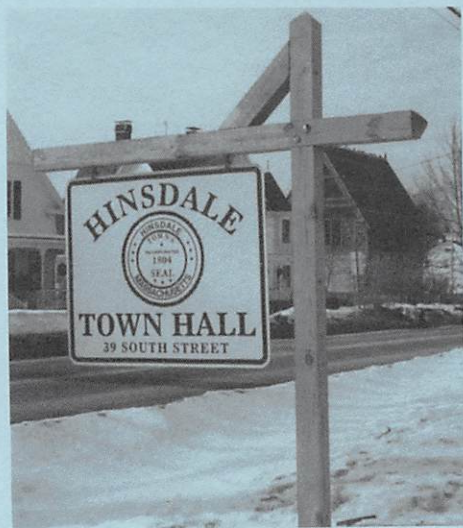
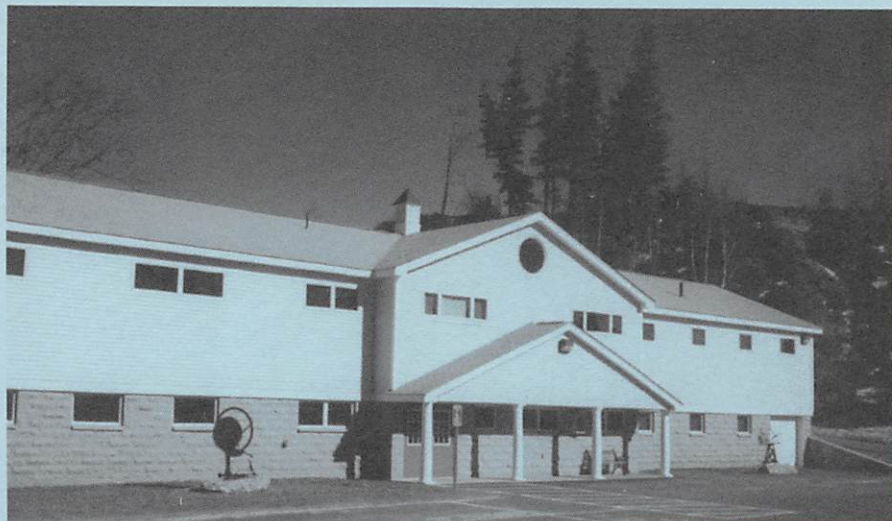


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Directory Of Town Services

Department	Phone	Address	Hours/Meeting Times
Administrative Assistant	655-2245	39 South Street	Monday-Thursday 8AM-3PM 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	655-2311	PO Box 1082	Meets 4th Tuesday of month at 7PM, Consultation 7-8PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Town Hall
Board of Selectmen	655-2245	39 South St.	Meets every other Wednesday, 7PM, Town Hall
Building Inspector	655-2309	39 South St.	Every Tuesday 4-6PM, Town Hall
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	684-0711	39 South St.	Meets 1st Thursday of month at 5:30 PM, Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	655-2245	39 South Street	
Central Berkshire Regional School District	684-0320	PO Box 299 20 Cleveland Rd. Dalton, 01227	
Conservation Commission	655-2312	PO Box 1084 39 South St.	Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 7PM, Town Hall
Council on Aging	655-2310	PO Box 821 39 South St.	Lunch served Wed. & Friday, Town Hall. Call for other activities
Dog Officer	655-2635	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
Garden Club	655-2791	318 George Schnopp Rd.	Meets last Monday of month 4PM, Town Hall
Highway Dept.	655-2304	PO Box 472 156 Maple St.	
Kittredge Elementary School	655-2525	PO Box 368 80 Maple St.	
Hinsdale Public 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 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:30PM, Town Hall
Police Dept.	Emergency 911 Business 655-0201	PO Box 463 39 South St.	Wednesday, 6PM
Sewer Committee	655-2985	39 South St.	1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Kittredge School
Sewer/Water Administrator	655-2307	PO Box 65 39 South Street	Mon.-Wed., 8AM- Noon, and Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 PM
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/Tax Collector	655-2306	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.	1st Mon. in Oct. to 1st week in April, Mon-Thurs 2:45-8PM, Fri. 2:45-9PM, Sat 9AM-4PM
Zoning Board of Appeals	655-2626	PO Box 404	

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Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)

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

ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)

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

CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES (4 Year Term)

Richard A. French	Term Expires 2000
Brian Kardasen	Term Expires 2002

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Lisa Nataro	Term Expires 2000
Chris Pike	Term Expires 2000
Fern Leslie (appointed through 5/2000)	Term Expires 2000
Peter Samsel, Chair	Term Expires 2001
Harold Hotchkiss	Term Expires 2001
Dean Smith	Term Expires 2001
Barbara Genzabella	Term Expires 2002
Dianne Haber	Term Expires 2002
Nelson Galeucia	Term Expires 2002

MODERATOR (3 Year Term)

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

Morgan Davis (Delegate to Berk. Reg. Planning Comm.)	Term Expires 2000
Michael Viner	Term Expires 2001
Douglas Carver (appointed through 5/2000)	Term Expires 2002
Open	Term Expires 2003
Barbara Genzabella	Term Expires 2004

TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)

Dawn Frissell	Term Expires 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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

John Donnelly

ASSISTANT TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Abby Kramer Mayou

ASSESSORS' ASSISTANT

Dusty Haas

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Carmel

BERK. REG. PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Richard Roussin

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ed Goddard, Chair

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chris Montferret, Chair

Morgan Davis

Shaun Galliher, Secretary

Richard Roussin

Peter Samsel

COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE

Barbara Genzabella, Co-Chair

John Genzabella, Co-Chair

Ray Bolduc

Mary Lou Galliher

Gloria Greb

Abby Kramer Mayou

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brian P. Breitmaier

Bernie Cote, Chair

Edward M. Frederick

Todd Paro

Lynne Roberson

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 DEPT. BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Nancy Daniels, Secretary

Frank Avelle

Paul Litchfield

Adrian Proctor

Deborah Pupo

Duane Sargent

Steve Suriner

FOREST WARDEN

Larry Turner

GARDEN CLUB

Barb Genzabella

Gloria Greb

Dianne Haber

Lynne Roberson

Betty Rood

Margi Roussin

Jeanne Stritch

Marion Tinney
Diane Wilson

GAS INSPECTOR
Steve Flood

HEALTH INSPECTOR
(appointed by Board of Health)
William Goddard

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Mary Rice, Chair
Katherine Kirchner
Doris Olds
Judy Quail

LIBRARIAN
Laurie Vilord

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Paul Rice, Chair
Dawn Frissell, Secretary
Laura Galliher, Treasurer
Paul Meyers
Ann Marie Welch

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (TOWN)
Mary Lou Galliher
James Martin
Harold Hotchkiss

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
Richard Quail, Sr.

**NORTHERN BERK. SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT REP.**
Robin Dewkett

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Bernie Cote
Rose Cote
Dennis Regan
Margaret Roussin
Richard Roussin
Marian Tinney
Ward Tinney

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
(appointed by Building Inspector)
Bill Zeitler

POLICE CHIEF
Mark A. Green

POLICE OFFICERS
Eric Autenreith
Bryan Cloutier

Thomas Dawley II
Robert M. Levardi, Sr.
Richard Murdock
Heather Nicholas
Michael Perkins
Christopher Powell, Sgt.

POLICEMAN, SPECIAL
Richard Quail, Sr.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Charles DeAngelus

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT
Patrick E. Galliher

SEWER AND WATER ADMINISTRATOR
Meredith A. Read
Fran Flanagan, Assistant

SEWER COMMITTEE
John Eagar, Chair
Dudley Billings
Linda Chaiffre
John Genzabella
Steve Mach
Patrick Mehr
Monica Montferrat
Rene Moser
Andrew Pratt
Steve Salvini

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE**
Peter Samsel
Michael Ciaburri

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT
Mary Lou Galliher

VETERANS AGENT
Philip Collins

WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR
Richard Eastland

WIRING INSPECTOR
John Broderick
Scott Smith, Assistant

Zoning Board of Appeals
John Goddard, Chair
Nancy Paquin
Matthew Ross
Meredith A. Read, Alternate
Open, Alternate

Board of Selectmen's Report

After many years of careful planning, the town offices and the police station were relocated to the new Town Hall, located at 39 South Street.

This has been the year of strategic planning in Hinsdale. With the help of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the town began work on the "Growing Smart" project, which was funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The purpose of this project was to develop an Economic Development Strategy and a Growth Management Plan for the town. A Steering Committee was formed to oversee the project locally. Task Forces dealing with Land Use, Fiscal Issues, Open Space, and Business Issues were formed. There was much thoughtful participatory input from the general public through open meetings and workshops. Steering Committee and Task Force members worked many long hours exploring the issues and needs of the town. The result was a set of community goals and strategies to manage growth. At a Special Town Meeting the Planning Board proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments designed to help the town realize its vision. A Plan for Business Development was a result of the "Growing Smart" study as was a "Permitting and Development Guide". A bylaw to form a Capital Improvement Planning committee was passed at the Annual Town Meeting and the committee is now up and running. The Town of Hinsdale Open Space and Recreation Plan was completed with the help of graduate students from the Conway School of Landscape Design. This group worked hand in hand with the "Growing Smart" study.

The first annual Community Day was held in October. The day was a great success with activities and exhibits, entertainment and food for all ages. An Employee Classification and Wage Compensation Study was completed by a consultant. The study was funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The town received a grant for partial reimbursement of costs incurred when the underground storage tank was removed from the Youth Center. The Board approved a transfer of the Cable TV license from Avalon Partners and Associates to Charter Communications. With the aid of state funding programs, the paving of roads in town continued.

The Phase III Sanitary Sewer System was installed at Plunkett Lake and Ashmere Lake. Many homeowners have already hooked up to the new sewer system and abandoned their old septic systems. Although the herbicide treatment of the lakes was not accomplished this year, it is fully anticipated that it will happen this spring utilizing the grant money that was awarded to the town by the Department of Environmental Management.

We heartily thank the many volunteers who spend countless hours of their time for the betterment of the town. These volunteers make this community the wonderful place that we call home. There are openings on several town boards for those that would like to become involved in local government. Thanks also to the loyal and dedicated town employees who perform their jobs with your interest at heart.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Minutes Of Special Town Meeting

October 6, 1999

The special town meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 by Town Moderator, Dick Marran.

Of 1,189 registered voters, 42 were present (3.5%).

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

FISCAL YEAR 1999 ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$633.45 for a Fiscal Year 1999 Berkshire Eagle legal ad placed by the Planning Board.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$112.02 for a Fiscal Year 1999 Berkshire Eagle ad placed by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,961.03 for Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 1998 Tighe and Bond bills, and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$3,961.03 from available fund Water Rents into the Water Department Operating account.

Passed Unanimously

FISCAL YEAR 2000 ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,176.00 to pay the principal and interest on the Fiscal Year 2000 United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Town Hall bond and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$18,176.00 from available fund Additional Lottery Receipts into the Interest - Long Term Debt Account.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed unanimously

ARTICLE 6: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to accept the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,230,248.00 for said budget.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Voted to transfer the sum of \$5,650.51 from the Fiscal Year 2000 available fund "Capital Expenses - Sewer Fund" into the Sewer committee Phase III Expense Account.

Defeated Unanimously

ARTICLE 8: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,455.79 for the purpose of making a Fiscal Year 2000 payment on loans for the Ashmere Sanitary Sewer System from Fiscal Year 2000 Betterment Fees.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,709.00 for the purpose of making a Fiscal Year 2000 payment on loans for the Plunkett Sanitary Sewer System from Fiscal Year 2000 Betterment Fees.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,390.00 for the Intermunicipal Agreement for the use of the Dalton Communications Center and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,390.00 from available fund Additional Lottery Receipts into the Dalton Communications Account.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11: AMENDED TO READ: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for a Town Hall Landscaping Plan for the purpose of planting ornamental trees and flowers and placing a flag pole at Town Hall and to fund said appropriation by transferring \$1,400.00 from Additional Lottery Receipts into a Town Hall Landscaping Account.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of procuring services for two appraisals on conservation and recreation property to be purchased in part by a grant and in part by the town.

Passed by a simple majority vote of 28 in favor and 14 opposed

ARTICLE 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Conservation Clerical Account.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Voted to adopt Finance Committee Bylaws for the Town of Hinsdale as follows:

Finance Committee by-laws for the Town of Hinsdale

- I) **Composition; Qualification; Appointment; Term; Vacancies** — The Finance Committee shall consist of 9 members who shall be registered voters in the town. There will be three members elected by the registered voters of the town at the annual town election for a three year term. If a member of the Finance Committee is a member of another town committee, that member must not participate in any issue pertaining to their other committee. No member of the Finance Committee shall be an employee of the town of Hinsdale. When a member vacates his/her position on the committee, the following procedure shall be followed. The Finance Committee shall make it known to the community that a vacancy exists and thereby solicit interested parties. The remaining members of the Finance Committee and the Selectpersons, as determined by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 11, shall vote on a new member. A member shall be dismissed from the committee if he/she requests, either verbally or in writing, to be withdrawn and shall be replaced as soon as possible.
- II) **Election of Officers** — The Finance Committee shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary at the first meeting held after the annual

town meeting. The chairperson shall preside at all committee meetings. The chairperson shall have the responsibility of posting notices of meetings as required by law. The chairperson shall call for a vote on all motions that have been seconded and discussed. The Vice-Chairperson is to preside over meetings and fulfill other duties in the absence of the chair. The secretary shall keep detailed records of the proceedings (including attendance) and conduct all correspondence required by the committee and maintain necessary files and records.

- III) Meetings — All meetings shall be run according to parliamentary rules of order. Meetings shall be held at the Town Hall monthly, or as otherwise deemed necessary by the Finance Committee. The chairperson shall schedule additional meetings when required, which are to be posted at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- IV) Quorum — The presence of fifty percent of current members shall constitute a quorum. Approval of a motion shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting. The chair shall not vote except to make a difference in the outcome of a vote, as in to make or break a tie vote.
- V) Powers and Duties - A) It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make an annual report with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of town business, to be contained in the Annual Town Report. B) The committee shall consider transfers from the reserve account. A vote is required to transfer funds from the reserve fund. C) The Finance Committee shall consider all municipal questions relating to appropriations and may consider any municipal questions. It shall hear members of town departments and citizens of the town relative to any matter before the committee and shall make such recommendations, as the committee deems advisable upon all subjects considered by it. D) The Finance Committee has the right to information regarding the expenditure of all town funds. E) The various town boards, officers, and committees charged with expenditures of town money shall prepare detailed estimates of the amounts deemed by them necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing fiscal year. These estimates shall include explanatory statements of the reasons for any changes from the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year. They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income, which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices, and a statement of the amount of appropriations requested by them for the ensuing year. Such estimates and statements shall be filed with the Town Administrative Assistant, by the fifteenth of January of each year, who shall at once transmit the same to the Finance Committee. E) In the absence of a detailed financial report by a town office, department or committee, the Finance Committee shall make a recommendation based on their understanding of the needs of that office, department or committee.
- VI) Amendments — The bylaws of the Hinsdale Finance Committee may be amended by a majority vote of Hinsdale voters present at Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 166 Section 32A as follows:

In a city, town or district which accepts this section, a licensed electrician who

is appointed inspector of wires may practice for hire or engage in the business for which licensed under the applicable provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-one while serving as such inspector; provided, however, that within the area over which he has jurisdiction as wiring inspector he shall not exercise any of his powers and duties as such inspector, including those of enforcement officer of the state electrical code, over wiring or electrical work done by himself, his employer, employee or one employed with him. Any such city, town or district may in the manner provided in the preceding section appoint an assistant inspector of wires who shall exercise the duties of inspector of wires, including those of enforcement officer of the state electrical code, over work so done. Said assistant inspector may act in absence or disability of the local inspector and for his services shall receive like compensation as the city, town or district shall determine.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 16: Voted to amend the existing Town of Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw.
Moved and seconded to table article to next special town meeting.

Article Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL

TOWN CLERK

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Minutes Of Special Town Meeting

November 3, 1999

The Special Town meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, Dick Marran, in the Hinsdale Town Hall on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 7:00 PM

Of 1,242 voters, 60 were present (5%).

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

***NOTE - KEY TO PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS:** Strikeout = Proposed Deletion; Bold = Proposed Addition

ARTICLE 2: Planning Board Chairman, Morgan Davis made a report to the town meeting recommending that the article was approved by the Planning Board.

