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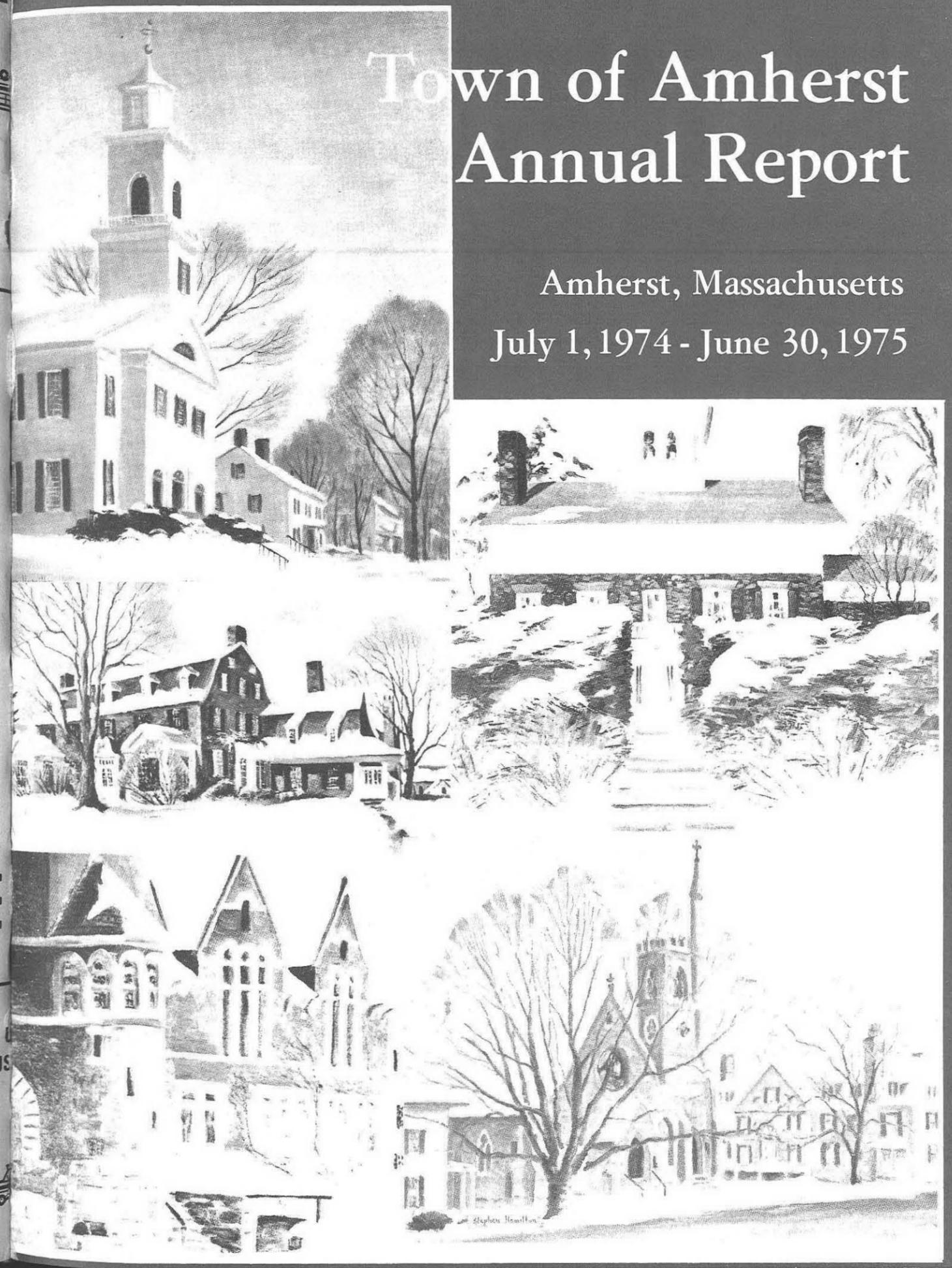
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EDITORIAL

Effective Local Government

After Allen L. Torrey's twenty one (21) years as Town Manager, this Town Report should be dedicated to him. However, it seems more consistent with his philosophy to dedicate this Annual Report to the concept of local government he defined.

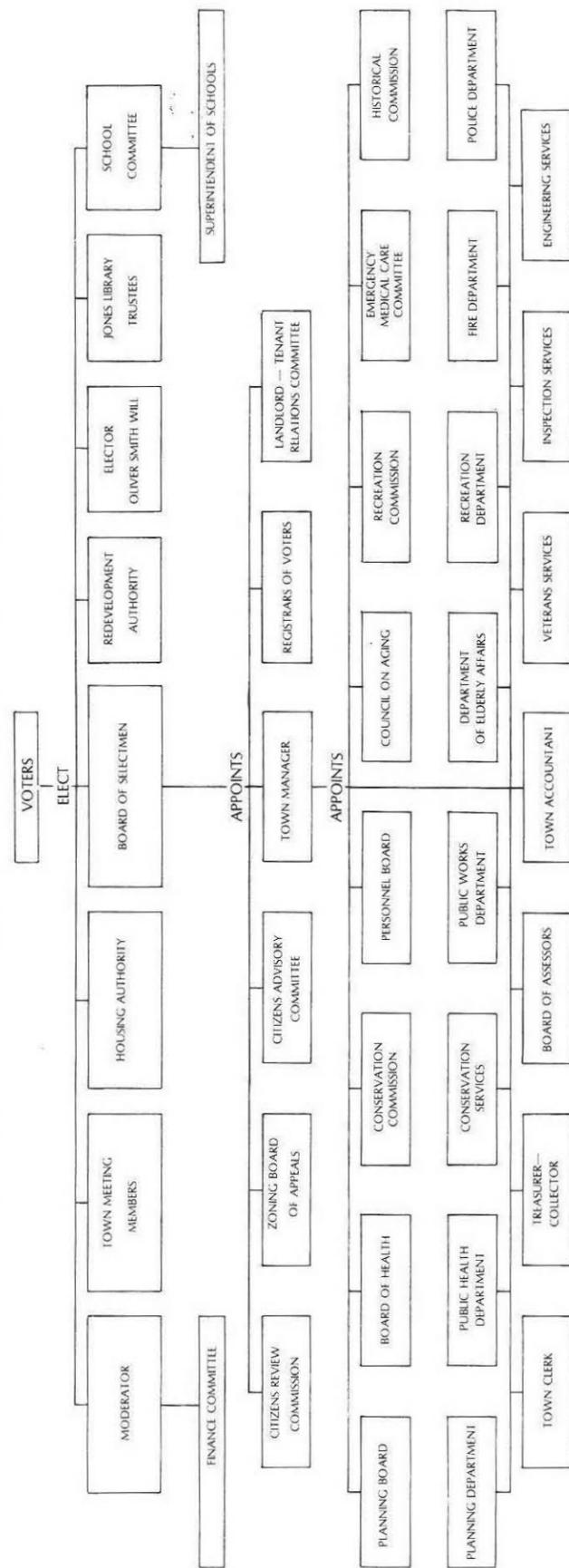
Local government unlike other levels of government exists to provide direct services to a community of residents. The services provided should meet the needs of the residents as defined by the residents through the democratic process and their elected officials. The services should meet the needs of the many, and not the few. The services should be timely and available when needed. The services should be high quantity, high quality, and low cost. The elected and appointed officials should believe that local government exists to serve the residents, and is not an end in itself.

This Annual Town Report is dedicated to this concept of local government.

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*COVER: Reproductions of paintings of town buildings created by local artist Stephen Hamilton.*

# TOWN OF AMHERST ORGANIZATION CHART



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# Town Officers

## Elected

	Year Elected	Term Expires		Year Elected	Term Expires
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>			<b>MODERATOR</b>		
Bouchard, Leo E.	1972	1975	Field, William	1971	1976
Eddy, Nancy B.	1971	1977	<b>REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b>		
Garvey, Robert J.	1972	1978	Roberts, Margaret	1974	1976
Howes, Merle L.	1967	1976	Roetter, Jurgen H	1971	12/21/79
Romer, Diana H.	1975	1978	Talbot, Joanne	1973	1979
Sullivan, Michael P., Jr. †	1971	1977	Weeks, Willard T., M.D.	1971	1977
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>			Werbe, Raymond A. †	1971	1978
Austin, Joyce	1971	1977	<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
Decker, Frank	1973	State Appointee	Cheyette, Fredric	1974	1977
Mellen, William J.	1969	1975	Fischer, Robert	1971	1977
Moreau, Bernard R. †	1969	1979	Hornfischer, David	1975	1978
Scheurer, George B.	1975	1980	Kropf, Rita	1972	1975
Simpson, Emily	1970	1976	Roberts, Maria	1974	1977
<b>JONES LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>			Theilman, Marylou	1973	1976
Hewlett, Horace	1969	1978	<b>AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
Lindsey, E. Edgar	1972	1976	In addition to above members of School Committee		
Longworth, Mary O.	1973	1976	Dzendolet, Ernest		1977
McClung, Robert	1973	1975	Heath, Kendrick		1977
Paulsen, Herta	1975	1977	Hutchinson, Charles		1977
Peterson, Vera Joseph	1975	1978	Kim, Penelope		1975
Worman, Eugene, Jr.	1975	1976	Slate, Theodore		1978
<b>ELECTOR, OLIVER SMITH WILL</b>					
Winn, C. Clifton	1969	1976			

## Appointed

Town Manager	Allen L. Torrey	Executive Director - Council on Aging	Wayne Ude
Temporary Town Manager	Steven E. Sheiffer	Director of Conservation Services	Peter Westover
Assistant to the Town Manager	Steven E. Sheiffer	Superintendent of Schools	Donald Frizzle
Town Accountant	Myrtle A. Lehane	Town Planner	James Cope
Town Treasurer and Collector	Alan E. Hobart	Town Engineer	James Smith
Town Clerk	Estelle M. Matusko	Director of Recreation	Russell Bardwell
Director, Public Health	Charles E. Drake, Jr.	Superintendent of Public Works	Stanley P. Ziomek
Inspector of Animals	Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.	Superintendent of Insect Pest Control and Elm Tree Care	Stanley P. Ziomek
Veterans' Agent	Loraine B. Kenney	Inspector of Weights and Measures	William Start
Director of Inspection Services and Building Commissioner	Chester Penza	Civil Defense Director	Ralph N. Hosford
Plumbing Inspector	Robert A. Slocombe, Jr.	Veterans' Graves Officer	Joseph S. Demaradzki
Gas Inspector	Robert A. Knightly	Dog Officer	Miner W. Tuttle, Jr.
Wire Inspector	Bernard T. Aldrich, Jr.	Police Chief	Donald N. Maia
Local Inspector	William Start	Fire Chief	John T. Doherty

### KEY

- (M) = Moderator appointment
- (BS) = Board of Selectmen appointment
- (TM) = Town Manager appointment
- † Chairman
- Resigned
- Committee Dismissed
- Deceased

All terms expire 6/30 unless otherwise specified.

# Appointed Boards and Commissions

	Year Appointed	Term Expires		Year Appointed	Term Expires
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (TM)</b>					
Anderson, Robert S.	1975		Jacque, Mitchell A.		1976
McDermott, John L. °	1971		Jeffery, Norman C.	1972	1976
Shumway, Earl F. †	1954		Maia, Donald N.		1976
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (TM)</b>					
Grose, Ann H.	1973	1978	Markert, Herman A.		1976
Greenberg, Jonathan, M.D.	1973	3/31/76	Messier, Henry		1976
Hartzler, H. Richard	1974	1977	Mitchell, Kazimer J.		1976
Peters, Howard A.	1973	3/31/76	Shumway, Winfred O.		1976
Wisniewski, Karol S. †	1958	1976	Tuttle, Miner W., Jr.		1976
<b>CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BS)</b>					
7 members not yet appointed (established by May 1975 Town Meeting)					
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (TM)</b>					
Adair, Robert W. (South)	1961	1978	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING (TM)</b>		
Casey, William F. (West)	1954	1978	Cook, Clara M.	1971	1977
Newton, Henry (North)	1970	1978	Curtis, Ruth	1975	1978
<b>CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BS)</b>					
Bryan, Herbert	1974	1975	Davies, Richard C. †	1967	3/31/76
Callahan, Isabelle M.	1971	1975	Farrell, Rev. Charles R.	1974	3/31/76
Freisem, Peter	1974	1976	Gatslick, Mark K.	1972	3/31/75
Gillen, Constance	1972	1976	Kravetz, Mary K.	1972	3/31/76
Graves, Esther	1974	1977	Oleson, Grunow O.	1974	1978
Hewitt, John	1974	1976	Peterson, Jerome	1974	1977
Hutchinson, William	1974	1975	Sears, Eveline	1967	1977
Jacque, Linda °	1972	1976	Thomson, Mary	1973	1977
Klein, Charles	1973	1975	<b>DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION (TM)</b>		
Knightly, Sandra	1973	1977	Decker, Frank A. †	1964	3/31/77
McGill, George	1972	1976	Elder, Hubert G. °	1960	3/31/77
Mehta, Surinder K.	1974	1976	Grady, Gerald J.	1966	3/31/76
Nicasastro, Andrew	1974	1976	Richason, George R.	1962	3/31/77
O'Reilly, Ed	1974	1976	Wolf, Jack S. °	1969	3/31/75
Owen, Judith †	1973	1977	<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE (TM)</b>		
Reynolds, John	1974	1976	Foley, Brett	1973	3/31/76
Sherman, John	1971	1977	Melchionda, Anthony M., M.D.	1974	1977
Spencer, Kathleen	1974	1976	Monroe, Kenneth, M.D.	1972	1978
Thomas, Carl	1974	1976	<b>FENCE VIEWER (TM)</b>		
Ward, Peter	1973	1977	Hobart, Gordon F.		1976
<b>CITIZENS REVIEW COMMISSION (BS)</b>					
Colt, Ethel E.	1969	1976	Smith, James F.		1976
Clark, Casey †	1974	1976	<b>FIELD DRIVERS (TM)</b>		
Denton, Janice †	1972	1978	Mitchell, Kazimer J.		1976
Goldman, Ronald	1975	1977	Shumway, Winfred O.		1976
Savereid, Jay	1969	1977	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE (M)</b>		
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION (TM)</b>					
Chase, Charles	1962	1978	Atkins, William	1974	1977
Cole, Charles	1974	3/31/76	Claunch, Pearl	1973	3/31/76
Cuddeback, Kenneth	1972	1978	Dennler, Carl, Jr.	1971	3/31/76
Garrabrants, Robert A.	1966	3/31/76	Ivey, Elizabeth	1972	1978
Goss, William	1975	1977	Joy, Robert	1972	1978
Gifford, Shirley	1973	1977	Reid, Jamison °	1974	3/31/75
Litterer, Marie	1974	1977	Romer, Diana † °	1971	3/31/77
<b>CONSTABLES (TM)</b>					
Babb, Clarence R.		1976	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION (TM)</b>		
Blasko, Alexander P.		1976	Bernhard, Winfred	1973	3/31/76
Buckley, Richard F.	1974	1976	Crocker, Elizabeth	1973	1978
Gedmin, John P.	1974	1976	DeToma, Andrew °	1975	1978
Hart, Francis E.		1976	Norton, Paul †	1973	3/31/77
Heath, Weymouth B. °°°		1976	O'Connell, Kristin	1974	1976
			Procopio, Adeline B.	1973	3/31/76
			Routh, Carroll S.	1973	1977
			<b>LAND ACQUISITION REVIEW COMMITTEE</b>		
			Eddy, Nancy B.	1973	
			Epstein, Alice C.	1973	
			Garrabrants, Robert		
			Kropf, Rita		
			Ziomek, Stanley		
			<i>Non-Voting Members</i>		
			McDermott, John °		
			Romer, Diana °		
			Torrey, Allen L. °		

	Year Appointed	Term Expires		Year Appointed	Term Expires
<b>LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS COMMITTEE (BS)</b>					
Beebe, Ralph	1974	1977	<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BS)</b>		
Campbell, Raymond W. J.	1970	1976	7 members not yet appointed (established by May 1975 Town Meeting)		
Eckhouse, Judith	1973	1976	<b>RECREATION COMMISSION (TM)</b>		
Gillis, Nancy	1975	1977	Annable, Christina G.	1974	1977
Wiarda, Howard †	1974	1977	Barber, Arlan F.	1972	1978
<i>Alternates</i>					
Jones, Paul	1973	1976	Johnson, Donald J.	1970	3/31/76
Weisman, Steven J. J.	1974	1976	Keegan, Gene	1975	3/31/76
<b>MEASURERS OF WOOD (TM)</b>					
Emond, Joseph		1975	Plungis, Helen	1974	1978
Page, C. Leonard		1976	Sherrow, Jean	1975	1978
Taylor, Lewis		1976	Ziomek, Stanley P. †	1966	1977
Zumbruski, Edward		1976	<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (BS)</b>		
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE (TM)</b>					
Demaradzki, Joseph (ex officio) °°°			Fenton, John (R)	1975	1977
Kenney, Loraine	1972	1976	Fischer, Patricia (R) †	1974	1977
Sieruta, William	1972	1974	Hornfischer, David (R) °	1974	1977
Sullivan, Michael P., Jr.	1973	1974	Louittit, Carolyn (D)	1975	8/31/75
			Matusko, Estelle (D) ex-officio		
			Sulzner George (sabbatical leave, 1/75-8/31/75)	1973	1976
<b>MUNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (TM)</b>					
Alspach, Russell K.	1971	1977	<b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND (TM)</b>		
Frizzle, Donald	1973	3/31/76	Hawley, Robert D.	1951	1978
George, June	1972	1978	Johnson, Kenneth W.	1961	1977
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD (TM)</b>					
Bloodsworth, David	1974	8/14/75	Thompson, Richard H.	1972	1978
Elcan, William F.	1972	1978	<b>VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER (TM)</b>		
Friedman, Harvey L. (leave of absence 12/74-8/75)	1973	1977	Demaradzki, Joseph S. °°°		
Keedy, Stephen	1973	3/31/76	<b>WEIGHERS (TM)</b>		
<b>PLANNING BOARD (TM)</b>					
Bacon, Theodore S., Jr.	1951	3/31/75	Bartlett, William B.		1976
Cann, Michael A.	1970	1978	Bergquist, John		1976
Epstein, Alice	1971	1978	Castine, Richard		1976
Ford, Barbara	1973	1976	Twiss, Grover, Jr.		1976
Howards, Irving	1972	1978	Westcott, George H.		1976
Lowance, Susan †	1972	3/31/76	Wilson, Myrtle		1976
Plattner, Robert	1971	1977	<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (BS)</b>		
Thompson, Perry A.	1972	3/31/76	Carlson, David	1975	1978
Fletcher, Stevenson	1974	1977	Myers, Sidney	1972	1977
			Rosenthal, Kenneth †	1971	1976
			<i>Alternates</i>		
			Barker, Elliott	1974	1976
			Grose, Robert	1975	1976
			Moebius, William	1974	1976

## Ad Hoc Committees

<b>CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BS) **</b>		Mallek, Dr. Leo †	
Antil, Robert E.		Parker, Pernal °	
Caldwell, John		Tuthill, Robert	
<i>Consumers</i>			
Dandelske, Louise °		Cowles, Shirley	
Einhorn, Eric		Cummings, Rosamond	
Isman, Bonnie		DeCoursey, Anne	
Keenan, Charles		Finch, Ella	
Muller, Richard		Porter, David	
Oldershaw, Bruce		Schimmel, Barbara B.	
Peterson, John †		<b>HITCHHIKING COMMITTEE (BS) **</b>	
Smith, Prescott		Blau, Scott	
<b>HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (BS)</b>		Evans, Richard M.	
<i>Professionals</i>		Harraghy, Mary C.	
Friedman, Alice		Hurwitz, Peter	
Huguenin, Marietta		Thelan, LaVern	

## LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDY

## COMMITTEE (BS) \*\*

Barrett, Steven  
Burns, John  
Ford, Wallace •  
Garfield, Ken •  
Gordon, Allen  
Kitagawa, Chisato  
Lyon, Matt  
Miles, Barbara † •  
Wiggins, Ros

## MT. HOLYOKE SUBCOMMITTEE

Dakin, Janet W.  
Bouchard, Leo E.  
Callahan, John  
Fischer, Patricia  
Peter, Karen  
Rosenthal, Kenneth

## NORTH FIRE STATION BUILDING

## COMMITTEE (TM)

Bukoski, Frank  
Howes, Merle L.  
Lambert, William †  
Wilkinson, Edith  
Winslow, Joel

## NUCLEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BS) \*\*

Cole, Charles  
Godchaux, Walter  
Kofler, Richard  
Mange, Elaine  
Mills, Katie  
Nicholson, Walter  
Scott, James •  
Short, W. Leigh

## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES PLANNING

## COMMITTEE (BS)

Brode, Steven  
Chisholm, Robert  
Chunglo, Joseph  
Hosford, Ralph  
Marchant, John †  
O'Neil, Gerald  
Rainford, Alan  
Paige, Steven  
Sprague, Rosemary

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## COMMITTEE (BS) \*\*

Cromack, Duane E. †  
Culbertson, David  
Hornfischer, David  
McKean, Philip  
Mosakowski, Kenneth R.  
Murray, Dorothy  
Peter, Karen  
Rivers, Robert  
Werbe, Jennie

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE (BS)

Brace, Albert  
Chisholm, Robert †  
Cramer, Elizabeth •  
Foose, Stephen  
Garbrants, Robert  
Zumbruski, William

## REGISTRATION AND VOTING PATTERNS

## COMMITTEE (BS)

Prec. I - Alton Cole  
Prec. II - Loren Beth  
Prec. III - Jean Roetter  
Prec. IV - Jake Bishop  
Prec. V - Dr. Norman Spencer  
Prec. VI - Justin O'Connor  
Prec. VII - William Annable  
Patricia Fischer (Chairman,  
Registrar of Voters)  
Estelle Matuski, Town Clerk, ex officio

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL

## COMMISSION (BS)

Bernhard, Winfred  
Hale, Mary  
Howard, Harlan  
Ives, Philip  
Kauffman, Millicent  
Klein, Barbara  
Pickering, Dorothy •  
Tunis, Janet †  
Wellman, Robert  
Wyatt, Mary

## SCARCE (BS)

Honigberg, Rhoda •  
Hosford, Ralph †  
Mills, Katie  
O'Byrne, Joseph  
Paige, Phyllis  
Sarna, Joseph  
Walker, James •  
Webb, Gregory  
Wolf, Ellen

## SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE (BS)

Annable, William  
Cole, Charles  
Gonter, Marilyn  
Harrington, James  
Hartshorn, Joseph  
Honigberg, Rhoda †  
Howards, Irving  
Peters, Howard A.  
Webb, Gregory

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BS)

Foess, Gerald  
Foster, John M. †  
Litsky, Warren  
Mannheim, L. Robert  
Wisniewski, Karol S.

## TOWN MEETING STUDY COMMITTEE (M) \*\*

Beals, Mildred  
Foster, Nancy  
Howards, Irving  
Janse, John  
Mainzer, Lewis C.  
Roberts, Maria  
Thompson, Perry

## TRAFFIC CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (M)

Eddy, Nancy B.  
Foster, John M.  
King, Jerome B. †  
Keedy, Stephen E.  
Littlefield, H. Jackson, Jr.  
Reed, Nathaniel  
Thompson, Perry  
Whitney, Robert B.  
Wolf, Jack S.

## Selectmen Search for New Manager

For the Board of Selectmen, which serves as the major policy-making body for Amherst, two events stand out in Fiscal Year:

1) The resignation of Allen L. Torrey after 21 years as Amherst's Town Manager. Mr. Torrey, who ably guided the Town through those years of rapid expansion and development, remains in Amherst as Treasurer of Hampshire College. In searching for his replacement, the Board called upon a specially created interview committee to assist us in final selections. The committee consisted of two staff members chosen by the staff and five citizens, knowledgeable in local government, chosen by the Selectmen to represent a cross-section of our population. While finding a successor to the man who had become the Dean of Massachusetts Managers will not be easy, the Board is determined to find an individual who will continue Torrey's tradition of encouraging citizen participation in government and his commitment to professionalism in service to the public. We wish him well in his new position.

2) The longest Representative Town Meeting in our history led the Board to develop guidelines for petition articles. While generally pleased with the level of debate and high attendance throughout the nine long evenings, the Board recognizes the continuing need to inform Town Meeting Members of the issues involved and to insure careful committee and staff review of proposals before Town Meeting action.

A large portion of the Board's time was spent on continuing implementation of the SCOG report and on development of budgetary procedures. After careful deliberation and review the Board strongly supported the Zoning By-law brought to Town Meeting by the Planning Board. The by-law, which proposed a land use plan to implement the village center concept as promulgated by SCOG, was defeated in a very close vote, but the Board has encouraged the Planning Board to re-submit the proposal to a future Town Meeting. The Board also voted to join the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority, which makes the Town eligible for state and federal funding as we strive to meet the goal of developing a balanced transportation system for Amherst.

During the year the Board developed budgetary procedures under which the Board adopts policy guidelines on program priorities and property tax limitations and the Manager prepares the budget following those guidelines. Following a broad review by the Board for adherence to the adopted policies, the Finance Committee conducts a comprehensive and detailed review of the budget. The Se-

lectmen continue to believe that broad tax reform is needed, especially on the state level, to reduce the dependence upon the property tax.

Other events of interest during the year: we welcomed Diana Romer to the Board while paying tribute to Leo Bouchard for his service to the town. We continued our commitment to involving citizens in governmental decisions by appointing a Task Force on Solid Waste, a Nuclear Advisory Committee, and the Special Committee of Amherst on Resource Conservation and Energy. We parti-



Since January 27, 1975, a carving of the town seal has been displayed in the Town Room in Town Hall. The carving was done by Randall Prescott, director of industrial arts in the Amherst Regional High School.

The seal was adopted in 1959 as Amherst's Bicentennial seal. Designed by Prof. Frank A. Trapp of Amherst College, the seal depicts a plow and a book to express the town's major industries - agriculture and education.

icipated wholeheartedly in the various federal programs for manpower training and welcomed to employee ranks a manpower coordinator, a staff architect, additional laborers, an information referral specialist, and numerous others. While receiving valuable training themselves, these individuals have significantly improved the level of public services at minimal cost to the town.

Of special interest to the Board has been the success

and growth of two special programs; the Community Gardens organized by the Recreation Department, and the Common Market, a private non-profit venture encouraged by the Board of Selectmen. Both these institutions continue the commitment in Amherst to agriculture as depicted by the plow on our town seal and they also serve to bring together many age groups and interests in a warm human undertaking.

## Jury List

Ahearn, Eileen	Ford, Barbara	Levine, Jerry D.	Sears, Richard W.
Ansaldo, Michael W.	Fox, Francis R.	Lombard, Maureen	Shanor, Richard B.
Averill, Stephen	Gage, Bradlee	Lopez, Gilbert	Shapiro, Carl
Baker, Kay	Gardner, Frederic	Mahar, Helen M.	Shea, Kathleen A.
Bamba, Jane	Gass, Ann M.	Matuszko, Theodore C.	Shoen, Richard L.
Beattie, J. Richard	Gendelman, Phillip M.	MacDonald, Richard A.	Slanda, Richard J.
Beekman, James L.	Gilon, Michael Z.	MacDrew, Bonnie	Smith, Darlene
Bell, Effie	Gladchuk, Patricia J.	MacNeil, Roderick W.	Smith, Douglas M.
Babrow, Leonard S.	Goddard, Dora	McCarron, John	Snyder, Evelyn L.
Borsten, Deborah-Jo	Goodale, Grace A.	McCartney, Lauren G.	St. George, Richard
Brace, Betty A.	Gorth, Lena	McClung, Gale S.	Stevens, Benjamin H.
Britt, George T.	Grybko, Andrew J.	Miller, Frank D.	Strong, Bethany J.
Brown, Eleanor T.	Guest, Elizabeth M.	Madden, Patricia A.	Swenson, Deborah P.
Brown, Rosemary C.	Hardaker, David	Mitchell, Linda R.	Timberlake, Douglas
Castafero, Kathleen	Harper, Richard D.	Morgan, Charles A.	Tucker, Jonathan
Chase, Eleanor M.	Harwell, Marie R.	Mully, Alan R.	Tyler, Mary P.
Chastain, Frances G.	Holdsworth, Thomas W.	Myers, Susan A.	Tymkowiche, Theodore
Church, Cornelia B.	Hoopes, Margaret E.	Niedeck, Eleanor L.	Vassallo, Joseph Jr.
Cleare, Mary Jane	Hosley, Leigh N.	Page, Lillian M.	Wade, Ellen
Collins, Carol E.	Howard, Vinetta E.	Paine, Thomas K.	Waggoner, Karen L.
Conboy, Michael J.	Howards, Steven A.	Parrish, Todd K.	Ward, Barbara C.
Cowles, Shirley A.	Iantosco, Angelo	Patnaude, Clifford	Waskiewicz, Steven
Crowley, John B.	Inderlied, Sheila D.	Perlmutter, Marion	Weiner, Bobbie W.
Darity, Evangeline R.	Jaeger, Nelson H.	Pratt, Rita	Weintraub, Ross J.
Dastoli, Karl	Jorgens, Elise B.	Rodman, Albert K.	Wentworth, Raymond H.
Day, Marjorie L.	Kehoe, Mary A.	Rodzwil, Marilyn J.	Whittemore, William T.
Decker, Frank A. Jr.	Keohane, Cynthia	Rogalski, John S.	Wiley, Lerner W.
Deutschman, Martin A.	Keohan, Joseph A.	Rogers, Mary M.	Williams, Janet D.
DiMarco, Vincent	Kieras, Robert J.	Rosen, Arnold	Williams, Verne W.
Doherty, Theresa H.	Knightly, Thomas E.	Russell, Raphael A.	Wittow, Mark
Dorsey, Dorothy B.	Komuniecki, Patricia	Sanborn, Jon A.	Woynar, Katherine L.
Doubleday, Theresa A.	Kucinski, Shirley E.	Sandoval, Rudy S.	Wzientka, Frank
Dreyer, Lola	Lasher, William L.	Schwartz, Maryanne	Zakaitis, Robert J.
Fabian, Carl A. III	Levine, Elliot	Scott, Joann	Ziomek, Joan E.
Ferry, Edward M. Jr.			

*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.*

## Fiscal Year 1975 Reviewed

In the January 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974 Special Town Report, Allen L. Torrey wrote: "This year's report marks the twentieth town report since the inception of the Amherst Selectmen - Town Manager form of administration and coincidentally my twentieth opportunity to comment on our local government." Allen L. Torrey announced on March 4, 1975 his resignation as Town Manager to become Treasurer of Hampshire College. On May 2, 1975 he went on terminal vacation, and his resignation became effective May 31, 1975.

The Board of Selectmen initiated an active and intensive recruitment and selection process to select a new Town Manager to start work in September 1975. In the interim they asked Steven E. Sheffer, the Assistant to the Town Manager to serve as Acting and Temporary Town Manager.

This year's report marks the first town report since the inception of the Amherst Selectmen - Town Manager form of government not written by Allen L. Torrey, and the first written by Steven E. Sheffer.

The period covered by this report (July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975) was marked by new ventures of the municipal government, continued progress on existing programs, and a major unsolved problem. The following report will comment on a number of the activities of the municipal government. It is not possible to comment on all activities in this short report. I encourage you to read each of the other reports in this book.

The proposed new Zoning by-law is the new venture with the greatest potential long range significance to the community. The new Zoning By-Law based upon the village center concept recommended by the Select Committee on Goals, represented a sharp departure from the existing Zoning By-Law. Although the Zoning By-Law was narrowly defeated at the May 1975 Annual Meeting, the Board of Selectmen requested the Planning Board to resubmit it to the October 1975 Special Town Meeting.

The Town also embarked into the field of public transportation as a charter member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. The May 1974 Annual Meeting, upon the recommendation of the Public Transportation Committee, authorized the Town's membership in the Transit Authority established by state law in early 1974.

In May 1974, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority was formed with Amherst a charter member. The Authority is authorized by state law to contract for the provision of public transportation services in the member communities. In 1975, By-Laws were adopted; a full-time administrator was appointed; and the first contract for service was signed.

The Board of Selectmen in May, 1975 authorized the transfer of the Town's elderly transportation service to the

Authority effective July 1, 1975. The result of the transfer will be expanded service and 75% of the cost being paid by federal and state funding.

The Town also participated in a new federal manpower program. The Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) was funded in FY 75 allowing the establishment of a public service employment program in October 1974. As unemployment in the country increased the federal government utilized the CETA program as a means of creating jobs.

By April 1975 the program had expanded to where the Town was employing forty-nine (49) people in federally subsidized jobs. The value of these people to the Town cannot be overstated. The individuals hired were well qualified, had an excellent attitude and provided needed services. The School Department utilized CETA employees as maintenance workers, teachers aides, substitute teachers, guidance counselors, and to implement the Chapter 766 Special Education Program.

The CETA employees provided the Town with the capacity to enter into the social services field. The "Health Help" service was established in the Board of Health to ensure that "those who needed services were placed in contact with those who provided services." A community counselor was hired to work with family and youth problems, and a social services aide to assist the elderly moving into the Ann Whalen Elderly Housing Project.

During FY 75 continued progress was made on a new method or location of solid waste disposal and the Wastewater Treatment Improvement Program. The Town's existing sanitary landfill has sufficient space to accommodate the Town's solid waste through June 30, 1979. As a part of the design of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant and in anticipation of the existing sanitary landfill being filled up, the Town engaged the engineering firm of Camp, Dresser, and McKee to prepare a report on solid waste disposal alternatives. The report recommended the Town continue to use the sanitary landfill method, and designated a site off North East Street and Shutesbury Road as a primary site.

The Board of Selectmen established a Solid Waste Task Force, consisting of citizens and technical experts to review the report, and recommend to the Board a method of disposal and a preferred site if the method is sanitary landfill. The Task Force expects to submit its report prior to the October 1975 Special Town Meeting.

Continued progress was also made on the Wastewater Treatment Improvement Program in FY 75. In May 1975, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Water Resources Commission offered the Town grants

covering approximately 90% of the plant's cost. General Bids for the construction of the project will be opened on August 28, 1975. Construction should start by January 1, 1976 with completion by November 1978.

The outfall line from the Treatment Plant to the Connecticut River is 85% complete and will be operational by October 1, 1975. The new pumps to increase the capacity of the old plant should be operational by December 1, 1975. With the completion of the outfall line and the installation of the new pumps, the overflows and by passes of sewage at the Treatment Plant will be eliminated.

Progress was also made on replacing the major system serving the Southern section of Town. The system consists of the West St. Pumping Station, the West St. Force Main, and the University Drive Interceptor. The pumping station is ready to be bid, but insufficient funds are available and an additional town appropriation is needed. The force main is under construction and will be completed by September 1976. The University Drive Interceptor is in the design stage with a projected completion date of January 1, 1977.

The major unsolved problem is the development of an additional water supply of at least two (2) million gallons per day. A report prepared by the Town's consulting engineers identified a number of possibilities and recommended a primary location for a new well field in Hadley. The Board of Selectmen attempted to negotiate with Hadley and petitioned the state legislature for permission to explore for water in Hadley. Both of these efforts were unsuccessful.

The Town has continued with its efforts to develop a new water supply. The state legislature directed the state Water Resources Commission to study the needs and sources of supply for Amherst, Hadley, and the University of Massachusetts. A group of local geologists, with financial assistance from the Town have been conducting a separate study. Both of these reports will be available in October 1975, and hopefully the Town will be able to move forward and locate a new supply.

In addition to the major activities noted above the Town continued to offer a balanced program of services as described in the following reports. There were expansions in police protection, dog control, elderly services, and conservation area management. Finally, through effective financial management by the Town department heads, the FY 75 Town budget had a surplus in excess of \$100,000.

## Bicentennial Commission

During the past year the Amherst Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission has been active preparing for the 1976 celebration of the birth of our nation. Highlighting the Commission's activities was the preparation and sponsorship of Bicentennial Week, April 21-26. The week opened with the ceremonial presentation of the Bicentennial Flag, and a plaque, which hangs in the Town Hall. Everett Emerson, President of the local Historical Society, then described the grant received from the Commonwealth to de-climatize the Special Collections in the Jones Library. Kenneth Cuddeback from the Conservation Commission spoke about a similar grant for reclaiming the Larch Hill area. Among many other activities during the week, the Recreation Department sponsored a series of Bicentennial games; the local 4-H organization sponsored ethnic dances on the Common; and the Golden Agers had a day of arts and crafts at the St. Brigid's Parish Center.

The Commission is currently planning many other events during the Bicentennial year, including participation in the Hampshire County Parade, June 27, 1976. The Town will be represented in the parade by a band, a float, and a marching unit. Other events will be announced in the local news media as they come to fruition during the year.



## The Year of the Census

In addition to the usual Town Census carried out each January and February, plus a school census to comply with Chapter 766 of the General Laws, the Town Clerk as Census Director supervised the taking of a "Special 1975 State Census" mandated by the adoption of Article 101 of the amendments to the State Constitution on November 5, 1974. The State Census, in contrast to the Town Census which *street lists* all residents, was primarily a 'head count' to insure each community of fair representation in the state legislature and its fair share of government funds. Contrary to the 1971 State Census, this time students living in campus dormitories were counted if they considered Amherst as home on March 1, 1975, the official census date. Those who claimed that another city or town was home on that date were credited to that municipality's population count for apportionment and funding.

*Public Record vs. Private Document.* — Information gleaned from the 1975 State Census, according to the office of the State Secretary, will not be considered public record; only totals will be available. Those who responded that they considered another town or city to be home on March 1st did not jeopardize their standing as voters in Amherst. Interestingly enough, however, the majority of students living in dormitories claimed another town or city as home on March 1st.

### Town Meetings

The fact that there were three special town meetings during FY-1975 is not so noteworthy as the unprecedented duration of the May 5, 1975 Annual Town Meeting. This meeting, which spanned seven of the hottest nights on record for May, was actually a special meeting combined with the annual meeting: the first of the seventy-seven articles in the warrant dealt with a complex proposed zoning by-law which, itself, accounted for the first three sessions, and finally failed by nine votes the two-thirds majority needed for final passage.

