

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

2009 Marks the 200th Birthday of Hannibal Hamlin,
Maine's First Republican Governor and
Vice President to Abraham Lincoln



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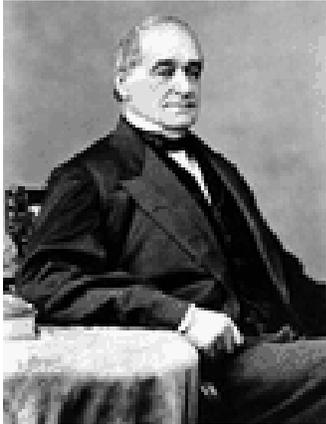
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HAMLIN, Hannibal, (1809 - 1891)

Senate Years of Service: 1848-1857; 1857-1861; 1869-1881

Party: Democrat; Republican; Republican



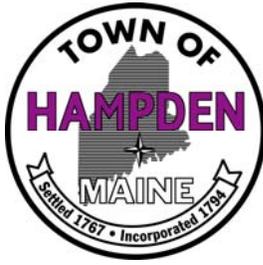
HAMLIN, Hannibal, a Representative and a Senator from Maine and a Vice President of the United States; born at Paris Hill, Oxford County, Maine, August 27, 1809; attended the district schools and Hebron Academy; took charge of the family farm and worked as a surveyor, compositor in a printing office, and school teacher; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1833 and practiced in Hampden, Penobscot County, until 1848; member, State house of representatives 1836-1841, 1847, and served as speaker in 1837, 1839, and 1840; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election in 1840 to the Twenty-seventh Congress; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1847); chairman, Committee on Elections (Twenty-ninth Congress); unsuccessful Democratic candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1846; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1848 by the anti-slavery wing of the Democratic party to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Fairfield; reelected in 1850 and served from June 8, 1848, to January 7, 1857, when he resigned to become Governor; chairman, Committee on Commerce (Thirty-first through Thirty-fourth Congresses); Committee on Printing (Thirty-second Congress); left the Democratic Party in 1856; Governor of Maine January to February 1857, when he resigned; elected to the United States Senate as a Republican and served from March 4, 1857, until his resignation, effective January 17, 1861, to become vice president; elected Vice President of the United States on the ticket with Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865; appointed collector of the port of Boston in 1865 but resigned in 1866; again elected to the United States Senate in 1869; reelected in 1875 and served from March 4, 1869, until March 3, 1881; was not a candidate for renomination; chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia (Forty-first Congress), Committee on Manufactures (Forty-second Congress), Committee on Mines and Mining (Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses), Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses), Committee on Foreign Relations (Forty-fifth Congress); United States Minister to Spain from 1881 to 1882, when he resigned; devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits; died in Bangor, Maine, July 4, 1891; interment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

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ADMINISTRATION – Town Manager	862-3034
TOWN CLERK	862-3034
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	
Birth/Death Certificates	
Burial Permits	
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	
ATV/Boat/Snowmobile Registrations	
Elections/Voter Registration	
TAX COLLECTOR/GENERAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR	862-3034
Excise & Property Taxes	
General Assistance	
ASSESSOR	862-4500
TOWN PLANNER	862-6527
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/PLUMBING INSPECTOR	862-4500
BUILDING INSPECTOR/FIRE INSPECTOR	862-4586
FIRE DEPARTMENT/AMBULANCE – Non-Emergency	862-4586
POLICE – Non-Emergency	862-4000
PUBLIC WORKS	862-3337
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	862-6451
LURA E. HOIT MEMORIAL POOL	862-4305
EDYTHE L. DYER COMMUNITY LIBRARY	862-3550
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	862-3034

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL (July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Edward C. Murphy	I	947-6135
Thomas Brann	II	862-4954
Rick A. Briggs, Mayor	III	942-6682
Andrew J. Colford	IV	862-4968
Andre E. Cushing, III	At Large	449-1358
Shannon F. Cox	At Large	862-3882
Matthew D. Arnett	At Large	862-5382

HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL (January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009)

Janet M. Hughes	I	947-5273
Thomas Brann	II	862-4954
Jean H. Lawlis	III	862-4080
William W. Shakespeare	IV	862-4375
Matthew D. Arnett, Mayor	At Large	862-5382
Shannon F. Cox	At Large	862-3882
Andre E. Cushing, III	At Large	449-1358

TOWN OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Town Manager	Susan Lessard	862-3034
Town Treasurer	Susan Lessard	862-3034
Town Clerk	Denise R. Hodsdon	862-3034
Tax Collector	Cheryl M. Johnson	862-3034
Finance Department	Janie Pitcher	862-3034
Utility Billing Clerk	Katherine Cole	862-3034
General Assistance Director	Cheryl M. Johnson	862-3034
Tax Assessor	Vivian M. Gresser	862-4500
Town Planner	Robert Osborne	862-6527
Code Enforcement Officer	Ben Johnson	862-4500
Building/Fire Inspector	Keith Barnhard	862-4586
Public Safety Director	Joseph Rogers	862-4000
Ambulance Service		862-4586
Health Officer	Susan Lessard	862-3034
Public Works Director	Galen "Chip" Swan	862-3337
Cemetery Sexton	Devon Patterson	862-3337
Library Director	Debora Lozito	862-3550
Pool Director	Darcey Peakall	862-4305
Recreation Director	Kurt Mathies	862-6451
Economic Development Director	Dean Bennett	862-3034
Town Attorney	Thomas Russell	862-3034
Town Forester	Vacant	
Auditor	James W. Wadman	667-6500



ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING HAMPDEN

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am so honored to be representing you for a third time in the Maine Senate. Thank you for once again placing your trust in me. Please know that I will work hard to ensure that I always deserve that trust.

It comes as no news to you that we face very difficult times and hard decisions under the State House dome. You and your family face difficult times and make hard decisions every day. Unfortunately, some of those decisions you are now forced to make are a result of Augusta's failure to make sound decisions.

While revenue has, until recently, increased from year to year, so has state government's insatiable appetite for spending. Unfortunately much of that spending has been spending on hope; hope that federal funds will be received, will stay constant or even increase; hope that state revenues will increase; hope that "pet" programs will become self-sustaining.

While the federal Stimulus package will bring some relief to Maine, it is important to remember that these are one time funds; they are not the solution to our problems. You know as you balance your checkbook every month, that there is no line called "hope." You and your family have to plan and prioritize. And that is exactly what these tough economic times are forcing Augusta to do. In that, perhaps there is hope. As Walter Anderson, Editor of *Parade Magazine* said, "True hope responds to the real world, to real life; it is an active effort."

My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns that you may have. I am proud to be able to continue to represent you and your family in the Maine Senate.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2009.