Voted to amend the existing Town of Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Amend Section 1 as follows:

1-C Purpose

The purpose of this By-Law is to achieve greater implementation of the powers granted to the municipalities under Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth in the general interests of public health, safety and welfare, including, but not limited to the **objectives set forth in Section 2A of the 1975 Massachusetts Act, Chapter 808, and** following objectives:

Amend Section 4 as follows:

Except as provided in Section 6 hereof, no building or structure shall be constructed and no building, structure or land, or part thereof shall be used for any purpose or in any manner other than for the one or more of the uses hereinafter set forth as permitted in the District in which such building, structure or land is located, or set forth as permissible by special permit in said district and so authorized by the ~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~ **Special Permit Granting Authority (also referenced as SPGA).**

Add to a new numbered subsection Section 4B the following:

4-B Radioactive Waste Disposal: No land within any use district in the Town of Hinsdale may be used for collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration or disposal of Radioactive Waste, including but not limited to waste classified as low-level Radioactive Waste.

Amend Section 5 as follows:

Any structure or dwelling hereafter erected in any District shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum requirements set forth in the table following and the lot width of any lot must be at least 80% of its required frontage as expressed below **unless otherwise noted in the Special Provisions or Telecommunication Towers Sections.** No more than one dwelling shall be built upon any such lot. All accessory structures such as garages, swimming pools, storage shed, barns, etc., shall meet front, side and rear set-back requirements. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements set forth. All dwellings and structures hereafter erected shall be governed by State Building Codes.

Amend Section 6-E as follows:

6-E Special Permit

Any Board designated as Special Permit Granting Authority, **also referenced as SPGA**, in this By-Law may hear and decide applications for special permits upon which such Board is specifically authorized to act under this By-law in accordance with the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 40 A of General Laws.

Special permits may only be issued following public hearings held within sixty-five (65) days after filing of an application with the Special Permit Granting Authority, Notice of Public hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the hearing and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in Town Hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of such hearing, and by mailing it to "Parties in Interest" as provided in Section 11, Ch. 40A (G.L.) which include the petitioner, abutters, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way and owners of land within three hundred feet of the property line, all as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, the Planning Board and the Planning Board of every abutting municipality.

2. Review of Other Board and Agencies

The Special Permit Granting Authority shall within ten (10) days after receipt of an application for Special Permit transmit a copy thereof for review to the Board of Health, the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals when not serving as the SPGA, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and any other municipal board or agency at the discretion of the Special Permit Granting Authority. Any board or agency to which such applications are referred for review shall make such recommendations as they deem appropriate in writing, provided however, the failure to make recommendations within thirty-five (35) days of receipt by such board or agency of the application for review shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto.

Add a new Section 8 Special Provisions (holding place for the location of multiple proposed zoning amendment articles from this STM).

Renumber existing Section 8 including subsections as Section 9 including subsections, renumber existing Section 9 to Section 9 subsection 9-D, and existing Section 10 to Section 9 subsection 9-E, and existing Section 11 to Section 9 subsection 9-F and renumber existing Section 12 to Section 10

Amend the newly numbered Section 10 as follows:

TOWN OF HINSDALE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS BY-LAW

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- a. No wireless communication facility shall be erected constructed or installed without a special permit ~~from the Zoning Board of Appeals~~.

5. SITING AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

- d. No new wireless communication structure shall be permitted unless the applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the ~~Hinsdale ZBA~~ **SPGA** that no existing wireless communication.
1. No existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures are located within the geographic area required to meet the applicant's engineering requirements.

2. Existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures are not of sufficient height to meet the applicant's requirements.
3. Existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures do not have sufficient structural strength or cannot be brought up to appropriate strength to support the proposed wireless communication device.
4. The proposed wireless communication device would cause electromagnetic interference with the existing devices on the site, or the existing devices would cause interference with the proposed wireless communication device.
- e. The fee, costs or contractual provisions required by the owner in order to share an existing structure for use are unreasonable as determined by the **SPGA Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals**.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

- c. In the case of a proposal for siting a new wireless communication structure, or to site a wireless communication device on existing wireless communication structures or non-residential structures including co-location with another carrier, the **SPGA ZBA** shall hold a public hearing within sixty five (65) days of filing of an application and shall issue a decision within ninety (90) days following the date of the public hearing.
- d. The entire application including all items of submittal shall be submitted along with the regular application form to the following: 1 copy to the Building Inspector; 1 copy to the Fire Chief; 1 copy to the Director of Emergency Management; and 3 copies to the **SPGA Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals**.

8. ITEMS FOR SUBMITTAL

(in subsection A)

12. Four view lines in a one to three mile radius of the site beginning at North and continuing clockwise at ninety degree intervals plus additional view lines from any historic, scenic, or other prominent areas of town as determined by the **Hinsdale ZBA SPGA**.
- g. If the proposed facility is taller than the zone height restriction (and the **SPGA ZBA** deems it necessary), after the application is submitted, and not more than 14 days before the public hearing, the applicant shall arrange to fly two foot diameter balloon at the site of the proposed installation. The date and location of the flight shall be advertised at least 14 days, but not more than 21 days before the flights, and again in the public hearing advertisement in a newspaper with a general circulation in the town.

9. APPROVAL

- a. In granting a special permit for wireless communication facilities, in addition to the findings required by the Town's Zoning by-law for Special Permits the **SPGA Hinsdale ZBA** shall find:
 1. That the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the **SPGA** that the requirements of the by-law have been met.
 2. That the size and height of the structure is the minimum necessary.
 3. That the proposed wireless communication facilities will not adversely impact historic structures or scenic views.

4. That there are no feasible alternatives to the location of the proposed wireless communication facilities, including co-location, that would minimize their impact, and the applicant has exercised good faith in permitting future co-location of facilities at the site.
- b. When considering an application for a wireless communication facility, the **SPGA ZBA** shall place great emphasis on the proximity of the facility to residential dwellings, its impact on these residences and will encourage the use of existing structures.
- c. Any extension, or construction of new or replacement towers or transmitters shall be subject to an amendment to the special permit following the same procedures as siting a new wireless communication device on an existing structure.

10. CONDITIONS OF USE

- a. The applicant shall post an initial bond to cover construction costs and an annual maintenance bond to cover maintenance for the access road, site and structure(s) and to cover the removal of facility in the event of non-operation in an amount approved by the **SPGA Hinsdale ZBA**. An access road may include existing town roads not designed for heavy traffic.
- b. Regulatory Compliance
 1. Annual certification demonstrating structural integrity and continuing with current standards of the FCC, FAA and the American National Standards Institute shall be filed with the Building Inspector by the special permit holder.
 2. If the FCC or FAA regulations are changed, the owner or operator shall bring the facilities into compliance within six months or earlier if a more stringent compliance schedule is included in the regulation.
 3. Failure to comply with any regulations shall be grounds for removal of non-complying structures, buildings, devices at the owner's expense.
 4. If the device is moved lower on the structure and the top of the structure is no longer needed, then the non-operational part of the structure shall be removed within 120 days.
- c. Removal and Repair
 1. An applicant must execute a covenant with the **SPGA Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals** agreeing to remove within 180 days of notice from the town, the wireless communication facility not in operation for a period of 12 months, unless the reason for non-operation is the result of major damage.
 2. If the facility is not removed within 180 days, the town will remove said facility at the owner's expense.
 3. In the event of major damage, repair must begin within six months of damage. Major damage shall mean damage to the facility caused by no fault of the owner or operator.

ARTICLE 2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3: Planning Board Chairman, Morgan Davis made a report to the town meeting recommending that the article was approved by the planning Board.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hinsdale by amending

Section 2:

Definitions as follows:

2-B For the purposes of this By-Law, the following words and terms as used herein shall have the meanings or limitations of meaning hereunder defined, explained or assigned:

~~Accessory Use or Structure: A use or structure on the same lot with, and a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal use or structure. An accessory building shall not be larger in floor area than the ground floor area of the principal building.~~

Accessory Structure: A structure on the same lot customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal structure. An accessory building shall not be larger in floor area than the ground floor area of the principal building.

Accessory Use: A use customarily incidental and subordinate to a principal use on the same premises.

Agricultural Use: Any parcel of land which is used in the raising of agricultural products, livestock, poultry or dairy products, including necessary farm structures, vehicles and equipment. This term does not include riding stables, kennels, or facilities for the commercial raising of swine or fur-bearing animals.

Bed and Breakfast Inn or Lodging: Rental of four or more rooms and/or furnishing of room and breakfast to not more than twenty (20) people in a dwelling that shall be the legal residence of the owner. Only breakfast from the family kitchen is permitted.

Dwelling, One-Family: A detached residential building designed for and occupied by one (1) family only, but not including mobile homes whether placed on a foundation or not.

Dwelling, Two-Family: A detached residential building containing two (2) dwelling units, designed for occupancy by not more than two (2) families.

Dwelling, Multi-Family: A residential building designed for or occupied by three (3) and four (4) families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.

Dwelling Unit: One or more rooms constituting a separate, independent house-keeping establishment with cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities for the use of one (1) family.

Fire Districts: The territories defined and limited by the Provisions of the Basic State Building Code for the restrictions of type of construction.

Full Service Inn: Rental of four or more rooms that may exceed 20 guests and/or include furnishing of meals.

~~Guest House: A dwelling in which more than four (4) rooms are rented by resident family for transient guests with or without meals as an accessory use.~~

Home Based Business, Indoor: A business or profession pursued within a dwelling or accessory structure by a resident thereof as a use accessory

thereto, including the sale of articles made or services rendered on premises, involving no excessive traffic or noise as defined in this bylaw, employing at least two but no more than three persons outside of the household, and meeting the requirements of this By-Law.

Home Based Business, Indoor/Outdoor: A business or profession pursued inside and or outside a dwelling or accessory structure by a resident thereof as a use accessory thereto, including the sale of articles made or services rendered on premises, involving no excessive traffic or noise as defined in this bylaw, employing at least two but no more than five persons outside of the household, and meeting the requirements of this By-Law.

Junk-Yard: Any area, lot, land, parcel, building, or structure, or part thereof, used for the storage, collection, processing, purchase, sale, salvage, or disposal of junk, including scrap, waste, reclaimable material, debris, or multiple unused, unregistered vehicles.

Kennel: Structure and other facilities for the keeping of more than three dogs, more than six months old, or other household mammal pets, for sale or boarding purposes.

Light Industrial: Light industrial shall mean assembly, processing, electrical component manufacture, research laboratory, packaging, or other typical light industrial operations.

Lot: A single tract of land held in identical ownership throughout, defined by metes and bounds or lot lines in a deed or conveyance, or shown on a duly recorded plan, **used or available for legal use, as the site of a building.**

Lot, Frontage: The uninterrupted distance along the street line, (for corner lots to be measured along one street only), which provides direct access to the lot, provided, however, that the depth of any lot created after the effective date of this By-Law, shall not be less than forty (40) feet at any point along its frontage in order to qualify for frontage under this By-Law. A private street approved by the Planning Board under the Subdivision Control Law may provide frontage only for the lots which are contained within the approved subdivision.

Lot Width: The mean width of a lot measured at right angles to its depth.

Mobile Home: For the purpose of this By-Law, the following definitions and descriptions will be used.

- a. **Travel Trailer:** A vehicle or structure on wheels, built on a chassis, and having no motive power of its own, but which is drawn by a motor vehicle, or other means, and which is designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, camping, recreation and vacation purposes, and which is eligible to be licensed or registered and insured for highway use.
- b. **Pick-up Coach or Pick-up Camper:** A structure designed primarily to be mounted on a pick-up or truck chassis and with sufficient equipment to render it suitable for use as a temporary dwelling for camping, travel, recreation and vacation uses and eligible to be licensed or registered and insured for highway use.
- c. **Motorized Camper:** A portable dwelling designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, camping, recreational and vacation uses and eligible to be

licensed or registered and insured for highway use.

- d. **Tent-Trailer:** A canvas, folding structure, mounted on wheels, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, camping, recreational and vacation uses and eligible to be licensed or registered and insured for highway use.
- e. **Mobile Home:** A movable, portable structure, built on a chassis and having no motive power of its own, and designed to be connected to utilities and to be used as a permanent, year-round dwelling, whether or not it rests on jacks, wheels, or other foundation and whether or not it is licensed or registered and insured for highway use.

~~**Motel:** A building or a group of buildings, whether detached or connected, in which are located units designed as individual sleeping units primarily for transients traveling by automobile with off-street parking facilities on the same lot.~~

Municipal Use: Any use of land in accordance with the general laws governing municipal powers and functions including participation in regional uses.

Qualified Conservation Restriction: A conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction as defined in M.G.L. c.184, s. 31 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds pursuant to M.G.L. c. 184, s. 32., or a recorded deed restriction running to the benefit of the Town of Hinsdale.

Piggery: The keeping of four or more pigs, exceeding 10 weeks of age shall constitute a piggery.

Private Club: Land and/or buildings used exclusively by members of an organized group, who are elected by a committee or by membership, and not open to public use.

Public Utility: Services provided by a public service corporation through erection construction, alteration, or maintenance of gas, electrical, steam, or water transmission or distribution systems and collection, communication, supply, or disposal systems whether underground or overhead. Facilities necessary for the provision of a public utility include poles, wires, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants and other similar equipment in connection therewith.

Restaurant: An establishment in which food is prepared and served and customers' orders are taken and served at dining tables. A maximum of one inside takeout station may be considered accessory to a conventional restaurant.

Site Plan: A plan indicating, but not limited to, the following: lot size and frontage, the location of all existing buildings, the exact location of proposed buildings and their distance from all lot lines, the location of the septic system and well, existing and proposed topography, all streams, ponds, lakes and wetland areas, the access roads, driveways, parking areas, and all proposed site improvement.

ARTICLE 3 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: Planning Board Chairman, Morgan Davis made a report to the town meeting recommending that this article was approved by the Planning Board.

The article was amended as follows: In Section 6-E (Special Permit) #4 (Review by Consultants) of the Hinsdale Zoning By-Law, delete "proposed By' and the "Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals"
Amendment was passed unanimously.

The article was amended as follows: In Section 10 (Telecommunication Towers) #11 (FEE STRUCTURE) of the Hinsdale Zoning By-Law, delete "Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals" and its place shall be "Special Permit Granting Authority"
Amendment was passed unanimously.

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hinsdale by amending Section 6 as follows:

6-E Special Permit

3. Site Plan Required

As a standard procedure, any application for a special permit shall be accompanied by a Site Plan. Site Plan requirements should be related to the location and nature of the proposed use. Technical requirements for a Site Plan may be waived by the SPGA for Special Permits involving Accessory Uses when the nature of the permit would not warrant preparation of a Site Plan.

The SPGA may also require a construction drawing showing the size and height of proposed buildings, and other information that is reasonably necessary in order for an informed decision to be made by the approving Authority. Additional submittal requirements for larger scale development proposals should necessarily be substantial on order for the special permit criteria to be fairly judged.

4. Review By Consultants

Pursuant to Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1989, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53, G, applicants are required to pay for any consultant hired for the purpose of reviewing plans for Telecommunication Towers and other Special Permits as applicable under rules and regulations adopted by proposed by the Special Permit Granting Authorities Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals.

3 5. Findings Required

4 6. Conditions, Safeguards and Limitations

Special permits may be issued subject to such conditions, safeguards of limitations as the Special Permit Granting Authority may impose for the protections of neighboring uses or otherwise serving the purpose of this By-Law. Such conditions, safeguards or limitations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Screening buffers or planting strips, fences or walls as specified by the Authority;**
- b) Limitations upon the size, number of occupants, method and time of operation, time duration of the permit, or extent of facilities;**
- c) Regulation of number or location of driveways, or other traffic features; and off-street parking or loading, or other special features beyond the minimum required by this By-Law.**

d) Limitation or mitigation of noise required by this By-Law.

Any conditions, safeguards or limitations shall be imposed in writing and shall be made a part of the special permit and of the building permit, if any.

5 7. Decisions by Special Permit Granting Authority

Special Permit Granting Authority shall act within ninety (90) days following the date of public hearing. Failure to take final action upon an application for special permit within said ninety (90) days shall be deemed to be a grant of the permit applied for.

6 8. Expiration of Special Permit

and to amend Section 10 as follows:

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. Application for a special permit for siting wireless communication facilities shall be filed in accordance with Town of Hinsdale By-Laws Section 6-E.
- b. Applicants are required to pay for any consultant **as specified in Section 6-E** ~~hired by the Hinsdale ZBA pursuant to Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1989, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53G.~~

11. FEE STRUCTURE

The fee for filing an application with the **Special Permit Granting Authority** ~~Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals~~ is \$120.00. The applicant is responsible for the cost of mailing notification to all abutters and for the cost of the legal advertising. ~~Pursuant to Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1989, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53G, applicants are required to pay for any consultant hired for the purpose of reviewing plans and proposals by the Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals.~~ [Amended July 15, 1998]

AMENDMENTS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDED ARTICLE 4 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 5: Planning Board Chairman, Morgan Davis made a report to the town meeting recommending that the Planning Board approve Article 5. Voted not to amend Section 4 Use Regulation of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Hinsdale.

