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**Town Officers**

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### Key

- **(M)** = Moderator appointment
- **(BS)** = Building of Selectmen appointment
- **(TM)** = Town Manager appointment
- **(F)** = Chairman
- **(R)** = Resigned
- **(C)** = Committee Dismissed
- **(E)** = Elected, Term expires
- **(D)** = Deceased

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- Eckhouse, Judith
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- *Wiarda, Howard T.*
- *Williams, T. O.*
- *Alternates*
- Jones, Paul
- Weiner, Stephen J. J.
- PAGE, C. Leonnard
- Taylor, Lewis
- Zumdahl, Edward
-bohn, Edward
- Ford, Charles
- Kenney, Loraine
- Romer, Diana
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- BOHN, EDWARD
- FORD, CHARLES
- KENNEY, LORAIN
- ROMER, DIANA
- TUDRYN, JOSEPH

**MUNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (TM)**

- Alspaugh, Russell K.
- Fritz, Donald
- George, June
- BLOODWORTH, DAVID
- Egan, William C.
- Friedman, Harvey L.
- *In lieu of 8/14/75*
- *Keedy, Stephen E.*
- *Alternates*

**PLANNING BOARD (TM)**

- Cano, Michael A. C.
- *Elder, Douglas C.*
- Epstein, Alice
- Fletcher, Stevenen
- Ford, Barbara
- *Howard, Irving*
- *Jacque, Roger*
- Lowrance, Susan A.
- *Plummer, Robert*
- Thompson, Perry A.
- BERNARD, STEPHEN
- COTTMAN, NANCY

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BS)**

- Berry, George
- Butler, Leroy
- Knickerbocker, Wendy
- Miles, Barbara
- Rivers, Robert
- Stevens, Benjamin
- Werbe, Jenelle
- BERRY, GEORGE
- BUTLER, LEROY
- KNICKERBOCKER, WENDY
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**RECREATION COMMISSION (TM)**

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**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (TM)**

- Hawley, Robert D.
- Johnson, Kenneth W.
- Thompson, Richard H.
- *Veterans Gravies Officer (TM)*
- Personel Board (TM)
- Bloodworth, David
- Egan, William C.
- Friedman, Harvey L.
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**WEIGHTS (TM)**

- Barlett, William B.
- Berspeche, John
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- Hiltob, Gordon F.
- Jakubowicz, Mathew F.
- Kermesney, George J.
- LaRose, James A.
- Mcculloch, William T.
- Mcgahan, William F.
- Melnick, Charles H.
- Porter, Albert D.
- Rogers, Joseph A., Jr.
- *Gaddelshick, Kenneth*

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (BS)**

- Caslano, David
- Myers, Sidney
- Rosenthal, Kenneth 1971
- Theodore, Theodore W.
- Wulge, James
- Wescott, George H.
- Wilcox, Myrtle
- Zera, Stanley F., Jr.

**Ad Hoc Committees**

**BOLLYWOOD WALK COMMUNITY FACILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE (BS)**

- Harrfield, Kurt
- Keeny, Mora
- Klein, Robert
- Rising, Ted
- *Skilling, H. Hills*

**NORTH FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (TM)**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE (BS)**

- Brook, Steven
- Chisholm, Robert
- Chung, Joseph
- Howland, Ralph
- Marchant, John
- O'Neil, Gerald
- Rainford, Alast
- Paige, Steven
- Sproat, Rosemary

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE (BS)**

- Brack, Albert
- Chisholm, William
- Foote, Stephen
- Garelaun, Robert
- Zumbraun, William

**REGISTRATION AND VOTING PATTERNS COMMITTEE (BS)**

- Prec. I — Alvin Cole
- Prec. II — Lorrin Sarn
- Prec. III — Jean Roetter
- Prec. IV — Jake Bishop
- Prec. V — De. Norman Spence
- Prec. VI — Justin O'Connor
- Prec. VII — William Annale

**REPUBLICAN WAR BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (BS)**

- Bernhard, Winfield
- Callihan, Isabelle
- Clark, Laura
- Hale, Mary
- Howard, Harlan
- Ives, Philip
- Kaufmann, Millicent
- Klein, Barbara
- Puffer, Stephen P., Jr.
- Rainford, Shells
- Rivers, Robert
- Tunis, Janet R.
- Willman, Robert
- Wright, Mary

**SCARCE (Special Committee of Ambrose on Resource Conservation and Energy) (BS)**

- Ambrose, Ralp
- *Mills, Kaye*
- *O'Bryan, Joseph*
- *Pau, Phyllis*
- *Sarna, Joseph*
- *Treby, Sidney*
- *Webb, Gregory*
- *Wolf, Ellen*

**SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE (BS)**

- Annable, William
- Cole, Charles
- Drake, Robert
- Ford, Barbara
- *Gorlee, Maris*
- *Harrington, James*
- *Harrington, Joseph*
- *Harrington, Roger*
- *Peters, Howard A.*
- *Webb, Gregory*
Jury List

Aldrich, Brenda J.
Alley, George
Ames, Florence M.
Arkin, William C.
Bak, Anthony S.
Barnes, Elsworth
Barrette, Beryl E.
Basselle, William E.
Beaulieu, Robert E.
Berg, Neoma M.
Bilotta, Millicent A.
Billings, Debra L.
Black, Timothy J.
Blackwell, Mary J.
Bloodworth, David B.
Boyle, Michael P.
Brace, Betty A.
Bratton, Doris E.
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Bratton, Robert H.
Briggs, Jeffrey M.
Brown, Morris D.
Camp, Carole M.
Chang, Gerald C.
Clevenger, Ruth C.
Crouse, Jeffrey T.
Collins, Ruth E.
Colpin, Gill H.
Connelly, Charles W.
Cooler, Raymond W.
Crossman, Evelyn K.
Crutch, Donald E.
Davis, Frank C.
Davis, Richard A.
Denton, Janice C.
Dias, John L.
Dickinson, Donald S.
DiMeco, Vincent J.
Dinan, Cheryl A.
Dow, Edward J.

Duggan, Shirley K.
Elliot, Isadora
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Fabian, Carl A.
Fageron, Belle A.
Feldman, Laurence M.
Ferguson, Judson
Finestone, Lisa
Fonmore, Marion N.
Fox, Jean M.
Frenche, Karen A.
Cedrin, Mark J.
Gentile, Todd A.
Girt, Vance M.
Gibson, William L.
Goldberg, Harris A.
Goodale, Grace A.
Gould, Ralph J.
Graff, George E.
Greenfield, Marshall E.
Greenhouse, William J.
Grisswold, Edward F.
Guyot, Margaret G.
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Hardaker, Harold E.
Harford, Judith L.
Harrow, Mary A.
Hayward, John
Heath, Mary T.
Hobbs, Ruth M.
Holcomb, Franklin J.
Holmes, Peter A.
Hulse, Russell A.
Iantorno, Angelo
Jaque, Douglas A.
Jane, Esther J.
Ferris, Marjorie L.
Kisat, Irene M.
Keeley, Mona S.
Kebler, Mary A.
Kienz, Robert J.
Klazusz-Wierse, Janet D.

Kopitsa, Stanley C.
Koslofsky, Frank E.
Kramer, Evelynne H.
Kreuze, Bertha F.
Kowalczyk, Edna G.
Laetsch, Wayne W.
Laurin, Roland A.
Lazarus, Edward A.
Libucha, Patricia A.
Mahan, Helen M.
Main, Beverly A.
MacNeill, Rodney W.
Marron, George E.
Masandino, Joyce A.
May, Ann J.
McClung, Gale S.
McGarragh, Barbara M.
McKenzie, Audrey A.
McKee, Lowell W.
Meckler, Charles D.
Mellen, Rae A.
Merbach, Antine
Morgan, Charles A.
Moskowiski, Kenneth R.
Moss, Jeffrey L.
Muller, Donal C.
Mull, Alan R.
Murphy, James A.
Myers, Linda J.
Nelson, Mary Ellen
O'Flaherty, Margaret H.
Olaney, Sherry
O'Roarke, Richard G.
Page, Benjamin H.
Page, William M.
Patience, Helen L.
White, Helen H.
White, Andrew
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The jury list is updated annually by the Board of Selectmen from the list of all eligible voters in the town, whether or not registered to vote. The number of persons on the list depends on population—Amherst must maintain a list of between 135 and 225 names. Once placed on the list the prospective juror's name remains for three years unless drawn for jury duty.

Jury List

Foster, John M.
Fonter, Jerome B.
Fretz, Stephen J.
Littlefield, H. Jackson, Jr.
Reed, Nathaniel
Thompson, Peter
Whitney, Robert B.
Wolf, Jack S.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Fiscal Year '76 was marked by the arrival of a new Town Manager, continued efforts and some progress toward meeting the physical needs of a growing community, and the beginning of concentration on human service needs and economic development of Amherst.

In August the Board of Selectmen announced their appointment of A. Louis Hayward as Amherst Town Manager. Mr. Hayward was chosen from a large and varied field of candidates and came from the post of City Manager of Bowie, Maryland. He brings with him special interest and expertise in financial management, environmental affairs and human services.

The Board has seen Amherst in recent years go through a transition from a rural, almost uncontrolled growth to no growth at all and now, with the lifting of the sewer ban, to what we expect to be a normal rate of growth. The unpredictable nature of these developments has made both land use and financial planning extremely difficult. By careful professional management, Amherst's tax rate has remained nearly level for several years and remains in the middle ranking of nearby communities when equalized for full valuation.

Land use planning has not fared as well. The zoning bylaw revisions which emanated from an intensive citizen effort in the early '70's were defeated in another attempt in October '76. Although the proposal received a hefty majority of votes, it failed to muster the necessary two-thirds. Many observers feel that, had the bylaw been presented during the session, the outcome might have been different.

Another project approved by the Board is the By-pass, construction in the summer of '76. By careful review and planning Amherst residents were allowed to participate in the planning of an alternative for the public to major employer. It was scheduled for construction in the summer of '76, but Town Meeting reversed its position on the facility, thereby blocking its construction.

Some progress on traffic problems was made when the TOPICS program of traffic pattern alterations in the center of Town. After consultation and compromise with the business community, changes were made in the plan which made it acceptable to the majority of citizens. Major progress on alternative means of transportation was made with the signing of an agreement between the Town and the University and inclusion of the UMass bus system in the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority. And continuing attention was given to the problems of housing as a means of transportation as well as recreation, with the completion of a Bikeway Plan for Amherst.

Town staff were re-organized by the Town Manager in an attempt to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of service. Financial management capability will be enhanced and human services and the needs of 'the other Amherst' will receive more attention as a result. The Needs Assessment Report, completed during the year, sets forth some of the more pressing problems in this area. And the development of an information referral system by the Jusme Library marks a major effort to answer the questions of citizens as they obtain needed services. The development of a Youth Center, staffed by volunteers and town personnel, fills a long-needed gap.

Other major developments during the year included: the retirement of Merle Hewes from the Board of Selectmen after nine years of devoted service to the Town, and the election of William Atkins to his vacant seat; re-districting and appointment of town officials to conform with the one-man, one-vote ruling, the acceptance of the town's first conservation restriction— a gift on the Holyoke Range from Mr. & Mrs. Partridge; reopening of television services; adoption of a Legislative Program in an attempt to assure consideration at the state level of local needs; development of a document to assist petitioners to Town Meeting; continuing efforts to assist farming in Amherst, and a major campaign to retain the post office in the center of Town.

