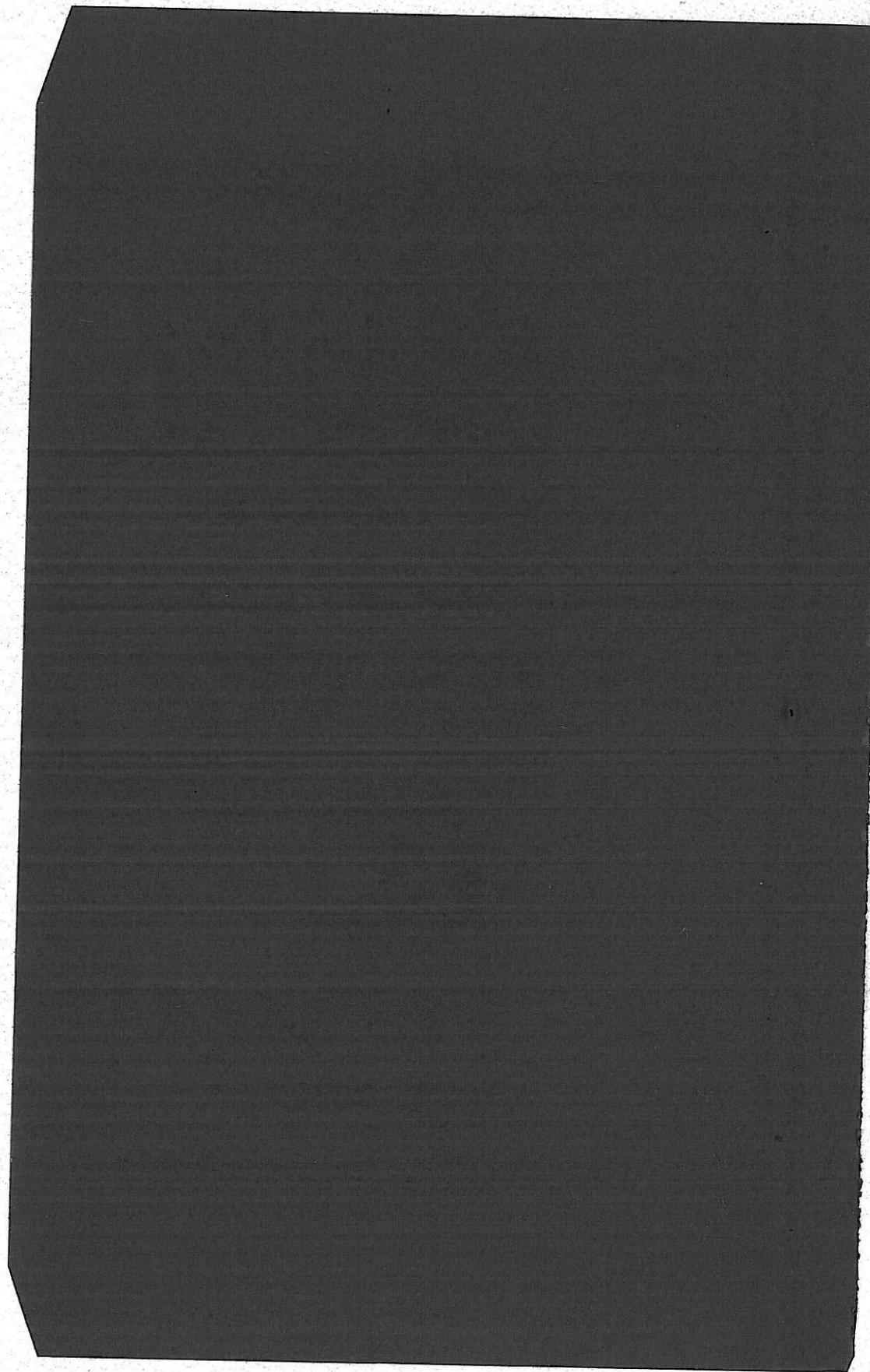


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## TOWN OF UPTON

**Incorporated June 14, 1735**

1975 – State Census	3,777
1971 – State Census	3,557
1970 – Federal Census	3,484
1965 – State Census	3,502
1960 – Federal Census	3,127
1955 – State Census	2,921
1950 – Federal Census	2,656

### "DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS"

1735 – Approximately 50 families

1790	833	1860	1,986
1800	854	1870	1,989
1810	995	1880	2,023
1820	1,088	1890	1,878
1830	1,167	1900	1,937
1835	1,410	1930	2,026
1840	1,658	1940	2,249
1850	2,018		

Town comprises 21.81 Square Miles  
Land – 13,853.3 acres                    Water – 104.7 acres

Town Highways – 61.51 miles

Pratt Hill – 595 ft. above means sea level

Town Hall – approximately 301 ft. above means sea level

To make the township of Upton, named for a village in Worcestershire, England, lands belonging to the Towns of Mendon, Uxbridge, Sutton and Hopkinton were set off by the General Court. First town meeting in the John Sadler house, Mendon Street, August 8, 1735.

**U.S. SENATORS**

Edward W. Brooke of Newton  
Edward M. Kennedy of Boston

**CONGRESSMAN, THIRD DISTRICT**

Joseph D. Early of Worcester

**COUNCILLOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT**

Leo J. Turo of Worcester

**STATE SENATOR, WORCESTER  
AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**

Daniel J. Foley of Worcester

**REPRESENTATIVE, NINETEENTH  
WORCESTER DISTRICT**

Louis P. Bertonazzi of Milford

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Paul X. Tivnan of Paxton  
Lillian M. Kelley of Worcester  
F. Leo Kenney of Uxbridge

**SHERIFF OF WORCESTER COUNTY**

Joseph A. Smith of Worcester

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Edward Patrick Bird of Westminster

**CLERKS OF COURTS, WORCESTER COUNTY**

Philip J. Philbin of Clinton

**REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY**

William J. McManus of Worcester

**REGISTER OF DEEDS, WORCESTER DISTRICT**

Anthony V. Vigliotti of Worcester

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

John Conte

## **Town Officers for 1976**

## MODERATOR

George W. Burnham Term expires 1977

## TOWN CLERK

Martha R. Williams Term expires 1977

## SELECTMEN

James R. Bates Term expires 1978

Aldo B. Consigli, Jr. Term expires 1979

## COLLECTOR-TREASURER

Ashley M. Perkins Term expires 1979

ASSESSOR OF TAXES

Carl W. Porter	Term expires 1977
William S. Evans	Term expires 1978
Samuel Nahra, Jr.	Term expires 1979

MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Cynthia R. Seitz, Term expires 1977

Charles H. Ferris, Jr. Term expires 1978

William C. Young, Treasurer Term expires 1979

### Mendon members:

Mrs. Nancy Bradley, Chairperson

Roger Lizotte

Dr. Salvatore Compagnone

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

William H. Sadler, Clerk Term expires 1978  
William R. Edlin Term expires 1979

William R. Ethier Term expires 1979

## CONSTABLES

(Terms expires 1977)

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Henry J. Poirier	Term expires 1977
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## TREE WARDEN

Donald R. Keniston	Term expires 1977
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## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Barbara E. Burke, Chairman	Term expires 1978
Mrs. Ruth E. Crooker	Term expires 1977
Richard Lindi	Term expires 1977
Sidney Beard, Jr.	Term expires 1977
Adah R. Sether	Term expires 1978
Stanton T. Baker	Term expires 1978
Karl H. Rooney	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wood	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Margaret M. Stanton	Term expires 1979

## SEWER-WATER COMMISSION

Samuel E. Aldrich, Chairman	Term expires 1977
Daniel J. Fitzpatrick, Clerk	Term expires 1978
Royce E. Beatty	Term expires 1979

## PLANNING BOARD

Norman G. Hill, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Robert E. Coppolino (resigned)	Term expires 1978
Edward M. Wadsworth	Term expires 1977
Ernest B. Porter, Jr.	Term expires 1980
Lester P. Shea	Term expires 1981
James F. Martin (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1977

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Roger L. Clark, Chairman	Term expires 1978
Joseph W. Gorman, Jr. <del>En route</del>	Term expires 1977
Mrs. Esther K. Bird	Term expires 1979

## PARK COMMISSION

Elaine M. Porter	Term expires 1977
Clifton C. Teachout, Jr.	Term expires 1978
Thomas S. Kozel	Term expires 1979

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE TO  
BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Edward S. Henderson Term expires 1977

## UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mrs. Elinor S. Varney (resigned)	Term expires 1980
George N. Blakeslee	Term expires 1978
Kenneth W. Wood	Term expires 1978
Norman E. Walker	Term expires 1981
Mrs. Vivian Mainini (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1977

**APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Charles H. Ferris  Term expires 1979

CLERK TO SELECTMEN

Mrs. Joan Varney

## TOWN COUNSEL

Attorney Lawrence H. Norris

DELEGATE TO CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Norman G. Hill

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Rodney B. Marchand

**POLICE SERGEANT**

Samuel E. Aldrich

## PATROLMEN

## POLICE OFFICERS

David I. Aldrich	Henry J. Poirier
Joseph W. Collopy	Edward C. Rock
Wilfred E. Hare	Alfred H. Nichols
James J. Gallagher	Thomas J. Pellerin
Aldo B. Consigli, Jr.	Raymond E. Wheeler
Richard D. Stockwell	Robert T. Coffin
James C. Mazza	Mary A. E. Aldrich
Robert B. Paine, Jr.	Edward L. Gorman
Alanson J. Varney	James R. Bates
William A. Cilley	Donald R. Keniston
James C. Crosby	Thomas S. Kozel
Fred M. Hebb	Alvin P. Nichols
George N. O. Poirier	Fred Shackleton

JoAnne M. Kinney

## SPECIALS

Lawrence P. Hannon, State Forest, Ashley M. Perkins, Memorial School; Rose Marie Horton, Memorial School; Stanley Praskiewicz, Knowlton-Risteen Building; Donald Kerr, North Pond; Herbert J. Molway, North Pond; Clifton C. Teachout, Sr., Coach Road Apartments; Also B. Consigli, Sr., VFW Grounds; Vernon Taylor, VFW Grounds; Clifton C. Teachout, Jr., Parks Dept.

## AUXILIARY

Lt. Wilfred E. Fowler, James T. Burke, Edwin V. Hatstat, David J. Jonis, Michael A. Konisky, Gerald J. Lavergne, Roger E. Martinsen, George A. Moir, Ernest J. Pellerin, Robert A. Lambert.

## DOG OFFICER

Raymond F. Fitzpatrick

## CUSTODIAN OF KNOWLTON-RISTEEN BUILDING

Stanley C. Praskiewicz

## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George N. O. Poirier	Mrs. Dorothy Inman
Henry J. Poirier	Mrs. Jane Richard
Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK  
MEASURER OF LUMBER

Robert A. Page Frederick W. Fiske

Frederick W. Fiske

Thomas Fitzpatrick

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Bruce G. Hodgkins

## DIRECTOR (INSPECTOR) OF WIRING

John Beden

## GAS INSPECTORS

## OIL BURNER INSPECTOR

Robert J. Prentiss

## DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Samuel Nahra, Jr

**DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' GRAVES**

Raymond K. Smith

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alanson J. Varney (resigned)	Term expires 1978
Kenneth T. Fougeres (resigned)	Term expires 1978
Nancy A. LeBrun (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1978
John Robertson, Jr. (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1978
Ernest B. Porter (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1978
Charles J. Mistretta	Term expires 1977
Charlotte N. Rivard	Term expires 1977
William E. Quirk, Jr.	Term expires 1977
Ida M. Porter	Term expires 1979
Ernest W. Ramsey	Term expires 1979
Helen M. Fitzpatrick	Term expires 1079

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sheila J. Porter, Chairman	Term expires 1978
Richard Desjardins	Term expires 1977
Rufin VanBossuyt	Term expires 1977
Jeffrey C. Levitt (resigned)	Term expires 1979
Jane E. Norris	Term expires 1979
Francis L. Walleston	Term expires 1978
Melvin R. Shahan	Term expires 1978
Donald W. Nelson (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1979

## FIRE ENGINEERS

Robert J. Prentiss, Chief	William S. Evans
Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

George P. Kennedy (R), Chairman	Term expires 1979
Patricia A. O'Sullivan (D)	Term expires 1978
Eleanor R. Broderick (D)	Term expires 1977
Martha R. Williams (R), ex-officio, Clerk	Term expires 1977

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Karl H. Rooney	Term expires 1977
S. Otis Inman	Term expires 1978
Barbara E. Burke	Term expires 1978
Marjorie D. Taft	Term expires 1979
Chester W. Walker	Term expires 1979

## ZONING APPEAL BOARD

John F. LeBrun, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Leo J. Lamanuzzi, Jr.	Term expires 1978
David G. Clark	Term expires 1977

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

## ZONING APPEAL BOARD

Aloysius J. Fitzpatrick	Term expires 1979
Dennis C. Nattinville	Term expires 1978
Celestine I. Mason	Term expires 1977

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PEST CONTROL

Donald R. Keniston

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Walter J. Stank

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

George W. Grebenstein

**CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL**

Edward L. Prentiss  
Dr. Bernard F. McKernan

Edward Kuczinski  
Henry J. Poirier

**TOWN COMMUNICATION OFFICER**

Robert J. Prentiss

**COUNCIL FOR THE AGING**

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wright  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Kirby (resigned)  
Reverend Robert A. Jackman

Mrs. Betsy D. Johnson  
Mrs. Anne C. Gorman  
Mrs. Dorothy Olson

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Thomas S. Kozel	Term expires 1980
Jonas E. Carter	Term expires 1979
Stanley M. Craib	Term expires 1978
A. Malcolm Mager	Term expires 1977
Richard D. Stockwell	Term expires 1981

**STREET LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Thomas S. Kozel William C. Young

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

John F. Langley, Chairman	Term expires 1977
Stedman T. Briggs, Jr.	Term expires 1978
Richard L. Randall	Term expires 1979
Nancy A. LeBrun, Ernest W. Ramsey - from Finance Committee	

**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

(Terms expire April 1, 1976)

**BOARD CLERK**

Mrs. Celeste C. Gilchrist, Office Manager

**HEALTH BOARD NURSE**

Mrs. Joan M. Waterhouse

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Walter A. Hopkins

**ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

W. Bruce Brokaw

**BURIAL AGENT**

Mrs. Martha R. Williams

**HEALTH BOARD PHYSICIAN**

Bernard J. McKernan, M.D.