ARTICLE VOTE: 25 In Favor and 23 Opposed

ARTICLE DEFEATED DUE TO LACK OF A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

ARTICLES 6-12: Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to table Articles 6-12 until such time as the Planning Board can revise all areas of those articles that refer to Section 5.

Meeting adjourned by Town Moderator Dick Marran at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAWN L. FRISSELL

TOWN CLERK
A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Annual Town Meeting

Order Of Business

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

BERKSHIRE, SS:

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street, on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 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 approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate \$1,191,425 for said budget, or take any other action thereon. [Note: Fiscal Year 2000 assessment was \$1,230,248]

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,484.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon. [Note: Fiscal Year 2000 capital assessment was \$251,145]

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts, and to take any other action thereon:

- A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to grave diggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.

- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2001.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees received; and to expend payments to the Assistant to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the fiscal year 2001.
- F. A Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from the MRIP (Massachusetts Recycling Initiative Program; and to expend payments for recycling projects and recycling education in the town of Hinsdale, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$5,000 during Fiscal Year 2001.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: 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.

	FY2000	Proposed		Finance
	Budget	FY2001	Selectmen's	Committee
		Budget	Action	Action
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Moderator Salary	40.00	40.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectmen Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectmen Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,694.23	20,286.00	Recommended	Under Review
Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00	2,200.00	Recommended	Not Recommended

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,165.00 for general government expenses and salaries and compensation of all appointed officers of the town. Of this amount, \$135,165.00 to be raised by taxation and \$5,000.00 to be applied to the salary of the Administrative Assistant from the Community Development Block Grant for administrative support, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2000 Budget	Proposed FY2001 Budget	Selectmen's Action	Finance Committee Action
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Legal Counsel	4,500.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Moderator	40.00	40.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectman Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Selectmen Expense	1,816.00	2,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Administrative Asst.	30,600.00	32,136.00	Recommended	Under Review
Admin. Asst. Expense	1,350.00	1,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Assessors Expense	5,916.00	5,650.00	Recommended	Recommended
Asst. Assessor Salary	31,200.00	32,136.00	Recommended	Under Review
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,000.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Revaluation	5,000.00	2,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,694.63	20,286.00	Recommended	Under Review
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,084.00	5,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Bank Charges	200.00	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Tax Title Expense	3,000.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Expense	826.00	826.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Election Officers	1,200.00	3,398.00	Recommended	Recommended
Board of Registrars	1,126.00	1,704.00	Recommended	Recommended
Licensing Board Expense	88.00	88.00	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation Comm. Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Conservation Commission Expenses	1,374.00	2,435.00	Recommended	Recommended
Planning Board Expense	350.00	250.00	Recommended	Recommended
Appeals Board Expense	600.00	600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total General Government	133,864.63	140,165.00		

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,357.00 as follows for the purpose of town highways, or take any other action thereon.

HIGHWAYS

Summer Road Wages	39,206.25	40,187.00	Recommended	Under Review
Highway Admin.	700.00	700.00	Recommended	Under Review
Vacations & Paid Holidays	9,800.00	9,800.00	Recommended	Under Review
Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Summer Road Maintenance	35,000.00	35,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Garage Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	Recommended	Under Review
Road Machinery Maint.	25,000.00	25,000.00	Recommended	Under Review
Street Signs	250.00	250.00	Recommended	Recommended
Highway Dept. Uniforms	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Under Review
Winter Roads Maintenance	38,750.00	38,750.00	Recommended	Under Review

Winter Roads Wages	33,312.50	34,200.00	Recommended	Under Review
Street Lights	11,770.00	11,770.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Highways	205,488.75	202,357.00		

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,280.00 as follows for the purpose of vocational education, or take any other action thereon.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Vocational Educ. Tuition	71,746.00	76,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Vocational Educ. Transport.	32,490.00	35,280.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Vocational	104,236.00	111,280.00		

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,300.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans, or take any other action thereon.

VETERANS

Veterans Agent Salary	800.00	800.00	Recommended	Recommended
Veterans Agent Expenses	500.00	500.00		
Veterans Aid	0.00	6,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Memorial Day Observation	700.00	700.00	Recommended	Recommended
War Memorial	300.00	300.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Veterans	8,300.00	8,300.00		

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,361.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chief's Salary	7,600.00	7,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Police Department	38,685.00	38,801.00	Recommended	Recommended
Crossing Guards Wages	2,590.00	2,590.00	Recommended	Recommended
COPS Salary	22,550.00	23,114.00	Recommended	Recommended
COPS Fringe Benefits	7,519.32	9,572.00	Recommended	Recommended
Dalton Communication	10,000.00	11,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	500.00	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Chief's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
1st Assistant Chief's Salary	800.00	800.00	Recommended	Recommended
2nd Assistant Chief's Salary	600.00	600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Department Expense	21,832.00	21,832.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Expense	300.00	300.00	Recommended	Recommended
Building Inspector Education	600.00	600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00	2,200.00	Recommended	Not Rec.
Tree Warden Assistants	1,000.00	1,100.00	Recommended	Not Rec.
Tree Warden's Expense	2,352.00	4,352.00	Recommended	Not Rec.
Total Protect Persons	126,328.32	132,361.00		

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,285.00 for the purpose of Health and Sanitation, or take any other action thereon.

HEALTH & SANITATION

Ashmere Lake Cleanup	6,000.00	11,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
24-Hour Ambulance	6,000.00	6,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Animal Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Waste Disposal Wages	8,138.00	8,350.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Waste Disposal	70,000.00	45,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
No. Berkshire Waste District	2,350.80	2,450.00	Recommended	Recommended
Health Inspector's Salary	500.00	500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,085.00	2,160.00	Recommended	Recommended
Health Board Expense	625.00	625.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Health & Sanitation	95,898.80	76,285.00		

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,841.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

DEBT & INTEREST

Town Hall Loan	2,976.00	3,117.36	Recommended	Recommended
Fire Truck Loan, Principal	10,165.05	10,673.30	Recommended	Recommended
Interest Long Term Debt	24,468.95	23,550.34	Recommended	Recommended
Interest Short Term Debt	5,500.00	5,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Debt & Interest	43,110.00	42,841.00		

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,815.00 for the purpose of Unclassified Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES

Audit	5,000.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Accounting Services	10,000.00	10,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Heating-Garage-Fire House	5,000.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Insurances	64,000.00	35,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Health & Dental Insurance	0.00	35,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Computer Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Hall Operating Exp.	10,000.00	6,500.00	Recommended	Recommended
Centrex Telephone	5,752.00	5,752.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Hall Landscaping	1,400.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Hall Custodian	0.00	5,300.00	Recommended	Recommended
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	10,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Office Machine Maintenance	1,400.00	1,600.00	Recommended	Recommended
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	2,100.00	2,200.00	Recommended	Recommended
Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Recreation Association	5,100.00	5,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,350.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Youth Center Maintenance	350.00	1,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Community Day	500.00	3,850.00	Recommended	Recommended
Town Wide Mowing	14,850.00	15,100.00	Recommended	Recommended
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00	Recommended	Recommended
County Retirement	30,500.00	32,103.00	Recommended	Recommended
Social Security & Medicare	4,612.50	4,890.00	Recommended	Recommended
Berkshire Cty. Reg. Planning	990.08	1,020.00	Recommended	Recommended
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	Recommended	Recommended
Total Unclassified	192,104.58	202,815.00		

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of computer staff salary for Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of Grave Flag Holders for Veterans' graves, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the purpose of a memorial to Lieutenant Michael J. Casey, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of starting to organize the town's Bicentennial Celebration, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$39,152.00 for the Hinsdale Public Library, \$12,103.00 for the Library Director's salary, \$13,104.00 for Library Assistants' salary and \$13,945.00 for library expenses. Of the total amount, a portion to be raised by taxation and a portion to be applied from the county dog tax refund or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purpose of Fire Station Garage Doors, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500.00 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDED BY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,941.20 from available fund "1999 Transportation Bond Issue" for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,941.20 from available fund "1999 Transportation Bond Issue" for improvements on

Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 53A of the Acts of 1999, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,693.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

\$ 1,000.00	Salary of the Sewer Administrator
\$37,000.00	Sewer Department Operating Expenses
\$16,693.00	Fiscal Year 2000 Sewer debt obligations
\$ 2,000.00	Sewer Maintenance
\$ 2,000.00	Sewer Department wages
\$ 58,693.00	TOTAL

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,500.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2001 Sewer Phase III User Fees, or take any other action thereon.

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

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$149,137.00 for Sewer Phase III loan payments as follows, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2001 Betterment Fees, or take any other action thereon.

\$ 103,428.00	Ashmere Sewer Loan
\$ 45,709.00	Plunkett Sewer Loan
\$149,137.00	TOTAL

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$180,277.47 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses from available funds, "Water Surplus", or take any other action thereon.

\$ 7,500.00	Salary of Water Administrator
\$ 3,000.00	Water Department Administration Expense
\$ 30,900.00	Water Department Operating Expense
\$ 22,000.00	Water Department Wages
\$116,877.47	Water Bond Payments
\$180,277.47	TOTAL

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted for a Sewer Betterment Reserve Fund precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to approve a bylaw to incorporate the Town of Hinsdale Sewer Rules and Regulations into the Town Bylaws or take any other action thereon.

SEWER RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Town of Peru pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 83 Section 1 to provide sewer services to the Town of Peru, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for tree planting in the town, this amount to be fully reimbursed by the Mass ReLeaf grant, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 31: To see if the town will vote to adopt Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Thirty-seventh A of the Massachusetts General Laws as follows:

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

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 32: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for a Dog License Account, or take any other action thereon.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN

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

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

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

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 20, 2000 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 27 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

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

Given under our hands

Respectfully Submitted,
BRUCE MARSHALL
JOHN GENZABELLA
DAVID QUAIL
HINSDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RETURN OF SERVICE

**TOWN OF HINSDALE
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:**

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

_____, Hinsdale Police Officer

Treasurer's Report

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

Cash on Hand July 1, 1998:

General	\$ 1,712,658.68	
Petty	365.00	
Sewer	196,317.57	
Water	324,363.33	
Trust	629,205.18	
		\$2,862,909.76

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Current year:

Personal Property	122,575.87	
Real Estate	1,546,539.76	
		1,669,115.63

Previous years:

Personal Property	34.80	
Real Estate	42,871.69	
		42,906.49

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current year	95,389.65	
Previous years	42,077.57	
		137,467.22

Tax Titles

21,195.72

Schools:

School Aid Chapter 70	34,172.00	
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation	1,025.00	
		35,197.00

Temporary Loans:

Highway		216,000.00
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Permanent Loans:

Ashmere Sewer	776,019.09	
Plunkett Lake Sewer	841,000.00	
New Town Hall	640,000.00	
		2,257,019.09

Agency:

Group Insurance	311.41	
Dog Licenses	861.50	
Police Permits Due State	762.50	
		1,935.41

Revolving Ch. 53E 1/2:

Grave Openings	2,075.00	
Plumbing Inspector	1,184.00	
Electrical Inspector	1,400.00	
Building Inspector	6,151.20	
		10,810.20

Grants & Gifts:

Highway Ch 113	183,854.47
Federal Aid - Plunket Sewer	496,593.00
Elections-State	246.00
Library Grant	2,362.60
Housing Development	383.09
STRAP Grant Interest	573.48
Arts Lottery Grant	6,273.54
Council on Aging - State	2,400.00
COPS Fast Grant	21,868.63
DARE Grant	6,071.86
Community Policing Grant	16,000.00
Ashmere Lake Federal Grant	200,000.00
Growing Smart Grant	7,000.00
Peer to Peer Tech Grant	819.28
Plunkett Environmental Grant	6,450.00

950,895.95

Miscellaneous:

Dog Officer (Care & Kill)	270.00
Tax Collector's Costs	6,746.87
Town Clerk's Fees	1,125.50
Deputy Collector Fees	578.81
Unclaimed Checks	432.21
Police Outside Detail	14,247.50
Library Insurance Claim	8,801.00
Mowing Tractor Purchase	16,157.00
MA Energy Conservation	3,420.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,600.00
Conservation Commission Revolving	813.75
Dog Refund	137.73
Interest on Property Taxes	9,078.10
Interest on Excise Taxes	2,006.63
Interest on Tax Titles	9,416.94
In Lieu of Taxes	4,283.80
Garbage/Trash Charges	33,480.90
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,080.00
Liquor Licenses	1,500.00
Board of Appeals Permits & Fees	480.00
Board of Health Permits	939.00
Conservation Permits & Fees	121.00
Fire Dept. Permits	882.00
Gas Inspectors Permits	347.00
Mobile Home Permits	4,500.00
Planning Board Permits	251.00
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	923.50
Zoning Board Permits	15.00
Town Licenses	486.00
Copier Receipts	149.50
Abatements to Veterans	3,288.00
Elderly Abatements	6,526.00
Veterans Benefits	4,233.78

Lottery	163,007.00	
Additional Lottery	19,457.00	
Highway Fund	34,042.00	
Court Fines	18,387.50	
Dog Fines	120.00	
State Owned Land	13,589.00	
Interest on Small Cities	145.48	
Interest on Savings	16,089.02	
Interest on Water Rehab	10.30	
Interest on Sewer Project	22,954.71	
Interest on So. Main St. Water	5,771.37	
Misc. Revenues N.O.C.	65.00	
Refunds Net of Revenue	36.00	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	209.22	
		432,202.12
Sewer:		
Sewer Use Fees	38,913.58	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	3,943.38	
Sewer Betterments	1,630.58	
Betterments Added to Taxes	281.57	
Interest on Sewer Taxes	767.00	
Interest on Savings	7,176.65	
		52,712.76
Water:		
Water Rents	135,950.62	
Water Liens	9,579.70	
Interest of Savings	12,591.64	
		158,121.96
Transfer from other Funds		533,089.00
Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		10,515.96
Warrants Payable		<u>243,565.85</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		<u>\$9,635,660.12</u>
Summary:		
Cash on Hand 7/1/98	\$2,862,909.76	
General Fund Revenue	5,774,744.83	
Sewer Dept. Revenue	52,712.76	
Water Dept. Revenue	158,121.96	
Trust Fund Revenue	10,515.96	
Transfers Other Funds	533,089.00	
Warrants Payable	<u>243,565.85</u>	
	\$9,635,660.12	
Summary:		
Expenditures:		
General Fund	7,505,485.80	
Sewer	59,225.21	
Water	171,139.26	
		7,735,850.27

Transfers to other Funds:		
Trust	533,089.00	
Water		533,089.00
Warrants Payable prior year:		
General	64,911.30	
Water	1,735.53	
		66,646.83
Cash on Hand 6/30/99:		
General	692,437.23	
Petty	365.00	
Sewer	190,762.97	
Water	309,876.68	
Trust	106,632.14	
		130,074.02
		9,635,660.12
Miscellaneous Expenditures:		
Personal Property Refunds	196.03	
Real Estate Refunds	11,652.04	
Motor Vehicle Refunds	1,791.47	
Water Lien Refunds	360.00	
Dog Officer (Care & Kill)	270.00	
Loans Authorized-Town Hall	320,000.00	
Temporary Loan-Highway	216,000.00	
Temporary Loan-Sewer Project	841,000.00	
Group Insurance	311.41	
Tax Collectors Costs	7,425.87	
Clerk Fees	1,009.25	
Deputy Collector Fees	590.81	
Dog Licenses	861.50	
Police Permits Due State	712.50	
State Aid to Libraries	2,496.49	
Housing Development Grant	383.09	
Water Rehab-Lower Main St	433,975.79	
Septic System Repair		
Water Rehab Grant		
Arts Lottery	1,000.00	
Council on Aging - State	2,974.52	
Police Vests		
DARE Grant	6,228.67	
Community Policing Grant	15,974.35	
Ashmere Lake Cleanup	10,000.00	
Ashmere Federal Grant	7,000.00	
Peer to Peer Technical Grant	819.28	
Grave Opennings	1,275.00	
Plumbing Insp Fees	1,184.00	
Electrical Insp Fees	1,400.00	
Building Insp. Fees	5,000.00	
Police Outside Detail	16,272.50	
Library Insurance Claim	8,801.00	
Mowing Tractor Purchase	16,157.00	

MA Energy Conservation	3,420.00	
Mosquito Control Assmnt	6,750.00	
Air Pollution Assmnt	652.00	
STRAP Assessment		
Reg. Transit Authority Assmnt	3,790.00	
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	1,080.00	
County Tax	14,071.65	
Conservation Revolving	219.79	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	209.22	
TOTAL		1,963,315.23

