse weather conditions. At the present time fifty grinder pumps have been installed and the balance are expected to be in place by the end of April. The work remaining consists primarily of pressure testing the sewer lines, restoration of private property and roadways, as well as the new blacktop coating on all paved roads. The current projection is that the Plunkett Project will be essentially complete by the end of May 1999.

The Ashmere Lake Project received approval for total funding in the amount of \$3,370,000 from the State Water Pollution Abatement Trust on April 15, 1998. The Project Approval Certificate was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on June 12, 1998, which permitted the Town to advertise and obtain bids, but not

to award a contract until all easements were in place. Petricca submitted the successful bid on July 22, 1998 in the amount of \$2,838,132. The next three months were spent resolving a multitude of land issues. The easement associated with the pipe under Ashmere Lake was particularly difficult, but was finally resolved through an act of the Legislature and the issuance of a permanent easement from the Division of Capital Asset Management in mid September. This was accomplished in record time through the efforts of Representative Shaun Kelly and Senator Andrea Nuciforo, both having worked diligently to pass the Legislation prior to the close of the 1998 Legislative Session. Other issues, including the land for the pump station on Shore Drive, the acquisition and easements for the "Gaston Robert Pipeline" constructed on private property on Peru Road, and the one hundred and sixty-two Grinder Pump easements were all resolved by late October and a Notice to Proceed was issued to Petricca on November 12, 1998. No physical work was performed on the Ashmere Lake Project during the winter months, except the site preparation for the Shore Drive pump station, which was accomplished in mid March 1999. The actual construction of the three pump stations will commence on or about April 5, 1999, and the construction of the sewer pipeline is scheduled to start by April 5, 1999 with all pipe and grinder pumps installed by early August.

As you can see, it has been a hectic and demanding year, but one filled with significant accomplishment. This would not have been the case if it had not been for the dedication and hard work of our active Sewer Committee members, and special recognition goes to Linda Chaiffre and Steve Mach for their extraordinary effort in assisting property owners with the notarizing of the easement documents, including traveling to the homes of grinder pump recipients to facilitate and expedite the process.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. EAGAR, Chairman

Sewer Committee Members:

Dudley Billings

Linda Chaiffre

John Eagar

John Genzabella

Steven Mach

Monica Montferret

Rene Moser

Steven Salvini

Town Clerk's Report

Dog Licenses

Male, 19 @ \$10.00	\$ 190.00
Neutered Male, 54 @ \$4.00	216.00
Female, 17 @ \$10.00	170.00
Spayed Female, 62 @ \$4.00	248.00
Kennel, 4 dogs or less, 2 @ \$20.00	40.00
Kennel, 10 dogs or less, 1 @ \$40.00	40.00
Total amount turned over to Treasurer	\$ 904.00

Vital Statistics

Births	13
Deaths	28
Marriages	3

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN FRISSELL

Veterans Agent

The present Veterans Agent was appointed in July. Since then:

1. One grave marker has been ordered.
2. One replacement grave marker has been requested, due to an earlier mistake in the date on the marker.
3. One veteran has transferred from Chapter 115 funding, to Social Security Insurance (SSI) funding.
4. One updated DD214 has been requested.
5. Four inquiries for information were processed.

The Veterans Agent attended:

1. A Legislative meeting in Marlboro, in October, sponsored by the Massachusetts Veterans Service Agents Association.
2. A three-day Training Course, in Worcester in November; presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Massachusetts; and the United States Veterans Administration, Boston Office.

A project has been started to construct a master list of all veterans buried in the five Hinsdale cemeteries.

A project has been started to construct a master list of all veterans who have served their country from Hinsdale, from Revolutionary times to the present.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIP COLLINS, Veterans Agent

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

For Fiscal Year 1998, 68.47 tons of paper and 36.18 tons of glass, cans and plastic containers were recycled at the town's transfer station.

The district has scheduled its Household Hazardous Waste Collection day to be held on September 12, 1998 at sites in Adams, Lanesboro and Dalton. The District has contracted with Safety Kleen (formerly Laidlaw Environmental) for disposal of hazardous waste.

Through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, recycling information was mailed to every household in the District. The brochure listed transfer station hours and also introduced the District's new Surplus Paint Collection Program. Residents of all District Towns can dispose of paint through this program which will be open each year from April-October at two sites: Cheshire Transfer Station and Williamstown Transfer Station. Both latex and oil-based paints will be accepted, as well as stains and varnishes. There is no charge. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded the District an equipment grant for the paint sheds and storage cabinets. Concrete slabs were provided by Cheshire and Williamstown. The District will provide staffing and will pay to have the materials shipped to be recycled.