Sincerely yours,

Debra Plowman
State Senator
District 33

MAYOR'S REPORT

JULY 2008 to JUNE 2009

This past fiscal year has been a difficult economic time for our community, state, and nation. Your Town Council has tried to maintain high quality town services that we believe citizens expect while pushing to find economies that would enable us to keep real estate taxes from rising. We asked all town employees to forgo a cost of living wage increase for the fiscal year 2009-2010. The Town had a contractual obligation to police and fire personnel who are represented by unions, to increase their pay as specified in the contract. These union personnel agreed to revise the contract and forgo an increase in the 2009-2010 year in exchange for an agreement that the Town would not cut positions and would extend the contract with its built-in increases to an additional year. We know that forgoing cost of living increases places a burden on our employees and we are grateful to all of them for accepting this hardship in the public interest.

Other cost cutting efforts have included switching from a 5-day workweek to a 4-day workweek at the Town Office to reduce heating and cooling costs; continuing to limit the disposal of construction and demolition debris at the transfer station to two weekends per month, and investment in more efficient heating systems at the Lura Hoit Pool and the Public Works garage. The cumulative effect of these and other cost cutting and efficiency improvement efforts allowed your Town Council to adopt a budget that reduced municipal expenses from the previous year by roughly \$200,000 which offset increases in school and county budgets over which Town Council has no control, so that a tax rate increase was not required.

While carefully monitoring and controlling expenses is an important commitment of the Town Council, we are also committed to making wise improvements and investments for the good of the town. One such needed improvement is the rebuilding of Mayo Road to improve the quality of the road surface, road drainage, pedestrian movement, and better entry and departure access at Western Avenue. The Council accepted a work proposal presented by the Public Works Director and agreed to submit a bond issue proposal to the voters to fund the work.

The Council also reviewed and endorsed a proposal by the Fire Department and the Public Safety Director to replace an older fire truck and a failing tanker truck with a new high capacity high efficiency pumper/tanker truck. The Department developed specifications and secured bids in anticipation of receiving the truck in the next fiscal year. The Council also accepted a proposal from the Edythe Dyer Librarian and the Edythe Dyer Board of Trustees to install long overdue air conditioning in the building. This expense was funded from reserve funds dedicated to building improvements.

The Council also dealt with numerous requests for changes to town ordinances, some from citizens, some from state legislation and state agencies. A major review of our shoreland zoning ordinance was required by state legislation and we have begun the review and reformulation efforts. Another major undertaking has been the 10-year

review and reformulation of the Hampden Comprehensive Plan started last year. Much time and citizen involvement has been spent in the current year, and will continue into the next fiscal year.

Of great significance to us all, the closing of the Pine Tree Landfill was negotiated and the closure process has begun. The most odor producing waste streams have been discontinued, and the Landfill management has agreed to cease accepting all wastes for the landfill on December 31, 2009. It is anticipated that final cover of the landfill will be accomplished during the calendar year, 2010. The Landfill will continue to operate as a collection point only for construction and demolition debris that will be shipped from Pine Tree Landfill to other places for disposal. The Casella Corporation has built and will continue to operate a Landfill Gas to Energy Plant at the Hampden landfill site. It will continue to monitor and be responsible for mitigating any landfill waste pollution or migration problems in violation of Maine Environmental Protection rules and standards for the next 30 years.

The Town Council worked closely with SAD22 school officials to insure that the proposed new Hampden Academy be properly sited, receive funding, and move forward toward completion. Like any major project there were significant issues that had to be resolved among various parties including the School District, the architect, the towns, and the state Departments of Education and Transportation. Not everyone agreed with every detail of the plan, but we believe that the end product was a proposal that is sound and will well serve our community as well as our partner communities of Newburgh and Winterport. We look forward to the beginning of construction in fiscal year 2010.

All in all it was a productive year, and we look forward with optimism, knowing that economy will recover only slowly, yet confident that we can make appropriate adjustments while continuing to strive for excellence. We count on you, our residents, to continue to be actively involved in town governance and civic service.

Matthew D. Arnett
Chairman of the Town Council
And Mayor of Hampden

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

JULY 2008 to JUNE 2009

The 2009 fiscal year was a year of both great accomplishments and great challenges. The deteriorating economic situation required significant budget restraints in order to maintain the mil rate. This was made more difficult by a limited amount of new valuation from home sales and construction, increased educational and County budgets, and reductions in State funding to municipal revenue sharing. Employee cooperation in health insurance changes and elimination of cost of living increases was key to the ability of the Council to hold the line. The next several years will prove to be equally challenging as the nation and the state grapple with high unemployment, escalating energy costs, and deteriorating public infrastructure.

On the positive side – the community saw a continued wellspring of volunteers interested and willing to help with improvements to the Town. There was significant participation in the tree-planting project adjacent to the Lura Hoyt Pool, progress on the future of Dorothea Dix Park, exploration into the idea of a town dog-park, multiple Eagle Scout projects benefitting the community, and installation of the rain garden in front of the municipal building just to name a few volunteer-based activities.

In Public Works, there was sewer reconstruction of 9000 feet of sewer line in the Main Road North, Patterson Road area which has improved another aged section of the Town sewer system, and several miles of road were repaved. The Town Council changed its Committee structure in order to be both more efficient and to make the process more transparent for citizen participation and input, and administrative office hour changes allow people to access Town services both before and after work. The Town continued to work on an update to the Comprehensive Plan, continued work on required changes to the local Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and worked on additional requirements related to Stormwater Management. Public Safety continued its exceptional public service in police, fire, and EMS areas. We routinely receive letters of thanks from people who have been assisted in times of stress or crisis by the dedicated individuals who serve the town in those capacities. Recreational opportunities in both the 'regular' recreation areas of Kid's Korner, sports, and arts and crafts as well as the use of the Lura Hoyt Pool continue to increase every year. The Library as well has seen increased activity as in this down economy people make choices to recreate closer to home.

The Pine Tree Landfill received its last load of waste to be landfilled and final closure and capping of that facility will be completed in 2010.

Moving into 2010 we look forward to the reconstruction of Mayo Road, continued construction of the new high school, completing the update to the Comprehensive Plan, and finding ways to continue to provide excellent municipal services in cost effective ways.

I want to thank the Council for their hard work and support over the past year and also to recognize the efforts of all the town employees. Indeed Hampden is a wonderful community in which to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lessard
Town Manager

TOWN CLERK

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As the official record keeper for the Town, the Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the safekeeping and preservation of town records and vital records. The Clerk is also responsible for issuing various state and local licenses, including fish and game, dog and marriage licenses, registering recreational vehicles, administering state and local elections and voter registration, and providing information and notices on a variety of matters to the public and other Town Departments. Additionally, if you are in need of the services of a Dedimus Justice, please feel free to contact me at 862-3034.