The Selectmen see a more stable situation in the future of Amherst with decreasing rapidity of change. Some problems remain from our years of rapid growth, most notably in the areas of water supply, traffic congestion, and unmet human needs. Town government must continue to address the problems remaining from our growth while at the same time looking to the future. Actions which are taken—or not taken—now can affect generations to come.
The Committee on Public Transportation

The Committee on Public Transportation was established by vote of the 1975 Annual Town Meeting. It is composed of seven members, six appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one elected by the Selectmen's Annual Town Meeting. The membership of the committee is as follows: George Beatty, Leroy Butler, Barbara Miles, Robert Rivers, Benjamin Stevens, Jennie Werbe and Wendy Kolb, chairman.

The committee is asked as a policy advisory group to the Board of Selectmen and to Town Meeting. The Committee was established for the purposes of: 1) reviewing all proposals concerning public transportation policy; 2) conducting specific analyses concerning the Board of Public Transportation; 3) advising the Board of Selectmen and Amherst's representatives on the Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority; and 4) reporting to Town Meeting on any articles which concern public transportation.

The first meeting of the Committee was held in February, 1976. Initial meetings served to inform the committee on the activities of the previous Public Transportation Committee, as well as the current status of public transportation in Amherst. The Committee then considered the impact of the proposed Northeast Bypass on public transportation in light of the articles on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in May which pertained to the Bypass. The Committee did not take a position on whether or not the road should be built, but rather considered only the likely impact of building the new road on public transportation in Amherst. It was the Committee's view that an impact would occur, and that concern for public transportation should not be a major factor in the road debate.

Passage of Article 57 at Annual Town Meeting instructed the Committee on Public Transportation to send a letter to the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for the Commonwealth, stating the intent of the Town of Amherst During FY 77, the Committee will study public transportation services, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Town Manager (continued) whereby legislation is in draft as for its effect upon municipal departments if the need is seen to exist.

A Town Council was appointed on part-time basis to the Budget documents and charged to provide more detailed information to the Finance Committee and to the public.

The Town Council participates in the federal funding program originally funded by The Comprehensive Environmental and Renewable Act (CETA) of FY 75. The CETA program is a means of creating jobs through the country. The number of CETA positions in Amherst decreased this year from the high of 40 in April, 1973 to 17 as the CETA program was reduced. These positions which were utilized provided trained, competent and necessary workers to work in several departments and not additional cost to the local taxpayer.

I consider myself most fortunate to have worked with many contacts and the many appointed officials and citizen volunteers during this first year as Town Manager. Many problems and issues confronting the Town are major problems and issues confronting the Town, but more of these problems will be worked out in the future together. Our objectives are the same: to maintain and improve the high quality of life in Amherst.
FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

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TOWN ELECTIONS

April 20, 1976

In accordance with the warrant the polls were opened at 12:00 Noon and closed at 8:00 P.M. The voters met in their respective precincts as listed in the warrant.

The results were as follows:

**Moderator**

William F. Field

_SELECTMEN_

William C. Atkins

School Committee

J. Tracy Meir

Misty Wales Will

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C. Clifton Winn

Junior Library Trustee

Edgar E. Lindsey

Eugene S. Worman, Jr.

Housing Authority

Emily A. Simpson

Reelections Authority

Margaret R. Roberts

**Town Meeting Members**

_Precinct I, 3 years:_ Barbara A. Michell, John J. Wysoci, Patricia E. Wagner, Elizabeth S. Ivy, Kathleen W. Masalski, Arthur Elkins

_Precinct II, 2 years:_ Humphrey (write-in)

_Precinct III, 2 years:_ Karen A. French, Edward R. Markert, Jr.


_Precinct V, 3 years:_ Kenneth D. Cuddyback, George Mc- Dowell, Jacqueline A. Winesinski, Judith G. Eckhouse, Joan M. Banks, David D. Peterson, Arthur J. Lyman, Carol A. Schearer, Henry Scarborough

_Precinct VI, 5 years:_ Robert B. Cowles, Peter F. Alcire, Chuck M. Sharpe, Phyllis T. Ives, Jonathan B. Greenberg, Robert L. Klein, Michael A. Cano, Robert L. Rivers, Dorothy M. Stock, Gregory W. Welch, Charles I. Scherpa

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES**

March 2, 1976

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_Town Clerk—Elections, Registrations_

A great void remains in the Town Clerk's office following the death of Margaret Godek on December 3, 1975. Following many years as clerk, Peggy served as Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer from 1959-1971 and then as Assistant Town Clerk from 1971-1975. She knew personally a great many of the townspeople who visited Town Hall—as well as their "vital statistics" before even opening a record book. Her kind, gentle manner—and dry sense of humor—are remembered and cherished by all who knew her well.

The 1976 Town Election was a little different from previous years—all of the Town Meeting Member candidates became aware, following a February 1976 vote by the Board of Selectmen to redesign the town to include eight precincts, that their terms (no matter how they appeared on the ballot) would expire by the 1977 Town Election. Next year there will be approximately 30 years in each precinct, based on the 1975 State Census, rather than on the number of voters registered in each. This will require a brand new election, following which the representatives in the top third, in order of votes received, will serve for three years, the middle third for two years, and the lower third for one year. The designation "candidate for re-election" will no longer appear on the ballot since all members will be elected for the first time under a new law—Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1975.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

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_Town Clerk—Elections, Registrations_
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 29 to November 4, 1975

The special town meeting was called to order by Moderator, William F. Field, at 7:45 P.M. The teller reported that 184 town meeting members were present and that 211 town meeting members had checked in. A quorum was present when the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M. The teller reported that 211 town meeting members had checked in.

The adjourned session of November 4, 1975 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:40 P.M. The teller reported that 202 members were present and the Moderator declared a quorum present when the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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and that the Selectmen be and hereunto be authorized to apply for and accept any grant or gifts of federal, state, or local funds or any grants of the Board of Health recommended this article.

At 8:15 P.M. a motion to reconsider the motion as voiced on Article 8, the Zoning By-Law Amendment, was made and seconded. The motion carried.

The following amendment was passed by majority vote before a roll call was taken: Article II, Section 1D-1 and Section 1D-2 were stricken.

(Frank J. Bakucki) Voted to amend the northern section of the Riverside Road or Trench where the entire triangle between both roads, including Parcels 2-8, 2-9, and 2-10, and those portions of 1-D-1 and 1-D-2 lying between the right of way of new State Rd. 116 and Sunderland Road.

VOTE on Article 8, as amended, adjourned session of November 4, 1975: YES NO 115/75

Article 18, Voted unanimously that the town accept the recommendations of the Town Clerk and the Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee on the subject of housing and increased powers, generally as outlined in the report of the Board of Selectmen and transfer the sum of $12,000 to the Town Clerk, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow under Chapter 44, Acts of 1974, that $32,350 be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws, pending reimbursement from the State of $32,500 under Chapter 705 of the Acts of 1972, said funds to be used for highway construction; that the balance of $105,439 for Public Works and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that for the high."
TOWN MEETINGS

next year; and that for the appropriation for Sewer Debs $3,500 be appropriated and transferred from the State Aid Fund for the improvement of the Sewer Collection System loan, dated September 1, 1960 and $124,000 be available from the State Aid Fund for the improvement of the Sewer Collection System, for the current year.

INDEBTEDNESS: INTEREST

Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate $371,580 to the general fund; $26,520 to the Finance Committee; and for the current year; and for the appropriation for interest on the Water Debt $20,500 be made available from the Water Revenue of the Town for the current year; and $15,000 be made available from the interest on the Water Debt $64,532 be made available from sewer revenue of the current year.

ARTICLE 15.

Voted unanimously that the town authorize the Selectmen to submit to the voters of the town on the ballot article for the implementation of the Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Act of 1975 in the Town of Amherst.

ARTICLE 16.

Voted unanimously that the town authorize the Selectmen to conduct a survey of the cemetery lands in the Town of Amherst, and to authorize the Selectmen to sell, lease, exchange or dispose of any or all of the cemetery lands in accordance with a plan submitted by the Selectmen in their capacity as Cemetery Commissioners.

ARTICLE 17.

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate $72,000 for use in the 1976 fiscal year for the cost of architectural and related services including site work for a new site and for the construction of a new site and for the town.

ARTICLE 18.

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate $25,000 for the construction of a new fire station in the vicinity of Pleasant Street.

ARTICLE 19.

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate $15,000 for the extension of the police department.

ARTICLE 20.

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate $15,000 for the purchase of a parcel of land for the purpose of establishing a community complex for the Town of Amherst.

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A Year of Research and Review

During a year in which construction and development was dimmed by the economic recession, the Office of the Town Planner concentrated on research and data gathering activities. Some of the more significant projects are listed here.

Housing Survey
A survey of population and housing, to update the federal census which was done in 1970. Information on student enrollment and institutional employment is included.

Report on Rent Control
sent to a request from the Town Manager's Office, the planning department prepared a report which presented a review of examples of rent control in various localities, a compilation of rental rates and patterns of rent increases, and implications of rent control for Amherst. Published: September 20, 1973

Bike Way Plan
Goals, objectives, and recommendations on bikeways throughout the town of Amherst were presented in the Amherst Bikeway Plan. This is a long range plan which will be implemented incrementally as funds are available and development opportunities arise. Published: February, 1976

Zoning By-Law
The planning department assisted the Planning Board in revising the Proposed Zoning By-Law for presentation at the fall town meeting. Published: October, 1975

Public Land Study
An extensively researched inventory of publicly owned land in town, including all properties owned by Amherst and located in surrounding towns, was compiled and presented to the Land Acquisition Review Committee.

Questionnaires
The planning department assisted in the development of three questionnaires distributed during the year. The Calculation Committee had sent out a questionnaire on transportation. A special committee on regional planning set up by the Hampshire Commissioners requested assistance of the Amherst planning office in drafting a questionnaire on planning needs in the County. Finally, the Committee for Downstate Post Office asked for assistance in conducting a survey of persons of the central post office.

Growth Policy
The Amherst Growth Policy Committee, like such committees created in 100 municipalities throughout the Commonwealth as a result of legislation passed in December, relied upon the planning department for assistance in developing responses to the extensive questionnaire created by the office of State Planning. The finished responses will provide local input for state planning and the determination of state policies.

The remaining function of the planning department has been "groommanship." A grant for $45,000 for a new Senior Center in the Bolton-Wall redevelopment project was applied for and obtained through the Community Development Block Grant program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. An application for an additional $100,000 under the program has been submitted for other community facilities.

Another successful grant application was for a project which will contribute two major links toward the eventual connection of the University, Amherst College, and Hampi-
**Veterans Services**

Expenditures for Veterans' Benefits vary from year to year, making it difficult to estimate the amount to be expended. Changing unemployment rates, unexpected medical bills, and deaths all affect the need for assistance.

Regardless of money expended, whether it be a large hospital bill, or one small cash allotment, a thorough processing of all cases must be made. Applications must be filled out and copies of DD 214, wage reports, bank reports, marriage records, records of birth of children, medical records, death records, and income records obtained if applicable. A budget furnished by the Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services is strictly followed. If an applicant's income is less than the budget, Ordinary Benefits make up the difference between the income and the budget. In addition to Ordinary Benefits, hospital, medicine, doctor and dentist bills are paid.