The first Massachusetts Recycles Day was held on November 15, 1997. The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District was recognized by MassRecycle as achieving the "Best Cooperative Effort" in the State. The District worked with schools and merchants to promote recycling in each community. Schoolchildren from Hinsdale colored paper grocery bags, furnished by the District, with recycling messages. Local stores distributed the bags which customers could then use to bring newspapers for recycling.

On July 10, 1998, District will mark its 10th Anniversary. In keeping with its original mission statement, the District continues as "a way for small municipalities to share expertise, pool resources and obtain professional waste management services in education, recycling, hazardous and special waste collection, and waste facility development".

Assessment to the Town of Hinsdale remains this year at \$1.20/per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBIN DEWKETT

District Commissioner for Hinsdale

Conservation Commission

The year was very busy with 12 hearings for "Notice of Intent" and 2 hearings on "Request for Determination" and over 8 site reviews issued for building construction projects. There was also involvement in many town related projects including:

- Main St. water main replacement
- Plunkett Lake and Ashmere Lake sewer line permitting
- Plunkett Lake sewer line installation
- Skyline Trail/Middlefield Rd. re-alignment and rebuild preliminary planning and permitting
- Ashmere Lake herbicide weed control permitting

A grant for weed control and water quality testing for Plunkett Lake has been applied for. Grant will be for \$6,450 with town matching share to be also \$6,450.

Town related projects requiring involvement that are anticipated next year are:

- Completion of Plunkett Lake sewer project
- Start of the Ashmere Lake sewer project
- Route 8/ Main St. resurfacing
- Skyline Trail re-alignment and rebuild permitting and possibly construction if town obtains the necessary easements and property for construction
- Installation of a leveler in the beaver dam on Plunkett Reservoir Rd. with Highway Dept. help to try to reduce potential for the road flooding
- Plunkett Lake weed control permitting

Due to the installation of sewers around the lakes, it is anticipated there will be a multitude of requests for addition to buildings and development of formerly undeveloped lots.

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners at Worcester and the fall conference in Westfield was attended by two members. Due to constant changes in the regulations resulting in increasing complexity in performing the duties of the commission especially with the passage of the "River Act" and the lesser publicized "Stormwater Management Requirements", a professional person is needed to support the Conservation Commission. Also the time expenditures required are excessive for volunteer effort. With this in mind, discussions have been held with the selectmen and area towns on the possibility of hiring a shared administrator to handle the day to day duties and act as an advisor to the town and Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
RENE MOSER, Chairman

Central Berkshire Regional School District

Superintendent's Report

In this Superintendent's Report to you the citizens of Central Berkshire Regional School District, I shall continue to try to tell you what I see currently in this district.

The first part of this report will focus on the construction presently under way in the district.

We have successfully put the third roof on Wahconah Regional High School. After some initial difficulties caused by faulty membrane welding equipment the roof is now firmly in place and the leaks caused by the not hot enough, factory required, welding equipment are now sealed and the roof is complete. Due to the fault of the equipment, it took almost a full year to find and repair the poor welds. In essence this actually was beneficial as the 20 year warranty was not put into effect until a full year had passed. This then gave us, in effect, a 21 year warranty on the product. This is what we wanted in the first place but was found to be too expensive for the district... sometimes the gods do smile upon us.

Kittredge School is finished. It is a beautiful school with big and airy classrooms. A few months ago, the building was open for a full open house for the parents and citizens of the district to tour the entire building in all its glory. The classrooms are on the average-1,010 sq. ft. There is sufficient size for co-operative and project based learning styles. There is also room to begin the basic instruction necessary in technology to successfully earn a living in today's market place. I assure you though that the elementary school is first a place of 'readin', writin', and 'rithmetic. No time, at the elementary level, will be lost from that basic task. Mr. Kotowski is a firm believer in the importance of "learning to read" in the elementary school and students under his leadership will continue to perform well in this area. In fact, reading is a major goal in the Kittredge School Improvement Plan.

- The interior playground for the Kindergarten class has been completed-with the children using the pirate ship, etc.. in moderate weather.
- Furniture has arrived and the new technology purchases are beginning to be used on a regular basis.
- A group has been formed to raise funds for the exterior landscaping. The building and the inside of the building are beautiful and with a layout of different plants and trees on the perimeter, the site will be most pleasing to the eye.