I invite you to visit the Town's website at www.hampdenmaine.com for current town news and public notices and to find answers to frequently asked questions. Our website contains helpful information pertaining to licensing, vital statistics, Council agendas and minutes, ordinances, and elections and voter registration. Residents can also purchase their hunting and fishing licenses and renew automobile, ATV and snowmobile registrations using the links on the home page. New automobile, ATV and snowmobile registrations and all boat registrations must be done at the Town Office.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE			
IF&W LICENSES & STAMPS ISSUED:		VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED:	
A total of 980 Licenses were issued.		Births	62
		Marriages	46
		Deaths	33
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTERED:		DOG LICENSES SOLD:	
Boats	534	Neutered/Spayed	803
Snowmobiles	452	Male/Female	67
ATV's	229	Service/Search/Rescue	3
VICTUALER'S LICENSES:	20	Kennel License	1

This year's election activity was one for the record books. The Municipal Election was held on November 4, 2008 in conjunction with the Presidential Election. A record number 4,403 voters cast their ballot and elected Councilors for Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, three School Board Members and one Water District Trustee, in addition to passing a bond issue for repairs to the town's sewer system. We issued 1,473 absentee ballots for this election, which was also an all-time high at 33% of the total votes cast.

A Special SAD #22 District Referendum Election was held on September 23, 2008 for the purpose of voting on funding for the new Hampden Academy building. Hampden voters overwhelmingly passed the referendum with 969 "yes" votes and 280 "no" votes.

The SAD #22 District Budget Meeting was held at Hampden Academy on June 4, 2009 and the proposed budget was adopted. The School Budget Validation Referendum was held on June 9, 2009 and the voters of all three districts approved the budget. The

results of all elections are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office and are available for inspection during regular business hours.

I would like to thank the Town Office staff for their assistance with issuing all those absentee ballots and my appreciation goes to our Election Officials whose hard work and dedication to the election process contributed to another very successful election year. If you are interested in working at the polls in the future, please contact me at 862-3034.

Denise R. Hodsdon, CMC
Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

JULY 2008 to June 2009

Taxes for fiscal year 2009 were committed on August 14, 2008. The town's total assessed valuation was \$540,715,600, which is an increase of \$2,803,150 over fiscal year 2008. Our total budget (town, school and county) was \$12,635,510 of which \$8,597,378 needed to be raised from the property tax. The mill rate increased \$.20 from the previous year to \$15.90 per \$1,000 of value.

The State of Maine's Report of Assessment Review shows a combined sales ratio of 93% up from 91% the previous year. This figure shows the comparison of our values to market values in the Town of Hampden. By state regulations a town must be above 70%; in order to receive full benefits from state reimbursement programs, the ratio should be between 91% and 109%.

Sales studies for the year prior to April 2008, with only 90 sales (the lowest amount of sales in recent years), indicated that the market had not made a significant change. Therefore, no valuations increased due to sales.

Our Hampden properties can be categorized as follows: (Due to rounding, percentages do not equal 100%)

21.0%	Vacant Land
62.0%	Single Family Homes
2.0%	2 – 4 Family Units
.4%	Multi Family Units
1.6%	Condominiums
12.0%	Business & Commercial

The following programs are designed to help those who qualify either with lower taxes or rebates:

The Homestead Exemption – To qualify for this program, you must live in and own a home in Maine for one year as of April 1. You also must file an application at the assessor's office by April 1. This reduces your taxable valuation by \$13,000. Applications are available at the assessing office or on line at www.hampdenmaine.com.

The Veteran's Exemption - Reduces the valuation of the home by \$6,000. The veteran must have served during one of the recognized war periods, be 62 years of age or be a totally disabled veteran of any age. Veterans need to file an application prior to April 1 and they also need to submit a copy of their DD214 and their birth certificate or a letter from the VA giving the disability code.

The Property Tax Refund Program - Application is made directly to the state (based on income). These applications are usually available at the town office by mid August and must be filed with the state by June. You will also need a copy of your previous year's tax bill; the taxes need to be based on 10 acres of land (or less [the assessor can figure that amount]).

If you need further information on any of the above information, please call the assessor's office at 862-4500 or e-mail us at hampdenassessor@yahoo.com. The assessor is available to explain the valuation process or answer any tax valuation questions you have.

Vivian M. Gresser, CMA
Assessor

TOWN PLANNER

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This was an active year for the Town Planner's office. There is an impressive array of information and documents available both at the Town Office and on-line. Available online is a Historic Resources Inventory for many of Hampden's historic houses based on Debra Thompson's inventory from the early 1990's. The draft Comprehensive Plan is also available online as is the draft Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Twenty-three Town ordinances, Town Charter, Comprehensive Plan and planning resources including FEMA on-line flood maps, "Maine Erosion and Sedimentation Control Best Management Practices Handbook" and population projections and census data are now on the Town's web site www.hampdenmaine.com.

The Planning Board had an active year of review activities, and the centerpiece was review of the new 180,000 sq. ft. Hampden Academy. The Board also approved construction/adaptation of Anglers Restaurant. Rite Aid and Rawcliffe's Car Wash were also approved. The Board has also been actively involved in the preparation of the new Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The following is an accounting of actions taken by the Board this year.

Zoning Map Amendment	0
Zoning Text Amendment	1
Subdivision Text Amendment	0
Conditional Use	4
Site Plans	12
Site Plan Revision	2
Subdivision Sketch Plan	2
Minor Subdivision	0
Preliminary Subdivision Plan	1
Final Subdivision Plan	0
Final Subdivision Plan revision	2
Home Occupation Permit	1

The Conservation Commission has worked on a variety of items including participation in the Tree Board, Stream Cleanup and the improvements at Lura Hoit Pool.

The Town Council Planning and Development Committee reviewed the Stormwater Post-Construction Ordinance and the Council subsequently adopted it. The committee worked on Shoreland Zoning to comply with new state rules. The committee also worked on a set of Zoning Ordinance amendments concerning building permits, customary rural businesses, institutional buildings, uses and building heights in the waterfront area and urban chickens. The committee also worked on outdoor woodfired boilers ordinance amendments. The Council Services committee has been hard at work on a revised Comprehensive Plan.

The Historic Preservation Commission had a quiet year with one certificate of appropriateness. They attended the Certified Local Governments training. Several Commission seats are currently vacant, please consider volunteering.

Robert C. Osborne, AICP
Town Planner



HAMPDEN PUBLIC SAFETY

Police - Fire - EMS

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The Hampden Public Safety Department is comprised of police, fire and code enforcement personnel providing coordinated public safety services to the community.

Services provided to the community include emergency response to police, fire and medical calls, public education, fire prevention, child safety seat inspections and education, school resource officers, DARE and inspection functions.

The Hampden Public Safety Department provides 24 hour, seven day-a-week coverage for the community. Officers and firefighters are trained to deliver police, fire and medical emergency response in a timely and efficient manner. We strive to provide the service that not only we feel is appropriate, but also to deliver the service that the community desires.

