"... I look forward to a great future for America—a future in which our country will match its military strength with our moral strength, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose. I look forward to an America which will not be afraid of grace and beauty, which will protect the beauty of our natural environment, which will preserve the great old American houses and squares and parks of our national past, and which will build handsome and balanced cities for our future. I look forward to an America which will reward achievement in the arts as we reward achievement in business or statecraft. I look forward to an America which will steadily raise the standards of artistic accomplishment and which will steadily enlarge cultural opportunities for all of our citizens. And I look forward to an America which commands respect throughout the world not only for its strength but for its civilization as well. And I look forward to a world which will be safe not only for democracy and diversity but also for personal distinction."

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
Amherst College, October 26, 1963
From the editor

Chapter 40, Section 49 of the General Laws requires, "The Selectmen . . . shall at the expense of the town, print the annual town report . . . containing the report of the selectmen . . . the report of the school committee . . . and such other officers and boards as consider it expedient to make a report, the jury list . . . and such other matters as the selectmen consider expedient . . ."

The section above describes the legal necessity for the town report. We try to meet these requirements plus as much other material as we think makes our report readable and meaningful to the citizens of Amherst. This is our annual opportunity to report our doings and our stewardship of your affairs. During the course of the year we receive many annual reports from other cities and towns. Most of these reports have been "modernized" in recent years to increase their attractiveness. We have a particular theory about town reports. We believe they should not be too thick, too full of meaningless detail and too dry to entice the reader. On the other hand we receive some reports which in our opinion resemble a publication from the local chamber of commerce more than an annual report. We favor a middle course; an attractive and readable style containing all the necessary and pertinent facts to which the citizen is entitled. Once again we have chosen this formula, we hope you like it. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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"The good education of youth has been esteemed by wise men in all ages as the surest foundation of the happiness both of private families and the Commonwealth."

Benjamin Franklin

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The town officers 1964

ELECTED

Moderator
Winthrop S. Dakin, 1967
Town Clerk & Treasurer
Town Collector
Town Accountant
Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden
Police Chief
Superintendent of Schools
Agent, Veterans' Services
Director, Public Assistance
Agent, Sanitarian, Health
Inspector of Animals
Inspector of Slaughtering
Gas Inspector
Building Inspector
Plumbing Inspector
Water Superintendent
Superintendent, Recreation
Superintendent, Insect Pest Control
& Elm Tree Care
Superintendent of Highways & Parks
Wire Inspector
Tree Warden
Sealer, Weights & Measures
Civil Defense Director
Veterans' Graves Officer

APPOINTED

Allen L. Torrey
Eugene S. Dimock
Alan E. Hobart
Myrtle A. Leblanc
George A. Cavaanagh
Francis E. Hart
Ronald J. Fitzgerald
Eleanor R. Dunn
Beverly L. Sears
Charles E. Drake, Jr.
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.
Robert A. Scoombe, Jr.
Ralph N. Hosford
Robert A. Scoombe, Jr.
Nelson A. Jenkins
Stanley P. Ziomek
William R. Kerhlis
Stanley P. Ziomek
Wesley L. Jansen
William R. Kerhlis
Alan E. Hobart
Ralph N. Hosford
Lawrence S. Sherman

The Jones Library, Inc.

Frank P. Rand, 1967
Sanford Keeley, 1966
Chairman
Robert D. Hawley, 1965
Electoral, Oliver Smith Will
Paul T. Ford, 1965

AMENDMENT REPORT 1964
APPOMINT BOARD and COMMISSIONERS

**Amherst Housing Authority**
Frederick G. Ruder, Jr., 1969
Philip F. Renaud, 1969
Chauncey B. Y. Brehm, 1966

**Conservation Commission**
William Sheldon, 1967,
Chairman

**Assessors**
Earl F. Shumway,
Chairman
John H. Hills
Chauncey T. Simmons*

**Cemetery**
William F. Gage, 1966
Parsons, 1963

**Health**
Karel S. Winiarski, 1967
R. Sheldon Clapp, M.D., 1966
Chairman
William H. McGrath, 1965

**Memorial Day**
Lawrence Sherman,
Chairman
William Paul
David Sherriman
Henry Daval
Walter Market

**Munson Memorial Library**
Dana P. Snyder, 1967
Norman G. MacLeod, 1966,
Chairman
Carol B. Cornish, 1965

**Planning**
John F. Mathews, 1967
John Spencer, 1967
Ernest C. Carpenter, 1967
Theodore S. Bacon, Jr., 1966,
Chairman
Raymond Otto, 1966
Charles H. Fawcett, 1965
David C. Bischoff, 1965
Robert Kleis, 1965
G. Dale Sheehan, 1965

**Recreation**
Gordon Neylon, 1967
Chairman
William Madden, 1967
P. Clifford Allen, 1966
William D. Scott, 1966*
Benjamin Page, 1965
Francis A. Vlach, 1965

**Registars of Voters**
Agnes V. Doherty, 1967,
Chairman
Michael J. Garvey, 1966
Donald S. Lacroix, 1965
Ester S. DeMoeck, ex officie

**Trust Fund**
Ernest M. Whitcomb, 1967,
Chairman
Robert D. Hawley, 1966
Kenneth W. Johnson, 1965

**Zoning Appeals**
Arnold D. Rhodes, 1967,
Chairman
William Bogue, 1966
Edward R. Market, 1965

**Special Officers & Constables**
Kazimer J. Mitchell
Henry J. Menzer
Winifred O. Shumway
Herman A. Market
Weymouth B. Heish
Alexander P. Blasco
Mitchell Jacque
Francis E. Harr

** Pound Keeper **
Arthur P. Taylor

** Fence Viewers **
Walter C. Jones
Gordon Holbert
Winifred O. Shumway

** Field Drivers **
Arthur B. Taylor

**Measurers of Wood**
Howard W. C. Leonard Page
Edward Zimbraski

** Weighers **
George H. Westcott
Robert Beaulieu
Barbara B. Bartlett
Chester M. Morehouse
Gershon Ewell
James F. Corre
Daniel T. Hartnett
Max Wojcik
James Thorsland
Myron H. Atwood
Robert Cashman
Edmund Walukiewicz
Earl Tretten
Roger Doolittle
George A. Marston
Homer W. Clapp, M.D., 1966

**Fire Protection Needs Committee**, the Village Improvement Committee and just recently the Economic Opportunity Act Committee.

Selectmen's report

Amherst has been moving at a leisurely pace for many decades toward today. A good foundation has been laid. The past few years the rate of growth has been greatly accelerated and in 1964 many things were done to prepare for the inevitable and more rapid future growth.

Every report in this Town Report tells about moving forward together to better serve Amherst. Your appointed hard working boards, committees and commissions have all helped to direct and coordinate our growth.

Your Town Moderator has been a constant source of good advice and counsel and has servved Amherst. Your appointed hard working boards, committees and commissions have all helped to direct and coordinate our growth.

Your Selectmen have worked with your School Committee whenever needed. The addition to the High School is nearing completion and a new 21 room Elementary School is about to be constructed. Additional school sites are being considered.

Meetings were held with Selectmen from neighboring towns, legislative committees and other groups to consider mutual problems.

Amherst is on the move and thanks to its interested citizens and town meeting members will continue to move forward and enjoy the trip.
Building blocks

Town manager reports

This year's activities and accomplishments constitute a series of "building blocks," solid, progressive accomplishments needed to protect and stimulate our town. Ten of the most important "blocks" which were put together in 1964 are:

- A New Zoning By-law.
  Our Planning Board overcame voter objection and previous defeat. They convinced the citizens of the need for a new and progressive zoning by-law to replace our prewar zoning by-law. A sound building "block" for future growth and protection has been added to our law.

- A New Building Code.
  To pave the way for proper inspection of all types of construction and to insure protection to the purchaser, a modern, performance-type code was adopted this fall. A new full-time Building Inspector will enforce the building code and the zoning by-law.

- A Revaluation of all Property.
  1964 saw the completion of the town's first professional property appraisal. The new valuation figures were used in computing the 1964 tax rate resulting in a decrease to $31.00. We are now on sound legal grounds and equipped with the tools to fairly assess all properties, new and old.

- A System of Sewer Assessments.
  A solid building "block" was created when the town approved the Selectmen's method of assessing new sewer connections by means of a substantial entrance fee. Adequate income will stimulate construction in this important area.

- $265,000 for Sanitary Sewer Construction.
  Following the adoption of the sewer assessment plan an appropriation of $265,000 was approved to extend the sewer system into the South Amherst area. Amherst's sanitary sewer system is one of the key "blocks" in the growth and development of the town. It is estimated that over 90 percent of the total population is currently served by this system.

- An Advance Planning Loan for Water Supply Study.
  This federal loan will cover the cost of a detailed engineering study of our existing water supplies with recommendations for increasing our existing supplies. Even though we went through the 1964 drought without serious difficulty we must expect constantly increasing consumption. An adequate water supply is a vital necessity and one of the most important responsibilities of government.

- A 20 room Elementary School.
  One of the most important actions of 1964 certainly was the approval of the $1,200,000 bond issue proposed by the School Committee to construct a new elementary school in the South Amherst area. The new school will be constructed upon a site purchased in 1962, a good example of foresight by your town government.

- Progress Toward Increased Pedestrian and Motor Vehicle Safety.
  An important "building block" was the adoption of the state pedestrian control law, which in turn led to approval of an appropriation to purchase two new traffic signal installations equipped with pedestrian controls and to the adoption of specific motor vehicle speed regulations on seven heavily traveled streets. This is the first time our town has adopted such regulations which will ultimately be extended to all major streets, a step toward better traffic enforcement.

- A Department of Public Works.
  Planned and organized in 1964, our new unified public works department actually came into being on January 1, 1965. This combination of the former highway, water, sewer, parks and refuse departments into one organization will provide a higher degree of coordination, greater utilization of men and equipment and increased economy in purchasing and maintenance operations.

- A Start Toward A More Beautiful Amherst.
  The first town appropriation for landscaping and beautifying allowed construction of three planters in an appropriate location with matching funds provided by the abutter. Enthusiasm for this type of activity is high among the property owners and town officers and we look forward to a furtherance of this type of activity.

We can all take pride in the list of accomplishments of 1964. Certainly many other items come to mind which are not listed above. The individual department reports which follow give more details of the year's activities.
The big election year

Town clerk's report

A politically important year is by nature reflected in the election and registration activities of the Town Clerk's office—and 1964 was no exception; this was probably our busiest year. Amherst, with its peculiarly mobile population, is affected to a higher degree than most other small towns with a higher percentage of removals from the voting list as well as a higher proportion of new voters in a big election year. Over two hundred voters were removed from the 1963 voting list, but over eight hundred more were registered during 1964, putting us for the first time over the five thousand mark for the big November election. In addition, applications were made by 166 persons for the partial ballot for new residents, 141 of whom were certified to vote for the office of president and vice-president only. Despite some frustrating experiences with this recently enacted law, which will doubtless be ironed out, it does answer a real need for newcomers who cannot qualify for permanent registration, and yet who are vitally interested in voting for president.

With town election in February, town meeting and a referendum in March, presidential primaries in April, special town meetings in June and November, the state primaries in September and the state and presidential election in November—this was reason enough for an abnormally busy year. As may be seen from the Town Clerk's financial report, however, all major sources of income were up, indicating increased activity in all areas. Two personnel changes, in July when Miss Lorraine Mason left to be married, and in December when her replacement, Mrs. Beverly Jenks, left, complete the record of an unusual year. Mrs. Leonora Haygood was welcomed to our staff the last week in December.

TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
February 17, 1964

The polls were opened at 12:15 P.M. in accordance with the warrant. The voters met in their respective precincts, with the following results:

Moderator: Winthrop S. Dakin
Selectman: Howard W. Atkins
Member School Committee: Robert A. Jacque, David J. Moriarty
Member Housing Authority: Frederick G. Ruder, Jr.

Election results:

Question 1 — Nominations: Yes
Question 2 — Fluoridation: No


Precinct 2, Town Meeting Members, 3 years: Luther Banta, Marcia D. Birdsong, R. Harlow Cutting, Nancy M. Gordon, Donald E. Hastings, Chong W. Lee, Herbert Reichlin, Phyllis F. Renaud, Donald V. Waddington, Joan S. Weston, Mary Ellen T. Clark; 2 years: Charles E. Carver, Jr., James H. Clark, Frederick H. Edwards; 1 year: Lucy L. Casey.


ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Winthrop S. Dakin, Moderator, in the auditorium of the Regional High School. The teller reported 139 town meeting members present of the total of 257, and the Moderator declared a quorum present. Esther S. Dimock, Town Clerk, read the call and the constable's return.

Article 1. Voted that the reports of the town officers, the finance committee and the planning board be accepted.

Article 2. Voted 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 January 1, 1964 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 Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 3. Voted that the present "Job Classification and Pay Schedule" be repealed and in its place there be adopted the text of "The Personnel By-Law," designated at the end "2nd Draft 2/21/64", distributed to town meeting members before and at this meeting, such repeal and adoption to be effective April 1, 1964.

Article 4. Defeated (Occupation Classification change for Police) YEA, 53, NO, 124.


Article 6. General Government

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $102,942 for General Government; that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at $10 and that of the Elector under the Oliver Smith Will at $20; that of the appropriation for the Selectmen $100, for the Town Manager $500, for the Town Accountant $100, and for the Planning Board $150, be available for out-of-state travel; and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Public Safety

Voted that the town appropriate $246,397 for Public Safety, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and that as part of the appropriation for the Police Department $100, for the Fire Department $125, and for the Civil Defense budget $50, be available for out-of-state travel.

Health and Sanitation

Voted that the town appropriate $94,454 for Health and Sanitation, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; that for the appropriation for Sewage Treatment Plant and Pumping Station $22,446, and for the appropriation for Sewer System Maintenance $6,500 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Reserve; and that the balance of $65,508 be raised by taxation; and further that of the appropriation for Health Department $150, and for the Sewage Treatment Plant and Pumping Station $50 be available for out-of-state travel.

Highways

Voted that the town appropriate $166,353 for Highways, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee under the caption "Public Health;" that for the appropriation for Parking Meter Maintenance $4,785 be appropriated and transferred from Parking Meter Reserve, and that the balance of $161,568 be raised by taxation and further that of the appropriation for Highway Maintenance $200 be available for out-of-state travel.

Public Welfare and Veterans Services

Voted that the town appropriate $128,595 for Public Welfare and Veterans Services, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Libraries

Voted that the town appropriate $17,533.50 for Libraries, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee, except that the budget for the Jones Library be $9,929.50, that $3,429.50 be appropriated and transferred from General Revenue for this purpose pending reimbursement from the state under Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960; and that the balance of $14,104 be raised by taxation.

Parks and Recreation

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $39,615 for Parks and Recreation, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and further that of the appropriation for the Recreation Commission $75 be available for out-of-state travel.

Enterprises and Cemeteries

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $20,615 for Enterprises and Cemeteries, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee; and further that of the appropriation for the Recreation Commission $75 be available for out-of-state travel.