Nessacus Regional Middle School was finished later than anticipated; however, the general contractor had the building 95% ready for us in time for the opening of school in September 1998. Work is progressing steadily on the punch list and we hope to have final completion soon. There is sufficient room on the building for middle level pupils to carry out the specific type of educational tasks that are appropriate to students of that age. In addition, the library, science, and technology offerings will be state of the art and a much better environment for students to learn and develop than the previous building. The newly named Lee H. Brown Performing Arts Center has already proven to be very useful to the community with several small group perfor-

mances having taken place as well as several teacher in-services.

Before I leave this portion of my report, I wish to give thanks to all the members of the three building committees who have worked and labored so long and hard and have given their time for these most beautiful buildings. I wish to thank Jeff Moody, chairman of the Wahconah Roof Committee; Brian Gage, chairman of the Kittredge Building Committee; and John Bantjes and Jim Chivers, chairman and vice-chairman of the Nessacus Building Committee; and Don Robinson and Brian Bissell, of the Nessacus Implementation Committee, along with all the other members of the full committees for the many, many nights out of their houses, away from their families and friends, in all kinds of weather. I also wish to thank those who took time from their own daily work and businesses to tackle the very serious problems, to do research, and to make the very thoughtful decisions it takes to erect a building that will do Central Berkshire Regional School District, its students, and its constituent communities a great service for many years to come. A hearty feeling of respect and applause is appropriate for these tireless workers.

In this section of my report I should like to discuss curriculum and the curriculum frameworks. In my first report to you I stated that the definition of curriculum is "an agreement among teachers as to what should be taught at various grade and age levels." To do this the District has and continues to have a series of "grade alike" days during which teachers from specific grades have come together to make the decisions as to what should be taught at each grade level. This ongoing endeavor, ably coordinated by Associate Superintendent Thomas Potter, was assisted in great part by the Statewide "Curriculum Frameworks" that have been developed and published by the Massachusetts Department of Education during the past five years. These documents do not tell teachers what they must teach year-to-year and day-to-day but they do inform teachers what the Department of Education, after many meetings and discussions with citizens from all walks of life and professions, has determined each student, by certain grade levels, should have as certain basic skills and knowledge in a "core" curriculum. The MCAS tests were written from those frameworks. In essence then, the principals and faculties in each building have been working for the past several years to align the individual school curriculums with the state frameworks to prepare for those tests. While everyone was very nervous about these new, untried tests, I expected that Central Berkshire would hold its own with the rest of the state as the results of this testing program arrived. That expectation held true with this school district performing in the top 26% of the Commonwealth. At this point I would like to go on record and thank the teachers and principals who worked so hard, diligently, and professionally to accomplish the good scores.

The next step in the process is to evaluate the test results and see if there are any curriculum inadequacies and instructional weaknesses that need correction to increase our students standing. Our students will be ready for the important high stakes testing to take place in the year 2003.

My first report to you stated that I wished to build up the arts program in this district. I believe that aspiration is on the road to becoming a reality. It is my firm conviction that the best kept secret in this county is our music program. If you have attended the many holiday, seasonal, and Prism concerts and performances, and elementary school operas the District has presented

over the past two years, I believe you will come to the same conclusion. The support by the taxpayers of the district for staff and instruments has caused a tremendous upscaling of the program. It is time now to continue to expand not only these programs but also the fine arts and performing arts as well. Man does not live by bread alone and he hungers for the auditory or visual stimulus that expand his horizons.

Central Berkshire is at a crossroads presently in the vast area of technology education. I have said many times, in different places, that the technology offerings in this district did not develop from a clear and concise plan... they just "happened!" This is not a fault but an endemic condition that has occurred since the computer first revolutionized learning and research in schools 15 years ago. I can still remember in 1982 my first glimpse of an Apple 2C machine and the "new" applications it was about to bring into the school house. People were amazed at what those early machines could do. There was no true understandings that the desktop personal computer would so radically change the workplace.

The high school senior in 1999 and thereafter has to be well grounded in computer technologies in order to succeed on whatever path he or she decides to walk. All students must have a working knowledge of basic applications in office products, research, technical, and presentation software. Students pursuing an artistic career must also have an application base in video and sound production. In the not too distant future, I expect that with curriculum changes in the offing in the District, our graduates will have what they need not only to earn a living but also to be able to use the technology base available to enhance their lives in a meaningful way.