**MILK INSPECTOR****INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

James W. Jacobson

**APPOINTED BY SEWER/WATER COMMISSION****SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT**

Henry J. Poirier

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Leo L. Morin

**SECRETARY, CLERK**

Mrs. Elinor A. Perkins

**APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR****DUMP SITE COMMITTEE**

James J. Gallagher	George E. Shepard
David E. Teachout	Robert F. Ramsey

**CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Jonas E. Carter	Term expires 1978
Royce E. Beatty	Term expires 1977
Olaf Olson	Term expires 1979
Edward S. Henderson, Jr.	Term expires 1980

## **Warrant For Special Town Meeting February 7, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Saturday, the seventh day of February, punctually, at 2:30 p.m. o'clock for the following purposes:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$1,945.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance Account of the Upton Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$1,990.00 for radio replacements for the Upton Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the employees benefit package by-law under the eligibility requirements section by deleting "only those employees holding the following positions will be eligible for the full time employees benefits package: Chief of Police, Police Sergeant, Full time Patrolman, Full time Dispatchers, Full time Librarian, Full time Nurse, Full time Highway Department Workers, Full time Sewage Treatment Plant Operator," and replace with the following: "only full time permanent employees shall be eligible."

Also add to the employees benefit package by-law the following:

"Full time employee" – An employee retained in any position in the town service for not less than seven (7) hours per day

for five (5) days per week for fifty-two (52) weeks per year minus legal holidays, required military leave, vacation leave, sick leave, bereavement leave, emergency leave, jury duty, or other authorized leave of absence.

“Part time employee” – An employee, other than a temporary employee, retained in any position in the town service for less than full time employment as defined above.”

“Temporary employee” – An employee retained in any position in the town service which requires or is likely to require the services of the incumbent for a period not exceeding six (6) calendar months.

“Permanent employee” – An employee retained in any position in the town service which has required or which is likely to require the service of the incumbent without interruption for a period of more than six (6) calendar months, either on a full time or part time basis.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Upton By-laws adopted pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108C of Chapter 41 of the General laws by adding the following:

“That any and all positions other than those filled by popular election and those under the control and direction of the School Committee be classified into groups and classes doing substantially similar work or having equal responsibilities and that a compensation plan establishing minimum and maximum salaries be provided for the purpose of paying the employees in the positions so classified.”

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction and Maintenance work, or take any other action relative thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$8,500.00 to be added to the Water-Sewer Maintenance Account to be expended for repairs to the settling tank and work required by the E.P.A., or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$1,714.00 to continue the services of the greater Blackstone Youth Guidance Service or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$1,570.00 to continue the services of the fourth patrolman as currently rendered through June 30, 1976, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$7,500.00 to continue the dispatching services as currently rendered through June 30, 1976, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Upton Zoning By-law (Chapter 10 of the Upton Town By-laws) by:

(a) Striking out the words "salesroom for automobiles, automobile repair garage or automobile service station", as appearing in item j of Section III, D. 1. thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following words: "salesroom for automobiles, automobile repair garage or automobile service statiion, except that so-called "self service" gasoline or automobile service stations are not permitted, and no gasoline station, automobile service station or other business the premises of which are used, in whole or in part, for the retail distribution of gasoline or other petroleum products, shall permit the operation of any gasoline pump, or other device used for the retail distribution of such products, by other than an owner, officer, employee, or other duly authorized agent of said business:", or

(b) taking any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: — At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

ERNEST W. RAMSEY  
JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Saturday, the seventh day of February, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton  
January 30, 1976

## **Proceedings of Special Town Meeting February 7, 1976**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George W. Burnham at 2:00 p.m. The call and constable's return was read by the Moderator.

Mrs. Nancy Kennedy (R) and Mrs. Rita Cutler (D) checked 97 voters into the main hall during the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$1,050.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance account of the Upton Fire Department.

ARTICLE 2: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$1,990.00 for radio replacements for the Upton Fire Department.

ARTICLE 3: Moderator declared this motion lost.

ARTICLE 4: Motioned that the Town amend the Town of Upton By-laws adopted pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108C of Chapter 41 of the General Laws by adding the following: "The Personnel Board shall have the responsibility of making all recommendations to the town regarding the following:

That any and all positions other than those filled by popular election and those under the control and direction of the School Committee by classified into groups and classes doing substantially similar work or having equal responsibilities and that a compensation plan establishing minimum and maximum salaries be provided for the purpose of paying the employees in the positions so classified." Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction and Maintenance Work.

ARTICLE 6: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$8,500.00 to be added to the Water/Sewer Maintenance Account to be expended for repairs to the settling tank and work required by the E.P.A.

ARTICLE 7: Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 8: Voted: That the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$1,570.00 to be transferred to the Police Part-time labor account, to continue the services of the fourth patrolman as currently rendered through June 30, 1976.

ARTICLE 9: Voted: That the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury, the sum of \$7,500.00 to be transferred to the Dispatching Service account

to continue the dispatching services as currently rendered through June 30, 1976.

ARTICLE 10: Voted: That the Town amend the by-laws of the Town of Upton by adding the following new sections:

A. No so-called "self-service" gasoline or automobile service station shall be maintained or operated within the Town of Upton, and no gasoline station, automobile service station or other business, the premises of which are used in whole, or in part, for the retail distribution of gasoline or other petroleum products, shall be operated or maintained so as to permit the operation of any gasoline pump, or other device used for the retail distribution of such products, by other than an owner, office, employee, or other duly authorized agent of such business.

B. Whoever violates the foregoing paragraph (A) shall forfeit a sum not to exceed \$50.00 for each offense. Such forfeiture shall be recovered as provided by law and shall enure to the town. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

A standing count was taken. There were 31 voting affirmatively, and 14 opposed.

It was voted unanimously to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

A true copy

Attest:

(MRS.) MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk of Upton

**Warrant for  
Presidential Primary  
March 2, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton,

qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Tuesday, the second day of March, punctually, at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Presidential Preference

District Members of State Committee (one man and one woman) for each political party for the Worcester and Middlesex Senatorial District.

Fifteen (15) members of the Democratic Town Committee.

Fifteen (15) members of the Republican Town Committee.

Ten (10) members of the American Town Committee.

The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

ERNEST W. RAMSEY  
JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described to assemble in their Town Hall on Tuesday, the second day of March, 1976, for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House, seven days at least before said meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

**Proceedings of  
Presidential Primary  
March 2, 1976**

The meeting was called to order by reading of the Warrant by Deputy Clerk Margaret Rodwill. The polls were declared open by Warden Robert K. Sweet at 10:00 a.m. The weather was dismal with snow and sleet in the air.

Clerks at the check-in table were Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D) and Chester W. Walker (R). Mrs. Claire B. Praskiewicz (D) and Mrs. Nancy E. Kennedy (R) were on duty at the check-out table. Deputy Warden George W. Grebenstein (R) was at the ballot box. The first woman voter was Cecile Rogers and the first man voter was Paul B. Whitman. A total of 506 ballots were cast.

Tellers reporting at 8:00 p.m. were Robert Snow, Theresa Y. Martin, Rita Gorman, Barbara Burke, Ethel Dias (Democrats) and Alveretta Hebert, Elizabeth Kiritsy, Muriel Mitchell, Nina Poirier, Richard Randall (Republicans). Tabulating the vote were Edward J. Furphy (D) and William C. Young (R). Results of the vote were read by the Town Clerk at 10:30 p.m.

**REPUBLICAN BALLOT**

**Presidential Preference:**

Ronald W. Reagan	61
Gerald R. Ford	106
No Preference	5
Blanks	1
 Total	 173

**State Committee: Worcester and Middlesex District:**

Robert C. Dumont, Southborough	25
Gordan M. Nelson, Grafton	130
Blanks	18
 Total	 173

**State Committee, Worcester and Middlesex District:**

Mary J. Maintanis, Grafton	111
Gladys M. Berg, Paxton	33
Blanks	39
 Total	 173

## Town Committee:

Harvey J. Trask, 142 Mendon St.	44
Richard L. Randall, 44 Christial Hill Rd.	52
Lorilee Morin, 17 Walnut St.	46
Beatrice E. Nahra, 18 Picadilly St.	47
Vivian V. Mainini, 128 Main St.	48
Henry S. Sadler, 86 Hartford Ave., So.	48
William C. Young, 18 North St.	47
Robert C. Humes, 13 Mendon St.	47
Celestine I. Mason, 42 Pleasant St.	45
Kenneth A. Wood, 73 Main St.	45
Esko V. Kotkas, 64 Warren St.	45
Florence F. Colcord, 30 James Rd.	47
Lucille E. Mettey, 23 Warren Rd.	46
Judith F. McGee, 111 South St.	46
Blanks	1,942
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Total	1,595

## DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

## Presidential Preference:

Robert L. Kelleher	0
George C. Wallace	49
Ellen McCormack	7
Terry Sanford	0
Lloyd Bentsen	0
Fred R. Harris	23
Milton J. Shapp	12
Birch Bayh	17
Jimmy Carter	62
R. Sargent Shriver	13
Henry M. Jackson	54
Morris K. Udall	81
Hubert H. Humphrey	4
No Preference	6
Blanks	5
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Total	333

## State Committee: Worcester and Middlesex District:

Thomas X. Cotter, Worcester	73
Thomas J. Fox, Jr., Millbury	144
Leo E. Rouleau, Worcester	26
Blanks	90

Total	333
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## State Committee: Worcester and Middlesex District:

Margaret M. Donovan, Worcester	155
Lena D. Barry, Worcester	94
Blanks	84

Total	333
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## Town Committee:

Ernest W. Ramsey, 130 High St.	220
Charles H. Ferris, 58 School St.	212
Anna C. Gorman, 26 Main St.	212
Carol A. Clark, 1 Station St.	193
Cynthia Robertson, 59 Mechanic St.	217
John F. LeBrun, 9 Mendon St.	195
Shirley E. Kirby, 29 Mendon St.	194
Aldo B. Consigli, Jr., 18 Old Grafton Rd.	215
Kathleen A. Kelly, 10 Gable St.	198
Harold W. Burnett, 44 Hartford Ave.	176
Lester P. Shea, 27 James Rd.	212
Debra A. Nahra, 18 Picadilly St.	186
Eleanor R. Broderick, 79 East St.	186
Margaret R. Dean, 100 High St.	196
Joan E. Varney, 55 School St.	208

## NO AMERICAN PARTY BALLOTS CAST.

After the results were announced the used and unused ballots were sealed in separate containers and deposited in the town vault.

Attest:

MARTHA WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**Warrant for Annual  
Town Meeting  
May 3, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday, the third day of May, punctually, at 7:00 a.m. o'clock.

ARTICLE 1: To choose necessary officers for the ensuing year. All to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be closed at 8:00 p.m. on the day of said meeting. The remaining articles in the warrant will be acted on at an adjourned meeting in Town Hall, Saturday, May 8, 1976, punctually at two (2) o'clock p.m.

ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of all Town Officers and appointed committees, or, take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will fix the salaries and compensation of all officers of the Town as provided by Section 108, General Laws as amended, and raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary to defray expenses of Town Departments for the ensuing year, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or , to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$6,742.85 or any other sum, inaccor-

dance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for pension fund, expense fund, military service fund, and Workman's Compensation fund of Worcester County Retirement System, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, equal to that received from the sale of lots and graves during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 15, to be used for cemetery oiling and grading, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum, for the Conservation Fund set up under Article 24 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum to be added to the account for the Town's 250th Anniversary Celebration, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$9,300.00 or any other sum, to be used in connection with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of town roads, or, to take any other action relative hereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$9,300.00, or any other sum, for the construction and/or improvement of town roads to be reimbursed from the County, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$31,715.00, or any other sum, to be used for the construction and/or improvement of town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$31,102.45 or any other sum, equal to that provided under Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, by a formula as required by Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, (Gas Tax Distribution for constructing, maintaining, and policing Town ways) and as amended by Chapter 492, Acts of 1974, for the General Highways Expense Account, or, to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,000.00 or any other sum, for the purchase of a 1977 automobile for the use of the Board of Health and the Nursing Service, or to take any other relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 or any other sum, for the purchase of a 1977 Police Cruiser, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,450.00 or any other sum, for the purchase of a two-way one hundred watt two frequency mobile radio, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 or any other sum, for the repair of the retaining wall in the School Street cemetery on the North Main Street side and to clear land at the rear of the cemetery, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for the purchase of a 1977 Fire Engine, purchase to be made (with the approval of the Board of Selectmen) by the Board of Fire Engineers, Fire Department Captain and Fire Department Lieutenant, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,400.00, or any other sum, to be used for the extension of the sidewalk on School Street, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, to be used to continue special road maintenance on Crockett Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,900.00 or any other sum, to be used for Weed Control at Pratt Pond, Mill Pond, Lake Wildwood, or any one or more of them, in accordance with regulations of the State Board of Health, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be applied to the Street Light Account for the purpose of installing 1000 Lumen lights on Pole #4, Russell Avenue, Pole #6, Old Grafton Road and Pole #6, Picadilly Street, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will take any action on the following petition presented by Richard S. Henderson and others: "We, the undersigned, do hereby request that the membership of the Personnel Board of the Town of Upton, be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The membership to consist of 5 members, not affiliated with or a member of any other board in the Town of Upton".