Unclassified

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $15,285.44 for Unclassified, and that the appropriations for the separate items be fixed as recommended by the Finance Committee, except that the item, Contributory Pension Fund, be $42,398.64.

Indebtedness

Debt: Voted that the town raise and appropriate $29,000 for payment of the General Debt; that $3,429.50 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Reserve for payment of the Water Debt; that $35,000 be appropriated and transferred from Sewer Reserve for payment of the Water Debt; that $8,986.70 be transferred and appropriated therefrom for proceeds to be received under Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1962, and that $20,586.70 be transferred and appropriated therefrom for proceeds to be received under Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1962.

Motion #2, Voted that $12,000 be appropriated and transferred from proceeds of Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1962 to (1) purchase and install a pedestrian actuated traffic signal system at the intersection of Amity, Main and North Pleasant Streets, and (2) make improvements including installation of pedestrian actuated signals in the existing instillation at the intersection of Northampton Road and South Pleasant Street.

Regional School District

Voted that the town raise and appropriate $619,956.60 for its proportionate share of the 1964 capital and operating costs of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District.

Article 7. Voted that $17,600 be appropriated and transferred from overlay surplus reserve to reserve account.

Articles 8 and 10. Motion #1. Voted that the town appropriate $69,973.40 to reconstruct and resurface (1) the section of Bay Road lying between the 1962 and the 1963 Chapter 90 construction projects, and (2) a portion of North East Street from Main Street northerly about 2,500 feet; and to meet said appropriation that $10,000 be raised by taxation, and that $50,000 be borrowed under Chapter 90, 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the state of $20,000 and from the county of $10,000, and that $8,986.70 be transferred and appropriated therefrom for proceeds to be received under Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1962.

Motion #2. Voted that $12,000 be appropriated and transferred from proceeds of Chapter 82 of the Acts of 1962 to (1) purchase and install a pedestrian actuated traffic signal system at the intersection of Amity, Main and North Pleasant Streets, and (2) make improvements including installation of pedestrian actuated signals in the existing installation at the intersection of Northampton Road and South Pleasant Street.
Article 12. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $4,000 to construct or reconstruct a sidewalk on a part of North Pleasant Street.

Article 13. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $2,500, and appropriate and transfer $4,858.20 from the unexpended balance of Article 50 of the 1963 town warrant, both to be used together for constructing or reconstructing sidewalks and acquiring necessary land or easements on South East Street, Pelham Road, Triangle Street, Mattone Street and Taylor Street.

The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 14. Dismissed. (Creatview Drive as a public way)

Article 15. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $3,000 for improvements in existing storm drains in town.

Article 16. Voted that the town appropriate $265,000 to construct sanitary sewer lines in parts of West Street, Mill Lane, Shays Street, South East Street, Pomeroy Lane and East Hadley Road, including an ejector station, intercepting sewers and incidental related appurtenances; and to acquire by eminent domain or otherwise sewer line easements for the project; and to meet said appropriation that the sum of $5,000 be appropriated and transferred from the balance of the sewer project voted under Article 42 at the 1963 annual town meeting, and that the town treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow, in 1965, the sum of $260,000 under and pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, to be refunded in 1965 from the aforesaid bonds or notes. The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 17. Voted that the town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, gift, purchase or otherwise, sewer line easements in land of Richard and Josephine R. Haven, Louis F. and Elizabeth M. Dindeliski and Kay Vee Realty Co., Inc., on the west side of West Street near Pomeroy Lane, in connection with the sewer project described in the preceding article and using for the acquisition funds herefor authorized for said project; and authorize the construction in any easement so acquired or in a public way, by and at the expense of private parties, of sewer lines under specifications and supervision of the Town Manager, which lines, on completion, shall become the property of the town.

Article 18. Voted that the town release a certain sewer easement across the land of Peter A. Ostrowski et ux and Justin R. R. Perry situated off the westerly side of East Pleasant Street and accept another sewer easement in substitution therefor as shown on a plan of land entitled, "Meadow Brook Subdivision Definitive Plan Subdivision of Land—Amherst, Mass. Belonging to Peter A. & Mary Ostrowski", dated May 9, 1965, Almer Huntley, Jr., and Associates, Surveyor, on file in the office of the Town Clerk. The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 19. Voted that the town accept Chapter 48 of the Acts of 1964 entitled "An Act Establishing a Method of Sewer Assessment by the Board of Sewer Commissioners of the Town of Amherst."

Article 20. Voted that $7,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account to install a new water main on a portion of Henry Street.

Article 21. Voted that $12,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account to construct a water main on East Hadley Road, the project not to be undertaken until at least one half of the cost of the project has been received in abutter contributions by said account.

Article 22. Dismissed. (Flouridation equipment)

Article 23. Voted that $7,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account, to be used with the balance of $6,603.16 remaining in the appropriation voted under Article 17 at the 1965 annual town meeting, to construct and equip a permanent chemical feeding station at the wellfield in South Amherst.

Article 24. Voted that a water department building reserve account be established for a future building and storage area for that department, and that $6,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account to such reserve account.

Article 25. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $7,000 for the Conservation Commission to be placed in the Conservation Fund.

Article 26. Voted that the town, pursuant to the program voted in 1965 to purchase for three successive years, a parcel of land along Mill River from Stephen P. Puffer, Jr., authorize the Conservation Commission to accept the option granted by him for the purchase of Parcel #2 mentioned in his deed dated August 17, 1965 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1417, Page 350, and appropriate and transfer from the Conservation Fund $5,000 for the cost of such parcel; the cost of this project, if completed to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth's Commissioner of Natural Resources, shall be partially reimbursed to the town under Section 11 of Chapter 132A of the General Laws.

Article 27. Voted that $4,000 be raised and appropriated to remodel portions of the town hall.

Article 28. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $3,000 for improvements in the Munson Memorial Library Building.

Article 29. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $2,500 to construct a hard-surface basketball court on Community Field.

Article 30. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $2,500 to make improvements in the Munson Memorial Library Building.

Article 31. Voted that $677.75 in the Sale of Real Estate Fund and $3,655.00 in the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund be appropriated and transferred for a South Amherst Cemetery Enlargement Fund and be available for the acquisition from Herbert F. Cook II and Jean M. Cook of land to enlarge that cemetery, any unused balance after such acquisition to revert to the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund.

The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 32. Voted that the town revise the Zoning By-Law and map to conform to the text printed in the pamphlet attached to the warrant and hereby incorporated therein, entitled "Proposed Revision of the Zoning By-Law," and to the map dated December 18, 1965, referred to in the text, but subject to the modifications in the map and in the text as follows:

On the proposed Zoning Map—
1. (Deleted by amending vote)
2. The Limited Business (B-L) district is hereby extended in the following manner: on the west side of West Street extend the Limited Business District to a southerly direction an additional 200 feet along the street and 200 feet in depth and, on the south east corner, extend the Limited Business district to a line drawn approximately due south from a point on Pomeroy Lane 250 feet from the intersection, until it intersects the southerly property line approximately 540 feet from Pomeroy Lane and 480 feet from West Street. The frontage on West Street of these two segments, as enlarged, will then be 551 feet and 588.7 feet respectively.

In the text of the proposed revision of the Zoning By-Law—
3. In Section VI (Dimensional Requirements) Table 2, the basic minimum lot area of the R-O (Outlying Residence) district is hereby changed from 40,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet.
4. In Section XI, 4 (Special Exceptions) the word "may" in the third line is hereby changed to read "shall." In XI, 4, e, the word "either" in the fourth line is
In Section XI, 4 (Special Exceptions) come effective that the zoning by-law and the Planning Board was read.

Article 33. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $4,500, and appropriate and transfer from the road machinery fund $5,000, to purchase a new dump truck for use of the Highway Department, and that an old dump truck be turned in as part payment.

Article 36. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $2,800 to purchase an automatic sanding body for use by the Highway Department.

Article 37. Voted that the town appropriated and transferred $1,000,16, the unexpended balance of the appropriation that was voted for the purchase of a front-end loader under Article 44 of the 1963 annual town meeting, for the purchase of a snow plow to be used on said loader. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 38. Voted that $2,500 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account to purchase a pick-up truck for use of the Water Department, and that an old pick-up truck be turned in as part payment. YES, 77, NO, 33.

Article 39. Voted that $2,000 be appropriated and transferred from water surplus account to purchase water tapping machines for use of the Water Department, and that old tapping machines be turned in as part payment.

Article 40. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $1,000 to purchase a duplicator and photocopy machine for use in the Town Hall and that one or both such old machines may be turned in as part payment.

Article 41. Voted that the town grant another year of study by the Urban Renewal Study Committee and that they bring in a report at the next annual town meeting. A report of the Committee was read.

Article 42. Voted that the town request the Selectmen to consider designating a different date for town election and/or annual town meeting so that the date of filing nomination papers will not fall in the Christmas holiday season.

Article 43. Voted that the Moderator be instructed to appoint an elementary school building committee, of from five to seven persons, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee, to recommend to a later town meeting the location, type, size and other aspects it deems pertinent, of new elementary school facilities in town to meet imminent elementary school needs in town, and raise and appropriate $500 for the use of the committee.

Article 44. Voted that the town raise and appropriate $1,745.22 to pay unpaid bills of 1963. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 A.M. with a total of 210 town meeting members having been present. REFERENDUM—ZONING March 17, 1964

The polls opened at 2:00 P.M. as directed and closed at 8:00 P.M., with voting in the respective precincts. Town meeting action was upheld because 20% of the registered voters failed to vote "Yes".

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

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The tally was completed and results announced at 9:20 P.M. The total number of registered voters was 4532.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING June 1, 1964

The meeting was called to order by Winthrop S. Dakin, Moderator, at 8:05 P.M. in the auditorium of the Regional High School. The teller reported 129 town meeting members present of a total of 256, and the Moderator declared a quorum present. The call and the constable's return were read by Esther S. Dimock, Town Clerk.

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Article 1. Voted that $18,000 be raised and appropriated to be used by the Amherst Elementary School Building Committee to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates for a new elementary school.

Article 2. Voted (1) that the vote adopted under Article 16 of the warrant for the 1964 annual town meeting be hereby rescinded; (2) that the sum of $265,000 be hereby appropriated for the construction of sewers for the aforesaid site, including, without limitation, an ejector station, intercepting sewers and sewer line easements for the aforesaid construction; (3) that to meet said appropriation, $5,000 shall be raised by taxation in the current year; and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, shall be authorized to borrow the sum of $250,000 at one time or from time to time and issue therefor general obligation bonds or notes of the town in said principal amount; each issue of said bonds or notes to mature within twenty years from its issuance; (4) that the Town Manager, with the approval of the Selectmen, be hereby authorized to take any necessary or desirable steps in connection with the aforesaid construction and easements and to determine the final plans, to solicit bids, to make contracts, to supervise the construction and to see that the contracts are carried out.

The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

Article 3. Voted that $600 be appropriated and transferred from the unexpended balance of the appropriation voted under Article 32 of the warrant for the 1963 annual town meeting for preparing the text for and for publishing, before September 15, 1964, copies of a booklet, to be available to the public for fifty cents each, of an itemized list of 1963 local real estate valuations, and the new valuations resulting from the 1964 reassessment of all taxable real estate within the town. The original motion was for free distribution of the booklet, but the Finance Committee recommended the charge of fifty cents each, and it was voted to include this charge on a counted vote of "Yes", 104, "No", 33.

Article 4. Voted that the town discontinue as a town way the entirety of Hillside Avenue from its intersection at Sunset Lane to its most westerly extremity, and authorize the Selectmen, for ten dollars, to release whatever title the town may have in such manner at public or private sale as shall be determined by the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or a majority thereof, but subject to the provisions of this resolution and to the applicable provisions of law, provided, however, that the sum herein authorized to be borrowed shall be reduced to the extent that a grant of Commonwealth or federal funds for said project is received by the town prior to the sale of all of the bonds or notes herein authorized to be issued; and (4) that the Town Manager, with the approval of the Selectmen, be hereby authorized to take any necessary or desirable steps in connection with the aforesaid construction and acquisition of easements, including, without limitation, the authority to engage engineers and surveyors to determine the specific location of said construction and easements, and determine the final plans, to solicit bids, to make contracts, to supervise the construction and to see that the contracts are carried out.

The vote was unanimous. The approval of the Finance Committee was read.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 16, 1964

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by W. D. White, Moderator, in the auditorium of the Regional High School.

The teller reported 1/2 town meeting members present out of a total of 251, and the Moderator declared a quorum to be present. The call and the constable's return were read by Esther S. Dimock, Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted that the town adopt the following by-law:

1. There shall be an Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances in Buildings who shall be appointed by the Town Manager and whose duty shall be to enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the board established under Section Twelve H of Chapter twenty-five of the General Laws as amended, and any amendments to such rules and regulations that may be adopted from time to time by said board.

2. No person shall engage in gas fitting in buildings in the town without obtaining a permit authorizing such work from the Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances in Buildings. The said Inspector shall require applicants for permits hereunder to furnish such description and information as he deems necessary concerning the proposed work, and he shall require said applicants to pay such fees as the Board of Selectmen from time to time may establish.

3. As used in this by-law the words 'gas fitting' shall be construed to include the installation, alteration, and replacement of a system beyond the gas meter outlet or regulator through which is conveyed or intended to be conveyed fuel gas of any kind, except unidirectional liquid or petroleum gas, for power, refrigeration, heating or illuminating purposes including the connection therewith of test gas fixtures, ranges, gas appliances, stoves, water heaters, house heating boilers, and any other gas using appliances and all attachments and appurtenances, and the maintenance in good and safe condition of said systems, and the making of necessary repairs and changes.

4. Whoever violates any provision of this by-law shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

Article 2. Voted that $4,500 be appropriated and transferred from Water Surplus Fund to extend the water main on East Hadley Road approximately 1300 feet west to the last house on the street.

Article 3. Voted that the town accept as a Public Way Cherry Lane, according to a plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Article 4. Voted that the town accept as a Public Way an existing ungraded road, connecting East Pleasant Street with Triangle Street in the vicinity of Rowe's Garage, according to a plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Article 5. Voted

1. That the sum of one million and one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($1,175,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new elementary school building on land of the Town situated between Shays Street and Sunset Street in South Amherst, and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow at any time or from time to time as one or more separate issues, the sum of one million and one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars ($1,175,000) under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town authorized, payable in accordance with the applicable provisions of said Chapter 645 and of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that each issue of bonds or notes herein authorized shall be payable in not more than twenty years from its date;
2. That said appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee appointed under Article 43 of the Warrant for the Town Meeting held March 2, 1964, said Committee to have full authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip, and furnish the elementary school building approved by this vote, to name said elementary school building and to take any other action necessary to carry out the provisions of this vote.

YES 142 NO 5

Article 6. Voted that $5,000 be transferred and appropriated from sewer reserve account for the purchase and installation of two new effluent pumps at the sewage treatment plant and that the two used pumps be disposed of.