Every month all bills received for veterans on the roles are sent to the Commissioner to be authorized for payment and are paid when authorization is returned. At the end of each month a list of all authorized payments made by the Town of Amherst is sent to the Commissioner's office. The Town of Amherst is reimbursed one-half the total amount. In due time the Town of Amherst will be reimbursed in full, but currently the State is one year behind in their reimbursement of cities and towns.

All veterans who receive Veterans' Aid must have an Honorable Discharge and must have enlisted from Massachusetts for three consecutive years. In addition, any veteran that enlisted from another state must be able to prove that he/she has been a resident of Massachusetts for three consecutive years. Proof must consist of signed leases, cancelled rent checks or notarized statements from landlords stating that the veteran has been a constant tenant.

The Veterans' Service Office also assists many veterans and their survivors in obtaining pensions from the government. Any person who thinks he/she might be eligible should at least inquire as to eligibility. As the saying goes, "It doesn't cost a dime to inquire."

As of this year eighteen year olds are not required to register for the draft since the Selective Service has been abolished. Veterans who are discharged from service no longer send a copy of their DD 214s to the Selective Service Board.

The purpose of the Veterans' Services program is to aid all eligible persons who are in need and to provide information pertaining to Veterans' Administration benefits. This department is cognizant of changes in laws and is prepared to render up-to-date information to veterans.

Mrs. Eleanor R. Deans, Veterans' Agent for many years who retired in 1971, passed away August 9, 1975. She is greatly missed as her wit and love of life brightened everybody's day.

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**Citizens Review Commission**

The Citizens' Review Commission was established by the 1970 Town Meeting to assure that "the benefits of equal opportunity and equal protection of the laws are extended to all persons coming within the town of Amherst."

The Commission has been continually involved in town personnel decisions. Within the past year it has stressed the importance of following affirmative action guidelines in the search for an Assistant Superintendent of Schools. It has suggested that the procedures for application and hiring of school personnel be made clearer to the school staff as well as to the public.

In addition, the Commission has been continually in touch with various members of the town's Needs Assessment Committee and has strongly supported the Town Manager's Human Services Management Plan.

The Citizens' Review Commission has also been cooperat­ing with the Chief of Police in Amherst to better inform the public about Police Complaint Procedures.

At the spring town meeting, the town amended its by­laws so that the Citizens' Review Commission's charge of assuring equal opportunity and equal protection of the laws is extended to include persons of any affectional or sexual preference, lifestyle, or age. The additions were designed to insure that the Citizens' Review Commission's charge is clarified and that the Commission is more accessible to a broader range of people in the community.

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**Veterans' Graves Officer**

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In 1976 58 graves had to be re-decorated at the West Cemetery because of vandalism.
elderly transportation system become a model for other communities just beginning similar programs. Council on Aging staff were able to provide assistance and advice to many area communities as well as to the Transit Authority itself.

Transit Authority participation in funding Amherst's program allowed the addition of service on Thursday and Friday evenings, as well as on Saturdays, at no additional cost to the Town. Purchase (with the assistance of the Amherst Jay-Chees) of a life-equipped van allowed better service to the handicapped, both elderly and young, and suggested new possibilities for their participation in the life of the Town.

Successful operation of the program over several years also provides the Town with a reservoir of experience and information as officials wrestle with the future of public transportation in Amherst. The Council on Aging looks forward to participating in the planning of future public transportation.

Meals on Wheels

Many seniors and their families and friends went to the Center for financial and expert consultation to an expanding meal program served at the Center so that the two eating programs begin to meet some of the special nutritional and social needs which exist among Amherst's older population.

The Council on Aging's recreation program, already a model used by other area human service departments, continues to grow in attendance and expand in new directions. The emphasis this year has been on involving seniors more in the planning and administrative aspects of programming in an effort to increase Senior input and control over programs, while at the same time tapping rich sources of knowledge and experience.

The Senior Travel Club, established in September, meets monthly to formulate policy and plan future trips. Officers collect all trip payments and pay all bills. Thirty-one trips took place this year ranging from local day trips to a week-long trip to Florida.

A committee of Seniors interested in crafts also formed this year to make decisions related to craft classes, sales and shows.

Through the use of student interns and other volunteers, several programs have been started at Chestnut Court and in the Ann Whalen Apartments to serve those not participating at the Senior Center. This concept of developing programs and asking them to Seniors will be emphasized even more in the coming year.

Special events highlighting this year include: the serving of Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center, fall foliage rides with the Amherst Jay-Chees, Celebration Day (a full day of events celebrating the bicentennial), the spring and Halloween dances, an intergenerational film/discussion program, the Kiwanis Men's Club Dinner, and Senior Center Volunteer Awards Tea.

The Council on Aging's Senior Discount Program has enlarged considerably with the lowering of the eligible age to sixty. There are now 114 merchants and 987 Seniors participating in the program.

Leisure Services

Wilderness Camping, Pre-School Swimming and a Dog Show

New programs, a revised record keeping system, a legislative program and a report on policies governing facility use and fire waivers were but a few of the many issues addressed by your Recreation Commission during the past year.

The Commission's ongoing study and review process of subcommittee examination was kept busy throughout the year discussing and acting upon items concerning Brookwood Lane, land acquisition, an equestrian facility, budget preparation, legal opinions and continued cooperation with the Conservation Commission.

A request by the Tally-Ho 4-H Club for use of the recreation land on Powrine Lane to construct a riding ring resulted in a needs study by the Commission and the development of a usage agreement between the Town and the 4-H Club. Since the Commission does not feel the development of the Powrine Lane site as an active recreation area lies in the immediate future it seemed appropriate to put the land to good use by serving the equestrian interests of the community.

The Commission continues to work closely with the Conservation Commission concerning several issues. Land acquisition, improvements at Puffers Pond, and the future development of the glade pit beside the pond were discussed during the past year.

Through a continued wide range of activities offered under Commission auspices each participation reached 84,456 during FY '76. This high level of attendance was achieved by adding new programs to an already full calendar of events. These included new programs: pre-school swimming, wilderness camping and a dog show.

The pre-school swimming instruction is a specially designed program of swimming for youngsters 3 months to 5 years of age. The initial objective is to familiarize preschoolers with the environment of the water in preparation for entry into the Commission's regular instruction program. The popularity of this new program can be ascribed to the enrollment of 520 children during the past year.

The wilderness camping program offers participants the opportunity for two weeks of healthful, exhilarating adventure in the outdoors. Designed as both an instructional and recreational experience, this new activity is held for two weeks with the first devoted to learning the basic skills of backpacking. The second week is a five day, four night, backpacking trip into the wilderness area of Vermont, with each participant carrying all food, shelter and clothing needed for survival. Many favorable comments from both parents and participants indicate that this program will become a regular feature in our schedule of activities.

The pre-school swimming and the wilderness camping programs were but a few of the many issues developed by the Conservation Commission during the past year discussing and acting upon items concerning Brookwood Lane, land acquisition, an equestrian facility, budget preparation, legal opinions and continued cooperation with the Conservation Commission.

The Commission was able to continue providing a high level of service only because of the fine contributions of faculty and staff and overall cooperation by the Amherst and Amherst-Pelham Regional School committees, Amherst College, the University of Massachusetts, various civic organizations and other town departments, boards and committees.

A special thanks to the Office of Community and Extended Services, Amherst-Pelham Regional School District for its cooperation and assistance in co-sponsoring several programs and in helping in scheduling and enrolling of students.

Canine contestants and friends participation at its regular meetings held the first Thursday of each month and maintains its policy of conducting special sessions to discuss items of concern and interest to residents of the community. Many of the programs offered and policies adopted resulted from the input of individuals and groups that came forward with an idea. Suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism are always welcome as the Commission continually endeavors to meet your needs.

The leisure time pursuits of Amherst residents, especially young people, are greatly enhanced by countless volunteer contributions from many groups that provide programs beyond the sole ability of the Commission. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we once again acknowledge the tremendous contributions put forth by these groups.

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### RECREATION

#### FY 76 RECREATION PROGRAMS

**Programs for All Ages:**
- Recreational swimming (year round)
- Tennis instruction
- Learn-to-ski program
- 7-mile road race
- Independent Day pool and field events
- Halloween window painting contest
- Cross country skiing instruction
- Public gardens
- Ice skating rinks
- Community Field
- South Amherst Common
- East Street Common
- Pine Street

**Programs for Youth:**
- Learn-to-swim (fall, spring, summer)
- Competitive swimming (summer and winter)
- Summer playground
- Unix Games
- Mill River Recreation Area
- Basketball leagues- Senior High
- Off-season swimming
- Educational gymnastics
- Bowling

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**PROGRAMS**

- Swimming for fitness
- Late evening programs (men, women, mixed doubles)
- Spring tennis instruction
- Volleyball
- Men's basketball league (summer and winter)
- Co-ed slo-pitch softball league
- Men's slo-pitch softball league
- Open gym activities

**Cooperative Programs with:**
- Amherst Hockey Association
- Amherst Swim Team Association
- Amherst Youth Football Association
- Amherst Baseball Leagues
- Amherst Soccer Association
- Amherst Little League Baseball Commission
- Independence Day Committee
- Junior Legion Baseball
- Men's Softball League

**Umass Student Recreation and Park Society**

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**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED**

**JULY, 1975 - JUNE, 1976**

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| PRIVATE DWELLINGS | $1,100,000 |
| COMMERCIAL, MUNICIPAL, INSTITUTIONAL | $322,800 |
| MULTIPLE DWELLINGS | 0 |
| PRIVATE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS | 111 |
| INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS | 28 |
| SWIMMING POOLS, SHOPS, GARAGES, OTHERS | 116 |

**207 ELECTRICAL PERMITS WERE ISSUED—NO FEES INVOLVED**

**PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL, MUNICIPAL, AND COMMERCIAL**

**CATEGORY INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:**

- Town of Amherst Conservation Commission— to make alterations to an existing building ($20,000)
- Edward Gonzalvez— to convert a single family dwelling to a restaurant ($10,000)

**PUBLIC AWARENESS-KEYSTONE OF THE BUILDING CODE**

The promulgation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code is a major step forward in the formulation of a building code which State, who will have an impact on both the public and private sectors.

This system will consist of the following: promulgation and maintenance of a statewide, mandatory uniform building code applicable to all buildings and structures; the establishment of a state mechanism for the approval of all new construction materials, devices and techniques; the establishment of a mechanism for the state inspection and certification of manufactured buildings, building components and mobile homes; the training and certification of all building code officials; the coordination of all state agencies having a direct or indirect bearing on this Code through the Technical Code Council whose function is to prevent problems of overlapping jurisdictions and fragmentation of administration.

More significantly, however, this system places the state on record as a proponent of technological change in an industry whose impact is both profound and pervasive on every citizen of the Commonwealth. Through the implementation of this system, the state will fulfill a more important obligation—that of promoting an improved quality of life in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

With the implementation of the State Building Code, the
The Jones Library Quiz for 1975-76
(Complete With Answers)

Q: Where does the Jones Library get its money?
A: The Town of Amherst provides approximately two-thirds of the Library's operating budget, the balance coming from funds derived from the sale of a bond issue, with the remainder provided by the elected Trustees. In addition, the Library was the recipient of a $6,000 for large print books, State Bicentennial Commission money for the Bicentennial Project, and a substantial grant for the Library's first computer.