Reserve Fund Transfers

7/1/98 - 6/30/99

Appropriation	12,000.00	
Emergency Management	1,190.00	
Youth Center	342.00	
Treasurers Expenses	228.00	
Town Hall Operating	2,800.00	
Town Waste Disposal	3,300.00	
Conservation Commission	32.63	
Social Security & Medicare	707.60	
Council on Aging	14.00	
Vocational Tuition	597.20	
Dalton Communications	1,127.97	
Visiting Nurse	0.50	
Dog Officer Expenses	37.98	
Town Reports	65.00	
Sports/Recreation Comm	350.00	
Selectmens Expenses	500.00	
Adm. Assessors Exp.	300.00	
		11,592.88
Unexpended Balance		<u>407.12</u>
		12,000.00

Balance Sheet -06/30/99
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

CASH:

General Cash	693,157.23	
Petty Cash - Tax Coll.	50.00	
Petty Cash - Dog Officer	100.00	
Petty Cash - Assessors	15.00	
Petty Cash-Highway Dept.	100.00	
Petty Cash-Police Dept	100.00	
Sewer Cash	190,762.97	
Water Cash	<u>309,156.68</u>	
TOTAL CASH:		1,193,441.88

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop Taxes F1995	146.24	
Personal Prop Taxes F1996	45.14	
Personal Prop Taxes F1997	91.98	
Personal Prop Taxes F1998	301.05	
Personal Prop Taxes F1999	<u>508.23</u>	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		1,092.64

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F1989	94.50	
Real Estate Taxes F1990	275.10	
Real Estate Taxes F 1991	21.18	
Real Estate Taxes F1992	180.22	
Real Estate Taxes F1993	429.00	
Real Estate Taxes F1994	785.56	
Real Estate Taxes F1995	2,812.25	
Real Estate Taxes F1996	4,448.31	
Real Estate Taxes F1997	5,989.75	
Real Estate Taxes F1998	8,512.51	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	<u>33,025.68</u>	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES		56,574.06

MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:

Motor Vehicle Ex 1981	1,527.19
Motor Vehicle Ex 1982	994.52
Motor Vehicle Ex 1983	981.22
Motor Vehicle Ex 1984	1,031.45
Motor Vehicle Ex 1985	1,004.95
Motor Vehicle Ex 1986	2,325.60
Motor Vehicle Ex 1987	1,143.08
Motor Vehicle Ex 1988	2,986.86
Motor Vehicle Ex 1989	3,242.30
Motor Vehicle Ex 1990	4,450.69
Motor Vehicle Ex 1991	4,004.92
Motor Vehicle Ex 1992	3,131.88
Motor Vehicle Ex 1993	2,230.47
Motor Vehicle Ex 1994	2,402.81

Motor Vehicle Ex 1995	3,253.37	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1996	3,733.64	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1997	4,052.74	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1998	7,582.21	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1999	<u>28,426.39</u>	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:		78,506.29
WATER RENTS & LIENS		
Water Liens	25,552.19	
Water Rents	<u>51,120.38</u>	
TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS		76,672.57
SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	15,034.00	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	960.00	
Sewer Betterments	3,240.98	
Betterments Added to Taxes	<u>623.73</u>	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		19,858.71
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	199,313.97	
Tax Possessions	<u>2,728.96</u>	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		202,042.93
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
St Aid to Hwy Ch 11	123,755.00	
State Aid-Hwy Chapter 85B	28,104.51	
St Aid to Hwy Chapter 113	70,805.53	
Fed Aid Swr Prj-Plunkett	<u>578,407.00</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		801,072.04
LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authorized-Ashmere	2,593,980.91	
Loans Authorized-Plunkett	1,079,000.00	
Loans Authr-Water Pol Prj	<u>200,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		3,872,980.91
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Police Outside Detail	<u>675.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		675.00
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:		
Air Pollution Control	216.00	
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	<u>1,080.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:		1,296.00
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F1988	348.22	
Overlay F1989	<u>419.79</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		768.01
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Plunkett Lake Sewer Project	<u>3,653.95</u>	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		3,653.95
TOTAL ASSETS		6,308,634.99

Balance Sheet - 06/30/99
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES

REVENUE

Revenue Fiscal 2000	<u>358,669.67</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		358,669.67

AGENCY:

Tax Collector Costs	361.00	
Town Clerk Fees	37.50	
Police Permits Due State	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY:		448.50

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

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

GRANTS

St. Aid to Libraries	543.57	
Septic System Repair Grnt	15,696.00	
Water Rehab-Lower Main St	31,516.78	
STRAP Grant	13,257.98	
Arts Lottery Grant	9,766.20	
Council on Aging - State	301.86	
COPS Fast Grant	9,107.94	
DARE Grant	6.73	
Community Policing Grant	25.65	
Plunkett Environmental Gr	6,450.00	
Capital Project-Sewer	<u>30,059.84</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS		116,732.55

53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS

Grave Openings	<u>800.00</u>	
TOTAL 53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		800.00

LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS

Loans Authorized Unissued	<u>3,872,980.91</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		3,872,980.91

OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:

Mosquito Control	362.00	
Reg. Transit Authority	<u>48.00</u>	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES:		410.00

RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP

Sale of Cemetery Lots	7,447.00	
Cons. Comm Receipts Resrv	841.46	
Sewer Receipts Reserved	78,842.17	
Water Surplus	<u>94,806.52</u>	
TOTAL RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		181,937.15

OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE

Overlay F1990	1,453.34
Overlay F1991	1,716.34
Overlay F1992	2,475.64
Overlay F1993	7,347.64
Overlay F1994	5,600.70
Overlay F1995	11,390.32
Overlay F1996	15,931.78
Overlay F1997	13,035.54
Overlay F1998	19,937.21
Overlay F1999	<u>14,281.20</u>

TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE

93,169.71

REVENUE RESERVED:

Petty Cash Revenue	365.00
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	202,042.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev	78,506.29
Sewer Usage Revenue	15,994.00
Sewer Betterments Revenue	3,864.71
Water Rents & Leins Rev	76,672.57
Fed Aid Sewer Proj Plnkt	<u>578,407.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED:

955,852.50

WARRANTS PAYABLE:

Warrants Payable	242,341.82
Warrants Payable Water	266.18
Warrants Payable Sewer	<u>957.85</u>

TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE:

243,565.85

SURPLUS REVENUE

Surplus Revenue	<u>134,937.92</u>
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TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE

134,937.92

APPROPRIATION BALANCES:

Tax Title Expenses	2,272.35
Conservation Commission	32.63
Highway Chapter 85	28,104.51
Highway Chapter 113B	32,452.03
Highway Chapter 11	123,755.00
Vacations & Paid Holidays	4,390.16
Bridges	7,500.00
Summer Road Maintenance	6,836.08
Town Garage Maint	325.42
Street Signs	367.85
Plunkett Lake Dam	16,951.39
Vocational Tuition	597.20
Cemetery Expansion Project	17,430.00
COPS-Salary	14,029.77
Dalton Communications Cnt	4,699.46
Ashmere Lake Sewer Project	2,887.49

Town Hall Steering Com Ex	48.26	
New Town Hall	26,236.00	
Council on Aging	14.00	
Recreation Association	1044.64	
Sports/Recreation Comm	288.42	
Community Day	725.92	
Sewer Comm Operating Ex	15,963.04	
Sewer Committee Phase III	247.07	
Water Dept. Operating Exp	1,795.04	
Water Rehab Project Loans	<u>40,000.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		348,993.73
 TOTAL LIABILITIES:		 6,308,634.99

Balance Sheet - 06/30/99
TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	106,632.14	
Stabilization		<u>106,632.14</u>
	106,632.14	106,632.14

Balance Sheet - 06/30/99
DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	185,379.00	
Fire House Loan		5,380.00
Fire Truck Loan		<u>179,999.00</u>
TOTAL Total Inside Debt Loans	<u>185,379.00</u>	185,379.00
 Outside Debt Limit	 3,736,235.53	
Town Hall Loan		320,000.00
Sewer		32,507.15
Sewer		21,957.09
Sewer - Plunkett Lake		841,000.00
Sewer - Ashmere Lake		776,019.09
Water Rehab		<u>1,744,752.20</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>3,736,235.53</u>	<u>3,736,235.53</u>
 TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT:	 <u>3,921,614.53</u>	 <u>3,921,614.53</u>

Fiscal Year 2001- Proposed Budget

Appropriation	FY2000 TOTAL	FY2001 PROPOSED	Diff. FY00/FY01	Fin. Sletmn Comm. Action	Action
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Legal Counsel	4,500.00	5,000.00	500.00	R	R
Moderator	40.00	40.00	0.00	R	R
Selectmen's Salaries	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00	R	R
Selectmen's Expense	1,816.00	2,000.00	184.00	R	R
Administrative Asst Salary	30,600.00	32,136.00	1,536.00		R
Administrative Asst Expense	1,350.00	1,500.00	150.00	R	R
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00	R	R
Assessors Salaries	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	R	R
Assessors Expense	5,916.00	5,650.00	(266.00)	R	R
Asst. Assessor Salary	31,200.00	32,136.00	936.00		R
MVE Bills	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	R	R
Revaluation	5,000.00	2,000.00	(3,000.00)	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	19,694.63	20,286.00	591.37		R
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,084.00	5,200.00	116.00	R	R
Bank Charges	200.00	200.00	0.00	R	R
Tax Title Expense	3,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
T/C CAMA System	2,900.00	0.00	(2,900.00)		
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Expense	826.00	826.00	0.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	R	R
Election Officers	1,200.00	3,398.00	2,198.00	R	R
Board of Registrars	1,126.00	1,704.00	578.00	R	R
Licensing Board Expense	88.00	88.00	0.00	R	R
Dog License Account	0.00	500.00	500.00	R	R
Conservation Commission Salary	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00	R	R
Conservation Comm. Expenses	1,374.00	2,435.00	1,061.00	R	R
Clemson Leveler	700.00	0.00	(700.00)		
Planning Board Expense	350.00	250.00	(100.00)	R	R
Appeals Board Expense	600.00	600.00	0.00	R	R
HIGHWAYS					
Hwy Chapter 85	28,104.51	0.00	(28,104.51)		
Hwy Chapter 113B	32,452.03	0.00	(32,452.03)		
Highway CH. 11	123,755.00	0.00	(123,755.00)		
Highway Chapter 53A	0.00	40,941.20	40,941.20		R
Highway Chapter 127	0.00	40,941.20	40,941.20		R
Summer Road Wages	39,206.25	40,187.00	980.75		R
Highway Admin.	700.00	700.00	0.00		R
Vacations & Paid Holidays	9,800.00	9,800.00	0.00		R
Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00		R
Summer Roads Maintenance	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00		R
Town Garage Maint.	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00		R
Road Machinery Maint.	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00		R
Street Signs	250.00	250.00	0.00		R
New Plow	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)		

Compressor	4,500.00	0.00	(4,500.00)		
Plunkett Lake Dam	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Hwy. Dept. Uniforms	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00		R
Winter Roads Maint.	38,750.00	38,750.00	0.00		R
Winter Roads Wages	33,312.50	34,200.00	887.50	R	R
Street Lights	11,770.00	11,770.00	0.00	R	R
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES					
C.B.R.S.D. Operating	1,230,248.00	1,191,425.00	(38,823.00)	R	R
C.B.R.S.D. Capital	251,145.00	247,484.00	(3,661.00)	R	R
Vocational Tuition	71,746.40	76,000.00	4,254.00	R	R
Vocational Transp.	32,490.00	35,280.00	2,790.00	R	R
Library Director's Salary	11,954.21	12,103.00	148.79	R	R
Assistants Salary	5,894.00	13,104.00	7,210.00	R	R
Library Expenses	8,621.00	13,945	5,324.00	R	R
VETERANS					
Veterans Agent Salary	800.00	800.00	0.00	R	R
Veterans Agent Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00	R	R
Veterans Aid	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Memorial Day Observation	700.00	700.00	0.00	R	R
Grave Flag Holders	0.00	300.00	300.00	R	R
War Memorial	300.00	300.00	0.00	R	R
Lt. Casey Memorial	0.00	700.00	700.00	R	R
PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Chief's Salary	7,600.00	7,600.00	0.00	R	R
Police Department	38,685.00	38,801.00	116.00	R	R
Crossing Guards	2,590.00	2,590.00	0.00	R	R
COPS - Salary	22,550.00	22,114.00	564.00	R	R
COPS - Benefits	7,519.32	9,572.00	2,052.68	R	R
Dalton Communication	10,000.00	11,000.00	2,390.00	R	R
Berk. Cty Sherriff Communication	500.00	500.00	0.00	R	R
Fire Chief's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	R	R
1st. Asst. Chief's Salary	800.00	800.00	0.00	R	R
2st. Asst. Chief's Salary	600.00	600.00	0.00	R	R
Fire Dept. Expense	21,832.00	21,832.00	0.00	R	R
Building Inspector Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	R	R
Building Inspector Expense	300.00	300.00	0.00	R	R
Building Insp. Education	600.00	600.00	0.00	R	R
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	0.00	R	R
Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	R	R
Emergency Transfer Switch	4,200.00	0.00	(4,200.00)		
Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	R	R
Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00	R	R
Tree Warden Salary	2,000.00	2,200.00	200.00	NR	R
Tree Warden Assistants	1,000.00	1,100.00	100.00	NR	R
Tree Warden's Expense	2,352.00	4,352.00	2,000.00	NR	R
HEALTH & SANITATION					
Ashmere Lake Cleanup	6,000.00	11,000.00	5,000.00	R	R
Lake & Pond Project	6,450.00	0.00	(6,450.00)		
24-Hour Ambulance	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	R	R

Animal Inspector	200.00	200.00	0.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal Wages	8,138.00	8,350.00	212.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal	70,000.00	45,000.00	(25,000.00)	R	R
No. Berkshire Waste District	2,350.80	2,450.00	99.20	R	R
Health Inspector's Salary	500.00	500.00	0.00	R	R
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,085.00	2,160.00	75.00	R	R
Health Board Expense	625.00	625.00	0.00	R	R
DEBT & INTEREST					
Town Hall Loan (Principal)	2,976.00	3,117.36		R	R
Fire House Loan (Principal)	5,380.00	0.00	(5,380.00)	R	R
Fire Truck Loan (Principal)	10,165.05	10,673.30	508.25	R	R
Interest Long Term Debt	24,468.95	23,550.34		R	R
Interest Short Term Debt	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	R	R
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES					
Audit	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	R	R
Accounting Services	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	R	R
Heating-Garage-Fire House	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	R	R
Town Insurance	64,000.00	35,000.00	(29,000.00)	R	R
Health & Dental Ins.		35,000.00	35,000.00	R	R
Computer Maint.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	R	R
Town Hall Landscaping	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Town Hall Operating Expense	10,000.00	6,500.00	(3,500.00)	R	R
Centrex Telephone	5,752.00	5,752.00	0.00	R	R
Town Hall Emergency Wiring	1,200.00	0.00	(1,200.00)		
Town Hall Custodian	0.00	5,300.00	5,300.00	R	R
Property Appraisals	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)		
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	10,000.00	(3,000.00)	NR	R
Office Machine Maint.	1,400.00	1,600.00	200.00	R	R
Printing/Del.Town reports	2,100.00	2,200.00	100.00	R	R
Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	R	R
Recreation Assn.	5,100.00	5,000.00	(100.00)	R	R
Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,350.00	1,000.00	(350.00)	R	R
Youth Center Maint.	350.00	1,000.00	650.00	R	R
Youth Ctr. Furnace Serv. Agreement	300.00	0.00	(300.00)		
Community Day	500.00	4,150.00	3,650.00	R	R
Town Wide Mowing	14,850.00	15,100.00	250.00	R	R
Historical Comm.	200.00	200.00	0.00	R	R
County Retirement	30,500.00	32,103.00	1,603.00	R	R
Social Security & Medicare	4,612.50	4,890.00	277.50	R	R
Berk. Cty. Reg. Planning Comm.	990.08	1,020.00	29.92	R	R
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	R	R
Computer Staff Salary	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
SEWER					
Sewer Administrator	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Operating Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Loan	16,693.00	16,693.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Dept. Wages	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Expenses	6,000.00	0.00	(6,000.00)		

Sewer Phase III Administrator	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Maintenance	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Wages	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Ashmere Sewer Loan	25,455.79	103,427.10	77,972.21	R	R
Plunkett Sewer Loan	45,709.00	45,709.00	0.00	R	R

WATER

Water Dept. Administrator Salary	1,000.00	7,500.00	6,500.00	R	R
Water Dept. Admin. Expense	1,360.00	3,000.00	1,640.00	R	R
Water Dept. Operating Expense	30,900.00	30,900.00	0.00	R	R
Water Dept. Wages	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	117,028.94	116,877.47	(151.47)	R	R

Government Expenses	1,109,880.62	1,115,795.40	5,914.78		
School Expenses	1,585,629.00	1,550,189.00	(35,440.00)		
Sewer & Water Expenses	308,146.73	433,607.47	125,460.74		