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Employee Benefits Plan of the Town By-laws, as originally adopted under Article 29 of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1975, by inserting after the words "Full Time Sewage Treatment Plant Operator", as appearing in the provision thereof designated "Eligibility", the following words: Board of Health Clerk, and Parks Department Custodian, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Employee Benefits Plan of the Town By-laws, as originally adopted under Article 29 of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1975, by striking the provision thereof designated as "Sick Pay" the second sentence thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following sentence: Emergency extension of the six day limit may be granted if circumstances so warrant, but no such extension shall exceed 30 additional days, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote:**

(a) To amend Section III. E. of Chapter 10 (Zoning) of the Town By-laws, by striking the provision designated as "a" therefrom, and by re-designating the provisions thereof designated "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h", and "i" as: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h; and,

(b) To amend Section III of Chapter 10 (Zonong) of the Town By-laws by inserting after subsection "G" thereof, the following provisions:

H. Restrictions Affecting all Districts: No new building or structure shall be constructed or used, in whole or in part, and no building or structure or part thereof shall be altered, enlarged, reconstructed or used, and no land shall be used, in any part of the Town,

1. for the parking, keeping or storing of a mobile home or house trailer.

2. for the parking, keeping or storage of a recreational trailer or vehicle, except as a use accessory to a residential use, subject to the following conditions:

a. Such trailer or vehicle shall not be occupied on any lot for an aggregate total or more than 30 days in any one year.

(c) To amend Section XV of Chapter 10 (Zoning) of the Town By-laws by inserting, after subsection "P" thereof, the following provisions:

Q. Recreational trailer or vehicle: A vehicular, portable unit designed for travel, camping, or recreational use, including but not limited to the following:

1. Travel Trailer: A vehicular, portable dwelling unit built on a chassis, being of any length provided its gross weight does not exceed 4,500 pounds, or being of any weight provided its overall length does not exceed 28 feet.

2. Pick-up Camper: A portable dwelling unit designed to be mounted on a pick-up truck or chassis, whether or not so mounted.

3. Motorized Camper: A portable dwelling unit designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.

4. Tent Trailer: A folding structure, constructed of canvas, plastic or similar water repellent material, designed to be mounted on wheels to be used as a temporary dwelling.

5. Boat Trailer: A vehicle without motive power, designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and designed for the hauling or storage of a boat, aircraft, snowmobile or other recreational vehicle.

R. Mobile Home or House Trailer: A dwelling designed as year-round living quarters, and built on a chassis to be moved from site to site, whether used with or without a permanent foundation; or, to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-law, Chapter II, Section 3, changing the number of legal voters necessary to constitute a quorum from twenty voters to forty voters at all Town Meetings, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 or any other sum, to be used by the Upton Youth Club for the purchase of protective mats for use in the Town Hall and a Baseball Pitching Machine, said monies to be used in conjunction with the Parks department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for further exterior and interior renovations in the Town Hall, such sum to include materials, furnishings and labor, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a mobile radar unit, said monies to be reimbursable upon receipt of grant under Governor's Highway Safety Acts of 1966, amended Acts of 1970, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,306.50 or any other sum, equal to the amount from the State Aid to Libraries Fund, to the Library Expense Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will transfer from the Assessor's Overlay Reserve Account \$20,000, for the purpose of revaluation of the Town, or take any action. (By petition presented by Samuel Nahra and others.)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will transfer unappropriated available funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$75,000. Sum to be used by the Board of Assessors to fix 1976-77 tax rate, or take any action thereon. (By petition presented by Samuel Nahra and others.)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$50,000.00 or any other sum, to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$10,000.00 or any other sum to the Finance Committee reserve Account, said amount to be expended in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 25, of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this first day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

ERNEST W. RAMSEY  
JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

April 6, 1976, Upton, Massachusetts

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the third day of May, 1976, for the election of certain officials as stated in Article I of the said Warrant, and for the adjourned meeting on the eighth day of May, 1976, to act upon the remaining articles in said Warrant, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House, seven days at least before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

**Proceedings of  
Annual Town Election  
May 3, 1976**

The meeting was called to order by reading of the Warrant by Clerk Shirley E. Kirby. Warden Robert K. Sweet declared the polls officially open at 7:00 a.m. sharp. A box containing 2,100 ballots was turned over to the Warden by Town Clerk Martha R. Williams.

On duty at the check-in table were Mrs. Rita C. Cutler (D) and Chester W. Walker (R), and at the check-out table Mrs. Claire B. Praskiewicz (D) and Mrs. Nancy W. Kennedy (R). Deputy Warden George W. Grebenstein (R) was at the ballot box. The first male voter was Robert A. Lambert and the first female voter was Margaret A. Libbey. There were 1,483 ballots cast.

Tellers reporting at 8:00 were: Judith Dowd, Rita Gorman, Margaret Rodwill, Ethel Dias, Theresa Martin, Philip Ferraro, Barbara Burke, Joan Varney Margaret Libbey, Democrats and Helena Baer, Elizabeth Frigard, Jane Norris, Muriel Mitchell, Marion Prentiss, Nina Poirier, Alveretta Hebert, Richard Randall, Dorothy Francis, Republicans. Results of the vote were announced by the Town Clerk at 12:30 a.m. Tabulators were Edward J. Furphy (D) and Elizabeth M. Kiritzy (R).

Vote for not  
more than one

**MODERATOR (for one year)**

George W. Burnham, Candidate for re-election, 84 Mendon St.	1,215
Blanks	268

**SELECTMAN (for three years)**

Ernest W. Ramsey, Candidate for re-election, 130 High St.	666
Aldo B. Consigli, Jr., 18 Old Grafton Rd.	807
Blanks	10

**COLLECTOR-TREASURER (for three years)**

Ashley M. Perkins, Candidate for re-election 8 Brooks St.	1,274
Blanks	209

## ASSESSOR OF TAXES (for three years)

Samuel Nahra, Jr., Candidate for re-election	
18 Picadilly St.	1,000
Edward S. Henderson, 38 Grove St.	4
Blanks	379

MENDON-UPTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE (for three years)

Gail A. Heald, 119 Warren St.	599
William C. Young, 18 North St.	801
Blanks	83

## SEWER/WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Royce E. Beatty, 15 West Main St.	872
George B. Haven, 105 Grove St.	391
Blanks	220

## BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)

Esther K. Bird, Candidate for re-election	
91 Grove St.	1,161
Blanks	322

## PARK COMMISSIONER (for one year)

Maurice L. Chenevert, 47 Grove St.	532
Thomas S. Kozel, 76 Elm St.	538
Herbert B. Leland, Jr.	274
Blanks	139

## ROAD COMMISSIONER (for one year)

Henry J. Poirier, Candidate for re-election,	
32 Main St.	1,179
Blanks	304

## TREE WARDEN (for one year)

Donald R. Keniston, Candidate for re-election,	
51 Main St.	1,283
Blanks	200

## PLANNING BOARD (for five years)

Lester P. Shea, Candidate for re-election,	
27 James Rd.	1,196
Blanks	287

## PLANNING BOARD (for three years)

Norman G. Hill, 149 Chestnut St.	1,076
Blanks	407

## PLANNING BOARD (for two years)

Robert E. Coppolino, 3 Maple Ave.	1,020
Blanks	463

Vote for not  
more than three

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (for three years)

Karl H. Rooney, Candidate for re-election, 9 Christian Hill Rd.	985
Elizabeth H. Wood, Candidate for re-election, 39 Hartford Ave.	1,026
Margaret M. Stanton, 84 Grove St.	985
Blanks	1,453

Vote for not  
more than one

## TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (for two years)

Stanton T. Baker, 22 Mechanic St.	1,156
Blanks	327

## UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (for five years)

Stephen V. Teachout, 124 Main St.	663
Norman E. Walker, 10 Brooks St.	713
Blanks	107

## UPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (for two years)

Kenneth W. Wood, 2 Russell Ave.	1,153
Blanks	33

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for three years)

William R. Ethier, Candidate for re-election, 73 Elm St.	1,215
Blanks	268

After the results of the vote were announced, the used and unused ballots were placed in separate containers, sealed and deposited in the town vault.

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk of Upton

**Proceedings of Adjourned  
Annual Town Meeting  
May 8, 1976**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham with more than a quorum of voters present. Moderator Burnham announced that the following non-voters were seated in the hall; Guy Flurette and Kenneth Alger of the Valley Adult Counseling; Dr. Charles Hand, Superintendent of Schools, John Fraser of the Worcester Telegram; and Kay Christian and Katherine Victor of the Youth Guidance Center.

Mrs. Nancy Kennedy (R) and Mrs. Rita Cutler (D) checked 225 voters into the hall during the meeting. The call to the meeting and the constable's return was read by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted: Unanimously that the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the 1975 Town Report be accepted; and that the report of the Finance Committee be acted upon item by item under the various articles in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 3:** Moderator Burnham stated that he would read the Finance Committee's recommendations for proposed salaries and/or compensation of certain Town Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976. Any voter desiring to be heard on an item may request "hold" and it would be considered after the complete list was read. There was no objection to this procedure voiced.

Voted: Unanimously that the Town fix the salaries and compensation of all officers of the Town as provided by Section 108, General Laws as amended; and raise and appropriate monies for all items as recommended which have not been requested "hold" and that all monies set in this article are for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

**Moderator:**

Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
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**Selectmen:**

Salaries	1,400.00	
Clerk	1,000.00	
Expenses	700.00	

3,100.00

Accountant:		
Salary	3,000.00	
Expenses	1,500.00	
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		4,500.00
Capital Budget Committee:		
Expenses	100.00	
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		100.00
Building Inspector:		
Salary	800.00	
Expenses	400.00	
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		1,200.00
Conservation Commission:		
Clerical	100.00	
Expenses	400.00	
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		500.00
Finance Committee:		
Clerk's Salary	200.00	
Expenses	200.00	
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		400.00
Industrial Development Commission:		
Expenses	100.00	
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		100.00
Personnel Board		
Expenses	250.00	
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		250.00
Registrars of Voters:		
Salaries	390.00	
Expenses	1,400.00	
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		1,790.00
Primary Elections, and Town Meetings:		
Expenses	1,500.00	
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		1,500.00

Town Counsel:		
Retainer	50.00	
Expenses	3,000.00	
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		3,050.00
Zoning Appeal Board		
Expenses	500.00	
	_____	
		500.00
Bonding of Town Officers	850.00	
	_____	
		850.00
Town Hall/Office Building:		
Custodian, Town Hall	1,600.00	
Custodian, Office Bldg.	1,200.00	
Expenses	17,000.00	
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		19,800.00
Communications Officer:		
Salary	150.00	
Expenses	1,900.00	
	_____	
		2,050.00
Assessors:		
Salaries	3,300.00	
Clerk	2,250.00	
Expenses	3,000.00	
Revaluation	10.00	
Valuation Book	500.00	
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		9,060.00
Treasurer-Collector:		
Salary	6,300.00	
Clerk's Salary	2,000.00	
Expenses	3,650.00	
Out of State Travel	200.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure	6,000.00	
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		18,150.00

Town Clerk:	
Salary	6,000.00
Expenses	700.00
Out-of-State Travel	250.00
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	6,950.00
Planning Board Expenses:	
Mass. Regional Planning	449.00
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	2,949.00
Growth Policy Committee Expenses	100.00
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	100.00
Police Department:	
Salaries - Chief	14,387.00
Sergeant	11,025.00
Patrolman	9,591.00
Patrolman	9,591.00
Patrolman	8,886.00
Part Time Labor	21,613.00
Expenses:	
Cruiser #1 Gas & Maintenance	5,000.00
Cruiser #2 Gas & Maintenance	1,500.00
Jeep, Gas & Maintenance	500.00
Out of State Travel	150.00
Clothing Allowance	2,200.00
Clothing Allowance-Auxiliary	500.00
Police Training	200.00
General Expenses	2,800.00
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	87,943.00
Fire Department:	
Salaries:	
Chief	350.00
Engineers	600.00
Captain	225.00
Lieutenant	225.00
Firemen	4,600.00
Oil Inspector	125.00
EMT Compeensation	4,500.00
Extra Labor	1,600.00

Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,500.00
New Hose	1,200.00
Expenses	6,700.00
Building Maintenance	1,900.00
Ambulance Service	3,000.00
	26,525.00
Forest Fire Department:	
Expenses	2,500.00
New Hose	500.00
	3,000.00
Gas Inspector:	
	200.00
	200.00
Wiring Inspector:	
Salary	300.00
	300.00
Tree Warden:	
Salary	3.25/hr.
Dutch Elm & Pest Control	2,400.00
Expenses	3,600.00
	6,000.00
Dispatching Service:	
Full Time Dispatcher	8,600.00
Part Time Dispatchers	15,700.00
Clothing Allowance	150.00
	24,450.00
Board of Health:	
Salaries	700.00
Clerk	520.00
Agent	275.00
Animal Inspector	175.00
Burial Inspector	50.00