Article 7. Voted that $3,500 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to the snow and ice removal account.

Article 8. Voted that $2,000 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to the general relief account.

Article 9. Dismissed. Money for Medical Aid to the Aged Account. (Can be transferred from other welfare accounts)

Article 10. Voted that the town adopt as a by-law the text of the “Proposed 1964 Building Code for the Town of Amherst”, now on file and available for scrutiny in the office of the Town Clerk, and repeal the present Town by-laws, captioned “Building Regulations” and “Building Permits”, being Sections 5 to 10, inclusive, of Article IV of the Town by-laws, such repeal to take effect when the new by-law proposed herein becomes effective.

Article 11. Voted that the town release the sewer line easements no longer needed across land formerly of Frederick J., Helen M. and James B. Kentfield on the south side of Amity Street, and across land of Edward and Louise Dziuba on the north side of Amity Street.

The vote was unanimous.


Article 13. Voted that $170 be appropriated and transferred from surplus revenue account to pay an unpaid bill of 1963.

The approval of the Finance Committee was read. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M., November 16, 1964, with 159 town meeting members present.

Your police department

It is essential to the preservation of the rights of every individual, of life, liberty, property and character, that there be impartial interpretation of the laws, and administration of justice.

State Constitution, Article XXIX

Serious crime in the U.S. increased 10% in 1963 over 1962 and the figures for the period January - September 1964, the latest available, identify a 15% increase over the same period in 1963. Two and one half million serious crimes were reported in 1963. These national crime trends should be recognized in appraising the conditions of law and order in our community and the performance of the Amherst Police Department in serving the people of our town. Again, they reflect the moral conditions under which we live and the attitude of our citizens toward the laws which govern all men.

Our department consists of a Chief, 3 Sergeants and 9 Patrolmen. Any success we have achieved in providing safety, security and service for this community, is measured by the loyalty and dedication of the men of the department. The spirit, sacrifice and willingness to contribute additional time without additional compensation, of the men of this department, has enabled us to meet our increased responsibilities.

The practice of the Town in selecting its own Police personnel through a special entrance examination has proven most successful. This same procedure is followed in promotional examinations and has given us excellent personnel and outstanding morale.
Officer Clarence H. Babb is the Department Safety Officer and supervises the School Safety Patrol, supplemented by appearances at the schools, Parent-Teacher Association meetings and related groups and Civic Clubs. This program includes active interest and participation with our young people in athletic events and the Boys’ Club.

The department is very proud that for the second time within three years, a member of the force, received the award as “Young Man of the Year” from the Amherst Junior Chamber of Commerce. Patrolman Donald N. Maia received this award in 1962 and this year, 1964, Patrolman Clarence A. Babb has received this honor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

1. Parking Meter Receipts.

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The continued growth in receipts may be affected by the available parking in connection with proposed shopping centers in the immediate vicinity.

2. Parking Summons

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The substantial increase in 1964 suggests that a serious condition has developed wherein persons fail to observe the established and posted rules for parking and thus impose a hardship on others and affect the safety and security of the community. The enforcement of these rules will continue to receive our constant attention and I ask the cooperation of all persons in observing the regulations which have been established for the convenience and safety of the public.

3. Complaints Investigated

The work of our Police Department cannot be measured solely by statistics of arrests and traffic violations. Many services are performed which do not fall in either of these fields yet serve the people of our town.

Every complaint is recorded and receives investigation to determine what police action, if any, should be taken. An increasing number of these calls are “service calls”, wherein the individual is seeking assistance of some kind not associated with a law violation. It is estimated that in most communities non-criminal activities of the police department represent 75% of its man-hours.

During 1964 we received 3410 complaints all of which were given immediate attention and action.

4. Arrests

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This measure of the crime conditions of our community, committed by persons within and without the town, is an important part of any annual report.

5. Motor Vehicle Violations

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The continued interest and cooperation of our citizens in observance of the highway laws is important to the safety of all persons.

No police department, regardless of its size or efficiency, can function effectively without the full cooperation of the law abiding citizens of the community. They represent our greatest strength. The Department appreciates the assistance and understanding which they have given in the past and give assurance of our determination to continue our efforts in the future.

Highway Violations

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At your service

The fire department

As the year 1964 ended, our records indicated that the Fire Department answered a total of seven hundred and ninety-three runs. Of this figure, 466 were fire calls and 327 were for the Ambulance. This is an increase of 140 calls over the year of 1963.

In April, the addition of two fire fighters, to the permanent force was greatly appreciated. They were Private Raymond Skrocki and Private Robert Chisholm. While it has modified our concern to some extent, in regard to our response to emergencies, both fire and ambulance calls, we are hopeful that as conditions warrant it, more men will be appointed to satisfy our protective efforts.

The interest and the desire of the permanent force to serve the people in a more efficient manner, has resulted in the attendance of many at Fire demonstrations, courses and meetings. The Civil Defense Rescue School at Topsfield, Massachusetts has gained favor in the training of firefighters and Private Richard Hardaker and Private Everett Horne attended a one week course in June. Later, in November, Private Richard Jenks and Private Raymond Skrocki attended a week-end course. It is hoped that more men will avail themselves of this opportunity. Many of the permanent men have attended monthly meetings on their time off, out of Town, to hear Instructors trained in special phases of firefighting and whenever possible, several of the Call Men have attended demonstrations of new equipment and firefighting techniques. In addition to the regular monthly drills, a Civil Defense course on shelters and fall-out was given by John A. Skarynski of Hatfield, a Civil Defense Instructor, at the Amherst Fire Station. This course covered six weeks and upon completion, a certificate was awarded to each man, completing the required number of hours. This course was attended by some permanent and call firefighters and some of the University of Massachusetts Student Fire Force.

The members of the Student Fire Force have been ready and willing to offer their assistance to us. During October and November, the New England Insurance Rating Association made a survey of the Fire Department.

During the year, fifteen hundred feet of new fire alarm cable was installed from the Fire Station to the junction of North Pleasant and East Pleasant Streets. This cable supplies current to the fire alarm boxes at the University of Massachusetts, North Amherst and Cushman. It is planned to replace the remainder of underground cables next year. Six fire alarm boxes were installed during the year. Two additional panels installed at Headquarters must be considered in next year's budget to take care of new circuits.

The Department recommends the building of a station on land owned by the Town on Pine Street, North Amherst. One pumper, the 1942 Ford, did not pass the test by the New England Insurance Rating Association this fall and it is recommended that it be replaced. This pumper is 23 years old, and not meeting the requirements, cannot be considered as Class A equipment.

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The ambulance

The 1964 Cadillac Ambulance, ably maintained and operated by your Fire Department, continued to provide excellent emergency service during the year. The Ambulance made 327 runs and covered nearly 6,000 miles. Expenses for the year totaled $3,130.11; receipts totaled $4,528.00. Budget projections for 1965 amount to $5,230.00 for the continuation of this valuable community service.

Civil defense

President Lyndon B. Johnson recently referred to Civil Defense as follows: "The Civil Defense program is another important element of our total continental defense effort. Its central objective is a nationwide fallout shelter program to reduce significantly the casualties among our population in the event of nuclear attack."

Plans for fallout shelters have been quietly activated so that about the only people aware of the program are those who are in direct contact with it.

Shelter areas within the University are the only ones within the town which have been stocked within the past year. Recent licenses authorized by the Trustees are now being processed which will add substantially to the available spaces.
New construction within the town has added nothing in the way of suitable shelter space.

The Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency has maintained at Topsfield a disaster training center to which several members of our Fire Department have attended.

The control center at the fire station has been maintained as far as equipment and provisions are concerned. In any serious emergency, we shall have alternate lines of communication with the outside independent of telephone lines.

Public apathy towards the program is the greatest single problem of the department. We are, however, attempting to maintain a skeleton organization which could, if occasion demanded it, develop into an important service to the community. Let us hope that we never have a chance to prove our worth.

Forest fires

Another dry season found the Department very busy with grass and forest fires. The two major fires were on South East Street and Bay Road burning approximately forty acres of woodland.

Two days were required for each of the major fires to complete extinguishing and we were fortunate that all of the other fires were observed in their early stage and were extinguished in less time.

Although the Governor issued a ban on fires in the open during the exceedingly dry weather, the people of Amherst had shown us that they were aware of the existing danger and we are grateful for their cooperation.

1308 permits were issued for fires in the open. As compared to the number issued in 1963, there was an increase of 994 more permits.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens appointed for the year are as follows:

- Walter M. Swartz
- North Amherst
- John Swartz
- North Amherst
- Albert G. Brace
- South Amherst
- Herman A. Markert
- South Amherst

The building inspector

The total value of the building permits issued during the year of 1964 was $7,184,241.00. This total represents 192 permits. The impressive dollar total is misleading because it includes the Forest Library worth $3,300,000.00 and the addition to the Amherst Regional High School worth $968,628.00. More significant if not as impressive, are the nearly three million dollars representing the faith of individuals, groups and business corporations that Amherst is a growing community. Two churches, St. Brigid and The Immanuel Lutheran Church, have seen fit to invest over one half a million dollars in new buildings. Homeowners, through alterations, additions, new garages and swimming pools, have added more than $1,600,000.00 to the tax rolls. Commercial buildings plus alterations and additions represent another $225,000.00 of invested capital. Conscious by their absence this year, are residential buildings other than private dwellings which total only $276,000.00 compared to $1,138,000.00 in 1963. Although the Zoning Board of Appeals issued zoning permits for two apartment complexes, these projects did not materialize to the building permit stage.

Dog department

In the year of 1964 there were 1012 dogs licensed in Amherst. Sixty eight warnings had to be sent to delinquent owners. It was found that fourteen dogs had either died or were killed in accidents and were not reported to the Clerk who compiled the list of delinquent owners. Eight on the list had moved out of town. The taxes were collected from the rest on the list.

At the dog pound 82 dogs were kept for ten days and then were disposed of. Forty five dogs kept at the dog pound were returned to the owners and six were sold. Dogs under quarantine are usually kept by the owners but two were kept at the pound.

Throughout the year eighty cats had a home at the dog pound with no problem.

The Town of Amherst is fortunate to have Mr. Arthur Taylor in charge of the dog pound. He gives loving care to the animals and has kept some of them longer than the required time in hopes of finding a good home for them.

Conservation

Preserve and protect

The Conservation Commission met twice during the year and continued its program of acquiring undeveloped areas in town to preserve some green patches in a rapidly expanding community. The Commission believes that several of these areas will provide elbow room for unorganized recreation, can be educational and, above all, will add to the attractiveness of the town itself.

The Town received 50 per cent compensation from the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources for Puffer Parcel #1 purchased in 1963 as part of the Mill River Conservation Area. In 1964 four additional
purchases for this area were made: Puffer Parcel #2, stream-bank properties of Charles J. Kolinski, Lester D. Cunningham and Herman E. Stockwell. The latter three purchases completed the necessary area between Puffer’s Pond and Bridge Street.

The Commission is now negotiating for acquisition of areas in the South Amherst Swamp and areas of the Holyoke Range about the 500-foot contour.

During the year the Commission recommended to the School Board the construction of a small pond north of the school for educational purposes. This project was approved.

Improvements in the Mill River Conservation Area included placing metal markers on boundary trees, litter clean-up by the Recreation Commission and, under the direction of Bradlee Gage, a truckload of litter collected by fraternity pledges of the University through the cooperation of William P. Field, Dean of Students. In addition, the old forge on the Commission right-of-way of the Mill River property was demolished as well as the old Clam Club which had deteriorated during many years of non-use.

Charles Chase directed the Boy Scouts in clearing litter from the access path to the Mill River property.

Mrs. Jane Linnell was appointed to the Commission to replace Mrs. Anne Bain who resigned last year. Mrs. Linnell directed the Girl Scouts, and Mr. Gage the Boy Scouts, in planting 200 pine trees in the Mt. Cator and Mill River Conservation Areas.

Prior to the hunting season, safety zone signs were distributed to home owners abutting the conservation areas.

The Commission held one joint meeting with the Hadley Conservation Commission with the objective of cooperating with them in preserving parts of the Holyoke Range and other areas of mutual interest.

Your Conservation Commission will continue every effort to insure the beauty of the town through the preservation of wild lands still remaining within town boundaries.

Zoning board of appeals

During 1964, 50 petitions were filed for hearings before the Board of Appeals, 14 more than the previous record of 36 filed in 1963. Of the 50 petitions, four were withdrawn prior to a hearing, one was dismissed as not requiring Board action, and in one case the petitioner did not appear. The other 44 cases were heard.

Variations were granted for construction of a house on a rear lot without the required street frontage, and construction of an addition to a house with less than the required side yard; variations were denied for the construction of extra dwellings on a single lot, the conversion of a barn into apartments, operation of a beautician’s shop in a residential district, erection of a billboard, erection of a sign projecting more than the permissible distance from a building, and creation of a substandard lot. Permits were granted for the sale of second hand cars and trucks, the sale and repair of office machines, construction of a concrete mixing plant, use of a building for storage and wholesale, construction of a coaxial repeater station, construction of a motel and enlargement of another, two fraternity houses, construction of two apartment complexes, conversion of a house and an office building into apartments; use of two trailers for dwellings, enlargement or alteration of four business structures and one office building, conversion of a former filling station into a real estate office, construction of two buildings with less than the required side yard, erection of five temporary signs and three permanent signs of larger-than-permitted dimensions, operation of four nursery schools and kindergartens, and keeping a horse in a residential district. Permits were denied for two temporary signs, and for an apartment complex of seven units and another of 114.

Interest in the construction of apartments, which first became manifest in 1962 after many years of total inactivity in this regard and which then accelerated to a marked degree in 1963, continued unabated in 1964. During the year, permits were granted for 145 apartment units and denied for 116 units. In the past three years, six major apartment complexes have been authorized comprising in the aggregate 360 housing units of which to date approximately half have been completed (160) or are under construction (22). It is perhaps worth noting that at the year’s end, despite the commonly held opinion that housing is in short supply, an appreciable number of the completed apartments have yet to be rented. Is the demand not there? Are rentals too high? Or do the kind of people who gravitate to Amherst prefer houses to apartments? Perhaps the study of housing preferences and related matters being undertaken by the University will provide the answer.

If you have read this far it’s been a dull trip hasn’t it?

Tree protection

“only God can make a tree”

TREE WARDEN

Severe drought and old age caused the removal of more maples than usual. Twenty-seven Maple, 2 Cherry, 2 Spruce, 3 Pine and 2 Willow trees had to be removed. Because of the drought, much trimming out of dead branches in the crowns of Maples was done. A great deal more of this trimming remains to be done during the coming year because of insufficient funds in 1964.

Ninety-nine trees were planted in the tree belt in different sections of town. These consisted of replacements and new additions. Trees planted included 6 Ginkgo, 12 Locust, 10 Linden, 7 Sugar Maple, 15 Crimson King Maple, 15 Norway Maple, 12 Mountain Ash, 16 Hops Crab, 5 Alney Crab and 1 Scarlet Oak. This work was done under the able supervision of Henry J. Toole.