### Voting — Elections

*Voter Registration Information.* — Any resident of Amherst who is at least 18 years of age may register to vote by completing an Affidavit of Registration which asks name, residence, date and place of birth, occupation and citizenship status — by birth or naturalization. Membership in a political party may be indicated or left blank if one wishes to be recorded as an independent. Registration is at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and, preceding elections, at publicized locations. One may register to vote up to 28 days before state and national elections and up to 20 days before local elections.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

#### Receipts

Sporting Licenses	\$18,976.35
Dog Licenses	5,800.50
Fees — Certified Copies	773.50
Fees — Mortgages	857.00
Other Fees and Receipts	9,575.30
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	\$35,982.65

#### Payments

To Division of Fisheries and Game	\$18,443.25
To Town Treasurer	
Dogs due County	\$5,188.25
Dog Fees	612.25
Sporting Fees	533.10
Fees — Certified Copies	773.50
Fees — Mortgages	857.00
Misc. Fees and Receipts	9,575.30
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	\$17,539.40
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	\$35,982.65

### VITAL STATISTICS 1965 - 1974

Year	Births	Deaths	Marriages
1965	210	91	137
1966	193	106	164
1967	222	121	173
1968	253	123	182
1969	277	104	212
1970	281	120	243
1971	248	98	212
1972	201	118	258
1973	193	117	246
1974	159	119	242

### REGISTERED VOTERS 1956-1975

1965 — 5055	1970 — 5919
1966 — 4843	1971 — 6333
1967 — 4999	1972 — 7875
1968 — 5124	1973 — 11,413
1969 — 6026	1974 — 8998
	1975 — 9276

## Town Elections

### TOWN CAUCUS

March 4, 1974

The polls were opened as directed in the caucus call and closed at 8:00 P.M. The results were as follow:

School Committee (2): Maria E. Roberts

(3 years) Robert F. Fischer

Simon V. Keochakian

Anthony R. Quinton

School Committee (1): Fredric L. Cheyette

(2 years) Gladys Z. Parker

### VOTE BY PRECINCTS

### NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS

I	75	1147
II	47	898
III	93	1169
IV	99	1381
V	113	1489
VI	180	1578
VII	73	1425
	680	9087

7%

### TOWN ELECTION

April 9, 1974

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  
 Selectman: Nancy B. Eddy  
 Michael P. Sullivan, Jr.  
 School Committee, 3 years: Robert F. Fischer  
 Maria E. Roberts  
 School Committee, 2 years: Fredric L. Cheyette  
 Elector, Oliver Smith Will: C. Clifton Winn  
 Trustee, Jones Library: H. Hills Skillings  
 Herta Paulsen  
 Member, Housing Authority: Bernard R. Moreau  
 Member, Redevelopment Authority, 5 years: Joanne F. Talbot  
 Member, Redevelopment Authority, 2 years: Margaret R. Roberts

Town Meeting Members:

Precinct I, 3 years: Barbara C. Ford, Donald L. Mader, George A. Marston, Clinton E. May, G. Dale Sheckels, Robert L. Shumway, Sara Berger, Norman C. Ford, Jr., Edward R. Kaynor, James B. Ludtke, William J. Mosalski, Surinder K. Mehta, Brent W. Spears, Betty Steiner, May E. Szwacz  
 Precinct II, 3 years: Loren P. Beth, Willard T. Weeks, Florence C. Frank  
 Precinct III, 3 years: Helen L. Field, Thomas O. Wilkinson, Karol S. Wisnieski  
 Precinct IV, 3 years: Jake E. Bishop, Elizabeth B. Cramer, Nancy E. Foster, Robert F. Grose, Nora E. Hertzfeld,

William A. Hutchinson, Warren I. Johannson, Arthur S. Levine, Barbara C. Ward, Emma-Jean Cole, Alan Gleit, Judith L. Gleit, Irving Howards, Paul C. Jones, Nathaniel Reed, Barbara K. Griffith; 2 years: Matthew Cohen; 1 year: Kenneth L. Verosub

Precinct V, 3 years: Charles Chase, Evangeline R. Darity, Joan R. Golowich, Peter J. Graham, James B. Harrington, Jr., Everett A. Kosarick, Susan C. Lowance, Helen M. Whitbeck, Andrew DeToma, Frederick A. Filios, Charlotte S. Guyer, Raymond P. Kucinski, Donald R. Nielsen, Jamieson S. Reid, George B. Scheurer, Kathleen M. Spencer, Raymond A. Werbe

Precinct VI, 3 years: George E. Como, Joseph S. Demaradzki, Stevenson W. Fletcher, George Levinger, Alfred H. Mathieson, George B. May, C. William Moebius, Anton M. Mushovic, John L. Reynolds, William C. Atkins, Scott Blau, Frederick E. Cann, Alice H. Epstein, Claire M. Fortier, Bradley E. Gage, John P. Hewitt, Richard E. Sclove, James F. Walker, Jr., Richard S. Warner, Howard Wiarda

Precinct VII, 3 years: Marcia C. Bates, Steven W. Brode, Winthrop S. Dakin, Richard D. Harper, Pauline A. Kuzmeski, Robert W. Lentilhon, Barbara T. Southworth, Frank A. Decker, Jr., Chisato Kitagawa, Susan O. Malo; 1 year: John M. Adams, William P. Annable, Ellen R. Wolf

Precinct	Vote by Precincts			P.M. Return Time
	Ballots Cast	(Absentees)	Number Registered	
1	233	(4)	1160	9:16
2	173	(6)	908	8:24
3	251	(5)	1193	9:08
4	311	(10)	1408	9:40
5	298	(6)	1506	9:36
6	602	(6)	1740	10:21
7	234	(7)	1449	8:50
	2102		9364	

22.5% Turnout of voters Results announced 10:55

### TOWN CAUCUS

March 4, 1975

The polls were opened as directed in the caucus call and closed at 8:00 P.M. The results were as follow:

### MEMBER SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1)

(3 years)

David R. Hornfischer

Loren S. Howell

### TRUSTEE, JONES LIBRARY (1)

(1 year)

Judy Arkes

Eugene C. Worman, Jr.

There were 565 ballots cast, including 4 absentees. Results were announced by 9:10 P.M.

### Vote by Precincts (Absentees)

	Number of Registered Voters	Reporting Time
I	60 (1) 1133	8:44 P.M.
II	57 1044	8:25 P.M.
III	89 (2) 1306	8:32 P.M.
IV	100 1351	8:35 P.M.
V	70 1443	8:31 P.M.
VI	132 (1) 1750	8:54 P.M.
VII	57 1325	8:44 P.M.
	565 9352	6% Turnout

### TOWN ELECTION

April 8, 1975

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 follow:

Moderator: William F. Field

Selectmen: Diana H. Romer

Robert J. Garvey

School Committee: David R. Hornfischer

Electer, Oliver Smith Will: C. Clifton Winn

Trustee Jones Library, 3 years: Vera Joseph Peterson  
 Horace W. Hewlett

Trustee Jones Library, 1 year: Eugene C. Worman, Jr.

Housing Authority: George B. Scheurer

Town Meeting Members:

Precinct I, 3 years: Joanne F. Talbot, Victor J. Zumbroski, Stephen P. Puffer, Jr., Kenneth R. Padleford, Kirby M. Hayes, Frank J. Bukoski, Robert K. Patterson, Leigh F. Andrews, Sarah T. Plantinga; 1 year: Melanie Smith

Precinct II, 3 years: Philip R. Sellinger, Nancy M. Gordon, Robert Gilbert, Robert Weiner, Jonathan Hite, Mark E. Benoit, Robert H. Plattner, Douglas A. Stanley, Catherine L. Hopkins, Dorothy D. Fraser, Lewis C. Mainzer, Pamela D. Houmery; 1 year: Joseph Frank, Lawrence Kornfeld

Precinct III, 3 years: Lisa Marie Alberghini, Herbert D. Rollason, Jr., Alfred W. Boicourt, Donna Marie Fusco, John W. Sherman, Sandra G. Knightly, Charlotte A. Walters, Ellen R. Regal, Robert J. Joy, Jack S. Wolf, Flora B. Hosford, Joyce A. Berkman

Precinct IV, 3 years: Evelyn Goldenberg, Patricia T. Fischer, Violet S. Durgin, Roger C. Jacque, H. Chapin Harvey, Mildred A. Beals, Marietta P. Pritchard, Mitchell A. Jacque, Helen O. Coltery; 1 year: George W. Bain

Precinct V, 3 years: William H. Weaver, Brett R. Foley, Stephen E. Keedy, Harold B. Gatslick, Arthur B. Pickering, Marion B. Crossmon, Judith F. Owen, Fred A. Wentworth, Duane E. Cromack, Henry J. Walas, Donald E. Thayer; 1 year: Judith G. Eckhouse

Precinct VI, 3 years: Elsa D. Hornfischer, Deborah A. McKean, J. Tracy Mehr, Loren S. Howell, Gerald J. Grady, Myrne L. Hewitt, Robert H. Davis, Dana P. Snyder, Mary Elizabeth K. Bernhard, Simon V. Keochakian, John E. Ritter, Jr., Louis R. Mannheim, Isa-

belle M. Callahan, James E. Scott, John Hayward, Linwood G. Buczala, Norman D. Brown, Robert Wellman

Precinct VII, 3 years: Mary V. Szala, Leon A. J. Barkowski, Katherine C. Decker, Cecil L. Thomson, Larry S. Roberts, William P. Annable

Precinct	Vote by Precincts			Reporting Time (P.M.)
	Ballots Cast	(Absentees)	Number Registered	
1	481	(5)	1208	9:41
2	505	(6)	1342	9:37
3	573	(8)	1507	9:43
4	504	(15)	1418	9:44
5	459	(5)	1524	9:34
6	686	(9)	1833	11:13
7	484	(5)	1491	9:21

3692 10,323

35.8% Turnout

Final announcement of results - 11:30 P.M.

## Town Meetings

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 6 & 8, 1974

The annual town meeting was called to order by Moderator William F. Field at 7:39 P.M. The teller reported that 187 town meeting members were present and the Moderator declared a quorum. The call and return of the warrant were read by Town Clerk, Estelle M. Matusko. New town meeting members were sworn in by the Moderator, and Messrs. Robert C. Chisholm, John Hewitt, Thomas O. Wilkinson and Elizabeth M. Allen, Jacqueline L. Wisnieski and Patricia Fischer were appointed as tellers and sworn in.

Article 1. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$289.66 to pay unpaid bills of 1972. The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Article 2. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$2800.00 to be expended for the restoration and preservation of certain early town records.

Article 3. Voted by a majority that the reports of the town officers, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Leverett Road Sewer Committee and the interim report of the Law Enforcement Study Committee, and any other town boards or committees be heard and take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4. Voted by a majority that the town revise the Personnel By-law to conform to the text printed in the pamphlet attached to the warrant and incorporated therein, entitled *Town of Amherst, Massachusetts Personnel By-law, Effective July 1, 1974* as amended:

For Text see Volume 9, Town Records in Town Clerk's office.

Article 5. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be

given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 6. Voted by a majority that the town accept the interim report of the Amherst Health Advisory Council on a proposed Community Health Center. The Amherst Redevelopment Authority and the Amherst Board of Health spoke in support of this article.

Article 7.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate \$456,188 for General Government; that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at \$10, that of the Elector under the Oliver Smith Will at \$20, and that of the Board of Selectmen at \$300 each; that of the appropriation for Town Treasurer and Collector \$10,000 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserve; and that of the appropriation for the Planning Department \$6,000 be appropriated and transferred from the funds received by the Town under Section 20 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973; and that the balance of \$440,188 be raised by taxation; and further, that of the appropriation for Town Treasurer-Collector \$25,000 be available from Water Revenue of the current year; and of the appropriation for the Selectmen \$50, for the Town Manager \$1500, for the Town Accountant \$200, for the Assessors \$500, for the Town Treasurer-Collector \$300, for the Engineering Department \$300, for the Town Clerk \$250, for the Council on Aging \$300, for the Planning Department \$500, for the Planning Board \$200, and for the Cable Advisory Committee \$350, be available for out-of-state travel; and that the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee. (GL c 40sF/34, out-of-state travel; GL c41s108, voting salaries of elected officials.)

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate \$919,409 for Public Safety and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that as part of the appropriation for the Police Department \$16,000 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved, and \$7,942.35 be transferred from the funds and interest of the second entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$37,000 be transferred from the funds and interest of the third entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$164,558 be transferred from the funds and interest of the fifth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$26,000 be appropriated and transferred from Free Cash of the Surplus Revenue Account; that as part of the appropriation for the Fire Department \$8,001.37 be transferred from the funds and interest of the first entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$125,045 be transferred from the funds and interest of the fourth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$75,953 be transferred from the funds and interest of the fifth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$26,000 be appropriated and transferred from free cash in the Surplus Revenue Account; and that for the Emergency Medical Service Account \$8,600 be appropriated and transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account; and that the balance of \$424,309.28 be raised by taxation; and, further, that of the appropriation for the Police Department \$600, for the Fire Department \$400, for Inspection Services \$600 and for the Emergency Medical Service \$400 be made available for out-of-state travel.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$956,226

for Public Works, and that the appropriation for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that for the appropriation for Highway Maintenance \$124,823 be appropriated and transferred from the funds received by the Town under Section 22 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973; that for the appropriation for Sewage Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations \$41,432, for the appropriation for Sewer Maintenance \$12,000, and for the appropriation for Sewer Construction \$2,500 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserves; that for the appropriation for Sanitary Landfill Reserve and that for the appropriation for Parking Meter Maintenance and Municipal Parking Lots Account \$5,765 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserve; and that the balance of \$725,706 be raised by taxation; and, further, that of the appropriation for Public Works Administration \$30,000 and of the appropriation for Water Supply and Distribution, \$187,931 be available from Water Revenue of the current year; and that of the appropriation for Public Works Administration \$400 be available for out-of-state travel.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$101,560 for Public Health and that \$300 be available for out-of-state travel.

#### VETERANS' SERVICES

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$46,026 for Veterans' Services, and that the appropriations for the separate items be as follows: Veterans' Services Administration \$11,026 and Veterans' Benefits \$35,000.

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$151,880.26 for Library Services; that of the appropriation for Library Services \$19,748.26 be transferred from the State Aid to Library Account, and that the balance of \$132,132 be raised by taxation; and that \$380 be available for out-of-state travel.

#### RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

Voted as amended that the town raise and appropriate \$106,336 for Recreation and Conservation and that the appropriation for the Conservation Commission be fixed at \$14,770, and the appropriations for the remaining separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee. The report of the Finance Committee was given.

YES - 134 NO - 68

#### CEMETERIES

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$9,125 for Cemeteries; and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

#### UNCLASSIFIED

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$296,744 for Unclassified and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

#### INDEBTEDNESS: DEBT

Voted unanimously that the town appropriate \$460,000 for payment of the General Debt; that \$105,000 be raised and appropriated for payment of the Water Debt; and that \$48,500 be appropriated for payment of the Sewer Debt, that for the appropriation for Water Debt the sum of \$105,000 be made available from water revenue of the current year; and that for the appropriation for Sewer Debt \$4,500 be appropriated and transferred from State Aid for Sewer Construction to the payment of the Sewer Construction Loan, dated September 1, 1960, and that the bal-

ance of \$44,000 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserved.

#### INDEBTEDNESS: INTEREST

Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$445,958.75 for interest on the General Debt; \$26,210.00 for interest on the Water Debt; that \$15,350 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserved for interest on the Sewer Debt; and that for the appropriation for the interest on the Water Debt \$26,210.00 be made available from water revenue of the current year.

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION

1. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$2,518,663 for Amherst Public Schools and that the appropriation for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that of the appropriation for Administration \$460 and for Instruction \$5,081 be available for out-of-state travel; and further that the town raise and appropriate \$18,615 which shall constitute a "Teachers' Payroll Reserve Fund" for the purpose of complying with provisions of Chapter 52, Section 10 of the Acts of 1973.

2. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$2,904,149.83 for the proportionate share of the FY '75 (July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975) capital and operating costs of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District.

Article 8. Voted unanimously as amended that the Report of the Public Safety Facilities Planning Committee be accepted, that the committee be continued with particular emphasis on future fire stations and sites including fire training facilities and that the subject of police facilities be referred back to the Selectmen with specific recommendations and that \$5,000 be raised and appropriated for purposes of preliminary architectural studies, surveys and options, all in connection with a future police station site. The Finance Committee recommended this article as amended. (Action on Article 8 followed consideration of Article 40)

Article 9. Voted by a majority that the Town authorize the Selectmen (1) to take such action that they may deem necessary or advisable to establish and enroll the town as a member of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority as provided for in Section 2 of Chapter 1141 of the Acts of 1973; or (2) if the Lower Pioneer Valley Transit Authority is not established prior to September 6, 1974 to take such action that they may deem necessary or advisable to establish a Regional Transit Authority consisting of Amherst and interested area towns and cities as provided for in Section 3 of Chapter 1141 of the Acts of 1973. The report of the Finance Committee was given.

Article 10. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$7,500 from the funds available under the provisions of Section 20, Chapter 1140, Acts of 1973, for the purpose of making comprehensive and detailed public transportation studies, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, and the Town Manager, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and accept Federal and State funds in connection with any of the foregoing, and that the Public Transportation Committee shall continue to function in an advisory role and further that of the appropriation of \$7,500, \$1,000 shall be available for out-of-state travel. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 11. Voted by a majority that the town approve the filing of a petition in the General Court to enact special legislation for the listing of incumbents for all town offices and town meeting members at all elections in substantially the following form: Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, in all town elec-

tions held in Amherst, Massachusetts the names of all candidates for town office and town meeting member shall appear on the official ballot in the order in which they are drawn by lot. Each such drawing shall be conducted by the registrars of voters or by their designees. Each candidate or his duly authorized representative shall have an opportunity to be present at such drawing. After the name of each candidate for an office who is an incumbent thereof shall be added the words "Candidate for Reelection." (A motion to amend Article 11 by deleting the last sentence containing the words "candidate for reelection" was defeated: YES 34 NO 138)

Article 12. Voted by a majority as amended that the town accept the report of the Study Commission on the Control of Rents, the committee be discharged with appreciation, the subject matter and report be referred to the Planning Board and that they be instructed to confer with the Housing Authority and include a recommendation on the need for a comprehensive housing study in their biennial report on housing needs to be submitted at the next annual town meeting. The Finance Committee and the Planning Board recommended support of this article.

Article 13. Voted by a majority as amended that the town by-laws be amended by adding the following:

*For Text, see volume 9, Town Records in Town Clerk's office (Solicitor's By-law)*

*The meeting voted to adjourn at 11:20 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 8th, at the Amherst-Pelham Regional Junior High School auditorium. The tellers reported that 213 town meeting members had checked in.*

*The adjourned session of the May 6th annual town meeting was called to order at 7:26 P.M. by the moderator. The tellers reported that 145 town meeting members were present and the moderator declared a quorum (128). The tellers remained sworn; Kenneth Mosakowski was sworn to replace Elizabeth Allen.*

A motion to reconsider Article 13 was lost: YES - 80 NO - 89 (Reconsideration would have brought forth a motion to amend by deleting in Section 1. (a) "Soliciting" the words in the last sentence "weekly or daily house delivery of newspaper" and substitute therefor "selling or house delivery of weekly or daily newspapers.")

Article 14. Voted that the town will amend its by-laws, Article III, Section 6 by adding after the last word (selectmen) of the first paragraph of Section 6, the following: Political signs may be displayed on Town-owned public property in the town, subject to the following restrictions:

1. A political sign may be displayed only on permit from the Selectmen; said permit to be good for a maximum of thirty days; except that, upon application to the selectmen, primary or caucus winners may leave their signs in place until the general election, provided the general election occurs within 45 days of the primary or caucus.

2. All signs must be removed not later than 7 days after the election the permit was granted for or at the expiration date of the permit, whichever comes first.

3. No sign may be larger than 9 square feet in an educational or residential zoning district nor larger than 24 square feet in any other zoning district.

4. The issuing of permits for temporary political signs shall be limited as follows:

a) In Town elections, the selectmen shall issue a permit for not more than 2 signs for each candidate for Town Meeting membership; the signs may be for the applicant's candidacy only and may be placed only within the precinct in which he is a candidate.

b) For any Town-wide office seeker, the selectmen may issue a permit for not more than 10 signs; signs must be for the permittee's candidacy and not more than 3 such signs may be placed in any one precinct.

c) No permit shall be issued by the selectmen without written permission of the immediate resident abutter or, if none, then the abutting property owner.

d) When Referendum questions appear on the Town election ballot, selectmen may issue a permit for not more than 1 sign per precinct for each referendum question to any local civic, church, charitable, or political organization that might want to make known its position on said referendum.

e) In County, State or National elections, the selectmen may issue a permit to any local political organization for not more than 7 political signs. On Referendum questions, selectmen may issue a permit for not more than 1 sign per precinct for each referendum question to any local civic, church, charitable, or political organization that might want to make known its position on said referendum.

5. No permit may be issued for, and no political signs may be placed upon, any town common, park, recreation, conservation, or watershed area; nor shall any partisan political sign be allowed to extend into or over the travelled portion of any public street or highway; nor shall any sign be attached to any tree, or to any pole, building or structure that has been placed on public property for the use of the general public.

6. Permit applicants shall be responsible for any injury or damage sustained by anyone as a result of sign placement.

7. Before issuing any permit under this section, selectmen shall be satisfied that construction and placement of signs will not constitute a danger to the public safety.

8. After issuing any permit under this section, selectmen may rescind it if sign, after being placed, is not kept in good repair and, as such, selectmen are of the opinion that the sign is, or may be, dangerous or a potential hazard. If, after notification to permit recipient, condition of sign is not immediately corrected selectmen may order removal of sign and take any action necessary to correct situation.

9. Selectmen may delegate any or all authority under this section to the Building Inspector or any other person.

In the second paragraph in two places after the word "display" strike out the words "or banner" and insert therein the following: ", banner or sign."

YES - 119 NO - 66

Article 15. Voted by a majority that the town establish as town ways and accept the layouts as town ways each of the following streets: A) Chapel Road, B) Barry Circle, C) Sherry Circle, D) Blossom Lane, E) Iduna Lane, F) Dennis Drive, G) Stony Hill Road, H) Railroad Street, or any of them, or portions thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 20, 1974, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor, no appropriation being required. (A motion to delete Railroad Street defeated.)

Article 16. Voted to dismiss.

Article 17. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate \$410,000 for the construction of a new standpipe and the laying of water mains not less than six inches in diameter, including the acquisition (by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise) of land and easements in connection with the foregoing and necessary therefor at the site on the easterly side of East Pleasant Street acquired for this purpose under Article 14 of the special town meeting of October 15, 1973;

that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Water Available Surplus Account, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$360,000 at one time or from time to time pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8, Clauses (4) and (5), of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, each issue of such bonds or notes to be payable in not more than fifteen (15) years from its date, and that the Selectmen are hereby authorized to apply for and accept grants or contributions for said project from the Federal Government, the Commonwealth or otherwise. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 18. Voted by a majority that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a petition to the General Court under Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution for special legislation authorizing and permitting the Town of Amherst (amendment to add here "and the University of Massachusetts" was defeated) to explore for a water supply within the Town of Hadley, to acquire water, lands, easements or rights in lands or water necessary to develop, protect and supply water from within the Town of Hadley and connect said water supply into the Amherst water distribution system or take any other action with respect thereto. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 19. Voted unanimously as amended that the town raise and appropriate \$50,000 for engineering, geological surveys, test borings, test drillings, land surveys, legal expenses, appraisal services, development of standards for water conservation or any other item including the purchase of options in connection with the development of water supplies for Amherst, in Amherst or adjacent towns, and that such sum be made available from Water Revenue of the current year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 20. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$20,000 to reconstruct the existing chlorinator building and pumping station in Pelham including improvements to pumps and piping as may be required, and that such sum be made available from Water Revenue of the current year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 21. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be added to the previous appropriation under Article 16 of the 1973 annual meeting to construct water mains on Snell Street, University Drive South and Northampton Road, and that such sum be made available from Water Revenue of the current year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 22. Voted unanimously that the town raise \$3,000 to reconstruct an existing four-inch water main on Gaylord Street and that such sum be made available from Water Revenue of the current year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 23. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$30,000 from Water Available Surplus for the purchase of lands to protect the watersheds or to acquire or protect ground water supplies. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 24. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$25,000 to the Conservation Fund. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 25. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, with the approval of the Conservation

Commission, for an engineering report, plans and specifications for permanent repairs to the Factory Hollow Dam in North Amherst and for plans and specifications for related improvements to the pond and adjoining conservation areas. An amendment to delete by a period after North Amherst was defeated.) The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 26. Voted by a majority as amended that the town raise and appropriate \$7,500 to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Town Manager, for repairs and improvements to the "Carriage House" at the Larch Hill Conservation Area, including appropriate signs delineating the bounds of the area. The Finance Committee report was heard.

Article 27. Voted that the town appropriate and transfer \$4,400 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund and \$5,600 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to purchase a parcel of land adjoining the North Amherst Cemetery for the enlargement of the cemetery.

YES - 142 NO - 39

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 28. Voted unanimously that the sum of \$720,000 be hereby appropriated for constructing or reconstructing the West Street sewage pumping station and a force main and for reconstructing existing sewers in South East Street, Stanley Street and College Street, including engineering services and other costs incidental thereto, and to meet such appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$720,000 at one time or from time to time under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (1), of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 29. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$7,000 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to reconstruct about 650 feet of sanitary sewer serving Kellogg Avenue and the westerly side of Smith Street. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 30. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to replace the existing sanitary sewer pumping station at the north end of the South Amherst Common. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 31. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$20,000 to construct a drainage system on the easterly portion of Shays Street, the South Amherst Common area, and the westerly portion of Station Road and to complete the reconstruction of that portion of Station Road previously authorized. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 32. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$40,000 to reconstruct, under the provisions of Chapter 90, North East Street and Henry Street and to meet said appropriation that \$10,000 be raised by general taxation, and that \$30,000 be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the State of \$20,000 and the County \$10,000. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 33. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$24,000 for the maintenance of certain roads in town, under the provisions of Chapter 90, and to meet said appropriation \$8,000 be raised by general taxation, and \$16,000 be transferred from Free Cash in the Surplus Revenue Account, pending reimbursement from the County and State in the sum of \$8,000 each. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 34. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate

and transfer \$35,000 from funds received from the State under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 1140, Acts of 1973 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks and bike paths or combination "bi-walks" on various streets in the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 35. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$45,000 to reconstruct and resurface West Pomeroy Lane. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 36. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$11,000 from funds received from the State under the provisions of Article 20 of Chapter 1140, Acts of 1973 for the purchase and installation of traffic and pedestrian signals on North Pleasant Street at the Kellogg Avenue intersection. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 37. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$4,000 to purchase and install an underground 6,000 gallon fiberglass gasoline storage tank at the Public Works Center and that of the appropriation of \$4,000 the sum of \$2,000 shall be available from Water Revenue of the current year. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 38. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$73,050 to purchase the following items of equipment and be authorized to turn in corresponding items of unneeded equipment as part payment: A. Pickup truck, Water Division; B. Dump Truck, Water Division; C. Pickup truck, Highway Division; D. Snow Plows, Highway Division; E. Sanding Body, Highway Division; F. Dump Truck, Tree Division; G. School Bus; H. Fire Prevention Vehicle; I. Emergency Medical Vehicle; J. Tractor and Gang Mower, Recreation, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$16,250 be appropriated and transferred from Water Available Surplus, \$10,000 be appropriated and transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Fund and the balance of \$46,800 be raised from general taxation. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 39. Voted that the town raise and appropriate \$40,000 to exercise its option to purchase for approximately \$36,000 a parcel of land situated on the south side of Potwine Lane (Town Atlas Sheet 23A, Parcel 9) containing 12 acres more or less as a future recreational site and to expend the balance of the appropriation to purchase adjoining land in order to increase the size of the site.

YES - 163 NO - 10

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 40. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the use of the Franklin-Hampshire Mental Health and Retardation Area Board, said funds to be turned over only after said board submits specific programs to and obtains the approval of the Amherst Board of Health. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 41. Moratorium on construction of nuclear power plants. LOST

YES - 79 NO - 104

Article 42. Voted by a majority that the subject (establishment of local Consumer Advisory Commission) be referred to the Citizen Advisory Committee for future recommendation.

Article 43. Voted that the town urge our United States Representative Silvio O. Conte to vote in favor of the impeachment of Richard M. Nixon, so that he can answer charges in trial before the United States Senate, as prescribed under Article I, Sections 2 and 3, of the United States Constitution.

YES - 95 NO - 79

Article 44. Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to provide for social services provided by the Neighborhood Youth Corps, Hampshire Neighborhood Center, Foster Grandparent Project, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Division of Youth Services Program and Alcoholism Prevention Program, to be administered by the Hampshire Community Action Commission, Inc. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 45. Committee to study Federal Water Pollution Control; alternate methods for acquisition of municipal water supplies. LOST:

YES - 54 NO - 83

Article 46. To universally enfranchise town residents. LOST.

Article 47. Dismissed. (Establishment of Alternative Schools Study Committee)

Article 48. LOST. (Bicycling Committee)

Article 49. LOST. (Appointment procedure, town committees)

Article 50. Unanimously dismissed due to similarity of Article 41. (Nuclear Plants)

Article 51. Dismissed. (V.D. clinic for Amherst)

Article 52. Dismissed. (Repeal of Town By-laws, Art. II, General Police Regulations)

Article 53. LOST. (Town sewage policy)

Article 54. Voted by a majority that the Town Meeting establish a Hitchhiking Safety Study Committee. Its charge shall be:

- a) To study the feasibility of the Town's constructing well marked "pull-over" lanes at places about Town where hitchhiking creates a present traffic hazard.
- b) To study the feasibility of the Town's administering a "safe ride" automobile sticker program whereby drivers may register their cars with the Amherst Police Department.
- c) To formulate other recommendations for encouraging safe hitchhiking practice.

The committee shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Selectmen. At least two members shall be representative of hitchhikers. The committee shall report to Town Meeting no later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1975.

Article 55. Dismissed. (Pedestrian Rights Study Committee)

Article 56. Dismissed. (Parks and Greens Study Committee)

Article 57. LOST. (Marijuana by-law)

A proclamation to set aside May 10, 1974 as "Allen Torrey Day" honoring Allen Torrey's 20 years of service to the town as Town Manager was delivered by Selectman Sullivan.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to adjourn at 12:29 A.M. The tellers reported that 198 town meeting members had checked in.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

September 19, 1974

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, William F. Field, at 7:40 P.M. The teller reported that 183 town meeting members were in attendance and the Moderator declared a quorum present (118). The call and return of the meeting were read by Town Clerk, Estelle M. Matusko. Messrs. Karol S. Wisniewski, Sidney Myers, Matthew Cohen, John W. Sherman and Elizabeth B. Cramer and Elaine J. Mange were appointed and sworn as tellers by the moderator.

Article 1. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the inhabitants of the Town of Hadley all right, title, easement and interest of the Town of Amherst in an outfall sewer line which begins at a point east of Route 116 within the discontinued portion of North Hadley Road and running generally westerly through the Town of Hadley into the Connecticut River together with all manholes and appurtenances thereto; the delivery of said deed of conveyance to the Town of Hadley shall take place within ninety (90) days following, (1) completion and testing of the new 36" force main currently under contract and to be installed approximately parallel to the existing sewer line to be conveyed hereunder; or (2) following approval of said 36" main by the Division of Water Pollution Control, whichever comes first. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 2. Voted that the sum of \$225,000.00 be hereby appropriated to construct, originally equip, and furnish a new fire station, said sum to be in addition to the sum appropriated by vote under Article 20 of the warrant for the 1973 Annual Town Meeting, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$225,000.00 at one time or from time to time under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3), of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor.

(The Finance Committee report was in opposition to the article in view of the combination of expenses involved—over \$3,000,000.00: three fire stations, police station, addition of Public Works building. The report of the Fire Station Building Committee was heard; reports from Fire Chief Doherty, status of Town finances by Town Manager Torrey, and minority report by Selectmen Bouchard were heard.)

YES - 133 NO - 55 (incorrectly announced by the moderator as 54)

Article 3. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer \$27,677.41 from the Interest Account, Redevelopment Authority Bond Issue to the Account for Unpaid Bills of 1972 and FY-74. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 4. Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate and transfer \$22,000.00 from the Water Available Surplus Account to an account for the construction of a water main on Hulst Road, no work on said project to commence until the Town Treasurer has received \$11,000.00, equal to one-half of the estimated total cost of the extension, from benefiting abutters. The Finance Committee supported this article.

Article 5. Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate and transfer the unexpended balance of \$2,227.48 remaining in Article 12 of the 1973 Annual Meeting to a new account for the installation of School Crossing Signals on North Pleasant Street in the area of the Marks Meadow School, and authorize the Town Manager to apply for and accept reimbursement from the State under the provisions of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 6. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the State Aid for Council on Aging Account to the Council on Aging budget. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 7. Voted unanimously that the Town amend the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement, as proposed by the Regional School District Committee, by deleting the second sentence of Section II c. thereof, and inserting in its place the following: "Each such selectee

shall take office on the day of his/her selection and shall serve for the duration of said selectee's term on the local School Committee, or until a successor has been selected and qualified."

Article 8. Discontinuance as a Town Way - Flat Hills Road. LOST by majority vote.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to adjourn at 10:27 P.M. The teller reported that 202 town meeting members had checked in.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

November 4, 1974

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, William F. Field, at 7:39 P.M. The teller reported that 174 town meeting members were in attendance and the moderator declared a quorum present (126). The call and return of the meeting were read by Town Clerk Estelle M. Matusko. Messrs. Glenn H. Snoeyenbos, Joseph S. Demaradzki, Arthur Elkins and Ethel E. Colt, Judith F. Owen and Beverly J. Weeks were appointed and sworn as tellers by the moderator. William H. Weaver, newly-elected at a Precinct 5 election to fill a vacancy, was sworn in as town meeting member by the moderator.

Article 1. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer \$2,100.00 from free cash in the Surplus Revenue Account to pay bills of the preceding fiscal years. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 2. Voted by a majority, as amended, that the Town amend its By-laws by adding Article VI:

"Solicitor's By-law", for text see volume 9, Town Records, in Town Clerk's office.

Article 3. Voted that the Town amend Article 1, Section 6 of its by-laws by altering the section so that it reads as follows:

All votes unless otherwise provided for by law shall in the first instance be taken by 'ayes' and 'noes' voice vote. Immediately following the voice vote at the request of any member and if 40 members manifest their concurrence, the vote of each member shall be tallied by the use of a card bearing his name and indicating his vote, each town meeting member rising and casting his own vote only, such cards to be collected by the tellers and to be counted, the count to be determinative of the question. If no member requests a tallied vote, following the voice vote, and if the moderator is in doubt as to the voice vote, or if any member questions the voice vote, the vote shall be taken by standing vote.

YES - 100 NO - 79

Article 4. Voted by a majority as amended that the Town designate as "Scenic Roads" under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 15c of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, PLUMBTREES ROAD, PULPIT HILL ROAD, STATE STREET, MILL STREET, SAND HILL ROAD, PINE STREET, LEVERETT ROAD, EAST LEVERETT ROAD, MARKET HILL ROAD, FLAT HILLS ROAD, SHUTESBURY ROAD, HENRY STREET, NORTH EAST STREET, STRONG STREET, EAST PLEASANT STREET, AMITY STREET, SNELL STREET, SOUTH EAST STREET, MILL LANE, SHAYS STREET, STATION ROAD, MIDDLE STREET, POMEROY LANE, WEST POMEROY LANE, POTWINE LANE, BAY ROAD, WEST BAY ROAD, and HARRIS MOUNTAIN ROAD, as indicated on a map now on file and available for examination in the Town Clerk's office, entitled "Scenic Roads, 1974," all as requested by the Planning Board.

Article 5. Voted unanimously that the Town amend the zoning by-law by deleting Section II.2 and replace it with the following new section:

II.2 The location and boundaries of zoning districts shall be as shown on a map of the town comprised of four sheets at a scale of 1" = 400' and entitled "Official Zoning Map, Amherst, Massachusetts, April 1974". This map shall be on file in the Town Clerk's office. Said zoning map and such amendments thereto as shall be duly adopted, shall be considered an integral part of this by-law. APPROVED BY ATTY. GEN. 12/13/74

The report of the Planning Board was given.

Article 6. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to convey in the name of the Town to the South Congregational Church in Amherst, a corporation, by quitclaim deed, a strip of land approximately 130 feet by 25 feet extending easterly from South East Street along the south line of the Munson Memorial Library lot to meet a westerly line of the church land, and in return for such deed to accept from the South Congregational Church in Amherst conveyance to the Town of (1) a right of way for pedestrians and vehicles over a course 20 feet wide along the northerly line of said strip and over a 100 foot easterly extension of the 130' x 25' strip in other land of the church for ingress and egress for the town land east of and/or occupied by said library building, and (2) a right to use for automobile parking associated with the use of said library building the area east and north of the church edifice as it may be developed by the parish for automobile parking, this proposal having already been concurred in by the Trustees of the Munson Memorial Library.

YES - 117 NO - 42

Article 7. Voted by a majority that the Town accept a grant of money from the Public Health Trust and authorize the Town Manager to expend same for the employment of a health coordinator and a secretary, both positions to terminate with the expenditure of the grant. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 8. Voted unanimously that, effective as of April 1, 1975, the Town discontinue as a town way the portion of Flat Hills Road previously discontinued as a county way by the Hampshire County Commissioners on December 7, 1948, said portion being shown by broken lines east of the county layout and labelled "Old Flat Hills Road" in Plan Book 33, Page 50 in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, and that the Selectmen be authorized to release by deed to the appropriate abutters any interest the town may have in the old location on being paid the cost of the preparation of the deeds. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 9. Voted by a majority that the Town endorse an energy survey by the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department of the University of Massachusetts.

Article 10. Appropriation by Town of \$1000 to defray cost of energy survey - LOST by majority vote.

Article 11. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer \$91,394.00 from the Sewer Reserve Account to the following accounts in the amounts as specified:

a. Sewage Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations	\$39,384.00
b. Sewer Maintenance Account	12,850.00
c. Sewer Debt Account	30,500.00
d. Sewer Debt Interest Account	8,660.00

The Finance Committee recommended this article.

Article 12. Voted by a majority that the Town authorize the Town Manager to dispose of the inoperable 1932

Arts 2 & 3 (Solicitors/Tallied Vote amendments) approved by A.G. on January 23, 1975; posted February 3, 1975.