Milk Inspector	50.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,000.00
Food Inspections	1,500.00
Board Expenses	1,550.00
Care of Patients	10.00
Demolition of Buildings	10.00
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	5,840.00

Town Dump:	
Rental	800.00
Custodian Salary	10.00
Maintenance	24,200.00
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	25,010.00

Nursing Service:	
Supervision	1,200.00
Nurses' Salaries	10,509.00
Clerk's Salaries	3,500.00
Expenses	8,900.00
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	24,109.00

Dog Officer:	
Salary	400.00
Expenses	1,000.00
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	1,400.00

Mental Health Services:	
Valley Adult Counseling	1,215.00
Youth Guidance Center	1,652.00
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	2,867.00

Highways:	
Commissioner's Salary	11,600.00
General Highway Expenses	28,400.00
Vacations	700.00
Snow Removal	45,000.00
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	85,700.00

## Veterans' Services:

Officer's Salary	1,300.00
Expenses	1,000.00
Benefit Payments	15,000.00

	17,300.00
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## Water/Sewer Commission:

Salaries	950.00
Clerk	900.00
Superintendent	2,000.00
Treatment Plant Operator	10,500.00
Expenses	450.00
Water Maintenance	14,000.00
Water Main Extension	4,000.00
Treatment Plant Maint.	15,500.00
Treatment Plant Expense	500.00

	48,800.00
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## Cemetery Commission:

Salaries	275.00
Commissioner's Wages	3.25/hr.
General Maintenance	8,325.00
Machinery	400.00

	9,000.00
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## Mendon-Upton Regional School:

Operating Expenses	832,534.00
Capital Assessment	11,311.00
Dog Tax credit	800.00
School Trust Fund	500.00

	842,545.00
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## Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School:

Operating Expenses	39,332.00
Capital Assessment	6,480.00

	45,812.00
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## Library:

Salaries	9,656.00
Expenses	4,300.00
Extraordinary Expense	850.00

	14,806.00
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## Parks Department:

Parks and Athletic Fields	3,000.00
Summer Recreation	2,000.00
Youth Programs	1,800.00
Beach Programs	3,700.00
Recreation Building Utilities	2,500.00
Labor maintaining Town Bldgs., grounds and equipment	7,560.00
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	20,560.00

## Unclassified:

Civil Defense	400.00
Council for the Aged	2,000.00
Damage to	
Persons and Property	10.00
Historical Commission	300.00
Housing Authority	20.00
Hydrant Rental	6,600.00
Insurance	18,000.00
Maintenance of Town Lawns	800.00
Memorial Day	600.00
Printing	4,000.00
Street Lights	16,000.00
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	48,720.00

## Maturing Debt:

Water Loan No. 2	4,000.00
Sewerage Treatment Plant	25,000.00
Water Loan 1974	40,000.00
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	69,000.00

## Interest:

Water Loan No. 2	1,050.00
Sewerage Treatment Plant	6,250.00
Water Loan 1974	12,600.00
Anticipated Revenue Loan	20,000.00
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	39,900.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,526,736.00

On motion of William C. Young, it was voted unanimously that this meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, May 11, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

There was a moment of standing silent tribute in memory of past Town Officers.

This meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

## MAY 11, 1976

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. on May 11, 1976. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Burnham. The moderator announced that John Fraser of the Worcester Telegram was seated on the main floor.

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,742.85, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 22, General Laws, for pension fund, expense fund, military service fund, and workmen's compensation fund of Worcester County Retirement System.

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the sale of lots and graves during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 114, Section 15, to be used for cemetery oiling and grading.

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town vote to appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Conservation Fund set up under Article 24 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the account for the Town's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration.

ARTICLE 9: Voted: Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,300.00 to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads.

ARTICLE 10: Voted: Unanimously that the Town vote to transfer from available unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$9,300.00 for the construction and improvements of Town roads. If county budget does not include \$9,300.00 for reimbursement, town funds shall remain in the treasury.

ARTICLE 11: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$31,715.00 to be used for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972.

ARTICLE 12: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$31,12.45, equal to that provided under Chapter 497, Acts of 1971, by a formula as required by Chapter 497, Acts of 1971 (Gas Tax Distribution for Constructing, Maintaining and Policing Town Ways) as amended by Chapter 492, Acts of 1974, for the General Highways Expense Account.

ARTICLE 13: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a 1977 Automobile for the use of the Board of Health and the Nursing Service.

ARTICLE 14: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a 1977 Police Cruiser.

ARTICLE 15: Motioned that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,450.00 for the purchase of a two-way 100 watt two-frequency mobile radio. Moderator declared the motion lost.

ARTICLE 16: Voted: Unanimously that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 for the repair of the retaining wall in the School Street cemetery on the North Main Street side and to clear land at the rear of the cemetery.

ARTICLE 17: Voted: Unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen, in conjunction with the Board of Fire Engineers, together with the Captain and Lieutenant, to expend the sum of \$65,000.00 for the purchase of a 1977 Fire Engine; \$29,000 to be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing funds received or to be received, \$20,000 to be taken from the Stabilization Fund and \$15,100 to be taken from available funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 18: Voted: Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to be used for the extension of the sidewalk on School Street.

ARTICLE 19: Voted: Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used to continue Special Road Maintenance on Crockett Road.

ARTICLE 20: Voted: Unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, \$1,900.00 to be used for weed control at Pratt Pond, Mill Pond and Lake Wildwood.

ARTICLE 21: Voted: Unanimously that the Town not install any new street lights this year.

ARTICLE 22: Motioned that the Town vote to amend the By-law of the Town of Upton by striking therefrom the provision adopted under Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of May 11, 1974, and by substituting therefor the following provisions or take any other action relative thereto: That the Town establish a Personnel Board appointed by the Board of Selectmen consisting of five members. No elected officials, no members of the Finance Committee, no members of any standing board or committee having charge of the expenditure of money, nor employee of the Town shall be appointed to this Board. Members shall be residents of the Town and shall serve without compensation. Members of the Board shall be appointed as follows: One for a term of 1 year, two for a term of

two years, two for a term of three years, and thereafter one or two for a term of three years as term of office expires. The Board shall administer compensation plans and advise the Town in all matters pertaining to personnel and personnel compensation. Moderator declared the motion lost.

ARTICLE 23: Voted: Unanimously that the Town amend the Town Employee Benefits Plan of the Town By-laws as originally adopted under Article 29 of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1975, by inserting after the words "Full Time Sewage Treatment Plant Operator" as appearing in the provision thereof designated "Eligibility" the following words: and Parks Department Custodian.

ARTICLE 24: Motioned that the Town amend the Town Employee Benefits plan of the Town By-laws as originally adopted under Article 29 of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1975, by striking the provision thereof designated as "Sick Pay" the second sentence thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following sentence: Emergency extension of the six day limit may be granted if circumstances so warrant, but no such extension shall exceed thirty additional days. Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 25: Motion carried to pass-over this article.

ARTICLE 26: Motioned that the Town amend the Town By-law, Chapter II, Section 3, changing the number of legal voters necessary to constitute a quorum from twenty voters to forty voters at all Town Meetings. Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 27: Moderator declared the motion lost to appropriate funds for the purchase of protective mats for use in the Town Hall and a baseball pitching machine.

ARTICLE 28: Voted: Unanimously that the Town take from funds in the Treasury, \$11,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for further exterior and interior renovations in the Town Hall, such sum to include materials, furnishings and labor.

**ARTICLE 29:** Motioned that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,100.00 for the purchase of a Mobile Radar Unit, said monies to be reimbursable upon receipt of grant under Governor's Highway Safety Acts of 1966, amended Acts of 1970. Moderator declared this motion lost.

**ARTICLE 30:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer \$1,306.50 from the State Aid to Libraries Fund, to the Library Expense Account.

**ARTICLE 31:** Motioned that the Town transfer from the Assessor's Overlay Reserve Account, \$20,000 for the purpose of revaluation of the Town. Moderator declared the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 32:** Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

**ARTICLE 33:** Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

**ARTICLE 34:** Motioned that the Town appropriate from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Finance Committee Reserve Account, said amount to be expended in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 25 of the General Laws.

Motion by Town Accountant Ferris that all monies appropriated during this meeting be raised by taxation unless otherwise provided in the motion was seconded and voted favorably.

It was voted unanimously to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A true copy

Attest:

**MARTHA R. WILLIAMS**  
Town Clerk of Upton

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting May 8, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Saturday, the eighth day of May, punctually at three-thirty o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,750.00 from the (Mendon Street) Water Extension Account of 1973 to the Water/Sewer Maintenance Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,926.60 to the Highway Snow Removal Account from the Interest Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

ERNEST W. RAMSEY  
JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, April 30, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Saturday, the eighth day of May, 1976 at 3:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable

**Proceedings of Special  
Town Meeting  
May 8, 1976**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham. The Warrant and Constable's return was read by the Moderator. There was more than a quorum present. Mrs. Nancy Kennedy and Mrs. Rita Cutler checked voters into the hall at the main door.

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,750.00 from the (Mendon Street) Water Extension Account of 1973 to the Water/Sewer Maintenance Account.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,926.00 to the Highway Snow Removal Account from the Interest Account.

It was moved and seconded that the Warrant for this meeting be dissolved and to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

A true copy

Attest:

**MARTHA R. WILLIAMS**  
Town Clerk of Upton

**Warrant for Special  
Town Meeting  
June 28, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday the twenty-eighth day of June, 1976, punctually at seven-thirty o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$350.00 to the Board of Health Nursing Supervisor Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$100.00 to the Elections and Town Meetings Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$335.00 to the Insurance Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from the Interest Account to the Veteran's Service Ordinary Benefit Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$500.00 from the Interest Account to the Ambulance Service Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$250.00 from the Interest Account to the Police Cruiser No. 1 Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of a sum of money from the Interest Account to the Town Counsel Expense Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,311.04, said sum representing the balance in the Mendon Street, West River Street, and the completed Pumping Station Account, said monies originally borrowed under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, by vote of the Town under Article 12 of a Special Town Meeting held on May 11, 1974, and under Article 1 of a Special Town Meeting held on October 29, 1974, to the Water Mains Extension Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with our doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, June 18, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of June, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

## **Proceedings of Special Town Meeting June 28, 1976**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham. The warrant and constable's return was read by the Moderator. Mrs. Nancy E. Kennedy and Mrs. Rita C. Cutler checked a total of 71 voters into the hall at the main door to the hall.

ARTICLE 1: Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$350.00 to the Board of Health Nursing Supervisor Account.

ARTICLE 2: Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$100.00 to the Elections and Town Meetings Account.

ARTICLE 3: Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer from the Interest Account the sum of \$335.00 to the Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 4: Voted: Unanimously that the Town approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 from the Interest Account to the Veteran's Service Ordinary Benefit Account.

ARTICLE 5: Voted: Unanimously that the Town approve the transfer of \$500.00 from the Interest Account to the Ambulance Service Account.

ARTICLE 6: Voted: Unanimously that the Town approve the transfer of \$250.00 from the Interest Account to the Police Cruiser No. 1 Account.

ARTICLE 7: Voted: Unanimously that the Town approve the transfer of \$795.00 from the Interest Account to the Town Counsel Expense Account.

ARTICLE 8: It was motioned that the Town transfer the sum of \$17,311.04, said sum representing the balance in the Water System Improvement on Mendon Street, West River Street, and the completed Pumping Station Account, said monies originally borrowed under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, by vote of the Town under Article 12 of a Special Town Meeting held on May 11, 1974, and under Article 1 of a Special Town Meeting held on October 29, 1974, to the Water Mains Extension Account. The moderator declared the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn this meeting. So voted. This meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A true copy

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk of Upton

**Warrant for Special  
Town Meeting  
June 21, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Monday the twenty-first day of June, 1976, punctually at seven-thirty o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the design and construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, and for the acquisition of such land and such interests

in land as may be necessary or incidental thereto; to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply and contract for Federal and State Aid in connection with the construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities and the acquisition of such land and interests in land as may be necessary or incidental thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-laws by inserting therein the following new provisions; or to insert the same as altered or modified by such amendment or amendments as may be deemed advisable; or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Sewer Cost Apportionment**

**Preamble:** The purpose of this By-law shall be to establish equitable permanent sewer connection fees to off-set in part the capital cost of sanitary sewerage in the Town of Upton.

##### **Section 1. In General:**

The owner of any house, building or other structure used for human habitation, employment, recreation or periodic activity, or for which sanitary sewerage facilities are by law required to be installed or maintained, and that is within the Town and upon land abutting upon a public or private way in which there is a public sanitary sewer, shall connect such facilities to said sewer by a sufficient drain (a) within one year after the date that said public sanitary sewer shall have been placed in operation, or (b) in the case of a newly constructed such house, building, or other structure, or where a permit for occupancy, or the like, would be otherwise required, prior to the occupancy thereof.

##### **Section 2. Assessment:**

For any connection (whether or not required under Section 1, SUPRA) made, directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer, or for any addition (as set forth in Section 3 (a) (2) and (4), and 3 (b) (2) (ii), INFRA) to the use of such connection, there shall be assessed and levied, upon the real property for which said connection or addition is or has been made, a sewer connection fee as hereinafter set forth.