We have added a new Facebook Page and encourage residents to visit the page regularly. It can be easily located by searching "Hampden Public Safety" on the Facebook website. Our intent is to provide useful information on current issues as well as safety information, etc. It is also a good venue for the public to contact us to share concerns or provide information to the police or fire department. Please feel free to comment on the site and let us know what you would like to see or how it could be improved.

Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Dunton was selected as Hampden Public Safety's 2009 Employee of the Year. Selecting an employee of the year is difficult because of the caliber of the employees that the Town of Hampden employs. However, Joe's ethic was singled out as being exemplary. He not only provides excellent patient care; but he has saved the Town thousands of dollars by taking on the task of maintaining the public safety fleet.

The Hampden Fire Department has been recognized by Maine EMS and Healthy Maine Partnerships for our efforts to improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest and met the criteria to be a designated a HEARTSafe community.

Our vision statement reminds employees of our values and goals. The statement reads:

Our Vision: To enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

Our Mission: Hampden Public Safety Department is committed to creating a safe environment for all citizens. This is done by working in partnership with the community to identify and resolve public safety concerns. All Hampden Public Safety employees are devoted to providing professional, progressive, fire, medical and police services.

Hampden Public Safety Personnel will:

- Recruit and retain the highest quality employees.
- Display a high level of integrity in the performance of their duties.
- Personnel will be honest, sincere and compassionate.
- Work cooperatively through training and on-scene emergency response.
- Provide safety education to all segments of the community.
- Promote an atmosphere that encourages and recognizes continuing education and training.
- Work cooperatively with citizens to address public safety concerns.

If you have any questions, comments, remarks or even criticism, please contact us in person, by telephone or via our website, www.hampdenpublicsafety.com

Joseph L. Rogers
Public Safety Director



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Fiscal Year 2009 was steady for the Code Enforcement Office here in Hampden. The Code Enforcement Officer issues permits for new building construction, major renovations, demolition, signs, earth-moving, sewer connection, plumbing, flood hazard development, and change of use.

The Code Enforcement Office issued 171 total permits during the 2009 fiscal year, down from the 213 issued in 2008. This number includes 14 building permits for new single-family homes as opposed to 23 in 08' and 3 multi-family structures. Many additions, outbuildings, pools, etc. were also built during this time period.

This year there were 79 plumbing permits issued by the Code Enforcement Officer/Local Plumbing Inspector compared to 123 for 2007.

This year the Board of Appeals held 2 meetings including 5 variance requests. The Code Enforcement Officer acts as the staff liaison to the Board of Appeals. It may be worth noting that there are a few vacancies on the board. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Johnson
Code Enforcement Officer

GIS/IT DEPARTMENT

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This past year in IT (Information Technology) saw the purchase of a new laptop for the second ambulance to use to record the information necessary on emergency calls, and the purchase of a MacBook Pro laptop for our media intern to use to manage the cable channel's programming software as well as edit video for the shows on the channel such as the Hampden Highlights News Magazine show. IT also entered into a lease agreement for a laptop for each Councilor in an effort to reduce paper usage and save money over the long term. IT continued to maintain and renew software licensing agreements such as for antivirus and GIS software, as well as the photocopier and printer lease and service contract agreement. IT also coordinated the installation of a wireless network at the municipal building (Town Office & Public Safety).

On the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) side, I continued to update maps for the town, including many hours spent on a new Shoreland Zoning map. I also spent numerous hours creating all the maps in the revised Comprehensive Plan. Over the winter, I GPSed all the snowmobile trails in town. I continued to work on updating and correcting the parcel layer, and maintained other data layers including but not limited to: storm water infrastructure, lots of environmental constraints, and zoning. I have uploaded some maps onto the town website and continue to look for the best way to share other maps via the web.

I also spent time staffing the following town committees by way of facilitating and coordinating their work: Council Services Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Friends of Dorothea Dix Park Group, and the Tree Board.

In addition, I am also a member of the Database Task Force of the Bangor Area Storm Water Group, a representative on the Maine GeoLibrary Board, and a member of the Publicity Committee for the Maine GIS User Group.

If you would like to know more, I occasionally update this blog:
<http://hampdengisit.blogspot.com/>

Respectfully,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The Town of Hampden Department of Public Works welcomes this opportunity to report on our annual activity.

As part of our annual road maintenance program, the following streets received a paving overlay: Ballfield Road, Cottage Street, Daisey Lane, Emerald Drive, Hillside Drive, Hopkins Road, Horseshoe Lane, Kelly Lane, Library Road, Old County Road, School House Lane, Summit Avenue, Wessenette Drive, Carey Circle, Carriage Lane, and the Transfer Station.

The summer season brought improvements to Meadow Road, culvert replacement and ditching on Emerson Mill Road along with patching of town roads and culvert repair.

Under our equipment replacement program, we traded in our 2005 Ford F-250 and replaced it with a 2009 Ford F-250. We added a truck to our fleet, a 2009 GMC 5500 4x4 and a zero steer mower for the ball fields.

The winter season was another challenging one with the amount of snow we received. We had extra overtime and sand and salt use as to be expected.

We installed two new overhead doors, an air compressor, and new lights to the mechanics bay at the municipal garage.

The sewer construction project is slated for summer of 2009. Replacement of 9000 linear feet of sewer line is planned. Streets affected by this project are Rte 1A, Patterson Street, Wheelden Heights, Northern Avenue, Perry Road, Old County Road, and Coolidge Avenue.

We continued with the changes at the transfer station. The enforcement of transfer station stickers and accepting construction and demolition debris every second and fourth weekend saved the town \$70,000 in the budget for next year

Public Works completed a cemetery expansion at the Lakeview Cemetery, which will add approximately 2000 more lots.

I continue to find this job challenging and rewarding. It is a pleasure to work with the citizens of Hampden.

Thank You,

Chip Swan
Public Works Director



EDYTHER L. DYER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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Turn in at 269 Main Road North onto the Library Road, follow it through Avalon Village and the beautiful stands of white pines until you are nearly at the edge of the Penobscot River and your reward will be the library! The English Tudor-style building built in 1979 was Mrs. Dyer's home until 1983 when she gave it to the town of Hampden to be used as the public library. The library opens at 9 am Monday through Saturday (closed Saturdays during the summer). Monday and Wednesday we are open until 8 pm; we close at 5 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 2 pm on Saturday. The library is a Wi-Fi hotspot so you can bring your laptop or use one of three public access computers. In June 2008 central air conditioning was installed making the library a very pleasant place to spend time; and to make a safer place the revitalized Friends of Edythe Dyer Library used proceeds from their first booksale to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

To fulfill part of our mission we purchase current, high-demand, high-interest materials and we receive bestsellers before the "on sale date" so you get the hottest new titles quickly. You may have to reserve a copy but the wait is unlikely to be very long because the Maine Interlibrary loan includes 80 libraries, serviced by a statewide courier. Besides circulating books, magazines, films and books on tape or CD we have started purchasing digital books for your MP3 player or iPod©.