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: 3,003,656.35 3,099,591.87 95,935.52

FY99 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	\$ 4,269.66	\$ 230.34
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)		2,200.00	1,430.00	3,630.00	3,545.84	84.16
Administrative Assistant (10129.00)		30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
Administrative Asst. Exp. (10129.01)		1,350.00	300.00	1,650.00	1,625.00	25.00
Administrative Asst. Compute (10129.04)		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		500.00		500.00	387.98	112.02
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00	(1,000.00)	3,000.00	2,992.00	8.00
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		8,700.00		8,700.00	8,697.69	2.31
Asst. Assessors Salar (10141.02)		30,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Ex Billing (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Revaluation (10142.00)		5,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Treas./Collector Salary (10145.00)		19,121.00		19,121.00	19,121.00	
Treas./Collectors Exp. (10145.01)		4,800.00	228.00	5,028.00	4,973.00	55.00
Bank Charges (10145.03)		200.00		200.00	65.00	135.00
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)	5,177.08			5,177.08	2,904.73	2,272.35
Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)		800.00		800.00	780.03	19.97
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Election Officers & Ba. (10162.00)		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,699.65	0.35
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,611.43	88.57
Licensing Board Expenses (10165.00)		88.00		88.00		88.00
Conservation Commission (10171.00)		800.00	32.63	832.63	800.00	32.63
Planning Board Expense (10175.00)		350.00		350.00	261.39	88.61
Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)		600.00		600.00	582.97	17.03
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,177.08	131,649.00	1,990.63	138,816.71	135,557.37	3,259.34

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
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	94,877.97	32,452.03
Highway Chapter 11 (20106.00)			123,755.00	123,755.00		123,755.00
Summer Wages (20420.00)		38,250.00		38,250.00	37,439.32	810.68
Highway Administration (20421.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	841.47	158.53
Vacations & Paid Holidays (20421.01)		9,800.00		9,800.00	5,409.84	4,390.16
Vacations & Paid Hol. FY (20421.02)	1,291.26			1,291.26	1,228.00	63.26
Bridges (20422.00)	6,000.00	1,500.00		7,500.00		7,500.00
Summer Road Maintenan (204022.02)		35,000.00		35,000.00	28,163.92	6,836.08
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,674.58	325.42
Road Machinery Maint. (20422.04)		25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	
Street Signs (20422.06)	250.00	250.00		500.00	132.15	367.85
Sand Truck Chains (20422.08)	4,000.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	
Grab Thumb (20422.12)	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,146.89	53.11
Plunkett Lake Dam (20422.20)	17,252.19			17,252.19	300.80	16,951.39
Hwy Dept. Uniform Ren (20422.22)		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,101.47	98.53
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)		38,750.00	23,508.83	62,258.83	62,258.83	
Winter Road Wages (20423.01)		32,500.00	2,478.08	34,978.08	34,978.08	
Street Lights (20424.00)		10,700.00		10,700.00	9,981.16	718.84
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	313,757.96	197,950.00	149,741.91	661,449.87	438,864.48	222,585.39
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES						
C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)		1,192,070.00		1,192,070.00	1,192,070.00	
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)		280,975.00		280,975.00	280,975.00	
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)		44,945.80	597.20	45,543.00	44,945.00	597.20
Vocational Transport (30000.04)		21,000.00	420.00	21,420.00	21,420.00	
Library Director's Sa (30610.00)		10,453.04		10,453.04	10,453.04	
Library Assistant Sal (30610.01)		2,713.50		2,713.50	2,713.50	
Library Expenses (30610.01)		8,245.46		8,245.46	8,245.46	
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES	0.00	1,560,402.80	1,017.20	1,561,420.00	1,560,822.80	597.20

VETERANS

Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Veterans Aid (40543.02)		14,010.00		14,010.00	3,056.16	10,953.84
Memorial Day Observ (40543.04)		700.00		700.00	477.07	252.93
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00	250.00	50.00
TOTAL VETERANS	0.00	15,810.00	0.00	15,810.00	4,553.23	11,256.77

CEMETERIES

Cemetery (50491.00)		12,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00	
Cemetery Expansion Pr (50491.02)	18,000.00			18,000.00	570.00	17,430.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	18,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	12,570.00	17,430.00

PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		7,600.00		7,600.00	7,599.96	0.04
Police Department (60210.02)		38,685.00		38,685.00	38,685.00	
Crossing Guards (60210.04)		2,590.00		2,590.00	2,590.00	
COPS -Salary (60210.16)		22,000.00	12,760.69	34,760.69	20,730.92	14,029.77
COPS-Academy Tuition (60210.18)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,748.95	251.05
COPS-Fringe Benefits (60210.22)		9,354.00		9,354.00	351.25	9,002.75
Dalton Communication (60212.00)		8,652.00	1,127.97	9,779.97	5,080.51	4,699.46
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)		22,132.00		22,132.00	21,995.47	136.53
Building Inspectors S (60241.00)		1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Building Inspectors E (60241.01)		264.00	600.00	864.00	505.35	358.65
Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Emergency Management (60291.00)		3,000.00	1,190.00	4,190.00	4,182.68	7.32
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)		500.00	37.98	537.98	537.98	
Tree Wardens Salary (60294.0)			2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Tree Wardens Expense (60294.02)		5,352.00		5,352.00	5,350.51	1.49
TOTAL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROP:	0.00	130,229.00	17,916.64	148,145.64	119,658.58	28,487.06

Expense Category/Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Ashmere Lake Cleanup (70100.00)		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
Ashmere Lake Sewer Pr (70102.00)			976,019.09	976,019.09	973,131.60	2,887.49
Plunkett Lake Sewer P (70104.00)			***, *****	1,336,243.00	1,339,896.95	(3,653.95)
24-Hour Ambulance Ser (70231.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Animal Inspector (70249.00)		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Waste Disp. Wage (70431.00)		7,939.00		7,939.00	7,706.40	232.60
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)		70,000.00	3,300.00	73,300.00	73,300.00	
No. Berkshire Waste D (70431.04)		2,351.00		2,351.00	2,350.80	0.20
Water System Rehab-To (70450.03)	738.82			738.82	713.00	25.82
Health Inspectors Sal (70510.00)		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00)		2,025.00	0.50	2,025.50	2,025.48	0.02
Health Board Exp (70522.01)		625.00		625.00	625.00	
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	738.82	99,640.00	2,315,562.59	2,415,941.41	2,416,449.23	(507.82)
DEBT & INTEREST						
Fire House Loan (80710.02)		5,380.00		5,380.00	5,380.00	
Fire Truck Loan (80710.04)		9,681.00		9,681.00	9,681.00	
Int. Long-Term Debt (80751.00)		10,022.00		10,022.00	10,022.00	
Int. Short-Term Debt (80752.00)		2,500.00	38,786.29	41,286.29	41,286.29	
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	0.00	27,583.00	38,786.29	66,369.29	66,369.29	0.00
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES						
Audit (90100.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,925.00	75.00
Accounting Services (90122.00)		7,420.00		7,420.00	7,420.00	
Heating-Garage & Frho (90192.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	3,530.00	1,470.00
Town Insurances (90192.01)		71,400.00	(2,400.00)	69,000.00	57,867.52	11,132.48
Computer Maintenance (90192.02)		500.00		500.00	476.50	23.50
Town Hall Operating (90192.04)			10,237.00	10,237.00	10,151.85	85.15
Town Hall Steering Co (90192.08)	455.29			455.29	407.03	48.26
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Pol (90192.10)		13,000.00		13,000.00	8,189.97	4,810.03
Office Machine Maint (90192.12)		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	

New Town Hall (90192.16)		350,000.00	320,000.00	670,000.00	643,764.00	26,236.00
Printing/Del. Town Rep (90195.00)		2,100.00	65.00	2,165.00	2,165.00	
Council on Aging (90541.00)		3,000.00	14.00	3,014.00	3,000.00	14.00
Recreation Association (90630.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,955.36	1,044.64
Sports/Recreation Com (90630.02)		1,350.00	350.00	1,700.00	1,411.58	288.42
Youth Center Mainten (90630.04)		350.00	342.00	692.00	691.60	0.40
Youth Center Service (90630.06)		300.00		300.00	270.00	30.00
Youth Center Oil Tank (90630.07)	1,555.00			1,555.00	1,148.00	407.00
Open Space & Rec Plan (90630.08)			3,500.00	3,500.00	3,499.92	0.08
Community Day (90630.12)	500.00	500.00		1,000.00	274.08	725.92
Baseball Field & Twn (90650.00)		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,270.00	30.00
Historical Commission (90691.00)		200.00		200.00	198.60	1.40
FY98 Historical Commi (90691.01)	200.00			200.00		200.00
County Retirement Ass (90911.00)		23,976.00		23,976.00	23,976.00	
Social Security & Med (90916.00)		4,500.00	707.60	5,207.60	5,207.60	
Dental Insurance (90919.00)		1,980.00		1,980.00		1,980.00
Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)		965.98		965.98	965.98	
Reserve Fund (95781.00)			407.12	407.12		407.12
Sewer Administrator (300060.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sewer Comm Operating (300060.01)		37,000.00	16,000.00	53,000.00	37,036.96	15,963.04
Sewer Loan (300060.02)		16,693.00		16,693.00	16,693.00	
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)		2,000.00		2,000.00	467.50	1,532.50
Sewer Dept Wage (300060.06)		2,000.00		2,000.00	274.82	1,725.18
Sewer Committee Phase (300075.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,752.93	247.07
Water Dept. Adm. Sala (400060.01)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Water Dept. Adm. Exp. (400060.02)		1,700.00	3,836.64	5,536.64	5,501.49	35.15
Water Dept. Operating (400060.05)		30,900.00		30,900.00	29,104.96	1,795.04
Water Dept Wage (400060.06)		22,000.00		22,000.00	18,712.41	3,287.59
Water Rehab Project L (400060.12)		117,180.40	40,000.00	157,180.40	117,180.40	40,000.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	2,710.29	735,515.38	393,059.36	1,131,285.03	1,017,690.06	113,594.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	340,384.15	2,910,779.18	2,918,074.62	6,169,237.95	5,772,535.04	396,702.91

Town of Hinsdale Capital Facilities & Equipment Inventory

Department: Emergency Management

Item	Year	Condition	Use	Acquisition Cost	Replacement Cost	Notes
Dodge Truck	1977	Good	Medium	\$0	\$30,000	
Generator 30kw (diesel)	1965	Good	Medium	\$0	\$50,000	Located at Grange Hall
Generator 25kw	1965	Good	Medium	\$0	\$12,000	Located at Fire Station
Generator 10kw	1975	Good	Medium	\$0	\$8,000	Trailer mounted
Generator 5kw (diesel)	1970	Good	Medium	\$0	\$12,000	Trailer mounted
Generator 5kw	1965	Good	Medium	\$0	\$8,000	Trailer mounted
Heater	1975	Good	Medium	\$0	\$7,000	Trailer mounted
Heater	1975	Good	Medium	\$0	\$7,000	Portable
Water Trailer	1965	Good	Medium	\$0	\$10,000	
Incident Command Trailer	1995	Good	Medium	\$1,000	\$5,000	

Department: Fire

Fire Station	1980	Good	Heavy	\$220,000	\$500,000	
Mack Pumper	1986	Good	Medium	\$125,000	\$250,000	
Mack Pumper	1996	Good	Medium	\$196,000	\$250,000	Includes CAF system
Rescue Truck	1986	Good	Medium	\$75,000	\$180,000	Assoc. owned. Converted from Ambulance
Ford Tanker	1976	Good	Medium	\$35,000	\$80,000	Converted from pumper
Chevrolet Brush Truck	1984	Good	Medium	\$0	\$35,000	Acquired from surplus
Air/Light Truck	1984	Good	Medium	\$0	\$30,000	Assoc. owned. Acquired used from WMECO
Boat and Trailer	1975	Good	Medium	\$1,000	\$5,000	

Department: Highway/Water/Sewer

Garage 1	1950	Good	Heavy		\$50,000	
Garage 2	1960	Good	Heavy		\$50,000	50X50 Addition

Salt Shed	1996	Good	Heavy	\$132,000	\$132,000	Purchased with state funding
Ford Dump Truck	1989	Poor	Heavy	\$30,000	\$50,000	
Mack Dump Truck	1987	Fair	Heavy	\$66,000	\$100,000	
Int'l Dump Truck	1995	Good	Heavy	\$80,000	\$100,000	
Michigan Loader	1987	Fair	Heavy	\$50,000	\$100,000	
Cat Grader	1987	Good	Medium	\$90,000	\$150,000	
Ford Backhoe	1983	Good	Medium	\$30,000	\$70,000	
Int'l Snow Fighter	1974	Good	Heavy	\$0	\$150,000	Donated by City of Pittsfield
Int'l Snow Fighter	1976	Fair	Light	\$0	\$150,000	Donated by City of Pittsfield
Mack Dump Truck	1977	Fair	Light	\$0	\$150,000	Donated by City of Pittsfield
Army Dump Truck	1975	Good	Light	\$0	\$150,000	Acquired from surplus
Ford Utility Tractor	1963	Good	Light	\$3,000	\$30,000	Purchased used
Rail Mower Tractor	1999	Good	Light	\$0	\$60,000	Purchased by WMECO
Dodge Utility Truck	1984	Good	Heavy	\$600	\$25,000	Purchased from surplus
Chevy Snow Plow	1979	Poor	Light	\$0	\$100,000	Acquired from surplus
						Out of Service
Chipper	1973	Good	Light	\$0	\$20,000	Donated
Compressor	1995	Fair	Light	\$1,000	\$10,000	
Roller	1987	Good	Light	\$4,000	\$5,000	
Trailer	1987	Good	Light	\$3,000	\$5,000	
Road Rake	1980	Good	Light	\$5,000	\$10,000	
Sewer Cleaner	1980	Good	Light	\$2,500	\$25,000	Purchased used from Town of Dalton
Welder	1985	Good	Medium	\$3,000	\$10,000	
Snowplows (10)	See Notes	Good	Heavy	\$5,000	\$5,000	Acquired in various years.
V-Body Sanders (3)	See Notes	Good	Heavy	\$10,000	\$10,000	Acquired in various years.

Report of the Finance Committee

To the Residents of Hinsdale:

During FY00, the Finance Committee worked diligently to oversee town finances, and develop a budget for FY01. We also have been developing a five year projection for the portion of the budget which the town has direct control over so we can provide direction and achieve stability in our financial picture. This five year projection is limited by not being able to include the largest item in our budget - school expenses. Our five year projection will be completed and refined in the coming months.

During the past couple years, the Stabilization Fund has been significantly depleted to help finance the Town Hall. We should now be in the process of restoring that fund to a more appropriate level.

The Central Berkshire Regional School District budget process has made substantial improvements by their participation with the 7 town Advisory Committee. We've had representatives at their Finance meetings, and have a much better understanding than in the past of the reasons for the school budget decisions. The Finance Committee is recommending acceptance of the school budget this year. The assessment to the Town of Hinsdale is expected to be reduced by approximately 3 percent this year.

During this budget year, we set out to perform an evaluation of salaries paid in town, to ensure that the salaries we pay are appropriate both to the employees and to the town. We have not completed this evaluation at this time.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

PETER W. SAMSEL
Finance Committee Chair

Administrative Assistant Report

My second year as the Town of Hinsdale Administrative Assistant was extremely gratifying to me personally as well as to the town. I worked hand in hand with residents of town on the Steering Committee of the "Growing Smart" study and with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. I worked with the Open Space Committee to complete the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Much of my energy was focused on preparing a Small Cities grant which was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. This grant, for \$430,000, will allow the town to make the library handicapped accessible, build new sidewalks and place new curbing downtown, and to rehabilitate housing. We are waiting to hear about another grant that would allow the town to install period lighting in the town center. I wrote a grant for the reimbursement of part of the costs of removing an underground storage tank at the Youth Center. This year town residents attended two special town meetings in order to deal mainly with zoning bylaw amendments. I enjoyed being part of the Community Day planning and I know that the next Community Day will be bigger and better.

Part of what makes my job so interesting and diverse is that my responsibilities are so varied and so many. When the phone rings, I never know what the subject of the call will be.

My relationships with those of you who work in town government make my job a very gratifying one. Your dedication and involvement is inspiring to me.

Respectfully Submitted,

ABBY KRAMER MAYOU
Administrative Assistant

Emergency Management Agency

1999 proved to be a very busy year for this department. Many hours were spent insuring that the Y2K bug would not affect the town computer or communication systems. While this effort resulted in no disruption of service, we did discover a potential problem should electrical power be lost to the fire station. In the event of a loss of electrical power communication between the dispatch center and the fire, police and emergency management departments would be affected. With the approval of funds at the January special town meeting we are addressing this problem via the installation of an emergency transfer switch, which will allow automatic switch over to generator power in the event of a disruption in electrical service.