Q: The Jones Reference Librarian answers questions about:
A: Massachusetts Census data; 2) Comparing consumer produce; 3) Use of the card catalog; 4) English bibliography; 5) All of the above, and more.

Q: That's right, it's all of the above and a lot more. Last year's results showed the "Question Most Fun to Answer" sweepstakes came from a member of the local theater group. He needed to know the words and music to the song, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." The Reference Librarian sang it for him, as a Desk Assistant spoke the words to her. While other Adult Room patrons watched fascinated, he wrote it all down, and went happily off to his rehearsal. (The Reference Librarian's efforts were later acknowledged in the theater program.)

Beyond that, the Reference and Desk staff answered questions such as:

- Are the 18th-century Amherst Poets: 1) A. M. P. Van Buren, 2) A. P. Van Buren, 3) A. M. P. Van Buren, 4) None of the above.
- What is going strong.
- The Library is glad to report that the Jones Library Branches purchased 4,289 books in 1975-76. The average cost was $5.37 per copy. (Complete With Answers)

Q: The most popular book at the Jones library last year was:
A: A Jar of Stream. "The War Between the Tapes"

Q: The Jones Library's federal funded information and referral project, the Direct Information Service:
1) Closed in the fall of its own computer program; 2) Is going strong.

A: The Library is glad to report that DIS is going strong. DIS completed its first year of telephone information and referral on June 30, 1976, having received a total of 1,515 requests for service. This inventory of information provides answers to questions about human services available in Hampshire and Franklin Counties. It was funded in March, 1975, by a grant from the fourth Bureau of Library Extension under the Library Service and Construction Act, Title III program. The number of telephone reference questions was as follows: During the year: the number of calls in the October to December period was 328, down from 662 during the same period in June. DIS published a guide to human services in Hampshire County, called "All the Help You Can Get," based on its computerized inventory of 665-old agencies in the two counties. Volume II, on Franklin County, will appear during the summer of 1976. The project also produced short guides on special subjects, such as summer camps and child care services. DIS took over the Health Department's Head Start program in March, 1976, when CETA staffing for the federal program ended. DIS will continue its operations for another year with LSCA Title I funding from the state, and a grant from the Hampshire County Commissions.

Q: What was the total income from the library's Federal Program in 1975-76. (Complete With Answers)
A: $7.70

Q: The Jones Library and Branches purchased 4,289 books in 1975-76. The average cost was $5.37 per copy. (Complete With Answers)

A: For example, the number of reference inquiries is expected to continue to rise. While the subject of acquisitions, it should be noted that the Library purchased about 1,745 gift books in 1975-76, bringing the total to 99,811. Read on for information about the Library's inventory, however. The Library also purchased 796 new records, bringing the phonograph record collection up to 4,151.

Q: Who would tell you what you need to inventory in holdings?
A: Our records show 99,811 volumes, but we don't think this is an accurate figure. The reason is that no complete inventory has been conducted since after the Great Fire of 1926. If we inventoried the whole collection, the catalog could not be more accurately reflect what is actually on the shelves. When we know a book is missing and we decline to order it, the cards are removed. It is the Library's aim to know which annotions for library users. Constructors a good inventory seems the answer to this problem. We plan one for 1977.

Q: Do you have any other nifty statistics to show how busy the Library was?
A: Sure do. 163 organizations held meetings at the Jones Library during 1975-76. The Library displays the works of 28 local artists and collectors in the Burnet Gallery and in display cases, and sponsored special exhibits by the Amherst School department, UMass students, and children of the Common School.

Q: Who paid for the new air conditioning on the third floor at the Jones Library?
A: Frank Prentice Rand, Amherst author, scholar, and Library Trustee, wrote these words in the Apologia to his history, "The Jones Library of Amherst, 1919-1969. The Trustees and staff certainly try to make the Jones meet Rand's definition.

A: A FINAL NOTE: 1975-76 marked the concluding year of service to the Hend Carolus Ehrman, who was appointed Jones Library Trustee in June 1963. Her more than ten years of service have left an imprint on the book the Library has acquired, and the people she has worked with and trained. The entire staff will miss her very much. Fortunately, she will continue her work as Director of the Posse Riverton Memorial Library in Whately, Massachusetts.

In August 1975, Anne M. Turner became Director of the Jones Library. She succeeds Quentin de Soto, who resigned in March, 1975. Mrs. Turner has been a part of the library's history, and the first woman to hold the position. Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Turner had worked at the Jones Library, had served as the Children's Librarian.

The Board of Health of the Town of Amherst is continuing its study of possible reorganization of some of its functions and programs. This study coincides with the expiration of the present reorganization which is effective July, 1976. Among areas under reconsideration are school nursing programs and additional home health services which might be provided through the public schools.

Considerable time and effort have been expended in the planning for the Community Health Center which is to be part of the community facilities in Bolwell Hall.

The board of health will meet weekly to consider the current public health needs of the community. The board will also have the responsibility for the licensing of health personnel, and the inspection and accreditation of health facilities.

School nursing and utilization of the School Health Aides in the school health program provides a principal portion of staff time in school health.

The establishment of monthly tuberculosis screening clinics and demonstration of the hypertension screening are examples of community programs provided by the Board.

1975 saw the number of persons taking advantage of the Influenza immunization program nearly doubling, and all indications are that the 1976 national Swine Flu program will be carried out locally by the Health Department staff.

This will be one of the most extensive immunization programs since the polio program started.

The sewer, solid waste disposal programs, the possible establishment of a regional resource recovery from waste facility, oversight of all health are and physician staffing, personnel monitoring all have contributed to the environmental problems confronting the Board and the Health Department staff during the year.

Hearings on orders issued for housing violations were held on occasion and at least one new order was issued and modified the orders which had previously been issued.

Food handling operations were inspected periodically, and the various mobile food handling operations were under frequent scrutiny.

NURSING SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1975-76

779 Nursing Service Home Visits
311 Physical Therapeutic Visits
204 Home Health Aides Visits
2144 School sessions (including conferences, core evaluation, etc.)
103 Clinics, conferences, and community activity sessions

Total income from home visits for nursing, physical therapy, and home health aids: $22,735.00

DANGEROUS DISEASES

405 Cases of Reportable Disease, including Animal Bites

DENTAL ACTIVITIES

Total Fluoride Treatments... 605
Referred to Dentist... 101
Total Dental Exams Only... 960
Referred to Dentist... 100

JONES LIBRARY

BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Report

Personnel

Continued turnover of personnel within the Public Works Department resulted in staffing problems during FY-76. The following employees left during the past year:

Jeff Weeks, Equipment Operator
Daniel Miller, Skilled Laborer
Barnett Kurtz, Laborer
Richard Amelin, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works
Raymond Goode, Assistant Plant Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, retired as of March 30, 1976.

The positions were all vacant as of June 30, 1976. Action will be taken in the coming year to fill the positions.

A year-end bloomstone concrete overlay was placed on the following streets: Shays Street, Middle Street, South East Street, Fearing Street and Meadow Street. Resurfacing was also done on Market Hill Road and Pulpit Hill Road where the existing asphalt was replaced with a bituminous concrete overlay. The total expenditure for the season was $77,272. The total expended was $23,516 greater than the preceding year's cost.

Two factors appear to have contributed to this decrease in the revenue from the recycling operations:

1. Radicantly new posting restrictions as many bottles are now being recycled by the recycling center.
2. Two loads of crushed glass were delivered just before the new fiscal year began.

Wastewater Treatment

Completion of the new outfall from the Treatment Plant to the Connecticut River and the installation of new pumps at the plant eliminated many of our operating problems during the past year.

Replacement of the West Street pumping station pressure line has also relieved overloading of the system from pomnory to Longmeadow Road. Construction of University Drive interceptor from Northampton Road to the plant is scheduled for FY-77 should result in the highest construction priorities.

Plant personnel used 9,000 pounds of ferrie chloride and 44,460 pounds of hydrated lime during the dewatering process. 241 truck loads of dewatered sludge were deposited at the Sanitary Landfill area during the past year.

Chlorine use, for treatment of the effluent, increased from 36,000 pounds in 1975 to 50,000 pounds in 1976. The increased consumption was due to the new standards of water quality in the continuing efforts to overcome Dutch Elm Disease.

Tree Division

During FY-76 fifty-five elm trees were treated with Cercosporas. At the end of the year twenty nine or 55% are still alive and in fair condition. This success rate for treated trees is encouraging, but an evaluation of the experiment must be made in 1976 before any continuation of the treatment is recommended for ensuing years.

During May of 1976 the Shade Tree Laboratories at the University of Massachusetts announced that a soluble form of 'Benomyl phosphate', manufactured under the trade name 'Lipasan BL', had received approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use against Dutch Elm Disease.

It is encouraging to note another experimental tool has become available in the continuing effort to overcome Dutch Elm Disease.

The annual tree planting program was continued during the past year and town funds were supplemented by donations to the Allen L. Torrey Tree Funds. Thirty trees were purchased from the donated funds.

TREES PLANTED AND REMOVED

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25 Town Trees were removed
FY-76 Sampling to be removed in FY-77

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Elms 29
Maples 70
Birch 1
Cherry 5
Poplar 2
Ash 2
Oak 2
Pine 1
Hemlock 1
Willow 1

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee is to investigate areas of concern to the Town and to develop recommendations. Not only does the CAC receive its charges from the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, it investigates its own investigations as well. The Committee can act as a catalyst, connecting people and organizations, thus speeding resolution to their problems. A summary of this year’s Citizens Advisory Committee action follows:

As a result of a Petition Article, the Board of Selectmen charged the Citizens Advisory Committee with investigating child care facilities in the Ambler area. After extensive research, the Committee recommended a change in a proposed zoning by-law which would have restricted child care in locations where it was most needed. In addition, the Committee assisted the Direct Information Service in writing a brochure about child care in Ambler.

The May 1976 Town Meeting took on a dog leash law charged by the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Selectmen. The proposal was passed. The approved article was essentially the same as the CAC proposal of 1974. Many of the facts, figures and arguments used to support the new law CAC had researched two years before. The Committee was pleased to see its efforts rewarded with the passage of this by-law.

The CAC also studied several Town Meeting procedures. The Committee made several recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. While not all recommendations were followed, the suggestions were considered by the Board.

Finally, a new Sub-Committee on Maintenance Standards was formed. The Sub-Committee examined the issue of maintenance standards as a general problem and with respect to recent changes in the State Building Code. The Sub-Committee also investigated the methods by which complaints are handled. The Committee recommended that the small number of complaints being filed did not warrant the adoption of a by-law requiring periodic inspections at this time.

Munson Community Building

The Munson Building, on the South Amherst Common north of the South Congregational Church, is a center of community activity. The Sunday School of South Church, the Boy Scouts, and several theatrical and dance groups use the Building for their meetings. The Building is also the polling place for Precinct 6.

The Munson library occupies the southwest section of the Building. The library maintains a fine collection of current magazines, and through liaison with the Jones Library keeps its book list up-to-date. The excellent librarian, who has charge of scheduling activities for the Munson Building, is Jean (Mrs. John) Manfredi.