Maxim fire truck by offering it to the Amherst Hose Company at a minimum price of \$1.00. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 13.** Voted unanimously that the Town rescind the vote and loan authorization under Article 22 of the 1973 Annual Meeting (elevating platform-type fire truck) and transfer the appropriation of \$15,000 to the sum appropriated under Article 20 of the warrant for the 1973 Annual Meeting. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 14.** Voted by majority that the Town rescind the vote under Article 9 of the 1969 Annual Meeting and transfer the unexpended balance to the Surplus Revenue Account. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 15.** Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate and transfer \$2,500 from funds received from the State under the provisions of Section 20 and 22 of Chapter 1140, Acts of 1973 to be added to the appropriation made under Article 36 of the FY-75 Annual Meeting to install traffic and pedestrian signals on North Pleasant Street at the Kellogg Avenue intersection. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

*The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to adjourn at 10:58 P.M. The teller reported that 193 town meeting members had been checked in.*

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 10, 1975

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, William F. Field, at 7:44 P.M. The teller reported that 174 town meeting members were in attendance and the moderator declared a quorum present (124). The call and return of the meeting were read by Town Clerk, Estelle M. Matusko. Messrs. Michael A. Cann, James F. Walker, Jr., Jake E. Bishop and Dorothy H. Moreau, Joan Ross Logan and June W. George were appointed and sworn as tellers by the moderator.

The Moderator called the attention of the meeting to the packet of IBM Cards which each member had received when checking in. He explained that these cards would be used to implement the "Tallied Vote" by-law adopted under Article 3 of the November 4, 1974 Special Town Meeting and approved by the Attorney General on January 23, 1975.

**Article 1.** Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$566.59 from Free Cash in the Surplus Revenue Account to pay unpaid bills of the previous fiscal year. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

**Article 2.** Voted unanimously that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute a release to the Massachusetts Department of Public Works accepting the award of \$2,725.65 for a parcel of town-owned land located on the easterly side of the intersection of University Drive with Northampton Road, taken by the state in connection with the proposed widening of Northampton Road. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

**Article 3.** Voted unanimously that the action taken under Article 2 of the warrant for the October 4, 1971 Special Town Meeting be and it hereby is amended so as to increase to \$13,300,000 (October 4 appropriation was \$6,300,000) the amount appropriated and authorized to be borrowed thereunder for the construction of sewage treatment and disposal facilities, including a sewage treatment plant, interceptor sewers, force mains and pumping stations and the acquisition of land and easements required in connection therewith and so as to authorize said sewerage project to be undertaken pursuant to plans pre-

pared by Camp, Dresser and McKee, Engineers of Boston. Town Manager, Allen L. Torrey reported on this article. The Finance Committee recommended approval. (The increased service cost of 100% would represent an additional charge of \$30.00 per year for an average family.)

*The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to adjourn at 8:26 P.M. The teller reported that 170 Town Meeting Members had been checked in.*

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 19 and 21, 1975

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, William F. Field at 7:50 P.M. There were 253 town meeting members; 127 constitute a quorum; the Teller reported that 214 members were in attendance and the Moderator announced that a quorum was present. The call and return of the meeting were read by Town Clerk, Estelle M. Matusko. Melanie Smith, Isabelle M. Callahan, Sara Berger, Donald F. Hastings, William J. Masalski, Thomas O. Wilkinson were appointed and sworn as tellers by the moderator. New town meeting members were sworn by the moderator.

**Article 1.** Amendment to Zoning By-law and Zoning Map (see "Proposed Amherst Zoning By-law, March 1975" filed with Warrant #XIII-73, Town Clerk office vault).

LOST: TALLIED VOTE: YES - 133 NO - 80 (2/3 vote required)

*The first three sessions of the Annual Town Meeting, May 5, 7 and 8, 1975 were devoted to debate upon and passage of several amendments to the Proposed Zoning By-law. The chief controversy centered around proposed Zoning Districts and lot sizes therein. The owners of large parcels of land were particularly opposed to a basic minimum lot area of 80,000 square feet in Rural Residential Districts.*

*The May 5th session voted to adjourn at 11:00 P.M., following action on Article 2, Zoning Districts, to Wednesday, May 7, 1975, at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Amherst-Pelham Regional Junior High School. The teller reported that 234 town meeting members had checked in.*

The adjourned session of May 7, 1975 was called to order at 7:42 P.M. by the moderator. The teller reported that 186 town meeting members were present and the moderator declared a quorum (127). The tellers remained sworn.

*Following action on Articles 2-Zoning Districts, 6-Dimensional Regulations, Article 10-Board of Appeals, the meeting voted to adjourn to Thursday, May 8, 1975 in the auditorium of the Amherst-Pelham Regional High School at 7:30 P.M.*

The adjourned session of May 8, 1975 was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the moderator. The teller reported that 166 town meeting members were present and the moderator called a quorum (127). The tellers remained sworn.

**Article 2.** (Considered after Article 8 by vote of Town Meeting) DISMISSED. (Article 2 allowed for a "Use Review Permit" by the Z.B.A. to re-establish a discontinued use of a structure or land, was considered moot due to the defeat of Article 1.)

**Article 3.** Amendment to Proposed Zoning By-law. DISMISSED unanimously.

**Article 4.** Amendment to Proposed Zoning By-law. DISMISSED unanimously.

**Article 5.** (Voted to defer until after Article 18.\*) Providing for re-establishment of discontinued use of structure or land under present Zoning By-law.

LOST: YES - 132 NO - 70 (2/3 vote required)

*Note: The date of Town Meeting action is noted following article number in cases where articles were acted upon out of sequence by vote of Town Meeting.*

*\*Action on Article 5 was the first order of business on May 12, 1975.*

**Article 6.** Amendment under present Zoning By-law to remove restriction against more than 4 unrelated individuals in one household. DISMISSED. (Already discussed at length under proposed Zoning By-law.)

**Article 7.** (May 21-action deferred until after Art. 61). Voted unanimously that the town vote to accept the report of the Planning Board on Housing in Amherst.

**Article 8.** Voted that the Town Meeting endorse placing the J.F.K. Library on the campus of U.Mass. at Amherst, providing that its plans conform to applicable federal and state regulations and that traffic and visitor studies continue to show minimal impact on the Town.

YES - 180 NO - 28

*At 10:40 P.M. on May 8th the Town Meeting voted to adjourn until Monday, May 12, 1975 when action would begin on Article 9. The teller reported that 227 town meeting members had checked in.*

The adjourned session of May 12, 1975 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:39 P.M. The teller reported that 162 town meeting members were present and the moderator declared a quorum (127). The tellers remained sworn.

**Article 9.** Voted by a majority that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 10.** Voted by a majority that the town amend the "Personnel By-law" to insert and classify new positions, to reclassify certain existing positions, to amend the General Pay Schedule, and to amend the hours and terms of work in certain positions, effective July 1, 1975 as follows:

*For text, see volume 9, Town Records, in Town Clerk's office.*

**Article 11.**

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate \$179,487 for General Government, and that the appropriation for separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at \$10 and that of the Board of Selectmen at \$300 each; that of the appropriation for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund \$60,000 be appropriated and transferred from Overlay Surplus; and that the balance of \$119,487 be raised by taxation; and of the appropriation for the Selectmen \$2,500 be made available for out-of-state travel.

### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$484,637 for Administration and Finance and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that of the appropriation for Town Treasurer and Collector \$10,000 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserve; and that for the Personnel Services Account \$400 be appropriated and transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account; and

that the balance of \$474,237 be raised by taxation; and further, that of the appropriation for Town Treasurer-Collector, \$25,000 be available from Water Revenue of the current year, and that of the appropriation for Personnel Services \$5,000 be available for out-of-state travel.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$984,300 for Public Safety and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that as part of the appropriation for the Police Department \$17,000 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved, and \$23,477.20 be transferred from the funds and interest of the third entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$5,184.20 be transferred from the funds and interest of the fourth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$101,338.60 be transferred from the funds and interest of the fifth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing and \$94,000 be transferred from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing; that as part of the appropriation for the Fire Department \$190,250 be transferred from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing; and that for the Emergency Medical Service Account \$12,150 be appropriated and transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account; and that the balance of \$540,900 be raised by taxation.

### HUMAN SERVICES

Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$478,510 for Human Services and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that of the appropriation for Library Services \$9,874.13 be transferred from the State Aid to Library Account, and that the balance of \$468,635.87 be raised by taxation.

### PLANNING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$142,326 for Planning and Code Enforcement and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$984,156 for Public Works, and that the appropriation for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that for the appropriation for Highway Maintenance \$12,894 be transferred and appropriated from the funds received by the town under Section 20 of Chapter 1140 of the Acts of 1973 and \$70,106 from the funds received by the town under Section 1 of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974; that for the appropriation for Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations \$47,611 and for the appropriation for Sewer Maintenance \$12,500 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserved; that for the appropriation for the Sanitary Landfill area \$35,971 be appropriated and transferred from the Sanitary Landfill Reserve, and that for the Parking Areas and Meters Account \$4,800 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved; and that the balance of \$800,274 be raised by taxation; and, further, that of the appropriation for Public Works Administration \$30,000 and of the appropriation for Water Supply and Distribution \$218,035 be available from Water Revenue of the current year.

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$50,103 for Property Management and that the appropria-

tions for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

## INDEBTEDNESS: DEBT

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$475,000 for payment of the General Debt; that \$105,000 be raised and appropriated for payment of the Water Debt; that \$49,000 be appropriated for payment of the Sewer Debt; that for the appropriation for the Water Debt the sum of \$105,000 be available from Water Revenue of the current year; and that for the appropriation for Sewer Debt \$4,500 be appropriated and transferred from State Aid for Sewer Construction to the payment of the Sewer Construction Loan, dated September 1, 1960, that the balance of \$44,500 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserved.

## INDEBTEDNESS: INTEREST

Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$425,794 for interest on the General Debt; that \$21,355 be raised and appropriated for interest on the Water Debt, and that \$19,518 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Receipts Reserved for interest on the Sewer Debt, and that for the appropriation for the interest on the Water Debt \$21,355 be made available from Water Revenue of the current year.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

1. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$2,769,501.00 for Amherst Public Schools and that the appropriation for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that of the appropriation for Administration \$2,000 be available for out-of-state travel; and further that the town raise and appropriate \$136,487 which shall constitute a "Teachers' Payroll Reserve Fund" for the purpose of complying with provisions of Chapter 52, Section 10 of the Acts of 1973.

2. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$3,035,061.05 for the proportionate share of the FY-76 (July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976) capital and operating costs of the Amherst-Pelham School District.

The report of the Finance Committee was given.

At 11:05 P.M. the Town Meeting voted to consider Article 75 in order for the Town Manager to comply with a filing deadline for an application for funding Community Facilities in the Boltwood Walk Redevelopment Area.

Following action on Article 75 at 11:10 P.M. the meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 14, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in the Amherst-Pelham Regional High School Auditorium.

The adjourned session of May 14, 1975 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:40 P.M. The teller reported that 136 town meeting members were present and the Moderator declared a quorum (127). The tellers remained sworn; Lewis C. Mainzer was appointed and sworn to replace Thomas O. Wilkinson for a short period.

(The Moderator commented on the lengthy session encountered so far. He suggested that at this point in the warrant the articles would seem to be such that they could be comprehended with limited discussion before coming to a vote, and he hoped that the meeting could progress to articles 45-50 with one more session.)

Article 12. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$6,000 from the Interest Account, Anticipation of Revenue of the FY-75 to the General Services and Supplies Account of the FY-75.\*

Article 13. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$12,000 from free cash in the Surplus Revenue Account to the Legal Services Account of FY-75.\*

Article 14. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$14,600 from the Interest Account, Anticipation of Revenue of FY-75 to the account for the construction of the North Amherst Recreation Area.\*

Article 15. Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from the Snow and Ice Removal Account of FY-75 to the Veterans' Benefit Account of FY-75.\*

Article 16. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$7,000 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund to be added to the previous appropriation under Article 38 of the FY-75 Annual Meeting to purchase a new Emergency Medical Vehicle. The Board of Health, Health Advisory Council and Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 17. (To amend Article II, General Police Regulations of the Town By-laws.) Voted by a majority to refer this matter to the Selectmen for their consideration. (The Selectmen stated their wish to review this entire section of the Town By-laws to be brought before the fall town meeting.)

Article 18. (May 12, 1975) Voted unanimously that the final report of the Law Enforcement Study Committee be heard and the Law Enforcement Study Committee be dismissed with appreciation.

Article 19. Law enforcement procedures. LOST by majority vote.

Article 20. Voted by a majority that the reports of the Town Officers, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Hitchhiking Committee and any other Town Boards of Committees be heard; that the Hitchhiking Committee be dismissed with appreciation; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. "Citation procedure" in place of arrest. DISMISSED by majority vote.

(Article 21 was acted upon following Article 30.)

Article 22. Consumer Advisory Committee. DISMISSED by majority vote.

Article 23. Ban of "dum-dum" bullets. LOST by majority vote.

Article 24. Voted by a majority to establish a Cable Advisory Committee, composed of seven Amherst residents to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for staggered three-year terms for the purpose of advising the Board pursuant to its responsibilities under Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 25. Police discretion policy. LOST by majority vote.

Article 26. Voted by a majority that the town accept the report of the Committee on Public Transportation (April 1975).

Article 27. Student input in public mass transportation systems. DISMISSED by majority vote.

Article 28. Voted by a majority, as amended, that the town establish a permanent Committee on Public Transportation, composed of seven (7) Amherst residents to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for staggered two-year terms for the purpose of (A) reviewing all proposals concerning public transportation policy, (B) conducting specific studies concerning public transportation, (C) advising the Board of Selectmen and Amherst's representative on the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority, and (D) reporting to Town Meeting on any article which concerns public transportation.

Article 29. Police policy. DISMISSED by majority vote.

Article 30. Police policy, "victimless crimes." LOST:

\*The Finance Committee recommended these articles.

Tallied Vote YES - 87 NO - 90

Article 31. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer \$15,000 from funds received from the state under the provisions of Section I of Chapter 825, Acts of 1974 for the purpose of constructing sidewalks and bike paths or combination "bi-walks" on various streets in town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

YES - 128 NO - 41

Article 32. Bikeway construction. LOST by majority vote.

Article 33. (May 19, 1975) Permanent bicycling Committee. LOST:

YES - 81 NO - 85

Article 34. Voted: (1) that the Conservation Commission be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to exercise the option given to the town by North Burn to purchase for Conservation Commission purposes the lot of about 6.2 acres of land lying westerly of Hillcrest Place in Amherst described in deed to him recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1522, Page 640, for a purchase price of \$20,000; (2) that the town approve the expenditure for this purpose of \$12,500 from the Conservation Fund when so voted by the Conservation Commission, approve the use and expenditure of \$7,000 donated to the town under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A by the Kestrel Trust for this acquisition, and ratify the expenditure of \$500 originally paid from the Conservation Fund for said option and to be applied toward the purchase price; (3) that the Acting Town Manager and the Conservation Commission, on behalf of the town, be and hereby are authorized to enter into such agreement with the Commonwealth, acting through the Commissioner of its Department of Natural Resources, as may be necessary to effect partial reimbursement to the town under General Laws Chapter 132A, Section 11, if this purchase project is completed to the satisfaction of said Commissioner.

YES - 137 NO - 23

The Finance Committee was divided in its recommendation and advised Town Meeting to heed views in favor and opposition to this article. The Selectmen reported in favor of passage.

Article 35. Voted by a majority that any monies reimbursed to the town under Section 11 of Chapter 132A of the General Laws through the acquisition of the parcel designated in Article 34 be reserved for future appropriation for land acquisition for conservation purposes. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

At 11:40 P.M. the meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, May 19, 1975 in the auditorium of the Amherst-Pelham Regional Junior High School at 7:30 P.M.

The adjourned session of May 19, 1975 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:35 P.M. The teller reported that 133 town meeting members were present and the Moderator declared a quorum. The tellers remained sworn.

Action on Article 33 was the first order of business.

Article 36. Voted that the town appropriate and transfer \$30,000 from Overlay Surplus to the Conservation Fund. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Tallied vote: YES - 105 NO - 82

Article 37. Voted that Town Meeting endorse the Hitchhiking Committee's report and recommend that the Selectmen (1) accept a deed of land from Amherst College abutting Northampton Road immediately west of South Pleasant Street and (2) construct a "pull-over lane" thereon. (The Moderator announced that the opinion of counsel was that Town Meeting action on this article was purely advisory.)

YES - 97 NO - 89

Article 38. Voted that the Town Meeting recommend to the Selectmen the following change of the "Traffic Rules and Regulations": Designation of a "pull-over lane" on South Pleasant Street immediately south of Northampton Road with the elimination of the first five parking spaces in that spot; and further recommend to the Selectmen that they investigate the designation of "pull-over lanes" for other convenient spots within the town, and to implement such changes as prove to be feasible and desirable with a minimum of study.

YES - 118 NO - 63

Article 39. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the use of the Franklin-Hampshire Mental Health and Retardation Area Board, said funds to be turned over only after said Board submits specific programs to and obtains the approval of the Amherst Board of Health. The Finance Committee recommended an expenditure of \$10,000 for this purpose; The Health Advisory Council and the Board of Health recommended this article (\$12,000 as voted).

Article 40. Voted unanimously that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen in the name of the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst to convey a small triangular parcel of land containing 12,200 square feet more or less, located on the south side of Plainville Road immediately to the west of the existing Amherst Sewage Treatment Plant to the University of Massachusetts as a site for the pilot treatment plant.

Article 41. Voted unanimously that the Selectmen of the Town of Amherst be authorized to sell to Edward T. Waskiewicz and Juliann K. Waskiewicz the tract of land containing 10,980 square feet, owned by the Town of Amherst, located northerly and adjacent to present land of the Waskiewicz' on Route 9, within six months of this annual meeting, for a price of \$3,500.00 such sale to be subject to the condition and restrictions that:

1) A right of way and easement thirty (30) feet wide along the northerly boundary of the parcel to be sold, be granted by Edward T. Waskiewicz and Juliann K. Waskiewicz in common to and with the other abutters, Amherst Medical Center and Catherine Pylypetz, and their assigns, for access by foot and by vehicle to and from University Drive, to and from their respective parcels,

2) Subject to the further condition that the said parcel to be sold shall be merged into and made part of the present lot owned by Edward T. Waskiewicz and Juliann K. Waskiewicz, to thereafter constitute one lot, and is not to be subdivided or sold separately; and

3) That the said combined and merged lot of Edward T. Waskiewicz and Julian K. Waskiewicz shall be served by only one driveway entrance from University Drive, which driveway will be located within the thirty (30) foot easement.

Article 42. Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$30,000 from Water Available Surplus for the purchase of lands to protect the watersheds or to acquire or protect groundwater supplies. The Finance Committee and the Board of Health recommended this article.

Article 43. Development of water supplies for Amherst. LOST by majority vote. (The Finance Committee opposed passage of this article; the Board of Health reported in favor of passage.)

Article 44. Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$5,000 to reconstruct an existing four inch water main on Beston Street and that such sum be made available from Water Revenue of the Current Year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recom-

mended this article.

**Article 45.** Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$25,000 to reconstruct an existing four inch water main on McClellan Street and that such sum be made available from water revenue of the current year for reimbursement to the town. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 46.** Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$9,000 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to reconstruct an existing eight inch sewer main on Amity Street. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 47.** Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$7,500 from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing to be added to the appropriation under Article 31 of the FY-75 annual meeting to construct a drainage system on the easterly portion of Shays Street, the South Amherst Common Area, and the westerly portion of Station Road. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 48.** Voted unanimously that the town appropriate and transfer \$8,000 from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing to construct and reconstruct a drainage system on and in the vicinity of Main Street and the Fort River. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 49.** Voted that the town amend the Town By-laws, Article I, "Rules of Order for Town Meeting," by adding 11-b as follows: No motion to dismiss an article shall be considered if the petitioner or his/her designated mover and a mover to second stand. No article shall be voted upon without the town meeting first hearing a speaker in favor if one stands. The petitioner shall provide the moderator with the names of the mover, seconder and speaker.

Tallied vote: YES - 120 NO - 61

(A motion to reconsider Article 43 was defeated following action on Article 49.) **Article 49 APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL on July 16, 1975.**

**Article 50.** Replace the word "man" in all town government titles. **LOST:**

Tallied vote: YES - 71 NO - 104

**Article 51.** (May 14, 1975—action taken following Article 28) Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$5,000 to operate a nutrition program for the elderly residents of the Town of Amherst effective July 1, 1975, said meals to be sold to elderly residents of the town at a moderate price with all receipts reverting to the Treasury of the town and said program to be administered under the direction of the Council on Aging with the approval of the Town Manager.

(Explanation of the program was made by Evelyn Sears and Dr. Jerome Peterson.) The Finance Committee reported in opposition, believing that such a program should be self-sustaining. The Selectmen, Amherst Redevelopment Authority and the Board of Health spoke in support of this article; the Health Advisory Council supported the article in principle.

**Article 52.** Voted unanimously that the town approve the filing of a petition in the General Court to enact special legislation authorizing the establishment of a revolving fund designated for the Council on Aging as an exception to Section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, said fund not to exceed \$5,000 and all expenditures to be authorized by the Council on Aging and Town Manager. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

At 10:50 P.M. a motion to adjourn to Wednesday, May 21, 1975 was defeated.

**Article 53.** Election of Planning Board members. **LOST:**

By majority vote.

*At 11:00 P.M. the meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 21, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Amherst - Pe-ham Regional Junior High School. (203 checked in)*

The adjourned session of May 21, 1975 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:42 P.M. The teller reported that 127 town meeting members were present and the Moderator declared a quorum.

**Article 54.** Voted, as amended, that the Town Meeting shall instruct the selectmen to submit to the General Court the following special law:

*The Public Policy Question Act*

**Section 1: Definition**

The people of Amherst shall exercise their right to petition their local, state and national representatives by placing a public policy question on the ballot and voting thereon. The vote shall be advisory and not binding.

**Section 2: Placement on the Ballot**

A petition, containing a public policy question and signed by two percent of the registered voters, shall be filed with the Town Clerk at least forty-five days before the town election. Upon certifying the necessary signatures, the Town Clerk shall submit the proposed question to the Board of Selectmen.

Within ten days after receiving the question, the selectmen shall (1) determine whether the question is within the scope of public policy and, if so, (2) provide the town clerk with a draft that is fair, clear and concise. The town clerk shall place this question on the ballot.

**Section 3: Petition to Representative(s)**

The selectmen shall inform the petitioned representative(s) of the vote on the question.

**Section 4: Limitations**

(a) A maximum of three questions shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. (b) A question shall not be re-submitted until the second town election thereafter.

YES - 73 NO - 70

**Article 55.** Voted by a majority that the Town By-laws under Article I, Section 20, be amended so as to change the word "five" to the word "seven" in the first sentence of Section 20, and further that the Town By-laws under Article I, Section 21, be amended to add the sentence "except that the two additional Commission members appointed in 1975 shall be appointed for two years, and three years thereafter." **APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL July 16, 1975.**

**Article 56.** Town/University advisory committee: **LOST** by majority vote.

**Article 57.** Voted that the town appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from Overlay Surplus to be added to the appropriation under Article 25 of the FY-75 annual meeting to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, with the approval of the Conservation Commission, for an engineering report, plans and specifications for permanent repairs to the Factory Hollow Dam in North Amherst and for plans and specifications for related improvements to the Pond and adjoining conservation areas. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

YES - 109 NO - 43

**Article 58.** Voted by a majority that the town assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores,

and shores along a public beach, including the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 5, Acts of 1955, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.

**Article 59.** Energy conservation and production study committee: Voted unanimously that the matter be referred to the Selectmen for further study.

**Article 60.** Voted by a majority that the Town Meeting endorse the intervention of the Board of Selectmen in the hearings of the Montague nuclear power plants through the Attorney General's office.

**Article 61.** Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$6,000 from Overlay Surplus to purchase a vehicle to be utilized by the Council on Aging in operating a senior transportation service and be authorized to turn in corresponding items of unneeded equipment as part payment. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

(Action on Article 7 took place following Article 61.)

**Article 62.** Voted, as amended, that the Town Meeting direct the Town Manager to instruct the Planning Office to conduct, as a part of the housing studies now being required for other town agencies and programs, an investigation of rent controls encompassing the following aspects:

1. A search of the literature and investigation of how rent control functions in other towns of the Commonwealth
2. The varieties of implementation of rent control
3. Compilation of rental rates and increases in Amherst
4. The demand for housing in Amherst
5. The gathering of information re local apartment complexes and rental units from public documents in order to construct operating statements and obtain "ball park" percentages of expenses, costs, profits.

Such a study to be completed by August 31, 1975 so that the Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee may hold hearings, make its recommendations to other town committees, and report back to Town Meetings in time for the fall meeting.

YES - 113 NO - 39

**Article 63.** Construction of storage building for salt and chemicals, Public Works Center, South Pleasant Street. **LOST** by majority vote.

**Article 64.** Voted by a majority as amended that the town appropriate \$39,500 to purchase the following items of equipment and be authorized to turn in corresponding items of unneeded equipment as part payment:

- A. Tractor Backhoe, Highway and Water Division
- B. Sewer Rodding Machine, Sewer Division
- C. Mist Blower, Tree Division

and to meet said appropriation \$11,250 be made available from Water Revenue of the Current Year for reimbursement to the town and that \$28,250 be appropriated and transferred from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing. The Finance Committee recommended this article as amended (excluding Leaf Picking Machine for Tree Division).

**Article 65.** Voted by a majority that the town raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the appropriation under Article 20 of the 1973 annual meeting for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new fire station on land to be given to the town by the University of Massachusetts. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 66.** Against increased enrollment at the University of Massachusetts. **DISMISSED** by majority vote.

**Article 67.** Voted by a majority that the town appropriate and transfer \$2,500 from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing for the purpose of architectural, engineering, and planning studies, reports and plans, all in connection with an evaluation of the future uses of the North Amherst School building, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 68.** Prohibition of sale of non-returnable bottles and cans. **DISMISSED** unanimously.

**Article 69.** Voted by a majority that the town appropriate \$68,350 to reconstruct, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Chapter 765 of the Acts of 1972 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, North East Street and Henry Street and to meet said appropriation that \$18,000 be appropriated and transferred from the funds and interest of the sixth entitlement period of Federal Revenue Sharing; \$18,000 be appropriated and transferred from free cash in the Surplus Revenue Account pending reimbursement from the county of \$18,000; and that \$32,350 be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the state of \$32,350. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 70.** Cut funding to South East Asia. **DISMISSED** unanimously.

**Article 71.** Dead-end Shumway Street. **DISMISSED** by majority vote.

**Article 72.** Voted by a majority that the town establish as town ways and accept the layouts as town ways each of the following streets: Carriage Road, Surrey Lane, Country Corners, Eames Place (formerly Cowles Avenue), Potwine Lane at Middle Street, Old Farm Road, or any of them, or portions thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 19, 1975, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor, no appropriation being required. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 73.** Rescind vote of 1912 Annual Meeting under Article 33. **DISMISSED** by majority vote.

**Article 74.** Voted by a majority that the town approve the filing of a petition in the General Court to enact special legislation authorizing the establishment of a revolving fund designated for the Recreation Commission as an exception to Section 53 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, said fund not to exceed \$5,000 and all expenditures to be authorized by the Recreation Commission and Town Manager. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 75.** Voted by a majority that the town authorize the Town Manager to file an application for funding for community facilities in the Boltwood Walk Redevelopment Area under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 76.** Voted unanimously that the town authorize and direct the Assessors to take \$100,000 from free cash in the Surplus Revenue Account to reduce the FY-76 tax rate. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

**Article 77.** Voted unanimously that the town raise and appropriate \$2,131.41 to pay unpaid bills of the previous fiscal years.

*The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to adjourn at 11:30 P.M. The teller reported that 173 town meeting members had checked in.*

# Historical Commission

As the town board concerned with the conservation of the man-made environment, the Amherst Historical Commission has both day-to-day and long-range responsibilities. The Commission is asked to comment on the possible impact of development and public works programs on buildings and areas of historic or architectural value and to respond to inquiries regarding Amherst's historical resources from private citizens and governmental agencies outside the town. The Commission is also charged with developing a preservation plan to insure that the best of Amherst's older buildings and areas are protected as the town grows, and that the distinctive character and visual identity of the town are enhanced rather than destroyed by new development.

In order to carry out these duties effectively, the Commission must have accurate information about the town's development and the age, condition, and historic and architectural value of its buildings. The Commission has therefore given high priority to the compilation of a comprehensive inventory of historically important and architecturally distinguished properties. The inventory, which will eventually include a photograph and basic physical and historical data on each of the town's notable buildings, sites, and monuments, will serve as a reference resource for both local and state agencies. During the past year we have completed the first phase of the inventory: documentation of eighty-three properties, including residential, ecclesiastical, educational, public, and commercial buildings, with construction dates ranging from the early eighteenth century to the nineteen-forties. Information on each building is recorded on a standard one-sheet form prescribed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The completed inventory forms are on file in the Selectmen's office, with duplicates deposited at the offices of the Massachusetts Historical Commission in Boston.

While devoting considerable time to the ongoing tasks of survey and research, the Commission has engaged in a number of other activities. We cooperated with the Town Planner in supervising two Hampshire College students in an environmental and visual analysis of central Amherst. Representatives of the Commission met with the Hampshire County Register of Deeds to encourage preservation of the volumes of early deeds when county records were moved to new quarters. Other members attended a regional workshop held by the state Historical Commission in Buckland, the spring meeting of the Bay State Historical League in Boston, and a weekly course on preservation is-

# Personnel Board

The personnel board is primarily an internal board dealing principally with the administration and the town employees not under a collective bargaining contract.

The board's major functions are: setting personnel policy, classifying new positions, reclassifying old positions and interpreting the personnel by laws. All actions taken under the first three must be approved by the annual town meeting.

Also each year the board recommends to the annual town meeting a pay scale for all town employees not under collective bargaining. This year (FY-75) two steps were added to the pay scale, step 6 and 7. This accomplishes three things, it allows the town to hire employee to fill open positions at a lower starting pay scale, it extends the time to reach maximum pay level and it allows for a pay increase for the present employees in FY-76. A major policy instituted by the board in FY-75 for FY-76 is that all steps increases are on an acceptable performance basis, with supervisor recommendation rather than automatic for length of service.

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION (continued)

sues and techniques given during the spring at the Harvard Graduate School of Design under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities. The Commission reviewed and commented on a list of notable Amherst buildings prepared by the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and consulted with the Building Inspector and with several citizens on individual preservation problems. In the spring the Commission accepted on behalf of the town a collection of glass negatives of Amherst taken at the turn of the century. These photographic documents, the gift of the Ashfield Historical Society and collated by T. L. Hendrick of Southampton, will eventually be deposited at the Jones Library.

While taking satisfaction in the accomplishments of the past year, the members of the Commission remain deeply concerned about the future of several important buildings which at present are in no way protected from demolition or inappropriate alteration. In the coming year we hope to take a more active role in insuring the preservation of these community resources, and we have begun consultation with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to explore possibilities for action in this regard.

# Assessors Note Changes

In the fiscal year 1975 there have been several changes. A sewer ban has effectively slowed the construction of new properties. The enactment of a new farmland assessment act (Chapter 61A) has been another change.

Chapter 61A provides relief for large landowners, who are using their land exclusively for farming, by having a lower value placed upon it. There are, however, several safeguards provided in the act to prevent abuse by the landowners. 35 landowners did take advantage of the act, thereby reducing the total valuation for fiscal 1975, \$221,350. This resulted in a loss of \$8,965.00 tax dollars or 5.4 cents per thousand.

During the fiscal year of 1975 we have received the largest number of motor vehicle excise tax bills to be committed for payment in one year. The following have all been received during Fiscal 1975:

	Number of Bills	Valuation	Tax
Levy 1973	1,479	1,583,200	57,575.69
1974	10,499	8,688,150	441,689.54
1975	8,103	4,696,050	308,664.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,081</b>	<b>14,967,400</b>	<b>807,929.45</b>

The result has been that many people have received tax bills for two years on the same car in rapid succession. Hopefully this will not occur again.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has recognized the problems it was creating. Through the efforts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation and the Registry, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has placed a much higher priority on sending the bills out quicker and more accurately to the assessors. We are confident that this will reduce our workload from what it has been in prior years.

In December of 1974 the Supreme Court of Massachusetts issued a ruling to the Department of Corporations and Taxation mandating a program of full and fair value assessment throughout the state. Since then the Department has requested programs from all towns on how they propose to meet this requirement. Amherst fared well; the method used in the past and at the present time received favorable comments. However, in the future we shall be required to make a small change in procedure. We must

maintain assessment limits at close to market value. This will result in more frequent changes in assessments of all real property.

A simplified formula for setting the tax rate is: *Gross Amount to be Raised* minus *Estimated Receipts and Available Funds* equals *Net Amount to be Raised*. The "Net" divided by the *Total Valuation* equals the *Tax Rate*. A table shows the fiscal 1975 Recapitulation of the Tax Rate as follows:

## RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE

To be raised by Taxation	\$9,371,365.34	
Available Funds	1,027,967.98	
Offsets to Cherry Sheet		
Estimated Receipts	52,997.24	
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional		
Planning Commission	3,159.72	
County Tax and Assessments	656,249.84	
State Tax and Assessments	101,654.74	
Overlay	109,524.58	
<b>Gross Amount to be Raised</b>		<b>\$11,322,919.44</b>
Estimated Receipts		
State-Cherry Sheet	1,966,543.50	
Town	1,338,294.98	
Overestimates	6,382.66	
Available Funds	1,290,220.80	
Estimated Receipt and Available Funds		4,601,441.94
<b>Net Amount to be Raised</b>		<b>6,721,477.50</b>
<b>Total Valuation</b>		<b>165,962,120.00</b>
<b>Tax Rate 1974-1975</b>		<b>40.50</b>

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Levy	Excise Tax Committed	Number of Abatements	Amount Abated	Net Received
1971	529,837.	3,607	109,147.	420,690.
1972	570,293.	3,790	79,153.	491,140.
1973	666,453.	3,045	94,170.	572,283.
1974	630,583.	2,197	62,235.	567,348.
1975	308,964.	704	21,120.	287,844.

## PROPERTY VALUATION and the TAX RATE

Year	Valuation	Increase	Tax Rate	(in Tax Dollars)	(on Tax Rate)
1971	136,023,720.	10,372,130.	34.50	357,838.	2.63
1972	146,913,640.	10,889,920.	34.50	375,702.	2.56
1973	160,757,930.	13,844,290.	37.00	512,239.	3.19
1974 (6 mos.)	166,183,470.	5,425,540.	37.00	200,745.	1.21
FY-1975	165,962,120.	(221,350.)	40.50	(8,965.)	(.054)
	Adjusted for farmland Assessment				

## Treasurer-Collector

## Health Needs

## Health Department Services Continue to Expand

### TREASURER

The following trust funds are in the custody of the Treasurer and administered by the Trust Fund Commissioners.

Herbert B. Adams Fund	\$ 2,739.31
Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund	88,711.93
Fannie Ward Bangs Hospital Fund	151,191.40
Martha Dickinson Bianchi Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Enos F. Cook Fountain Fund	2,346.54
Alice C Burnham West Cemetery Gate Fund	15,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	38,169.76
Florence Ball Cutler Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	2,000.00
George Smith Kendrick Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
S. White Dickinson West Cemetery Fund	5,000.00
Bates-Cosby Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	500.00
William E. Smith Fund	2,000.00
R. J. D. Westcott Library Fund	3,013.81
Whiting Street Fund	9,033.72
Barbara Smith Memorial Hospital Fund	5,738.79

The income from these trusts totaled \$17,712.54 for FY-1975 and were allocated for use in keeping with the terms of the separate trusts.

Numerous temporary borrowings were made during the year to finance authorized programs such as the Sewer construction project and the Boltwood Walk Urban Renewal Development. It is expected that the permanent financing will be completed during FY-1976. The town realized a very healthy return from the investing of surplus funds. Earnings, together with interest and fees collected on delinquent taxes, totalled \$85,993.00. At the close of the Fiscal year the following monies were invested:

Revenue Cash	\$1,000,000.00
Non-Revenue Cash	200,000.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	100,000.00

### COLLECTOR

The Motor Vehicle Excise billing difficulties, as discussed in the last Town Report, have not improved and continue to cause problems. As it is still our second largest source of revenue it is extremely important that the entire system be restructured at the State level.

Fiscal Year 1975 completed the first cycle in twice a year billing and collecting of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. As expected, it caused areas of confusion both within the department and with the taxpayer. However, in spite of the added workload in the department it would appear that the twice a year collection schedule will have a significant effect on the cash flow of the town. Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue was considerably reduced this past year thus saving a substantial interest expense. It costs money to borrow money!

The Health Advisory Council was established by the Board of Selectmen in the fall of 1973 for the purpose of providing community input in an advisory capacity to the Board of Health and to aid the Board of Health in gathering and evaluating information in the health field.

The first charge to the Council was to take initial responsibility for developing the proposed preventive Health Center, developing new programs, and seeking sources of funding. The Health Advisory Council was also charged with responsibility for review and evaluation of Health Department programs.

Inherent in the recommendations of the Council relating both to the proposed Health Center building and Health Department activities is the concept of a community health center as being a co-ordinating body for the delivery of preventive health care; a belief that the Health Department acts to promote, protect, and maintain the health of residents through the organization of community efforts; and an awareness that there is a desire and need for a comprehensive preventive health care program in Amherst.

The Health Advisory Council initiated Information/Referral Service has been in operation for six months, under CETA funding. This service has served to highlight some of the obvious community unmet health needs: VD Clinic, better access to low cost medical and dental clinics, mental health, health education and information on health insurance.

The program subcommittee has continued its planning and through a recent survey has contacted twenty health related agencies who have expressed a serious interest in offering satellite services to Amherst area residents in the proposed community preventive Health Center.

The design subcommittee has visited a number of health centers in the New England area and has assembled much relevant design and environmental information. The Council was successful in obtaining Certificate of Need approval which allows the new center to be built. Hill-Burton monies are being sought to supplement the available Bangs Funds for building costs.

A new subcommittee has recently been formed which will concern itself with the school health program. One important consideration will be an evaluation of the 'personal relations education' component of the school health program. At the conclusion of their study the subcommittee will present a statement and their recommendations to the Board of Health.

The Health Advisory Council welcomes input from all residents. It is their goal to be an ear to the community and a voice in town government in matters related to community health.

With the emergence of "Health Help" the Board of Health has initiated an information and referral service for Amherst residents. The need for this type of service was identified by the Health Advisory Council and thanks to C.E.T.A. funding was put into full operation during the year. In the first four months of the service, 310 requests for information/referral have been received and all have been answered, either by direct information from the file or by referral to other sources where appropriate.

A second need identified by several town agencies, including schools, Housing Authority, Recreation and Health, was the need for some type of community coordinator/counselor who could identify with and help to solve problems of housing, recreation, etc. This service was established and has proven to be of considerable benefit to residents of some of the larger housing complexes as well as to other citizens.

The Director and members of the Board have assisted in the further development of plans for the Community Facilities in Boltwood Walk. Several meetings with other human service organizations of the town and with both the staff architect and the overall project architect have been held. Definite progress in the firm development is anticipated in the very near future.