ELM TREE CARE

This year 173 Dutch elm diseased trees were taken down and removed. Forty-nine more trees remain to be done before April 1, 1965. Some progress is being made in eradicating Dutch elm disease in Amherst for this is the smallest number of infested trees during the past several years. As a means of prevention, much sanitation work was done in trimming out dead branches of healthy trees. Methoxychlor was used for spraying the elms in April for control of elm back beetle. Results showed that it was as effective as DDT yet much less toxic, therefore, not harmful to birds and other animals.

INSECT PEST CONTROL

All elms bordering the streets of the town were sprayed with Sevin in June for control of elm leaf beetle. Excellent control of this pest was obtained with the new town mist blower. This blower provided good coverage to the tall trees. Infestation of elm looper and canker worm were very slight resulting in no defoliation from the pests. Woodlands are free of gypsy moth. Patches of poison ivy along streets and on fields were eradicated by spraying with liquid Cytox Amirtol.
The public's health

1964 saw several changes in the activities of the Board of Health. Most of these innovations were in connection with the school health program. Vision tests of all incoming first grade students were completed in the first two months of school, so that could be referred early in the school year and not lose out on some of the learning experience because of eye problems not sooner recognized.

State law requires that all children receive a physical examination upon entrance to school and each three years thereafter. The school health service now reminds parents of the child. When it is necessary for the school physician to do the physical examination, parents are known to them.

One of the nurses conducted a series of poster contests for elementary school children on the importance of good nutrition. This program was very well received by pupils and teachers alike.

Two highly successful Expectant Parents courses were conducted by the nursing staff with outside speakers contributing to the content of the courses.

The staff of the Health Department now participates in regular in-service training sessions which explore different areas of Public Health nursing.

The number of Well Child Conferences was increased to a total of eleven during the year. Dr. Theodore K. Selkirk, Jr., was the participating physician at these conferences. A total of 83 children, several more than in the preceding year, were examined and/or given immunizations, including DPT, Trivalent (polio) and smallpox vaccine.

Nursing Statistics

Visiting nurse activities during the year remained a fairly stable program compared with previous years, with a total of 1,423 home visits by the nursing staff. They also participated in PTA programs, a Golden Age program, Future Nurse programs and appropriate programs in health education in the school system and in the community.

Environmental Health

Environmental health activities conducted in 1964 were principally confined to routine services, with the exception of the two food-borne outbreaks which were investigated. Inspections totaled 308 and included: 12 private water supplies, 28 sanitary landfill units, 32 septic tank, 47 restaurant, 9 farm labor camps, 6 housing, 24 bathing places, and 26 nuisance complaints, among others.

A total of 351 licenses and permits were issued by the Board. These included 213 plumbing permits and produced $2,148 in revenue to the town. This was the second consecutive year that income from plumbing permits exceeded the salary paid to the inspector.

Laboratory services included 244 throat cultures for local physicians, of which approximately 12% were found positive for strep sore throat. 316 milk samples were collected and tested for bacteria content during the year.

DENTAL

Topical fluoride treatments were completed on 467 school children. 214 dental examinations were completed. 292 of these children were referred for professional care by their family dentists. A change in the type of fluoride used in these applications was made in the fall. Phosphate fluoride, which is more effective than sodium fluoride and requires only one application, which in turn reduces lost time from class, was introduced.

Clinical dental work included 42 fillings, 7 extractions and the repair of one partial denture.

The Board of Health supported the unsuccessful campaign of the Amherst Citizens' Committee for Dental Health to have the town's water supply fluoridated.

Dr. Rudor's Report

Two very successful anti-rabies vaccine clinics were conducted in the summer. More than 230 dogs and cats were immunized against rabies during these clinics. It is recommended that they be continued in 1965. Residents came from all parts of the area, as well as Amherst, thus providing a safeguard of infected animals coming in from nearby towns.

64 cases of dog bite were investigated. All animals shipped into the town were inspected.

All barns where animals are kept are inspected.

During the year 30 carcasses, including 19 beef, 4 veal, 4 sheep and 3 hogs were inspected by the slaughtering inspector.

There were two personnel changes during the year. Mrs. Sally Frucnal resigned as clerk after six years of service, and Mrs. Gwen Gillmore was appointed to fill the vacancy. Dr. Winfield Hogle also resigned as Board of Health dentist after serving in this capacity from 1934-38 and from 1934-64.

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More cars make more problems

Public works

In 1964 an accelerated program of bituminous concrete paving, coupled with the sealing phase of road maintenance was carried out by the Highway Department. Blue Hills Rd., Cottage St., Orchard St., and portions of Mattion St., and Triangle St. were paved with bituminous concrete.

The following streets were resurfaced with a seal coat and covered with 3/8 stone or sand: South East St., Mechanic St., Middle St., Hinckley Rd., Woodside Ave., Old Town Rd., Cove Rd., State St., Pulpit Hill Rd., Flat Hills Rd., Strong St., Station Rd., Hadley Rd., Nutting Ave. Ext. and Valley Lane.

The street sweeper traveled a total of 1,600 miles during the year and collected a total of 2,156 yards of debris and sand. Much of the debris collected by the sweeper was an accumulation of litter which was discarded by our negligent citizens. During the year twelve litter baskets were placed in the center of town to collect waste that formerly ended up on the street. The program will be continued during 1965 with the addition of more baskets which will be attached to the meter posts.

Line Painting

The continuing program of painting yellow and white guide lines for motorists was continued during the year. A total of 40 miles of roads were painted to conform to state standards. All of the parking spaces, cross walks, stop lines and many other painted guides for the motorist were repainted.

Construction Projects

During 1964 the Highway Department reconstructed Churchill St., extended Nutting Ave. and Valley Lane by building short portions of both streets and completed the drainage project on Strong St., Red Gate Lane and Hills Rd.

Shutesbury Rd. was widened, drained and rebuilt for a length of 1200 feet under the gravel roads article. Plans to continue this type of construction are proposed for the coming year.

Extensive drainage work was carried out on College St. and Triangle St. with the installation of large drainage pipes. Continuation of this program is also proposed for 1965.

Sidewalks

A major sidewalk improvement was noted after the construction of the walk on Triangle St. to the High School. The property owners in this area were most cooperative in providing the land needed to eliminate a very dangerous intersection and hazardous route to the school.

Installation of curbing and construction of a new walk on North Pleasant St. from Phillips St. to Triangle St. has eliminated another portion of dangerous walk on one of our most heavily traveled roads.

The South East St. walk grading and seeding was completed during the spring but the continuation of the proposed walk northerly was postponed.

An extensive sidewalk construction program will continue in 1965 and for several years thereafter.

Chapter 90 Construction and Maintenance

The Bay Rd. project begun in 1963 on the easterly end was completed during the year and the final gap was also let to contract late in the year. The entire length of Bay Rd. will be completed with the end of the present project early in 1965.

Plans for the coming year call for the rebuilding of a portion of North East St. from Main St. northerly.

Portions of North and East Pleasant Streets were paved with a bituminous concrete leveling and finish coat during the past year. Continuation of these projects is proposed for the coming year.

Sewer Maintenance and Construction

During the dry fall months many of the older sewer lines have given us problems. The roots of trees in the vicinity of sewer lines are forced to go deeper in search of moisture and tend to grow into and obstruct the sewer lines requiring extensive maintenance on our part.

In 1964, 188 new sewer connections were made and 97 complaints were received and investigated.

New manholes, to make the job of maintaining the sewer lines easier, were erected on Gray St., Ridgecrest Rd., No. Whitney St., Fearing St., Webster St. and No. Pleasant St.

Snow and Ice

Another relatively mild winter was encountered during the past year. However, light snow accumulation can be as expensive to combat as a heavy snowfall due to large amounts of sand and chemicals used to provide safe highway travel.

During the past year a total of 54 tons of salt and 2,253 yards of sand were used.

Personnel

During the past year the Highway Department lost one of its most faithful employees when George L. Fleuray died in June after being an employee of the department for twenty-nine years.

In addition three permanent employees resigned from the department. They were: John Rogalski, William Skibiński and Gordon Colby.

It is increasingly evident that the prevailing salary schedule should be raised to attract and hold the type of personnel needed to maintain the important public works services of the town.
Sewage treatment

In spite of a very dry summer there was a tremendous increase in the flow over that of last year. The total flow recorded was 501,687,000 gallons, an increase of more than 100,000,000 over that of 1963. Of this amount 227,347,000 gallons were recorded on the Amherst meter, 188,214,000 gallons on the North Amherst meter and 86,126,000 gallons from the University of Massachusetts system. On a daily basis the highest flow was recorded on January 26, 1964 with 3,994,000 gallons, the lowest flow on September 7, 1964 with 579,000 gallons.

During the summer months the effluent was chlorinated before discharge into the Connecticut River.

There was considerable wear on the components which act as shredders and as a consequence the cutting bars had to be sharpened. The screens, damaged by grit and stones, were replaced.

Due to the increase in flow and the limited capacity of the digesters, part of the total sludge was dewatered raw during the last quarter of this year. At the same time, the plant was treating sludge brought in by septic tank companies. When too many loads were dumped in a day, the entire treatment performance was somewhat affected because of the overloaded conditions created.

With the increase in flow and sludge, the consumption of chemicals increased correspondingly. The chemicals used were lime, ferric chloride and chlorine.

Other activities of the department included such maintenance work as painting at the main plant; painting the interior walls at the Stanley Street pumping station; repairing the check valves; and replacing worn out parts where needed.

All pumping stations performed throughout the year without difficulties. It should also be noted that the flow handled by the West Street station increased due to the added extensions in this area.

As in the past few years it has been our pleasure and privilege to explain the plant operations to many visitors.

Water supply

- **Record Consumption:**
  - The water consumption of 619,720,700 gallons for 1964 was 50,937,300 gallons more than was used during 1963. Due to the continued lack of normal rains, a large portion of water was pumped from the South Amherst wells. They were used from February 17th through December 31st.

- **Services:**
  - During the past year 179 new services were installed. This was 63 more than the Department placed into service in 1963.

- **Extensions & Improvements:**
  - The water mains in town were extended 2.33 miles. There are now 71.39 miles of mains in the Town water system. The following extensions were constructed in 1964: Orchard Valley — 2,640' Chief Justice Stone Estates — 1,500' Echo Hill — 3,055' East Hadley Road — 4,230' Hobart Lane — 900'

  Twenty-four fire hydrants were added at various locations. The hydrant total now is 413, 400 in Amherst, 7 in Pelham, 3 at the Regional High School, 1 at the Housing for the Elderly and 2 are in Belchertown.

- **Purification:**
  - The completion of the Chemical Feeding Station at the South Amherst Wellfield, has given the department a valuable means to add chemicals under ideal conditions. Since chlorine is not added to the water obtained from the wells, a decrease in chlorine consumption was noted for 1964. In 1963, 4,731 lbs. were used as compared to 4,164 lbs. during the past year.

- **Personnel:**
  - During the past year Nelson A. Jenks, the Superintendent of the Water Department resigned to take a new position. Additional personnel must be obtained to enable the department to continue the excellent service which has been offered to the town in years past.
Recreation

The summer recreation program was conducted from June 22nd through August 28th with significant gains noted in the total enrollment for all programs. The Recreation Commission is grateful to Amherst College and the University of Massachusetts for the use of their facilities. The tennis courts at Amherst College were used throughout the summer and the weekly adult swim nights made use of a pool at the University of Massachusetts.

Tennis

The tennis program showed an increase in total enrollment from 211 in 1963 to 242 in 1964. This total included boys and girls from age 6 through 18. The daily average for the entire eight week period was 90 with a high of 160 attending.

Baseball

A total of 154 boys participated in the baseball program conducted at Community Field. A total of 70 youngsters participated in games, contests, and Arts and Crafts.

Swimming Rinks

Skating during the past year was very popular on the three areas maintained by the Recreation Commission. Forty days of skating were enjoyed by skating enthusiasts—young and old—on the rinks at the South Amherst Common, Pine St. and Community Field.

The weather was very un-cooperative during December as the customary cold weather failed to materialize. No skating was available during the Christmas vacation.

Other Programs

The Recreation Commission continued sponsorship of the adult basketball league, program for the elderly and the program for handicapped children. Requests for an expanded program are being made for the coming year.

Swimming Program

An efficient staff made for a smooth operation in both the instructional and recreational phases of the swimming season. The swimming instruction consisted of five two-week periods. A total of 614 children registered for all phases of the program. A total of 408 children passed their swimming skill tests with 133 Beginners; 97 Advanced Beginners; 78 Intermediate; 69 Swimmers and 31 Life Savers qualifying according to Red Cross Standards.

Revaluation

During the year 1964 the revaluation survey undertaken by the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company was completed. It is interesting and gratifying to note that less than one quarter of the taxpayers who requested hearings actually filed applications for abatement, and that those which were granted, even in part, affected well under 1% of the total number of parcels assessed. For this reason alone, it appears that the reappraisal as a whole was well accepted by the Community.

The Board regrets exceedingly that during the year Mr. Chauncy T. Simmons found it necessary to resign his position as Assessor owing to the increasing pressure of other business.

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| Operational Costs | 1962 — $5,984.80 | 1963 — $6,298.65 | 1964 — $6,381.32 |

RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:

To be raised by Taxation 2,196,726.91
Available Funds 222,200.07
Deficit due to Abatement—prior year (1961) 1,564.00
TOWN APPROPRIATIONS: 2,422,390.98

STATE ASSESSMENTS:

State Parks and Reservations 9,285.66
Underestimate—1963 857.28
State Audit of Municipal Accounts 1,937.32
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills 915.75
STATE ASSESSMENTS: 12,996.01

COUNTY TAX 98,457.09
TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT 28,405.50
OMITTED TAX 168.02
OVERLAY 38,603.78
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED 2,601,083.38

PROPERTY TAX VALUATION

at $31.00 per thousand 51,693,861.25
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

State 1,602,509.70
Town 505,191.19
OVERESTIMATES: 2,197,691.89
County Tax 1,467.84
AVAILABLE FUNDS: 222,200.07
TOTAL ASSETS 2,601,083.38

Board of Assessors

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### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

**STATE:**
- Income Tax: 125,430.81
- Corporation Taxes: 95,828.17
- Reimbursement on account of publicly owned Land: 46,234.94
- Old Age (Meals): 4,211.95

**TOWN:**
- Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: 188,201.72
- Licenses: 16,547.50
- Fines: 1,037.00
- General Government: 4,038.68
- Protection of Persons and Property: 1,676.00
- Health and Sanitation: 15,693.82
- Highways: 888.80
- Charities: 25,000.00
- Old Age Assistance: 45,350.94
- Veterans' Services: 4,737.98
- School: 40,608.69
- Libraries: 900.00
- Recreation: 6,453.97
- Public Service Enterprises: 147,598.18
- Interest: 1,541.46
- State Assistance for School Construction: 1,594.05
- Farm Animal Excise: 1,622.40
- Veterans' Reimbursement: 100.00

Total: 271,714.58

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:**

774,905.77

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

**VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE:**
- Stock in Trade: 644,290.00
- Machinery: 1,791,360.00
- Live Stock: 26,471.25
- All Other Tangible Personal Property: 312,090.00

Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate: 2,774,211.25

**VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE:**
- Land, exclusive of Buildings: 10,277,580.00
- Buildings, exclusive of Land: 38,642,070.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate: 48,919,650.00

**TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE:**
- Tax Rate $31.00 per thousand: 51,693,861.25

**TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, OR TOWN PURPOSES:**
- On Personal Estate: 85,000.55
- On Real Estate: 1,516,509.15

Total Taxes Assessed: 1,602,509.70

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**EXEMPT PROPERTY:**

- U.S. Post Office: 71,500.00
- Property of the Commonwealth (University): 61,297,425.00
- Amherst College: 7,431,920.00
- Jones Library: 384,201.00
- Amherst Historical Society: 21,000.00
- Amherst Boys' Club: 26,000.00
- Amherst Home for Aged Women: 7,000.00
- Amherst Cemetery Corporation: 11,000.00
- Amherst Legion Post #148: 7,000.00
- Veterans of Foreign Wars: 3,000.00
- Churches: 1,594,709.00
- Town Property: 3,205,515.00

**TOTAL OF EXEMPT PROPERTY:**

75,865,264.00

**NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED:**

16,733

**NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED:**

2,370

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### Planning board — a year to remember

The Planning Board held a total of 22 meetings during 1964. Half of these were regular monthly meetings and the others were special meetings held to consider revisions of the Zoning By-Law or the Subdivision Regulations.