We own 22,876 books, 2697 videos and DVDs, 1793 books on audio tape or CD and we subscribe to 55 magazines. Library members checked out 107,782 items this year! The library held 320 programs for children and 5566 people enjoyed them. These included three preschool storytimes, two toddler-times and one Play and Learn session. There are many special programs starring magicians, storytellers, and occasionally dump trucks and fire engines! A new program this year gave several first grade students the opportunity to spend some time one morning a month reading to specially trained dogs. As for adult programs, we hold a book discussion, a knitting group and a scrapbooking group once a month.

So make that trip and you will be greeted by the friendly, knowledgeable staff that will show you around, read to your children and help you find a book you will love.

Respectively submitted,

Debora Lozito
Library Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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This year was an exciting year for the recreation department. Participation in our programs has continued to grow while the department has begun some new opportunities to help us diversify our department so we can reach a wider range of residents.

2009 saw more improvements to our parks and the creation of two park groups, the Friends of Dorothea Dix Park and HOTDOG (Hampden Off-leash Territory for Dog Owners Group). The Friends of Dorothea Dix Park committee will be looking at repairing existing trails and structures at the park as well as new amenities. HOTDOG is looking at creating a new area designed just for dogs and at assisting the town in new pet related ordinances. If anyone is interested in helping with either of these exciting projects, more help is always welcome.

Kids Korner, the department's before and after school program, continues to offer children a safe and fun environment for those who have working parents. We have seen impressive growth in this program and continue to look for ways to serve this need.

With the need for more recreation facilities and space, the Recreation Department and the Recreation Committee have started work on a Recreation Plan. This plan would be designed to outline the needs of the community today as well as for the future. Any members of the community are welcome to help with this process and if interested call the Recreation Department at 862-6451 or email at hampdenrecreation@yahoo.com. Any and all feedback would be helpful.

The Hampden Recreation Department would like to thank all of the volunteers, who make the programs what they are. Their many hours have resulted in a true community recreation atmosphere.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt Mathies
Recreation Director

LURA E. HOIT MEMORIAL POOL

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The Lura Hoit Pool is a great place to swim, exercise, continue therapy, relieve arthritic pain, socialize, and learn water safety. Over the past year, approximately, 35,772 people have used our pool. The Town of Hampden can be proud to have such a unique facility, professionally staffed, and accessible to all ages.

We offer all levels of swim lessons from Infant and Toddler to Pre-Competitive. This past year we had 1013 participants in group lessons and 124 in private lessons. Many parents use private swim lessons to help a child progress faster or for the child whose learning style is better in a 1:1 setting. Under the guidance of Assistant Pool Director Julie Macleod, our instructors strive to provide quality instruction in a fun environment. Our lessons run in 8 – 10 week sessions and often fill up fast.

We awarded \$1,540 in swim lesson scholarships. Thirty seven children had the opportunity to learn to swim through the Susan G. Abraham Scholarship program. Susan G. Abraham was a young lifeguard and swim instructor at the Lura Hoit Pool who died in a tragic auto accident in 2007. She had a dream and vision for all people to love and care for each other. This scholarship keeps her dream alive by providing funding so that deserving people can enjoy the benefits of swim instruction and participation that were so important in her own life.

Volunteers play an integral part of the Lura Hoit Pool. The dedicated Pool Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. This year the Board purchased a new baby dino toddler slide to replace our sea shell slide. Penobscot Job Corps Academy students volunteered to weed and spread mulch. Justin Cole designed and constructed a beautiful record board for the Hampden Academy swim team as part of his Eagle Scout project. In addition to the record board, Justin also repaired and painted our storage boxes and built a bulletin board to be used by the Hampden Academy swim team.

The pool is a popular place to rent for birthday parties. Each weekend we offer five different rental opportunities at very affordable prices. We also offer weekly business rentals for schools, day care, and physical therapy. If you are interested in renting our pool you should call a month or two ahead of time because we tend to book-up quickly.

In January of 2009 we installed new boilers. This year we have seen a reduction of 7,456 gallons of fuel oil. We are thrilled with the 30% savings. In an effort to help reduce staffing and overhead costs the pool was closed for ten weeks on Sundays during our summer session.

I invite you all to come visit us at the pool or check out our web site for pool schedules and swim lesson information at www.hampdenmaine.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcey Peakall
Pool Director

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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To the Residents of the Town of Hampden:

I am pleased to submit my second Annual Report and my first as your Director of Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) in the “Community of Choice in Central Maine”.

During the past year, the Community and Economic Development Department has continued to evolve and diversify its role and contribution to the community in response to the identified needs of both citizens and those that seek to invest in our community.

Improved Systems and Processes

Working with other departments, who are equally committed to providing the best in customer service and facilitation, the CEDD has assisted in the creation of improved systems and processes by which development proposals are submitted, reviewed and approved. Hampden strives to be “developer friendly”, in that, our goal is to partner with those that seek to invest in sound responsible development practices, in efforts to ensure complete, accurate and timely submissions and approvals. This “Development Review Team” concept has proven successful and effective as evidenced in the opening of Anglers Restaurant, our first partner in the process.

Support of Local Business

The CEDD has renewed the community’s efforts to invest in the expansion and retention of our local businesses. The creation and funding of the Business Expansion and Retention Program (BEAR) is a positive step in growing and nurturing the bond between our local businesses and government. This program will provide a voice to local businesses in order to ensure that the services developed by the CEDD directly target local business needs. Prosperous and healthy businesses are a positive indication of both opportunity and quality of place which is highly valued in Hampden.

Changing Landscapes

The Hampden waterfront offers tremendous development opportunity. In recent years, it has proven to be a primary location for the renewal of the historic tradition of Maine boat building. In addition, the conceptual Hampden Marina project represents another opportunity to establish the beginnings of a revitalized waterfront. The CEDD has been leading efforts to maximize opportunity associated with this vital resource while working with both existing and perspective businesses.

The Hampden Business and Commerce Park continues to offer business development opportunity and serves as an asset to business attraction and provides opportunity for further diversification of Hampden’s tax base.

The Coldbrook Road has been identified as a choice location for commercial and business development in the years ahead. The newly drafted comprehensive plan has recognized the potential for its growth and development in the years ahead. The CEDD will be a leading advocate for its appropriate and responsible development.

The New Hampden Academy, set for completion in the near future, will demonstrate the community’s commitment to the finest of educational opportunities. This school is

representative of our strong, healthy and proud community and will prove to be the single greatest asset in attracting development to Hampden. Preparing the community for that development will be a primary focus of the CEDD moving forward.