**Section 3. Rate:****(a) Residential Connections:**

(1) For a single family dwelling that is connected, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer, \$900.00 shall be assessed.

(2) For a multi-family dwelling that is connected, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer, \$900.00 shall be assessed for the first dwelling unit and \$400.00 shall be assessed for each additional dwelling unit therein or as may be from time to time added thereto. For the purposes of this provision, "multi-family dwelling shall mean any house, building or other structure (other than a hotel or motel) that has more than one dwelling unit.

(3) For an approved sub-division having branch or secondary mains installed and paid for by any party or parties other than the Town of Upton, \$400.00 shall be assessed for each connection made, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer within five years from the date of initial definitive sub-division plan approval as endorsed by the Upton Planning Board. The provision of Section 3 (a) (1), SUPRA, shall govern any connection made within such development after said five year period.

(4) For a hotel or motel that is connected, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer, \$400.00 shall be assessed for each rentable unit therein or as may be from time to time added thereto; and for any other use therein which is connected, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer an amount shall be assessed in accordance with Section 3 (b), INFRA.

**(b) Non-Residential Connections:**

(1) For an approved commercial or individual sub-division having branch or secondary mains installed and paid for by a party or parties other than the Town of Upton, \$450.00 shall be assessed for each connection made, directly or indirectly, to a public sanitary sewer within five years from the date of the initial definitive sub-division plan approval as endorsed by the Upton Planning Board. The provisions of Section 3 (b) (2), INFRA, shall govern any connection made with such development after such five year period.

(2) Any facility not otherwise herein provided for shall be assessed as follows:

(i) Any such facility that is utilized solely by one party, partnership, association, corporation or other entity, and for one enterprise only, and which has floor space not in excess of 10,000 square feet, shall be assessed at \$900.00.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, June 14, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Monday, the twenty-first day of June, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall, at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

(ii) Any other such facility shall be assessed a minimum of \$900.00 together with an additional \$900.00 for each 10,000 square feet of floor space up to a total of 50,000 square feet, as such floor space may be therein or as may be from time to time added thereto.

Section 4. Manner of Assessment:

Assessments as herein set forth shall be made by the Water/Sewer Commission of the Town of Upton by filing with the Board of Assessors of the Town of Upton a certificate designating the public or private way on which the real property for which a connection or addition as herein described, abuts, and setting forth the name or names of the owner or owners of the real property for which such connection or addition has been made, and the amount of the assessment to be paid by such owner or owners. Said assessors, upon receipt of such certification, shall forthwith commit such assessment with their Warrant to the Collector of Taxes of the Town of Upton, who shall forthwith make a demand in writing for the payment of said assessment, and every owner of real property thus assessed shall, within three months after such demand is served upon him or upon the occupants of such real property, or is sent to said owner at his last known address, pay to said Collector the sum so assessed. A copy of this certification shall, within 30 days from the filing of the same with said assessors, be recorded by said commission in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, or in the case of registered land, to the Worcester County Registry District.

## **Proceedings of Special Town Meeting June 21, 1976**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, George W. Burnham in the Upton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. A fifteen minute delay was granted while the Water/Sewer Commissioners and others involved straightened out a legal problem. At 7:45 the moderator read the call and the constable's return. Mrs. Nancy E. Kennedy and Mrs. Barbara E. Burke checked 136 voters into the hall at the main door.

It was voted unanimously that Article 3 be taken out of order.

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town amend its By-laws by inserting therein the following new provisions: (Betterment By-law) voted exactly as it appeared on the Warrant.

**ARTICLE 1:** Motioned that \$2,100.00 be appropriated for the construction of sewers, sewerage systems, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow \$2,100,00 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8 (15) for a period of ten years A standing count was held. There were 102 in favor and 18 opposed.

**ARTICLE 2:** It was moved and seconded that the Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to contract for Federal and State Aid in connection with the project for the construction of sewers, and sewerage systems authorized pursuant to the vote passed under Article 1, and that such aid shall be spent for the project provided that the total authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of such aid. A standing count was taken. There were 107 in favor and 3 opposed.

It was moved and seconded that the Warrant be dissolved and that this meeting adjourn. So voted. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest:

**MARTHA R. WILLIAMS**  
Town Clerk of Upton

## **Warrant for State Primary September 14, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, 1976, punctually, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

United States Senator, for this Commonwealth  
Representative in Congress, for Third Congressional  
District

Councillor, for Seventh Councillor District

Senator, for Worcester & Middlesex Senatorial District  
Representative in General Court, for Ninth  
Worcester Representative District

Clerk of Courts, for Worcester County

Register of Deeds, for Worcester County

County Commissioners (2), for Worcester County.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, September 7, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, 1976 for the nomination of certain candidates as stated in said Warrant, by posting attested copies of the within Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town House, seven days at least before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

## **Proceedings of State Primary September 14, 1976**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the reading of the Warrant by Clerk Margaret Rodwill. Warden Robert K. Sweet declared the polls officially open. The first woman voter was Mrs. Rose F. Graves and the first man voter was Harry C. Graves.

Clerks at the check-in table were Chester W. Walker (R) and Mrs. Rita Cutler (D). At the check-out table were Mrs. Nancy Kennedy (R) and Mrs. Gloria Kozel (D). Deputy Warden George W. Grebenstein was on duty at the ballot box. The polls

closed promptly at 8:00 p.m. with a reading of 371 on the Ballot Box. There were 306 Democratic ballots cast and 65 Republican ballots cast.

Tellers reporting at 8:00 p.m. were Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kirity, Mrs. Muriel Mitchell, Mrs. Alveretta Hebert, Mrs. Dorothy Francis and Richard Randall, Republicans and Mrs. Rita Gorman, Mrs. Ethel Dias, Mrs. Theresa Y. Martin, Mrs. Margaret Dean and Philip Ferraro, Democrats. Tabulators were Edward Furphy (D) and William C. Young (R).

The results of the vote were announced by Town Clerk, Martha R. Williams at 9:30 p.m.

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

##### Senator in Congress:

Edward M. Kennedy	258
Robert Emmet Dinsmore	31
Frederick C. Langone	10
Bernard P. Shannon	3
Blanks	4
	306

##### Congressman, Third District

Joseph D. Early	249
Blanks	57
	306

##### Councillor, Seventh District:

Leo J. Turo	99
Leslie L. Harvey	63
Charles J. O'Connor, Jr.	92
Blanks	52
	306

##### Senator, Worcester and Middlesex District:

Daniel J. Foley	203
Blanks	103
	306

Representative in General Court, 19th Worcester District:	
Louis P. Bertonazzi	222
Joseph B. Harris	80
Blanks	4
	306
Clerk of Courts, Worcester County:	
Thomas X. Cotter	55
Philip J. Philbin	161
Vite J. Pigaga	61
Blanks	29
	306
Register of Deeds, Worcester District:	
Anthony J. Vigliotti	159
William H. Cassidy	110
Blanks	37
	306
County Commissioner, Worcester County:	
Lillian M. Kelly	168
Paul X. Tivnan	110
Anthony F. DeAngelis, Jr.	51
Margaret M. Donovan	73
Theodore M. Herman	66
Blanks	144
	612

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator in Congress:	
Michael S. Robertson	56
Blanks	9
Congressman, Third District:	
Blanks	65
Councillor, 7th District:	
Blanks	65
Senator, Worcester and Middlesex District:	
Blanks	65

Representative in General Court, 19th Worcester District:	
Blanks	65
Clerk of Courts, Worcester County:	
Blanks	65
Register of Deeds, Worcester District:	
Blanks	65
County Commissioner, Worcester County:	
William J. O'Connor, III	45
Norma Cash Smith	47
Blanks	38
	130

After the results of the vote was announced, the used and unused ballots were placed in sealed containers and deposited in the Town vault.

A true copy.

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk of Upton

**Warrant for  
National/State Election  
November 2, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Tuesday the second day of

November, 1976, punctually at 7:00 o'clock for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the election of candidates for the following offices:

President, Vice President of the United States of America  
Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth  
Congressman for Third Congressional District  
Councillor for Seventh Councillor District  
Senator in General Court for Worcester and  
Middlesex Senatorial District  
Representative in General Court for  
Nineteenth Worcester District  
Clerk of Courts for Worcester County  
Register of Deeds for Worcester District  
County Commissioners (2) for Worcester County

## **BALLOT QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION NO. 1**

#### **PROPOSED AMEMDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973, by a vote of 261-0, and on May 14, 1975, by a vote of 217-55?

#### **SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment would provide that equality under the law may not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex, race, color, creed or national origin. This amendment adds one sentence to Article 1 of Part the First of the Constitution which now contains a general statement of individual rights, including the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty and the right to acquire and protect property.

**QUESTION NO. 2****PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973, by a vote of 199-66, and on May 7, 1975, by a vote of 228-41?

**SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to substitute for the present system of flat or uniform personal income tax rates a system of rates graduated according to the total amount of income received. The Legislature would also be authorized to provide for reasonable exemptions, deductions, credits, and abatements and could base Massachusetts income tax provisions on provisions of Federal income tax law.

**QUESTION NO. 3****PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973 by a vote of 259-0, and on May 12, 1976, by a vote of 262-1?

**SUMMARY**

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

**QUESTION NO. 4**  
**PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was dis-approved by the House of Representatives on May 5, 1975, by a vote of 179-46, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1975?

YES  
NO

**SUMMARY**

SECTION 1 of the act inserts a new chapter 164B into the General Laws and establishes a Massachusetts Power Authority, a body corporate and politic with seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered six year terms. The Authority is to establish and operate a bulk power supply system to supply wholesale electric power to utilities throughout the Commonwealth. The primary purpose of the Authority is to supply the Commonwealth with power with the minimum adverse impact on the environment. The Authority is also authorized to engage in research and development of new sources of power, new siting techniques, and methods of environmental protection.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Authority is authorized to adopt by-laws; adopt an official seal; maintain offices; sue and be sued; construct or acquire facilities either within or without the Commonwealth; issue revenue bonds and borrow money in anticipation of issuance of revenue bonds; acquire real and personal property; employ professional, managerial and other employees deemed necessary and fix their compensation to be paid solely out of revenues of the Authority; appear before other government agencies; apply for and receive federal or other grants of funds; and enter into contracts and agreements.

The Authority will build and operate all new generating and transmission facilities in the Commonwealth and has the option to purchase existing facilities through negotiation, condemnation, or eminent domain. After an initial two-year period, no other utility may construct a new facility unless the Authority certifies that it lacks the capability to finance the facility and the facility would further the purposes of the act.

The Authority will finance its activities by issuing revenue bonds. The bonds will be exempt from state taxation, but will not be backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Power will be sold to other utilities by contract but no special discounts or bonuses to promote the increased use of power may be given. Public hearings are required on all major contracts.

The Authority is required to develop a master, 20-year demand study and siting plan within 18 months of its incorporation, to be updated each succeeding year. Sites will be selected in accordance with the Electric Power Facilities Siting Council Act of 1973. The Governor and the community in which any facility is to be located must affirmatively approve the facility before it can be constructed.

The Authority will be subject to all applicable federal and state environmental standards and must obtain necessary federal and state permits and complete all necessary environmental impact statements.

The Authority will be exempt from taxation but will make payments in lieu of taxes to cities and towns in an amount equal to the tax which would be paid if the Authority's real and personal property were owned by a private electric utility company.

The Authority is forbidden from engaging in promotional or image advertising. The Authority has the authority to bargain collectively with its employees and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 150 of the General Laws, which governs the conciliation and arbitration of industrial disputes. Employees of the Authority are not subject to the civil service law and rules. Employees of utilities displaced by the activities of the Authority have first preference in employment by the Authority.

SECTION 2 of the act amends section 43 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws to provide that if a city or town votes, in accordance with the provision of Chapter 164, to establish a municipal utility and acquire the facilities of the utility currently serving the community, and the utility will be required to accept the price determined by the department and tender the deed for the facilities to the city or town.

**QUESTION NO. 5**

(This question appeared as question 5(a) in the  
Information For Voters booklet.)

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 197-35, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

YES  
NO

**SUMMARY**

The proposed legislation would prohibit the possession, ownership, or sale of any weapon from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and which has a barrel length of less than sixteen inches. The prohibition would not apply to military personnel, law enforcement officers, federally licensed handgun manufacturers and wholesalers, common carriers in the ordinary course of transport, or to historical societies and museums. The act would not affect the possession of rifles, shotguns, and certain antiques and replicas. The proposal also does not change the existing statutory penalties for unlawful possession, ownership or sale of handguns, including provision imposing mandatory jail sentences.

The proposal would permit owners of handguns to surrender their weapons to any law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth within six months of the effective date of the act without incurring criminal liability. Those surrendering handguns within that six months will be compensated at a rate to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

**QUESTION NO. 6****LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 146-85, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

YES  
NO

**SUMMARY**

The proposed act would require every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth to have a refund value of at least five (5) cents, and would prohibit the sale of metal beverage containers with flip-tops. It would apply to containers for beer and other malt beverages and to soft drinks. It would not apply to containers for dairy products or natural fruit juices, nor to containers which are biodegradable.

The act would authorize the Secretary of Environment Affairs to certify containers as reusable or recyclable. It contains both enforcement and penalty provisions and would take effect on February 1, 1977.