In the area of environmental health the establishment of an intern program with the University of Massachusetts Public Health curriculum has been helpful. More frequent inspection of food handling establishments, increased surveillance of the various public and semi-public swimming pools and generally more environmental control has been accomplished as a result. The sewer ban continues to cause an increase in the workload since all structures allowed to be built must have private sewage disposal systems. The plans and construction of these systems must be approved by the Health Department.

The Director and a member of the Board were appointed to serve on the Solid Waste Task Force. This group is in the process of searching for a suitable sanitary landfill site using the Camp, Dresser, McKee Report on Solid Waste Disposal as well as other available data. This group will report to the Selectmen who in turn will request the assignment of a landfill site by the Board.

The Board of Health Nursing Service was expanded to include residents of Pelham for home health care under an arrangement adopted July 1, 1974. The agreement is re-

newable annually and provides for nursing, home health aide and physical therapy service.

The implications of Chapter 766 have required a great deal of nursing time. The gathering of necessary medical histories and information on young people ages 3-20, and being available to present this information at Core Evaluation conferences, has increased the number of hours of service in the school nursing program and has increased the importance of the role played by the School Health Aides.

Cooperation with the Council on Aging in conducting influenza immunizations and blood pressure-urine screening clinics on a regular basis is another example of interdepartmental cooperation and service to the public.

### DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 57 Deepsoil and percolation tests witnessed
- 21 Private sewage disposal permits issued
- 37 Private sewage disposal systems inspected and approved
- 8 Applications for sewer connection permits investigated
- 53 Nuisance complaints investigated
- 112 Milk samples collected and tested
- 119 Inspections of Food Handling establishments
- 12 Day Care Centers inspected and relicensed

#### DANGEROUS DISEASES

- 615 Cases of Reportable Disease including Animal Bites

#### DENTAL ACTIVITIES

- 584 Topical Fluoride treatments completed
- 1131 Dental exams done

#### NURSING ACTIVITIES

- 595 Visits to homebound persons
- 298 Physical Therapy visits to homebound persons
- 544 Hours of Homemaker Home Health Aide Service provided
- 1316 School sessions including Pupil Personnel sessions and Core Evaluations
- 109 Clinic, conference and class sessions conducted including Well Child, Immunization, Hypertension Clinics

## Inspection Services — Let Us Help You!

The task of keeping the living conditions of a community decent, safe and sanitary for all its people is a primary function of the Inspection Services Department.

While most property owners have at least a general understanding of the need for proper zoning and minimum standards for homes and other buildings, it is likely that only a relative few realize how essential it is to have an effective building inspection program, especially when they are making an investment of such magnitude as that required in buying a home or business.

The Inspection Services Department is organized along functional lines in order to be effective and efficient. An effective building department is to review the acts of individuals to insure compliance with statutes, by-laws, rules and regulations. If inspection procedures become lax, or not firmly and fairly enforced, conditions can develop which could make a community a less pleasant place in which to live.

The Inspection Services Department works closely with contractors, architects, engineers, lawyers and planners;

with the zoning board, health and fire officials and other protective agencies in keeping the community in good order.

Code enforcement begins with the examination of applications and plans which must contain sufficient information to enable pre-determination of compliance with all applicable regulations. Such compliance is established through inspection of all new and existing buildings, structures and equipment installations during all phases of construction. It is maintained through periodic inspection of all buildings, structures and equipment for which building or other permits were required.

Today's code officials face many new problems caused by technological advancement in building construction and materials. Because building codes are being revised and refined, keeping pace requires a continual exchange of ideas, along with practical experience. Realizing that education is an effective way of improving code administration, the State Building Code Commission will be holding mandatory educational seminars throughout the coming year.

### FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

- Issuance of Building, Plumbing, Gas and Electrical Permits for new construction, alterations and installations.
- Consultation with general public, builders and architects regarding plans to insure compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code and Zoning By-Law.
- Full plan reviews for building permit applications before issuance.
- Inspection of new construction and equipment installation.
- Inspection of hazardous conditions.
- Investigation of complaints involving violations of the Building Code, State Sanitary Code and Zoning By-Law.

### PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL, MUNICIPAL AND COMMERCIAL CATEGORY:

<i>Amherst College</i> — Make alterations to an existing building — Chi Phi House, 32 College Street	\$150,000.00
<i>Amherst-Pelham Regional School District</i> — to install two portable classrooms	\$ 60,000.00
<i>Amherst Savings Bank</i> — To construct a bank — 390 College Street	\$100,000.00
<i>Amherst, Town of</i> — To construct a fire station — 601 East Pleasant Street	\$593,000.00

### NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED JULY, 1974 - JUNE, 1975

	Number of Permits	Income
Building Permits	307	\$5,280.00
Demolition Permits	24	60.00
BOCA Books & Supplements (4)		36.30
Plumbing Permits	119	940.00
Gas Permits	36	194.00
Certificate of Occupancy Posters	2	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>\$6,512.30</b>

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED JULY, 1974 - JUNE, 1975

	Number of Permits	Estimated Valuation
Private Dwellings	27	\$798,500.00
Commercial, Municipal, Institutional	4	767,000.00
Multiple Dwellings	0	0
Private Additions and Alterations	126	497,327.00
Institutional and Commercial Additions Alterations	35	440,004.00
Swimming Pools, Sheds, Garages, Others	115	147,154.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>\$2,649,985.00</b>

## Services and Benefits for Amherst Veterans

### BENEFITS

Each year the expenditures for veterans' benefits vary and most often increase. The increase this year is due to the lack of employment, the increases in the cost of living and medical treatment, and aid given to married students who did not receive their checks for education on time. Fifty-four persons were aided during the year. Some were on the roles for a short period of time and some are still on the roles.

The total amount expended for the 1974-75 fiscal year was \$46,185.01 — Cash — \$38,377.56; Rent, Food, etc. — \$372.78; Medical-Doctors, Drugs, etc — \$3,852.50; Hospital, Nursing Home — \$3,182.17; and Burial — \$400.00.

The State reimburses the Town of Amherst half of the total amount expended. The town has been reimbursed \$26,168.32 for the period July, 1973 through June, 1974. The State is a year behind in their reimbursements but in due time Amherst will be reimbursed for the past year.

Regardless of money expended, whether it is a small cash allotment because of unemployment, sickness or a large hospital bill, a thorough processing of all cases must be made. This includes filling out an application, obtaining a copy of the veterans' DD 214 form, wage reports, bank reports, marriage and birth records where applicable, medical records, death records and mortgage records. If the applicant's budget is less than the budget furnished by the Office of the Commissioner, cash assistance is given to the applicant which is called "Ordinary Benefits." In addition to O.B., hospitalization, medicine, doctors and dentists are paid until the applicant finds employment or can return to work.

Veterans must have a discharge other than dishonorable in order to receive Veterans' Aid. They must also have been residents of Massachusetts when they entered the service or have been residents of Massachusetts for three consecutive years after being discharged from service and have proof of their residency.

Many veterans or widows of veterans are on the roles only until such time as they receive their Social Security or pension checks.

### SERVICES

Services to veterans may seem "the same old story" to readers of this report, but each year more benefits are available to the veteran and his dependents due to the passage of new bills. Each year Representative Conte sends copies of all bills passed and all veterans are welcome to come into the office to read them.

During the year many applications for pensions are filed by this office. Many veterans and their widows do not realize that they might be eligible for pensions and I urge them to inquire about eligibility, because by not doing so they could be depriving themselves of money to which they are entitled.

On April 2, 1974 registering with the Selective Service by eighteen year olds ceased but was not terminated as it is anticipated that there will be a new registration period established early in 1976.

All veterans who went into service from Amherst are urged to bring in their DD 214 so that a copy can be made and put in our files and a typewritten copy with the veteran's signature can be put in our record book.

The purpose of the Veterans' Service program is to add all eligible persons who are in need and to assist all veterans and their dependents who desire information pertaining to benefits provided by the VA.

Your Veterans' Agent is a member of Western Massachusetts Veterans Service Agents Association and the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association. Through receipt of memos from the Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services and attending meetings this department is prepared to render up-to-date information to veterans.

## Citizens Advisory Committee

The sole purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee is to investigate citizen problems and recommend action on citizen issues as these problems and issues are brought to its attention. Most of these citizen concern areas come to the CAC direct from the Board of Selectmen as specific charges for the CAC to study; but, individuals (on and off-the Committee) can also raise issues which are investigated. Because of the continuing nature of the CAC's mission on citizens' concerns there is a carryover from year to year in Committee action. Fiscal year '74-'75 saw the CAC following through on investigations and recommendations initiated during the previous year and concentrating on some special new areas of citizen interest. A summary of '74-'75 action follows.

The Solicitors By-Law was finalized and voted on favorably by the November 1974 Town Meeting. This new by-law went into effect on February 11, 1975, after approval by the State Attorney General. The registering of Solicitors provides a protection to the residents of Amherst by providing the Police Department with information on activities of Solicitors within the town.

The Subcommittee on Child Care established by Town Meeting has been continuing to study the Child Care needs of the town. In February a survey was made of persons with preschool children to establish their needs for day care. The survey findings and any recommendations will be reported to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting.

A charge from the Board of Selectmen prompted the work of the Subcommittee studying the feasibility of establishing a Local Consumer Council in Amherst. A recommendation was made in March to the Board of Selectmen to establish such a council but it raised some controversy. The Selectmen were in agreement that there is a need for consumer protection and education but there was concern about the long range cost of the proposal to the town. It was decided by the Citizens Advisory Committee to dismiss the article at the Annual Town Meeting and return it to the Subcommittee for further study during '75-'76.

The Citizens Advisory Committee sponsored two public hearings in May on the Community Development Block Grant Application which was applied for by the town to use in establishing a Community Service Facility in the Boltwood Redevelopment Project. The hearings were re-

## Solid Waste Task Force

In view of the fact that the town's present sanitary landfill on Belchertown Road will be filled to capacity by the middle of 1979, a Task Force on Solid Waste Disposal was named by the Selectmen in February 1975. Appointed to serve were: William Annable, Charles F. Cole, Charles Drake, Marilyn Gonter, James B. Harrington, Joseph Hartshorn, Rhoda Honigberg, Irving Howards, Howard A. Peters, and Gregory Webb. This group included members with relevant skills (geology, engineering, public health) and liaison with other town boards (Planning, Public Health, SCARCE, Conservation).

At the first meeting, held March 19, the Task Force agreed to (a) review professional consultants' reports that were already available; (b) familiarize itself with various methods of solid waste disposal; (c) investigate the probable costs; and (d) decide on the process to be recommended by the end of June.

The decisions arrived at, and communicated to the Board of Selectmen, were that the town should continue using the sanitary landfill method of solid waste disposal, that the Task Force would, in the immediate future, try to locate a suitable site for a new facility, and at the same time be alert to opportunities for regional solutions to this problem, should they arise.

### CAC (continued)

quired to encourage citizen input in the planning stages of the project. As the project moves along more informational meetings are intended to allow for citizen participation during the planning.

Town Meeting members were surveyed in May to collect data for a study on the present Town Charter. This was undertaken in response to a September 1974 charge by the Board of Selectmen and a request from the Amherst Taxpayers Association in March 1975. A summary of the survey and any recommendations will be forthcoming.

Many other topics were studied and discussed by the Citizens Advisory Committee during the year. A Subcommittee worked on the establishment of Maintenance Standards for privately-owned buildings; there was an assessment of the present Dog Leash Law made; and a recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen on funding for External Human Services.

## CRC

The Amherst Citizen Review Commission is concerned that no resident of Amherst be denied any of his/her rights because of sex or minority status.

One persistent sign of this concern is the Commission's involvement in Town personnel decisions. We furnished a critique of the Community Service Officer selection and we stressed the affirmative action aspects of the hiring of the high school principal, the town manager, an initial school superintendent and an elementary school principal.

We met with representatives of the Law Enforcement Study Commission to hear their draft of proposal for a town ombudscommittee.

In October, 1974, the CRC assisted in an inquiry into disturbances in a local housing project. Out of that action, which led quickly to a partial solution, there grew a broader attempt to deal with some of the needs of residents in the several large housing projects in the town. On November 14 a large and broadly representative meeting was held in the Town Hall. Main features of the problems centered on children and on working parents. Out of that large meeting a steering committee under the chairmanship of Vivien and Ronald Goldman was formed to pursue the leads which came out of the large meeting. The results are not yet clear in mid-summer but that ad hoc group applied successfully for a CETA position to provide leadership in the planned recreational and other services in the housing projects; Ruth Lyon was hired. A serious attempt is being made to find the ways in which the Town of Amherst can help the residents of the newer areas to have those advantages/services which came more readily in the older neighborhoods.

## Cable TV Advisory Committee

In December 1974 the Board of Selectmen established a third ad hoc Advisory Committee on CATV to carry on the work of earlier committees and to expand the research and public consideration of negotiations for a second Amherst cable television license.

Specific charges to the Committee included:  
Keeping informed of federal, state and local news and regulations; researching technical developments and assessing community needs.

Promoting public awareness of the utility of cable communications in providing future services to the Town, particularly through channels dedicated for governmental, educational and public access to the cable system; proposing guidelines for the administration of those channels.

## SCARCE

Since its formation in March, 1974, as a direct result of the Board of Selectmen's reaction to the national, state and local gasoline and fuel oil shortage, the seven-member committee has addressed itself to that particular energy crisis, by doing an immediate survey of local gasoline and fuel oil dealers, to establish communication should another energy shortage occur and compile the information on supplies and distribution which the various dealers provided.

One member compiled a detailed report, comparing the recycling plans — for Amherst's reference — used successfully in other cities in this state. A student-sponsored paper collection plan, for salvage and resale of cardboard materials throughout Amherst, was endorsed by the committee and the town, and a variety of information on recycling of every material from cans to glass were received upon request of committee members. Individual members attended conferences on energy conservation at Hampshire College and the University of Massachusetts, and a representative of the University spoke to the committee and distributed copies of the institution's newest policies on conserving water, electricity and heat — implemented during late 1974 and early 1975.

The committee has considered guidelines and policies which might be implemented should rationing of resources be required — subject to state and national regulations. All materials gathered are in the SCARCE file in the Selectmen's office and may be examined by anyone who wishes to send for similar material or use some of the conservation measures suggested in the various articles and brochures.

# Library Services Increase

For the Jones Library, the fiscal period of July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975 was marked by increased services to its ever-increasing public.

One of its newest programs is the Direct Information Service which serves as an area resource for providing human services information and referral. Funded by a Federal Grant under the Library Services and Construction Act, Title III, a Community Information Specialist, James Pursley, was hired to research and organize information on services and resources available to Franklin and Hampshire county residents. Data on over 300 helping organizations has been collected and is now available to telephone callers over both local and toll-free "WATS" telephone lines. These lines are staffed in cooperation with the Amherst Community Resource Center.

The Jones Library was also the recipient of a grant from the state Bicentennial Commission matched by funds from the Jones Library, Inc. The object of this grant is to preserve the rare books and manuscripts which are housed in the Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, and Boltwood rooms. Special climatization equipment will be installed to regulate the temperature and humidity in these rooms, which will in turn prevent the books' deterioration. Work on this project should be completed by December 1975.

The demand for reference services has nearly doubled in the past year. 2400 requests for information were answered and 1000 requests for materials on interlibrary loan were processed this year. Information was given in a surprisingly wide range of subjects but most people seemed to be interested in local history, reflecting the approach of the Bicentennial, and in self-sufficiency, reflecting the state of the economy. The reference collection has been strengthened in several areas by the addition of a large number of books purchased through a federal grant to the regional system.

The Adult Circulation area has been reorganized and enlarged to bring the public in more direct contact with the public card catalog and the reference service. New adult room staff this year includes Nancy Bruce, head of circulation, and desk attendants Jean Randall, Barbara Brewer, and Brenda Mahar.

A full-time library assistant, Mary Lou Wilson, was hired under the CETA program, and has given able assistance in the Children's Room and Adult Room both. We also welcomed a new departmental secretary and accountant, Christine Rose.

Film service to patrons has been greatly upgraded this year. With the purchase of two 16 mm film projectors the Jones Library has been able to expand its programming of free family entertainment. With films borrowed from the



Western Regional Public Library System (WRPLS) and other area libraries, the public enthusiastically attended three series of silent film classics, programs on Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, summer and holiday children's film series and various special interest programs.

The Jones Library also acts as a local distributor for films owned by WRPLS and for the six month period from January through June 1975 noted that 66 local organizations registered for free film borrowing privileges and that 269 films were borrowed. The work involved in the processing of these films for distribution was greatly eased by the addition of an Audio-Visual aide, Louis Greco, who was hired under the CETA program. With his help a record inventory has also been undertaken as well as a cleaning and maintenance program for the growing record collection.

Service to Shut-Ins and Senior Citizens was expanded with the creation of a library deposit of fifty books and magazines in the recently opened Ann Whalen Housing Project. A similar deposit at Chestnut Court Housing was maintained and delivery services to the Amherst Nursing Home and Kane's Nursing Home continued through the efforts of volunteers of the Friends of the Library. Publicity for the shut-in service, including posters, news releases and appearances by library staff on radio shows, brought several new people to the services.

The Jones Library has been much busier this year serving as a community center. Public meetings ranging from use by clubs, town committees, and private organizations, have utilized the library's meeting rooms over 200 times this year. Numerous music recitals were given in the

Burnett Gallery and the work of ten local artists was displayed there as well as exhibits by Amherst School children, Applewood School children, and the Amherst Handweavers. Other library exhibits featuring sculpture, antique buttons, needlepoint, stamps, scrimshaw, Eskimo and Indonesian native art and "Talking Books" have attracted visitors to the library as well.

The Friends of the Library were also active in sponsoring several entertaining programs and with their funds a handsome brochure on the history of the library and its current services was produced to be distributed free to patrons.

Volunteer workers at the Jones Library this year included Lea Lessard, Isabel Straker, Sue Hugus, and Naomi Bolotin. Their faithful and competent assistance was very much appreciated by the staff.

In March 1975, the Jones Library regretfully accepted the resignation of Quentin de Streel as director of the Jones Library. Mr. de Streel left the Jones to become coordinator of the South Central Library System in Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. de Streel had served as director of the Jones Library since 1971 and had been responsible for greatly broadening the scope of the library's services and for instituting the many new services mentioned in this report.

Children's Librarian, Sondra Radosh, served as Acting Director from March through August, 1975.

## LIBRARY STATISTICS 1970 - 1975

	18 month				
	1970	1971	1972	1973-1974	1974-1975
Books On Hand	72,624	76,583	81,251	87,725	93,777
Recordings	1,414	1,716	1,911	2,813	3,353
Circulation	193,236	188,237	198,085	321,310	224,302

### JONES LIBRARY

43 Amity Street

Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### NORTH AMHERST BRANCH

8 Montague Road

Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### SOUTH AMHERST BRANCH

Munson Memorial Building

Monday through Friday, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

# Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee

The Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee, established by the Selectmen and Town Meeting in 1970, continued to hear a variety of cases dealing with housing and rental arrangements. These come generally in the form of complaints and/or questions raised by either landlords or tenants who have appealed to the Committee for a resolution of their conflicts and misunderstandings.

The bulk of these cases are dealt with by the Chairman of the Committee, functioning as arbitrator or ombudsman, through a phone call, letter, or personal appeal. In a handful of cases, more formal procedures were required, with the Committee requesting written statements from the parties involved, inviting them to a hearing, and seeking to resolve the dispute. The number of such cases handled by the Committee as a whole was down again this year, perhaps indicating a decline in major disputes between landlords and tenants and the usefulness of the Committee as an agency for hearing such disputes.

The Committee published a new edition of its informative pamphlet, "A Guide to Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Landlord or Tenant in the Town of Amherst." The new edition was made necessary by a large number of changes in state laws affecting landlord-tenant relations. The pamphlet contains much helpful information for both landlords and tenants. By doing its own editing, rewriting and proofing and by cutting printing costs, the Committee saved 48% of its allocated budget, which it then returned to the Town. It was the only Town Committee to do so.

At the May, 1975, Town Meeting, the Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee was charged with the task of carrying out, with the assistance of the Town Planner's Office, a study of rents and the feasibility of rent control in Amherst. The Committee held hearings, invited representatives of various agencies to state their positions, and collected a great deal of material regarding rents, housing, and the functioning of rent control in various communities. The Committee is charged with reporting the results of its studies and its recommendations to the Town Meeting.

Members of the Committee are: Landlord representatives Raymond Campbell and Paul Jones (alt.); Tenant representatives Nancy Gillis and Steven Weisman (alt.); and Public representatives Judith Eckhouse, R. A. Beebe, and Howard Wiarda (Chairman).

## Active Year for Engineers

The decrease in FY-75 in private development came as no surprise, so that much of the activity of the Engineering Department was invested in the revamping of town sewerage. Being the principal liaison between the Town and Camp, Dresser & McKee Consultant Engineers, the department obtained local zoning and building permits from Hadley to build the new Wastewater Treatment Facility, surveyed and acquired necessary easements for force mains, did research for our attorney, John F. Murphy, Jr. of Northampton, who often represented the Town in court and board appearances, revised preliminary design concepts of our new projects, forming a comprehensive redesign of all the Town Sewer interceptors, negotiated with adjacent land owners relative to damages and special procedures during construction, and gave staff assistance to the Town Manager in the fiscal overview.

Other liaison activity included the collection of citizen input to the revision of TOPICS (the program to redo the downtown intersections to lessen traffic chaos), the review of construction plans to repair the Factory Hollow Pond dam, and the approval of a design concept in rebuilding the Fort River bridge at Belchertown Road.

Design and construction support continued to be given to the Town Public Works Department in the following projects:

Rehabilitation of North East Street and West Pomeroy Lane

South Amherst Common drainage

Curbing at Pray Street and East Pleasant Street

Kellogg Avenue sidewalk

Eames Place Sewer

Snell Brook Drain rehabilitation

Hulst Road water main

Numerous applications were made to the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for street signals and stop signs.

Other Town and State agencies received support as follows:

Zoning Board of Appeals — review of plans with proposed conditions

Jones Library — floor plans for the archives project

Police Department — layout plans for court presentation and crime investigations

Redevelopment Authority — design review of utilities for Boltwood Walk

Conservation Commission — research for land acquisitions, conservation easements on Plum Brook, Wetland's Act inspection and review, rehabilitation of gravel pit at Factory Hollow Pond

Town Clerk — census maps, identification and consultation on specific records recovery (including new acquisition of vital records from Boston)

Assessor — maintaining town atlas, forming a Cadastre State DNR — title and land data on Mount Holyoke parcels  
Town Meeting articles — street takings, Shumway Street closing, parcels of land on University Drive and South Amherst Common, Flat Hills Road discontinuance, scenic roads

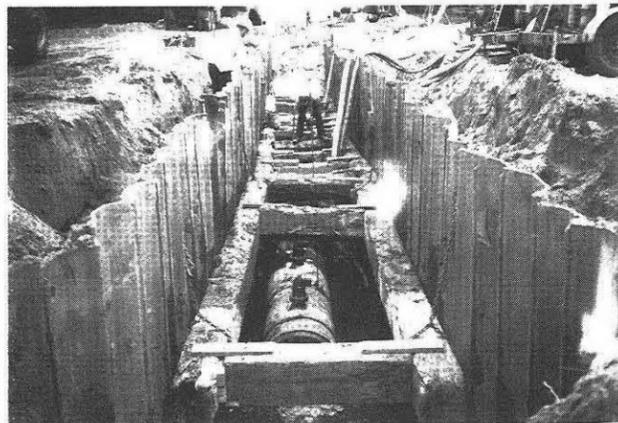
Cemeteries — plans for fences, up-date of South Amherst Cemetery study, complete mapping and monument identifications in West Cemetery (in process) as well as layout of new lots

UMass — several lectures to students in local highway and landfill matters

Planning Board — inspection of Old Farm Road and Curtis Place, review of non-subdivision plans, bike paths  
Fire Department — stake out of North Fire Station building

The surveying of town owned parcels continues with plans being completed on the recently acquired land in Belchertown near Brown Well, the Stanley Street pump station lot, and Cherry Lane. The soil study of the Pelham watershed was completed by the Soil Conservation Service. The Engineering Department completed a new map set for both water mains and sanitary sewers. An "as built" plan was done for the Tan Brook tunnel system and the existing landfill.

As the sewer projects get underway, more attention will be given to the upcoming development of our water supply. This year was the last year of service given to the town by Peter K. Kiely, who as an undergraduate student at the University, ably worked for this department from late in 1971 — serving for one period as the Clerk of Works at the Mill River Recreation complex.



*New sewer outfall line in the Connecticut River.*

## Planning Board Tackles Zoning

The Planning Board's major effort for the year can be summed up in a few words — revision of the Zoning By-Law. This project was the culmination of several years of work which began with the Report of the Select Committee on Goals (SCOG, 1971), and was continued step by step through revised zoning on the Holyoke Range (1972), the establishment of the Zoning Map Sub-Committee (1973), enactment of Flood Prone Zoning (1974), and the acceptance of a new scale for the zoning maps (1974). Finally, this medley of citizen participation, prolonged Planning Board discussion, and a gargantuan effort on the part of the planning staff resulted in the presentation of a major By-Law revision to the Town Meeting in May, 1975.

The most innovative features of the new By-Law proposal were found in the sections dealing with zoning districts and development techniques. Following the SCOG recommendations for shaping and moderating growth, the Town Center was enlarged and four village centers and two neighborhood centers were created to focus the major business and commercial activities of the Town. Surrounding each center was a residential district of high to medium density. The areas between and beyond the centers were zoned for less intense residential use depending on their distance from and orientation to the centers. The least dense zone required 80,000 square feet per lot. By concentrating population and business into special areas, costs of providing sewers, mass transportation and other town services could be minimized. Creative development within each district was encouraged by the use of a variety of techniques including Planned Residential and Planned Center Developments. In order to relate the Town's development review to the size and environmental impact of a project, four types of special permit were devised. The permits varied in the information required, criteria for review, and involvement of Town boards.

Because the revisions to the By-Law were extensive and because the Board wanted to maximize citizen input, numerous public hearings, public meetings, and appointments with over fifty individuals were held in the four months directly preceding Town Meeting. After three evenings of discussion which centered on the development techniques and the 80,000 square foot zone, the By-Law was brought to a vote. It failed to gain the required two thirds majority by approximately 10 votes. Despite this loss, the Board realizes that support for the major components of the proposal is strong and will continue its efforts to present a similar proposal in the near future.

On the regulatory side of the Planning Board's responsibilities, business was very slow. Probably as a result of

the continuing sewer connection ban and the pervasive economic problems, no new subdivisions were approved and only two or three site plans were reviewed during the year. Work on previously approved plans continued, however the Board was plagued by several instances of improvements and landscaping not completed according to specifications. With the help of the Town Engineer, a review of all deficiencies and irregularities in older subdivisions was undertaken. The Board also sought to establish procedures for standardizing a continuous review process for all uncompleted subdivisions.

The major accomplishment for the year, aside from the proposed Zoning By-Law, was the success of the Ad Hoc Committee on Scenic Roads. The Planning Board organized this committee which contained members from the Board, from its Circulation Sub-Committee and from the Historical and Conservation Commissions. In October, 1974, the Town Meeting officially designated several town ways as scenic roads. This meant that removal of trees or stone walls from along these roads cannot occur without a public hearing. The general effect on this designation will be to protect and enhance the visual quality of roads in Amherst which, according to the criteria set forth by the Committee, may be lined with trees or stone walls, and have beautiful views, and possess a winding quality.

The use of ad hoc committees made up of members of several Town boards has increased during the past few years and has developed into a successful method for solving many of the long range problems of the Town. Scenic Roads, sites for a state funded ice skating rink and sanitary landfill have been handled by such committees with good results. The Board sees this method as a useful tool and recommends its continued use in the future.

The Project Review Committee and the Circulation Committee have continued to be essential arms of the Board. The Circulation Committee has prepared statements for various transportation related projects such as the TOPIC's intersection survey, and is working on a circulation plan and a questionnaire.

The Board itself has experienced few internal changes in the past years. New officers were elected in November. Mrs. Susan Lowance was elected Chairman and Mr. Irving Howards, Vice-Chairman. In April, Mr. Theodore Bacon, Jr. resigned from the Board after a tenure of 27 years as a member and many years as Chairman. Over the years, his professional advice, his historic perspective and his keen wit have been assets to the Board. His resignation marks the end of an era in Planning Board history.

## SCOG Implementation Continues

### Planning and Growth Management Activities

One of the principal services provided to the Town by the Office of the Town Planner is the overall coordination of the tasks required to fully implement the recommendations of the report of the Select Committee on Goals. Of the twenty-nine specific recommendations, eleven have been accomplished, eleven are underway, and seven remain to be acted upon.

### Information System

The Office of the Town Planner continued to expand and improve the library of maps, books, and reports which comprise the basic source of data and information used in formulating planning proposals. Others, both within and outside Town Hall, have discovered that this "resource center" is highly valuable. Many have visited the office to take advantage of materials covering various subjects relating to planning.

Another information-related function of the Planning Department involves responding to inquiries from citizens. Frequently, for instance, house hunters call or visit with questions on zoning, property boundary locations, and future changes in roads and other public works activities. Students, both secondary level and college level, are frequent visitors during the school year. They are generally in search of data and background information for papers and theses.

### Transportation

The Planning Department continued its high level of activity in the area of transportation during the year. In the realm of mass transportation the department was active in discussions with representatives of the University regarding the capital grant request being submitted to the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration for a new and expanded fleet of buses, in responding to the Board of Selectmen regarding a request from the Greenfield-Montague Transit Authority to extend bus service from Greenfield to Amherst, and in attending many of the meetings of the newly-created Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. In addition, the department provided staff assistance to the Committee on Public Transportation and assisted the Committee in preparation of its final report which was submitted to the Annual Town Meeting.

In the area of vehicular transportation, the Planning Department worked with the Planning Board's Circulation Committee in the development of a forthcoming questionnaire as well as in the review of numerous issues referred to it by the Planning Board.

## ZBA Activity Increases

The work of the Zoning Board of Appeals increased substantially during the 1974-75 fiscal year, even though the state-imposed ban on sewer connections continued to restrict new construction. The Board met in 22 evening sessions for public hearings on applications and appeals. Eighty-four public hearings resulted in the granting of 64 and the denial of six applications for special permits, and the granting of five and the denial of nine applications for variances. Five other applications were withdrawn prior to public hearings. In addition to the public hearings, the Board continued its practice, established in the previous year, of holding regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month to transact the business of the Board which does not require the formality of public hearings.

During the year, member Larry S. Roberts and alternate member Stevenson W. Fletcher, III resigned from the Board, and the terms of alternate members Fran Wall and Kenneth Picha expired. The Selectmen appointed alternate member David Carlson to the position vacated by Mr. Roberts. Elliott R. Barker, III and Robert F. Grose were appointed as alternates, joining William Moebius, who was reappointed. Elections resulted in the following slate of officers: Kenneth Rosenthal, Chairman; Sidney Myers, Vice-chairman; and David R. Carlson, Clerk.

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT (continued)

Bikeway planning advanced greatly during the year with the preparation of a comprehensive bikeway plan and the translation of capital budget recommendations into actual construction programs.

### Zoning

The largest project undertaken this year by the Planning Department was the preparation of a new zoning by-law. The proposed by-law would implement many of the land use goals expressed in the SCOG Report and would go a long way toward assuring that the Centers Concept shapes the pattern of future development in the Town. The format of the new by-law is different from the existing one, and it has been organized in a way which will enable easier use and a clearer understanding of its provisions. The proposed by-law is very similar to the existing one in many respects, but it has been updated and exhibits some entirely new features such as the Recharge Protection district.

## Programs for Amherst's Seniors

In many respects, the past year has been one of consolidation and re-organization for the Council on Aging's four major programs of Transportation, Social Services, Leisure Services, and Advocacy. Each program has seen rapid growth in the immediate past, and with growth came the need for improved coordination and management of elderly programs in Amherst. This was accomplished partially when the position of Leisure Services Director became full-time in July of 1974, and more completely when a full-time Executive Director was hired in November.

Attendance at the Senior Center continued to grow (from 1008 per month to 1149) as did ridership on the Senior Surrey (from 805 per month to 856). With monthly programs in such areas as transportation and recreation firmly established, it became possible to focus attention on special events and trips, while social services continued to expand and establish programs on a regular basis. With on-going programs fully staffed, the nine-member Council on Aging was able to devote less time and effort to day-to-day program management, and was able to more fully fill its proper role of policy-making and advocacy for the elderly, both in relation to other local agencies and in relation to state and national policies.

### Transportation

While the Transportation system entered a year of consolidation, it was also a year of detailed planning for the future. Monthly average ridership grew slightly, as mentioned above, from 805 to 856. Increased ridership the previous summer, however, had already created a situation in which a second vehicle was needed to supplement the existing Senior Surrey. In January a nine-passenger station wagon was put into operation on a half-time basis to meet that need.

Planning also went forward for replacement of the Senior Surrey. Many hours were spent in examining various options, and in ascertaining their relevance to Amherst's needs. When it became clear that costs would be high, a grant of \$1500 was obtained from the Amherst JAY-CEES so that a new vehicle could be equipped for the handicapped elderly. Equally important were negotiations with the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for a package which would include not only slightly lower costs to the Town but also increased service to the elderly. At year's end, agreement was reached on a program which will continue our present week-day service while adding Thursday and Friday nights and Saturdays. Thus, the Council on Aging's Transportation program is able to look forward to a new



*Golden Wedding Anniversary Party.*

year which will include new equipment and increased service while maintaining stable costs to the town.

### Leisure Services

With a popular and varied monthly program established, the emphasis this year has been on special events and community interaction. The BiCentennial Heritage Craft and Product Demonstration, the Golden Wedding Anniversary Party honoring all those Amherst couples who have been married fifty years or more, the serving of Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center, and Senior Selling Daze were particularly visible and memorable events which sparked community interest and participation.

Bus trips continue to be the most popular activity. Thirty-six trips were taken in the last twelve months ranging from local day trips to week-long trips to Hawaii and Virginia — all at a substantial savings to the individual.

As a source of talent, knowledge and dependability, Senior volunteers continue to serve throughout the community in agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce, Belchertown State School, Veterans Administration, Amherst Public Schools, and American Red Cross. Most importantly, Seniors help each other as volunteers through the Senior Center working with the Amherst Food Cooperative, blood pressure and flu clinics, canvassing stores for discounts, driving, cooking for luncheons, running the job referral service, teaching, performing, and serving on committees for a number of recreational activities.

Seniors continue to receive much needed help and services from agencies such as the Amherst Jaycees, Kiwanis, Junior Women's Club, University Women, Room to Move,

Scouts, UMass, Hampshire College, Amherst College, Amherst Film Co-op., Jones Library, and the Board of Health. Without their support this year's program would surely have been smaller and less effective.

The Senior Discount program established in 1973 continues to grow. There are now 774 Amherst Seniors 65 and older with identification/discount cards and 110 merchants giving discounts.

**Social Services**

The social service staff continued as in the past to provide information, referral, advocacy and personal counseling — helping in many areas from filling out medical claims and SSI (supplemental security income) applications to finding alternatives to institutional living or dealing with personal adjustment problems which may have resulted from the development of disabling chronic diseases.

The Center has been particularly involved in working with other agencies and individuals in the provision of preventive health care and health education. The bimonthly hypertension clinics and the yearly influenza clinic sponsored by the Board of Health drew many new people to the Center. The Speech and Communication Disorders Department of UMass did hearing testing and offered weekly lipreading classes. In the fall student nurses conducted health workshops while in the spring volunteer professionals participated in a three week seminar on how best to remain healthy in the later years, discussing topics such as living with chronic disease and maintaining emotional health. Outside speakers spoke on nutrition, wills, insurance and other subjects of interest to the older community.

An attempt was also made to reach out more into the community. A small group of people were trained to become friendly visitors to shut-ins. A Hampshire College student visited many people over 60 who have not made contact with the Senior Center in order to assess present services as well as possible needed services.

The most important addition to social services was the hiring of a CETA employee to work as a social service aide. Her primary responsibilities were to help tenants move into the newly opened elderly housing on Kellogg Avenue,

to help develop a sense of community within the building, and to serve as a link to the Senior Center. She has helped to organize evening recreation and educational activities, a coffee hour, and a monthly tenant's meeting at the Anne Whalen Apartments. She also has assisted the Housing Authority in many tenant-oriented matters, worked with the Senior Center's Housing Committee and the Redevelopment Authority in diagnosing the housing needs of the elderly and the handicapped, and helped organize an Amherst Meals on Wheels Steering Committee.

**Advocacy**

Policy-making and advocacy are carried out by the nine-member Council on Aging itself. Among other activities, the past year has seen the Council work closely with the Amherst Redevelopment Authority and the Amherst Housing Authority in planning for Boltwood Walk and in creating a pleasant environment in the Anne Whalen Housing within Boltwood Walk; with the Amherst Public Works Department in obtaining stoplights at the corner of Kellogg and Pleasant Streets (an intersection used frequently not only by those elderly connected with the Anne Whalen Housing and the Senior Center itself, but by many others shopping in downtown Amherst); with the Board of Health in sponsoring blood-pressure clinics and other health programs for the elderly; with Adult Education, and the Recreation Commission in providing various activities; with the Area Agency on Aging and its successor, the Highland Valley Elder Service Center (three Amherst Council members are on the latter organization's Board of Directors); with the Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging (Amherst Council Chairman Eveline Sears is also Chairman of that organization). The Council has also corresponded with state and national political representatives in regard to such matters as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare and Medicaid, and the CETA program, which has supplied staff for some aspects of the program, and has joined its voice with others in the National Council on Aging. Finally, the Council and its staff have provided technical assistance to Councils in the communities of Northampton, Holyoke, Belchertown, Springfield, and West Springfield during the past year.



Jan Wesseling admires violin made by Fred Sears at Heritage Crafts Demonstration.

# Boltwood Tomorrow

It seems appropriate at this stage of the redevelopment process to recognize the events that have taken place during the past year while the vision of Boltwood Walk rapidly moves towards reality.

The plans for Amherst's "community within the community" have been refined and there has been a reassessment of how to best meet the original goals of the project. With this evolution of the plan, the physical and social concepts which make Boltwood Walk unique are being brought from a point of expressed aspirations and needs to concrete development plans and program implementation.