Local and Regional Partnerships

The CEDD is supportive of and participates in a number of regional and local organizations that seek to improve this region known as the greater Bangor area.

The Hampden Business Association (HBA) has been very active in both its membership development and support of the CEDD's efforts to establish and implement the BEAR initiative. Hampden is filled with committed businesses owners who continually contribute to the town's quality of choice. The CEDD looks forward to further developing relationships with local business owners and appreciates the confidence and trust extended this department by the growing number of business owners over the past year.

The Bangor Region Development Alliance, Bangor Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Review Committee, Action Committee of 50, and Eastern Maine Development Corporation are a few of the organizations with which CEDD has established ongoing relationships. Without a strong and vibrant Bangor region, Hampden and other communities cannot prosper. Hampden's CEDD will continue to support the efforts of all that contribute to the quality of life of the people of Hampden.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Director of Community and Economic Development and I look forward to another year of positive growth and contribution to the citizens and businesses of Hampden. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent staff for their collaboration and enthusiasm. Additional appreciation goes to the supportive and engaged Town Council and the responsible leadership provided by Manager Lessard. Please don't hesitate to drop in the office with your thoughts on how we, together, can strengthen the "Community of Choice in Central Maine".

Dean L. Bennett
Director of Community and Economic Development
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dlbhampden@hotmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Conservation Commission was established by the Hampden Conservation Ordinance (amended April 6, 2009; www.hampdenmaine.com "Ordinances & Policies") to protect, conserve, and enhance the natural resources of the Town. The Conservation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council, provides oversight for the conservation of Town-owned lands and easements, and coordinates with state and federal agencies and Hampden residents undertaking natural resource projects or other projects that may affect the Town's natural resources.

The Commission Chair served on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. We believe this document is essential for conserving Hampden's natural resources and will be the blueprint for conservation strategies in the future such as creating signage to identify dedicated open space areas to Town residents. We have continued to remain involved in the Comp Plan update process.

As in past years we reviewed residential and commercial development plans and sites. Due to the depressed economy, there were far fewer proposed projects. The current lack of financial incentive to developing parcels may represent an opportunity for the Town to interest and encourage landowners in alternative plans for their properties such as conservation easements.

The Commission also reviewed the Town's updated shoreland zoning map. We had no input to provide as the Town already had done an excellent job of updating the map.

A member of the Commission continues to serve on the Town Tree Board.

As in years past, the Commission sought out an individual to function as the Town's Fish Warden for the purpose of harvesting alewives. No one stepped forward but we will seek out a Fish Warden for next year.

This partial list provides a sense of the activities in which we are involved. We would like to encourage you to contact us with your conservation concerns and issues, or if you are interested in becoming a member.

Donald Katnik, Chairperson

Current Members: Walter Jakubas, Ed Steltzer, Mark McCollough, Michael Robbins, Phil Stack and Phil Rapp.

UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF June 30, 2009						
Owner of Record	Acct #	2009 Taxes	2008 Liens	2007 tax acquired	2006 tax acquired	2005 tax acquired
Alexander, Steven & Carla	807	\$1,963.65				
Allen, Tonya L.	1850	\$482.56				
Annis, Cindy L.	2313	\$1,140.03	\$1,125.69			
Ayer, Todd A.	1781	\$90.63	\$34.04			
B A Gardner Paving & Exc	2360	\$144.69	\$71.43			
B A Gardner Paving & Exc	2363	\$3,165.69	\$3,125.87			
Bangor Cedar Fence Inc.	103	\$2,354.79				
Bennoch, Amy L.	2710	\$1,749.36				
Bryant, Robert & Linda	919	\$1,471.86				
Bryer, Wayne & Ruthann	2119	\$2,240.31	\$1,100.73			
Campbell, Joanne E.	497	\$1,219.53				
Carr, Russell	1173	\$855.42	\$844.66			
Cary, Kathleen S.	959	\$2,255.25				
Chen, Eugene & Sherri	2767	\$2,625.09	\$2,335.34			
Clendenning, Michael T &	1229	\$ 802.42				
Clendenning, Robert M.	999	\$ 1,329.24				
Clendenning, Rowena	364	\$ 4,455.18				
Clendenning, Rowena	359	\$ 179.67				
Corson, Suzanne	906	\$ 1,022.37				
Couillard, Daryl	673	\$ 1,119.36	\$1,105.28			
Couillard, Daryl	279	\$ 2,149.68	\$2,122.64			
Crosby, Harold Jr	516	\$ 2,407.26	\$2,376.98			
Cyr, Keefe C. & Rene R.	3231	\$ 756.84	\$747.32			
Daigle, Lori M.	911	\$ 409.75				
Dostie, Leonard Jr/Sandra	2001	\$ 804.54				
Dostie, Leonard Jr/Sandra	2002	\$ 729.81	\$720.63			
Ellis, Joel W.	37	\$ 1,179.78				
Farrell, Richard E.	2476	\$ 723.45				
Field, Jonathan K	967	\$ 1,661.55				
Flanagan, Larry D & Brenda	322	\$ 5,611.11				
Gamble, William B.	987	\$ 1,480.11				
Gamble, William B.	987(P)		\$4,622.56			
Gardner, Bryden A.	2358	\$ 586.71	\$289.66			
Gardner, Bryden Alan	509	\$ 128.79	\$127.17			
Gardner, Bryden Alan	507	\$ 27.03	\$26.69			
Goodale, Harold	2406	\$ 1,803.06	\$1,780.38	\$1,780.38	\$886.60	
Hart, Kent & Rebecca	549	\$ 2,129.01	\$2,102.23			
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3712	\$ 146.25				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3713	\$ 209.85				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3714	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3715	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3716	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3717	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3720	\$ 209.51				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3721	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3722	\$ 146.02				