**QUESTION NO. 7****LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 182-49, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

YES  
NO

**SUMMARY**

The proposed act would impose a general requirement that every electric utility company charge a uniform rate per kilowatt hour of electricity. The proposed act would except from this general rule rates charged to other electric utility companies and to residential customers who heat their principle place of residence by electricity. The Act would also permit a different

rate to be charged residential customers for the first three hundred (300) kilowatt hours they consume each month, and would authorize "peak load" pricing whereby a higher rate than the uniform rate per kilowatt hour may be charged during the periods of the day or seasons of the year when consumption of electricity is the greatest. The Act would authorize the Department of Public Utilities to issue implementing rules and regulations and provides for enforcement.

#### **QUESTION NO. 8**

##### **THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

The following is a non-binding advisory question: "Shall the General Court enact legislation authorizing the construction of an oil refinery and a deep water port, subject to the approval of those communities directly affected and any reservations that the General Court may prescribe?"

YES  
NO

#### **SUMMARY**

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the construction of an oil refinery and deep water port in Massachusetts. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature. The question deals with the general advisability of such construction and is not a specific proposal for a facility. If a specific proposal is made, it would be subject to approval by the communities directly affected and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Legislature.

#### **QUESTION NO. 9**

##### **THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

The following is a non-binding advisory question: "Shall retail stores including package liquor stores, so called, be allowed to open for business on Sunday?"

YES  
NO

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the Sunday opening of certain retail stores, including package liquor

stores. As the law now stands, most retail and all package liquor stores must be closed on Sundays. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature.

The polls will be open from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, October 26, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described to assemble in their Town Hall, November 2, 1976 at seven a.m. for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least seven days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

**Proceedings of  
National/State Election  
November 2, 1976**

The meeting was called to order by the reading of the warrant and constable's return by Clerk Shirley Kirby. The polls were declared officially open by Warden Robert K. Sweet promptly at 7:00 a.m. The first woman voter was Mildred Boll and the first man voter was James Porter.

On duty at the check-in table were Mrs. Rita Cutler and Chester Walker. Clerks at the check-out table were Mrs. Gloria Kozel and Mrs. Nancy Kennedy. Deputy Warden George W. Grebenstein was on duty at the ballot box.

A total of 57 absentee ballots were cast. The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. with a total of 1,950 ballots cast. Reporting at 8:00 p.m. were Mrs. Jane E. Norris, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kiritsy, Mrs. Alveretta Hebert, Mrs. Muriel Mitchell, Mrs. Nina Poirier, Mrs. Rose Klink, Mrs. Judith McGee, Mrs. Dorothy Francis, Mrs. Helena Baer, Mrs. Mary Poirier, Republicans; and Mrs. Joanne McClure, Mr. Philip Ferraro, Mrs. Ethel Dias, Mrs. Theresa Y. Martin, Mr. Robert Snow, Mrs. Margaret Dean, Mrs. Margaret Libbey, Mrs. Rita Gorman, Mrs. Carol Clark, Mrs. Margaret Rodwill, Democrats. Tabulating the vote were Edward Furphy (D) and William C. Young (R). The results of the vote were announced at 1:00 a.m., November 3 by Town Clerk Martha R. Williams.

**ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT**

Anderson and Shackleford (American)	8
Camejo and Reid (Socialist Workers Party)	9
Carter and Mondale (Democratic)	968
Ford and Dole (Republican)	871
LaRouche, Jr. and Evans (U.S. Labor),	0
McCarthy and Stouffer (Independent)	59
All others	7
<b>Blanks</b>	<b>28</b>
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	1,950

**Senator in Congress:**

Edward M. Kennedy, Barnstable (Democratic)	1,273
Michael S. Robertson, Berkley (Republican)	608
Carol Henderson Evans, Cambridge (Socialist Workers)	14

H. Graham Lowry, Boston (U.S. Labor)	15
Blanks	40
	1,950
<b>Congressman: (Third District)</b>	
Joseph D. Early, Worcester (Democratic)	1,482
Blanks	468
	1,950
<b>Councillor: (Seventh District)</b>	
Leo J. Turo, Worcester (Democratic)	1,320
Blanks	630
	1,950
<b>Senator in General Court: (Worcester &amp; Middlesex District)</b>	
Daniel J. Foley, Worcester (Democratic)	1,339
Blanks	611
	1,950
<b>Representative in General Court: (Nineteenth Worcester District)</b>	
Louis P. Berthonazzi, Milford (Democratic)	1,490
Blanks	460
	1,950
<b>Clerk of Courts: (Worcester County)</b>	
Philip J. Philbin, Clinton (Democratic)	1,384
Blanks	566
	1,950
<b>Resister of Deeds: (Worcester District)</b>	
Anthony J. Vigliotti, Worcester (Democratic)	1,325
Blanks	625
	1,950

County Commissioner (2): (Worcester County)	
Paul X. Tivnan, Paxton (Democratic)	874
Lillian M. Kelly, Worcester (Democratic)	842
William J. O'Connor III, West Boylston (Republican)	631
Norma Cash Smith, Dudley (Republican)	556
Blanks	997

**QUESTION NO. 1**

Yes	1,088
No	718
Blanks	144
	1,950

**QUESTION NO. 2**

Yes	375
No	1,431
Blanks	144
	1,950

**QUESTION NO. 3**

Yes	826
No	947
Blanks	177
	1,950

**QUESTION NO. 4**

Yes	199
No	1,615
Blanks	136
	1,950

**QUESTION NO. 5**

Yes	311
No	1,565
Blanks	74
	1,950

## QUESTION NO. 6

Yes	734
No	1,151
Blanks	65
	1,950

## QUESTION NO. 7

Yes	357
No	1,496
Blanks	97
	1,950

## QUESTION NO. 8

Yes	1,182
No	601
Blanks	167
	1,950

## QUESTION NO. 9

Yes	1,050
No	756
Blanks	144
	1,950

After the results of the voting were announced the ballots, used and unused, were placed in sealed containers and deposited in the Town Vault.

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk of Upton

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting November 5, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Friday the fifth day of November, punctually at 7:30 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to submit an application for the construction and expansion of a water distribution system under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen and the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee to submit an application for the construction of a new high school under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy

Attest:

SAMUEL E. ALDRICH  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, October 21, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall, on Friday, the fifth day of November, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid. Officers and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid.

SAMUEL E. ALDRICH  
Constable of Upton

## **Proceedings of Special Town Meeting November 5, 1976**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 by Moderator George W. Burnham. It was announced that Dr. Charles Hand, Superintendent of Schools was seated on the main floor. The Moderator read the call and constable's return.

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted: Unanimously, that the Town authorize its Selectmen to submit an application for the construction and expansion of a water distribution system under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted: Unanimously, that the Town authorize its Selectmen and the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee to submit an application for the construction of a new high school under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

During the meeting 110 voters were checked into the main hall by Mrs. Nancy E. Kennedy and Mrs. Rita C. Cutler.

It was voted unanimously that the Warrant be dissolved and this meeting adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

**MARTHA R. WILLIAMS**  
Town Clerk

**Warrant For  
Special Town Meeting  
November 16, 1976**

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Upton, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Upton, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Upton, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of November, 1976 punctually at 7:30 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws by adopting the following provision: "That except for grave and/or extenuating circumstances, such circumstances which will be reviewed by the Personnel Board, no leave of absence will be granted unless it is for the betterment of the Town of Upton".

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at Public Auction or private sale, any or all of its property acquired by foreclosure of tax titles, or acquired under General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 80, and to execute and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, said authority to terminate May 7, 1977, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote:

(a) to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Francis M. Clark, for \$1.00 or for such other consideration as they shall determine, a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of approximately 34,031 square feet, shown as parcel A on a plan of land dated July 27, 1976, by Thomas-Liston Associates, Inc., C.E. (a copy of which plan may be inspected at the office of the Town Clerk);

(b) to accept, or to authorize the Selectmen to accept, for one dollar or for such other consideration as said Selectmen shall determine, a conveyance from Francis M. Clark of a certain parcel of land located off Warren Street, Upton, consisting of

approximately 35,173 square feet, shown as Parcel B on said plan of land referred to in part (a) of this article, which said plan may be inspected as aforesaid; or

(c) to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law and the Zoning Map as amended so as to include in the General Business District a portion of land in the single residence (Zones B & C) districts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Route 140 at the intersection of the properties of George E. & Ruby A. Aldrich and Blanche O. & Edward A. Page and proceeding southerly along the dividing line between said Aldrich and Page properties to a point that is 300' perpendicular to the southerly side line of Route 140;

Thence easterly along a line parallel to and 300' southerly of the southerly line of Route 140, a distance of approximately 2,850' to a point in the westerly line on the Zoning Map of the area presently zoned Commercial and Industrial;

Thence northeasterly along this westerly line of the area zoned Commercial and Industrial to a point in the southerly side of Route 140 at the intersection of the area zoned Commercial & Industrial and the southerly line of Route 140;

Thence westerly along the southerly line on Route 140 a distance of approximately 3,450' to the point and place of beginning; or  
to take and other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to abandon as an accepted Town road a certain section of Cider Mill Lane consisting of three hundred seventy-five feet and located under the New England Electric Power Line easement, thus relieving the Town of Upton the responsibility and expense of maintaining an additional 375' of roadway and keeping the locale safe for the many children living in the area. Under no circumstances would any type of barricade be installed to prevent the passage by right-of-way of any town or emergency vehicles, if ever required. As submitted by petition of Fred Barnicle and others.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$4,000 for improvements to Cider Mill Lane, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$20,000.00 an estimated amount to be used for the purpose of revaluation as required by a Supreme Court Ruling, or take any other action relative thereto.**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting: At each of the Post Offices and on the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Upton, this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Selectmen of Upton

A true copy.

Attest:

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

Upton, Massachusetts, November 2, 1976

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Upton herein described, to assemble in their Town Hall on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of November, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in each of the Post Offices and on the Town Hall at least fourteen days before the meeting aforesaid.

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Constable of Upton

## **Proceedings of Special Town Meeting November 16, 1976**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator George W. Burnham. Moderator announced that non-voters seated on the main floor were Richard Seder and Francis Clarke. The call and constable's return were read by the Moderator.

One hundred and fifty voters were checked into the hall by clerks Mrs. Nancy Kennedy and Mrs. Rita Cutler.

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted: Unanimously to pass-over this article.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted: Unanimously that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction, any or all of its property acquired by foreclosure of tax titles, or acquired under General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 80, and to execute and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, said authority to terminate May 7, 1977.

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted: Favorably to table action on this article.

**ARTICLE 4:** Motioned that the Town amend the Zoning By-law and the Zoning Map as amended so as to include in the General Business District, a portion of land in the single residence (zones B & C) districts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Route 140 at the intersection of the properties of George E. & Ruby A. Aldrich and Blanche O. & Edward A. Page and proceeding southerly along the diving line between said Aldrich and Page properties to a point that is 300' perpendicular to the southerly side line of Route 140;

Thence easterly along a line parallel to and 300' southerly of the southerly line of Route 140, a distance of approximately 2,850' to a point in the westerly line on the Zoning Map of the area presently zoned Commercial and Industrial;

Thence northeasterly along this westerly line of the area zoned Commercial and Industrial to a point in the southerly side of Route 140 at the intersection of the area zoned Commercial & Industrial and the southerly line in Route 140;

Thence westerly along the southerly line on Route 140 a distance of approximately 3,450' to the point and place of beginning.

A 2/3 vote required to pass, a standing count was taken. There were 93 voting in favor and 30 opposed. Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5: Moderator declared the motion lost to abandon a section of Cider Mill Lane.

ARTICLE 6: Voted: Unanimously that the Town transfer from available unappropriated funds in the Town Treasury the sum of \$4,000 for improvements to Cider Mill Lane.

ARTICLE 7: Voted: Unanimously to pass over this article.