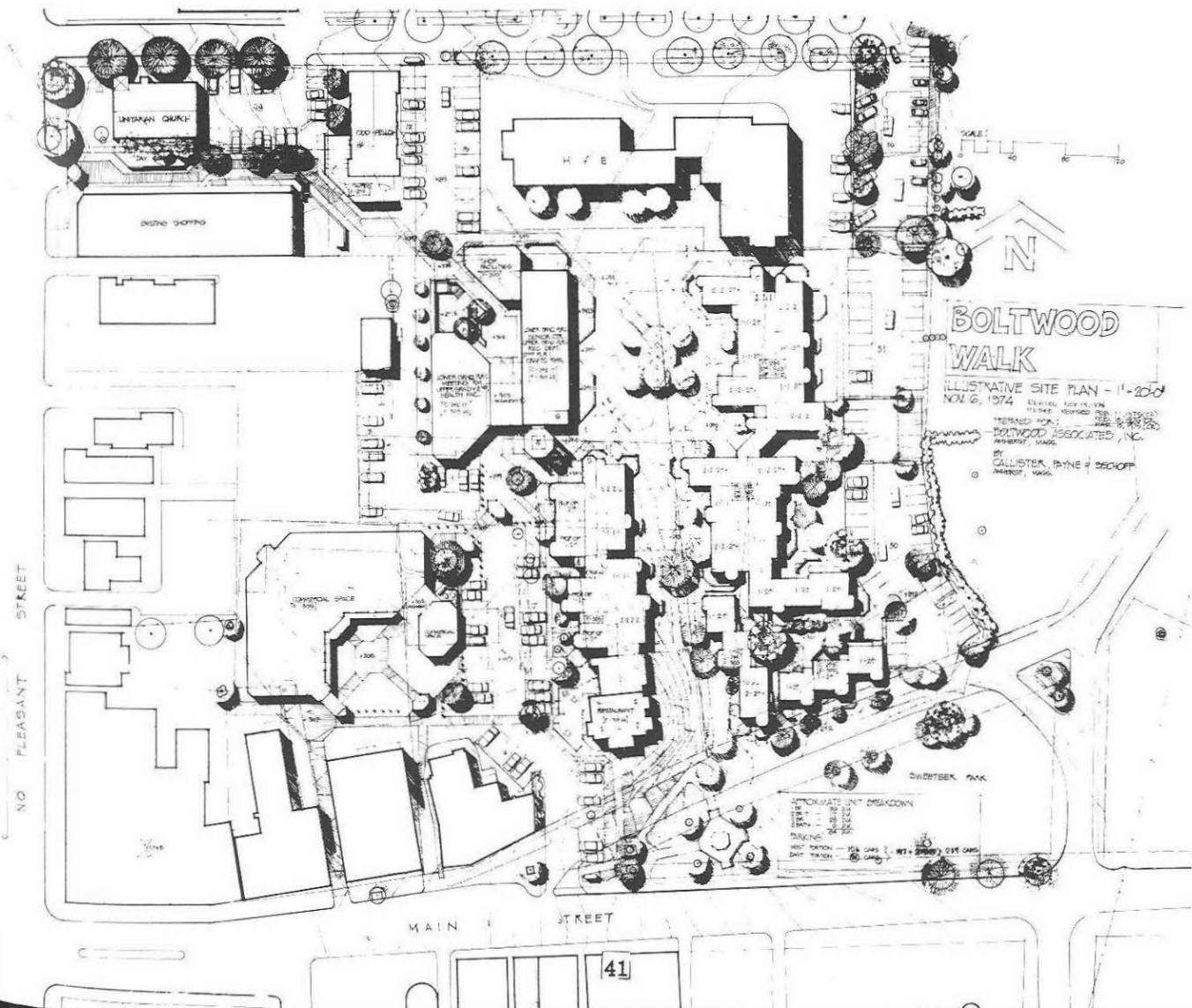
No other event has had greater significance for the Authority than the selection of Boltwood Walk Associates as Developer of the project on 5 March, 1975. Since that time, the Authority and the Developer have been in a process of negotiating how best to achieve the criteria and maintain the integrity of the development plan.

The Authority has completed purchase or acquisition of all property within the Urban Renewal Site. Work on

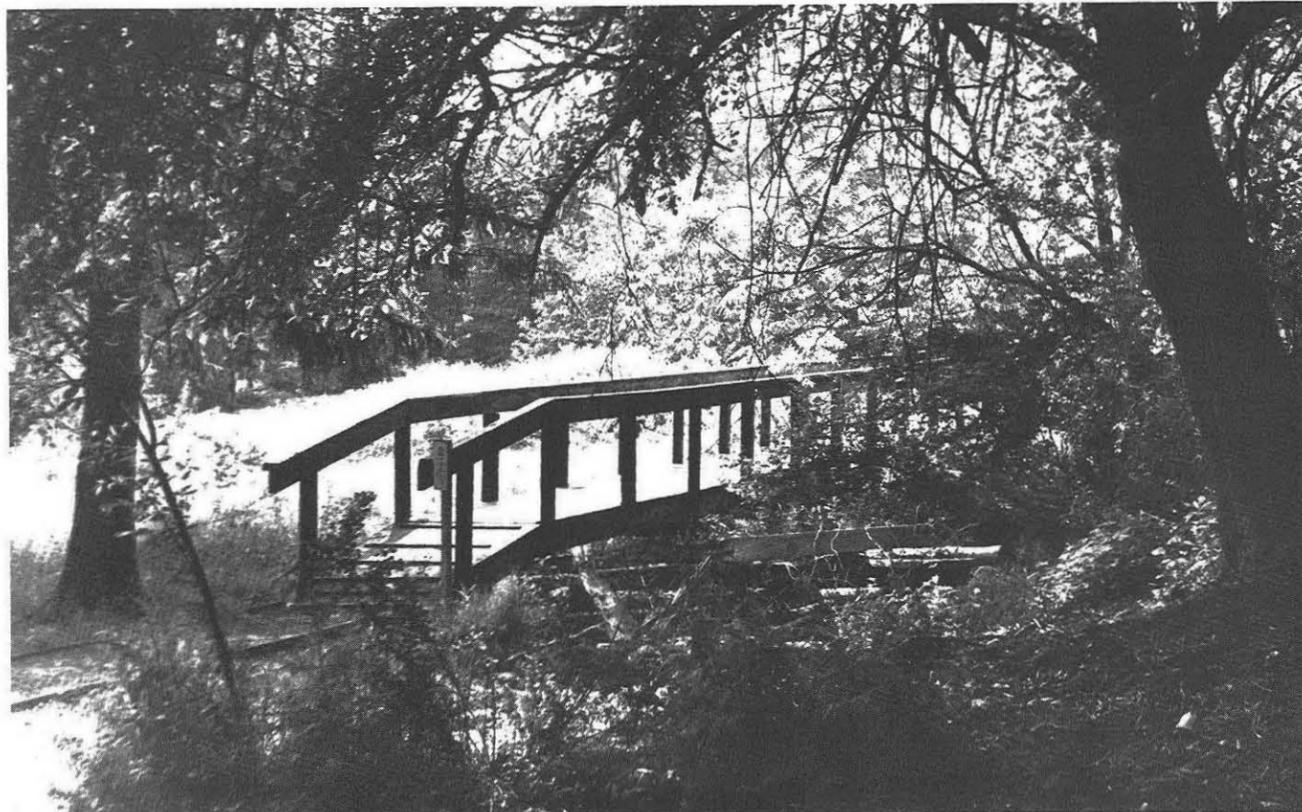
public roadways, walkways, and underground utility lines is about to commence.

The Disposition Agreement, the primary legal document which contains the development conditions and binds the Developer and the Authority to an agreed upon plan, is now being completed. It will establish the character of the structures to be built, define the design review function of the Authority for the next 40 years, determine the development schedule, and insure the overall character of the project. Perhaps most importantly, the Disposition Agreement will insure that the interests of the residents of Amherst will be reflected in the development of Boltwood Walk.

So as the Authority completes the second year of project execution, it is optimistic that the Boltwood Walk Project will retain an organized and steady, but building momentum. With the increasing awareness and involvement of the Amherst community, and in unison with the Developer, Boltwood Walk Associates, we are moving on to achieve Boltwood Tomorrow.



# Conservation Services Expand



New Larch Hill Boardwalk - a gift of the People of Amherst, the Amherst Savings Bank and the Kestrel Trust.

The Amherst Conservation Commission, traditionally a caretaker of the Town's physical environment, acquired a new dimension this past year with the addition of full-time staff assistance. Conservation director Peter Westover began work in November 1974, and has been ably joined for much of the period by conservation aide Edward Klemanski, hired under the CETA program.

Perhaps the most pressing work of the Commission has been the expansion of the Larch Hill Conservation Area, located near the center of town on South Pleasant Street. In May 1975, town meeting approved the purchase of a six-acre tract just north of Larch Hill. The parcel is a mixture of shrub-covered meadow, marsh, and young woods, and can be reached from Larch Hill by a fenced foot crossing generously provided by the Jacque family over the east end of their farm.

Purchase of the added land would not have been possible without substantial gifts, totalling more than 1/3 of the cost, from three donors through the Kestrel Trust. The Commission has yet to hear whether its application for 50-percent reimbursement from the state Self-Help program will be approved by the newly-reorganized Department of Environmental Management, but hopes that its perfect record of successful applications will continue.

With the assistance of the Kestrel Trust, the Commis-

sion also made strides in the development of Larch Hill: completion of a boardwalk, installation of benches and improvement of the fish pond, and the renovation of the formal gardens with the assistance of the Alpine Garden Club. Volunteers have also helped in the improvement of trails at Larch Hill.

In March 1975, the Commission received the welcome news that the state Bicentennial Commission had approved its application for a \$7,000 matching grant for the renovation of the Larch Hill "carriage house." When work is completed, the carriage house will be used as a multi-purpose nature center and headquarters for activities at Larch Hill. The Commission in July granted the Long Plain Nature Center, the Amherst-centered environmental education group, a license to use the carriage house and the Larch Hill premises for outdoor teaching programs carried out in coordination with the Commission.

In a period of tight finances, the Conservation Commission this year did not put heavy emphasis on land acquisition. However, in addition to the Larch Hill North purchase, the Commission through the Kestrel Trust has been offered two gifts of land. One is on Potwine Lane in South Amherst, and the other off State Street adjacent to the Mill River Conservation Area in North Amherst. Final details of these gifts have yet to be completed.

have been started in the managed areas. A picnic area, open recreational field, and trail system have recently been created on the Hulst Road conservation area in South Amherst, acquired in 1973.

The Commission has received valuable aid from many individuals and groups in maintaining and improving areas such as Mill River, Podick, and Mount Castor Marsh. The Merrill Trust, which last year provided funds for the purchase of the Katharine S. Cole Sanctuary (South Podick), has funded construction of a waterfowl pond at Podick and other improvements there.

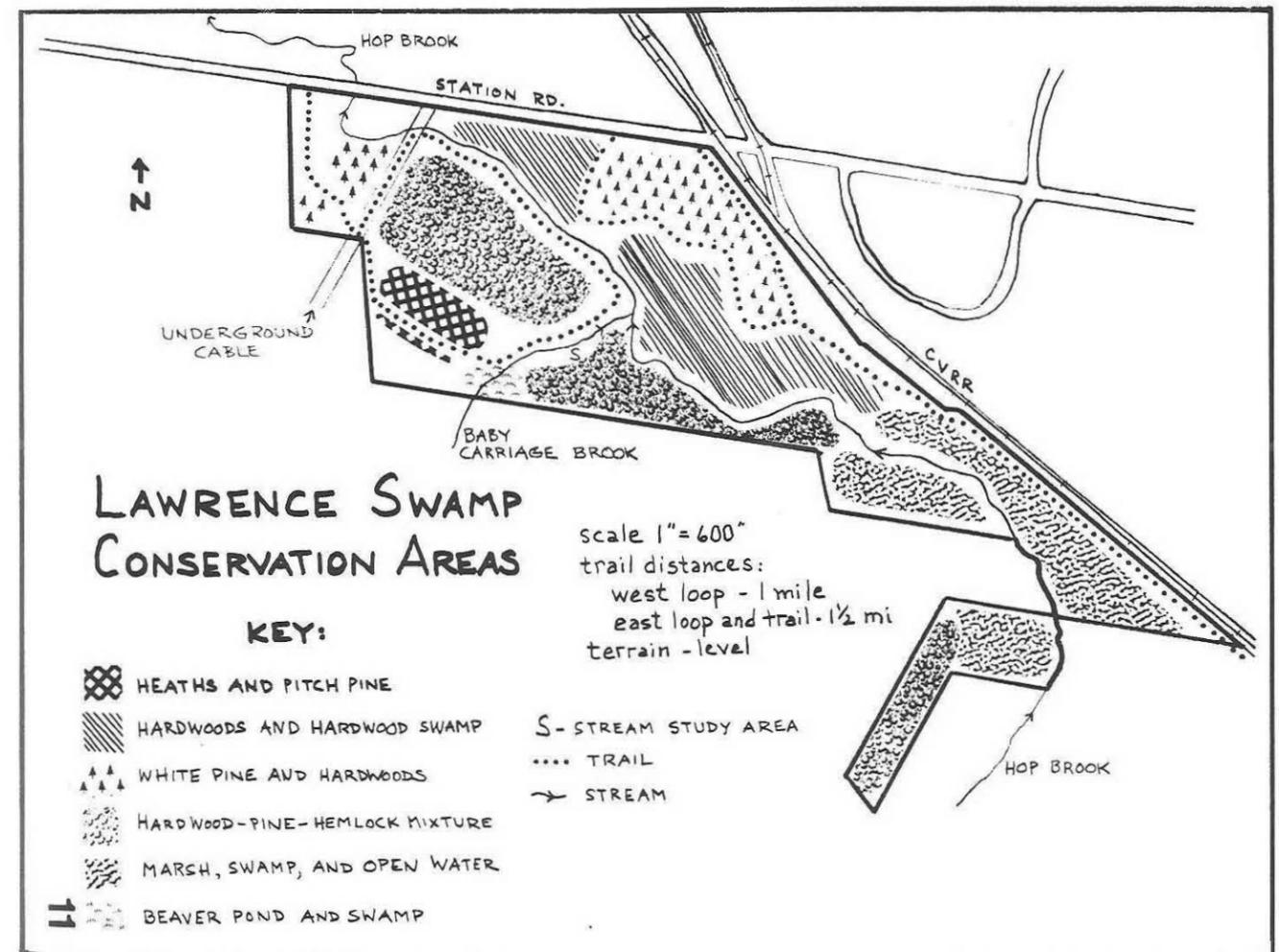
Throughout the year the Commission sponsored, with the Long Plain Nature Center and the Kestrel Trust, a well-attended series of public hikes to acquaint townspeople and visitors with the wildlife, botany, and natural history of conservation land.

In 1974, the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, which consolidated the earlier Hatch and Jones Acts, was revised and provided with clearer and stronger regulations. The Conservation Commission has spent much time meeting its expanded mandate to enforce the Act, and has revised and improved its wetland maps and streamlined its administrative procedures for dealing with applicants.

Because the Commission has long placed high priority on the conservation of the attractiveness of the Holyoke range, it was also pleased to note that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts completed the purchase of 405 acres of forested land on the Amherst portion of the Range this spring.

A primary concern of the Commission has been the care and management of the more than 600 acres now under its control. To encourage people to use and get to know these areas, the Commission published in April 1975 a "Guide to Trails and Vegetation" of Amherst Conservation Areas, with maps and descriptions of all town-owned conservation land. The Commission also initiated and co-sponsored a town-wide conservation photo contest, with the hopes of repeating the competition each year. This year's event brought many excellent entries from people who had trekked outdoors to record the town's natural beauty.

The Commission has established new walking paths in several conservation areas, and has set up a permit system for those who wish to camp on conservation land. On the Holyoke Range, firewood has been cut for sale this winter in order to improve growing conditions in areas of hardwood and white pine, and demonstration and study plots



A page from the new booklet on trails and vegetation of Amherst Conservation areas.

## New Facility Opens

The opening of the new *Housing for the Elderly* at 33 Kellogg Avenue was a much celebrated and long awaited event. The 76 elderly and 4 handicap units provide much needed housing in Amherst. Additional staffing and a new director, Janet Gezork, facilitated a smooth moving of the offices from Chestnut Court, and activities got underway with a swing. Denise LaMontagne, social service aide, provided help in finding moving services for new tenants, gathering information for tenants requiring services, and being instrumental in the formation of a strong new "ANN WHALEN TENANTS' ORGANIZATION".

Despite the new 80 unit building, the popularity of Chestnut Court on East Pleasant Street remains a constant. The start of modernization and outdoor painting have been an added incentive to applicants on the waiting list already eager to move in.

The resignation of William Mellen, former chairman of the AHA, was saddening. He had given years of valuable time and service. In April a new member, George Scheurer, was elected to the board. He brings experience and knowledge from working with the Housing Allowance Program in Springfield.

The Housing Authority applied for and received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in June. This grant will subsidize 30 units of low income housing in Amherst. This is the first federal funding which the AHA has ever received. These units, in addition to 62 units of scattered site housing under the state rental assistance program make only a small dent in the great need for housing for low income applicants. The AHA has high hopes for obtaining units from HUD in the coming years to alleviate this need.



## Munson Community Building

The trustees of the Munson Building, that is situated on the South Amherst common north of the South Congregational Church, continued during 1974-75 their policy of community-service. The Sunday School of the Church, the Boy Scouts, and a number of theatrical organizations used the Building for their meetings. And as in past years the Building served as the polling place for Precinct 6.

Scheduling for use of the Building is in charge of Jean (Mrs. John) Manfredi, the librarian of the Munson Library that occupies the northwest section of the Building.

The trustees pledge to maintain their policy of help for community projects.



*Housing for the elderly at Kellogg Avenue (above) and Chestnut Court (left).*

## More Recreational Opportunities

The Recreation Commission spent yet another busy year studying and reviewing a multitude of issues and implementing several new programs.

In addition to conducting normal business at their regular monthly meetings, the Commission maintains an ongoing study and review process in an effort to keep abreast of the ever changing needs of the community. Commission members were kept busy throughout the year serving on subcommittees that covered such topics as community facilities in Boltwood Walk, bikeways and bikepaths, policy recommendations, reviewing legal opinions, land acquisition and review, pool fees, fine arts, budget preparation, and a county skating facility.

The purchase of 12.11 acres of land on the south side of Potwine Lane was effected during the past year. The Commission is currently studying the best usage for this site and hopefully, funds will be forthcoming to develop this area for active recreation in the near future.

In cooperation with the Conservation Commission a small piece of conservation land on Hulst Road has been designated for passive recreation and a ballfield. With no major development or placement of equipment expected, this will give the residents of the area a place to enjoy informal leisure activities.

The Commission continued its efforts during the past year to provide a varied slate of activities for all ages. A major focus of attention was program expansion with eleven new activities added to an already full calendar of events. Among those instituted during FY-75 were: cross country skiing; showshoeing; a bike inspection and driving test; a colonial games day in cooperation with the Bicentennial Commission; and after-school activities for children in grades 1-3.

An increase in adult recreation needs resulted in the establishment of the following activities: a co-ed slo-pitch softball league; spring tennis lessons; both a summer and winter basketball league; men's slo-pitch softball league; fitness swimming; and ladder tennis tournaments.

The popularity of the town garden project, instituted last year, resulted in a major expansion to accommodate all who wished to plant a garden this summer. An increase from 100 to 200 20' x 20' plots was made possible by the continued generosity of Amherst College which donates the land for this project.

Another indication of the continued increase in adult leisure interests and a subsequent demand for added services can be seen in our volleyball program held at the Junior High gym. The interest for this activity grew to such

an extent that 70-80 people were in attendance for the once per week matches. This necessitated adding another evening to accommodate all who wanted to play. Still another indicator can be seen in the winter basketball league which attracted eleven teams and better than 150 participants.

The Commission continues to meet on 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. Suggestions, ideas and constructive criticism are invited and encouraged from the community at-large as the Commission continues its never ending task of meeting the leisure demands of all ages.

The many volunteer contributions put forth on behalf of our cooperative programs is once again acknowledged by your Recreation Commission. Without the valuable assistance by so many the high caliber of services currently offered would be impossible.

The Commission was able to continue improving our service to the community only through the contributions of facility space and overall cooperation in many areas by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Amherst and Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committees and their staffs, various civil organizations and other town departments, boards and committees. To them we say thanks — any success that we have achieved during the past year is gratefully shared.



*Learning to ski cross country.*

FY 75 RECREATION PROGRAMS

Programs for All Ages:  
 recreational swimming (year round)  
 tennis instruction  
 learn-to-ski program  
 7-mile road race  
 Independence Day pool and field events  
 Halloween window painting contest  
 cross country skiing instruction  
 snowshoeing activities  
 public gardens  
 ice skating rinks -  
     Community Field           South Amherst Common  
     East Street Common       Junior High School  
     Pine Street  
 Programs for Youth:  
 learn-to-swim (fall, spring, summer)  
 competitive swimming (summer and winter)  
 summer playgrounds -  
     Community Field           Groff Park  
     Mill River Recreation Area  
 lassiette softball league  
 educational gymnastics  
 bowling  
 street hockey  
 track and field  
 baseball leagues -  
     Farm                      Pee Wee                      T-Ball  
 basketball leagues - Junior and Senior High  
 gymnastics - Junior and Senior High  
 after-school activities (grades 4, 5, 6) -  
     flag football                      basketball  
     gymnastics and tumbling       street hockey  
     low organized games  
 colonial games day  
 bike inspection and driving test  
 after-school activities for grades 1-3  
 Programs for adults:  
 swimming for fitness  
 ladder tennis tournaments (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  
 Cooperative Programs with:  
 Amherst Hockey Association  
 Amherst Swim Team Association  
 Amherst Youth Football League  
 Amherst Baseball Leagues  
 Amherst Youth Soccer Association  
 Amherst Lassie Youth League  
 Amherst Bicentennial Commission  
 Independence Day Committee  
 Junior Legion Baseball  
 Men's Softball League

SWIMMING POOL SUMMARY

	INCOME					
	Year Concessions	Season Tickets	Daily Admissions	Swim Class Registrations	Total Income	
War Memorial Pool						
1972	\$ 65.40	\$3,420.00	\$2,235.95	\$ 976.00	\$ 6,697.35	
1973-74	108.10	-	2,554.25	864.00	3,526.35	
FY-75	3.50	-	1,629.05	490.00	2,122.55	
Mill River Pool						
1972	-	-	-	-	-	
1973-74	-	*10,347.00	594.00	895.00	11,836.00	
FY-75	-	6,780.00	1,913.95	310.00	9,003.95	
Junior High Pool						
1972	-	-	417.65	1,702.00	2,119.65	
1973-74	-	-	486.86	3,257.50	3,744.36	
FY-75	-	-	-	1,775.00	1,775.00	
OPERATING COSTS						
		1972	1973-74	FY-75		
War Memorial Pool	\$11,228.00	\$19,131.62	\$11,913.02			
Mill River Pool	-	4,375.65	11,928.72			
Junior High Pool	8,835.00	11,489.88	5,634.91			
Total Operating Costs -						
All Pools	\$20,063.00	\$34,997.15	\$29,476.65			
Total Income -						
All Pools	\$ 8,817.00	\$19,106.71	\$12,901.50			
ATTENDANCE						
Year	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Daily Average	Total
War Memorial Pool						
1972	799	1,136	8,134	7,791	192	17,860
1973-74	1,341	1,754	10,917	9,754	195	23,766
FY-75	841	432	7,109	6,094	167	14,476
Mill River Pool						
**1973-74	361	420	1,115	1,089	130	2,985
FY-75	1,354	2,055	4,495	4,470	182	12,374
*Season Tickets sold for entire summer of 1973 plus sales through June 30, 1974. Tickets honored at both War Memorial and Mill River Pools.						
**1973-74 Mill River Pool figures for period June 8th through June 30, 1974.						

# To Serve and Protect

*"The Amherst Police Department has at least two alternatives facing it in planning for the future. The first alternative is to continue the evolution toward a large scale traditional department. The second alternative is to examine closely the needs of the community and devise an innovative approach to police service designed to meet unique opportunities in the community....."*

*"Recommended action  
 establish a Community Service Officer Program."  
 Dr. John H. Herder  
 Management Consultant  
 A Plan for Police Service in Amherst*

Message from the Chief:

Our town is indeed a unique community with a reputation of innovation and citizen involvement.

As your Chief of Police my primary concern is to assure that the best possible law enforcement be provided the citizens of Amherst within the bounds of the resources allocated to the Police Department. Traditionally the primary functions of a police department within this law enforcement realm are generally agreed upon to be:

- (1) to protect life, liberty and property
- (2) to enforce laws and ordinances
- (3) to preserve the peace and public order
- (4) to prevent crime and
- (5) to detect, apprehend and prosecute law-breakers.

These primary goals issue to each police officer the fundamental duty - TO PROTECT.

The police mission previously outlined is basically important and generally viewed by the public as what police departments should do; they seem rather impersonal to me and more importantly do not satisfy the individual needs of the citizens nor the image of this community.

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, the police officers on this department receive numerous requests for service that often times do not fit neatly into this law enforcement mission. What of the stranded traveler who can find no transportation to his home at two in the morning? What of the frantic parent whose child is an hour late from the Saturday night dance? What of the child whose family pet has not returned? How do we satisfy the hundreds of requests received from citizens who have locked the keys in their cars or locked them in their homes

or expect security of their property during their absence? The list is endless but is it the responsibility of the police department to respond to these situations? I must maintain that it is - for the Amherst Police Department is the only agency available to assist and react to the needs of the vast majority of law abiding citizens, both living in and travelling through Amherst, in other than law enforcement stance.

The Amherst Police Department has traditionally set a high priority on the performance of service. This stance has generated an immeasurable benefit not only to the department but more importantly to the security, trust, and faith of police service in our community.

Therefore during my tenure the motto of the Amherst Police Department will be TO SERVE AND PROTECT.

Based on this position and the realization that department activity has tremendously strained manpower resources, we followed Dr. John H. Herder's recommendation and established our Community Service Officer Program. This program has allowed us to escalate the performance of miscellaneous services that otherwise would have been discontinued due to lack of personnel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Amherst for their continued support of the police department and the police officers of the Town of Amherst for their cooperation in the establishment and implementation of the Community Service Officer Program. Without your total commitment this new policing concept would not have exceeded our expectations.

Donald N. Maia  
 Chief of Police

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

On July 1, 1974 eight Community Service Officers (CSOs) began working 24 hours per week as part of a program designed to benefit the Town of Amherst and assist them in their law enforcement careers. All are attending area colleges in law enforcement related curriculums and are fully trained to perform various service oriented duties. The CSOs are sworn Special Police Officers of the town and have the power of arrest in certain well defined situations. They are paid at a rate of \$2.50 to \$3.00 per hour.

The Community Service Officers' area of responsibility is primarily the Central Business District. They perform a variety of duties such as traffic direction, pedestrian safety, parking enforcement, public assistance and general foot patrol traditionally assigned to police officers. They radio any unusual circumstances to the station and a regular officer is dispatched to the scene. CSOs have in effect become the beat officers in Amherst freeing regular police officers for more complex law enforcement duties.

Another area of service the CSOs perform is checking vacant homes. Homeowners are encouraged to notify the police department when they will be away for a period of time and the Community Service Officers will check the property periodically while it is vacant. In the last year over 4,600 house checks were made, a 91% increase over activity in this area a year ago.

Total complaints received and investigated increased 26% over last year's figures and arrests went up 23%. The CSO program has allowed this department to absorb the strains of increased activity, provide community services, and increase preventative patrol 43%.

The Community Service Officers are a beneficial and cost effective addition to the Police Department and have performed their duties in a highly commendable fashion.



SGT. WEYMOUTH B. HEATH

Sgt. Weymouth "Bud" Heath, an Amherst Police Officer for 26 years, passed away on March 30, 1975 after a long illness. He was born in North Amherst on August 10, 1925 and was educated in the Amherst School System. "Bud" served in the U. S. Marine Corps in World War II and was in the invasions of Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

Sgt. Heath first joined the Amherst Police Department as a patrolman on September 1, 1949 and was promoted to Sergeant May 12, 1958.

"Bud" Heath was the senior member of the department and had taught every present member of the department what it is to be a police officer in Amherst.

Sgt. Heath was a respected and compassionate man — the Amherst Police Department will miss "Bud" very much.



The first Community Service Officers.

PERSONNEL

The police department was brought to full strength on April 15, 1975 with the appointment of three patrolmen by Town Manager Allen L. Torrey. The result of an extensive selection process beginning in October of 1974, culminated with the appointments of

- Alan J. Hobart
- Rita K. Pawlowski
- Jeffrey J. Roy

from 264 applicants. These appointments brought the department to the authorized strength of 22 officers (Chief, Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants and 16 Patrolmen).

Other changes in personnel include:

- Ronald D. Lashway, retired 7/31/74
- Weymouth B. Heath, died 3/30/75
- Donald E. Thayer, promoted to Sergeant 4/1/75
- Leslie T. Taft, appointed Assistant Dog Officer 6/18/75

TRAINING

The continual and thorough training of police personnel is of utmost importance both to the community and the officers themselves. One of the most practical methods of improving service to the citizens of Amherst is to improve the knowledge of the officers serving them. Your police department has a departmental training program designed to make officers aware of changes in law and recommended techniques of law enforcement. Special training courses taught by experts in various fields are held periodically throughout the year and are designed to improve individual skills and to improve overall police service. In addition, individual officers are sent to seminars and schools throughout the State and are expected to convey the subject matter back to the other officers in the department.

DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING

July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975

Radar Operation	August 15, 1974
Stolen Motor Vehicles	August 26 and August 28, 1974
Bad Checks and Shoplifting	September 26, 1974
Changes in Mass. Statutes	October 2, 1974
Firearms Qualifications	November 19, 1974
Citizens' Complaint Procedures	December 26, 1974
New Massachusetts Laws— Chapter 90	January 6, 1975
Organized Crime	January 6, 1975
New Gun Law	February 10, 1975
Police-Community Relations	February 26, 1975
Departmental Rules & Regulations	March 10, 1975
Procedures of Arrest	March 26, 1975
New Records System	April 23, 1975
Search and Seizure and Narcotic Drug Laws	May 12, 1975



Town Clerk Estelle Matusko congratulates new police officers.

The following individual officers attended specialized training:

Mass. Attorney General's Office	Officer Kotarba	September 24 thru October 4, "Organized Crime."
N. E. Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College	Officer Jankowski	November 11 thru November 15, "Managerial Budgeting for Police Organizations."
	Officer Jankowski	December 9 thru December 13, "Development of Annual Reports and Grant Applications."
	Officer Jankowski	January 20 thru February 11, "Command Training Institute."
	Sgt. Tuttle	March 3 thru March 7, "Advanced Management Practices."
	Sgt. Buckley	April 14 thru April 18, "Advanced Management Practices."
	Sgt. Thayer	April 14 to May 2, "Command Training Institute."
University of Massachusetts — Department of Public Safety	Officers Burns, S. O'Connor, Doleva, Sullivan and Anderson	January 14 thru January 16, "Investigative and Operational Aspects of Identi-Kit."
Mass. Criminal Justice Training Council	Officer Doleva	January 6 thru January 10, "Basic Fingerprinting."
	Officer Jankowski and Officer Pawlowski	June 9 thru June 13, "Rape Investigator's Course."
Mass. State Police Academy at Framingham	Officer Doleva	May 4 thru May 9, "Police Photography Techniques."
	Officers Jankowski and Kotarba	May 4 thru May 23, "Municipal Investigative Course."
	Officers Hobart and Roy	"Recruit Training." The officers began a 10-week course of instruction on June 9.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

	July '74-June '75
Complaints	8,426
House checks	4,606
Registry warnings	602
Doors found open	757
Arrest offenders	332
Adults	283
Juveniles	49
Motor vehicle offenders	1,722
Vehicles towed	475
Citizens' motor vehicle complaints	49
Arrests: (other departments)	
University	110
Belchertown	65
Hadley	33
Pelham	8
State Police	0
Leverett	1
Athol	1
Granby	1
Protective Custody: (Amherst)	434
Protective Custody: (other departments)	
University	66
Belchertown	20
Hadley	30
Pelham	0
Accidents investigated	462
Accidents reported by mail	190
Accidents with personal injury	114
Number of persons injured	156
Pedestrian accidents	8
Bicycle accidents	11
Citations issued after investigation	109
Fatal accidents	2

ARREST OFFENSES

July 1974 - June 1975

Operating under the influence of alcohol	100
Breaking and entering in the daytime	21
Disturbing the peace	18
Malicious injury to personal property	15
Larceny	12
Larceny over \$100	12
Receiving stolen property	11
Forgery and uttering	11
Warrants (other departments)	11
Breaking and entering in the nighttime	10
Default warrant	10
Possession of marijuana	10
Larceny under \$100	9
Attempted armed robbery	8
All others	83
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	341

COMPLAINTS

July 1974 - June 1975

Assistance	2,051	Larceny, automobile	95
Suspicion	1,060	Domestic trouble	88
Disturbance	833	Assault	65
Animal	713	Prowler	57
Motor vehicle complaint	546	Larceny, checks	22
Alarms	532	Attempted breaking and entering	19
Larceny	513	Sex offense	18
Lost, found or stolen	480	Liquor laws	17
Malicious mischief	439	All other	43
Accidents	287		
Breaking and entering	266		
Missing person	145		
Larceny, bicycle	127		
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			8,426

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

July 1974 - June 1975

Speeding	693
Sticker	194
Unregistered	174
Red light	135
Stop sign	131
No registration in possession	107
Operating under the influence	100
No license in possession	83
Uninsured	78
No license	71
Faulty equipment	66
Failing to keep right	37
Endangering	25
Pedestrian law	23
Crossing double line	23
Offensive and illegal operation	18
Studded snow tires	18
One-way street	17
Failing to use care in turning	16
Leaving scene after property damage	14
Following too closely	11
Failing display plates	11
Failing to use care in stopping	11
All others	128
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	2,184

ARREST OFFENSES (Motor Vehicle)

July 1974 - June 1975

No license	32
Uninsured	16
No registration in possession	15
Unregistered	14
No license in possession	8
Failing to stop for police officer	6
Speed	6
Defective equipment	5
Operating after revocation	4
Operating without authority	3
All others	31
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	140

# New Station Under Construction

The year ending June 30, 1975 was one that saw temporary setbacks on nearly all fronts of departmental planning, while the steady increase of fire and ambulance calls seen in recent years continued, bringing both categories to new highs of emergency responses. We are now averaging 5.1 responses per day from the congested Central Station location on North Pleasant Street and we have long since passed the point of maximum effective utilization of that facility.

## FACILITIES

The new North Fire Station ran into a serious setback and much good construction weather was lost when, in August, 1974 construction bids were opened and found to exceed estimates by more than two hundred thousand dollars. A Special Town Meeting in September considered the large increase in costs and ultimately voted additional borrowing authority to go forward with the project.

Ground was broken in October by the General Contractor, D. A. Sullivan and Sons of Northampton, and work continued until February when adverse weather forced a seven-week shutdown. The contractor assured us that the October, '75 finishing date would be met. Completion and occupancy are scheduled in that month.

The gasoline station facility on Triangle Street, leased from Phillips Petroleum in November, 1974 was sold by them to Gasland, Inc., and our lease cancelled. Although we lost the gasoline pumping operation, Gasland entered

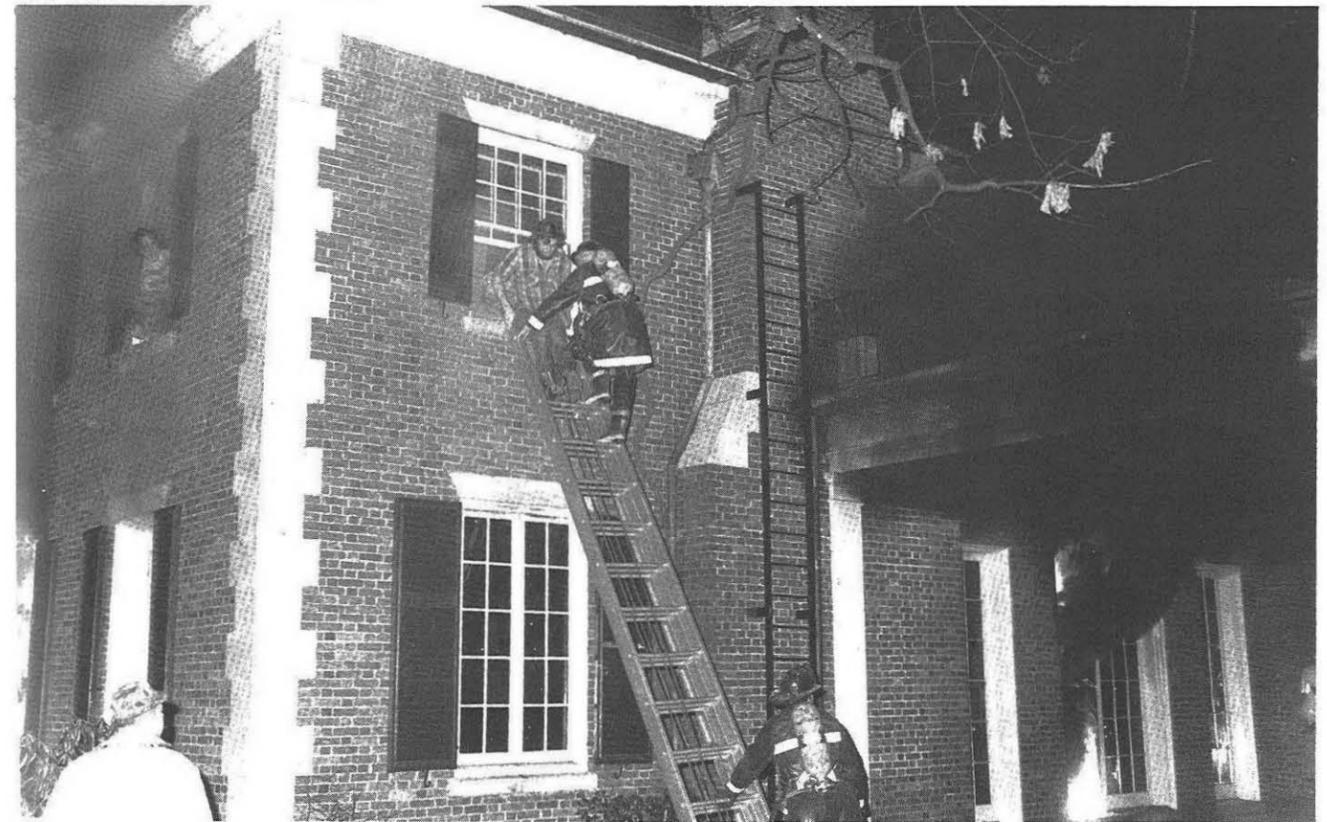
into a generous agreement to allow our continued use of the garage portion of the building to house two fire engines, and we were able to continue fire responses of our two Auxiliary companies from December through May. This arrangement was made at no cost to the Town.