Owner of Record	Acct #	2009 taxes	2008 Liens	2007 tax acquired	2006 tax acquired	2005 tax acquired
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3723	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3724	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3725	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3726	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3727	\$ 146.25				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3730	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3731	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3732	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3733	\$ 146.25				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3734	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3735	\$ 146.02				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3736	\$ 146.25				
Highland Ridge Real Estate	3809	\$ 14.31				
Houp, Chad & Stasia	3353	\$ 440.43				
Jewett, Donald R.	3190	\$ 542.19	\$535.37			
Judkins, Eugene H., Jr.	1509	\$ 368.08				
Kaplan, Mark Trustee	674	\$ 2,047.30				
Kelley, Richard D., Sr.	253	\$ 56.72				
Kelly, Kathryn	697	\$ 857.80				
Kenneally, William/Wanda	963	\$ 591.48				
Kneeland, Mark	567	\$ 876.09				
Kneeland, Mark Joseph	1169	\$ 3,180.00				
LaChance, David P.	453	\$ 1,281.54				
Lambert, Martha L.	2943	\$ 612.15				
Lane, Richard/Thelma	2382	\$ 808.74				
Langley, Beverly D.	3552	\$ 1,637.70	\$1,617.10			
Lapointe, Lawrence	741	\$ 259.90				
Lapointe, Lawrence	2374	\$ 12,677.54				
Lapointe, Lawrence A.	2799	\$ 739.58				
Lapointe, Lawrence/Dianne	584	\$ 717.77				
Larsen, Jeffrey	2861	\$ 2,472.08				
Leong, Marianne Ames	1106	\$ 2,531.28	\$1,351.77			
Leveille, Barbara	3387	\$ 5.38				
MacDonald, Edward N Jr.	3760	\$ 1,027.14				
Magaw, Colleen & Timothy	1558	\$ 1,691.76				
Maietta, Kathryn G.	2246	\$ 2,159.22	\$2,077.35			
Mallory, Margo A.	2228	\$ 2,494.71				
McBurnie, Donald Estate	1526	\$ 521.52				
McCarthy, Barry/Gail	315	\$ 478.59				
McCue, Kenneth	2994	\$ 1,206.81				
McCurdy, Ed	2563	\$ 779.26				
McGinn, Sepp H.	3148	\$ 693.24	\$684.52			
McLeod, Edwin C. Trustee	1815	\$ 1,421.46	\$560.49			
Mecaw Road Developers	3643	\$ 0.88				
Miller, George III	890	\$ 898.35	\$940.43			
Moody, Dan & Joy	1657	\$ 1,974.78	\$1,490.13			
Moyse, David & Nadine	3218	\$ 1.93				
Neilander, Robert & Elaine	909	\$ 2,583.53				
Neilander, Robert & Elaine	910	\$ 575.58				
Nelson, Leroy Jr & Cheryle	1732	\$ 1,089.15				

Owner of Record	Acct #	2009 taxes	2008 Liens	2007 tax acquired	2006 tax acquired	2005 tax acquired
Newman, Lorri	1485	\$ 1,490.79				
Ociepka, Keith & Gail	1597	\$ 2,165.58				
Ociepka, Keith L.	1138	\$ 5,088.00				
Oliver, Brian	2224	\$ 618.56				
Osborne, Laurier et al	505	\$ 227.38				
Pattershall, Sonia	984	\$ 865.25				
Pelkey, Mike	1804	\$ 31.80				
Philbrick, Christopher	3446	\$ 2,268.93	\$528.78			
Philbrick, Jonathan P.	3667	\$ 3,416.91	\$2,152.47			
Porter, Robert I.	2709	\$ 1,190.91	\$1,175.93	\$1,175.93	\$1,072.14	\$744.08
Rankin, Joyce	1816	\$ 1,497.78	\$1,478.94			
Ratsakongsy, Som & Julie	2339					
Reed, Jeffrey L.	1822	\$ 783.87	\$774.01			
Reynolds, Mark	3296					
Richards, Frederick/Barbara	540	\$ 1,811.01				
Richards, Frederick/Barbara	546	\$ 79.50				
Richards, Frederick/Barbara	856	\$ 103.35				
Richards, Frederick/Barbara	915	\$ 1,714.02				
Rickards, Erland & Frances	81					
Ryan, Michael	2657	\$ 1,472.34	\$1,249.72			
Sawyer, Helen M. Estate	1464	\$ 82.68	\$81.64			
Sawyer, Helen M. Estate	1466	\$ 2,206.92	\$1,875.58			
Sawyer, Helen M. Estate	1503	\$ 255.99	\$252.77			
Sawyer, Helen M. Estate	1515	\$ 193.98	\$191.54			
Shanos, Thomas	1849	\$ 9,975.66	\$9,850.18			
Shanos, Thomas	3393	\$ 4,989.42	\$4,926.66			
Shaw, Janice	12	\$ 1,065.30				
Smith, Donna	2677	\$ 987.68				
Smith, Scott	1784	\$ 42.93				
Snelling, Joelene	2378	\$ 1,204.42				
Stanley, William J.	1233	\$ 873.70				
Stefani, Nancy J	725	\$ 1,127.58				
Sturdivant, Mary	2062	\$ 1,511.06				
Sullivan, Brian M.	122	\$ 1,771.26				
Turner, Darren C.	1899	\$ 1,351.50				
Tweedie, Robert	1712	\$ 1,299.03	\$799.24			
Walton, Timothy J	432	\$ 3,181.59				
Ward, Timothy C, Sr.	2996	\$ 1,441.16				
Whitney, Brent	2163	\$ 752.07				
Williams, Linda L.	623	\$ 1,006.47				
Wing, Troy R.	1057	\$ 69.96				
Wing, Troy R.	1058	\$ 73.14				
Wing, Troy R.	1059	\$ 89.04				
Wiseman, Dean C.	852	\$ 925.38	\$913.74			
Wiseman, Dean C.	922	\$ 464.28	\$458.44			
Woodrow, Adam F.	3352	\$ 772.39				
Yelitz, Edwin	2004	\$ 1,264.05				
		\$172,570.83	\$60,626.10	\$2,956.31	\$1,958.74	\$744.08

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2009									
OWNER OF RECORD	Acct #	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	
G R Adams	4		\$194.68	\$252.77	\$243.82				
Automatic Vending & Games	248	\$ 28.62	\$37.68						
Blood, Clayton M. Jr.	220	\$ 12.72							
Bryant, Robert & Linda	57		\$97.34	\$94.20	\$93.52				
C & L Properties	133	\$ 197.98							
Couillard, Daryl	30	\$ 553.32	\$466.29	\$456.87	\$454.24	\$466.79			
Curves	261	\$ 52.47							
L & M Sons, Inc.	236	\$ 77.91							
McCurdy & Hail	40	\$ 73.14	\$69.08						
Northeast Timber Corp.	186	\$ 491.31	\$781.86	\$744.06					
Public Works Supply	58		\$125.60						
Qwik Stop Video	151	\$ 295.74	\$423.90	\$408.20	\$404.14	\$413.28	\$410.00	\$383.16	
Rawcliffe, Carlton/Jacqueline	172	\$ 4.77							
Rawcliffe, Carlton/Jacqueline	207	\$ 8.74							
Reflections	196	\$ 38.16							
Robert Tweedie	93	\$ 3.18	\$3.14						
Shanos, Thomas	75	\$ 143.10							
Tardiff, Pamela	216	\$ 12.72							
The Old General Store	229	\$ 7.95							
		\$2,001.83	\$2,199.57	\$1,956.10	\$1,195.72	\$880.07	\$410.00	\$383.16	

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

COPY OF FULL AUDIT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT TOWN OFFICE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 8, 2009