To that endeavor we have added two new course pathways to the high school: The first is "Emergent Technologies." Moving Basic Computer Skills to the middle school, we equipped a high tech lab and a break/fix lab in the high school. These two new courses are the nucleus of the program that will increase by a new course each year for the next three years, at which time we expect the program to be envy of the county. Continued assessment of this program will ensure its reliability. We also plan to put into place several internships with vibrant companies in the county to offer even more to these students.

The second new program is the Two Plus Pathway for students who plan to attend a two year technical college after graduation or to immediately enter the workforce. This program is in its first year and presently we are planning the course offerings for the senior year. Parents are urged to explore the myriad possibilities of this program for their students with the school counselors of the Two Plus Coordinator at the high school. This is a very important program for students and the opportunity should not be allowed to go by.

I hope that this report explains to you some of the progress we are making in the district. My office is always open for comments and/or constructive suggestions. Thank you for your time and concerns for the students of the Central Berkshire Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY HOROWITZ, Superintendent

Recreation Association

The Youth Center had another banner year with Ed Plouffe as Director. He is looking forward to the town offices moving out and getting back the rooms that have been occupied by them. He hopes to make some changes in the building that are needed so that one person can control the kids downstairs. He was instrumental in purchasing a new pool table for the center.

The Beach Cottage was open during the months of July and August with Teri Trufant overseeing the Beach etc. With the sewer up at Plunkett we may be wanting to change the toilet facilities. This of course will cost quite a bit of money and the Lions Club is trying to pay off the mortgage of the Community Building.

The Community building is used twice a week for Home Care lunches and once a month for the Senior Club of Peru and Hinsdale. The Lions use it twice a month for their meetings and whenever Alcoholic Anonymous can't get the church they use it as well as the Grange.

The roof of the Community building needs some work and when we get some extra money we may do the floors over but all in all the Hinsdale Recreation is contributing much to the town of Hinsdale.

Teri Douglas is Secretary-Treasurer of the Hinsdale Rec. Assoc. and is doing a great job.

CHARLES DeANGELUS
President

Community Development

This year we were able to replace the "Welcome to Hinsdale" sign that was damaged at the entrance to the village. We also made a gift to the open space program to help with the start up fees for the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD HOTCHKISS

Town Hall Steering Committee

I am pleased to report that the people of Hinsdale have a beautiful new town hall. After five plus years of hard work and determination by the town hall committee this project came alive. I would like to express my sincere thanks to every member who served on this committee. They all refused to give up even when it looked like we weren't going to be able to make this much needed project a reality. The townspeople who supported us should be proud of what they helped accomplish. Not only did the members of this committee work hard but all the contractors who were in the project did their best to cooperate and make this building a real show place for our town and I would like to say thanks to them. Mr. Abe Sperling who developed the building and made our thoughts come alive on paper needs to be thanked along with Mr. Shaun Galliher who helped us acquire all the furnishings that are in the building.

Once again thanks to everyone who helped make this project a success.

Respectfully,

**MARK A. GREEN SR., Chairperson
Town Hall Steering Committee**

Members:

**LARRY TURNER
DAWN FRISSELL
PAULINE WHEELER
RICHARD MARRAN
KAYE KIRCHNER**

Building Inspector

This has been a good year for construction here in Hinsdale. Kitteredge School renovations have been completed new town hall is well on its way to completion and several new homes and large additions have been started. Numerous homeowners are fixing up their properties with home improvement work such as new windows, roofing and siding.

Currently there is a “narrative” available at the Building Department office which explains the process for obtaining a building permit. Please feel free to pick one up and if there are questions, just ask.

Most, if not all, the regulations administered by the building department are mandated by state law. We are now using Version 6 of the State Building Code which is constantly being revised and updated by the state. If you have any questions concerning the code and its interpretations, I may not have the answer, but should be able to find it. Also in effect now is CMR 521 which specifically addresses accessibility issues for public buildings. I have access to information from other building departments which helps in the interpretation of this law. Again, if you do not have the answer, I can find it.

One of the most often asked questions is “do I need a permit for...” Due to certain changes in interpretation by the state, the answer for most projects is probably yes. In order for a homeowner to be covered under the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, there must be a permit for the project and the contractor must be registered with the State. Also the installation of even a single replacement window now requires a permit due to a change in the State Energy Code which is part of the Building Code. If you have any questions about any of this please ask.

Zoning questions have been increasing recently with the new septic work around the lakes. If you have questions concerning specific lots, please come in to the office and I’ll try to sort out the various aspects of the Zoning Bylaw which apply.

Hours for the Building Office are currently from four to six on Tuesday afternoons.

RICHARD G. HAUPT
Building Inspector