The Central Station, now bulging with personnel and equipment—some of which is scheduled for transfer to the new North Station—is overutilized and beginning to show evidence of need of repair. It is apparent that some major repair will be needed to the roofs, to some plaster replacement, and that the heating system will need some overhaul. Exterior painting, scheduled to be done by CETA employees, should be accomplished. This building is quite sound and should be maintained pending determination of its ultimate continued use.

The Pine Street Station is presently used for some minor storage only and upon occupancy of the new North Station will be of no further use to the department. Both this building and the Pine Street Training Ground should be turned back to the Town.

## PERSONNEL

Three firefighters, George M. Bowler, Myron J. Chudzik, and Walter R. Hoffman were promoted to Lieutenant and two new appointments as firefighter were made for Patrick Brock and Raymond Dupont. In September Deputy Chief Homer W. Cowles retired after twenty-four years service. This position was not filled as an economy measure, leav-



Fire at Chi Phi Fraternity at Amherst College.

ing the department with only two administrative officers. In May a promotional examination for Captain was announced to fill the position of station commander of the new station.

The Call Force received publicity as the result of seven resignations triggered by the appointment of a new Call Force Deputy Chief. Although weakened by this loss, new recruits were rapidly put into place and trained with the result that the Call Force operations continued at a high level of performance.

The Auxiliary Force, composed entirely of University young men, and comprising approximately forty percent of our combat force, continued to prove faithful and competent in fire responses. At the Chi Phi fire they demonstrated their ability to perform in the front rank under very severe conditions and this case should lay to rest any reservations that may have previously been held on that score. Several of the senior officers and firefighters were lost to graduation, but three of these have applied for our entrance exam.

As we prepare to move into the new station we will have seven men of the Permanent Force on duty—one more than we had eight years ago—backed by a Call Force of twenty men and an Auxiliary Force of twenty men. We will be able to rapidly put five companies at the scene of a fire; a quite respectable force.

**APPARATUS**

All vehicles assigned to the department were suitably maintained and we experienced no failures. The two 1000 gpm pumpers were assigned to the permanent force and the 1960 and 1950 pumpers to the Auxiliary Force. The new pumper expected in June has had the delivery date set back to late Fall as a result of the unsettled economic climate and its effects upon automotive producers. The most serious setback occurred in the failure of the University to place an order for the promised elevating-platform truck during the year. Since the delivery time for these units now run approximately two years after order and the inflationary effect has averaged over 15% per year, it is most frustrating to see time pass by without action.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS					
	1975	1973/4*	1972	1970	1968
FIRE RUNS	709	626	551	581	390
AMBULANCE RUNS					
	1,159	944	775	508	332
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>					
	1,868	1,570	1,326	1,089	722
FIRE LOSSES					
	\$224,400	\$154,000	\$27,600	\$76,100	\$158,000
MILEAGE	41,214	47,245	43,482	27,421	27,421
HOSE USED	45,200	41,300	30,750	39,450	53,100
INSPECTIONS					
	1,041	925	772	364	231

\*This column is a 12-month average for the period 1/1/73-6/30/74



Smoke victim carried from burning fraternity.

**FIRE LOSSES**

Dollar losses were sharply up largely due to the serious fire at Amherst College's Chi Phi Fraternity house fire, but there were no lives lost to fire and no serious injuries. The Chi Phi fire occurring at the wildly improbable moment when all our forces were deployed at a separate fraternity house fire a mile distant—and in the early morning hours of 10-degree weather—presented the most severe challenge the department has faced in many years. Although quickly detected and reported by an automatic sensing system the fire moved with extreme rapidity, trapping 17 men on the upper floors. Of these, six jumped from windows and the other eleven were removed over fire department ladders.

The first arriving unit was Engine Company #3 manned by five of our University student Auxiliary firefighters. They aggressively placed a hose line into the fire area and prevented the spread of the fire up the open center stairwell. Additional companies arrived from the other fraternity fire and assistance was called from Hadley and Northampton. Two young men were carried out of the building unconscious, but suffered no lasting effects. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Town lend every assistance to the University in securing a contract for an elevating-platform aerial truck.
2. Consideration should be given to the possibility of combining the Police and Fire dispatching responsibilities and facilities into a central Emergency Communications Operation manned by civilian personnel.
3. Site selection should be accomplished this year for the relocation of the Central Fire Station away from the present space-deficient and traffic congested North Pleasant Street site.

# Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Formed

During the past year the Committee on Public Transportation explored in depth the problems of fare policy, demand-responsive service (dial-a-bus type of service), and alternative routes and levels of service. It has met with other committees, including the Traffic Circulation Committee, Council on Aging, and Hitchhiking Committee. The Committee has also supported a capital grant request of the University of Massachusetts.

In August of 1974, the Town of Amherst, along with the towns of Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield, Westfield, West Springfield and Wilbraham created the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. Since that time the towns of Ludlow, Holyoke, Chicopee, Easthampton and Leverett have joined the Authority. The Authority is composed of an Advisory Board to which each city or town appoints one member. The Chairman is elected from among the participating members. At present, the Town Manager or his designee represents the Town of Amherst. The Committee has made general recommendations to the Town Manager about priorities for establishing transportation service under the Authority.

By becoming a member of the Transit Authority, the Town of Amherst can obtain transit service at a fraction of the cost of supplying the service itself. Under the Authority, the Town will be responsible only for a small portion of the administrative costs, as these will be shared with other member cities and towns; in the establishment of contracts for service through the authority, Amherst will be responsible for only a portion of the net cost of service provided within the Town; the remaining portion will be assumed by the State and Federal Governments. The Transit Authority can also receive federal grants for 80% of the cost of capital equipment such as buses and bus shelters. There is little chance that the Town of Amherst, operating independently, would secure similar funding. Hence, the advantages of Authority membership are financially significant to the Town.

The Committee On Public Transportation provided the impetus for a statewide conference on public transportation legislation held in Worcester in December. At this conference members of newly formed transportation authorities from all parts of the Commonwealth, discussed questions regarding by-laws and other legal issues. The conference resulted in the introduction of legislation to correct troublesome aspects of the present law.

In its final report to the Annual Town Meeting, the Committee submitted the following three recommendations:

**RECOMMENDATION 1.** It is recommended that the operation of the Council on Aging Transportation Service be contracted through the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority and that this service be expanded in terms of hours of operation and that this service continue on a no-fare basis.

It is also recommended that demand responsive transportation service be expanded so as to be available to the general public, but that this portion of the service be self supporting on a zonal fare system.

**RECOMMENDATION 2.** It is recommended that scheduled bus service be contracted for, through the Transit Authority, with a qualified operator and that this service be on a no-fare basis. The service provided should be at or above the present level of service on the present routes within Amherst as now provided by the UMass Transit System. Further, it is recommended that the town request an adjustment in frequency of operation on some existing routes and that other routes be extended to areas of concentrated population such as the proposed village centers, as the demand changes.

**RECOMMENDATION 3.** It is recommended that a permanent seven member Committee On Public Transportation be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of (a) reviewing all proposals concerning public transportation policy, (b) conducting specific studies concerning public transportation, (c) advising the Board of Selectmen and Amherst's representative on the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority, and (d) reporting to Town Meeting on any Article which concerns public transportation.

The Town acted quickly to implement the Committee's recommendations. The Annual Town Meeting approved Recommendation 3 and in June the Town applied for operating subsidies for an expanded transportation service for the elderly. The Town's staff is studying the other recommendations and it is expected that implementation will continue in the next year.



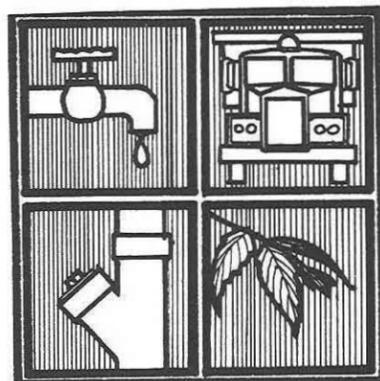
# Varied Projects

## Keep Public Works Busy

### Personnel

During the past year Daniel Haslegrave, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, resigned and John Reynolds, a Laborer in the Highway Division, retired due to a disability incurred during 1973.

Richard Asselin was appointed as the new Assistant Superintendent of Public Works; Stanley Matuszko, Mechanic; Daniel Miller, Skilled Laborer, Water Division; Barnett Kurtz, Laborer, Water Division; Michael Grala, Laborer, Highway Division and James Rogers, Laborer, Parks Division.



### Highway Division

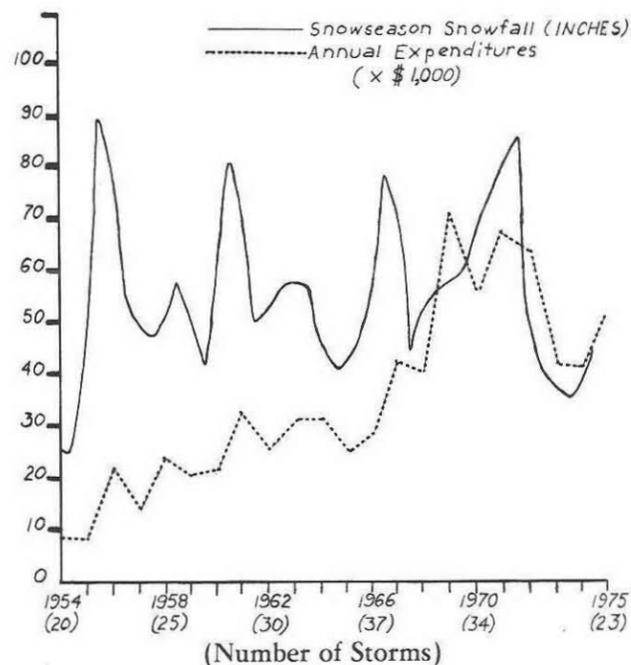
Public Works Department personnel were engaged in numerous maintenance and construction projects during the past year.

The following projects were scheduled for construction during the year:

1. North East Street Reconstruction
2. West Pomeroy Lane Reconstruction
3. Installation of a new drainage system in the vicinity of the South Amherst Common.
4. Curbing installation at State Street and East Leverett Road.
5. Installation of traffic signals at Kellogg Avenue.
6. Landscaping and curb installation on Main Street, Pray Street and East Pleasant Street.
7. Sidewalk construction on East Pleasant Street, Pray Street and Main Street.
8. Reconstruction of drainage at Shays Street, Chesterfield Drive and Hulst Road.
9. Installation of a sewer main on Eames Avenue.

### Maintenance Projects:

During the past year a concrete bituminous overlay was placed on Old Montague Road, Cows Road, a portion of North Pleasant Street and Main Street. Station Road, Mechanic Street, Middle Street and a portion of West Pomeroy Lane were sealed with asphalt and covered with 3/8" stone as a preventative maintenance project.



### Annual Snow Removal Costs

## Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Wastewater Treatment Plant continued to operate satisfactorily although problems were encountered during periods of heavy rainfall when ground water infiltrated into the collection system. The new outfall line should be in operation early in FY-76. The new pumps will also be operable during the coming year.

The new Stanley Street pumping station was put into operation during the past year and has eliminated overflow problems in this area.

The dewatering process accounted for the use of 11,040 pounds of ferric chloride and 51,250 pounds of hydrated lime. 36,000 pounds of chlorine were used during the treatment process. 258 truck loads of sludge were deposited at the Sanitary Landfill Area by plant personnel.

Truck waste companies deposited 329 loads of septic tank wastes during the past year.

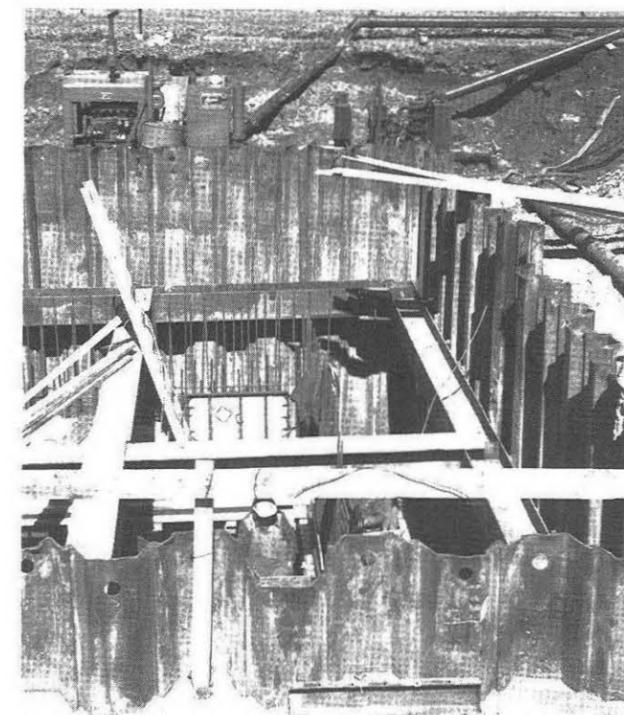
### FLOW TOTALS

	1974	1975
NORTH AMHERST	378,533.00	334,346,000
AMHERST CENTER	563,353,000	573,742,000
UNIVERSITY OF MASS.	462,062,000	452,193,000
<b>TOTAL FLOW</b>	<b>1,403,948,000</b>	<b>1,360,282,000</b>
	1974	1975

### DAILY AVERAGE FLOW

	3,846,000 gals.	3,728,950 gals.
<b>HIGHEST FLOW</b>	6,310,000 gals.	March 22, 1975
<b>LOWEST FLOW</b>	1,960,000 gals.	August 25, 1974

Stanley Street Sewer Pumping Station Construction Completed



The normal street and cross lining, maintenance of signs, guardrails, street sweeping, leaf pickup, catch basin cleaning and routine litter pickup were also continued.

During the past year twenty-three (23) snow storms accounted for the accumulation of 45.7 inches of snow registered by Dr. Ives at Amherst College. Snow removal costs in the 1974-75 winter season were \$51,756. Comparative expenditures in 1972 were \$64,520 and \$42,151 in 1973.

### Recycling at Sanitary Landfill Area:

Revenue from glass recycling -	
July 1, 1974-May 30, 1975	\$2,942.29
May 30, 1975-June 30, 1975	160.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,102.94</b>

### NEW EQUIPMENT

#### Highway Division:

- 1 Pickup Truck
- 1 Sanding Body
- 2 Frink Snow Plows

#### Water Division:

1. Pickup Truck
2. Dump Truck

#### Tree Division:

1. Dump Truck



Recycling at Landfill (above). (right) Construction begins on Stanley Street pumping station.

### Tree Division

The experimental program to some of the town's elm trees was continued during the past year.

A total of fifty-two (52) mature elm trees were treated with Ceratocide. All of the trees received one or more separate injections of the recommended amounts of the chemical.

Of the 52 elm trees treated, 41 or 79% are alive in fair to good condition at the end of the year.

It should be emphasized that it appears that roughly 90% or better of the elm trees on streets in Amherst appear to be infected with Dutch Elm disease. We can expect to lose the majority of our street elms during the next three (3) to five (5) years if the disease continues at its present rate of speed.

There are several factors that might aid in the preservation of the elm tree. They include better control of the elm bark beetle than is afforded by insecticides presently used and a major breakthrough in chemicals which would truly control the Dutch Elm Disease.



Diseased Elms removed.

TREES PLANTED AND REMOVED			
<b>DISEASED TREES REMOVED IN FY-75</b>			
1974 Sampling Removed in FY-75			
Contract 5/75		76	
Town Tree Division		110	
		186	186
FY-75 Sampling Removed in FY-75			
Town Tree Division		120	120
Total			306
<b>Breakdown in Sizes:</b>			
	Private	Public	Total
Clumps (under 6")	36	13	49
6" - 12"	20	24	44
13" - 24"	70	44	114
25" - 36"	20	42	62
37" - 42"	13	14	27
43" - 48"	1	4	5
49" - 60"	4	1	5
	164	143	306
Wire Contract - New England Telephone & Western Mass. Electric Co.			
58 Town Trees were removed			
<b>STREET TREES REMOVED IN FY-75</b>			
Elm Clumps			4
Elms			48
Maple			63
Birch			3
Cherry			2
Ash			4
			124
<b>PUBLIC SHADE TREES PLANTED IN FY-75</b>			
Sycamore			16
Norway Maple			46
European Mountain Ash			37
Pin Oak			31
Flowering Crab			9
Lindens			4
Silver Maple			15
Crimson King Maple			1
Junipers			25
Beech			1
Tulip Tree			1
			186

### Water Division

During the past year no major problems were encountered within the water distribution system.

The distribution system totaled 105.68 miles of water mains. The addition of 8,440 feet of water mains included

5,800 feet at Amherst Fields; 2,270 feet at Hulst Road and 370 feet on Golden Rod Lane. Reconstruction of 195 feet of water main on Gaylord Street was also completed during the past year. All of the new main installed was 8" asbestos cement.

#### WATER CONSUMPTION AND REVENUE

##### Source of Supply:

Year	Pelham Res.	Atkins Res.	So. Amherst Wells	Brown Well	Brickyard Well	Totals
1972	465,064,000*	304,139,300	154,081,700	173,155,300	22,581,800	1,119,022,100
1973	436,381,500	292,153,000	164,450,300	237,068,106	38,144,500	1,168,197,406**
FY-75	392,311,400	323,652,000	87,056,700	264,442,800	27,881,200	1,067,362,700

\* Amounts in gallons

\*\* 1,168,197,406 gallons represents record high

##### Monthly Consumption by Gallons

	FY-75	1973-1974	
July -	97,123,800	107,445,268*	*Testing of the equipment measuring the actual flow of water from all sources of supply was conducted by our consulting engineers, Tighe & Bond during the past year. The figures shown reflect the adjustments made in the total metered flow.
August -	93,177,500	100,895,494*	
September -	108,306,800	114,491,800	
October -	104,675,700	106,898,400	
November -	96,027,800	89,289,400	
December -	84,564,200	78,820,900	
January -	74,024,300	69,379,900*	
February -	85,930,300	86,089,400*	
March -	86,175,000	86,089,400*	
April -	62,183,000	87,160,200*	
May -	101,203,300	98,284,700*	
June -	73,971,000	79,976,500*	
TOTAL:	1,067,362,700	1,105,266,062*	

##### Breakdown of Consumption:

Year	Consumption - U. of M.		Consumption - Amherst		Consumption - Hampshire		Consumption - Town	
	Cu. Ft.	%	Cu. Ft.	Coll. %	Cu. Ft.	Coll. %	Cu. Ft.	Per Cent
1972	76,112,971	52.1%	7,585,719	5.1%	2,304,000	1.6%	60,191,835	41.2%
1973	75,977,122	49.8%	8,760,707	5.7%	3,081,300	2.0%	64,859,144	42.5%
1974	76,005,030	49.8%	6,295,542	4.1%	2,803,900	2.0%	67,412,707	44.1%

##### Revenue:

Year	U. of M.	Percent of Total	Amherst College		Hampshire College		Town of Amherst	
			Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total		
1972	\$183,598.15	44.6	\$19,151.54	4.6	\$5,913.54	1.4	\$204,008.28	49.4
1973	183,323.28	42.6	21,979.32	5.1	7,715.12	1.8	217,636.39	50.5
1974	258,773.03	48.8	20,418.70	3.8	8,924.46	1.7	242,694.78	45.7

##### FY-1975

Largest Month	September	108,306,800 gals.
Highest Daily Consumption	May 22	4,348,400 gals.
Smallest Daily Consumption	January 13	1,748,900 gals.
	<b>Hydrants</b>	<b>Services</b>
Number of hydrants added	24	15
Hydrants in use	639	656
	New water services installed	116
	Service connections in use	4,194
		155
		4,349
		4,385

# Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Current Year	
Personal Property	342,464.38
Real Estate	<u>5,929,365.31</u>
	6,271,829.69

Previous Years	
Personal Property	2,915.74
Real Estate	<u>185,007.33</u>
	187,923.07

Other Local	
Tax Title Redemptions	9,089.29
Farm Animal Excise	2,276.40
Taxes in Litigation	1,408.80
Reimbursement in Lieu of Taxes	667,370.45
Reimbursement for Abatements to Veterans	525.00
Reimbursement for Abatements to the Blind	262.50
Reimbursement for Abatements to Widows and Others	<u>262.50</u>
	681,194.94

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Local Aid Fund Distribution	
Lottery	64,364.42
School Aid - Chapter 70	452,512.97
Special Education - Chapters 69, 71, and 71A	80,470.00
Special Education - Chapter 766, Acts of 1972	<u>34,358.00</u>
	631,705.39

LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Liquor	29,520.00
Marriage	748.00
Plumbing	887.00
Building	4,860.00
All Other	<u>11,176.00</u>
	47,191.00

FINES	
Court Fines	9,948.60

GRANTS AND GIFTS	
Federal	
Transportation Project	13,171.09
Manual Record System Implementation - Police	4,738.00
School	
Special Milk Program	3,625.52
Food Service - Lunches	18,004.58
Food Service - Needy Free Meals	<u>20,737.14</u>
	60,276.33

State	
School	
Transportation	206,162.00
Vocational Education Transportation	1,488.00
Regional School District Aid	51,554.84
Food Service - Lunches	9,652.50
Food Service - Needy Free Meals	2,016.78
School Building Assistance	179,044.07
Educational Television	765.00
Other	
Water Pollution Abatement Program	4,500.00
Library Aid	9,874.13
Highways	
Chapter 497, Acts of 1971	129,708.34
Chapter 825, Acts of 1974	49,639.00
Sewer Construction	352,302.00

Urban Renewal	134,600.00
Conservation Bicentennial Grant	7,000.00
Conservation Reimbursement	27,000.00
Manual Record System Implementation - Police	<u>263.00</u>
	1,165,569.66

County	
Dog License Refund	2,020.78
County Tax Refund	<u>47,145.29</u>
	49,166.07

Individuals and Corporations	
Historical Research Gift	1,000.00
Jones Library Gift	30,579.00
Sewage Treatment Facilities Gift	11,250.00
Water Construction	11,000.00
Conservation Land Purchase	<u>7,000.00</u>
	60,829.00

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$9,165,633.75
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND PRIVILEGES

PRIVILEGES	
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1975	167,499.52
Levy of 1974	436,112.05
Previous Years	44,380.61
Parking Meter Fees	<u>17,425.85</u>
	665,418.03

TOTAL PRIVILEGES	\$665,418.03
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DEPARTMENTAL

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	88.00
Selectmen	200.00
Town Treasurer	2,764.75
Town Collector	3,959.35
Town Clerk	76.50
Town Engineer	111.00
Town Planner	380.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,031.27
Town Hall	100.00
Town Property Maintenance	<u>28.00</u>
Cable Advisory Committee	8,738.87

PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	2,554.70
Fire	278.10
Inspection Services	1,913.30
Inspector of Weights and Measures	466.50
Dog Officer	<u>2,008.00</u>
	7,220.60

HEALTH AND SANITATION	
Health	
Nursing Services	
Region and Pelham	16,962.25
Clinic	758.00
Bedside Care	6,391.00
Physical Therapy	2,940.00
Home Health Aides	1,680.50
Fluoride Treatments	140.00
Flu Clinic	177.00
Miscellaneous	<u>54.00</u>
	29,102.75

Sanitation	
Sewers	
Entrances	2,000.00
Rates	236,355.24
Liens	<u>3,299.46</u>
	241,654.70

New Services	2,043.00
Miscellaneous	<u>3,084.97</u>
	528,491.18

CEMETERIES	
Sale of Lots	425.00
Care of Lots	<u>1,500.00</u>
	1,925.00

TOTAL PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES	\$530,416.18
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INTEREST

Taxes and Tax Titles	15,586.52
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>1,270.26</u>
	16,856.78

INVESTMENT FUNDS	
Revenue Cash Investments	31,614.59
Non-Revenue Cash Investments	
Fire Station	25,136.02
Recreation Area	<u>674.38</u>
	57,424.99

TRUST FUNDS	
Charity Funds	472.62
Herbert B. Adams Fund	167.76
Cemetery Funds	3,363.73
E.F. Cook Fountain Fund	152.78
Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund	2,823.76
Fannie Ward Bangs Hospital Fund	5,554.98
R.J.D. Westcott Library Fund	132.90
Barbara Smith Memorial Hospital Fund	<u>111.00</u>
	12,779.53

TOTAL INTEREST	\$87,061.30
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TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE	\$1,978,227.76
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Sewage Treatment Facilities Loan	250,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement Loans	1,267,700.00
Anticipation of Serial Issue Loans	1,300,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	<u>1,000,000.00</u>

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	\$3,817,700.00
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AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT

Public Law 89-10, Title III - due	
Regional School District	10,000.00
O.A.A. of 1965 - due	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	5,508.31
Jones Library Gift - due	
The Jones Library, Inc.	4,500.00
Town Share Group Insurance - due CETA	152.58
Group Insurance Dividend - due	
Regional School District	11,895.00
Group Insurance Dividend - due	
Town of Pelham	315.00
Eminent Domain Holdings	981.49
Petty Cash Advance	335.50
Dog Licenses due County	4,678.10
Federal Tax Withholdings	556,004.74
State Tax Withholdings	159,161.57
Retirement Withholdings - County	103,679.65
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Withholdings	22,988.05
O.M.E. - Active Withholdings	197.30
O.M.E. - Retired Withholdings	1,033.60
Federal Health Insurance Withholdings	1,371.39
Group Life Insurance Withholdings	1,175.01
Credit Union Withholdings	94,667.80

Other	
Refuse Collections	61,618.00
Sanitary Landfill	
Rental	47,484.98
Glass Recycling	3,102.94
Bumper Stickers	<u>2,418.00</u>
	114,623.92

HIGHWAYS	
State	
Reimbursement - Construction	57,715.02
Reimbursement - Maintenance	16,000.00
County	
Reimbursement - Construction	28,857.51
Reimbursement - Maintenance	15,999.98
General Receipts	<u>965.24</u>
	119,537.75

VETERANS' BENEFITS	
State	26,168.32
Individuals	<u>1,535.29</u>
	27,703.61

EDUCATION	
Schools	
Tuition - Individuals	2,478.00
Lunchroom	<u>69,128.13</u>
	71,606.13

LIBRARIES	
Jones Library	
Fines	3,834.97
Sale of Books	749.13
Xerox Copying	991.65
Miscellaneous	30.05
North Amherst Branch	
Fines	<u>174.52</u>
	5,780.32

RECREATION	
Swimming Pools Season Tickets	2,765.00
Amherst War Memorial Pool	
Daily Admissions	1,629.05
Registrations	490.00
Concessions	3.50
Junior High School Pool	
Registrations	1,775.00
North Amherst Pool (Mill River)	
Daily Admissions	1,913.95
Registrations	310.00
Recreation	
Tennis Registrations	264.00
Miscellaneous	<u>87.65</u>
	9,238.15

CONSERVATION	
Hatch Act - Filing Fees	25.00

UNCLASSIFIED	
Rent of Municipal Property	9,755.00
Ambulance Service	18,994.60
Group Insurance Dividends	24,189.20
Workmen's Compensation	4,000.00
Sale of Real Estate	2,725.65
Miscellaneous	<u>436.00</u>
	60,100.45

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL	\$695,332.25
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PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

WATER DEPARTMENT	
Rates	515,178.13
Hydrant Service	263.75
Liens	<u>7,921.33</u>

U.S. Savings Bonds Withholdings	2,815.00
Union Dues Withholdings	4,097.40
Teachers' Dues Withholdings	8,804.14
Tax Sheltered Annuities Withholdings	22,032.32
Teachers' Income Insurance Withholdings	1,060.56
Travelers Insurance Withholdings	612.42
P.L. Life Insurance Withholdings	1,237.60
Insurance Recoveries	3,034.09
Police Off-Duty Work Detail	8,229.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	610.00
Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund	6,000.00
Whiting Street Fund Income	20.00
Revenue Cash Investments	1,000,000.00
Non-Revenue Cash Investments	1,400,000.00

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT \$3,437,197.62

REFUNDS

Refunds	
General Departments	4,292.07

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

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Funds - P.L. 92-512	807,396.52

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$19,210,447.72
CASH ON HAND JULY 1, 1974	1,813,677.60
	<u>\$21,024,125.32</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE	
Moderator	
Salary	10.00
Finance Committee	
Clerical	220.00
Travel - In State	61.85
Printing and Advertising	740.00
Dues and Subscriptions	85.00
	<u>1,116.85</u>

SELECTMEN	
Salaries	
Selectmen	1,200.00
Secretary	7,037.35
Extra Clerical	2,763.45
Custodial	3.50
Expenses	
Telephone	1,325.30
Travel - In State	477.25
Travel - Out of State	471.53
Postage and Office Supplies	494.14
Printing and Advertising	855.70
New Office Equipment	287.75
Dues and Subscriptions	888.50
Special Activities	215.44
	<u>16,019.91</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	90.04

TOWN MANAGER	
Salaries	
Town Manager	28,968.59
Assistant to the Town Manager	11,160.60
Secretary	8,885.30
Extra Clerical	2,470.67
Intern	3,081.00
Administrative Assistant	1,652.00

Expenses	
Telephone	1,004.38
Auto Allowance	750.00
Travel - In State	853.50
Travel - Out of State	1,619.46
Postage and Office Supplies	821.80
Printing and Advertising	995.43
New Office Equipment	1,485.27
Dues and Subscriptions	891.37
Office Equipment Maintenance	152.21
Continuing Education	163.86
	<u>64,955.44</u>

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Salaries	
Town Accountant	14,044.67
Clerks	15,654.08
Extra Clerical	4,905.19
Expenses	
Telephone	617.07
Travel - In State	261.62
Travel - Out of State	142.90
Postage and Office Supplies	579.25
Printing, Advertising, and Binding	219.01
New Office Equipment	969.73
Dues and Subscriptions	83.16
Office Equipment Maintenance	212.54
	<u>37,689.22</u>

TOWN TREASURER-COLLECTOR

Salaries	
Town Treasurer-Collector	15,758.33
Assistant Treasurer	10,042.75
Clerks	22,526.25
Extra Clerical	1,638.52
Special Deputy Collector	300.00
Expenses	
Telephone	1,053.27
Surety Bonds	845.00
Insurance	83.00
Travel - In State	696.67
Travel - Out of State	162.00
Postage, Envelopes, and Bill Forms	11,032.13
New Office Equipment	32.94
Dues and Subscriptions	45.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	517.25
Safe Deposit Box Rental	10.00
Tax Taking Expense	265.46
Tax Titles	161.24
	<u>65,169.81</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	50.00

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Salaries	
Assessors	15,625.65
Lead Clerk	9,127.37
Extra Clerical	3,078.12
Expenses	
Telephone	482.92
Auto Allowance	624.16
Travel - In State	498.41
Travel - Out of State	500.00
Postage and Office Supplies	523.35
Printing and Binding	278.56
New Office Equipment	150.20
Dues and Subscriptions	105.90
Transfers - Registry of Deeds	444.00
Tax Lien Recording Fees	161.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	154.00
Town Atlas Revision	2,472.00
Real Estate Tax Billing	1,510.08
	<u>35,735.72</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	43.84

CONSULTING SERVICES - ADP

Supplies	123.48
Data Processing	1,376.52
	<u>1,500.00</u>

LEGAL SERVICES

Town Counsel	22,741.10
Special Counsel	500.00
Printing and Advertising	113.71
Law Library	140.50
Recording Fees	339.75
All Other	554.20
	<u>24,389.26</u>

OTHER FINANCE OFFICES AND ACCOUNTS

Elector under Oliver Smith Will	
Salary	20.00
Printing and Certification of Bonds and Notes	
Printing and Certifying	1,763.30
Legal Opinion	664.20
Bond Rating	600.00
	<u>3,047.50</u>

PREMIUMS ON BONDS AND NOTES

Certificate Fee	86.45
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TOWN CLERK

Salaries	
Town Clerk	12,199.20
Assistant Town Clerk	10,413.29
Clerk	6,575.18
Extra Clerical	114.50
Expenses	
Telephone	497.91
Surety Bonds	26.00
Travel - In State	363.81
Travel - Out of State	250.00
Postage and Office Supplies	242.83
Printing and Binding	38.13
New Office Equipment	553.00
Dues and Subscriptions	52.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	257.20
Safe Deposit Box Rental (Microfilm)	18.50
Microfilm Updating	50.00
	<u>31,651.55</u>

ARCHIVES PROJECT

	900.00
ART. 2 TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION	2,565.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries	
Registrars	750.00
Extra Clerical	945.25
Assistant Registrars	411.29
Election Officers	3,898.39
Expenses	
Expenses - Polling Places	340.00
Telephone	486.64
Televising Town Meetings	823.78
Fire Insurance - Voting Machines	97.25
Meals - Election Officers	185.60
Postage and Office Supplies	1,433.72
Printing and Advertising	1,166.29
Voting Machine Maintenance and Setup	928.24
Printing Street Lists	1,250.00
Equipment Rental	2,152.50
Programming and Computer Services	2,650.00
	<u>17,518.95</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	168.75

REGISTRATION AND VOTING PATTERNS

Expense	145.00
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1975 SPECIAL STATE CENSUS

Compensation	606.00
Mileage	14.30
Supplies	62.19
Telephone	75.93
Space Rental	450.00
Furniture	35.00
Contingencies	12.32
	<u>1,255.74</u>

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Salaries	
Director, Engineering Services	16,731.00
Engineering Aides	9,750.00
Engineering Aides - Part time	8,697.17
Expenses	
Telephone	418.18
Automotive Maintenance	81.10
Gas and Oil	455.04
Tires	155.47
Insurance - Vehicles	208.24
Auto Allowance	751.95
Travel - In State	303.82
Travel - Out of State	234.16
Protective Clothing	3.99
Postage and Office Supplies	208.39
Printing and Advertising	272.23
New Office Equipment	192.97
Dues and Subscriptions	150.00
Engineering Supplies	1,629.24
Continuing Education	102.50
Equipment Rental	280.00
New Equipment	1,250.54
Equipment Maintenance	364.50
Revision of Town Atlas	139.70
	<u>42,380.19</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	210.20

PLANNING BOARD

Salaries	
Secretary	1,000.00
Extra Clerical	542.13
Expenses	
Televised Meeting	28.95
Travel - In State	70.20
Postage and Office Supplies	61.54
Printing and Advertising	2,218.92
Dues and Subscriptions	63.80
Professional Consulting Service	625.00
All Other	22.39
	<u>4,632.93</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	65.25

TOWN PLANNER

Salaries	
Town Planner	15,446.40
Project Planner	6,921.75
Work-Study Assistants	1,185.01
Expenses	
Telephone	491.60
Travel - In State	356.12
Travel - Out of State	500.00
Office Supplies	339.99
Printing and Advertising	93.42
New Office Equipment	470.75
Dues and Subscriptions	445.74
Equipment Maintenance	75.50
Planning Supplies	482.39
	<u>26,808.67</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	186.18

ART. 28 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STUDIES

Salaries	
Project Planner	3,985.25
Planning Aide	657.00
Expenses	
Printing	815.35
Office Supplies	24.39
Travel - In State	122.79
Telephone	76.94
Consulting Services	200.00
	<u>5,881.72</u>

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Salaries	
Clerical	1,407.90
Expenses	
Telephone	149.34



Printing and Advertising 220.70  
 New Office Equipment 103.15  
 Dues and Subscriptions 170.58  
 Office Equipment Maintenance 52.00  
 Building Inspector Supplies 140.98  
41,414.99

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Inspector 1,000.00  
 Auto Allowance 200.00  
 Trailer Insurance 5.40  
 Supplies and Equipment 77.71  
1,283.11

DOG CONTROL

Animal Control 1,404.38  
 Travel - In State 193.70  
 Printing and Advertising 100.73  
 Dog Officer Supplies 58.33  
 Poundkeeper - Room and Board 2,250.00  
 Poundkeeper - Service 182.00  
 Vehicle 750.00  
4,939.14  
 Other Expenses 1973-74 1,166.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Radio Maintenance 36.00  
 Contingency Fund 86.00  
122.00

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Wages 2,261.00  
 Radio Maintenance 177.00  
 Vehicles Maintenance 582.00  
 Gas and Oil 975.19  
 Insurance - Vehicles 500.00  
 Travel - In State 58.15  
 Travel - Out of State 398.54  
 Uniforms 578.40  
 Office Supplies 87.05  
 New Equipment 1,761.50  
 Ambulance Supplies 986.56  
 Training 103.25  
8,468.64

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY

\$1,304,037.81

PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries  
 Director 14,389.67  
 Secretary 8,398.00  
 Animal Inspector 600.00  
 Nurses 39,795.00  
 Dental Hygienist 5,378.63  
 School Health Aides 17,491.87  
 Extra Clerical 192.38  
 Physical Therapist 3,486.00  
 Homemaker-Home Health Aide 2,215.00  
 Expenses  
 Telephone 841.08  
 Auto Allowance - Director 780.00  
 Auto Allowance - Nurses 906.76  
 Travel - In State - Director and Board of Health Members 54.35  
 Travel - Nurses 36.51  
 Travel - Information Referral Specialist, Student Intern, and Community Counselor 216.82  
 Travel - Out of State - Director 46.30  
 Uniform Allowance 412.64  
 Postage and Office Supplies 281.20  
 Printing and Advertising 269.60  
 New Equipment 507.48  
 Dues and Subscriptions 292.87  
 Office Equipment Maintenance 87.00

Nurses Supplies 750.56  
 Dental Supplies 179.74  
 Communicable Diseases 581.13  
 Well Child Conference 240.00  
 Laboratory Samples 16.95  
 Laboratory Service 250.00  
 Laboratory Equipment 135.07  
98,832.61

Other Expenses 1973-74

30.50

ART. 40 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
 Mental Health

10,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

\$108,863.11

PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Salaries  
 Superintendent 17,086.00  
 Assistant Superintendent 5,524.92  
 Office Manager 10,434.53  
 Clerk 6,515.00  
 Expenses  
 Fuel - Buildings 5,312.98  
 Water-Buildings 13.20  
 Electricity - Buildings 1,661.87  
 Telephone 1,078.01  
 Radio Maintenance 264.60  
 Building Maintenance 4,459.46  
 Maintenance - Superintendent's Car 162.37  
 Insurance - Buildings 749.75  
 Insurance - Car 176.24  
 Travel - In State 104.60  
 Travel - Out of State 120.28  
 Uniform Service 493.75  
 Postage and Office Supplies 865.73  
 Printing and Advertising 221.19  
 Janitorial Supplies 157.28  
 New Office Equipment 384.90  
 Dues and Subscriptions 291.35  
 Office Equipment Maintenance 174.50  
 New Equipment - Radio 2,053.00  
 All Other 20.00  
58,325.51  
 Other Expenses 1973-74 19.80