Members of the Town Council
Town of Hampden
Hampden, Maine 04444

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hampden, Maine as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Hampden, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used, and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hampden, Maine as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2-5 and 31, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Hampden, Maine basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statement. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other supplementary information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Wadman, CPA

James W. Wadman, CPA

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2009

Exhibit C
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<i>Assets</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Host Community Benefit</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cash and Equivalents	2,921,607	450,043	1,438,402	97,553	4,907,605
Investments	35,482	381,519		371,924	788,925
Receivables					
Taxes	185,921				185,921
Liens	67,264				67,264
Solid Waste	8,402				8,402
Other Governments	23,066				23,066
Ambulance	91,184				91,184
Other	355,802				355,802
Due from Other Funds	218,075	27,735	461,648	234,517	941,975
Inventory	1,884				1,884
Total Assets	3,908,687	859,297	1,900,050	703,994	7,372,028
<i>Liabilities and Fund Balances</i>					
<i>Liabilities</i>					
Accounts Payable	69,651	680			70,331
Accrued Salaries Payable	83,075				83,075
Project Escrows	76,511				76,511
Deferred Revenue					
Property Tax	160,027				160,027
Prepaid Taxes	3,597				3,597
Due to Other Funds	696,115			29,385	725,500
Due to Other Governments	14,550				14,550
Total Liabilities	1,103,526	680	-	29,385	1,133,591
<i>Fund Balances</i>					
Reserved For:					
Encumbrances	56,786				56,786
Endowments				270,066	270,066
Unreserved	2,748,375	858,617	1,900,050	37,590	5,544,632
Unreserved, Reported in Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds				366,953	366,953
Total Fund Balances	2,805,161	858,617	1,900,050	674,609	6,238,437
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	3,908,687	859,297	1,900,050	703,994	7,372,028

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BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Total Fund Balance	6,238,437
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$16,245,549	21,481,107
Interfund Balance	<u>(216,475)</u>
	<u>21,264,632</u>
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Deferred Taxes	160,027
	<u>160,027</u>
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(3,090,067)
Accrued Compensated Absences	<u>(197,810)</u>
	<u>(3,287,877)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>24,375,219</u></u>

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

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	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Reserve Funds</i>	<i>Host Community Benefit</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues					
Taxes	10,093,176				10,093,176
Intergovernmental Revenues	466,994	119,415		773,204	1,359,613
Departmental Revenues	513,550				513,550
Investment Income	46,740	23,204	20,172	12,504	102,620
Fair Value Increases (Decreases)	(13,839)	13,321	2,804	(53,376)	(51,090)
Other Local Sources	321,252	15,925	946,327	203,602	1,487,106
Total Revenues	11,427,873	171,865	969,303	935,934	13,504,975
Expenditures					
General Government	1,157,498	27,030	25,000		1,209,528
Public Safety	2,350,958				2,350,958
Health and Social Services	82,217				82,217
Recreation and Culture	678,245	74,550	1,342	191,302	945,439
Public Works	1,743,976	336,616	86,842		2,167,434
Debt Service	467,793		108,956		576,749
TIF	20,251				20,251
Assessments	5,656,364				5,656,364
Total Expenditures	12,157,302	438,196	222,140	191,302	13,008,940
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(729,429)	(266,331)	747,163	744,632	496,035
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers from Other Funds	1,090,915	270,370		3,000	1,364,285
Transfers to Other Funds	(270,370)		(372,581)	(815,914)	(1,458,865)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	820,545	270,370	(372,581)	(812,914)	(94,580)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	91,116	4,039	374,582	(68,282)	401,455
Fund Balance - July 1	2,714,045	854,578	1,525,468	742,891	5,836,982
Fund Balance - June 30	2,805,161	858,617	1,900,050	674,609	6,238,437

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**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	401,455
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset disposed	(17,986)
Capital asset purchases capitalized	696,885
Depreciation expense	(1,025,135)
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Deferred Taxes	(12,056)
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets:	
General obligation bond principal payments	376,153
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Interfund Activity	178,701
Accrued compensated absences	(20,494)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u><u>577,523</u></u>

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TOWN OF HAMPDEN
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

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	Encumbered From 6/30/08	Appropriations	Expenditures Net of Refund	Encumbered To 6/30/10	(Over) Under Budget
General Government					
Administrative Office		537,888	557,503		(19,615)
GIS/IT		118,632	110,315		8,317
Communications		35,614	30,639		4,975
Town Council		36,525	35,126		1,399
Municipal Building		119,857	107,595		12,262
Tax Collector		6,000	4,726		1,274
Municipal Elections		12,963	6,551		6,412
Assessor/Planning/CEO		230,336	205,083		25,253
Economic Development		92,318	99,960		(7,642)
		1,190,133	1,157,498		32,635
Public Safety					
Police Department		957,653	900,194		57,459
DARE Program		2,285	2,173	112	-
Fire Department		932,338	873,285		59,053
Public Safety		166,354	164,060		2,294
Non Department Utilities		414,078	411,246		2,832
		2,472,708	2,350,958	112	121,638
Health and Social Services					
General Assistance		10,000	2,435		7,565
Outside Agencies	30,842	25,416	35,431	20,827	-
The Bus		55,000	44,351		10,649
	30,842	90,416	82,217	20,827	18,214
Recreation and Culture					
Parks and Recreation		124,942	126,530		(1,588)
Canopy Grant - Recreation Planting		5,367	5,367		-
Dyer Library		230,163	229,523		640
Hoit Memorial Pool		373,442	315,887		57,555
Marina		500	938		(438)
		734,414	678,245		56,169

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GENERAL FUND

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	Encumbered From 6/30/08	Appropriations	Expenditures Net of Refund	Encumbered To 6/30/10	(Over) Under Budget
Public Works					
Highway Department		1,236,520	1,268,051		(31,531)
Municipal Garage		37,840	35,582		2,258
Solid Waste		482,820	369,178		113,642
Buildings and Grounds		86,800	71,165		15,635
		1,843,980	1,743,976		100,004
Debt Service		467,793	467,793		-
TIF	6,098	50,000	20,251	35,847	-
Assessments					
Regional School District		5,024,922	5,024,922		-
County Tax Overlay		586,820	586,820		-
		78,104	44,622		33,482
		5,689,846	5,656,364		33,482
Transfers To Other Funds					
Reserve Funds					
Town Roads		45,000	45,000		-
Fire Truck		25,000	25,000		-
Fire Truck Refurbish		4,000	4,000		-
Ambulance		20,000	20,000		-
Police Cruiser		26,400	26,400		-
Public Works Equipment		100,000	100,000		-
Pool Facility		15,000	15,000		-
Computer		9,970	9,970		-
Library		5,000	5,000		-
GIS Mapping		10,000	10,000		-
Municipal Building		10,000	10,000		-
		270,370	270,370		-
Totals	36,940	12,809,660	12,427,672	56,786	362,142