In February, three public meetings were held to outline precisions to acquaint the citizens with the details of the zoning revision to be considered at the Annual Town Meeting in March and a similar gathering was held at the Town Hall for persons in the central areas. A public hearing to discuss the proposed Zoning By-Law was held on Feb. 20, 1964.

On March 12th, three public hearings were held to consider proposed subdivisions. Alfred Vadnais Construction Co. presented plans for the construction of 72 homes on the north side of East Hadley Rd. in an area to be called Chief Justice Stone Estates. W. D. Cows Co., Inc. and D. H. Jones proposed tight houses on Holborn Lane, running east-erly from North Pleasant St. The third subdivision, proposed by Kanins, Inc., consisted of four houses located on a short street to be constructed on the west side of West St. These subdivisions were subsequently approved.

On April 8th, a public hearing was held to discuss the plans of Kay Vee Realty Co., Inc., to build about 176 homes in a subdivision to be known as Orchard Valley and located on the west side of West St., south of Pomroy Lane. This is the largest subdivision ever presented in the Town of Amherst and it was approved.

On Sept. 16th, a public hearing was held to consider the plan of Kathryn Linehan for a subdivision to be known as Dennis Manor, consisting of about 20 houses to be situated on the west side of West St. This plan was approved.

Several public hearings were held to consider the renaming of existing streets or the naming of new streets. On June 6th, the old
Sealer of weights and measures

Man created weight standards long before he learned to write. Archeologists have found at least three such standards in pre-Dynastic Egypt, probably brought into Egypt by prehistoric invaders. We know their age by their shape. In the United States we find that weight standards and the first laws relating to "honest weight" date back to 1799. In Amherst some of the standard weights used to check commercial scales date back to 1848.

During 1964, 205 measuring or weighing devices were sealed, 18 adjusted, and 172 reweighs conducted. Fees collected and turned over to the Treasurer amounted to $185.70.

Wire inspector

During the past year a total of 466 wire- ing permits were issued. Inspections were made of many installations and corrections ordered when required. This year, for the first time, it was necessary to inspect each of the seven "day nursery schools" in Amherst. This is a part of the State program now required to insure the safety of children attending these privately operated schools.

Oliver Smith will

Paul T. Ford, Elector

Oliver Smith was a resident of the Town of Hatfield, Massachusetts. He died in 1845. The institution now known as the Smith Charities whose principal offices are situated at 51 Main Street, Northampton, was created under the terms of his will. A substantial sum of money was provided to assist certain widows, apprentices, young women upon their marriage and certain other young women contemplating a course of nurses training. The beneficiaries under the will are the residents of the Towns of Amherst, Hadley, Northampton, Williamsburg, Hatfield, Deerfield, Greenfield, Easthampton and Whately.

During the year 1964, the following benefits have been paid in the Town of Amherst:

Under the provisions of the will each year an elector is chosen from each of the foregoing Towns (with the exception of Easthampton). The elector is the representative of his Town to the Smith Charities. He is available to any person in the Town of Amherst for the purpose of disseminating information about the benefits under the will. Every person contemplating apprenticeship of any kind, nurses training, marriage, and every widow with a child under eighteen years of age should confer with the elector to determine whether or not he is entitled to benefits.

"The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done, but cannot do at all, or cannot so well do, for themselves—in their separate and individual capacities. In all that people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere."

Abraham Lincoln

Part of Belchertown Rd., which had been bypassed by the new road, was designated as Old Belchertown Rd. and the new section was called Belchertown Rd. On Sept. 9th, at a public hearing, the Planning Board renamed those portions of Pomeroy Lane and Ivy Rd., which lie westerly of West St., as West Pomeroy Lane and West Bay Rd. respectively. On Oct. 7th, a public hearing was called to discuss the renaming of a portion of Heatherstone Rd. This section was subsequently named Aubinwood Rd.

The main goal of the Planning Board during 1964 was to support in every possible way the complete revision of the Zoning By-Law which was being presented at the Annual Town Meeting. The passage of the Subdivision Regulations which this proposal by an overwhelming majority constitutes one of the most important steps inable way the complete revision of the General on April 6, 1964.

Amherst continues to grow at a rapid rate and the community must expect to spend an increasing amount of money so that appropriate planning can precede and guide the growth.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood... Make big plans; aim high in hope and work... Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty."

Daniel H. Burnham 1846-1912
Architect and Planner
The development & industrial commission

This time, like all times, it is a very good one if we but know what to do with it. Emerson

The balance of the appropriation was expended on a 2-color brochure which is available for limited distribution. Copies have been sent to the Department of Commerce at Boston, and are available at the Town Manager’s Office. The brochure describes in detail the two areas which are available for research-oriented or light industry, as well as the advantages of living in Amherst, “the friendly town.”

At a special town meeting, the Commission recommended that the second of the two areas, which are zoned for industry, be continued as such. The request for change to residential for a part of the land adjacent to the junction of the Central Vermont and Boston Maine Railroads was rejected at the Town meeting.

The Commission invited the local representative of the Department of Commerce, Mr. Zincke, to attend one of its meetings. Mr. Zincke described the function of his department, and suggested steps that the Commission should follow, and help it could obtain from the Department of Commerce.

The Commission contacted Foster D. Snell and Arthur D. Little, consulting firms, to determine the cost of professional help in bringing research oriented or light industry to Amherst.

In view of the above activities and plans for the coming year, the Commission has requested a larger appropriation than in prior years. The money will be spent to encourage selected industrial and commercial development, which will hopefully add tax revenue to the town, but not destroy the small town atmosphere, one of Amherst’s greatest assets.

The Jones library

44th annual report

As the town continues to grow, the effect is being noticed in the use of the library facilities in the center and at North and South Amherst. Further growth is projected and it is prudent now to survey the situation to determine what needs to be done in anticipation of future demands.

Patterns of library use are also changing. Increased leisure and new methods of teaching from the elementary grades through high school have shifted the requirements of library service. Much more individual attention is required now than in the past.

One way to keep abreast is to make more efficient use of the space available. I therefore recommend studies be made to this end, particularly at the main Library and at Munson Library.

ANNUAL SUMMARY

Name of Library

The Jones Library, Incorporated

Date of Incorporation

March 21, 1919

Opened for Circulation

September 7, 1921

Population of town (1960 Census)

13,718

Terms for use—Free lending and reference to the people of Amherst and vicinity.

Number of days open, January to December

293

Hours open each week (Jan. - June 57; June-June 43) 50

Number of newspapers currently received

16

Number of periodicals currently received

103

Associations or committees meeting in the Library

37

Total circulation

146,593

Circulation per registered borrower

21

Per capita circulation

11

Total registered borrowers since July 1962

6,023

Per cent registered borrowers of population served

50

BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR

Adult Department

1,574

Children’s Department

281

North Amherst

431

South Amherst

408

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The capital account of the corporation increased $72,644.71 during the year largely through capitalization of gains in the value of securities. A gift of $6,301.93 was received designated for refurbishing of the library. At the year end the value of all assets, including $428,201.55 for land, building and equipment, was $915,769.44.

Income was derived from five sources as follows:

- General Endowment $45,338.43
- Special Funds 3,703.41
- State Grant 3,429.50
- Town Appropriation 6,900.00
- Library Fine 2,157.77

Total $51,129.11

Expenditures and transfers by major categories were as follows:

- Operation of Library 48,342.00
- Transfers to capital 1,222.22
- Insurance and management 4,404.12

Total 52,658.34

Balance Jan. 1, 1964 12,157.82

Balance in excess of payments 8,490.77

Balance Dec. 31, 1964 20,648.59

Financial statement December 31, 1964
Public welfare

The table and charts which are a part of this report give a complete financial and statistical picture of the operation of this department in 1964. Except for the Medical Assistance to the Aged program, our overall caseload remains fairly constant, but the per-case cost continues to rise for many reasons. The leisure time activity item for OAA was increased. Required contributions from legally liable relatives in OAA, MAA, and DA were decreased through a change in the law. We had 966 hospital days at an increased cost of $2.57 per day over 1963. Per diem rates in some nursing homes were increased.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: Again there is a slight decrease in the caseload. There is a relationship between the decrease here and the increase in MAA as many cases were transferred when nursing home care became necessary.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED: This caseload shows an increase over 1963, and this is reflected in the rise in expenditures. There were 44 in nursing homes at a per diem ranging from $6.85 to $7.16. One was in Hampshire County Sanatorium for a period of six months at a per diem of $14.00. There were 465 hospital days at $31.41 per day.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN: Caseload fairly stable, but the per individual cost is a little higher than in 1963. This reflects the normal increase due to age changes in our long term cases. This year, we urged our families to subscribe to school insurance, where applicable, and made a special budget item to cover the premium cost. Thirty children were so covered. Since September, one child has required hospital care. To date, with this one case, we have saved $58.30 over the total cost of the premiums. Court awards for support in some cases came from the court through us this year. This amounted to $2,847.53 and we were able to supplement this on a more regular and sound basis than in the past.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE: No appreciable changes.

GENERAL RELIEF: The year began with three families on assistance for regular money grants. They were transferred to AFDC in June and July when residence requirements were met. Beyond this, most cases required only short-term help and medical needs, including 77 hospital days at $31.41 per day.

Your Director and Social Worker attended a series of 3 workshops held in Northampton in May by the Extension Service (a program developed co-operatively with them by this agency on Family Finances and presented to all interested caseworkers, public and private, in Hampshire County); the annual 3-day Massachusetts Public Welfare Conference in Chicopee in June; the annual Public Welfare Workshop at the University in August; institutes and meetings of the 3-day Massachusetts Conference of Social Welfare in Boston. These meetings, together with other regular meetings of various Public Welfare organizations and the wealth of professional reading material available to us, continue to stimulate an exchange of ideas and keep us from becoming provincial in our approach to casework problems and services.

Your Director completed her term as President of the Massachusetts Public Welfare Conference in June, but will continue active in Conference planning; is again Chairman of the 3-day annual Workshop; is treasurer and board member of the Hampshire County Council of Social Agencies. There were many speaking engagements for church, social and service groups, both in and out of town.

We were privileged to have a Keuka College freshman with us for three weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas for her community placement service. This was an interesting experience with a program developed for her by us and the Public Health Nurses.

We acknowledge with thanks the personal and material assistance we have had this past year from individuals as well as many and various private and public agencies. This makes it possible for us to provide camper-
ships for many children; to augment clothing needs; to bring cheer at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were especially pleased to receive $100 in new toys from Aubuchon Hardware Company. There were twenty-two persons, including children, who responded to our invitation to Open House for the purpose of gift wrapping these toys.

Veterans' services

The services rendered veterans, their families, parents and widows have been many and varied. The following list some of the services rendered will show what is available to the veteran and/or his dependents:

- Pension
- Widow's Pension
- Compensation - Service - Connected Disability
- Admitance to V.A. Hospital and Soldiers' Home
- Out-patient Treatment
- G.I. Loan
- Lost Discharge
- Change in G.I. Insurance
- Selective Service Registration
- Discharges Recorded
- Abatement of Taxes
- Education
- G.I. Policy Loan
- V.A. Burial Allowance

Advantage should be taken of these services whenever applicable.

All boys must register for the Draft within ten days after their eighteenth birthday. During 1964 sixty-nine boys registered.

In regard to registration after discharge, it is now necessary that a photostatic copy be made of the discharge and sent to the Northampton Selective Service Office. The mandatory reporting to the local office after discharge has made it possible to have all discharges recorded. Previously this has been at the discretion of the veteran, thus many veterans have not had their discharges recorded and the town has no record of their being in the service. We urge all veterans who have not had their discharge recorded to do so. It is most important for veterans of World War II and the Korean War to have their service record in this office.

Because of the receipt of pensions, widows' pension, hospitalization in Veterans' Hospital and Soldiers' Home, which have been processed through this office, approximately $4,500 did not have to be paid from the Veterans Benefits Account.

Assistance has been rendered under the Veterans' Benefits program to veterans, their families, parents and widows. This assistance covered dental, medical, hospitalization and ordinary benefits and was granted to applicants who were unemployed, illness in family, or supplementary assistance income was insufficient to take care of expenses. There were 1,932 contacts made during 1964 for services to veterans and recipients of Veterans' Benefits, with approximately 70% for Veterans' Services.

Through this office, assistance has been rendered in applications for Social Security. The Holyoke Social Security Office has been most cooperative.

Representative Silvio O. Conte has sent us copies of all bills passed in 1964, for which we are most grateful. Keeping up-to-date on these new laws and forms which pertain to them, is time consuming but it is most gratifying to have knowledge of these bills to assist veterans in obtaining benefits that are available to them.

Members of this department have attended meetings of the Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Association, Western Massachusetts Veterans' Association, Legislative meetings and Seminar which enhances our knowledge of veterans affairs. Your Agent is a member of the Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Association, Western Massachusetts Veterans' Association, Executive Committee and Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Association.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Clothing Exchange, Children's Aid and Veterans Organizations for their generous donations to veterans' families throughout the year.
Memorial day

The Memorial Day Committee: Commander Jarvis of V.F.W., William Paul, American Legion, Aldis Flint World War One Barracks, Walter Markert, Board of Selectmen and Lawrence Sherman, Graves Officer and Chairman met in the Tower Room of the Town Hall with Town Manager Allen Torrey and plans were completed for the traditional Memorial Day observance and exercises.