The trustees’ policy of community help will continue.
Gifts to the Town Increase Conservation Areas

Gifts to the Town from local citizens this year helped enhance the Conservation Commission's reputation as a state pioneer and leader in protecting open space. The donations, negotiated in part by the Keestrel Trust, included a two-acre addition to the Mill River Conservation Area off State Street, dedicated to the Town by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen; and an 8-acre tract along Plum Brook in South Amherst, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Gates.

The Conservation Commission also negotiated a gift to the Town of a conservation restriction over a fine, 25-acre section of the lower Holyoke Range. The restriction, given by Mr. and Mrs. David Fanier, does not require a tax assessment by the state. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Guest, long-time residents of Amherst, donated two acres to the Mill River Conservation Area off State Street, which will be used for recreation purposes.

The Conservation Commission supervised the acquisition of land by the Town of a conservation restriction over a fine, 25-acre parcel of land. The restriction protects the land from future development and ensures that its soils and vegetation will be protected.

The Commission's efforts to acquire additional parcels of land in various parts of town received the support of annual Town Meeting, which voted to appropriate $20,000 to the Conservation Fund for land purchase, appraisal, and legal expenses. A large part of the Conservation Fund is now in an interest-bearing account which is available for the Town's use on 90-day notice.

Through the staff Conservation Services office, the Commission has undertaken improvements in almost every town conservation area. The Mill River, for example, has two new loop footpaths and a new access way from State Street. A wildflower meadow at Puffer's Pond, built with Merrill Trust funds provided through the Keestrel Trust, was completed last August, and another is underway on Larch Hill North.

Also at Puffer's Pond, the Commission has received from the AT&T a long-term license to conduct wildlife vegetation management on the two-thirds of a mile of underground cable line there. The Commission also provided an informal recreation area next to Hulst Road in the El Meadow section of Lawrence Swamp Conservation Area last fall.

One of the year's main events was the Town's only Bicentennial Celebration—the dedication and official opening of the Carriage House nature center building at Larch Hill in May. The well-known old building was restored through a combination of town money and matching-grant funds from the state Bicentennial Commission, and the help of dozens of volunteers. Among those speaking at the celebration were Senator John Olver, Representative James Collins, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, and Joel Lerner, Director of Conservation Services.

Edward McGolgan of the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission, and Joel Lerner, Director of Conservation Services, spoke at the celebration. The program, consisting of outdoor sessions on everything from bird study to Connecticut Valley geology and led by local experts, supplemented Long Plains' full schedule of environmental education work with adults and children.

Now called the Hitchcock Center for the Environment, the group last fall received from the Conservation Commission a license to use the Carriage House building as its main headquarters and museum. The working relationship between the Commission and the Common School continues to be an excellent one.

Larch Hill also this year became the site of additional community garden plots, which the Recreation Commission supervises and makes available at nominal cost to local gardeners who lack space of their own.

The Conservation Commission has worked with the Planning Board to help develop a better policy for the overall management of town land. As a start, this year the Commission took over the care and management of a town parcel off Sand Hill Road above Cushman Brook.

Thanks to the initiative of the Town Manager, the conservation area at Factory Hollow Pond (Puffer's Pond) now receives extra police protection from the vandalism that has troubled this scenic spot. In spite of the extra protection, the situation is far from resolved. The Public Works Department has kept the area free of litter as possible since the June volunteer clean-up, and the Conservation Commission is making long-range plans for improvements of the adjoining gravel pit.

For the first time in several years, the Conservation Commission received fewer than ten applications under the state Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission continues in job of working with local landowners to interpret the Act and encourage the intelligent use of wetlands in town.

New Commission members Robert Cowles, Claire Fortier, and William Gross joined this year, and Kenneth D. Goldbeck completed a two-year stint as Commission chairman. Working with Conservation Services Director Peter Weir, who has been Ronald Duran, through the UMass work-study program, and several Amherst high school students under the Youth Work Experience office in Northampton,
Message from the Chief:

The Town of Amherst through its selected citizenry has continued to support its police department. This support has enabled us in the past to keep pace with crime and requests for services.

The alarming increases in the national crime statistics have during the past year impacted upon the activity of the Amherst Police Department. The number of crimes against persons and property have substantially risen. These statistical trends reflected two bank robberies where deadly force was threatened. In addition, assaults by means of dangerous weapons, larcenies and burglaries, have necessitated substantial additional man hours of follow-up investigation. Your police officers have dealt with these situations professionally, cooperating with other law enforcement agencies. Both bank robberies and many other so called Part I crimes were solved.

As crimes have continued to increase, arrests have increased. During the last year burglary arrests alone increased 57% and statistics indicate that access for serious crimes have increased 50%. More vehicle arrests have sharply decreased indicating more officers' time is spent dealing with crime.

The desire to crime is punishment. However, the intermediate steps to punishment include initial police response, thorough investigation, apprehension and prosecution.

The Amherst Police Department is basically a department of initial response. Our new records system indicates our average response time to requests for service and emergences is 5.7 minutes, which is admirable considering the area patrolled and the officers and vehicles available. However, the ability to respond within 3 to 4 minutes of a crime reported is directly proportionate to the number of crimes that are solved.

Your police officers and community service officers continue to perform their duties in a commendable fashion realizing that it is their duty and responsibility to not only protect, but to serve the public. It is with much regret that I find officers unable to assist citizens because officers are engaged in more pressing public safety functions. Officers should not have to make a choice. Resources and personnel should be available to meet community need.

In addition, the disadvantages of our existing police facility present problems not only to your police personnel but to the public as well. It is difficult to maintain a professional attitude and bearing while interviewing victims of crimes and questioning suspects within the confines of crowded quarters. Citizen contact with police deserves privacy and integrity.

Therefore, it is time that the citizens of the Town of Amherst re-evaluate priorities in regard to police service. Some serious consideration should be given to the department's requests for additional personnel and facilities in order that we may cope with your increased needs for protection and service.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the loss of Joseph S. DeStefano who passed away on June 27, 1975. He was a citizen active in many town functions and served the police department for many years as a member and secretary of the Amherst Police Auxiliary Association. Joe is missed by all.

Donald N. Maia
Chief of Police

PERSONNEL

Two new patrolmen were appointed by Acting Town Manager Steven F. Sheffer during the past year. Timothy M. Sullivan, Jr., on July 1, 1975 and Stephen E. Zahn on September 1, 1975. Both are graduates of area colleges and their appointments are the result of an extensive selection process which began on January 11, 1975. The police department presently has two patrolman positions to be filled in order to reach the authorized strength of 24 officers (chief, lieutenant, 5 sergeants, 17 patrolmen).

Other changes in personnel include:
David P. Jankowski promoted to sergeant July 1, 1975
Stephen O'Connor resigned July 31, 1975
Rita K. Pawlowski resigned December 31, 1975

On August 1, 1975 the Amherst Police Department fully implemented a new filing and reporting system. The system places maximum record emphasis on the major incidents dealt with by the department, while handling more service incidents using simplified routine procedures.

A five thousand dollar federal grant was received from the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice for the system recommended by a Massachusetts Police Institute study. The system has enhanced our record keeping and reporting capabilities without incurring manpower.

As a result of implementing the system, which includes the introduction of extensive numerical action codes, geo-codes, and incident codes, this department has adopted the basic requirements for future computerization of records. A more timely benefit of accepting the basic core system recommendations of the MPI is a manpower study which the MPI is conducting, utilizing computer analysis of data obtained from police incident cards. The study should be completed by January 1977.

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To Serve and To Protect

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Chief Maia presented two films on the theme, "Crime — It's a Matter of Time," to members of the business community at the Amherst Regional High School on October 21, 1975.

Sgt. David P. Jankowski was a panel member at a Rape Symposium held at Amherst College on January 20, 1976.

A Bank Security Seminar was sponsored by the Amherst Police Department on January 22, 1976. Speakers included Chief Maia, Sgt. Jankowski, District Attorney John M. Callahan and members of the F.B.I. Bank Robbery Unit in Boston. All bank employees in Franklin and Hampshire Counties were invited.

Sgt. Tuttle, Buckley and Jankowski and Officers Scherpa, Korsh and Deleva have lectured at various schools in Amherst. Topics ranged from safety and radar operation to drugs and protections guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

TRAINING

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE ACADEMY at Framingham

Basic Training — 12 Week Course

Officer Jeffrey J. Roy — graduated August 15, 1975
Officer A. James Hebart — graduated August 15, 1975
Officer Timothy M. Sullivan, Jr. — graduated October 30, 1975

Officer Stephen E. Zahn — graduated February 6, 1976

Crime Scene Search Program — 2 Week Course

Officer James S. Dolva — Completed August 22, 1975

Advanced Latent Fingerprint — 1 Week Course

Officer Michael F. Korsh — Completed September 27, 1975

Police Photography — 1 Week Course

Officer John T. Wroblewski — Completed August 8, 1975
POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPRINGFIELD POLICE ACADEMY

Breathealyzer Certification — 1 Week Course
Sgt. Donald E. Thayer — Certified September 22, 1975
Officer John T. Wroblewski — Certified September 22, 1975

Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Communications
On June 1, 1976 the following officers received training in a new radio system that links Western Massachusetts cities and towns:

Chief Donald N. Maia
Lt. Clarence R. Bahb
Sgt. John P. Gedmin
Sgt. Miner W. Turkle, Jr.
Sgt. Richard F. Buckley
Sgt. Donald E. Thayer
Sgt. David P. Jankowski
Ptl. Lawson M. Aldrich
Ptl. Frederick W. Shepard
Ptl. Charles L. Schepka

F.B.I. Seminar — White Collar Crime
Sgt. David P. Jankowski — November 18, 1975

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT at Babson College

Budgeting — 1 Week Course
Lt. Clarence R. Bahb — Completed October 23, 1975

MASSACHUSETTS CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

Homicide Investigations (Dean Junior College)
Sgt. David P. Jankowski — October 23 & 24, 1975
Officer Michael F. Kotarba — October 23 & 24, 1975

Bank Robbery Investigations (Dean Junior College)
Sgt. David P. Jankowski and Officer Michael F. Kotarba — July 10, 1975

Seminar on Victimization
Sgt. David P. Jankowski — June 15, 1976

MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Drug Abuse Education (Holyoke Community College) — 2 Week Course
Officer Jeffrey J. Roy — November 17, 1975

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Citizen Complaint Procedure
Chief Donald N. Maia — November 15-17, 1975

Geographic Base Files
Chief Donald N. Maia and Officer Charles L. Schepka— April 3-8, 1976

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Communications (Newton Police Department)
Chief Donald N. Maia — August 6, 1975

NORTHERN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Special Training Assignment
Sgt. David P. Jankowski — February 2 - April 9, 1976

MASSACHUSETTS POLICE INSTITUTE

All department personnel attended a training session on July 28, 1975 to familiarize members with the new Recod System and explain the manpower survey that begins on August 1, 1975.