We are pleased to participate in Hinsdale community day. While the less than ideal weather was not what we had hoped for, it gave us an opportunity to demonstrate some of the capabilities we have available. We provided a large tent and when the temperature dropped, used our portable heaters to help chase the chill away. In addition we provided electrical power and lighting for

the tent and the various bands that played. This year also saw our department install a weather monitoring station at the fire station and a transfer switch at the town hall. We continue to maintain and upgrade our equipment through the many hundreds of hours spent by the volunteers of this department. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the citizens of Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. BOLDUC, **Director**

Department of Public Works

Greetings,

This department was kept busy this past year with our scheduled repair and maintenance program. Last year not only were we busy with road work, but, also the normal maintenance of the water system.

Equipment and building maintenance is still a high priority to have a smooth operation. Equipment we have acquired throughout the year at no cost to taxpayers has proven to be very effective and is operating fine with minor repairs as needed. As we are utilizing a good amount of used equipment, the need for more repairs sometimes is needed. That is why I am requesting an additional amount of money for equipment repairs.

Also, with your approval, I would like to replace our 1989 one ton dump truck with a new truck. This truck is used daily as it is very versatile for most projects.

Old Dalton Road was resurfaced along with drainage improvements and guard rails installed for safety. This project was done completely with Chapter 90 funds.

CHAPTER 90 FUNDING

For those of you who may or may not know, Chapter 90 money is money allocated by the state to cities and towns for road maintenance, repair or reconstruction, other things specific to road work and storage of equipment plus equipment itself. This year our Chapter 90 money was cut by 33 1/3%. After numerous phone calls and conversations plus meetings, the governor thinks we have too much money already. His answer to us is, if you don't have enough monies, raise local taxes to offset the difference. Guess what, it ain't going to happen!

Chapter 90 money is supposed to be allocated out of our gas tax money. Last year alone, Massachusetts received \$621 million plus in gas tax revenue. I am asking for your support in calling and/or writing your senator and representative and the governor to let them know we can't afford this and that you are totally opposed to this and possibly this can get turned around to what it

used to be, otherwise our road projects will be cut back drastically. As I see it now, things are not going to get better unless our legislators can convince the governor to restore these much needed funds.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK E. GALLIHER
Road Superintendent

Fire Department

In 1999, the Hinsdale Fire Department, responded to 66 calls representing 616 man hours.

The breakdown of calls are as follows:

TYPES OF CALLS	Fires in Structures	9
	MVA	14
	Vehicle Fires	3
	Wood Stoves Chimney	2
	Outside Fires Brush	13
	EMS Assist	7
	Service Calls	18
	Total	66

CALLS BY TOWNS	Hinsdale	59
	Dalton	3
	Peru	2
	Becket	1
	Windsor	1

1999 was an average year for calls but very active in other activities. The building expansion is about 80% finished, with the inside offices yet to be built. We are looking to replace the old overhead doors this year with more energy efficient ones. In the next 2 years we will need to put some attention to the roof of the original building. All apparatus is in good shape at this time. The muster team is very active again. The muster circuit has made a comeback with many more musters planned this year including one in Hinsdale again this summer. All the members of the Fire Department would again like to thank the people of Hinsdale for their support.

LARRY TURNER
Fire Chief

Hinsdale Public Library

The staff, trustees and patrons of Hinsdale Public Library bid a fond farewell to Rose Wilson, our Library Director for twelve years. Rose was instrumental in countless library improvements; installation of a bathroom, carpeting and children's room, collection development and many outstanding summer reading programs.

Efforts in recent months have focussed on staff training, collection maintenance, preparation for handicapped access and school visits. Through a vigorous overdue book return campaign, over fifty materials have been restored to the collection. We are currently at work on a long-range plan that encompasses our beautiful building, staff development and our growing collection of materials.

As your new Library Director, I plan to move forward with building renovations, automated circulation, development of a reference collection and homework center, repair and display of historical items and networking with neighboring library resources.

The Hinsdale Library has always been cherished as an archaeological monument and shining example of Hinsdale's glory days. As such, it has suffered the weathering and wear of any much-loved and used building. I plan to pursue all possible avenues for architectural restoration; while steadily rendering our collection worthy of our children. The MCAS exam and rewritten Massachusetts Frameworks have challenged us to upgrade and modernize our research materials so that our students may adequately perform and compete.

As we enter the "new millennium", let us be mindful of the invaluable gifts the Hinsdale Library brings forth from the past.

LAURIE VILORD

Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project

Crews made 31 trips to Hinsdale checking and spraying for adults and larval mosquitoes. They spent 195 person hours checking and treating 4,061.8 acres of land for adults and larvae. The crew also responded to five calls for assistance. A total of 129.2 miles of town roads, camps and residential properties were adultcided during the month of June, July and August.

Project surveillance in mid March indicated mosquito larvae in mosquito breeding sites beginning to develop. Project personnel began treating mosquito breeding sites in early April. Because of below normal precipitation during the months of June through August, adult mosquito populations were way below normal. In September the county received substantial rainfall and project surveillance indicated mosquito larvae were present. The larvae failed to develop into adults because of cool weather. From September to the end of November water management (cleaning and maintaining drainage ditches) was the project's main function. A field crew from Berkshire Training and 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 and repair of vehicles and equipment, record keeping, map update, training, etc.).

We wish to thank you for your continued support. We sincerely hope that, in the future, you will continue to employ recognized experts who are properly trained, licensed and overseen by the state to perform 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

The Hinsdale Police Department has had a very busy year. With our first full-time officer aboard, we have been able to increase our services to the community. During the year, we have made 15 arrests, issued over 650 citations and responded to over 900 other calls.

We moved into our new quarters and have been able to modernize our communication network by installing all new computers that were purchased through grant monies. This year we hope to acquire a new cruiser, which will also be partially funded with grant money that this Department has been able to receive.

We continue to keep all of our officers recertified and updated on all required courses. As in the past, the Department has been involved heavily in the community especially with our youth. We continue to support our Youth Center, Sports Teams, FunFair, and Scouts. Our D.A.R.E. Program has been the mainstay for a lot of the funding needed to bring programs to our future leaders.

In closing, I would like to thank the police officers of this Department for their dedication, hard work, and for being there when needed. I would also like to thank the citizens of Hinsdale for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK A. GREEN, SR.

Chief of Police

Officers: Eric Autenrieth
Bryan Cloutier
Thomas Dawley
Rick Murdock
Heather Nicholas

Mike Perkins
Sgt. Chris Powell
Gabriel Taglieri
Robert LeVardi, Sr.

Treasurer/Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal 1999 was an extremely busy and productive year.

Financing of six projects was completed. We have signed and sealed all new permanent debt to be paid back over the next 30 or 40 years. Some of the money came from Grants of the Federal Government and some road money from the state. These projects consisted of Plunkett and Ashmere Lake Sewer, Town Hall Building, Old Dalton Road Highway, an addition to the Highway Garage, and completion of the South Main Street Water project.

I am also in the process of refinancing a water loan that was taken out in September of 1991 at an interest rate of 6%. The paperwork is ready, I am just awaiting for the market to drop to 5 1/4 % and at that time, I will refinance saving an estimated 300,000.00 to 400,000.00 in interest payments over the next 40 years.

Our free cash for Fiscal 1999 was Certified on December 16, 1999, in the amount of \$76,358.00, and I advised the Selectmen to transfer at a vote of Town Meeting \$50,000.00 into the Stabilization Fund to start building back up our Fund balance.

The Ashmere Nursing Home was sold to new owners at auction and we were able to collect all of the back taxes as this account was put in tax title. We are also working on the foreclosure of fourteen tax title accounts. These outstanding taxes are hurting the rest of the tax payers, so we are working within the law to see to it that these amounts are collected. Our collection rate increased this year up to 99 1/2 for both Real Estate and Personal Property combined. I mention this because, you the town's people, are responsible for this impressive collection rate.

I wish you a healthy and prosperous new year and many thanks for your cooperation in the workings of this office.

Respectfully,

PAULINE B. WHEELER
Treasurer/Tax Collector

Water and Sewer Administrator

Calendar year 1999 was a record for sewer and water administrative activities in the Town of Hinsdale.

1) Starting the year with full confidence that water billing would be done by metering in October, disappointment came when the summarized meter reading in October did not coordinate with the total measured water input from the filtration plant, or the total measured sewer output to Dalton/Pittsfield. A meter by meter recalibration with equipment furnished gratis by Schlumberger Meter Co. is in process plus recalibration of both sewer and waste meter totals.

2) Some recurrence of the 1998 brown water situation has apparently been resolved by second flushing this year. This is a hard nut to crack and Rick Galliher is following it closely.

3) The Phase III Sewer Committee, appointed to oversee the installation of sanitary sewer in the Plunkett and Ashmere Lake districts, has essentially completed the installation job. Final arrangements for billing, service and monitoring have been turned over to the town Sewer and Water Administrator. A new man, Francis Flanagan, has been added to the administration, and he will be handling the full responsibilities when I retire at the end of June due to old age (74) and a heart attack (last year).

Respectfully submitted,

MEREDITH READ
Sewer/Water Administrator

Sewer Committee

This has been an exciting year for the Sewer Committee. The many months of hard work and planning finally resulted in the completion of the construction work on the Phase III Sewer Project. Although there were many obstacles along the way, the end result was well worth the effort and the time spent to see the project through to completion.

The construction of the Plunkett Reservoir Project, which began in August 1998, was completed in mid summer with the start-up of the main pumping station and residents began connecting to the Hinsdale Sewer System during August 1999. Apart from some minor inconvenience to residents and passers by, the project ran smoothly and the homeowners seemed generally pleased with the response and service provided by the Project Engineer, Tighe & Bond, and the contractor, Petricca Construction Company. The project was also a success from a financial standpoint, and the Sewer Committee was able to extend the scope of the project to include a large portion of George Schnopp Road and additional properties on Plunkett Reservoir Road. The net result was the addition of approximately twenty additional EDU's to the project while still maintaining a cost level slightly under budget.

In April, 1999, the construction of the Ashmere Lake Project began in earnest. Due to potential access problems associated with the Skyview Grove area, approximately one thousand feet of sewer main was installed between Pine Road and Clovis Road during the April school vacation and alternate routes established to minimize the impact to the area residents. The construction continued with the pipeline under the lake being installed in late April and the sewer main installation moved ahead at a rapid pace due to the three crews employed by Petricca. By June, the installation of the sewer mains reached a point of completion that permitted one of the crews to be assigned to install grinder pumps in parallel with the other activities. This approach permitted the phasing of connections to the sewer system. Residents along Peru Road were authorized to connect in July and the Ashmere Heights area begin connecting in early September. The remainder of the project had to await the completion of the pumping stations and the repair of a leak that was detected in the pipeline running along Peru Road before they were authorized to connect in early December. Overall, the project progressed well with only a few minor issues arising from area residents. For the most part, these issues were resolved to the satisfaction of the property owner through the efforts of Tighe & Bond and Petricca. Final restoration and cleanup will take place during the Spring of 2000. On the financial side, the Ashmere Project received an unexpected boost in the form of a Federal Hardship Assistance Grant that was awarded through EPA. After a review of all projects in the Commonwealth, Hinsdale's Ashmere Lake Project was one of only two projects qualifying for the grant, amounting to \$412,000, which was applied directly to the reduction of debt incurred by the project. The overall cost of the project tracked well to budget and the final accounting is expected to reflect a minor under run compared to original project cost estimates.

As the project now draws to a close, we would like to thank all the residents for their support and understanding throughout the two year process of bringing sewers to the lake areas of town. The inconvenience seems minor when compared to the significant benefit to individual property owners, as well as the major benefit derived by the Town through the elimination of non point pollution at our two major water resources.

We appreciate all the help and cooperation received from the various Town Officers and Boards and we look forward to the Selectmen successfully integrating the Phase III project with the existing system.

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, 39 @ \$10.00	\$ 390.00
Neutered Male, 105 @ \$4.00	420.00
Female, 17 @ \$10.00	170.00
Spayed Female, 111 @ \$4.00	444.00
Kennel, 5 @ \$20.00	100.00
Kennel, 3 @ \$40.00	120.00
Total amount turned over to Treasurer	\$1,644.00

Vital Statistics

Births	26
Deaths	21
Marriages	8

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN FRISSELL

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

For Fiscal Year 1999, 79.58 tons of paper and 35.58 tons of glass, cans and plastic containers were recycled at the town's transfer station. The District has scheduled its next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held on September 23, 2000 at sites yet to be announced. The District has contracted with Safety Kleen (formerly Laidlaw Environmental) for disposal of the hazardous waste.

Residents of all District towns can dispose of paint through the District's Surplus Paint Collection program. This program runs each year from April to October at two sites: Cheshire Transfer Station and Williamstown Transfer Station. Both latex and oil based paints are accepted, as well as stains and varnishes. As with the Hazardous Waste Collection, there is no charge to residents. Please call the District office at (413) 743-8208 for dates and hours. For Fiscal Year 1999, over 1200 cans of paint were shipped to be recycled or fuel blended.

The contract for the transportation of recyclables to the North Adams Transfer Facility was put out to bid and was awarded to Berkshire Cleanway for three years. In other contract matters, it was decided that the District would keep to its original contract with the Springfield MRF. These terms will ensure payment to our communities of \$20 per ton of recyclables brought to the MRF through March 31, 2000. Assessment to the Town of Hinsdale remains this year at \$1.20 per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBIN DEWKETT

District Commissioner for Hinsdale

Veterans Agent

During the past year, seventeen requests for assistance were processed. In addition, four claims for burial benefits were completed. We are still following-up on one 1998, and several 1999 requests. One veteran was on Chapter 115 for a short time.

In November, the Veterans Agent attended a three-day training program in Worcester, sponsored by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Affairs. This covered primarily Massachusetts Chapter 115, and Chapter 108 Laws.

The Veterans Agent would like to thank Ms. Barbara Genzabella and the Hinsdale Garden Club for their dedication in planting and maintaining the flowers at the War Memorial on the library lawn. They did an excellent job!

The Veterans Agent would like to thank Ethan Leslie, who chose as his Boy Scout Eagle rank project, the recording of veterans graves in the Saint Patrick's cemetery. Ethan did a thorough project of locating and recording information available.

The Veterans Agent would like to thank Zeitler Plumbing and Heating, Maple Street, Hinsdale, for installing the outdoor faucet at the library, to facilitate the care of the flowers at the War Memorial, by the Garden Club.

All Veterans currently living in Hinsdale are asked to send a copy of their DD 214, or equivalent (discharge paper showing dates of service, rank, etc.) to the Veterans Agent, PO Box 490.

A list of Korean War era veterans from Hinsdale is being compiled. If anyone knows of a person who served during the Korean War (6/25/50-1/31/55), please send that name to the Veterans Agent. If possible, include dates or service, branch, rank, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIP COLLINS, Veterans Agent

Conservation Commission

I would like to thank the town for a warm welcome to a new conservation commission appointed in May. We had a busy year starting with a fire baptism on the weed control by herbicide Notice of Intent for Plunkett and Ashmere Lakes. We had a total of 8 Notices of Intent submitted and 8 hearings for them. Our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday at our office in town hall have been well attended and we encourage any resident of Hinsdale to come out and see us. We are here to answer, or get answers for questions asked. In August we hired a consultant to help keep us legal, fill out Department of Environmental Protection forms, take meeting minutes, look at sites, and perform many other important services to our commission. A troubling problem for us has been the need to issue 3 enforcement orders for work done without permits. We strongly encourage anyone near any water resource to come and see us before disturbing any soil or starting any building project.

A pamphlet explaining the Wetlands Protection Act is available in the brochure rack in town hall, free of charge. It's a great one page explanation of the Wetlands Protection Act. The Conservation Commission's purpose is to protect our abundant natural and water resources in Hinsdale. We are also sworn to enforce the Wetlands protection Act. We hope that 100 years from now, inhabitants of Hinsdale have, at the minimum, the same wonderful natural resources to enjoy as we do. We ask all residents to help keep Hinsdale the great town it is, and protect its future.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNIE COTE, Chairman

Recreation Association

The Hinsdale Recreation Association runs the Lions Community Building, the Hinsdale Youth Center and Plunkett Beach Cottage. The Community Building lost the Senior Lunch Program as a tenant this year when the program moved into the new Town Hall. We were able to do quite a bit of repair work on the building and next year we will continue to remodel the inside of the building. The Grange as well as the Lions uses the building. Bingo is held there every Thursday. The Youth Center had another banner year. Since the town offices moved out, Ed Plouffe and his sister Janet Flanagan, with the help from a few townspeople, completely remodeled the rooms formerly occupied by the town offices. Ed retired from his job at the Beloit Company and now he keeps the Youth Center open on weekdays from 2:45 to 8:00 PM and on Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. He and Jan and their helpers are doing a great job.