Departing somewhat from recent years a parade was planned forming in the Spring Street parking area. Parade call 10:00 a.m., parade route north on North Pleasant Street to Triangle Street east to the War Memorial on Commoy Field. Units in the line of march were, Police Department, Town Officials, Regional High School Band, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, American Legion and Auxiliary, World War One Barracks, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies.

Exercises at the War Memorial opened with a short address by the Chairman Lawrence Sherman, Invocation by Rev. Richard Harding of Wesley Methodist Church. Speaker of the Day, Col. Roy D. Simmons, R.A.F.E., University of Massachusetts, followed by a report on the decoration of graves by the Graves Officer and a roll of departed comrades.

All assembled joined the School Children under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Rule in singing America. Floral tributes by the various organizations were placed in the following order: Gold Star Parents, Town of Amherst, D.A.R., Women's Relief Corp, Daughters of Union Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, World War One Barracks, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies, School Children. The remaining part of the day's exercises were dedicated to the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy and the late General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Floral tributes were placed for the Town in honor of President Kennedy by Miss Elinor Higgins of the Girl Scouts and for General MacArthur by Brian McCullough of the School Children. Special music by the High School Band under the direction of John Maggs and a vocal rendition by members of the Wesley Church Choir. Rev. Harding led the closing prayer. Closing exercises: Taps by trumpeters of Band. Raising of colors by the Commanders of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, our National Anthem by the Regional High Band.

Refurbishments were served to the children who participated and to the Band.

Veterans' graves

In keeping with the honor bestowed upon all deceased War Veterans the graves of 426 were decorated with the American Flag prior to Memorial Day at the following cemeteries: North Amherst, South Amherst, West, Wildwood, St. Brigid's, Pelham Valley, North Hadley and Quabbin Park. All missing or broken markers were repaired or replaced. All graves were found to be well kept and in good condition in general. It is felt that the decoration flags have served their purpose from May 30th to November 11th and no longer make an honorable appearance therefore they are removed and burned in the prescribed manner. All affidavits of death and disposition have been properly filed and recorded or forwarded to place of burial.

Public education

Elementary schools of Amherst

The members of the Amherst School Committee are: Dr. J. H. Roettger (Chairman), Dr. Thomas W. Fox (Vice-Chairman), Mr. William C. Atkins, Mr. Robert A. Jaquie, and Mr. David J. Moriarty. This Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month, usually in the Board Room of the Amherst Town Hall. A few of the meetings are held in selected elementary schools to make it more convenient for citizens to attend and express their thoughts to the Committee. Meetings are announced in local newspapers, and the Committee is sincerely interested in having parents and other citizens participate in its discussions.

The Administrative Staff

Superintendent of Schools

Ronald J. Fitzgerald

Director of Elementary Education

Mrs. Kathleen J. Padelford

Business Manager

Miss Doris M. Flamagn

Principal, South Amherst School

Mrs. Helen L. Nowlton

Principal, East Street School

Mr. Arvo Lampa

Principal, Intermediate School

Miss Nancy Morrison

Principal, Kellogg West School

Miss Susie E. Sanderson

Principal, Amity Street School

Mrs. Debra T. Davis

Principal, Mark's Meadow School

Mr. Joseph Cebula

Principal, North Amherst School

Mrs. Winifred C. Moore

Reading Supervisor

Mr. Robert F. Murphy

Chief School Physician

R. Sheldon Clapp, M.D.

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Charles L. Stuart

Cafeteria Supervisor

Mrs. Ruth A. Cornell

New Facilities

In order to provide the school building facilities needed to serve the children of our rapidly expanding community, the citizens of Amherst have created a School Building Committee and have granted this Committee a total of $1,193,000 for the construction of a new 70-room elementary school located between Shays Street and West Street in South Amherst. The members of this committee are:

Dr. Thomas W. Fox, Chairman
Mr. Stanley Ziemek, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Rhoda S. Houlberg
Mr. Robert A. Jaquie
Mr. Charles R. Longsworth
Mr. John H. Spencer
Mr. Lester F. Whitney

The Building Committee has worked with School Department personnel and members of the Amherst School Committee to create the basic plan for a school that should be readily adaptable to both our present instructional program and to any new programs that are developed in future years. The firm of Alderman & MacNeish, Architects and Engineers of West Springfield, has been retained to develop final plans. Construction will begin in the spring of 1965 and should be completed during the summer of 1966. The opening of this new school, planned for September of 1966, will be a major step in a continuing program designed to provide adequate educational facilities for the children of Amherst. Certainly the new school will represent a valuable investment in the future of our community and its youth, an investment that has been solidly supported by municipal officials and dedicated citizens.

A New Salary Schedule

After considering a new state law establishing $5,000 as the minimum annual salary for teachers, the School Committee has
established a new salary schedule that will become effective on September first of 1965. The new salary schedule incorporates the following ranges: $5,000 - $8,200 for teachers with bachelor's degrees, $5,300 - $9,000 for teachers with master's degrees, and $5,600 - $9,800 for teachers with 30 approved graduate credits beyond their master's degree. This schedule is specifically designed to attract and retain superior teachers since the Committee recognizes that such teachers are the most important factor in a successful instructional program. In addition, the salary schedule has been coupled with a longer teachers' work year of 190 days (compared to the 180 days required by the state). 180 of these days will be utilized for regular sessions, and six will be used for curriculum development work.

Curriculum Developments
During 1964, the professional staff of the School Department has continued to develop and implement programs that give us increasing flexibility in providing for individual differences among children. In the area of reading, a new test designed by a committee of Amherst and Pelham teachers was used to help teachers decide on the placement of children in various reading groups. In spelling, a new instructional system developed and tested in the Mark's Meadow Laboratory School was implemented; basically this system utilizes achievement level grouping somewhat similar to reading groups and again provides children with more individualized instruction. Since we shall continue to develop new programs that attempt to "individualize" instruction, one of the developments that parents may expect in the near future is a new report card designed to interpret our new programs properly.

Retirement
During 1964, the Amherst Public Schools lost the services of a number of well loved members of the staff. Mrs. Emma Johnson and Mrs. Lillian Bartlett retired from the teaching staff. Mr. Lester Ward retired from his custodial position. We shall miss them, and we thank them for the many years of dedicated service that they gave to the citizens of Amherst.

Amherst-Pelham regional school district
annual report for 1964

This report for the calendar year ending on December 31, 1964, complies with the requirements described in the Agreement Establishing a Regional School District comprising the towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury.

The School Committee
Members of the School Committee include the following representatives: from Amherst, William C. Atkins (Secretary), Thomas W. Fox, Robert A. Jacque (Chairman), David J. Moriarty and Dr. John H. Ketter; from Pelham, John S. Cary and Thomas E. Rice; from Leverett, Mrs. Doris H. Green (Vice-Chairman); from Shutesbury, Karl J. Dillmann. This Committee held nineteen meetings during 1964. These meetings were open to the public, and the Committee continues to extend an invitation to the citizens of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury to attend its 1965 meetings. Meetings are announced in local newspapers and are ordinarily held in the Board Room of the Amherst Town Hall.

Administrative Staff
Superintendent of Schools
Chairman, Ronald J. Fitzgerald
Principal of the High School
Principal of the Junior High School
Guidance Director
Business Manager
Maintenance Supervisor
Cafeteria Supervisor
School Physician

The School Building Program
The major portion of the work on the addition to our Senior High School will be completed early in 1965. We expect to be using some of the classrooms in this new addition before the 1964-65 school year ends. In September of 1965, our three-year Junior High will become a two-year Junior High and all ninth-graders will begin attending our expanded Senior High School. Completion of the addition to our Senior High represents an important step in what will undoubtedly prove to be a continuing program designed to improve educational facilities for our expanding population.

A Stated Philosophy
During 1964, the School Committee has created and published a specific set of statements describing the objectives and philosophy that are used to guide the development of our instructional programs. While a concern for brevity prevents presenting all of these statements in this report, here are a few of the more general points stated:

1. Children are the reason for the existence of our school system. They are our greatest natural resource, the natural resource upon which we rest our hope for the continued survival of the American way of life. Thus, our school system is dedicated to two major goals:
   a. the improvement of the individual in accordance with his ability and interests,
   b. the development of citizenship, the ability and ability to be loyal and effective in perpetuating, strengthening, and improving the American social system.

2. We recognize that public education has an important influence on many practical aspects of our culture:
   a. It contributes to the general enlightenment that is essential to a society of free men.
   b. It teaches much of the background of ideas and knowledge upon which our society rests and operates.
   c. It is an essential ingredient of technology.
   d. It is one of the necessary factors supporting our high productive economy.
We must dedicate ourselves to taking some of the most obvious faults that can exist in an educative process is an expectation or delusion that each child can or should learn the same things or develop the same appreciations while doing their utmost to while values (social studies), e. develop an awareness and appreciation of aesthetics (art, music), f. encourage intellectual curiosity, independent thinking, and creative thinking, g. develop good study habits, and h. encourage wise use of leisure time.

Implementation of Philosophy

The most obvious theme developed by our stated philosophy is a dedication to individualizing instruction. The School Committee and the staff of our schools have taken many steps during 1964 to implement this dedication. These include the following:

1. Curriculum revision committees have been working in both the Junior High and the Senior High to explore the possibility of creating an "ungraded" instructional program, a program that would give even greater attention to individual interests and abilities than has been possible in the past.

2. An American Studies course has been instituted in the Senior High. This course represents an approach to the study of U.S. History through seminars and independent research by students.

3. A new algebra course has been instituted, a course which allows students to spread their study of this subject over two years if this seems advisable.

4. Seniors in the office practice class have been given the opportunity for practical experience in the Senior High office and, in some cases, for learning to operate a key-punch machine being used by the School Department.

5. Independent study programs have been implemented in a number of subject matter areas.

We expect that the past and present efforts of the School Committee and the staff of our schools will lead to very substantial progress in our effort to individualize instruction during 1965.

Additional Information

The follow-up study of the Class of 1964 shows that the 150 graduates were distributed as follows on October 1st of 1964: 45% were enrolled in four-year colleges; 27% were enrolled in junior colleges, nursing schools, or other non-college educational institutions; 14% were employed in office work, construction, farm work, etc.; 7% entered military service; 4% were married; and 3% were undecided about their future plans.

Amory B. Lovins of the Class of 1964 not only took first place in the National Science Fair but was also a National Merit Scholar, a winner in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search, and a General Electric Student Fellow. His most outstanding honor came when he was selected for "intellectual attainment and potential for further accomplishment" as one of the two Presidential Scholars from Massachusetts.

Mr. Laurel Crouse and Mr. Clifford Oliver of the Senior High faculty were honored by being selected for the Robert Frost Chairs in 1964.

The enrollment on October 1st of 1964 was:

20

\[ \text{TOTAL ENROLLMENT} = 1,115 \]

### THE ENROLLMENT ON OCTOBER 1St of 1964

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*Plus 10 special class students

### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964

**RECEIPTS during 1964**

- Assessment Revenue: $419,058.60
- Pelham: $20,170.53
- Shutesbury: $83,275.18
- Shutesbury: $20,200.61

**Other Income**

- State Aid for Construction: $31,049.85
- Special Class: $5,000.00
- Vocational Ed: $1,556.94

**SURPLUS REVENUE**

- As of December 31, 1964: $40,313.08

**EXPENDITURES for the YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1964**

- Construction Costs: $748,686.84
- Bank charges for handling bond issue: $2,973.80
- Other charges: $53,000.00

**TOTAL CASH and INCOME**

- $2,075,320.06

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

- $772,024.92

**SURPLUS REVENUE BALANCE as of December 31, 1964**

- $436,149.09
### BALANCE SHEET

**Cash:**
- General: $481,165.17
- Petty Cash Advance: 108.00

**Liabilities and Reserves:**
- Employee Payroll Deductions: $6,625.30
- Federal Taxes: $892.82
- State Taxes: $2,516.21

**Federal Grants:**
- N.D.E.A. Title 3: $3,577.77
- N.D.E.A. Title 2: 1,950.68
- Public Law 81-874: 18,084.70

**Revolving Funds:**
- Athletics: $1,828.00
- School Lunch: 11,129.91
- Reserve for Petty Cash Advance: 12,957.81

**Capital Outlay 5,355**

**Debt Service 112,860.**

**Non-Classified**
- Grand Totals: $52,135.52
- Agencies: 11,975
- Federal Grants: $1,684,340.82
- Approp. Expend.: 106,558
- Premium on Bond Issue: 38.00
- Net Operating Budget: $26,748.82
- Surplus (estimated receipts): 4,337.31

**METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT TO THE TOWNS OF AMHERST, PELHAM, LEVERETT AND SHUTESBURY AGAINST THE 1965 BUDGET OF THE AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

**Capital Costs have been computed as follows:**

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**Total Classified:**
- A: $989,906.00
- B: $989,906.00
- C: $989,906.00

**Non-Classified:**
- A: 33,300.00
- B: 33,300.00
- C: 33,300.00

**Total 1965 Budget:** $1,020,206.00

(A budget in complete detail has been forwarded to the officials of each participating town. Copies of the detailed budget are available for distribution from the School Business Office, Town Hall, Amherst, Massachusetts.)

**AMHERST REPORT 1964**

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**AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Debt—December 31, 1964**

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**AMHERST REPORT 1964**
BALANCE SHEET

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Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1964

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METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Statement of Debt — December 31, 1964

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Loans Issued $1,145,000.00
Net Funded Debt $1,205,000.00
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AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amherst (B) (A) opera tion and Payments of Costs incurred by the District Agreement as revised.

ACCRAH: 52

Maintenance Net Funded Debt Non-Classified Operation Instruction Loans Authorized

Shutesbury 2nd issue (1971/75 maturity) Agencies 11,975 10,978.38

辅助

2nd issue (1971/75 maturity) 1st issue (1975) maturity

26,749.00

STATEMENT OF APPORTIONMENT

The Amherst-Pelham Regional District School Committee hereby assesses the towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury in 1965 the amounts shown below under total assessments.

In order to comply with Section 61 P of the accepted Agreement as amended in 1953 and further amended in 1961 by the towns involved, the treasurers of the towns of Amherst, Pelham, Leverett, and Shutesbury are requested to pay their proportionate share of the capital and operating costs as described herein to the Treasurer of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District (Miss Doris M. Flanagan, School Business Office, Town Hall, Amherst, Mass.) as follows:

**Amherst**
- Not later than May 10, 1965
  - The sum of $247,001.00
- Not later than August 10, 1965
  - The sum of $247,001.00
- Not later than November 10, 1965
  - The sum of $247,001.00
- Not later than January 10, 1966
  - The sum of $20,094.88

**Pelham**
- Not later than May 10, 1965
  - The sum of $20,094.88
- Not later than August 10, 1965
  - The sum of $20,094.88
- Not later than November 10, 1965
  - The sum of $20,094.89
- Not later than January 10, 1966
  - The sum of $20,094.89

**Leverett**
- Not later than May 10, 1965
  - The sum of $31,568.30
- Not later than August 10, 1965
  - The sum of $31,568.30
- Not later than November 10, 1965
  - The sum of $31,568.30
- Not later than January 10, 1966
  - The sum of $9,997.49

**Shutesbury**
- Not later than May 10, 1965
  - The sum of $9,997.49
- Not later than August 10, 1965
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- Not later than November 10, 1965
  - The sum of $9,997.49

**AMHERST REPORT 1964**
Personnel changes

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<td>John C. Quinn</td>
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<td>Gordon Colby</td>
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<td>Robert Jenks</td>
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<td>Margaret Guyott</td>
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<td>years faithful service.</td>
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The FINANCIAL PAGES

Contains the reports of the Town Treasurer, the Town Collector and the Town Accountant. Town business is big business; gross expenditures during 1964 exceeded three million dollars. Read how your money was collected, accounted for and expended.