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

Law Enforcement Photography Seminar (Enfield, Conn.) — March 2, 1976

Officer John P. Gedmin
Officer Michael F. Kotarba
Officer John T. Wroblewski
Officer James S. Doleva

In addition to the above training, the following officers received their bachelor's degrees in Law Enforcement:

Sgt. John P. Gedmin
Officer Michael F. Kotarba
Officer John T. Wroblewski
Officer Charles L. Schepka

Department Activities

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| Assault citizen | 910 |
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| Building check | 975 |
| Burglar alarm | 583 |
| Burglar | 276 |
| Disturbance (General) | 354 |
| Larceny | 402 |
| Missing persons | 119 |
| Missing property | 397 |
| Noise complaint | 373 |
| Rape | 4 |
| Robbery | 7 |
| Suspicious activity | 99 |
| Vandalism | 374 |
| Vehicle accident | 519 |
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ARREST OFFENSES

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ARREST OFFENSES (Motor Vehicle)

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Jennie Sarna, with the new records system.
The fire department is pleased to report that 1976 was a most successful year. There were no deaths or injuries from fire during the year. Property losses were down sharply. The physical facilities and equipment of the department were greatly improved, and increased productivity absorbed a 12% reduction in work hours while the overall operating expenditures rose less than 10% in this year of continuing inflation.

Perhaps the most significant development of the year was the leveling-off of emergency calls after a decade of continuously increasing emergency activity. Although emergency medical calls rose 6% in 1976, this contrasts sharply with the average 25% per year increase occurring since 1969. The emergency activity increase is entirely balanced by the whiplash 12% decline in fire calls (see graph). There were a total of 1856 responses made by this department in 1976, almost exactly the same number as in 1975 (compared to 810 in 1969), and there is reason to suggest that a rather firm plateau in our population base should not result in more than 1500 emergency medical cases per year at heavy usage (national norms) and we are near that level now. Fire calls will hopefully continue to decline as a result of fire prevention programs, open-burning restrictions, population stability, lack of construction, andarthidial changes in our institutions. Much of the decline in fire calls is the result of vigorous investigation and prosecution of false alarms at the University. Their department of Public Safety apprehended several false-alarmers who were charged in Hampshire County District Court, convicted, and dealt with quite firmly by the court.

Reimbursement to the town for fire department expenses was commonly ordered, and in one case the offender was ordered to work off his penalty by cleaning fire engines on four consecutive weekends.

FACILITIES AND MOTOR APPARATUS

The new North Fire Station located on East Pleasant Street at Eastman Lane was completed and placed into service July 1976. The new North Fire Station, as opposed to locating the operation eastward and selling the existing building and land.

Meeting to reject the Northeast By-Pass Road, which action reduces the effectiveness of the new station site for response times. Selection of the building site from amongst other University property was greatly influenced by the proximity to the proposed road. In a way now we could note that our major new facility is located on a desolate street surrounded by poultry and horses instead of being located on a major arterial intersection. The case is that we do have excellent north-south travel, acceptable westward travel, and serious problems only in easterly travel.

We did receive delivery of a new pumping engine this year after a considerable waiting period. Originally ordered in July, 1974 with expected delivery in August, 1975 the vehicle finally arrived in April, 1976. Because we had insisted on a performance bond from the manufacturer we were able to compare the purchase at the agreed price of $45,000, even though the market value had risen to over $65,000.00 by the time of delivery.

The addition of this 1976 vehicle now gives the department three (3) first line pumping engines (1968, 1971, and 1976 1000 gpm engines) backed by two obsolete engines (1960 and 1970 750 gpm pumpers). In addition we have the 23-year old ladder truck, a 16-year old tanker, and two modern passenger cars. We have one new ambulance on order while presently operating two older van-type ambulances (1970 & 1973 vans). Early in the calendar year legislation was introduced into the General Court on the initiative of our Board of Selectmen to direct the Commonwealth to purchase an aerial platform with a service height of 120 feet. This vehicle was purchased in July, 1976 with expected delivery in August, 1975 and was delivered in July, 1976. The new aerial platform was delivered in August, 1976 and was placed into service in September, 1976.

CONCLUSION

The Amherst Historical Commission works with town officials and private owners on issues related to the conservation of the man-made environment. One prime concern of the Commission is the establishment of a file of basic information on Amherst's historic and architectural resources. A data base is essential for a comprehensive preservation plan.

In its advisory capacity, the Commission has consulted with owners and prospective buyers of historic properties and has commented to the Planning Board on plans affecting the Cushman area. Commission members have also spent considerable time in research on the town's significant structures, sites, and objects, adding steadily to the file of information in Town Hall and in the offices of the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston.

In October the Historical Commission, in cooperation with the Amherst Historical Society, sponsored a panel discussion at the Jones Library on research methods for documenting the history of older buildings. The outcome of this evening suggests that there is considerable interest in Amherst's architectural heritage. Commission members are currently preparing an exhibition of photographic prints of turn-of-the-century Amherst, made from a collection of glass negatives presented to the Commission last year. This exhibition is scheduled for August 1977 in the Jones Library, where the negatives will eventually be deposited.

The Commission has concentrated its research energies this year on a single geographic area. Within a few months we plan to submit an application to place the western Main Street area—essentially designated the Oliver Atkins Historic District—on the National Register of Historic Places. If the application receives the endorsement of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and is accepted by the National Park Service for listing in the Register, the buildings within the district will be eligible for rehabilitation and restoration grants from the National Park Service's historic preservation fund. Although listing in the Register affords only limited protection from federally-funded projects, the prestige that it confers has often proved crucial to preservation efforts. The Commission plans to continue seeking National Register recognition for other districts and buildings in Amherst.
New Youth Center Opens

This year marks the birth and development of a program to meet the long standing needs of the younger citizens in the Amherst Community. For years, Amherst youth have had little to do but go to school, stay home, or 'hang out.' This state of affairs created a suitable atmosphere for problems to appear in the form of drugs (to include much alcohol abuse), runaways, shoplifting, boredom, and violence. The Amherst Youth Center was established not only to get the youth off the streets, but to provide them with a myriad of growth oriented experiences.

Previously, there had been several attempts to deal with these problems. The first was a Youth Center at the Unitarian Church. It remained open for only a few months because of lack of funds. The leaders of that effort were still committed to doing something new.

The Center was opened after a proposal was tabled by the Board of Selectmen. They charged the Citizens Advisory Committee with studying the need for a youth program.

In February a group of students from the Junior High School came on the scene. Mike Gliss, a doctoral candidate at the University of Massachusetts, began meeting with the CAC and the students to gain a background on the problem.

He then conducted informal interviews to get suggestions for a youth organization.

In March, the CAC arranged a meeting with the Town Manager, A. Louis Hayward, for interested people to discuss a youth program. Hayward had extensive experience developing Youth Centers while he was the City Manager in Bowd, Minn.

The determination of the meeting was to conduct an assessment of youth needs in Amherst and how to meet those needs. The CAC, Gliss, and Karen Smith, from the Town Manager's Office, conducted the needs assessment.

Fifty adults and eighty youth were interviewed and a report was drawn up and submitted to a second general meeting.

Town Manager A. Louis Hayward responded to the needs assessment with a proposal to program development. This signified the Town support available and funding options.

Between April and June, youths and adults met to determine location of the Center, funding services, and program possibilities. While various sites were reviewed, feelings were sent out to civic groups for funding. Also during this time period, the youths held a dance at the Amherst Regional High School that lost $15,000, and a car wash in the center of Town that made $62.50. The energy and commitment levels of all concerned were high, and results were soon seen.

June saw the old North Amherst school as the chosen site for the Youth Center. Mike Gliss was hired as the Summer Coordinator for the newly developed Amherst Youth Center Program.

It was through Gliss's leadership that the program obtained its initial nourishment. With the help of one volunteer, Karen Brandow, and approximately 20 youths, he managed to develop a functional drop-in center. Old walls were renovated, new walls constructed and anything left-over got at least two coats of paint. In addition, pinball machines, a pool table, a ping-pong table, other games, and living room furniture were given to the Youth Center in response to appeals in the local papers.

On Monday, July 12, 1976, the Amherst Youth Center opened.

The Center was originally open 64 hours a week for drop-in. The staff consisted of Gliss and 2-5 volunteers with an average of 10 youths coming in per day. The average age was 14 years.

In July a high priority was placed on hiring a Director for the coming year through CETA (Comprehensive Employment & Training Act). Three adults and three youths did the screening and interviewing. In August Bill Staton was chosen as the new Director of the Youth Services.

Staton then arranged a transition period as director with Gliss. After an orientation period they began recruiting staff, determining organizational structures and developing summer programs. All the while they received much help from Town Manager A. Louis Hayward, and Assistant Town Manager Steven E. Sheriff. On September 1, 1976, Bill Staton assumed sole leadership of the Center.

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### FINANCIAL

#### Sales of Real Estate
- **Statewide Tax:** $3,500.00
- **Municipal Taxes:** $52,500.00
- **Miscellaneous:** $461,937.97

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- **Total:** $75,049.74

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#### Junior High School Pool

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#### MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISES

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- **Total:** $4,488,519.17

#### AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT

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### FINANCIAL

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#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR MUNICIPAL COMMISSION

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#### LAND ACQUISITIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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#### TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT
- **Total:** $131,126.55
FINANCIAL

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Salaries
Town Accountant 15,153.60
Clerks 19,496.49
Clerical Assistance 2,754.00
Expenses
Telephone 638.61
Travel - In State 315.26
Postage and Office Supplies 643.67
Book, Advertising, and Binding 100.70
Dues and Subscriptions 112.00
Office Equipment Maintenance 341.40
Continuing Education 129.00
Accounting Machine Maintenance 42,704.60

TREASURER-COLLECTOR
Salaries
Treasurer-Collector 16,741.50
Assistant Treasurer 10,819.85
Clerks 21,446.30
Clerical Assistance 3,470.32
Depot Collector 1,300.40
Expenses
Telephone 1,075.13
Surety Bonds 837.00
Insurance - Burglar 83.00
Travel - In State 329.71
Postage and Office Supplies 10,328.36
Printing and Advertising 14.96
New Office Equipment 950.40
Dues and Subscriptions 82.00
Office Equipment Maintenance 706.73
Safe Deposit Box Rental 12.50
Accounting Machine Maintenance 612.40
Tax Sale Expenses 7,228.20

ASSASSEES
Salaries
Assessor 14,887.76
Lead Clerk 10,044.50
Clerical Assistance 3,702.40
Expenses
Telephone 513.17
Travel - In State 821.78
Postage and Office Supplies 292.91
Printing and Advertising 240.43
Dues and Subscriptions 49.90
Telephone - Secretary of Deeds 249.75
Office Equipment Maintenance 96.20
Tax lien Recording Fees 236.00
Computer Services 2,468.13
Miscellaneous 33,459.80

TOWN CLERK
Salaries
Town Clerk 13,648.70
Acting Town Clerk 5,395.50
Assistant Town Clerk 7,364.56
Clerks 7,563.61
Clerical Assistance 2,031.93
Expenses
Telephone 1,166.39
Surety Bonds 38.00
Travel - In State 308.07
Postage and Office Supplies 777.39
Printing and Advertising 296.76
Incentive Pay 88.50
Office Equipment Maintenance 116.66
Safe Deposit Box Rental (Microfilm) 12.00
Other Expenses 1975 35.00

ART. 2 (1976) TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION

FINANCIAL

1975 SPECIAL STATE CENSUS
Compensation 1,431.50
Mileage 222.95
Telephone 36.60
Space Rental 675.00
Furniture 130.00
Contingencies 0.00
Total 2,847.32