Teri Trufant again supervised the Plunkett Beach and kept the area clean. Thanks to Wayne Walton and his crew who kept the entire area mowed all summer. We have several wheel chairs at the cottage available free of charge and many walkers and other hospital equipment stored there for anyone that needs them. Our electric hospital beds are all out on loan but we do have some crank type beds available. The Lions will be celebrating 45 years of Lionism

in Hinsdale. Anyone wishing to attend the affair at the Wahconah Country Club can obtain tickets from Charley DeAngelus.

Another Great Year,

CHARLEY DEANGELUS, Executive Director

TERI DOUGLAS, Secretary Treasurer

ED PLOUFFE, Youth Center Director

Building Inspector

This has been a good year for construction here in Hinsdale. Several new homes have been built and many residents are fixing up their existing homes with additions and "home improvement" work.

With the completion of the sewers around Ashmere and Plunkett there has been an increase in actual construction and an explosion of interest in future projects. It looks to be a busy year coming up.

There is now a computer in the office which enables rudimentary record keeping and standardized building permits. The process of obtaining a permit remains the same, but the new technology helps with the administration.

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 I 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 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

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee was formed in 1999 as a result of a recommendation from the Hinsdale Growing Smart project. Community input indicated that both improved long range capital planning and improved overall strategic planning were needed in Hinsdale. A bylaw to establish a Capital Improvement Planning Committee pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 106B was prepared for the annual town meeting and passed unanimously. The committee was authorized in the summer after the State's Attorney General accepted the bylaw.

The charter of the committee is twofold. First, the committee is responsible for preparing and submitting the town's five year capital plan to the Selectmen. To that end, the Committee is tasked to study proposed capital projects, improvements and long range planning projects involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects. Secondly, the committee acts as an advisory board to the Selectmen on issues of strategic importance to the town. Since the committee's formation last summer, we have spent most of our energy preparing the capital plan. This task entails looking at the town's capital inventory and debt, and soliciting inputs from the various town boards and committees for the five year capital plan. The fruits of these efforts will be realized this Spring when we submit our first Capital Plan to the Selectmen.

Once we have established a baseline of data and an efficient process for capital planning, the committee will spend more time studying issues of strategic importance to the community. Initially, we intend to follow-up on some of the recommendations of the Growing Smart project. Eventually, we hope to drive the development of the town's strategic planning documentation as envisioned by the Growing Smart project. We welcome your input and participation in our process and look forward to working with many of you in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHRISTOPHER MONTFERRET, Chair
SHAUN GALLIHER, Secretary
RICHARD ROUSSIN
PETER SAMSEL
MORGAN DAVIS

Hinsdale Garden Club

Nine members strong, the Hinsdale Garden Club undertook an ambitious assortment of community projects in 1999. Both the downtown bridge boxes and the Veteran's Memorial on the Library lawn displayed a fresh array of colorful flowers and foliage in time for Memorial Day. While maintaining these sites daily through an exceptionally dry summer, members turned their attention to the landscaping of the new town hall.

At the request of the Garden Club, John Stritch, the renowned Hinsdale artist and sculptor, undertook the creation of two sculptures whose placement on either side of the front entrance of the town hall would provide the focal point for all other landscaping. Also at the request of the Garden Club, Richard and Joanne Litchfield, donated two large historic stones from the former Brothers' Mill in Hinsdale on which the sculptures would be mounted. In addition to donating the millstones, Richard Litchfield also moved the stones from his property to the town hall, moved the sculptures from the Stritch Gallery to the town hall, and mounted the sculptures to the stone. Since the day of their installation, townsfolk have been heartily endorsing the impact of this impressive display.

To enhance the existing sculptures and the shrubs and flowers planned for the site, John Stritch has suggested back lighting. The Garden Club looks forward in the year 2000 to lobbying for this lighting as well as choosing for the site hardy (drought resistant) native plantings and installing text describing the historic, artistic value of the sculptures and millstones.

The Garden Club is also pleased to have had a part in the donation, installation and tending of the blue spruce now gracing the strip of land between the school and town hall.

In support of the first annual Community Day on October 23, 1999, the Garden Club members, individually and as a group volunteered time, talent, and/or goods to the craft tent, town-hall dedication, fashion show, and storytelling.

Also, holiday decorations for the town hall were supplied, applied, and removed by the Garden Club.

We wish to thank you, the citizens of Hinsdale and our partners in its continued beautification, for appropriating funds in the town budget for our endeavors. Among other things, the petunias that sparked the town hall portico this summer were purchased from these funds. Your suggestions, your time and talent on individual projects, your membership in this club are welcome and graciously sought.

Open Space & Recreation Committee

Approval in the Fall of the Town of Hinsdale's Open Space and Recreation Plan by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts marked the end of a successful eighteen month effort by your committee to produce such a plan.

The basis for the planning effort was information gathered in a town-wide open space and recreation questionnaire sent to town residents in 1998. This basis was adjusted by the comments from two public meetings which were held as part of the plan development process. In general, the people of Hinsdale want to retain the rural nature/feel of their community, and would like more access to the natural resources which shape the town - the Housatonic River, and Plunkett and Ashmere Lakes. They would also like more recreational facilities to serve the broad base of Hinsdale residents - a community common, playing fields, and walking and biking trails. This plan contains detailed actions to accomplish these goals. A copy of the Open Space & Recreation Plan can be borrowed from the town's administrative officer or from any member of the committee.

In addition to the Open Space Committee members, important contributions to this plan were made by students from the Conway School of Design (contracted by the town), Lauren Gaherty of Berkshire Regional Planning, and Abby Kramer Mayou (our town administrative assistant). Those of us who worked on this plan are proud of what we were able to accomplish, and hope that the plan serves its ultimate purpose - to qualify Hinsdale for consideration for open space and recreation related grants, and to provide a focus for future actions by the town and its people.

Hinsdale Community Day

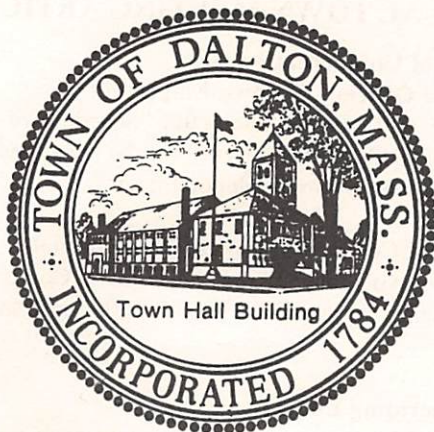
The first annual Hinsdale Community Day was held on Saturday, October 23, 1999. Community Day was an outgrowth of the "Growing Smart" Economic Development study that the town completed with the help of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and was funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. The study recommended that the downtown be used as an events site, to draw people to the historic town center and to build community spirit. The dedication of the new town hall took place during the Community Day.

The event took place at multiple sites throughout town but was centered in the downtown area. A lively bus driver from the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority shuttled people from site to site. The following groups were involved in the event: Hinsdale Volunteer Firemen, Hinsdale DARE, Hinsdale Emergency Management, Council on Aging, Hinsdale Historical Society, Lions Club, Congregational Church, Hinsdale Library, Garden Club, Masons and Grange.

There was music and entertainment throughout the day. We also provided: train and trolley exhibits, pie judging, animals on display, crafts and games for children, a Goodwill Fashion show, crafters booths, a home decoration contest, a dance, Smokey the Bear, emergency medical demonstrations and muster demonstrations. There was food for sale at several different locations both for lunch and dinner.

Everyone who attended Community Day enjoyed themselves. It was a real opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors, to enjoy the town's various organizations and to feel community spirit.

JOHN and BARBARA GENZABELLA, Co-Chairs



**Articles for the
Annual Town Meeting, May 1, 2000
and the
Report of the
Finance Committee
for 1999**

Articles to be voted on at Town Meeting
Finance Committee Report
Article and Tax Summary
Schedules of Compensation
Operating Budgets
Wage and Salary Schedules

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 Schedule of Compensation—

Appointed Officials & Town Employees

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Appointed Officials and Town Employees" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 2 Schedule of Compensation—Elected Officials

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 3 Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including provisions from Sewer User Fees, to defray charges and expenses and debt service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 4 Revolving Account—Historical Commission

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Historical Commission for receipts from sales and any gifts or donations to the Historical Commission; the operation of said revolving account shall be under the direction of the Commission's Treasurer and the Town Manager; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$4,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5 Revolving Account—Cemetery Department

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Cemetery Department for the receipt of payments from funeral homes for all grave digging services to be performed on weekends or during other hours beyond the normal cemetery department workday; and to expend payments for all overtime payroll expenses to grave diggers, as approved by the Cemetery Trustees; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6 Revolving Account—Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Cemetery Department for the receipt of reimbursement payments for sustained Cemetery damages; the operation of said revolving account shall be under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7 New Street

To see if the Town will vote to accept Pinecrest Drive as a public way; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8 Revolving Account—Tree Warden and Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Tree Warden and Planning Board for the receipt of payments from subdivision developers, for tree and shrub plantings within designated Town locations; the operation of said revolving account shall be under the direction of the Tree Warden and the Town Manager; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9 Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Free Cash in the Treasury and/or transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account, a sum of money to the Reserve Fund (Account 132) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10 Revolving Account—Electrical Inspector

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Electrical Inspector for the receipt of payments from electrical permit applications, and To expend payments to the Electrical Inspector to pay for inspection services; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11 Education Capital Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12 Education Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13 Education Transportation Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14 Parks and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, a sum of money for the purpose of providing recreation and leisure time activities to the resident of Dalton; or to take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15 Revolving Account—Plumbing Inspector

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Plumbing Inspector for receipt of payments from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16 Sidewalk Snow Removal

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, a sum of money to Account #425, "Sidewalk Clearing" for the purpose of entering into a contract for snow and ice removal from primary school route sidewalks; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17 Revolving Account—Dog Licensing

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of the Town Clerk for the receipt of dog licensing fees and other charges related to dog/animal control as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 147A, and for the payment of expenses relating to the administration of dog licensing and related matters; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$3,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18 Revolving Account—Legal Advertising

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for Legal Advertising; the operation of said revolving account shall be under the direction of the Town Manager for the receipt of legal advertising fees, and for the payment of expenses relating to legal advertising; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$8,000.00 from the fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19 Revolving Account—Council on Aging

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the revolving fund account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use of offsetting expenses by the Dalton Council on Aging, BRTA Operation, for transporting Senior Citizens within the community and outlying areas; the operation of said revolving account shall be under the direction of the COA Director and the Town Manager; expenditures in FY 2001 not to exceed \$8,500.00 from the fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20 To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:

1 Member—Select Board	For 3 Years
1 Town Clerk	For 3 Years
1 Moderator	For 1 Year
1 Member—Planning Board	For 5 Years
1 Member—Dalton Housing Authority	For 5 Years
1 Cemetery Trustee	For 3 Years
3 Library Trustees	For 3 Years
3 Members—Finance Committee	For 3 Years

Residents of the Town of Dalton qualified by law to vote may do so at the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000. The polls will be open at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. until 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED 2001 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

By: Henry H. (Terry) Williams III, Chairman

The primary goal of the Finance Committee, Select Board, and Town Manager during the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2001 budget was to ensure that any increase in Dalton's tax levy be as small as possible while continuing to provide the services expected by our residents. Doing this requires all involved parties to actively seek out areas where expenses can be reduced and revenues enhanced. This is the fourth year that our Town Manager, David "Smokey" Rickerd, has held his position and the committee has become comfortable with his budget approach which emphasizes broad forecasting input while demanding accountability of budget to actual results. Thus when individual line item proposals come to our committee we are able to finalize our recommendations more easily without lengthy hearings because of increased confidence that all the proper groundwork has been accomplished. This year after reviewing 71 budget proposals ranging in scope from \$150 to over \$4.3 million the committee is ready to propose a budget that meets the requirements of being fiscally sound while meeting the needs of our residents.

Our overall proposed spending plan for FY01 recommends total appropriations of \$10,731,151, an increase of 12.9% over last year. It should be noted that \$1,664,854 of this total is comprised of already approved warrant items from Special Town Meetings which took place on January 24th and March 27th, and are in addition to normal annual operating costs. Those items have been funded with transfers of available monies and will not increase the tax rate. In fact, the combined town operating budget and our school assessment for FY 2001 is anticipated to increase only 1.55% to a total of \$8,867,080. The committee, with the advice of the financial team, assumes a conservative increase in Dalton's combined state and local revenues of approximately \$60,000 or 2.5%. Consistent with our past practice, we plan to again apply \$66,047 of available reserves to reduce the school capital assessment to keep the amount level to that of the past three years. Full approval of all of our recommendations would result in a property tax assessment increase of \$181,407 or 2.9% above FY 2000. This would place us approximately five hundred and sixteen thousand dollars below the adjusted Proposition 2-1/2 levy limit.

The initial building blocks of this year's spending plan include the usual proposal by the Town Manager to level fund expense accounts where possible and we agree with this suggestion. The committee has also concurred with a recommendation of a 2.5% salary increase for all non-bargaining town employees, except where individual employment contracts take precedence. Meanwhile, we will continue to honor multi-year collective bargaining contracts which detail increases next year for employees subject to these agreements, including the Police (+2%), and the Communications Department (+2%). The Highway and Cemetery Departments are currently still negotiating a wage adjustment reopener in their current contract. It is hoped that any change will be finalized by the time of the annual town meeting. It is important to note that wages were funded on the basis of a 53 weeks last year; this year we will return to the normal use of 52 pay periods in computing the budget. This helps modify the total increase in salaries by saving the additional 1.9% additional cost from last year.

Of the individual accounts the committee reviewed this year, 22 are recommended for reduction, and 18 to remain the same. Generally most increases are small in terms of both absolute and percentage, but some specific areas of the budget have had notable increases. These include: Financial Audit (+\$7,000) to pay for a full outside audit next year—this is done every other year; a new account entitled Floating Clerical (+\$34,570) which was established at the suggestion of the Town Manager to simplify assignment of personnel and the payroll process for the two clerical employees who work in various Town Hall departments. Funding for this account comes from reductions in five departments as follows: Town Accountant, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Elections, and Registrars. Other accounts increasing are Elections & Registrars (+\$2,777) due to state and national elections this year; Berkshire County Retirement (+\$36,200) to cover continuing increased assessments in connection with unfunded liabilities and COLA; Town Insurance (+\$8,500) primarily for increased coverage in the Police accident policy; Tree Warden (+\$5,038) to implement some of the recommendations of a study conducted last year regarding the management of the town's trees; Town Engineer (+\$6,500) to recognize an increase in engineering services requirements (note: funds for this increase have become available by reducing a similar line in the Highway Department); and Maturing Debt & Interest on Highway Projects (+\$103,000) which reflects the start of repayment on initial borrowings on approved projects, including engineering on South & Housatonic Streets and rebuilding of Curtis Avenue & John Streets, authorized by the voters last year.

This year, to augment our attempts to lower the budget, a special effort was made to review and analyze account lines that have returned considerable amounts of unspent monies to the undesignated fund (free cash) at year-end. In many cases it was determined that these budgets were in fact perennially overfunded. Therefore we are recommending that these line items be reduced to more closely reflect actual use. It must be recognized that by doing this that there will likely be a negative impact on future free cash levels. However, it is not proper to continue to assess taxes for items that will likely not be spent. Some of the accounts that are recommended for reduction in FY01 due for specific reasons include Assessors (-\$6,904) whose additional hours to prepare for FY01 revaluation are unnecessary next year; Veterans Benefits (-\$3,950) adjusted to reflect actual history; Employee Benefits (-\$13,000) adjusted to reflect actual experience; Streetlights (-\$10,000) to reflect actual historical expenditures; Transfer Station (-\$17,500) reduced to acknowledge full amount has not been spent for conducting hazardous waste days in Dalton; and Wastewater Treatment (-\$37,053) which while volatile over the recent past is being budgeted to reflect the up and down nature of the amounts of the actual assessments from Pittsfield (Note: these costs are recovered through billings to the users in the form of the Sewer User Fee and this budget as such does not effect the tax rate); and finally Maturing Debt & Interest on the North Street Sewer project (-\$56,870) which is now fully retired.