The treasurer’s report

Because of the delay in completing the real estate revaluation in 1964, and the consequent delay in getting the tax bills out, receipts were slow again this year. The motor vehicle excise taxes, now the second highest source of revenue, began to come in the last of March, but not in the substantial amounts hoped for. Once more it became necessary to borrow large sums in anticipation of revenue in order to meet the town’s expenses, which have a way of becoming due with impressive regularity; a total of $450,000 was borrowed for this purpose. Although this meant the expenditure of unusual amounts for interest, this was partially balanced by an amount of $1,819 earned from the investment of the previous fall of receipts which were not needed for several months. By September, when the tax bills were all out, and most of the motor vehicle commitments received, the picture changed, and the month of October alone brought in over a million dollars—a sure indication of Amherst's growing economy.

In April the Fannie Ward Bangs Fund, amounting to $85,428.29, and under the terms of the will of the donor, to be added to the Bangs Memorial Hospital Fund, was turned over to the town. If a University medical school is established in Amherst, the town has voted to offer both these funds to the Trustees of the University for the use of such a facility.

There was no increase in bonded indebtedness in 1964; the sewer bonds voted by town meeting are not being sold until 1965, although an amount of $120,000 was borrowed in anticipation of the bond issue for the portion of the work done this year. The special town meeting in October voted an elementary school bond issue of $1,175,000; this too will be sold in 1965.
The collector's report

For the first time in the history of Amherst the total receipts of this office exceeded two million dollars for one year. Again, all taxes prior to the current year were collected and as a result the Town of Amherst received a refund on the collector's bond.

Receipts from the Motor Vehicle Excise levy again show a sharp increase and thereby reflect the continued growth of the town. As a matter of interest it should be pointed out that the majority of students at the University who own automobiles pay their excise taxes to Amherst and thus contribute directly to our general treasury. The receipts from the Motor Vehicle Excise levied in 1964 were in excess of $210,000 and was second only to the Real Estate tax as the largest single source of revenue for the town.

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The Real Estate tax bills for 1964 showed our new valuations and tax rate. Because of the tremendous amount of administrative work necessary before the tax bills could be issued they were not mailed until September.

The refuse collection service continues to be utilized by more and more families and showed an increase of 200 subscribers as of the end of the year. Our total number of subscriptions is now over 1,000. This service has been very well received and the contractor, Mr. Nutterman, should be complimented for the fine job being done.

Bonita D. Curtin, a clerk in this office, has resigned. Mrs. Curtin has served the Town of Amherst well for the past two years and will be missed by her associates. Mrs. Judith Ann Ballard has been appointed to replace her.
### General Revenue

#### Texts

- **C. rent Year**
- **Personal Property $** 84,957.99
- **Real Estate** 1,442,218.10
- **Special Taxes** 1,722.00
- **1,258,897.89**

#### Previous Years

- **Police** 10.00
- **Personal Property** 3,096.12
- **Real Estate** 30,388.45
- **34,034.57**

#### Other Local

- **Farm Animal Excise** 1,670.23
- **Reimbursement in Lieu of Taxes** 57,272.79
- **35,908.02**

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- **Income Corporation** 50,530.75
- **School Aid—Chapter 70** 69,596.48
- **School Aid—Chapters 69 and 71** 7,618.64
- **220,897.84**

#### Licenses and Permits

- **License** 16,040.60
- **Marriage** 800.00
- **Plumbing** 2,348.00
- **All Other** 2,780.00
- **21,828.00**

#### Fines

- **Court Fines** 1,410.05

#### Grants and Gifts

- **Federal Public Welfare** 10,510.43
- **Disability Assistance** 26,119.87
- **Aid to Dependent Children** 25,416.09
- **Medical Assistance to the Aged** 38,241.81

- **State School**
  - **Transportation** 30,738.18
  - **Vocational Education** 3,173.15
  - **Food Service - Lunches** 1,745.64
  - **Youth Service Board** 4,500.00
  - **34,512.19**

#### Commercial Revenue

- **Revenue Privileges**
  - **Motor Vehicle Excise** 211,283.82
  - **Parking Meter Fees** 14,993.61
  - **708,662.18**

#### Departmental Revenue

- **General Government**
  - **Town Collector** 2,525.25
  - **Town Clerk** 273.70
  - **Planning Board** 10.00
  - **Zoning Board of Appeals** 153.00
  - **9,481.31**

- **Highways**
  - **Reimbursement** 1,659.03
  - **Construction** 9,829.51
  - **Road Machinery** 3,200.00
  - **Garage Rentals** 1,171.00
  - **General Receipts** 652.65
  - **34,512.19**

#### Health and Sanitation

- **Health Services**
  - **Region and Pelham** 4,400.09
  - **Dental Clinic** 2.00
  - **6,696.23**

#### Receipts

- **Town accountant**
- **General Government**
- **Rehabilitation**
- **Geleral**
- **Corporation**

#### Expenditures

- **Agriculture and Forestry (Reimbursements)**
  - **Federal** 2,071.43

#### Libraries

- **Leased Library Building** 1,168.00

#### AGENCY, TRUST, AND INVESTMENT

- **Group Insurance Dividend—
  - due Regional School District 194.83**

#### Total

- **TAXES**
  - **Previous Years** 1,442,218.10
  - **53,919.78**

- **Non-Tax Revenue**
  - **59,440.03**
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### TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT $130,328.80

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Equipment Maintenance 13.14
Supplies for Services 112.92
Training Programs 227.20
Training Aids 13.00
New Equipment 188.00
Control Center Maintenance 83.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY $250,672.46

Ambulance Service
Wages 1,091.00
Telephone 172.60
Radio Maintenance 60.00
Ambulance Maintenance 230.28
Gas and Oil 231.44
Insurance — Vehicle 189.52
Laundry Expense 40.75
Ambulance Supplies 205.49

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY 3,130.11

Public Health
Health Department
Salary
Director 7,234.00
Clerk 5,037.95
Slaughter Inspector 400.00
Plumbing Inspector 1,800.00
Animal Inspector 1,437.00
Nurses 12,917.70
Extra Clerical — Nursing 1,646.60
Board of Health 300.00
Expenses
Telephone 45.73
Auto Allowance — Director 600.00
Auto Allowance — Nurses 381.04
Travel—State — Director 13.00
Travel — In State — Nurses 72.91
Postage and Office Supplies 217.71
Printing and Advertising 182.70
New Office Equipment 220.61
Dues and Subscriptions 154.48
Office Equipment Maintenance 38.00
Nurses’ Supplies 514.89
Communicable Diseases 224.81
T.B. 765.80
Dental Health 2,002.07
Premature Births 524.00
Toxoid Health 400.00
Well Child Conference 556.63
Laboratory Supplies 21.15

Laboratory Supplies and Services 320.00
All Other 8.28

Other Expenses 1965 258.60

Refuse Collection
Annual Contract 17,431.37
Postage and Billing Expense 84.13

TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION $221,672.46

Highways
Highway Maintenance Superintendent’s Salary 5,891.00
Clerk 2,988.26
Labor 52,972.73
Fuel for Building 670.00
Telephone 10.00
Insurance 1,046.59
Telephone 260.92
Building Maintenance 1,476.89
Maintenance — Superintendent’s Car 349.87
Insurance — Building 298.79
Insurance — Superintendent’s Car 75.87
Travel — In State 50.00
Travel — Out of State 368.00
Printing and Advertising 257.00
Janitorial Supplies 128.00
New Office Equipment 565.80
Dues and Subscriptions 735.00
Postage and Office Supplies 1,634.81
Street and Traffic Signs 1,619.84
Street, Grain, Sand, and Cement 4,024.85
Asphalt, Tar, and Road Oil 16,742.59

Pipe, Culverts and Grates 2,797.38
Lumber, Fence, Paint, etc. 646.44
Curbing 495.79
Traffic Line Painting 3,395.01
Equipment Rental 1,657.00
Culvert Bridge 92.00
Depot Road Bridge 1,835.00

Other Expenses 1965 81,341.31

Sewer Construction
Labor 1,914.10
Supplies 985.90

Art. 35 (1963) New Sewage Treatment Facilities
Advertising 2.40
Haddad Outfall 9,620.80
Northampton Road to Plant 124.00

Art. 2 (Spec. 6-1-64) South Amherst Sewer Construction
Advertising 10.59

Engineering 11,793.46
Contracts 9,403.94
Supplies 2,159.50
Miscellaneous 4,522.00

Art. 6 (1965) Chapter 90
Construction Materials and Supplies 41.00
Equipment Rental 5,200.00

Snow and Ice Removal
Advertising 12.00
Labor 9,495.23
Equipment Maintenance 1,815.33
Meals 615.00

Art. 6 (1965) Chapter 90
Construction
Buy Road — Contract 2,925.25
Contract Labor — Flushing Equipment Rental 5,609.82
Contract Labor — Flushing Walks 870.00

Art. 8 (1963) Gravel Roads
Improvement Labor 31,209.02
Supplies 2,925.25

Road Machinery
Labor 735.00
Gas and Oil Supplies 4,035.43
Batteries, Antifreeze, etc. 196.25
Insurance 1,120.65
Equipment Rental 279.63

Street and Traffic Lights
Traffic Lights-Electricity 218.76
Traffic Lights-Maintenance 304.53

Parking Meter Maintenance
Labor 1,527.23
Replacement Parts 360.54
Supplies-New Cases 551.00
Supplies-New Materials 565.00
Garage Repairs — Lincoln Lot 16.32
Lawn — Lincoln Parking Lot 1,290.00

Engineering 9,797.09
Labor 12.40
Professional Services 3,187.82
Engineering Supplies 3,395.01
Towm Atlas Revision 2,105.02
Land Taking 100.00
Retooling Fee 14.00
All Other 25.00

Art. 12 North Pleasant Street
Sidewalk
Advertising 2.40
Labor and Supplies 1,212.43

Art. 13 Sidewalks (South East Pleasant, North Pleasant
Road, Triangles Street, Mattson Street and Taylor Street)
Labor 3,038.25
Supplies and Equipment 1,762.24
Equipment Rental 12.50
Land Taking 2,410.00
Sidewalk Easement 100.00

Art. 15 Storm Drainage
Improvements
Advertising 2.40
Labor and Supplies 112.70
Equipment Supplies 321.00
Equipment Rental 153.37

Art. 28 Highway Garage Heating System
Advertising 7.50

Art. 35 Highway Department
Ditch Truck 4.20
Ditch Truck 7,490.00

Art. 36 Highway Department
Sanding Body 1,508.00

Art. 37 Highway Department
Snow Plow 891.93

TOTAL HIGHWAYS $251,872.66

Charities and Veterans’ Benefits
Public Welfare Administration
Salaries
Director 1,287.16
Social Worker 1,003.42
Clerk 709.42

Labor and Supplies 3,000.00

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### Federal Grants - Administration

**Salaries**
- Director: $6,352.84
- Social Worker: $4,076.58
- Clerk: $3,600.58
- Telephone: $1,200.00
- Mail布鲁克: $1,000.00
- Medical Advice: $1,200.00

**Expenses**
- Telephone: $378.50
- Auto Allowance: $600.00
- Travel: $171.00
- Postage and Office Supplies: $526.95
- New Office Equipment: $96.22
- Dues and Subscriptions: $112.43
- Office Equipment Maintenance: $38.00
- All Other: $63.42

**TOTAL**: $16,871.52

### General Relief

- Local: $6,386.33
- Other Cities and Towns: $372.49
- Other Expenses: $6,758.82

**TOTAL**: $9,415.64

### Aid to Dependent Children

- Cash: $25,198.43
- Federal Grant: $18,556.09

**TOTAL**: $43.754.52

### Disability Assistance

- Cash: $15,083.13
- Cash - Federal Grant: $9,211.78

**TOTAL**: $24,304.91

### Old Age Assistance

- Cash: $30,245.45
- Cash - Federal Grant: $23,442.33
- Other Cities and Towns: $413.88

**TOTAL**: $54,082.66

### Medical Assistance to the Aged

- Cash: $847,788.08
- Cash - Federal Grant: $46,765.48

**TOTAL**: $8,794.04

### Veterans' Services Administration

**Salaries**
- Veterans' Agent 1st: $4,813.97
- Clerical: $990.00

**Expenses**
- Telephone: $245.30
- Auto Allowance: $300.00
- Travel — In State: $1,243.15
- Postage and Office Supplies: $44.98
- New Office Equipment: $254.50
- Dues and Subscriptions: $41.09

**TOTAL**: $6,032.10

### Schools

#### School Maintenance

- General Control: $421.47
- School Committee: $3,500.00
- Business Manager: $2,376.12
- Secretarial Services: $4,758.12
- Supervisor of Attendance: $100.00
- Postage and Office Supplies: $567.64
- Telephone: $350.00
- Travel — In State: $270.00
- Supervising School Teacher: $870.39
- Other Expenses: $420.40

**TOTAL**: $6,193.25

### Regional School District

- Assessment: $619,058.00

### Art. 25 (School Site) Schools

- Appraisal Reports: $400.00

### Art. 43 Elementary School Building Committee

- Clerical: $166.00
- Labor: $26.25
- Postage: $9.00
- Miscellaneous Expenses: $4.99

**TOTAL**: $260.35

### Art. 1 (Sch. 6-14) Elementary Schools

- Architect's Fee: $1,200.00
- Professional Services: $1,957.27

### Public Law 864

- Advertising: $671.00

**TOTAL**: $3,961.04

### Public Law 874

- Salary — Instruction: $596.00
- Supplies: $491.00
- Equipment: $4,628.00

**TOTAL**: $6,023.20

### Libraries

#### The James Library, Inc.

- Trustees Request: $5,600.00
- State Aid Distribution: $3,429.50

**TOTAL**: $9,029.50

#### Munson Memorial Library and Community Center

- Editor: $1,314.00
- Junior: $1,250.00
- Other Expenses: $264.67

**TOTAL**: $2,515.55

### Art. 20 Munson Memorial Library Improvements

- Cash: $1,662.08

### North Amherst Library

- Librarian: $1,249.50
- Janitor: $780.00

**TOTAL**: $629.50

### Art. 44 (School Site) Schools

- Appraisal Reports: $400.00

### R. J. D. Westcott Fund Income

- Cash: $76.31

### Adams Fund Income

- Cash: $55.33

**TOTAL**: $188,833.06

### Recreation and Unclassified

#### Parks and Commons

- License: $1,363.75
- Labor—North Amherst: $436.09
- Labor—North Adams: $651.13
- Labor—New Southwick: $13.30
- Supplies and Equipment: $257.94
- Electricity: $171.25
- Plant Maintenance: $729.25
- Fire Insurance: $30.45