PERSONNEL SERVICES
Travel - Out of State 3,656.69
Retirement System 203,214.72
Contributory Pension Assessments 12,015.00
Non-Contributory Pension Assessments 18,033.33
Group Insurance
Group Hospital, Surgical, and Medical 1,765,56
Group Life Insurance 1,844.44
Federal Health, Medicare Part B and C 1,006.00
Workers' Compensation
Accident Disability 9,292.71
Excess Insurance Policy 12,944.29
Reserve 1,500.00
Service Fee 98.17
General 391.50
Police-Fire Indemnification 77.30
Other Expenses 1975 77.50
Public Liability Insurance 726.00
Total 277,557.59

ART. 6 (1973) PERSONNEL STUDY

GENERAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

FINANCIAL AUDIT

TOURISM

SPECIAL SERVICES

GRANTS

REVENUE 1975

Total Revenues 1,291,772.40

EXPENSES 1975

Total Expenses 1,291,772.40

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE $1,291,772.40

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries
Chief 21,003.70
Police Officers 267,449.39
Secretary 18,008.00
Uniforms 11,913.60
Bicycles 11,988.43
Incentive Pay 11,300.60
Overtime 31,085.13
Court Duty 14,967.30
Special Officers 18,466.15
Contingencies 10,506.75
Total 32,602.70

PUBLIC SAFETY

NORTH FIRE STATION

Salaries
Firefighter 3,012.00
Contract 230,161.00
New Equipment 304.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries
Director 15,310.12
Secretary 9,051.00
Animal Inspector 600.00

FINANCIAL

Supplies 2,087.59
Typewriters 6,072.76

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Wages
Vehicle Maintenance 4,210.92
Gas and Oil 630.40
Truck and Building Insurance - Medical Liability 350.00
Travel In State and Out 99.00

FINANCIAL

Uniforms 461.00
Office Supplies 1,500.00
Ambulance Supplies 3,239.65
Training 121,073.19

CIVIL DEFENSE

Radio Maintenance 18.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Assistant Animal Officer 3,011.76
Vehicle Supplies 320.75

FINANCIAL

Gas and Oil 6,85.00

Supplies 60.00

Vehicle 266.00

Supervisors - Bureau of Board and Record 1,670.00

VETERINARY REIMBURSEMENT 86.00

Salaries 3,976.00

ARTICLES 167,027.13

TOTAL INCOME 

Supervisors 1,127.07

TOTAL EXPENSES 

$1,266,093.27

HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES 

362.00

Supervisors 11,453.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY $1,266,093.27

COUNCIL ON AGING

Salaries
Assistant 8,405.63
Leisure Services Director 10,187.20

FINANCIAL
Executive Director 658.90
Passenger Vehicle Operators 961.52

Expenses
Telephone 27.31
Vehicle Maintenance 282.90
Gas and Oil 318.71
New Equipment 440.00
Vehicle Purchase 36.50
All Other 282.23

Total Expenses 3,927.31

AMEND DRAIN GIFT FUND FOR
SENIOR SERVICES 3,100.00

VETERANS' SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Salaries
Veterans' Agent 9,951.35
Telephone 713.36
Travel - In State 217.70
Postage and Office Supplies 36.90
Dues and Subscriptions 30.00
Office Equipment Maintenance 17,057.06

Total Salaries 17,997.67

VETERANS' BENEFITS
Cost 58,482.30
Rent 1,156.00
Medical 3,979.31
Insurance - Fire 4,600.00
Insurance - Vehicle 1,143.00
Auto Assistance 638.82
Travel - In State 167.76
Uniform Assistance 247.00
Postage and Office Supplies 126.75
Janitorial Supplies 77.86
Dues and Subscriptions 52.00
Tools and Small Equipment 30.00
Supplies - Fertilizer and Insecticides 490.00
Equipment Rental 151.50
Equipment Maintenance 717.85

Total Benefits 73,541.50

SALARY LIBRARY GIFT
Inspector 1,000.00
Auto Assistance 200.00
Dues and Subscriptions 50.00
Supplies and Equipment 85.50

Total Library Gift 1,335.50

JUNIOR LIBRARY
Salaries
Director 10,088.00
Acting Director 1,851.59
Regular Employees 73,425.39
Part-time Employees 22,173.55

Total Salaries 96,589.03

Expenses
Fuel 5,381.42
Water 6,495.00
Telephone 1,386.24
Building Maintenance 5,174.95
Building Supplies 355.37
Rubbish Collection 232.50
Insurance - Building and Contents 3,322.00
Travel - In State 467.86
Postage and Office Supplies 3,277.32
Printing and Advertising 2,659.56
Janitorial Supplies 408.99
New Office Equipment 167.00
Office Equipment Maintenance 82.27
Continuing Education 145.00
Equipment Rental 754.48

Total Expenses 165,779.63

OLD AND INJURED TEENAGE PROGRAM
Salaries
Director 1,885.27
Regular Employees 13,758.30
Part-time Employees 2,403.29

Total Salaries 16,046.86

Expenses
Water 23.37
Electricity 1,256.78
Building Maintenance 187.45
Building Supplies 165.67

Total Expenses 25,696.87

Librett Collection 61.50
Insurance - Building and Contents 95.00
Travel - In State 49.30
Postage and Office Supplies 51.76
Printing and Advertising 209.90
Equipment Rental 335.11
New Books 345.00

Total Expenses 4,825.16

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND VETERANS’ GRAVES
Veterans' Officer 1,979.33
Memorial Day Expenses 175.00
Veterans' Graves Expenses 457.72

Total Expenses 5,332.05

CITIZENS’ REVIEW COMMISSION
Clerical Assistance 135.00

Total Expenses 135.00

LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Printing and Advertising 4,216.46
Other Expenses 1975 310.00

Total Expenses 4,526.46

HEARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Travel - In State 7.95

Total Expenses 7.95

ART. 35 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
School Nurse 12,000.00

Total Expenses 12,000.00

ART. 4, SPEC. 20-73-74: BOWWALK COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING
Materials and Supplies 13,251.00
Printing and Advertising 112.50
Professional Services 2,335.67

Total Expenses 15,699.17

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES $596,981.28

PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
PLANNING BOARD
Salaries
Secretary 1,000.00

Total Salaries 1,000.00

Legal Assistance 412.50

Total Expenses 412.50

Dues and Subscriptions 56.90

Total Expenses 56.90

Other Expenses 1975 31.50

Total Expenses 31.50

WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL
Pool Director 1,140.00
Telephone and Attendants 5,070.38

Total Expenses 6,210.38

EXPENSES
Accommodation 162.60
Telephone 250.72

Total Expenses 413.32

Other Expenses 1975 71.79

Total Expenses 71.79

MILI TARY Pensions
Leasing 10,068.00

Total Expenses 10,068.00

UP AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING
Telephone 16,064.46

Total Expenses 16,064.46

Planning and Printing 411.00

Total Expenses 411.00

Other Expenses 1975 676,461.17

Total Expenses 676,461.17

CITIZENS’ REVIEW COMMISSION
Dues and Subscriptions 96.05

Total Expenses 96.05

Professional Consulting Service 3,380.96

Total Expenses 3,380.96

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Town Planner 16,561.50
Project Planner 12,086.40
Student Assistance 1,568.36

Total Expenses 30,216.26

Other Expenses 1975 31.50

Total Expenses 31.50

Dues and Subscriptions 251.46

Total Expenses 251.46

New Equipment 16.60

Total Expenses 16.60

Telephone 810.78

Total Expenses 810.78

Other Expenses 1975 12.00

Total Expenses 12.00

Other Expenses 1975 76.49

Total Expenses 76.49

1964-65 BUDGET, TITLE III, FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT III
Audit 164.25

Total Expenses 164.25

Other Expenses 1975 45.70

Total Expenses 45.70

1964-65 BUDGET, TITLE III, FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT II
Salaries
Director 1,895.27

Total Salaries 1,895.27

Regural Employees 13,758.30
Part-time Employees 2,403.29

Total Salaries 16,046.86

Expenses
Telephone 428.75

Total Expenses 428.75

Other Expenses 1975 148.00

Total Expenses 148.00

FINANCIAL
### FINANCIAL

#### ART. 26 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STUDIES

**Legal Services**
- 2,077.32

#### GROWTH POLICY COMMITTEE

**Salary**
- 96.30

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Salaries**
- 17,736.90
- 8,369.40
- 4,795.75

**Expenses**
- Telephone: 688.74
- Architectural Services: 748.32
- Gas and Oil: 324.71
- Insurance - Vehicles: 150.00
- Auto Allowance: 788.18
- Travel - In State: 218.68
- Postage and Office Supplies: 111.07
- New Office Equipment: 189.10
- Dues and Subscriptions: 30.00
- Inspection Supplies: 1,128.50

**TOTAL FINANCIAL**
- 3,468.50

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Salaries**
- Conservation Officer: 11,450.10

**Expenses**
- Telephone: 7.42
- Grounds Maintenance: 1,020.00
- Auto Maintenance: 153.92
- Gas and Oil: 501.23
- Postage and Office Supplies: 126.01
- Printing and Advertising: 270.05
- Dues and Subscriptions: 80.95
- Labor: 100.00
- Office Equipment Maintenance: 10.00

**TOTAL**
- 16,019.07

#### CONSERVATION FIND

**Land Appraisal**
- 350.00

**Legal Fees**
- 173.00

**Recording Fees**
- 25.41

**Transfer**
- 30,000.00

**Carriage House Renovation**
- Labor: 5,710.05
- Supplies: 37,350.00

#### FACTORY HOLLOW DAM ENGINEERING

**Engineering**
- 2,074.38

#### ART. 26 (1976) LARCH HILL

**CARRIAGE HOUSE RENOVATION**
- 7,250.93

#### MILK Drieg CONSERVATION

**LAND PURCHASE GRANT**
- 1,861.74

#### CONSERVATION BIOENVIRONMENTAL GRANT

**Labor**
- 3,886.98

**TOTAL**
- 7,000.00

#### INSPECTION SERVICES

**Salaries**
- Director: 14,753.40
- Housing Inspector: 7,779.47
- Plumbing Inspector: 1,012.00
- Gas Inspector: 257.00
- Wires Inspector: 2,500.00

**Expenses**
- Telephone: 452.97
- Auto Allowance - Director: 900.00
- Auto Allowance - Housing Inspector: 780.00
- Travel - In State: 218.68
- Postage and Office Supplies: 111.07
- New Office Equipment: 195.00
- Dues and Subscriptions: 30.00
- Inspection Supplies: 1,128.50