TREE CARE AND PEST CONTROL

Tree Warden 750.00  
 Labor 20,838.25  
 Equipment Maintenance 1,618.60  
 Gas and Oil 551.47  
 Insurance - Vehicle 225.99  
 Travel - In State 52.65  
 Uniform Service 390.00  
 Dues and Subscriptions 10.50  
 Tools and Supplies 161.88  
 Insecticides and Chemicals 645.50  
 Trees 2,454.00  
 Equipment Rental 2,991.08  
 New Equipment 229.00  
30,918.92

ELM TREE CARE

Labor 8,578.08  
 Equipment Maintenance 874.59  
 Gas and Oil 666.48  
 Postage and Office Supplies 145.43  
 Printing and Advertising 3.00  
 Insecticides and Chemicals 891.00  
 Equipment Rental 1,620.25  
 New Equipment 249.95  
 Contractual Services 18,425.00  
31,453.78

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATIONS

Salaries  
 Chief Operator 12,106.00  
 Assistant Operator 10,539.00  
 Skilled Labor 9,321.68  
 Semi-skilled Labor 6,202.75  
 Extra Labor 5,434.50

Expenses

Fuel 769.00  
 Water 1,923.66  
 Electricity 26,413.17  
 Telephone 206.00  
 Plant Maintenance 5,258.85  
 Truck Maintenance 317.90  
 Gas and Oil 543.84  
 Insurance - Buildings 1,480.00  
 Insurance - Vehicles 142.78  
 Uniform Service 520.00  
 Janitorial Supplies 60.22  
 Dues and Subscriptions 30.00  
 Tools and Supplies 186.03  
 Supplies - Chemicals 4,924.40  
 Training and Personnel Expenses 10.00  
 All Other 1.20  
86,390.98  
 Other Expenses 1973-74 115.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Labor 9,017.07  
 Equipment Maintenance 388.11  
 Tools and Supplies 3,968.08  
 Equipment Rental 565.00  
 Infiltration Control Program 10,447.68  
24,385.94

SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Labor 1,329.04  
 Supplies 534.96  
 Equipment Rental 636.00  
2,500.00

ART. 13 (1970) SPECIAL SEWER CONSTRUCTION G. EAMES AVENUE NORTH

Supplies 2,165.20

ART. 2 (SPEC. 10-4-71) SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES

Contract #1 768,164.82  
 Contract #2 50,452.28  
 Contract #3 227,220.83  
 Contract #6 3,500.00  
 Contract #7 7,852.92  
 Contract #29 14,950.00  
 Contract #30 44,262.00  
 Engineering 4,305.46  
1,120,708.31

ART. 17 (1972) POTWINE LANE SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Labor 141.68  
 Supplies 873.01  
1,014.69

ART. 8 (SPEC. 10-15-73) SECONDARY SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES ENGINEERING

Contract #3 36.25  
 Engineering 93,304.92  
 Printing and Advertising 214.62  
 Recording Fee 12.50  
 Test Borings 250.00  
 All Other 50.00  
93,868.29

ART. 28 GENERAL SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Contract #4 22,093.82  
 Contract #5 20,984.76

Contract #31 176,398.24  
219,476.82

AMHERST FIELDS SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES GIFT

Labor 1,728.90  
 Equipment Rental 55.00  
 Plant Maintenance 3,117.04  
 Supplies 2,280.03  
7,180.97

REFUSE COLLECTION

Contract 54,600.00  
 Customers in Excess of Contract Base 5,583.50  
 Printing, Advertising, and Billing 280.06  
60,463.56

SANITARY LANDFILL AREA

Salaries  
 Equipment Operator 9,643.80  
 Caretaker 7,455.00  
 Replacement Labor and Overtime 6,597.01  
 Labor - Recycling 651.05  
 Expenses  
 Fuel 553.19  
 Electricity 286.85  
 Telephone 166.68  
 Building Completion 1.13  
 Equipment Maintenance 13,009.95  
 Gas and Oil 2,216.27  
 Uniform Service 260.00  
 Dues and Subscriptions 19.85  
 Tools and Supplies 1,192.43  
 Equipment Rental 25,743.75  
67,796.96

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Labor 115,639.91  
 Uniform Service 2,447.50  
 Tools and Supplies 4,910.05  
 Street and Traffic Signs 4,745.68  
 Stone, Gravel, and Sand 11,113.95  
 Loam 2,600.00  
 Asphalt, Oils, and Bitumious 53,206.14  
 Pipes, Culverts, and Grates 7,540.90  
 Lumber, Paint, etc. 1,065.23  
 Guard Rail Supplies 1,407.00  
 Curbing 2,118.64  
 Traffic Line Painting 15,836.20  
 Equipment Rental 3,953.05  
 New Equipment 1,264.40  
227,848.65  
 Other Expenses 1973-74 323.06

BIWALK MAINTENANCE

Labor 5,755.67  
 Materials 4,244.33  
10,000.00

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Labor 23,922.04  
 Equipment Maintenance 6,011.65  
 Meals 15.00  
 Printing and Advertising 3.00  
 Supplies - Tools and Small Equipment 1,192.39  
 Supplies - Salt, Sand, Snow Fence, etc. 14,424.61  
 Equipment Rental 476.25  
 Contract Labor - Plowing Roads 3,267.00  
 Equipment 175.00  
 Weather Service 580.00  
 New Equipment 1,689.25  
51,756.19

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Labor - Mechanic I 8,974.08  
 Labor - Mechanic II 7,872.13  
 Equipment Repairs 14,834.25  
 Gas and Oil 10,902.54

Batteries, Antifreeze, etc.	120.76
Tires	2,610.57
Insurance	1,768.22
Printing and Advertising	100.45
New Equipment	886.68
	<u>48,069.68</u>
STREET AND TRAFFIC LIGHTING	
Street Lighting	71,594.84
Traffic Lights - Electricity	3,042.33
Traffic Lights - Maintenance	1,290.38
	<u>75,927.55</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	5,786.00
ART. 36 NORTH PLEASANT STREET AND KELLOGG AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	
Advertising	16.48
ART. 5 (SPEC. 9-19-74) NORTH PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNALS	
Advertising	9.62
PARKING METERS AND PARKING AREAS	
Labor - Maintenance	2,316.41
Equipment Maintenance	49.50
Materials and Supplies	321.43
Supplies - Replacement Parts	302.24
New Meters	1,550.00
Lease - Kellogg Avenue Lot	1,200.00
	<u>5,739.58</u>
ART. 5 (1970) CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION	
Advertising	3.00
Labor	10,305.45
Supplies	29,691.84
	<u>40,000.29</u>
ART. 15 (1971) STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	
Labor	95.52
Supplies	1,042.66
	<u>1,138.18</u>
ART. 7 (1972) CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION	
Labor	7,715.37
Supplies	26,850.93
Equipment Rental	5,433.75
	<u>40,000.05</u>
ART. 8 (1973) CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION	
Supplies	5,700.93
ART. 10 (1973) SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	
Labor	3,308.02
Materials and Supplies	896.93
	<u>4,204.95</u>
ART. 11 (1973) SUNSET AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION	
Labor	2,579.52
Materials and Supplies	9,049.51
	<u>11,629.03</u>
ART. 23 (1973) DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT	
School Department - School Bus	12,600.00
Public Works - Tractor-Loader	500.00
	<u>13,100.00</u>
ART. 30 (1973) TAN BROOK DRAINAGE STUDY	
Consulting Service	2,564.00
ART. 11 (SPEC. 10-15-73) SOUTH EAST STREET BRIDGE	
Contract	8,896.13
Engineering	367.77
All Other	17.00
	<u>9,280.90</u>
ART. 31 SOUTH AMHERST COMMON DRAINAGE SYSTEM	

Labor	4,225.46
Equipment Rental	19.50
Supplies	14,956.03
	<u>19,200.99</u>
ART. 33 CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE	
Labor	37.18
Supplies	23,962.78
	<u>23,999.96</u>
ART. 34 BIWALKS CONSTRUCTION	
Design Project	650.00
Plan Study	1,140.97
Supplies	1,799.81
	<u>3,590.78</u>
ART. 35 WEST POMEROY LANE RECONSTRUCTION	
Advertising	7.50
Equipment Rental	1,536.00
Supplies	13,454.92
	<u>14,998.42</u>
ART. 37 PUBLIC WORKS CENTER GASOLINE STORAGE TANK	
Advertising	8.50
Storage Tank	4,843.60
	<u>4,852.10</u>
ART. 38 DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT	
Water Division - Pickup Truck	2.40
Advertising	4,085.00
Pickup Truck	
Water Division - Dump Truck	4.13
Advertising	12,314.00
Dump Truck	
Highway Division - Pickup Truck	5.41
Advertising	3,628.50
Pickup Truck	
Highway Division - Snow Plows	4.12
Advertising	2,782.00
Snow Plows	
Highway Division - Sanding Body	4.81
Advertising	3,446.00
Sanding Body	
Tree Division - Dump Truck	7.81
Advertising	11,139.43
School Department - School Bus	
School Bus	
Recreation Department - Tractor and Gang Mower	3.43
Advertising	8,244.00
Tractor and Gang Mower	45,671.04
	<u>45,671.04</u>
PARKS AND COMMONS	
Labor	8,154.96
Gas and Oil	231.23
Uniform Service	130.00
Dues and Subscriptions	56.00
Mower Maintenance	179.85
Materials and Supplies	52.59
Spraying and Fertilizer Supplies	317.50
Flag - Custodian and Supplies	344.40
New Trees	260.00
Equipment Rental	117.50
New Equipment	300.00
Tree Care	258.66
Landscaping	5,704.19
All Other	12.00
	<u>16,118.88</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	23.64
WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION	
Salaries	1,679.40
Vacation	362.88
Sick Leave	1,782.32
Paid Holidays	1,090.41
Draftsman	
Expenses	

Maintenance - Vehicles	311.45
Gas and Oil	2,341.18
Insurance - Buildings	679.50
Insurance - Vehicles	670.84
Uniform Service	565.00
Tools and Supplies	1,023.92
Training - Water Works School	77.40
New Equipment	4,230.75
Taxes - Watershed Lands	23,540.26
All Other	1,383.50
Maintenance of Distribution	
Labor	11,222.41
Materials and Supplies	1,760.23
Telemetering	546.00
Maintenance of Supply	
Labor	6,953.40
Materials and Supplies	872.20
Operators' Licenses	590.45
Maintenance of Service	
Labor	2,280.30
Materials and Supplies	189.61
Pumping Expense - Brown Well	
Labor	1,687.79
Electricity	15,110.82
Equipment Maintenance	248.20
Pumping Expense - Brickyard Well	
Labor	554.45
Electricity	2,288.58
Maintenance	141.36
Pumping Expense - Cushman Pumping Station	
Labor	2,246.44
Materials and Supplies	91.64
Electricity	7,723.14
Equipment Rental	185.70
Pumping Expense - Pelham Pumping Station	
Labor	2,148.86
Materials and Supplies	1,096.74
Electricity	6,699.99
Equipment Maintenance	898.03
Pumping Expense - South Amherst Wells	
Labor	1,902.95
Materials and Supplies	178.55
Electricity	8,644.08
Equipment Maintenance	1,498.34
Equipment Rental	3,170.32
Extensions and Improvements	
Labor	1,057.17
Materials and Supplies	4,028.39
Meter Maintenance of Water Meters	
Labor - Meter Reading	6,910.24
Labor - Meter Maintenance	1,937.48
Labor - Meter Installations	3,442.48
Materials and Supplies	962.60
Meters	15,196.55
Hydrant Expense	
Labor - Hydrant Maintenance	2,162.70
Labor - Hydrant Installation	2,053.39
Materials and Supplies	2,552.10
New Service	
Labor	2,197.86
Materials and Supplies	1,402.22
Purification	
Labor	3,116.56
Materials and Supplies	9.51
Chemicals	2,114.00
Equipment Maintenance	209.62
Forestry Operations	
Labor	2,200.00
Materials and Supplies	5.00
	<u>172,227.26</u>
ART. 14 (1970) SUNSET AVENUE, EAMES AVENUE, AND EDUCATIONAL DRIVE WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION	
Materials and Supplies	2,444.52
ART. 1 (SPEC. 5-27-70) WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	

Test Wells	1,025.00
ART. 22 (1971) PELHAM AND SHUTESBURY RESERVOIRS AUXILIARY CHLORINATOR UNITS	
Engineering	477.48
Materials and Supplies	1,627.50
	<u>2,104.98</u>
ART. 14 (1972) WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	
Engineering	1,082.47
ART. 14 (1973) STATE STREET WATER MAIN	
Labor	515.05
ART. 15 (1973) SOUTH PLEASANT STREET AND WEST STREET WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION	
Contract	18,513.64
Engineering	10,469.02
	<u>28,982.66</u>
ART. 26 (1973) GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF WATER RESOURCES	
Professional Services	850.08
ART. 17 VILLAGE PARK STANDPIPE	
Engineering	18,325.39
ART. 19 WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT	
Engineering	5,466.57
Legal Services	1,687.50
Materials and Supplies	269.79
Test Borings	2,525.00
	<u>9,948.86</u>
ART. 22 GAYLORD STREET WATER MAIN RECONSTRUCTION	
Labor	1,047.15
Materials and Supplies	78.21
	<u>1,125.36</u>
ART. 23 WATERSHED LANDS	
Land Purchase	7,000.00
ART. 4 (SPEC. 9-19-74) HULST ROAD WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION	
Advertising	7.50
Labor	1,974.86
Equipment Rental	1,716.00
Materials and Supplies	17,066.89
	<u>20,765.25</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,754,732.56
VETERANS' SERVICES	
VETERANS' SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries	
Veterans' Agent	9,051.80
Extra Clerical	51.00
Expenses	
Telephone	658.76
Travel - In State	250.20
Postage and Office Supplies	70.33
Dues and Subscriptions	41.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	35.00
	<u>10,158.09</u>
VETERANS' BENEFITS	
Cash	38,377.56
Rent	372.78
Medical	3,852.50
Hospital	3,182.17

Burial	400.00
Other Expenses 1972	46,185.01
Other Expenses 1973-74	15.00
	610.34
<b>TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES</b>	<b>\$56,968.44</b>

PUBLIC EDUCATION

<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</b>	
Administration	
Recorder's Fees	331.25
Dues	1,173.80
Legal Fees	313.75
Liability Insurance	1,537.34
Salaries	
Superintendent	12,322.08
Assistant Superintendent	8,137.92
Business Manager	5,487.12
Administrative Assistant	8,974.08
Secretarial and Clerical	11,019.46
Office Supplies	982.81
Postage	112.00
Printing	363.30
Data Processing Supplies	371.86
Travel - In State	
Superintendent	83.33
Assistant Superintendent	200.00
Data Processing Director	51.73
Travel - Out of State	
Superintendent	16.50
Administrative Assistant	3.00
Instruction	
In-Service Consultants	50.00
In-Service Supplies	493.15
Salaries	
Principals	102,191.00
Secretarial and Clerical	55,334.52
Office Supplies	3,085.49
Postage	415.00
Printing	291.55
Professional Publications	494.02
Travel - In State	
Principals	92.16
Secretary	84.31
Travel - Out of State	
Principals	1,023.06
Assistant Principals	160.10
Dues	120.00
Professional Publications	27.95
Salaries	
Teachers	999,925.93
Instructional Aides	131,503.63
General Aides	11,056.06
Supplies and Materials	41,697.63
Travel - In State - Classroom Teachers	731.06
Travel - Out of State - Classroom Teachers	589.22
Special Education and Learning Disabilities	
Salaries	
Teachers	140,126.29
Instructional Aides	49,432.03
Secretarial Staff	7,460.69
Supplies and Materials	4,837.43
Professional Publications	27.06
Travel - In State - Teachers	231.00
Travel - Out of State - Teachers	265.00
Summer Nature Program	
Teachers' Salaries	3,333.00
Textbooks	
Regular Classes	37,032.41
Special Classes	1,150.36
Library Services	
Salaries	
Librarians	50,004.36
Professional Coordinator	324.96
Assistant Media Processor	7,467.12

Resource Center Secretary	6,686.69
Students - Media Processing	3,895.71
Library Aides	23,029.82
Supplies and Materials	13,703.41
Travel - In State - Librarians	3.00
Travel - Out of State - Librarians	132.40
Audio-Visual Program	
Salaries	
Director	8,694.96
Secretary	1,426.00
Technical Aides	24,998.31
Student Assistants	865.00
Supplies and Materials	8,295.82
Travel - In State	418.67
Travel - Out of State	130.00
Guidance Services and Speech Therapy	
Salaries	
Guidance Counselors	65,345.06
Speech Therapists	25,430.44
Supplies and Materials	1,187.36
Travel - In State	440.10
Travel - Out of State	301.65
Psychological Services	
Salaries	
Psychologist	17,389.92
Psychometrist	4,812.20
Additional Staff and Substitutes	12,441.23
Supplies and Materials	238.32
Travel - In State - Psychologist	225.90
Travel - Out of State - Psychologist	284.52
Travel - In State - Psychometrist	28.00
Educational Television	
Salaries	844.42
Contracted Services	610.00
Supplies and Materials	1,472.55
Other School Services	
Health Services	
School Physicians	930.00
Mental Health Consultant	1,162.50
Staff T B Tests	1,162.50
Operation of School Buses	
Salaries	
Drivers	18,207.70
Contracted Services - Regular Classes	149,698.56
Contracted Services - Special	16,978.47
Drivers - Field Trips	1,221.43
Safety Patrol	197.25
Maintenance of School Buses	
Fuel and Oil	4,641.67
Upkeep	6,920.51
Transportation Insurance	654.70
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	
Salaries	
Supervisor	5,215.35
Assistant Supervisor	4,672.08
Clerical	3,844.08
Custodial	112,315.78
Supplies and Materials	9,812.95
Travel Between Schools - Custodial	300.00
Heating Schools	47,575.71
Telephones - Schools	8,329.58
Water	647.94
Electricity	45,695.28
Salaries - Maintenance Staff	14,047.20
Maintenance of Grounds	
Contracted Services	7,869.51
Supplies and Materials	856.85
Maintenance of Buildings	
Contracted Services	7,813.14
Supplies and Materials	2,553.79
Maintenance of Equipment	
General	4,908.41
School Office	445.56
Supplies and Materials	6,466.77
Fixed Charges	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Life Insurance	33,514.59
Liability Insurance	9,536.50

Rental of Land, Buildings, and Equipment	
Data Processing Equipment	2,799.00
Community Services	
Special Education	
Salaries	1,611.00
Supplies	141.87
Transportation	250.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	
Improvement of Grounds	3,936.00
Improvement of Buildings	4,701.77
New Equipment	3,563.17
Replacement of Equipment	4,219.85
Cooperative Programs	
Outdoor Education - Contracted	6,510.00
Vocational Education	
Transportation	2,914.25
Tuition	24,862.11
	2,509,575.72
Other Expense 1973-74	19,257.65
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH APPROPRIATION</b>	
Salary - Director	1,006.58
Salaries - Cafeteria Workers	6,843.42
Contracted Services	165.00
Supplies and Equipment	1,623.72
Travel - In State	157.00
	9,795.72
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Salary - Director	2,300.68
Salaries - Cafeteria Workers	44,137.15
Milk	26,635.31
Supplies and Equipment	42,555.73
Services and Other Expenses	5,899.71
	121,528.58
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	
Assessment	2,904,149.83
<b>ART. 1 (SPEC. 2-14-72) EAST AMHERST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Architect	2,013.24
Building	38,520.00
Equipment	27,178.42
	67,711.66
<b>PUBLIC LAW 89-10, TITLE II - LIBRARIES</b>	
Supplies	2,749.10
<b>PUBLIC LAW 89-10, TITLE III - MODEL KINDERGARTEN</b>	
Supplies	189.71
<b>PUBLIC LAW 89-10, TITLE III - TEAM TEACHING</b>	
Supplies	130.88
<b>PUBLIC LAW 864, TITLE V</b>	
Supplies	92.50
<b>PUBLIC LAW 874</b>	
Supplies	.95
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION CHAPTER 766 ACTS OF 1972</b>	
Salaries	
Secretarial and Clerical	658.65
Staff	8,377.95
Guidance Counselors	1,317.50
Speech Therapist	868.50
Psychologist	37.50
Travel - In State	80.27
Testing	136.50
Physicians Services	497.00
Mental Health Consultant	300.00
Contracted Bus Services	431.00
Tuition, Room, and Board - Private Schools	6,576.54
	19,281.41
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$5,654,463.71</b>

LIBRARIES

<b>THE JONES LIBRARY</b>	
Salaries	
Director	13,818.05
Regular Employees	68,936.26
Part-Time Employees	18,778.02
Expenses	
Fuel	3,480.00
Water	93.85
Electricity	3,867.35
Telephone	1,130.98
Building Maintenance	1,391.17
Building Supplies	62.84
Rubbish Collection	215.75
Insurance	1,899.75
Travel - In State	504.76
Travel - Out of State	228.80
Office Supplies	2,731.55
Printing and Advertising	2,634.35
Janitorial Supplies	286.16
New Office Equipment	572.13
Dues and Subscriptions	184.00
Office Equipment Maintenance	56.15
Equipment Rental	1,947.51
New Equipment	2,747.38
New Books	17,706.86
Periodicals	4,269.93
Audio-Visual	2,875.41
	150,419.01
Other Expenses 1973-74	1,159.68
<b>JONES LIBRARY GIFT</b>	
Salaries	
Director	2,234.25
Regular Employees	13,299.10
Part-Time Employees	3,897.51
Expenses	
Water	26.41
Electricity	732.12
Telephone	346.58
Building Maintenance	731.48
Building Supplies	5.65
Rubbish Collection	97.25
Travel - In State	151.53
Office Supplies	307.03
Printing	366.31
Janitorial Supplies	20.51
Equipment Rental	175.61
New Equipment	334.15
New Books	5,413.71
Periodicals	31.50
Audio-Visual	596.89
	28,767.59
<b>MUNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING</b>	
Custodian	2,600.00
Fuel	1,541.11
Water	11.50
Electricity	769.74
Telephone	214.82
Building Maintenance	484.17
Painting	3,420.00
Ground Maintenance	9.17
Insurance - Fire	327.50
	9,378.01
<b>R.J.D. WESTCOTT FUND INCOME</b>	132.90
<b>H.B. ADAMS FUND INCOME</b>	167.76
<b>TOTAL LIBRARIES</b>	<b>\$190,024.95</b>

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

RECREATION	
Salaries	
Director	12,285.00
Labor	16,697.89
Clerical	3,269.17
Expenses	
Water	1,232.18
Electricity	220.89
Telephone	396.36
Building Maintenance	124.92
Truck Maintenance	287.14
Gas and Oil	938.15
Insurance - Fire	242.53
Insurance - Vehicle	424.79
Auto Allowance	862.22
Travel - In State	55.85
Travel - Out of State	175.00
Uniform Allowance	152.50
Office Supplies	315.84
Printing and Advertising	86.38
Janitorial Supplies	69.66
New Office Equipment	721.74
Dues and Subscriptions	228.95
Office Equipment Maintenance	47.58
Mower Maintenance	651.03
Supplies and Equipment	167.64
Supplies - Fertilizer and Insecticides	635.00
New Trees	250.00
Equipment Rental	82.50
Recreation Programs	
Summer Playground	7,744.05
Skating Rinks	3,120.23
Basketball	529.61
Swimming Program	5,634.91
Activities Program	3,671.13
Soccer	113.65
Bus Supervision and Driver	189.41
Repairs and Improvements	
Community Field	1,110.98
Groff Park	1,249.04
New Equipment	235.00
Garden Project	142.03
All Other	109.24
	<u>64,470.19</u>
ART. 32 (1971) RECREATION AREAS	674.25
Engineering	
NORTH AMHERST RECREATION AREA (MILL RIVER)	7.00
Clerk of the Works	36,471.10
Contract	36,478.10
ART. 39 POTWINE LANE LAND ACQUISITION - RECREATION	35,633.00
Land Purchase	
WAR MEMORIAL POOL	
Salaries	
Pool Director	1,177.50
Lifeguards	3,113.61
Attendants	2,154.53
Labor	1,047.30
Expenses	
Fuel Oil	211.75
Water	213.96
Electricity	567.56
Telephone	72.71
Plant Maintenance	68.30
Insurance - Fire	38.61
Insurance - Liability	609.50
Towel Rental	7.35
Postage and Office Supplies	115.74
Janitorial Supplies	76.44
Chemical Supplies	631.50

New Equipment	36.66
Repairs	1,770.00
	<u>11,913.02</u>
NORTH AMHERST SWIMMING POOL (MILL RIVER)	
Salaries	
Pool Director	858.75
Lifeguards	2,983.47
Attendants	1,440.67
Labor	1,232.98
Expenses	
Fuel Oil	785.97
Water	523.34
Electricity	1,631.10
Telephone	43.96
Plant Maintenance	47.78
Insurance - Fire	207.11
Insurance - Liability	609.50
Postage and Office Supplies	131.51
Janitorial Supplies	69.75
Supplies - Chemicals	644.35
Accessories	175.12
New Equipment	543.36
	<u>11,928.72</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	4.95
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Salaries	
Conservation Officer	6,865.65
Maintenance Supervisor	1,071.00
Clerical	13.00
Expenses	
Telephone	82.13
Maintenance	1,382.20
Travel - In State	751.63
Office Supplies	230.27
Printing and Advertising	770.76
New Office Equipment	540.75
Dues and Subscriptions	86.20
Recording Fees	7.00
Materials and Supplies	1,145.61
Activities	101.16
Landscaping	50.00
All Other	65.00
	<u>13,162.36</u>
Other Expenses 1973-74	23.00
CONSERVATION FUND	
Land Appraisal	100.00
Legal Fees	120.75
Land Purchase Options	500.00
Maintenance of Conservation Areas	12.00
Materials and Supplies	227.54
Planning Aide	961.14
Land Purchase	12,500.00
Capital Improvements	5,400.00
	<u>19,821.43</u>
ART. 25 FACTORY HOLLOW DAM ENGINEERING	
Core Boring	3,896.25
Engineering	815.50
	<u>4,711.75</u>
MERRILL TRUST CONSERVATION LAND PURCHASE GRANT	
Improve Podick Area	975.45
Capital Improvements	192.05
	<u>1,167.50</u>
KESTREL TRUST CONSERVATION LAND PURCHASE GIFT	
Land Purchase	7,000.00
TOTAL RECREATION AND CONSERVATION	\$206,988.27

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED	
Damages to Persons and Property	242.41
Retirement Fund	
Contributory Pension Assessments	176,208.00
Non-Contributory Pension Assessments	722.29
Printing Town Reports	3,536.38
General Services and Supplies	
General Supplies - All Departments	2,512.58
Postage - Miscellaneous Departments	4,103.85
New Equipment	680.24
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Service Contracts and Maintenance of Office Equipment	551.80
Xerox Rental and Supplies	12,653.57
Accounting System	3,257.31
Group Insurance	
Group Hospital, Surgical, and Medical	38,055.39
Group Life Insurance	1,639.17
Federal Health - Medicare Part B	1,211.99
Memorial Day Observance and Veterans' Graves Officer	
Expenses - Memorial Day	175.00
Salary - Veterans' Graves Officer	250.00
Expenses - Veterans' Graves Officer	225.76
Workmen's Compensation	
Accident Disability	7,863.87
Service Fee	840.00
Excess Insurance Policy	3,704.69
Other Expenses 1973-74	57.00
Police-Fire Indemnification	1,803.63
Other Expenses 1972	67.50
Other Expenses 1973-74	470.67
Children's Protective Services	1,013.89
	<u>261,946.99</u>
ART. 18 (1971) TRAFFIC CIRCULATION COMMITTEE	
Labor	68.93
Professional Services	500.00
	<u>568.93</u>
ART. 7 (SPEC. 10-30-72) CENTER SCHOOL URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT	
Transfer	580,000.00
ART. 10 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STUDIES	
Planning Study	84.00
Professional Services	280.00
Publications	18.73
Travel - In State	40.30
Travel - Out of State	36.75
	<u>459.78</u>
ART. 44 HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION	
Social Service	6,000.00
GEBHARD-GOURGAUD FOUNDATION HISTORICAL RESEARCH GRANT	
Historical Research	1,000.00
LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT	
Assessment	3,159.72
ART. 57 (1973) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	
Other Expenses 1973-74	67.05
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	\$853,202.47

CEMETERIES

NORTH AMHERST CEMETERY	
Labor - Cemetery Maintenance	1,885.72
Labor - Opening Graves	497.32
Equipment	235.00
Gas and Oil	55.20
Mower Maintenance	6.28
	<u>2,679.52</u>
ART. 27 NORTH AMHERST CEMETERY LAND PURCHASE	
Land Purchase	10,000.00
SOUTH AMHERST CEMETERY	
Labor - Cemetery Maintenance	957.25
Labor - Opening Graves	382.48
Materials and Supplies	648.30
Mower	99.00
Equipment Rental	60.00
Clearing and Fitting Land	499.00
	<u>2,646.03</u>
WEST CEMETERY	
Labor - Cemetery Maintenance	2,728.50
Materials and Supplies	311.84
Gas and Oil	5.30
Mower Maintenance	81.78
Landscaping	200.00
	<u>3,327.42</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$18,652.97
INDEBTEDNESS	
INTEREST	
Anticipation of Federal Reimbursement	
North Amherst Recreation Area	9,580.00
Anticipation of State and Federal Reimbursement	
Sewer Construction	14,804.09
Anticipation of Serial Issue	
Urban Renewal Project	19,892.59
Sewer Construction	20,733.26
Sewer System Engineering	5,868.53
Anticipation of Chapter 90 Reimbursement	1,524.00
Anticipation of Revenue	14,982.05
North Amherst Sewer 1946	150.00
Sewer Construction 1953	450.00
Sewer Construction 1960	2,925.00
Water Construction 1962	780.00
South Amherst Sewer Construction 1965	3,875.00
South Amherst School Construction 1965	21,125.00
Sewer Construction 1969	3,995.00
Water Development 1969	12,690.00
Wildwood School Construction 1970	117,480.00
Public Works Building 1970	1,350.00
Sewer Construction 1970	12,615.00
Water Development 1970	4,640.00
School Site Purchase 1971	2,475.00
Fort River Elementary School Construction 1972	124,568.75
Sanitary Landfill Tractor-Loader 1973	1,000.00
Water Construction 1973	8,100.00
South East Street Bridge Construction 197	2,940.00
North Fire Station Construction 1974	20,212.50
North Amherst Recreation Area 1974	14,700.00
	<u>443,455.77</u>

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DEBT

North Amherst Sewer 1946	4,000.00
Sewer Construction 1953	5,000.00
Sewer Construction 1960	15,000.00
Water Construction 1962	10,000.00
South Amherst Sewer Construction 1965	15,000.00
South Amherst School Construction 1965	60,000.00
Water Development 1969	30,000.00
Sewer Construction 1969	15,000.00
Wildwood School Construction 1970	115,000.00
Public Works Building 1970	15,000.00
Sewer Construction 1970	25,000.00
Water Development 1970	29,000.00
School Site Purchase 1971	25,000.00
Fort River Elementary School Construction 1972	145,000.00
Sanitary Landfill Tractor-Loader 1973	10,000.00
Water Construction 1973	45,000.00
South East Street Bridge Construction 1974	20,000.00
North Fire Station Construction 1974	40,000.00
North Amherst Recreation Area 1974	30,000.00
	<u>644,000.00</u>

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Federal Reimbursement North Amherst Recreation Area	200,000.00
Anticipation of State Reimbursement Sewer Construction	250,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Issue Sewer Construction	250,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue	1,000,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement 1971 Chapter 90 Construction	25,400.00
	<u>1,725,400.00</u>

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS \$2,812,855.77

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

STATE	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	126.58
Recreation Areas	73,489.73
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	2,471.85
Health Insurance	
Elderly Governmental Retiree Program	121.00
Retired Municipal Teachers	2,529.99
Lower Poineer Valley Air Pollution Control	1,944.13
COUNTY	
County Tax	<u>584,840.72</u>

TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS \$665,524.00

AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT

AGENCY AND TRUST	
Public Law 89-10, Title III - due Regional School District O.A.A. of 1965 - due Commonwealth of Massachusetts	10,000.00
Jones Library Gift - due the Jones Library, Inc.	5,508.31
4,500.00	
Group Insurance Dividend - due Regional School District	11,895.00
Group Insurance Dividend - due Town of Pelham	315.00
Petty Cash Advance	335.50
Police Off-Duty Work Detail	9,116.25
Dog Licenses due County	5,545.10
Town Share Group Insurance due CETA	152.58
Federal Tax Withholdings	555,923.18
State Tax Withholdings	172,898.06
Retirement Withholdings - County	112,619.57
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Withholdings	22,727.37

O.M.E. - Active Withholdings	194.56
O.M.E. - Retired Withholdings	1,045.76
Group Life Insurance Withholdings	1,165.44
Federal Health Insurance Withholdings	1,374.61
Credit Union Withholdings	94,276.88
U.S. Savings Bonds Withholdings	2,778.75
Union Dues Withholdings	4,092.90
Teachers' Dues Withholdings	8,019.14
Tax Sheltered Annuities Withholdings	22,137.72
Teachers' Income Insurance Withholdings	1,148.94
Travelers Insurance Withholdings	612.42
P.L. Life Insurance Withholdings	1,346.80
Insurance Recoveries	1,437.72
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	610.00
Barbara Smith Memorial Hospital Fund	111.00
Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund	8,823.76
Fannie Ward Bangs Hospital Fund	5,554.98
Whiting Street Fund Income	370.00
William E. Smith Fund Income	140.00
	<u>1,066,777.30</u>

INVESTMENT

Revenue Cash Invested	
Repurchase Agreements	2,000,000.00
Non-Revenue Cash Invested	
Repurchase Agreements	200,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
	<u>3,200,000.00</u>

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT \$4,266,777.30

REFUNDS

REFUNDS	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	8,627.61
8,824.10	
Refuse Collections	683.00
Sewer Rates	5.89
Sewer Liens	109.08
Water Rates	11.77
Water Liens	439.96
Ambulance Collections	120.00
Visiting Nurse Fees	<u>161.00</u>

TOTAL REFUNDS \$18,982.41

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	
Funds Invested	
Repurchase Agreements	500,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$19,909,897.09  
CASH ON HAND JUNE 30, 1975 1,114,228.23  
\$21,024,125.32

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REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975

	Annual FY 1975 Town Meeting Appropriations	Prior Balance, Additions, and Transfers In	Amounts Available for Expense	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Legislative	1,735.00		1,735.00	1,116.85	618.15
Selectmen	15,977.00	b 450.00	16,427.00	16,019.91	407.09
Selectmen 1973-74		d 90.04	90.04	90.04	----
Town Manager	64,226.00	b 729.44	64,955.44	64,955.44	----
Town Accountant	39,486.00		39,486.00	37,689.22	1,796.78
Town Treasurer-Collector	62,624.00	b 2,545.81	65,169.81	65,169.81	----
Town Treasurer-Collector 1973-74		d 50.00	50.00	50.00	----
Assessing Department	39,798.00		39,798.00	35,735.72	4,062.28
Assessing Department 1973-74		d 43.84	43.84	43.84	----
Consulting Services - ADP		a 1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	----
Legal Services	12,450.00	c 44.00	24,494.00	24,389.26	104.74
		d 12,000.00			
Other Finance Offices and Accounts	2,070.00	b 977.50	3,047.50	3,047.50	----
Town Clerk	32,086.00		32,086.00	31,651.55	434.45
Archives Project		a 900.00	900.00	900.00	----
Art. 2 Town Records Preservation	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,565.00	235.00
Election and Registration	16,312.00	b 1,206.95	17,518.95	17,518.95	----
Election and Registration 1973-74		d 168.75	168.75	168.75	----
Registration and Voting					
Patterns Committee		a 153.10	153.10	145.00	8.10
1975 Special State Census		b 5,700.00	5,700.00	1,255.74	4,444.26
Engineering Department	45,256.00		45,256.00	42,380.19	2,875.81
Engineering Department 1973-74		d 210.20	210.20	210.20	----
Planning Board	4,500.00	b 132.93	4,632.93	4,632.93	----
Planning Board 1973-74		d 65.25	65.25	65.25	----
Planning Department	27,803.00		27,803.00	26,808.67	994.33
Planning Department 1973-74		d 186.18	186.18	186.18	----
Art. 28 (1973) Comprehensive					
Planning Studies		a 7,959.24	7,959.24	5,881.72	2,077.52
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,249.00		2,249.00	2,115.13	133.87
Zoning Board of Appeals 1973-74		d 21.31	21.31	21.31	----
Council on Aging	40,326.00	d 1,000.00	41,326.00	38,668.07	2,657.93
Council on Aging 1973-74		d 45.36	45.36	45.36	----
Council on Aging Transportation					
Project II		f 257.08	257.08	257.08	----
Landlord-Tenant Relations Committee	675.00		675.00	----	675.00
Landlord-Tenant Relations					
Committee 1972	180.75		180.75	180.75	----
Landlord-Tenant Relations					
Committee 1973-74		d 50.80	50.80	50.80	----
Citizens' Review Commission	305.00	b 300.00	605.00	437.40	167.60
Town Hall	29,068.00	c 135.75	30,560.97	30,560.97	----
		b 1,357.22			
Town Property Maintenance	13,307.00	b 1,164.78	14,471.78	14,471.78	----
Art. 6 (1973) Personnel Study		a 8,811.30	8,811.30	6,300.00	2,511.30
Revolutionary War					
Bicentennial Commission	400.00		400.00	160.47	239.53
Historical Commission	1,500.00		1,500.00	943.30	556.70
Law Enforcement Study Committee	735.00		735.00	658.63	76.37
Health Advisory Council	800.00		800.00	509.51	290.49
Cable Advisory Committee	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,780.29	719.71
Cable Advisory Committee					
Special Account		b 3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	----
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Department	426,993.00		426,993.00	426,513.55	479.45
Police Department 1972	93.91		93.91	93.91	----
Police Department 1973-74		d 52.00	52.00	52.00	----
Art. 27 (1973) Public Safety					
Facilities Planning Committee		a 200.00	200.00	----	200.00
Fire Department	429,752.00	c 13.98	429,765.98	427,170.11	2,595.87
Fire Department 1973-74		d 112.80	112.80	112.80	----
North Fire Station		a 398,173.01	413,173.01	377,863.83	35,309.18
Art. 21 (1973) Fire Department		d 15,000.00			
Pumping Engine		a 14,986.25	14,986.25	5,000.00	9,986.25
Art. 22 (1973) Fire Department Elevating					
Platform-Type Fire Truck		a 15,000.00	15,000.00	g 15,000.00	----