The largest single line in our budget is the operating assessment from the Central Berkshire Regional School District. This comprises 55% of the total Dalton operating budget. During some past years the enormity of the assessment, coupled with the lack of direct control to accept or reject the bottom line, has even caused undesirable reductions in some town services to keep Dalton below the taxation levy limit. Last year, the Finance Committee recommended on a

5-3 vote against approval of the operating assessment proposed by the school district due to serious concerns about the uncontrolled growth in the gross school budget. It has increased at a pace more than double the rate of inflation over the last seven years expanding from \$12 million to a level of \$18.4 million during this time. Although the 2.6% assessment increase was eventually ratified at the town meeting, our concerns led to a dialogue and number of meetings between Dalton members of the School Committee and town officials last summer. This resulted in improved and more open communication on issues important to each party with an emphasis on cooperation. This new approach was soon tested when, after the longest wait ever, the legislature finally reached agreement on the state budget in November 1999. The result was final year funding of Ed Reform at a level substantially higher than proposed by the Governor. As a consequence, Central Berkshire received unexpected additional funding of \$783,000 for FY2000. The administration and school committee invited the Seven-Town Committee, comprised of town officials from the district, to discuss alternatives for use of the money in February 2000. After two sessions, agreement was reached to share the proceeds. The school is keeping \$550,000 and devoting the majority to one-time expenditures agreed to by all. The balance of \$233,000 will be returned to each of the seven towns in the form of reductions to the FY00 fourth quarter assessments. Dalton will be able to reduce their final payment by \$115,947. Our next free cash certification this fall will reflect this unexpended sum as an increase. It is possible that this windfall could be returned to the taxpayers prior to setting the next tax rate.

Even though we have now reached the end of the current Educational Reform initiative and future funding is unclear; it appears that for at least this year Central Berkshire will continue to get a double-digit percentage increase in Chapter 70 State Aid. This is in part because this year's basis has increased due to last year's unanticipated aid. Thus the aggregate assessment to the seven member towns will be 2.6%. The Finance Committee has gone on record by a 7-2 margin supporting Dalton's operating assessment, which is certified to increase 2.36% to \$4,462,520. It should be noted that this figure is comprised of an operational portion of \$4,317,160, up 4.6%, and a transportation assessment of \$145,360, down 37.3%. While recommending support, the committee reiterates its concerns about the continued rate of school budget increases and sustainability of state aid for education. The town cannot be expected to inherit the current school budget level and make up the funding difference if the state falters.

The school capital budget assessment covers new construction and major improvements to the infrastructure of the school district and has been reduced this year by \$15,935. Each town pays a pro-rata share of the total debt and interest due on each project based on number of students attending the respective facility. Dalton's portion includes debt and interest payments on Nessacus, Craneville, Wahconah roof, and a small portion of Kittredge. The committee recommends this item for approval at the requested level of \$414,616.

Enacting a successful budget is the culmination of months of work by the department heads, the Town Manager and his team, the Select Board and the Finance Committee. The town meeting voters make the ultimate decisions on how to allocate our resources based on the recommendations made by the Finance Committee. The culmination of this process is the delivery of a multitude of services to our residents. The Finance Committee reaffirms its commitment to work closely with the Town Manager to further improve the efficiency

and outcome of this budget procedure.

In closing, thanks again to all who contribute to the process, in particular to Esther Balardini for keeping the minutes of our meetings, and to Debbie Merry for all her help with scheduling, mailings, and annual report preparation. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the contributions of fellow members, David Thorne and Bob Walter, who are stepping down after many devoted years of service to the committee and the town. David, the vice-chairman of the committee, has been my right hand man for the past six years and the committee's point man in our relationship with the school district. Bob has served as subcommittee chairman for Highway/Safety for the past few years. Their counsel will be sorely missed; we wish them well in their future endeavors.

**DALTON FY 2001
ARTICLE AND TAX SUMMARY**

ARTICLE #11	EDUCATION BUDGET-CAPITAL	414,616
#12	EDUCATION BUDGET- TRANSPORTATION	145,360
#13	EDUCATION BUDGET-OPERATING	4,317,160
# 3	TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	3,855,444
#14	PARKS & RECREATION (C.R.A.)	83,500
#16	SIDEWALK PLOWING	16,000
# 9	RESERVE FUND	<u>35,000</u>
	SUB-TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,867,080

ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS LEADING TO THE TAX RATE:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS (ESTIMATED)	1,667,554
ABATEMENT ALLOWANCE OVERLAY	111,561
STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	73,100
CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS	<u>11,856</u>
SUB-TOTAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS:	<u>1,864,071</u>

ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED: 10,731,151

AMOUNTS USED TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE:

STATE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	1,384,823
LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	678,733
OFFSET RECEIPTS (SEWER USER FEE)	504,000
PARTICULAR PURPOSES	293,261
FREE CASH (SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS)	1,437,640
SUB-TOTAL REDUCTIONS:	<u>\$4,298,457</u>

ESTIMATED AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION: \$6,432,694

ARTICLES 11, 12 & 13: EDUCATION BUDGET

	FY 2000	FY 2001
Central Berkshire Regional School District		
Capital Budget	430,551	414,616
Operating Budget	4,127,753	4,317,160
Transportation	231,839	145,360
	4,790,143	4,877,136

ARTICLE 2: SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

	FY 2000	FY 2001
Elected Officials		
Moderator	262	269
Select Board—Chairman	4,020	4,098
Member (2)	3,120	3,198
Town Clerk	28,126	28,285

ARTICLE 1: WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE

Appointed Officers	Hours	FY 2000	FY 2001
Town Manager		60,000	63,000
Administrative Assistant	35	10.93 per hour	11.20 per hour
Town Accountant	30	16.20 per hour	16.61 per hour
Town Treasurer	30	15.65 per hour	16.04 per hour
Town Collector	32	13.65 per hour	13.99 per hour
Elections			
Election Warden		7.28 per hour	7.46 per hour
Election Tabulators		7.14 per hour	7.32 per hour
Election Workers		6.11 per hour	6.26 per hour
Election Clerical		10.81 per hour	In floating clerical
Registrars			
Supervisor		392	402
Clerk		300	300
Checkers		6.11 per hour	6.26 per hour
Registrars		7.18 per hour	7.36 per hour
Clerical		10.81 per hour	In floating clerical
Police Chief		62,200	63,500
Sergeant	40	21.48 per hour	22.02 per hour
Building Inspector	32	18.00 per hour	18.45 per hour
Sealer of Weights & Measures		931	955
Animal Inspector		782	802
Animal Control/Health Agent	32	10.82 per hour	11.09 per hour
Forest Warden		1,145	1,175
Superintendent of Streets	40	21.33 per hour	48,000
Foreman of Streets	40	17.11 per hour	*
Burial Agent		125. Per week	125 per week
Police Administrative Assistant	40	11.24 per hour	10.75 per hour
Police Matron	as needed	8.78 per hour	8.78 per hour

		FY 2000	FY 2001
Council on Aging Director	33	13.81 per hour	14.16 per hour
Veteran's Agent		5,000	5,000
Librarian		16.46 per hour	36,500 per year
Assistant Librarian	34	10.88 per hour	11.15 per hour
Library Aide	12	7.62 per hour	8.00 per hour
Library Assistant	24	8.69 per hour	8.91 per hour
Library Pages (2)	20	6.30 per hour	6.46 per hour
Library Janitor	10	7.63 per hour	7.82 per hour
Tree Warden		1,500	1,538
Town Clerk Clerical	25	10.81 per hour	In floating clerical
Treasurer Clerical	10	10.81 per hour	In floating clerical
Assessor	4	17.70 per hour	18.14 per hour
Assessor	20	17.70 per hour	18.14 per hour
Assessor	24	17.70 per hour	18.14 per hour
Assessor Clerical	28	10.00 per hour	10.50 per hour
Town Collector Clerical	29	10.06 per hour	10.56 per hour
Cemetery/Highway Clerical	30	10.00 per hour	10.50 per hour
Planning/Appeals Clerical	24	10.00 per hour	10.25 per hour
Town Accountant Clerical		10.81 per hour	In floating clerical
Floating Clerical	3120 hrs/year	In various accts	11.08 per hour
Council on Aging Outreach	12	10.29 per hour	10.55 per hour
Council on Aging Van Driver		7.18 per hour	7.36 per hour
Council on Aging Clerical	19	7.00 per hour	7.18 per hour
Crossing Guard		12.87 per day	13.20 per hour
Town Hall Superintendent	37	10.56 per hour	10.82 per hour
Cemetery Seasonal Help			
	16 wk./40hrs.temp	7.50 per hour	7.50 per hour
Communications Director		30.00 per week	40.00 per week
Communicatons Collective Bargaining			
Student Dispatcher		9.79 per hour	9.99 per hour
Regular Dispatcher	3@40 per week 2@24 per week		
Step 1		9.79 per hour	9.99 per hour
Step 2		10.23 per hour	10.43 per hour
Step 3		10.68 per hour	10.89 per hour
Step 4		11.12 per hour	11.34 per hour
Step 5		11.63 per hour	11.86 per hour
Step 6		12.17 per hour	12.41 per hour
Reserve Dispatchers (included in bargaining unit 7/1/99)			

FY 2000

FY 2001

Highway/ Cemetery Collective Bargaining:**Highway Apprentice Operator**

First 180 days	40	12.00 per hour	*
After 180 days	40	14.10 per hour	*

Highway/Cemetery Operator

Step 1	40	14.10 per hour	*
Step 2	40	14.88 per hour	*
Step 3	40	15.24 per hour	*
Step 4	40	15.56 per hour	*
Step 5	40	15.89 per hour	*
Step 6	40	16.21 per hour	*
Step 7	40	16.53 per hour	*
Step 8	40	16.85 per hour	*

Highway Mechanic

Step 1	40	14.97 per hour	*
Step 2	40	15.33 per hour	*
Step 3	40	15.66 per hour	*
Step 4	40	15.99 per hour	*
Step 5	40	16.32 per hour	*
Step 6	40	16.64 per hour	*
Step 7	40	16.98 per hour	*
Step 8	40	17.30 per hour	*

Police Officers

Step 1	39.6	15.89 per hour	16.21 per hour
Step 2	39.6	16.27 per hour	16.60 per hour
Step 3	39.6	16.84 per hour	17.18 per hour
Step 4	39.6	17.42 per hour	17.77 per hour
Step 5	39.6	17.83 per hour	18.19 per hour
Step 6	39.6	18.40 per hour	18.77 per hour
Step 7	39.6	18.93 per hour	19.31 per hour

Reserve Officers

11.12 per hour	11.34 per hour
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ARTICLE 3: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

General Government	FY 2000	FY 2001
114 Moderator		
Salary	262	269
Expenses	125	129
	387	398
122 Select Board		
Salary-Elected	10,260	10,494
Expenses	2,800	3,000
	13,060	13,494
123 Town Manager		
Salaries	80,576	83,684
Expenses	8,350	77,50
	88,926	91,434
131 Finance Committee		
Expenses	175	150
132 Reserve Fund		
Expenses	See Article #8	See Article #9
135 Accountant		
Salaries	26,609	25,912
Expenses	680	695
	27,289	26,607
141 Assessors		
Salaries	67,370	60,566
Expenses	9,350	9,250
	76,720	69,816
142 Tri Revaluation		
Expenses	1	0
145 Town Treasurer		
Salaries	30,906	25,023
Expenses	20,650	16425
	51,556	41,448
146 Town Collector		
Salaries	38,614	39,205
Expenses	5,480	4,300
	44,094	43,505
151 Town Counsel		
Expenses	25,000	25,000
152 Telephone		
Expenses	17,000	17,000
154 Recording Secretary		
Salary	2,690	2,690
155 Floating Clerks		
Salaries	Included in various accounts	34,570

	FY 2000	FY 2001
157 Computer Expenses	32,815	28,525
158 Postage Expenses	11,678	123,00
161 Town Clerk Salary—Elected	28,126	28,285
Salaries	14,324	4,160
Expenses	1,991	2,031
	44,441	34,476
162 Elections Salaries	5,754	5,903
Expenses	2,855	3705
	8,609	9,608
163 Registrars Salaries	12,207	4,079
Expenses	2,051	2,051
	14,258	6,130
171 Conservation Commission Expenses	550	550
174 Planning/Appeals Salaries	12,990	12,997
175 Planning Board Expenses	630	1,130
176 Board of Appeals Expenses	150	150
181 Master Plan Expenses	(\$15,000 carried forward for project to FY 2000)	
	1	15,000
191 Old Dalton High Salary	2,000	2,000
Expenses	3,000	6,000
	5,000	8,000
195 Town Report Expenses	5,200	5,200
196 Town Hall Salaries	24,109	24,218
Expenses	48,900	48,900
	73,009	73,118
CATEGORY TOTAL	556,229	573,296

	FY 2000	FY 2001
Public Safety		
210 Police Department		
Salaries	617,327	630,753
Expenses	44,000	42,650
	661,327	673,403
222 Communications		
Salaries	122,109	125,768
Expenses	2,000	2,300
	124,109	128,068
240 Building Inspections		
Salaries	31,278	31,451
Expenses	3,825	3,475
	35,103	34,926
243 Plumbing Inspector		
Salaries	Fees Collected	Fees Collected
244 Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary	931	955
Expenses	460	460
	1,391	1,415
245 Electrical Inspector		
Salaries	Fees Collected	Fees Collected
247 Inspector of Meat & Cattle		
Salary	782	802
Expenses	35	35
	817	837
285 Center Pond Restoration		
Expenses	1	0
289 Handicap Coordinator		
Expenses	1	0
292 Animal Control/Health Agent		
Salaries	18,927	19,045
Expenses	3,820	3,330
	22,747	22,375
293 Traffic Commission		
Salaries	1	0
294 Forest Warden		
Salaries	1,760	1,805
Expenses	1,400	1,400
	3,160	3,205
295 Emergency Response		
Expenses	5,000	5,000

	FY 2000	FY 2001
296 Shade Tree/Tree Warden		
Salary	1,500	1,538
Expenses	10,500	15,500
	12,000	17,038
CATEGORY TOTAL	865,657	886,267
Education		
320 Vocational Education		
Expenses	107,148	111,495
CATEGORY TOTAL	107,148	111,495
Public Works		
401 Town Engineer		
Expenses	8,000	14,500
420 Highway Department		
Salaries*	250,085	250,676
Expenses	107,110	96,510
	357,195	347,186
423 Snow & Ice		
Salaries	20,000	21,000
Expenses	69,400	71,900
	89,400	92,900
424 Streetlights		
Expenses	70,000	60,000
425 Sidewalk Snow Removal	Included in Account 423	See Article #16
429 Sidewalks		
Expenses	1	0
433 Sanitary Landfill		
Expenses	16,100	18,400
434 Transfer Station		
Salaries	4,000	2,000
Expenses	26,000	10,500
	30,000	12,500
440 Sewer Maintenance (Offset Receipts)		
Salaries	14,000	14,000
Expenses	4,990	4,850
	18,990	18,850
449 Sewer Treatment Plant (Offset Receipts)		
Expenses	522,203	485,150

	FY 2000	FY 2001
491 Cemetery Department		
Salaries*	61,280	61,199
Expenses	19,330	17,825
	80,610	79,024
CATEGORY TOTAL	1,192,499	1128,510

Human Services

522 Visiting Nurse Association		
Expenses	10,094	10,450
523 Berkshire Mental Health	Article #7	1,815
541 Council on Aging		
Salaries	48,236	49,753
Expenses	6,896	6,805
	55,132	56,558
543 Veterans' Services		
Salary	5,000	5,000
Expenses	25,400	21,450
	30,400	26,450
591 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission		
Expenses	3,617	3,708
CATEGORY TOTAL	99,243	98,981

Culture and Recreation

610 Library		
Salaries	82,127	82,983
Expenses	33,620	33,620
	115,747	116,603
630 Parks and Recreation	See Article #6	See Article #14
691 Historical Commission		
Expenses	200	200
692 Memorial Day Committee		
Expenses	1,670	1,670
693 Cultural Activities	2,200	1,700
CATEGORY TOTAL	119,817	120,173

Debt Service

710B Bond Fees (Landfill)	500	500
710L Debt and Interest (Landfill)	167,150	161,150
710H Debt and Interest (Highway)	0	103,000
710S Debt and Interest (Sewer)	56,870	0
CATEGORY TOTAL	224,520	264,650

	FY 2000	FY 2001
Other		
139 Financial Audit		
Expenses	5,000	12,000
911 Berkshire County Retirement Assessment		
Expenses	202,917	239,117
913 Unemployment		
Expenses	10,000	10,000
914 Group Health Insurance		
Expenses	301,000	289,500
915 Group Life Insurance		
Expenses	6,800	6,800
916 Medicare		
Expenses	11,000	13,000
919 Employment Benefits		
Salaries	36,000	23,000
Expenses	1,000	1,000
	37,000	24,000
998 Pension Reserve Fund		
Expenses	10,000	10,000
941 Court Judgments & Claims		
Expenses	1,000	1,000
945 Town Insurance		
Expenses	57,900	66,400
950 Commissioner of Trust Funds		
Expenses	235	255
980 Tax Work-off Program		
Salary	1	0
CATEGORY TOTAL	642,853	672,072
ARTICLE TOTAL	3,807,966	3,855,444

***Total Budget appropriation pending contract negotiations**