**TOTAL**: $1,251,028.45

### Libraries

- New Trees: $181.50
- Trees Care: $111.65
- Landscaping: $1,668.57
- New Equipment: $1,514.45

**TOTAL**: $3,139.62

### Recreation Commission

- Salary, Supervisor: $409.64
- Labor: $2,524.53
- Water: $292.17
- Electricity: $623.24
- Telephone: $165.68
- Building Maintenance: $273.05
- Automotive Maintenance: $27.76
- Gas and Oil: $123.00
- Fire Insurance: $31.95
- Insurance - Vehicles: $121.03
- Auto Allowance: $24.00
- Postage and Office Supplies: $67.84
- Printing and Advertising: $80.00
- Janitorial Supplies: $75.92
- New Office Equipment: $70.34
- Dues and Subscriptions: $64.68
- Mower Maintenance: $242.90
- Supplies and Equipment: $591.87
- Supplies—Fertilizer and Insects: $633.70
- Equipment Rental: $50.00
- Recreation Programs: $549.46
- Basketball Programs: $631.25
- Program for Elderly: $100.00
- Recreational Children's Program: $404.63
- Swimming Rides: $2,475.23
- Summer Playground: $618.18
- Swimming Program-Swimming pool: $41.26
- Improvements—Community Building: $596.30
- Improvements—Griff Park: $781.26
- New Equipment: $744.42

**TOTAL**: $17,297.38

### Art. 29 Community Field Basketball Court

- Advertising: $24.00
- Labor: $408.08
- Materials and Supplies: $1,269.02
- Equipment: $1,815.81
- Equipment Rental: $12.00

**TOTAL**: $1,763.95

### Swimming Pool

- Wages—Pool Director: $1,011.16
- Wages—Life Guards: $3,156.56
- Wages—Attendants: $1,151.29
- Labor—Miscellaneous: $125.00
- Fuel Oil: $66.46
- Telephone: $305.85
- Plant Maintenance: $729.25
- Fire Insurance: $30.45

**TOTAL**: $842.30

### Conservation Commission

- Taxes and Subscriptions: $25.00
- Conservation Activities: $4.00
- Cost-of-Living Expense: $14.20
- All Other: $333.81

**TOTAL**: $377.01

### Conservation Fund

- Land Purchase: $320.00
- Professional Services: $522.38

**TOTAL**: $842.30

### Unclassified

- Damages to Persons and Property Expenses: $139.40
- Other Expenses: $170.00
- Memorial Day Observance and Veterans' Graves Office: $250.00
- Salary—Veterans' Graves Officer: $100.00
- Other Expenses: $3.83
- Printing Town Reports: $1,295.23
- General Supplies and Postage:
  - General Supplies: $847.95
  - Miscellaneous: $1,135.84
  - Service Contracts: $434.42
  - Contributory Pension:
    - Fund: $42,998.44
    - Accident Disability: $1,309.75
    - Excess Insurance Policy: $569.31
    - Service Fee:
      - Compensation Reserve Fund: $1,071.97
    - Other Expenses: $19.00
    - Police-Fire:
      - Indemnification: $1,209.95
      - Group Insurance: $757.24

**TOTAL**: $60,562.50

### Art. 3 (Spec. 6-14) Valuation Listing

- Clerical: $530.21
- Supplies: $5.40
- Valuation Listing: $264.39

**TOTAL**: $800.00

### Conservation Commission

- Taxes and Subscriptions: $23.00
- Conservation Activities: $4.00
- Cost-of-Living Expense: $14.20
- All Other: $333.81

**TOTAL**: $377.01

### Conservation Fund

- Land Purchase: $320.00
- Professional Services: $522.38

**TOTAL**: $842.30
Art. 26 Mill River Conservation and Recreation Area
Land Purchase 5,000.00

Industrial Development Commission
Advertising 500.00

Art. 34 (1963) Printing Town By-Laws
Printing Town By-Laws 445.00
TOTAL RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED $98,905.89

Public Enterprises and Cemeteries

Water Department
Administration Superintendent's Salary 6,540.50
Clerk 4,082.00
Town Collector 1,500.00
Meter Reading 1,665.29
Extra Clerical 900.55
Drafthorse 426.22
Telephone 313.95
Radio Maintenance 9.03
Plant Maintenance 265.19
Gas and Oil 1,173.30
Bonds and Insurance 57.47
Truck Insurance 283.40
Travel-In Out 12.65
Travel-Out of State 18.50
Postage, Envelopes, and Bill Forms 741.02
New Office Equipment 436.45
Office Supplies 192.17
Office Equipment Maintenance 90.88
Contractual Agreements 648.52
Maintenance Distributors Labor 4,434.80
Contract Labor 4.00
Contract Machinery 558.40
Pipe and Fittings 881.35
Supplies, Materials, and Miscellaneous 2,257.11
Maintenance of Supply Labor 3,194.75
Contract Labor 6.00
Contract Machinery 560.00
Supplies, Materials, and Misc. 616.65

Taxes
Taxes—Watershed Lands 12,885.90
Maintenance of Services Labor 3,579.46
Pipe and Fittings 169.82
Contract Machinery 28.00

Pumping Station—Cushman
Labor 569.34
Materials, Supplies, and Equipment 6.00
Electricity 2,087.27
Contract Labor 10.00

Pumping Station—South Amherst
Labor 967.09
Materials, Supplies, and Equipment 219.13
Electricity 5,876.65
Repairs to Buildings 245.40
Contract Labor 108.60

Extensions and Improvements Labor 392.65
Pipe and Fittings 3,044.73
Contract Labor 598.36
Contract Machinery 364.75
Materials and Supplies 2,087.05
Tools and Equipment 218.43
New Water Meters 9,247.55
Maintenance of Meters 226.62
Materials and Supplies 250.21

New Hydrants
New Hydrants 954.32
Pipe and Fittings 38.00
Contract Machinery 112.00

Maintenance of Hydrants Labor 1,802.51
Materials and Miscellaneous 996.62
Contract Labor 28.00

New Services Labor 1,985.75
Pipe, Fittings, and Miscellaneous 5,133.37

Purification Labor 867.12
Materials, Supplies, and Equipment 604.95
Electricity 574.21
Emergency Fund 1,555.00
Forestry Labor 1,489.47
Supplies 607.78

Other Expenses 1963
91,159.80

Art. 20 (1963) Water Construction
East Pleasant Street Contract 94

Art. 17 (1963) Chemical Feeding Station—South Amherst
Wellfield Contract 5,790.20
Engineering 244.84
Advertising 28.12

Art. 20 (1963) Leverett Road
Water Main Labor 302.60
Pipe and Fittings 1,080.23
Materials and Supplies 85.20
Contract Machinery 320.00

Art. 21 (1963) Bay Road Water Main Contract Machinery 600.00

Art. 20 Henry Street Water Main Labor 17.67
Pipe and Fittings 4,071.44

Art. 21 Hadley Road Water Main Labor 1,168.35
Pipe and Fittings 7,105.66
Materials and Supplies 227.37
Contract Machinery 1,422.12

Art. 23 Chemical Feeding Station—South Amherst Wellfield Contract 4,234.36
Equipment 85.49

Art. 38 Water Department Pickup Truck
Advertising 24.20
Pickup Truck 2,016.00

Art. 39 Water Department Tapping Machines
Tapping Machines 2,551.18

Art. 2 (Spec. 11-16-64) East Hadley Road Water Main Labor 785.54
Pipe and Fittings 2,275.45
Materials and Supplies 6.97
Contract Machinery 597.79

TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT $129,972.21

Cemeteries
North Amherst Cemetery Labor 121.50
Equipment Rental 78.50

West Cemetery Labor 65.80
Equipment Rental 17.50

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
Income 3,429.38
Anticipation of Reimbursement 2,298.10
Anticipation of Revenue 450.00

TOTAL CEMETARY $642,824.65

Belchertown Road Sewer 4,000.00
Water Construction 20,000.00
Sewer Construction 1938 20,000.00
Water Construction 1960 10,000.00
Town Hall Remodeling 15,000.00
Sewer Construction 1963 15,000.00

Federal Tax
Withholdings 102,755.73
State Tax Withholdings 15,166.43
Retirement Withholdings—County 22,498.62
Retirement Withholdings—State 133.13
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Withholdings 12,502.51
Group Insurance
Withholdings 1,885.98
Teachers' Income Insurance
Withholdings 658.60
Teachers' Debt
Withholdings 363.30
Banks Memorial Hospital Fund 542.52
Fannie Ward Bangs Fund 88,073.02
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund 665.00
Alice C. Barnham West Cemetery Fund 44.98
Herbert B. Adams Fund 55.33
E. P. Cook Foundation Fund 129.00

TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT $385,405.29

Refunds
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 7,684.00
Taxes 8,229.15
All Other 494.34

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $3,537,217.13

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1964 $435,673.84
$3,972,890.97
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- c. Refunds to Appropriations
- d. Temporary Loans—Aid/Reimbursement
- e. Temporary Loans—Aid/Serial Issue
- f. Appropriations voted at Special Town Meetings
- g. Finance Committee Transfers
- h. Town Meeting Vote Rescinded
- i. Transfers voted at Town Meetings
- j. Transfers from State and County
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The balance sheet, December 31, 1964

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Explanation of Code:
1. Refunds to Accounts
2. Transfer from A. D. C. Assistance
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5. F. O. A. A. Recoveries

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Balances forwarded to 1965

1965 State Census | 1,000.00 |
Art. 6 (Spec. 11-16-64) Sewage Treatment Plant Effluent Pumps | 3,077.83 |
Art. 35 (1965) New Sewage Treatment Facilities, Part II | 8,430.95 |
Art. 2 (Spec. 6-1-64) South Amherst Sewer Construction | 12,760.61 |
Arts. 8 and 10 Chapter 90 Construction— Bay Road | 10,000.00 |
Arts. 8 and 10 Bay Road and North East Street | 29,064.40 |
Arts. 8 and 10 Traffic Signals | 11,298.05 |
Art. 15 Storm Drainage Improvements | 2,410.00 |
Art. 38 Highway Gateage Heating System | 3,092.50 |
Art. 25 (1962) School Sites | 1,066.97 |
Art. 43 Elementary School Building Committee | 293.47 |
Art. 1 (Spec. 6-1-64) Elementary School Plans | 3,002.13 |
Art. 30 Munson Memorial Library Improvements | 837.32 |
Art. 29 Community Field Basketball Court | 736.05 |
Conservation Fund | 1,457.70 |
Art. 20 Henry Street Water Main | 2,910.89 |
Art. 23 Chemical Feeding Station— South Amherst Wellfield | 2,910.00 |
Water Department Building Reserve Fund | 6,000.00 |
Art. 2 (Spec. 11-16-64) East Hadley Road | 556.64 |
Water Main | 5,564.00 |
Art. 31 South Amherst Cemetery Land Purchase | 4,352.75 |

$108,848.41
The jury list

Aldrich, Donald B.
Aldrich, Merrill B.
Allen, Harvey D.
Atwood, Myron H.
Avery, Amos
Baj, Frank A.
Baker, Frederick W.
Bates, Raymond L.
Bastow, George E.
Blackmore, Esther M.
Berglund, Marilyn E.
Beard, Fred
Bertman, Ethel E.
Bever, Walter A.
Bey, Wadco C.
Buck, Edward A.
Bullin, Kenneth L.
Bundy, Edward
Burnett, Charles S.
Butler, Kay F.
Casy, Leslie C.
Casy, William F.
Cavagnough, George A.
Chase, Charles E.
Cheney, Paul E.
Cobb, Isobel A.
Coit, Ethel E.
Corbierre, Raymond J.
Cowarden, Joan A.
Cowles, Marjorie E.
Cramer, Richard J.
Croswell, Robert W.
Dahlgren, Alfred H.
Davis, James
deFriesse, Fred C.
Dickinson, E. Potter
Dickinson, Mason A.
Dorsey, Thomas L.
Dowd, Daniel J.
Elder, Harold M.
Elder, Hubert G.

Miller, Donald W.
Monette, George F.
Montague, Millcent C.
Moran, Thomas
Morgan, Janet B.
Nash, Mary V.
Nelson, Dorothy
Newton, Henry E.
Ockels, Joseph S.
O'Rourke, Elizabeth B.
Owen, Roger W.
Padelford, Kenneth R.
Page, Benjamin W.
Page, Harold W.
Paige, Harold L.
Pickering, Arthur B.
Port, Marion K.
Poulin, Alfred E.
Rechlin, Herbert
Ritchie, Maggie B.
Robinson, William T.
Rodwell, George J.
Romancier, Mabel
Ross, Francis E.
Ross, George W.
Rouleau, Arthur T.
Rowell, Helen L.
Ruder, Robert R.
Sears, John W.
Seaver, Arthur
Sherwood, Baxter L.
Sino, Frederick A.
Smith, Lawrence V.
Smith, Paul O.
Spelman, Albert F.
Stanisic, Joseph J.
Stane, Anthony J.
Stockwell, Edward C.
Sullivan, Jeremiah J.
Sullivan, Michael
Sullivan, Michael P. Jr.
Summerlin, John A.
Thompson, Merrill
Thompson, Richard H.
Thorson, Mary M.
Thorpe, Paul E.
Tiffany, Barbara A.
Tillson, C. Richard
Toy, Wilfred R.
Turgenee, Charlotte S.
Tuttle, Marjorie D.
VanWert, Irving
Varley, Elma K.
Ward, Ruth L.
Waskiewicz, Edward T.
Waskiewicz, Joseph A.
Westworth, Wesley J.
Wheeler, Clarence L.
White, H. Quinta
White, Sidney E.
Winc, C. Clifton

GENERAL INTEREST

U.S. SENATORS
Leverett Saltonstall
Edward M. Kennedy

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
Silvio O. Conte

STATE SENATOR
Charles A. Bibeau
(Franklin-Hampshire District)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
James R. Nolen
(4th Hampshire District)

TAX RATE
31.00

ASSESSED VALUATION
Real Estate
48,914,230.00
Personal
2,774,211.25

POPCULATION
13,718 (1960 Federal Census, Includes Resident Students)

AREA
27.79 square miles

ELEVATION
302 feet above sea level
at Town Hall

ROAD MILEAGE
89.36 Not including state highways

SCHOOL POPULATION, OCTOBER 1, 1964

Elementary
Amherst-Pelham Regional
1,115

Voting Places
Parish Hall, North Amherst
Fire Station
Odd Fellows Hall
Masonic Building
Parish Hall, East Street
Monson Memorial Library Building

(School)