	Annual FY 1975 Town Meeting Appropriations	Prior Balance, Additions, and Transfers In	Amounts Available for Expense	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Balance
Art. 8 Public Safety Facilities					
Planning Committee	5,000.00		5,000.00	----	5,000.00
Inspection Services	43,264.00		43,264.00	41,414.99	1,849.01
Inspector of Weights and Measures	1,270.00	b 13.11	1,283.11	1,283.11	----
Dog Control	8,930.00		8,930.00	4,939.14	3,990.86
Dog Control 1973-74		d 1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	----
Civil Defense	600.00		600.00	122.00	478.00
Emergency Medical Services	8,600.00		8,600.00	8,468.64	131.36
PUBLIC HEALTH					
Health Department	101,560.00	c 25.00	101,585.00	98,832.61	2,752.39
Health Department 1973-74		d 30.50	30.50	30.50	----
Art. 40 Mental Health Services	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	----
PUBLIC WORKS					
Public Works Administration	59,553.00		59,553.00	58,325.51	1,227.49
Public Works Administration 1973-74		d 19.80	19.80	19.80	----
Tree Care and Pest Control	30,431.00	b 487.92	30,918.92	30,918.92	----
Elm Tree Care	31,820.00		31,820.00	31,453.78	366.22
Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations	41,432.00	b 5,574.98 d 39,384.00	86,390.98	86,390.98	----
Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations 1973-74		d 115.00	115.00	115.00	----
Sewer Maintenance	12,000.00	d 12,850.00	24,850.00	24,385.94	464.06
Sewer Construction	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	----
Art. 18 (1967) Sewer System Engineering Studies		a 1,387.92	1,387.92	----	1,387.92
Art. 13 (1970) Special Sewer Construction G. Eames Avenue North		a 4,764.45	4,764.45	2,165.20	2,599.25
Art. 2 (Spec. 10-4-71) Sewage Treatment Facilities		a 50,229.90 e 1,100,000.00 h 153,302.00	1,303,531.90	1,120,708.31	182,823.59
Art. 17 (1972) Potwine Lane Sewer Construction		a 3,657.89	3,657.89	1,014.69	2,643.20
Art. 6 (Spec. 10-15-73) General Sewer Pumping Station Improvements		a 6,559.19	6,559.19	----	6,559.19
Art. 8 (Spec. 10-15-73) Secondary Sewage Treatment Facilities Engineering		a 93,868.29	93,868.29	93,868.29	----
Art. 28 General Sewer System Improvements		e 720,000.00	720,000.00	219,476.82	500,523.18
Art. 29 Kellogg Avenue and Smith Street Sewer Reconstruction	7,000.00		7,000.00	----	7,000.00
Art. 30 South Amherst Common Pumping Station	10,000.00		10,000.00	----	10,000.00
Refuse Collection	57,825.00	b 5,000.00	62,825.00	60,463.56	2,361.44
Sanitary Landfill Area	64,853.00	b 2,943.96	67,796.96	67,796.96	----
Art. 24 (1973) Sanitary Landfill Tractor-Loader		a 1,365.00	1,365.00	----	1,365.00
Highway Maintenance	230,959.00		230,959.00	227,848.65	3,110.35
Highway Maintenance 1973-74		d 323.06	323.06	323.06	----
Biwalk Maintenance	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	----
Snow and Ice Removal	79,390.00		79,390.00	51,756.19	17,633.81
Equipment Maintenance	50,086.00		50,086.00	48,069.68	2,016.32
Street and Traffic Lighting	75,440.00	b 487.55	75,927.55	75,927.55	----
Street and Traffic Lighting 1973-74		d 5,786.00	5,786.00	5,786.00	----
Art. 12 (1973) College Street and South East Street Traffic Signals		a 2,227.48	2,227.48	2,227.48	----
Art. 36 North Pleasant Street and Kellogg Avenue Traffic Signals	11,000.00	d 2,500.00	13,500.00	16.48	13,483.52
Art. 5 (Spec. 9-19-74) North Pleasant Street School Crossing Signals		d 2,227.48	2,227.48	9.62	2,217.86
Parking Meters and Parking Areas	5,765.00		5,765.00	5,739.58	25.42
Art. 9 (1969) Educational Drive Construction		a 12,132.85	12,132.85	12,132.85	----
Art. 5 (1970) Chapter 90 Construction		a 10,000.00 e 30,000.00 b .29	40,000.29	40,000.29	----
Art. 6 (1971) Chapter 90 Construction		i 1,172.53	1,172.53	----	1,172.53
Art. 12 (1971) Shays Street Resurfacing		a 9,278.79	9,278.79	----	9,278.79

	Annual FY 1975 Town Meeting Appropriations	Prior Balance, Additions, and Transfers In	Amounts Available for Expense	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Balance
Art. 15 (1971) Storm Drainage Improvements		a 1,138.18	1,138.18	1,138.18	----
Art. 7 (1972) Chapter 90 Construction		a 10,000.00 e 30,000.00 b .05	40,000.05	40,000.05	----
Art. 8 (1973) Chapter 90 Construction		a 9,000.00 e 33,350.00 a 15,895.92	42,350.00	5,700.93	36,649.07
Art. 10 (1973) Sidewalk Construction		a 15,895.92	15,895.92	4,204.95	11,690.97
Art. 11 (1973) Sunset Avenue Reconstruction		a 11,629.03	11,629.03	11,629.03	----
Art. 23 (1973) Departmental Equipment		a 13,591.60	13,591.60	13,100.00	491.60
Art. 30 (1973) Tan Brook Drainage Study		a 4,725.00	4,725.00	2,564.00	2,161.00
Art. 11 (Spec. 10-15-73) South East Street Bridge		a 9,752.26	9,752.26	9,280.90	471.36
Art. 31 South Amherst Common Drainage System	20,000.00		20,000.00	19,200.99	799.01
Art. 32 Chapter 90 Construction	10,000.00	e 34,350.00	44,350.00	1,000.00	43,350.00
Art. 33 Chapter 90 Maintenance	24,000.00		24,000.00	23,999.96	.04
Art. 34 Biwalks Construction	35,000.00		35,000.00	3,590.78	31,409.22
Art. 35 West Pomeroy Lane Reconstruction	45,000.00		45,000.00	14,998.42	30,001.58
Art. 37 Public Works Center Gasoline Storage Tank	4,000.00	b 852.10	4,852.10	4,852.10	----
Art. 38 Departmental Equipment Parks and Commons	73,050.00 16,241.00	d 7,000.00	80,050.00	45,671.04	34,378.96
Parks and Commons 1973-74	16,241.00		16,241.00	16,118.88	122.12
Parks and Commons 1973-74 Water Supply and Distribution	187,931.00	d 23.64	187,931.00	172,227.26	15,703.74
Art. 14 (1970) Sunset Avenue, Eames Avenue, and Education Drive Water Main Construction		a 2,788.06	2,788.06	2,444.52	343.54
Art. 1 (Spec. 5-27-70) Water System Development		a 2,968.42	2,968.42	1,025.00	1,943.42
Art. 22 (1971) Pelham and Shutesbury Reservoirs Auxiliary Chlorinator Units		a 2,161.02	2,161.02	2,104.98	56.04
Art. 14 (1972) Water Distribution System Improvements		a 5,807.73	5,807.73	1,082.47	4,725.26
Art. 24 (1972) Water Division Storage Building		a 10,000.00	10,000.00	----	10,000.00
Art. 14 (1973) State Street Water Main		a 515.05	515.05	515.05	----
Art. 15 (1973) South Pleasant Street and West Street Water Main Construction		a 43,845.10	43,845.10	28,982.66	14,862.44
Snell Street, University Drive South, and Northampton Road Water Main Construction	40,000.00	a 26,000.00	66,000.00	----	66,000.00
Art. 26 (1973) Geological Investigation of Water Resources		a 1,155.39	1,155.39	850.08	305.31
Art. 33 (1973) Watershed Lands		a 15,689.70	15,689.70	----	15,689.70
Art. 17 Village Park Standpipe	50,000.00		50,000.00	18,325.39	31,674.61
Art. 19 Water Supply Development	50,000.00		50,000.00	9,948.86	40,051.14
Art. 20 Pelham Chlorinator Building and Pumping Station Reconstruction	20,000.00		20,000.00	----	20,000.00
Art. 22 Gaylord Street Water Main Reconstruction	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,125.36	1,874.64
Art. 23 Watershed Lands	30,000.00		30,000.00	7,000.00	23,000.00
Art. 4 (Spec. 9-19-74) Hulst Road Water Main Construction		d 22,000.00	22,000.00	20,765.25	1,234.75
VETERANS SERVICES					
Veterans' Services Administration	11,026.00		11,026.00	10,158.09	867.91
Veterans' Benefits	35,000.00	c 1,345.69 d 10,000.00	46,345.69	46,185.01	160.68
Veterans' Benefits 1972	15.00		15.00	15.00	----
Veterans' Benefits 1973-74		d 610.34	610.34	610.34	----

FINANCIAL

	Annual FY 1975 Town Meeting Appropriations	Prior Balance, Additions, and Transfers In	Amounts Available for Expense	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Balance
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES</b>					
School Department	2,518,663.00	c 710.85	2,519,373.85	2,519,371.44	2.41
School Department Teachers' Payroll Reserve	18,615.00		18,615.00	-----	18,615.00
School Department 1973-74		d 19,257.65	19,257.65	19,257.65	-----
Regional School District Art. 4 (Spec. 10-28-68) Wildwood Elementary School Construction	2,904,149.83		2,904,149.83	2,904,149.83	-----
Art. 1 (Spec. 2-14-72) East Amherst Elementary School Construction		a 4,472.83	4,472.83	-----	4,472.83
Jones Library	151,880.26	a 83,816.76	83,816.76	67,711.66	16,105.10
Jones Library 1973-74		d 1,159.68	1,159.68	150,419.01	1,461.25
Munson Memorial Library and Community Center	8,452.00	b 926.01	9,378.01	1,159.68	-----
				9,378.01	-----
<b>RECREATION AND CONSERVATION</b>					
Recreation Commission Art. 17 (1970) Mill River Acquisition - Recreation	65,056.00		65,056.00	64,470.19	585.81
Art. 32 (1971) Recreation Areas North Amherst Recreation Area (Mill River)		a 1,653.46	1,653.46	-----	1,653.46
		a 3,450.00	3,450.00	674.25	2,775.75
		a 25,330.58	39,930.58	36,478.10	3,452.48
		d 14,600.00			
Art. 39 Potwine Lane Land Acquisition - Recreation	40,000.00		40,000.00	35,633.00	4,367.00
War Memorial Pool	13,460.00		13,460.00	11,913.02	1,546.98
Mill River Recreation Area Pool	13,050.00		13,050.00	11,928.72	1,121.28
Mill River Recreation Area Pool 1973-74		d 4.95	4.95	4.95	-----
Conservation Commission	14,770.00		14,770.00	13,162.36	1,607.64
Conservation Commission 1973-74		d 23.00	23.00	23.00	-----
Conservation Fund	25,000.00	a 16,280.61	41,280.61	19,821.43	21,459.18
Art. 25 Factory Hollow Dam Engineering	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,711.75	288.25
Art. 26 Larch Hill "Carriage House" Renovations	7,500.00		7,500.00	-----	7,500.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>					
Damages to Persons and Property	1,000.00		1,000.00	242.41	757.59
Retirement System	177,408.00		177,408.00	176,930.29	477.71
Town Reports	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,536.38	163.62
General Services and Supplies	19,528.00	d 6,000.00	25,528.00	23,859.35	1,668.65
Group Insurance	40,216.00	c 1,867.53	42,083.53	40,906.55	1,176.98
Memorial Day Observance and Veterans' Graves Officer	600.00	b 50.76	650.76	650.76	-----
Workmen's Compensation	8,840.00	f 4,000.00	12,840.00	12,408.56	431.44
Workmen's Compensation 1973-74		d 57.00	57.00	57.00	-----
Police-Fire Indemnification	2,000.00	c 27.35	2,027.35	1,803.63	223.72
Police-Fire Indemnification 1972		d 67.50	67.50	67.50	-----
Police-Fire Indemnification 1973-74		d 470.67	470.67	470.67	-----
Children's Protective Services		b 1,013.89	1,013.89	1,013.89	-----
Art. 18 (1971) Traffic Circulation Committee		a 756.46	756.46	568.93	187.53
Art. 7 (Spec. 10-30-72) Center School Complex Urban Renewal Project		a (100,000.00)	480,000.00	580,000.00	(100,000.00)
		e 580,000.00			
Art. 57 (1973) Public Transportation Studies		d 67.05	67.05	67.05	-----
Art. 10 Public Transportation Studies	7,500.00		7,500.00	459.78	7,040.22
Art. 44 Hampshire Community Action Commission	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	-----
Art. 1 (Spec. 11-4-74) 1973-74 Unpaid Bills		d 2.53	2.53	-----	2.53
Art. 1 (Spec. 2-10-75) 1973-74 Unpaid Bills		d 63.10	63.10	-----	63.10
Reserve Fund	35,000.00		35,000.00	g 34,915.25	84.75

FINANCIAL

	Annual FY 1975 Town Meeting Appropriations	Prior Balance, Additions, and Transfers In	Amounts Available for Expense	Expenditures and Transfers Out	Balance
<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
North Amherst Cemetery Art. 27 North Amherst Cemetery Land Purchase	2,675.00		2,675.00	1,505.67	1,169.33
South Amherst Cemetery Land Purchase	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	-----
West Cemetery	3,350.00		3,350.00	1,346.05	2,003.95
	3,100.00		3,100.00	1,779.79	1,320.21
<b>INDEBTEDNESS</b>					
Interest	487,518.75	d 8,660.00	496,178.75	443,455.77	4,445.57
				g 48,277.41	
Debt	613,500.00	d 30,500.00	644,000.00	644,000.00	-----
	<u>\$10,137,080.50</u>	<u>\$3,805,160.31</u>	<u>\$13,942,240.81</u>	<u>\$12,636,872.86</u>	<u>\$1,305,367.95</u>

EXPLANATION OF CODES

- a. Balances forwarded from 1973-74
- b. Transfers from Reserve Fund
- c. Refunds to Appropriation
- d. Appropriations Voted at Special Town Meetings
- e. Loans
- f. Transfers In
- g. Transfers Out
- h. State Reimbursements - Sewers
- i. State and County Reimbursements - Highways

BALANCES FORWARDED TO FY 1976

Art. 2 Town Records Preservation	235.00
1975 Special State Census	4,444.26
Art. 28 (1973) Comprehensive Planning Studies	2,077.52
Art. 6 (1973) Personnel Study	2,511.30
Art. 20 (1973) North Fire Station	35,309.18
Art. 21 (1973) Fire Department Pumping Engine	9,986.25
Art. 8 Public Safety Facilities Planning Committee	5,000.00
Art. 18 (1967) Sewer System Engineering Studies	1,387.92
Art. 13 (1970) Special Sewer Construction - G. Eames Avenue North	2,599.25
Art. 2 (Spec. 10-4-71) Sewage Treatment Facilities	182,823.59
Art. 17 (1972) Potwine Lane Sewer Construction	2,643.20
Art. 6 (Spec. 10-15-73) General Sewer Pumping Station Improvements	6,559.19
Art. 28 General Sewer System Improvements	500,523.18
Art. 29 Kellogg Avenue and Smith Street Sewer Reconstruction	7,000.00
Art. 30 South Amherst Common Pumping Station	10,000.00
Art. 24 (1973) Sanitary Landfill Tractor-Loader	1,365.00
Art. 36 North Pleasant Street and Kellogg Avenue Traffic Signals	13,483.52
Art. 5 (Spec. 9-19-74) North Pleasant Street School Crossing Signals	2,217.86
Art. 6 (1971) Chapter 90 Construction	1,172.53
Art. 12 (1971) Shays Street Resurfacing	9,278.79
Art. 8 (1973) Chapter 90 Construction	36,649.07
Art. 10 (1973) Sidewalk Construction	11,690.97
Art. 30 (1973) Tan Brook Drainage Study	2,161.00
Art. 11 (Spec. 10-15-73) South East Street Bridge	471.36
Art. 31 South Amherst Common Drainage System	799.01
Art. 32 Chapter 90 Construction	43,350.00
Art. 34 Biwalks Construction	31,409.22
Art. 35 West Pomeroy Lane Reconstruction	30,001.58

BALANCES FORWARDED TO FY 1976 (cont'd)

Art. 38 Departmental Equipment	34,378.96
Art. 1 (Spec. 5-27-70) Water System Development	1,943.42
Art. 14 (1972) Water Distribution System Improvements	4,725.26
Art. 24 (1972) Water Division Storage Building	10,000.00
Art. 15 (1973) South Pleasant Street and West Street Water Main Construction	14,862.44
Snell Street, University Drive South and Northampton Road Water Main Construction	66,000.00
Art. 26 (1973) Geological Investigation of Water Resources	305.31
Art. 33 (1973) Watershed Lands	15,689.70
Art. 17 Village Park Standpipe	31,674.61
Art. 19 Water Supply Development	40,051.14
Art. 20 Pelham Chlorinator Building	20,000.00
Art. 22 Gaylord Street Water Main Reconstruction	1,874.64
Art. 23 Watershed Lands	23,000.00
Art. 4 (Spec. 9-19-74) Hulst Road Water Main Construction	1,234.75
Teachers Payroll Reserve	18,615.00
Art. 4 (Spec. 10-28-68) Wildwood Elementary School Construction	4,472.83
Art. 1 (Spec. 2-14-72) East Amherst Elementary School Construction	16,105.10
Art. 17 (1970) Mill River Acquisition-Recreation	1,653.46
Art. 32 (1971) Recreation Areas	2,775.75
North Amherst Recreation Area (Mill River)	3,452.48
Art. 39 Potwine Lane Land Acquisition-Recreation Conservation Fund	4,367.00
Art. 25 Factory Hollow Dam Engineering	288.25
Art. 26 Larch Hill "Carriage House" Renovations	7,500.00
Art. 18 (1971) Traffic Circulation Committee	187.53
Art. 7 (Spec. 10-30-72) Center School Complex Urban Renewal Project	(100,000.00)
Art. 10 Transportation Studies	7,040.22
	<u>\$1,210,806.78</u>

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance July 1, 1974	\$226,484.41
Increase:	
State and County Aid to Highways Revenue	31,999.98
Tax Title Revenue	9,089.29
Taxes in Litigation Revenue	1,408.80
Art. 9 (1969) Educational Drive Construction	12,132.85
Insurance Recoveries	1,596.37
Excess Estimated Receipts	233,350.33
Unexpended Appropriation Balances	76,865.96
Decrease:	
Tax Titles	\$ 6,551.30
Taxes in Litigation	1,627.63
Council on Aging Transportation Project	257.08
Appropriation - November 4, 1974	
Art. 1 Unpaid Bills	2,100.00
Appropriation - February 10, 1975	
Art. 1 Unpaid Bills	566.59
Credit Union Withholdings	10.00
Tax Sheltered Annuities Withholdings	70.00
Appropriation - Special May 5, 1975	
Legal Services	12,000.00
Appropriation - Annual May 5, 1975	
Art. 69 North East Street and Henry Street Construction	18,000.00
Voted - Annual May 5, 1975	
Reduction of FY-76 Tax Rate	100,000.00
Balance June 30, 1975	<u>451,745.39</u>
	<u>\$592,927.99</u>
	<u>\$592,927.99</u>

TOWN OF AMHERST  
Balance Sheet - June 30, 1975  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
Revenue	595,798.20	Anticipation of Reimbursement	1,267,700.00
Invested in Repurchase Agreements	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	Anticipation of Serial Issue	<u>2,070,000.00</u>
	1,595,798.20		3,337,700.00
Accounts Receivable:		Payroll Deductions:	
Taxes:		Blue Cross - Blue Shield	1,788.24
Levy of 1973-74:		O.M.E. - Active	18.24
Personal Property	450.20	O.M.E. - Retired	15.20
		Federal Health Insurance	31.80
Levy of 1975:		Group Life Insurance	93.54
Personal Property	10,553.81	Credit Union	1,796.92
Real Estate	<u>381,555.63</u>	U. S. Savings Bonds	116.25
	392,109.44	Union Dues	37.50
Taxes in Litigation	5,568.50	Teachers' Dues	785.00
		Tax Sheltered Annuities	3,283.31
Farm Animal Excise:		Teachers' Income Insurance	<u>88.38</u>
Levy of 1975	1,064.35		8,054.38
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1973	74,666.53	Whiting Street Fund	209.88
Levy of 1974	100,067.52	E. F. Cook Fountain Fund	2,724.47
Levy of 1975	<u>122,099.52</u>	S. White Dickinson Cemetery Fund	46.20
	296,833.57	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,255.07
Tax Titles and Possessions:		Martha Dickinson Bianchi Memorial Fund	75.58
Tax Titles	60,474.82	George Smith Kendrick	
Tax Possessions	<u>56.65</u>	West Cemetery Fund	34.72
	60,531.47	Florence Ball Cutler	
Departmental:		West Cemetery Fund	51.68
Police	1,391.25	William E. Smith Charity Fund	65.20
Ambulance	24,523.44	E. Y. Cosby West Cemetery Fund	14.75
Health	490.00	Alice C. Burnham West Cemetery	
Refuse Collections	12,612.00	Gate Fund	<u>79.53</u>
Sanitary Landfill	8,263.89		4,557.08
Cemeteries	<u>83.00</u>		
	47,363.58	Dog Licenses due County	561.10
Water:		Police Off-Duty Work Detail	658.75
Liens added to Taxes:		Eminent Domain Holding Accounts:	
Levy of 1975	2,553.21	Arnold	17,362.53
Rates	<u>49,656.87</u>	Cooley	<u>1,572.99</u>
	52,210.08	Council on Aging Gift	104.65
Sewer:		Jones Library Gift	1,814.29
Liens added to Taxes		West Pomeroy Lane Water Gift	2,000.00
Levy of 1975	1,111.40	Merrill Trust Conservation Land Purchase Grant	1,841.74
Rates	<u>22,068.92</u>	Conservation Bicentennial Grant	7,000.00
	23,180.32	Amherst Fields Sewage Treatment Facilities Gift	4,069.03
Aid to Highways:		Federal Grants:	
State - Construction	48,700.00	Manual Record System	
County - Construction	<u>18,000.00</u>	Implementation Project	2,856.45
	66,700.00	School - Public Law 864, Title V	19.62
Federally Aided Recreation Project	40,774.06	School - Public Law 89-10	
State Aided Sewer Project	284,250.00	Title II - Libraries	303.90
Federally Aided Sewer Project	1,421,250.00	Title III Transportation Grant:	
Due from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	478,500.00	Project I	73.54
Highway Improvement Loan -		Project III	<u>164.26</u>
Chap. 825, Sec. 1, Acts of 1974	35,467.00		3,417.77
Revenue 1976	9,549,542.33	Revolving Fund:	
		School Lunchroom	3,169.05
		Special Education, Chap. 766, Acts of 1972	5,981.59
		Appropriation Balances:	
		Revenue	497,476.80

GENERAL ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>
Cash	5,100.05	
Invested in Repurchase Agreements	<u>100,000.00</u>	
	\$105,100.05	Federal Revenue Sharing Funds P.L. 92-512
		\$105,100.05

DEBT STATEMENT

Loan	Year Issued	Amount	Rate	Outstanding June 30, 1974	Paid in FY-75	Outstanding June 30, 1975	Due in FY-76
North Amherst Sewer	1946	147,000	1.50	12,000	4,000	8,000	4,000
Sewer Construction	1953	142,500	2.25	20,000	5,000	15,000	5,000
Sewer Construction	1960	345,000	3.00	105,000	15,000	90,000	15,000
Water Construction	1962	150,000	2.60	30,000	10,000	20,000	10,000
South Amherst Sewer Construction	1965	260,000	3.10	125,000	15,000	110,000	15,000
South Amherst School Construction	1965	1,175,000	3.25	680,000	60,000	620,000	60,000
Water Development	1969	440,000	4.70	270,000	30,000	240,000	30,000
Sewer Construction	1969	163,000	4.70	85,000	15,000	70,000	15,000
Wildwood School Construction	1970	2,260,000	6.60	1,780,000	115,000	1,665,000	115,000
Public Works Building Additions and Alterations	1970	75,000	4.50	30,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sewer Construction	1970	305,000	5.80	230,000	25,000	205,000	25,000
Water Development	1970	150,000	5.80	90,000	20,000	70,000	20,000
School Site Purchase	1971	130,000	3.30	75,000	25,000	50,000	25,000
Fort River School Construction	1972	2,840,000	4.75	2,695,000	145,000	2,550,000	145,000
Sanitary Landfill Tractor-Loader	1973	20,000	5.00	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Water Construction	1973	180,000	4.50	180,000	45,000	135,000	45,000
South East Street Bridge	1974	60,000	4.90	60,000	20,000	40,000	20,000
North Fire Station	1974	385,000	5.25	385,000	40,000	345,000	40,000
North Amherst Recreation Area	1974	280,000	5.25	280,000	30,000	250,000	30,000
Sewer Construction	1974	250,000	5.50			250,000	50,000
				<u>\$7,152,000</u>	<u>\$644,000</u>	<u>\$6,758,000</u>	<u>\$694,000</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds - Cash and Securities	354,863.66	Herbert B. Adams Fund	2,739.31
Investment Funds - Cash and Securities	80,894.23	Whiting Street Charity Fund	9,033.72
		William F. Smith Fund	2,000.00
		Enos F. Cook Fountain Fund	2,346.54
		R.J.D. Westcott Library Fund	3,013.81
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	38,169.74
		S. White Dickinson West Cemetery Fund	5,000.00
		Martha Dickinson Bianchi Memorial Fund	1,000.00
		Florence Ball Cutler West Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		E.Y. Cosby West Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund	88,606.27
		Barbara Smith Memorial Hospital Fund	5,738.79
		Fannie Ward Bangs Hospital Fund	151,191.40
		Alice C. Burnham West Cemetery Gate Fund	15,000.00
		George Smith Kendrick West Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund	26,524.08
		Veterans Housing Sale of Real Estate Fund	80,894.23
	<u>\$435,757.89</u>		<u>\$435,757.89</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

Plans Authorized:		Appropriation Control 1976	10,607,866.46
Sewage Treatment Facilities	13,050,000.00	Loans Authorized and Unissued	14,386,580.00
East Amherst School Construction	10,000.00	Overestimates 1975:	
North Amherst Recreation Area	235,580.00	State Recreation Areas	726.27
Center School Complex Urban Renewal Project	1,436,000.00	County Tax	<u>46,256.42</u> 46,982.69
South Pleasant and West Streets Water Construction	45,000.00	Sale of Real Estate Fund	2,480.19
Fire Pumping Engine	30,000.00	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	4.75
Mill River Recreation Area Sewage Treatment	75,000.00	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:	
Facilities Engineering	270,000.00	Parking Meters	(2,206.26)
Village Park Standpipe	360,000.00	Ambulance	8,354.64
General Sewer System Improvements	720,000.00	Sewers	22,997.70
North Fire Station	<u>225,000.00</u> 16,456,580.00	Road Machinery	170.58
Provided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		Sanitary Landfill Area	1,857.62
Underestimates 1975:		Dog Refund	3,998.17
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District	754.81	Urban Renewal Reimbursement	100,000.00
Special Education - Chap. 766, Acts of 1972	<u>2,684.00</u> 3,438.81	Manual Records System Implementation Grant	<u>263.00</u> 135,435.45
		Water Available Surplus	105,360.39
		Reserve - Overlay Surplus	29,699.82
		Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1973-74	450.20
		Levy of 1975	<u>47,672.95</u> 48,123.15
		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
		Taxes in Litigation	5,568.50
		Motor Vehicle Excise	296,833.57
		Farm Animal Excise	1,064.35
		Tax Titles and Possessions	60,531.47
		Departmental	47,363.58
		Water	52,210.08
		Sewer	23,180.32
		Federally Aided Recreation Project	7,790.00
		State and Federally Aided Sewer Project	<u>605,500.00</u> 1,100,041.87
		Surplus Revenue	451,695.39
			<u>\$30,811,611.91</u>

NON-REVENUE

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	
Cash:			
Non-Revenue	513,329.98	North Fire Station	35,309.18
Invested in Repurchase Agreements	<u>200,000.00</u> 713,329.98	Fire Pumping Engine	9,986.25
Overdrawn Non-Revenue Appropriation Account:		1970 Special Sewer Construction	
Art. 7 (Spec. 10-30-72) Center		Eames Avenue North	2,599.25
School Complex Urban Renewal Project	100,000.00	1971 Sewage Treatment Facilities	182,823.59
		1973 Sewer Pumping Station Improvements	6,559.19
		1974 Sewer System Improvements	500,523.18
		Sanitary Landfill Tractor - Loader	1,365.00
		1970 Water System Development	1,943.42
		1973 Water Main Construction	14,862.44
		Village Park Standpipe	31,674.61
		Wildwood Elementary School Construction	4,472.83
		Fort River Elementary School Construction	16,105.10
		Mill River Acquisition - Recreation	1,653.46
		North Amherst Recreation Area	3,452.48
	<u>\$813,329.98</u>		<u>\$813,329.98</u>

# Amherst-Pelham Regional School District

## Amherst-Pelham Public Schools

### Elementary Schools

#### Amherst School Committee

Robert Fischer, Chairman  
 Fredric Cheyette  
 David Hornfischer  
 Maria Roberts, Vice Chairman  
 Marylou Theilman

The five member elected Amherst School Committee holds a regular meeting each month and special meetings whenever necessary. These meetings are open and the Committee invites and encourages public attendance and participation. The time, place and agenda are announced and posted prior to each meeting.

#### School Facilities

Adequate elementary school facilities exist for the current as well as the presently projected pupil population. Three of the schools have been built the last ten years. Crocker Farm School with a potential pupil capacity of 500 opened in 1966. The kindergarten for this school is now located in the nearby South Amherst School. The 750 pupil capacity Wildwood School opened its doors in 1970. The same sized and similarly designed Fort River School opened in 1973. The Mark's Meadow School was built by the University of Massachusetts on campus in 1960 with a capacity of 350 pupils. Presently a revision is underway on the formal agreement between the University and the Amherst School Committee on the continued operation of this school as a public school of this district. The former East Street School is still being used for school purposes as the Center for Instructional Development which supports the instructional programs of all the district's schools.

#### Staff and Students

The official elementary school enrollment for the 1974-75 school year was 1898 pupils in grade levels as follows:

Grade	#
6	313
5	285
4	254
3	251
2	288
1	233
K	274

This enrollment is approximately the same as the previous year. The teaching staff includes the equivalent of 75 regular classroom teachers plus other teachers for special education and special subject areas.

#### Program Highlights

Implementation of the new special education law has been a major focus for the staff. This very humane and much needed legislation holds the local community responsible for an appropriate educational program for all children ages 3 to 21 who have special needs. This has meant the development of a screening program for preschoolers, the establishment of diagnostic teams to determine the needs of our children, both those in town and those who have been institutionalized, training of staff in the development of specific educational plans to meet the needs of each child and the creation or securing of programs and staff to carry out the plans. Fortunately this community has been supportive over the past few years in the development of a fairly comprehensive special education program which allows the schools to better fulfill its new obligations to children. An advisory group of parents and staff have been most helpful to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services in this work.

Parent-staff groups have also been instrumental in the development of added instructional alternatives for children and teachers in the regular programs within each school. Choices in each school vary but include multi-grade and single grade groupings, team teaching or single teacher situations, open larger spaces or more confined smaller areas for class activities, and integrated or separate approaches to the various curriculum areas. These variations are an extension of the school systems dedication to individualize instruction in order to help students achieve as close to their own potential as possible and to do this in the manner most appropriate to each student's needs.



Kindergarten Class painting at Fort River School.

A year long study by a parent-staff committee has resulted in the development of a new pupil progress reporting system that will provide parents with a complete but simplified report of pupil progress.

Student achievement in the basic skill areas of language and arithmetic are an ongoing concern of the staff and a concerted effort has been made to improve instruction to help students in these areas. Happily the standardized testing results from this year indicate significant improvements are taking place particularly in the area of arithmetic computation skills. A continued emphasis will be placed in this area as well as with language mechanics and spelling which, though improving, are areas where local students do not achieve up to their projected potential ability levels.

#### Finances

The general economic conditions of our nation have had their impact on the school budget and expenditures. Costs of all utilities have increased dramatically during the year causing severe cutbacks in many other areas of the budget to cover for these excessive and unanticipated costs. The result has been a dramatic reduction in the supplies and services available to staff for all aspects of the instructional program. The new demands of the special education law and the uncertainty of state financial assistance with these added expenses have caused added strain. The budget process for the 1975-76 school year was intense and dramatic cuts were made including a reduction in staff. A citizen-staff task force has been formed to work with the Superintendent to review the budgeting process, develop a revised format, improve the monitoring system on finances and to look for additional ways for the schools to be more cost effective.



Class at Crocker Farm School learning sign language—"L".



Counting to 10 at Wildwood School.

### Secondary Schools

#### Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee

The Regional School Committee is composed of nine elected members representing the four towns of our secondary school region: Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Shutesbury. These representatives are responsible for the Grade 7-12 Junior and Senior High School programs and facilities. They hold regularly scheduled meetings each month at the Regional Junior High School in Amherst. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend. Current members are:

Kendrick Heath, Chairman (Leverett)  
 Marylou Theilman, Vice Chairman (Amherst)  
 Ernest Dzendolet (Pelham)  
 Theodore Slate (Pelham)  
 Robert Fischer (Amherst)  
 Maria Roberts (Amherst)  
 Fredric Cheyette (Amherst)  
 David Hornfischer (Amherst)  
 Charles Hutchinson (Shutesbury)

#### Staff Highlights

After 40 years of service to the local schools, Mr. Robert Domina, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, retired. Serving as an industrial arts teacher, Adult Education coordinator and guidance counselor within the district he has been PPS Director for the last 8 years. In this capacity he has effectively developed one of the leading pupil personnel services programs in the state and helped our schools be well prepared for the new special education law that became effective this year.

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Two new Principals were appointed as a result of the retirement of Mr. Paul Langlois and the resignation of Mr. Leo Casagrande from the staff. Mr. Sam Potts has been appointed Principal of the High School and Mr. John Burruto appointed Principal of the Junior High School. A parent, chosen by the Secondary Parent Council, served on each of the Screening Committees in the selection of these two new staff members.

A management study was made by the Superintendent on the administration of the schools and a revised administrative structure has been adopted for implementation over the next two years.

### Programs

A major focus this year has been the beginning of careful evaluations of many aspects of the current secondary school programs. Two citizen-staff committees have made significant progress in the full evaluation of the junior high school program and of the phasing program for all levels. The total foreign language program is also under study. The staff has concentrated its curriculum development efforts this year in addressing basic skill areas in mathematics and English, increasing the emphasis on composition and computation as well as study skills. Several programs are in process to provide students with greater opportunity for vocational training in response to an increased interest by students in this aspect of education.

Development of a more comprehensive program for students with special needs and full implementation of the new special education law were high priorities during this school year. Diagnostic evaluations were held on all students referred and educational programs developed for each. Several programs were established in collaboration with the other members of the Hampshire Educational Collaborative. All resident children who are currently institutionalized have also been evaluated and programs determined for them. The sharing of costs through the Collaborative along with state and federal grants received have kept the financial impact of these new responsibilities relatively low.

### The Student Body

Enrollment in the Regional Schools as of October 1, 1974 was 1972. A breakdown of this by grade and community follows:

Grade	A	P	L	S	Total
7	274	27	22	11	334
8	305	18	23	18	364
9	298	20	19	13	350
10	279	22	19	10	330
11	247	16	25	11	299
12	245	21	22	7	295
Totals	1648	124	130	70	1972



Mrs. Hudson's class at Mark's Meadow School.

In the graduating class of 1974 63% of the students planned to attend college or other advanced schooling following high school and 26% became employed. This represents a continuing trend of a growing interest by students in immediate employment rather than in a continuation of schooling immediately after graduation.

### Finances

The Regional School budget underwent intensive scrutiny through many public meetings in an effort to hold-the-line against the ravages of inflation. Expenditures were carefully monitored and a program of conservation measures was undertaken to reduce energy consumption.

In spite of these efforts the cost of utilities exceeded budgeted sums by over \$63,000. Fortunately estimated receipts exceeded expectations to cover these costs.

Category	1974-75 Budget	1974-75 Expenditures	1975-76 Budget
Administration	\$ 108,768.	\$ 110,930.	\$ 98,068.
Instruction	2,144,234.	2,128,315.	2,319,427.
Other Services	104,009.	102,658.	112,485.
Maintenance	341,702.	414,766.	417,160.
Fixed Charges	133,332.	145,974.	150,246.
Community Services	21,900.	19,773.	27,265.
Fixed Assets	54,952.	50,147.	30,719.
Debt Retirement	541,530.	541,740.	452,490.
Payroll Reserve	249,128.	249,128.	289,209.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,699,555.</b>	<b>\$3,763,434.</b>	<b>\$3,897,069.</b>

# AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

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## Hampshire County

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### U. S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Edward W. Brooke  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

#### U. S. REPRESENTATIVE

Silvio O. Conte (First District)  
257 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

#### STATE SENATOR

John W. Olver  
(Franklin-Hampshire-Hampden District)  
Amherst, Massachusetts

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

James G. Collins  
(4th Hampshire District)  
Amherst, Massachusetts

#### TAX RATE

\$40.50/\$1,000  
General \$14.07  
School \$26.43

#### AREA

27.79 square miles

#### ROAD MILEAGE

105.57  
(not including  
state highways)

#### POPULATION

1970 Federal Census: 26,331  
(Includes Resident Students)  
1975 State Census: 22,267  
(with students who consider  
Amherst home)  
1975 Town Census: 11,354  
(without students)

#### LOCATION

Geodetic position of Town Hall:  
Latitude — 42° 22' 00"  
Longitude — 72° 30' 30"

#### ELEVATION

302 feet above sea-  
level at Town Hall

#### VOTING INFORMATION

Precincts	Registered Voters	Town Meeting Members	Precincts	Voting Places Location
I	1133	30	1	Parish Hall, North Amherst
II	1041	27	2	Fire Station
III	1297	33	3	Odd Fellows Hall
IV	1339	33	4	Masonic Building
V	1427	39	5	Fort River School
VI	1738	45	6	Munson Memorial Library Building
VII	1301	33	7	Amherst Auction Gallery
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9276</b>	<b>240</b>		

#### SCHOOL POPULATION, OCTOBER 1, 1975

Elementary ..... 1,898  
Amherst-Pelham Regional Jr. H. S. .... 1,048  
Amherst-Pelham Regional H. S. .... 924  
Total ..... 3,870

#### TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:00 - 4:30

#### ZIP CODE

01002

Home of University of Massachusetts  
Amherst College  
Hampshire College