**TOTAL**
- 5,184.50

#### LEWIS ROAD RESURFACING

**Labor**
- 112.13

**Equipment Rental**
- 283.00

**Supplies**
- 9,278.79

#### ART. 8 (1973) CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

**Labor**
- 10,776.63

**Equipment Rental**
- 2,392.44

**Supplies**
- 36,049.07

#### ART. 10 (1973) SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

**Labor**
- 6,515.86

**Printing and Advertising**
- 667.60

**Materials and Supplies**
- 66,673.62

**TOTAL**
- 72,208.00

#### ART. 30 (1973) TAM BROOK BRIDGE STUDY

**Labor**
- 403.28

**Supplies**
- 106.00

**TOTAL**
- 513.28

#### SOUTH ALBERT COMMON DRAINAGE SYSTEM

**Labor**
- 7,957.89

**Supplies**
- 12,105.62

**TOTAL**
- 20,063.51

#### ART. 34 (1976) IMPAIR CONSTRUCTION

**Labor**
- 12,126.07

**Equipment Rental**
- 1,113.50

**Supplies**
- 28,753.96

#### ART. 35 (1976) WEST FORDWAY LAND REDEVELOPMENT

**Labor**
- 3,126.06

**Supplies**
- 3,725.93

**TOTAL**
- 6,852.00

#### ART. 38 (1976) DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

**Equipment Rental**
- 19.00

**Supplies**
- 3,757.96

**TOTAL**
- 3,776.96

#### ART. 40 MAIN STREET DRAINAGE SYSTEM

**Labor**
- 5,529.31

**Equipment Rental**
- 3,640.00

**Supplies**
- 7,201.03

**TOTAL**
- 16,370.34

#### ART. 64 DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

**Labor**
- 2,540.00

**Supplies**
- 2,069.70

**TOTAL**
- 4,609.70

#### Street and Traffic Signs

**Labor**
- 3,499.05

**TOTAL**
- 3,499.05

#### Snow, Gravel, and Sand

**Labor**
- 5,276.37

**TOTAL**
- 5,276.37

#### Roofing Machine

**Labor**
- 163.51

**TOTAL**
- 163.51

#### Advertising

**Labor**
- 366.44

**TOTAL**
- 366.44

#### Mist Blower

**Labor**
- 9,120.00

**TOTAL**
- 9,120.00

#### ART. 69 NORTH EAST STREET

**EBRAHIM STREET CONSTRUCTION**
- 3,500.00

#### EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

**Labor**
- 6,969.23

**Supplies**
- 11,126.66

**TOTAL**
- 18,125.89

#### BRICK AND ICE REMOVAL

**Labor**
- 32,916.97

**TOTAL**
- 32,916.97

#### Printing and Advertising

**Supplies**
- 1,505.06

**Supplies**
- 16,361.59

**Equipment Rental**
- 4,440.94

**Weather Service**
- 580.00

**Contract Labor - Plowing Roads**
- 6,372.67

**TOTAL**
- 63,787.78

#### EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

**Labor**
- 22,252.84

**Supplies**
- 10,166.92

**Supplies**
- 16,506.36

**Supplies**
- 385.03

**Supplies**
- 1,820.70

**Supplies**
- 3,185.00

**Supplies**
- 21,690.25

**TOTAL**
- 54,100.92

#### WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

**Labor**
- 2,789.00

**Supplies**
- 1,108.00

**Supplies**
- 3,288.00

**Total**
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#### DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

**Labor**
- 934.13

**Supplies**
- 5,115.79

**Supplies**
- 305.01

**Supplies**
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**Supplies**
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**Supplies**
- 2,385.55

**Supplies**
- 3,765.80

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**Total**
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#### Maintenance of Distribution

**Labor**
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**Supplies**
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- 999.38

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#### Explanation of Omissions

- Appropriations Voted at Special Town Meetings
- Loans
- Transfers from Reserve Fund
- Refunds to Appropriation
- Federal and State Reimbursements
FINANCIAL

BALANCES FORWARDED TO FY 1977 (cont'd)

Art. 1 (Spec. 5-16-70) Water System Development 1,943.42
Art. 24 (1970) Water System Storage Building 15,000.00
Art. 11 (1973) South Pleasant Street and West Street Water Main Construction 13,399.42
Small Street, University Drive South and Northampton Road Water Main Construction 6,568.08
Art. 33 (1971) Watershed Lands 15,479.95
Art. 17 (1971) Village Park Standpipe 11,013.00
Art. 10 (1971) JFK Chorister Building 230,000.00
Art. 33 (1971) Watershed Lands 23,000.00
Art. 40 (1971) Watershed Lands 30,000.00
Art. 44 (1971) Paterson Street Water Main Reconstruction 1,309.61
Art. 45 (1971) Paterson Street Water Main Reconstruction 1,465.38
Art. 13 (1971) Special Sewer Construction 2,595.25
Art. 2 (1970) 10-4-71 Sewage Treatment Facilities 82,938.96
Art. 39 (1971) General Sewer System Improvements 259,778.11
Art. 39 (1971) Falls Street and South Mill Street Sewer Reconstruction 7,000.00
Art. 20 (1971) South Amherst Cameron Paving Station 301.94
Art. 17 (Spec. 10-27-71) Sanitary Landfill 30,799.46
Art. 67 North Amherst School Building Planning Studies 2,500.00
Art. 19 (Spec. 10-4-71) East Amherst Elementary School Construction 9,066.38
Art. 10 (1971) Transportation Studies 7,004.97
Art. 19 (Spec. 10-27-71) Rent Control Study 300.00
18,000,000.00

TOWN OF AMHERST

Balance Sheet - June 30, 1976

Liabilities and Reserves

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

GROSS ACCOUNTS

Assets

FINANCIAL

ACCOUNTS (CONT'D)

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Liabilities and Reserves

Assessment

Police

Laws added to Taxes: 1976 10,725.23
Revenue (1976) 1,675,023.23
Accounts Receivable:
Taxes 3.00
Leaseholds

FINANCIAL

Liabilities and Reserves

Netbook Funds

Rent Control Fund

Leasehold Funds

Trust Fund

86,700.00

1,245,000.00

1,411,700.00

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1,970.00

6,022.00

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### Analysis of Surplus Revenue

| Balance July 1, 1975 | $ 451,754.39 |

**Increase:**
- Tax Title Revenue: 296,786.53
- Taxes in Litigation Revenue: 1,316.18
- Omitted Assessments: 628.02
- Premium on Bonds and Notes: 529.75
- Insurance Recoveries: 204.78
- Excess Estimated Receipts: 11,731.32
- Unappropriated Balances Properly: 249,568.71

**Decrease:**
- Tax Titles: 350,063.06
- Taxes in Litigation: 6,108.12
- Appropriations: 18,000.00
- Art. 3 Financial Audit: 18,000.00
- Art. 19 West Central Study: 500.00
- Art. 21 Deemed Bills: 38,316.88
- Insurance Recoveries: 615.00
- Voter & Annual Town Meeting: 250.00
- Revisions to FY-77 Tax Rate: 250.00

**Balance June 30, 1976:**
- $1,013,506.81
- $1,013,506.81
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District
Amherst-Pelham Public Schools

Elementary Schools

Amherst School Committee
Mark Allen, Chairperson
David Hornischer, Vice Chairperson
Robert Fischer
MaryLou Thelma
J. Tracy Mehr

This five member elected Committee has the responsibility for providing the public educational programs for Amherst children up through grade six. They meet regularly to assure a diversity and wide range of educational backgrounds and experience levels.

The official elementary school enrollment for the 1975-1976 school year was 1806 pupils in grade levels as follows:

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This enrollment reflects an anticipated decline in the number of enrolled students which was accompanied by a reduction in staff. The staff of 72 classroom teachers plus others for special education and special subject areas represents a diverse and wide range of educational backgrounds and experience levels.

Program Highlights

In the elementary schools, Crocker Farm, Wildwood, Fort River and Mark's Meadow, continue to try to provide a variety of alternative educational opportunities to help each child reach toward his or her potential. This effort is an integral part of a continued reaffirmed belief that the public schools must take each child and carefully and conscientiously help each one grow academically, socially, and physically to the fullest measure possible. For many students a more formal, structured, and separated environment with a greater variety of materials and programs to help students, especially in the above areas.

The study of foreign language in the elementary schools came into effect this year. A staff evaluation of the program offered in French and Spanish for grades four through six was completed. The recommendation to continue this as part of the curriculum with improvements, including a more direct relationship to the foreign language programs offered in the secondary schools, was approved by the School Committee after a thorough study of the Evaluation Report.

The school system, including the Regional schools, are committed to community involvement in helping to determine the direction and scope of the local public schools. The Superintendent and School Committees have begun a program to meet with citizens to hear what they believe ought to be the goals for public education in this community. The results of this program will be a new statement and affirmation of the ultimate goals of public education in grades K-12 here.

Facilities and Finances

A Long Range Building Needs Study was conducted this year to update the School District's Master Building Plan. The four Amherst elementary school buildings, which includes the Mark's Meadow School, provided by the University of Massachusetts under a long standing agreement with the Town, are seen as adequate space for projected pupil population for the foreseeable future. A slight decline in the pupil population over the past few years and a slow down in the growth of the community are seen as the basis for this conclusion. A gradual growth in population is expected into the 1980's which a continuing study of building needs will watch carefully. The community has planned well to be in this excellent space situation.

The general economic constraints of these times continue to have a direct effect on the school budget. A newly designed programmed budget format provided a more specific and detailed opportunity to review school programs. The new special education programs instituted under Chapter 766 continue to require additional sums, however, reimbursements from the state for these programs have grown dramatically to help offset these added costs. The minimal increases in the budget are the result of tight budgeting by the staff and careful review by the School Committee.
A new programmed budget format, developed by a Citizens/Staff Task Force for this purpose, was introduced this year and was well received due to the added clarity and support information provided. The approved budget for the 1976-77 year is divided into six distinct categories, each with its own group of programs, and totals $3,990,796. The 1975-76 budget was $3,897,569.

Instruction
$2,070,521.

This major category includes all programs in the basic curriculum areas and special education including the salaries, supplies and equipment needed in each.

Instructional Support
747,876.

This category includes pupil services such as guidance and health, libraries, audio-visual and TV, in-service for staff research and development and all administrative services to support the instructional programs.

Operational Support
626,103.

The programs in this category include maintenance, utilities, food service and insurance.

Community and Support Services
61,881.

The major program in this category provides tuition and transportation for residents of the four communities to attend Vocational Schools. In addition, programs in cooperation with outside agencies are included.

Debt Retirement
435,160.

The principal and interest due on debts incurred by the Region for construction of the High School addition and the Junior High School are included here.

Payroll Reserve
49,255.

Included in this category are funds for salary adjustments resulting from negotiations and added sums for a reserve to pay salary due to staff during the summer months.

Program Highlights

This year was highlighted by review and evaluation of goals and programs. Citizens-staff study committees completed an Evaluation of the Junior High School and a Study of the Phasing Program used in grades 7-12. Both of these reports are being studied by the staff and School Committee. These studies have prompted some changes and both contain the promise of future improvements in the educational opportunities for students. A special group of citizens and staff will soon be organized by the Superintendent to follow-up on the Junior High School Evaluation to project ahead on the best possible educational program for students in these early adolescent years.

The secondary schools continue to remain committed to providing carefully controlled alternative educational opportunities to meet the needs of a very diverse student body. The Junior High School Learning Community continues to be a successful model for those students who need a close relationship with fewer staff and an opportunity to experience a sense of community with peers as well as a more interdisciplinary approach to curriculum studies. The High School has also developed an alternative program that provides a similar educational environment. For those students who have specific special needs, as determined by an evaluation conducted by a team of teachers and specialists, many new opportunities have been designed. An adjunct campus program for Junior High students has been prepared for the South Amherst School to provide educational opportunity for those students who need some degree of separation from the larger school setting for a period of time in order for them to make satisfactory academic progress.

The secondary staff have been involved with the elementary teachers on a K-12 basis to evaluate and plan improvements in the transition of students from one level to the next. More careful evaluation of pupil achievement, improved communication between levels of curriculum, expected a thorough development of K-12 curriculum goals and better information and guidance for student choices are part of this ongoing effort. Continued emphasis is being given to a continuous program to help students obtain the basic communication and computation skills so essential for their future success.