It was moved to dissolve the warrant to adjourn. So voted. This meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births Recorded in 1976

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>		
8 27	Stephen John Mahan Amanda Lee Moshier	Norman W. and Carol A. Mahan Stephen A. and Mary P. Moshier
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
4	Jill Elizabeth Kempton	James M. and Donna R. Kempton
<b>MARCH</b>		
7 10 12 13 20 20 21 26	Christopher Robert Ellis Michael John Bradford, Jr. Kristen Marie Brochu Tammy Lee Paige Matthew Richard Carpenter Shawn Michael Kneeland Patrick Jeffrey Allen Gracia Gail Kimball	Robert B. and Donna L. Ellis Michael J. and Mary Bradford Dennis A. and Jane Brochu Daniel L. and Linda J. Paige Richard E. and Jody K. Carpenter Kevin M. and Linda A. Kneeland Timothy J. and Nancy K. Allen Dennis N. and Gail G. Kimball
<b>APRIL</b>		
6 12 23 27	Thomas Andrew Gorman Kerrie Ann MacDonald Adam Lee Partridge Shawn Allen Bates	Edward L. and Elizabeth C. Gorman Michael G. and Monica F. MacDonald Dennis E. and Linda L. Partridge Allen E. and Marilyn M. Bates
<b>MAY</b>		
2 2 15 18 31	Erin Patricia Crosby Kelley Joan Crosby Roy Joseph Couture Eric Joseph Fleming Jared William Bowen	James C. and Dennis J. Crosby James C. and Denise J. Crosby Roy J. and Carol A. Couture Robert J. and Elaine C. Fleming Peter N. and Cheryl A. Bowen
<b>JUNE</b>		
1 5 10 15 15 23 24	Joseph Clayton Fraser Kim Marie Cote Amanda Kinnarney Jones Ethan John McMahon Jaime Embree Angelo Michael Deleso, II Gail Rebecca Ingersoll	Joseph D. and Linda C. Fraser Norman H. and Phyllis M. Cote Duncan H. and Mary K. Jones Joseph H. and Marie F. McMahon Howard W. and Celeste L. Embree Michael A. and Jean C. Deleso Verne B. and Barbara J. Ingersoll

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>JULY</b>		
6	Brandy Lee Gay	Ronald G. and Rosemary A. Gay
6	Jason Peter Macchi	John P. and Frances E. Macchi
7	Kimberly Elizabeth Blaisdell	Jeffrey E. and Carol A. Blaisdell
14	Ronald Blain Fields, Jr.	Ronald B. and Roberta J. Fields
<b>AUGUST</b>		
14	Lynn-Ann Conlon	Donald C. and Karen J. Conlon
25	Edward Emil Keller	Harry E. and Jayne E. Keller
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
14	Lindsay Adams Risberg	Roy H. and Janet S. Risberg
24	Jessica Kristin Williams	Thomas J. and Nancy A. Williams
30	William David Hayes	Kenneth D. and Marie R. Hayes
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
4	Carleton Manchester White	Charles B. and Carol S. White
5	Amy Marie Jonis	David J. and Linda A. Jonis
10	Richard Jay Belhumeur	Richard J. and Joanne M. Belhumeur
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
26	Kevin Michael Henderson	Richard J. and Kathleen A. Henderson
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
8	Anthony Philip Charette, Jr.	Anthony P. and Sandra J. Charette

## **Marriages Recorded in Upton in 1976**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name, Age, Residence</b>	<b>By Whom and Where Married</b>
<b>JANUARY 1976</b>		
9	Howard Aliceson Sears, 54, Upton Almira June Bridgman, 47, Upton	Henry G. Cooper, Clergyman Hopedale, Mass.
9	Thomas Arthur Rogers, 25, Upton Margaret Rose Walker, 18, Upton	Lionel R. Trudeau, Justice of the Peace, Bellingham, Mass.
31	William W. Thomas, 20, Northbridge Cathleen Ann Norris, 19, Northbridge	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace, Upton, Mass.

## MARCH

18 Harry Carter Graves, 68, Upton Bertrand Z. Remillard, Justice of the  
Rose Florence Choiniere Beaulieu, Peace, Bellingham, Mass.  
69, Upton

26 Richard Michael Paille, 25, Upton Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Debbie Lou Griffith, 18, Upton the Peace, Upton, Mass.

27 Addelor Raymond Carboneau, 58, Upton Raymond E. Fiedler,  
Laverna Arda White Nelson, 61, Upton Minister, Upton, Mass.

## APRIL

2 Dennis John Daubney, 24, Upton Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Susan Georgianna Beaudet, 21, Milford the Peace, Upton, Mass.

3 Richard Bernard Kelly, 28, Upton John F. Cahill, Priest  
Kathleen Marie Phipps, 19, Upton Upton, Mass.

9 Arthur William Beckius, 40, Hartford, Conn. Robert A. Jackman,  
Ramona Elizabeth Temple, 30, Minister, Upton, Mass.  
Windsor, Conn.

10 John Paul McDonnell, 29, Upton Thomas Mahoney, Priest  
Linda Jean Stand, 29, Upton Uxbridge, Mass.

15 Gary L. Mazza, 19, Winchendon Robert A. Jackman, Minister  
Donna L. Halfpenny, 18, Winchendon Upton, Mass.

30 Richard Michael Smith, 25, Upton Hugh A. McGhee, Minister  
Sheila Mae Lee, 24, Mendon Mendon, Mass.

## MAY

1 Thomas W. Fenning, 30, Northbridge Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Nancy T. Drew, 24, Northbridge the Peace, Upton, Mass.

2 Ernest A. Jordan, 48, Grafton Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Mabel Matthews Champagne, 45, Grafton the Peace, Upton, Mass.

2 George Dresser Morse, III, 27, Westboro George Garrett Carpenter,  
Marsha Brooks May, 23, Upton Episcopal Priest, Shrewsbury, Mass.

2 Norman Henry Cote, 41, Thomas F. Donahue, Justice of  
Phyllis Marie Lacilla, 34, Grafton the Peace, Worcester, Mass.

8 Normand Anthony St. Pierre, 19, Uxbridge Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Donna Lynn Macchi, 18, Uptpn the Peace, Upton, Mass.

22 Richard Francis Lapointe, 41, Upton John R. Hartigan, Priest  
Kathryn Michelle Viall, 22, Framingham Framingham, Mass.

## JUNE

13 Carl Eric Paulson, 26, Upton Jane Ann Allen, Spiritual Leader  
Kathleen Michelle Swanson Lambert, 25, Marlborough Baha'i's,  
Sudbury, Mass.

19 Thomas Francis Curry, Jr., 25, Brimfield Robert A. Jackman, Minister  
Susan Joan Miller, 23, Upton Upton, Mass.

26 Steven Robert Dupre, 20, Northbridge Raymond B. Maloney, Priest  
Judith Elaine Perkins, 19, Upton Northbridge, Mass.

26 Richard Reno Givani, 22, Upton Martha R. Williams, Justice of  
Donna Marie Aspinwall, 17, Southboro the Peace, Upton, Mass.

26 Robert Martin Teachout, 23, Upton Fred A. Russell, Jr., Clergyman  
Shelly Ann Grant, 18, Upton Westborough, Mass.

26 Nicholas MacLean Ball, 37, Upton Harry Eugene Goll, Clergyman  
Martha Lane Hughes Shaw, 33, Westboro Southboro, Mass.

26 Daniel Albert Marin, 29, Upton Arthur K. Pope, Clergyman  
Elaine Quillen, 24, Worcester Sutton, Mass.

## JULY

10	Michael Stephen Lemoine, 22, Mendon Mary Ann Fitzgerald, 21, Mendon	John F. Cahill, Priest Upton, Mass.
25	Timothy John Salmon, 23, Northbridge Robin Diane Mary Andrews, 21, Upton	Clyde S. Wolf, Minister Northborough, Mass.
31	Stanley Earl Chapin, Jr., 22, Upton Anu Kyllikki Kotkas, 20, Upton	Henry G. Cooper, Clergyman Mendon, Mass.
31	Stephen Michael Kelley, 22, Upton Ronda Elizabeth Hickey, 20, Southboro	Pasquale D. Biscardi, Priest Southborough, Mass.
31	Richard Edward Aldrich, 26, Milford Robin Lynn Deutrich, 22, Milford	Robert A. Jackman, Minister Upton, Mass.

## AUGUST

7	Timothy Charles Paddock, 26, Upton Leslie Ann Ford, 25, Upton	John J. Berube, Priest Braintree, Mass.
14	Dennis Leon Houle, 21, Grafton Darlene Jan Whitney, 22, Upton	John N. Cedarleaf, Minister Grafton
14	Scott Wayne Davis, 21, Milford Debra Ann Bibeau, 20, Upton	John F. Cahill, Priest Upton, Mass.
27	Ronald Earle Crosby, 26, Upton Kathryn Ann Schmitt Reardon, 26, Marlborough	Willard H. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace, Berlin, Mass.
29	Peter Edward Panagian, 23, Worcester Cynthia Ann LeBlanc, 22, Upton	Richard Ritacco, Priest Upton, Mass.

## SEPTEMBER

11	Joseph Michael DeLuca, 21, Mendon Nancy Gene Higgins, 20, Upton	Carl D. Donega, Priest Mendon, Mass.
12	Kenneth Earl Mathewson, 21, Uxbridge Rebecca Diane Tardy, 16, Upton	Lionel R. Trudeau, Justice of the Peace, Bellingham, Mass.

## OCTOBER

2	Timothy Charles Davidson, 24, Upton Bonnie Jean Bouchard, 20, Mendon	Carl D. Donega, Priest Mendon, Mass.
9	William Bradford Mettey, 26, Upton Rosemary A. Lamacchia, 26, Barre	Marcus Murtough, Priest Barre, Mass.
9	David Patrick Marquis, 34, Upton Jo-ann Oldham-King Rancatore, 31, Upton	Norman F. Brower, Minister Upton, Mass.
10	Ned Lewis Sherwood, 26, Elmont, New York Emily Layzer, 24, New York, New York	Sanford Seltzer, Rabbi Cambridge, Mass.
14	James Richard Bruno, 18, Upton Roxanne Sue Gutowski, 18, Uxbridge	Lionel R. Trudeau, Justice of the Peace, Bellingham, Mass.

## NOVEMBER

6	Stephen A. Smith, 49, Grafton Florence J. Worthington, 54, Grafton	Howard A. Waterhouse, Clergyman Upton, Mass.
13	Carlton Brown, 33, Upton Dianne Mary Grignon, 33, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace, Upton, Mass.
16	John B. Rubaszko, 51, Shrewsbury Mildred Ruth Parker Grant, 34, Upton	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace, Upton, Mass.
27	Harvey Leroy Martindale, 59, Upton Mary Julie Broderick Fitzgerald, 59, Wellesley	John J. Philbin, Priest Wellesley, Mass.
28	Gerald Linus Quayle, 62, Boynton Beach, Fla.	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peace
	Irene Donelda Hull Segnalla, 67, Boynton Beach, Fla.	Upton, Mass.

## DECEMBER

30	Gary Daniel Gutowski, 22 Uxbridge Linda Jo Bruno, 21, Upton	Ralph L. Hyson, Minister Uxbridge, Mass.
31	Myron Henry Imbody, 33, Milford Karen Lynn Anderson, 20, Milford	Martha R. Williams, Justice of the Peae, Upton, Mass.

## Deaths Recorded in Upton

Date of Death	Name	Place of Burial	Age		
			Y	M	D
DECEMBER 1975					
18	Charles H. Young	Maplewood	85	1	4
JANUARY, 1976					
3	Rose E. Davis	Maplewood	81	5	7
8	Mary Gertrude Mullen Andrews	Maplewood	47	9	4
11	Geraldine O'Connell	Sutton, Mass.	59	9	20
21	Mary Laberge	Lakeview	76	11	7
23	Ralph H. Cutler	Northbridge, Mass.	94	4	19
27	Victoria MacGarvie Lamson	Grafton, Mass.	76	11	8
FEBRUARY					
13	Fred A. Brown	Northbridge, Mass.	80	0	15
15	Lena W. Marshall	Maplewood	86	11	18
23	Christine Danielson Wigren	Worcester, Mass.	92	6	19
27	Mabel Flaherty	Northbridge, Mass.	81	4	22
MARCH					
3	James Finney	Northbridge, Mass.	88	11	17
4	Pierre Benoit	Lakeview	71	10	28
10	Elizabeth Brokaw	Hyde Park, Mass.	84	6	14
18	Herbert G. Coles, Jr.	Lakeview	39	8	14

APRIL						
4	George R. Coluci	Lakeview	69	10	22	
4	Stephen Logee	Lakeview	85	3	3	
6	Harry L. Knight	Lakeview	76	4	11	
17	George J. Franklin	Framingham, Mass.	22	8	23	
30	Eli H. Jarrett	Lakeview	79	0	25	
MAY						
18	Myrtle Irene Collins	Milford, Mass.	89	2	13	
30	William C. Carroll	Maplewood	78	6	8	
JUNE						
1	Eugene J. Bissonnette	Lakeview	75	8	4	
3	Harriet C. Driscoll	Maplewood	87	0	6	
4	Richard Broderick	Lakeview	57			
16	Ethel Culley Daubney	Lakeview	85	1	4	
JULY						
23	Jennette Struthers Brooks	Lakeview	82	3	17	
AUGUST						
8	Edith Bates Henry	Maplewood	74	3	16	
10	Howard E. Bates	Lakeview	62	11	18	
17	Susan Ronca Guilmain	Milford, Mass.	24	0	11	
SEPTEMBER						
8	Bertha L. Remick Eckersall	Milford, Mass.	85	10	14	
23	Charles E. Luther, III	Lakeview	29	9	7	
OCTOBER						
9	Caroline J. Altard White	Lakeview	86	4	3	
10	Gary MacNaughton	Lakeview	16	0	14	
16	Charles Watson Griffin	Lakeview	70	3	19	
21	Edward A. Ramsey	Lakeview	46	1	21	
NOVEMBER						
24	Shirley E. Bodreau Swett	Maplewood	44	10	27	
DECEMBER						
4	Peter Bodrean	Northboro, Mass.	82	4	15	
11	Jennie M. Comstock	Lakeview	94	7	24	
12	Gilbert A. Higgins	Maplewood	59	5	11	
14	Alice Gertrude Sliney Cooley	Lakeview	76	9	28	
19	Olive R. Carlisle Walker	Lakeview	69	2	1	

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK

### DOGS

During 1976 there were 583 dogs licensed, an increase over 1975, however many dogs remained unlicensed. Issued: 299 Males; 64 Female; and 220 Spayed Females. Kennel licenses issued: 4 - \$10.00; 3 - \$25.00 and 1 - \$50.00. Turned over to Town Treasurer - \$1,899.15

### FISH AND GAME

During 1976 the Town Clerk issued 379 Fish and Game licenses, plus 33 Waterfowl Stamps and 8 Archery Stamps. Issued: 180 Resident Citizen Fishing; 61 Resident Citizen Hunting; 79 Resident Citizen Sporting; 26 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing; 1 Resident Alien Fishing; 1 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing; 3 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien 7-Day Fishing; 4 Duplicates; 22 Resident Citizen Sporting over 70 (Free); 2 Resident Citizen Fishing; Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally Retarded (Free).

Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts - \$3,256.75.

### PERMITS, BOOKLETS, ETC.

During 1976 the following were sold through the Town Clerk's office: Raffle/Bazaar Permits - 6; Zoning By-law Booklets - 5; Assessor's Valuation Book - 29; Town Maps - 30; Street Listings - 20; Gas Permits - 5; Voting List - 1. Turned over to Town Treasurer - \$196.00.

In November, 1976, the Town Clerk's office was moved into the Town Hall Building. Office Hours are: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office Phone - 529-3565.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

## Jury List

Name	Street	Occupation
Charles F. Caton, 47 Plain St.	Senior Corporate Accountant	
Virginia F. Craib, 31 Mendon St.	Co-owner Suburban Cleaners	
George A. Dean, Jr., 100 High St.	Computer Fld. Serv. Engr.	
Donald C. Flanders, 7 Maple Ave.	Sub Assembler	
Anna C. Gorman, 7 Maple St.	Retired, LPN	
John E. Grady, 35 Brooks St.	Computer Ind. Super.	
	Production Control	
Lawrence P. Hannon, 205 Westboro Rd.	State Forester	
Edwin V. Hatstat, 39 Brooks St.	Spray Operator	
Evelyn F. Hopkins, 34 Warren St.	Homemaker	
Robert C. Humes, 13 Mendon St.	Central Office Switchman	
George A. Klink, 53 Warren St.	Highway Dept. Employee	
Joseph Kogut, Jr., 3 Bouthiette Ln.	Accounting Super.	
Thaddeus J. Laczka, 17 Church St.	Maintenance Man	
Dorothy M. Lamanuzzi, 49 W. Main St.	Millinery-Stitcher	
Herbert B. Leland, Jr., 5 Glen Ave.	Union Laborer, Bldg. Const.	
Richard A. Lemoine, 20 Brooks St.	Machinist	
Malcolm A. Mager, 72 Elm St.	Association Executive	
Paul McDonnell, 10 Church St.	Wheel Maker	
Lucille E. Mettey, 23 Warren Rd.	Unemployed, Sec.	
Dennis C. Nattinville, 6 Williams St.	Toll Testman	
George E. Nydam, 8 Glen Ave.	Retired	
Nina L. Poirier, 2 Plain St.	Cashier	
Theron L. Pope, Jr., 27 River Rd.	Press Oper.	
Ernest B. Porter, Sr., 71 School St.	Stockman	
John F. Porter, 21 Shore Drive	Lineman	
William E. Quirk, Jr., 37 Walnut St.	Audit Manager	
William H. Sadler, 42 Williams St.	Insp. of Grinding Wheels	
Adah R. Sether, 56 W. River St.	Housewife	
Joan E. Shanahan, 18 Maple Ave.	Bookkeeper	
Lester P. Shea, 27 James Rd.	Printing Instr. Dept. Head	
Raymond K. Smith, 30 Fiske Ave.	Custodian	
Arthur J. Southerland, 108 High St.	Stokes Press Oper.	
Richard D. Stockwell, 149 Mendon St.	Mgr. Safety-Health & Loss Controll.	
Stephen V. Teachout, 124 Main St.	Unemployed	
Chestine H. Tinker, 11 Piccadilly St.	Unemployed, Service Rep. Soc. Sec.	
Rufin Van Bossuyt, 125 Westboro St.	System Arborist	
William C. Young, 18 North St.	Electrical Engr.	

## **Report of the Board of Selectmen**

The Bicentennial year was a most rewarding one for the Board of Selectmen and for the Town. Many notable events took place, parades, mock skirmishes, a birthday ball are to name a few. The cooperation between various town committees resulted in a most successful bicentennial year, a year of noteworthy achievements.

The recreation project at Kiwanis Beach is within a few weeks of completion and will be in full use this summer. The renovation work continued in Town Hall. The Selectmen, Assessors and Town Clerk have new quarters that should prove adequate for many years. Shortly, a new floor will be installed in the main hall. Glass doors have been installed in the foyer and when the foyer is repainted the current renovation project will be complete.

However, the most important events of the year were the awarding of the Federal Grants. The town received \$800,000 for Sewer Extentions and \$1,600,000 for Water System improvements and extentions. Many long hours were spent by the Water-Sewer Commissioners, Road Commissioner, Assessors, Conservation Commission members, Town Counsel, Board of Selectmen and others obtaining data necessary to submit successful grant applications. A total of 47 joint meetings were held during the year. In addition, the Selectmen made numerous trips to Boston and Worcester appearing before State boards or conferring with State and Federal officials relative to these projects.

The increase in the work load has made it necessary, despite a planned agenda, to meet at least once a week. In 1976 the Selectmen had 121 meetings. Some weeks the Board found it necessary to meet five times. In the not too distant future a full time Administrator will be required.

The Selectmen are indebted to our efficient and dedicated Clerk, Mrs. Joan Varney, without her help the Selectmen would accomplish only routine matters.

We are grateful and appreciative of the trust and confidence shown by the voters. It is our hope that we may always be considered worthy of their support.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Chairman  
JAMES R. BATES  
ALDO B. CONSIGLI, JR.  
Board of Selectmen

### **Report of the Registrars of Voters**

During 1976 there were twelve sessions of the Registrars for certifying nomination papers, initiative petitions and registering new voters. During the year 315 voters have registered. The total number of voters eligible to vote in the November State-National Election were 1,125 Independent, 551 Republicans, 588 Democrats - 2,264.

Members of the Board of Registrars are: George P. Kennedy (R), Chairman; Mrs. Eleanor R. Broderick (D); Mrs. Patrick A. O'Sullivan (D); and Mrs. Martha R. Williams (R), ex-officio clerk.

During 1976 new legislation was passed insuring a registration session prior to all Special Town Meetings and eliminating the 10:00 p.m. closing time on the Saturday preceding an election. The Saturday session may now end at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA R. WILLIAMS, Clerk  
Registrars of Voters

## **Report of the Moderator**

As Moderator of the Town of Upton I presided at the adjourned Annual Town Meeting and all special Town Meetings called in 1976.

The attendance has been good at all of the meetings this past year.

Because of limited seating in the Town Hall I would suggest that the Selectmen consider moving the Annual Adjourned Town Meeting to a more spacious hall, such as the Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School on Pleasant Street.

Also to be considered is a public address system to be used at all regular and special Town Meetings.

I reappointed Edward S. Henderson, Jr., to The Capital Budget Committee for another four years.

**GEORGE W. BURNHAM**  
Moderator

## **Report of the Police Department**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Townspeople and the other departments for their cooperation during the past year. During the past year we were successful in gaining a fifth full time patrolman. On January 17, 1977, one full time patrolman will be attending the Worcester Police Academy for twelve weeks of training, and another patrolmen will be attending the academy next winter at about the same time. The department has completed seven of ten basic training classes being held at the police station. This training is being conducted by instructors from the Worcester Police Academy and will continue into 1977. In addition, the entire department will receive the First Responder Course on or before July of 1977 to comply

with the new Ambulance Law. Of special note this year is that, although the accident rate increased slightly for 1976, the Town of Upton received First Place Award in the 1975 Traffic Safety Contest "For Outstanding Contribution to the Cause of Safety" from the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the National Safety Council. This was for having only "18.8 accidents per 1,000 population in the 50-75 mile highway category", and was awarded on June 28, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY B. MARCHAND  
Chief of Police

**VIOLATIONS – MOTOR VEHICLES**

Property Damage Accidents	80
Hit & Run Accidents	6
Personal Injury Accidents	37
Fatal Accidents	1
Total Accidents	124
Total Injuries	62

**CITATIONS ISSUED**

Warnings	271
Complaints	324
Arrests	14
 Total Citations	 609

**OTHER**

Licenses Suspended by Registry of Motor Vehicles	9
Transportating Alcoholic Beverages by Minor	1
Equipment Tags	36
Parking Tickets	112
Automobile Towed Obstructing Public Way	3
Stolen Automobiles	4
Stolen Automobiles Recovered Burned	18
Total Stolen Automobiles Recovered	32
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	11
Hospital Trips	12
Oxygen Administered	10
Assist Sick Persons	2
Assist Distressed Persons	13
Assist Ambulance	53
Assist Fire Department	23

Car Fires Other Than Above	12
Assist Other Police Department	30
Runaways	1
Runaways Detained	1
Messages Delivered	19
Summons Served	164
Prowler Calls	8
Vandalism	86
Bicycles Stolen	17
Bicycles Recovered	11
Assault & Battery	8
Domestic Calls	31
Larceny	52
Breaking & Entering	68
Attempted Breaking & Entering	4
All Other Non-traffic Arrests	47
Transfers	21
Windows Found Open	6
Doors Found Open	24
Assist Disabled Motor Vehicles	59
Property Recovered	12
Warrants Posted	8
General Services Performed	5,520
General Complaints Other Than Above	2,225
Total Radio and Telephone Dispatches	17,928

## **Report of the Fire Department**

The Board of Fire Engineers hereby submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1976.

### **ALARM RESPONSES:**

Total Calls	300
Ambulance Calls	194
Building Fires	14
Automobile Fires	22
Miscellaneous Calls	21
Assistance Calls	23

Mutual Aid to other Towns	1
False Alarms	10
Investigations	15

Equipment and Apparatus for the year ending December 31, 1976.

- Engine 1, 1952 Diamond T, 750 GPM Pumper (in fair condition)
- Engine 2, 1964 International, 750 GPM Pumper (in good condition)
- Engine 3, 1968 International, 500 GPM Pumper (in good condition)
- Engine 4, 1953 GMC Tanker (converted Army truck in fair condition)
- Emergency Equipment Truck, 1947 Chevrolet Panel Truck (in poor condition) should be replaced.
- Ambulance, 1970 Cadillac in good condition

EQUIPMENT:

- 540 feet pf 2 1/2" hose
- 260 feet of 1 1/2" hose
- 2 Generator lighting plants
- 2 Portable Pumps
- 7 Mobile two-way radios and 1 base station
- 1 Portable radio
- 9 Self contained Breathing Apparatus
- 6 Street Fire Alarm Boxes
- 8 Master Fire Alarm Boxes
- Approximately 6 miles of aerial fire alarm wire
- 30 Home Alerting Units

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and the Townspeople for their co-operation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. PRENTISS, Chief  
WILLIAM S. EVANS  
HENRY J. POIRIER, JR.

## **Report of the Board of Health**

The Board of Health has met regularly on Thursday evenings.

A reorganizational meeting was held, Roger L. Clark, Chairman; Esther K. Bird, Secretary and Joseph W. Gorman, Jr., Board Member.

Resignations during the year were Mary McGrath, R.N., as Board of Health Nurse and Rose Horton, Clerk.  
Appointments were made:

Board of Health Physician	Bernard McKernan, M.D.
Nursing Supervisor &	
Town Nurse	Joan Waterhouse, B.S., R.N., P.H.N.
Clerk	Celeste Gilchrist
Animal & Milk Inspector	James Jacobson
Burial Agent	Martha Williams
Plumbing Inspectors	Walter A. Hopkins & W. Bruce Brokaw
Board of Health Agent	(No appointment made) vacant

The Board of Health meets with the Professional Advisory Board quarterly. The Board appointed the following, and the Professional Advisory Board organized accordingly:

Ernest Porter, Chairman  
Elizabeth Consigli, Secretary  
Dr. Lee Bird  
Jean Fowler  
Kenneth Young  
Dr. Harmon Smith

Joan Waterhouse, B.S., R.N., P.H.N. accepted the position as Supervisor of Nursing Service in April, 1976 and also as Board of Health Town Nurse in August 1976 upon the resignation of Mary McGrath.

Food Inspector, Mr. Robert W. Rimbach, of the Middlesex Laboratory continues to handle food inspections with much success, tested the bathing beach water in June, July and August, and has aided in inspections of different facilities at the Board of Health's request. The Board feels the Town has benefited from these services.

Title V of the State Sanitary Code is endorsed by the Board of Health.

Permits and licenses issued from the Board of Health office are as follows:

Food Handler's	19
Plumbing	84
Septic System	46
Rubbish or Offal	6

A new Refuse Disposal Committee has been appointed by the Selectmen and its members are as follows:

Henry Poirier, III, Chairman  
 Esther K. Bird, Secretary  
 Roger L. Clark  
 Donald Beaudoin  
 Richard Desjardins  
 Richard Bacon

The Board of Health and the Refuse Disposal Committee have attended meetings in regard to disposal recycling and landfill operations and have visited other land fill sites during the year.

The Board continues to attend monthly meetings of the Central Massachusetts Associated Boards of Health and Esther K. Bird was elected Secretary of this Association this year. These meetings prove to be both educational and informational to the Board.

The Board gratefully acknowledges their thanks to the Upton Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Counsel, Lawrence Norris, the cooperation of all Town residents and members of the Department of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER L. CLARK, Chairman  
 ESTHER K. BIRD  
 JOSEPH W. GORMAN, JR.

## **Report of the Public Health Nursing Service**

Disease Control	917
Health Promotion & Maternal & Child Care	75
Physical Therapy	88
 Nursing Service Accounts:	
Total Expenses	\$18,603.48
Medicare Draft Adjustment	71.61
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	\$18,675.09
Total Receipts	11,995.30
Medicare Reimbursement	1,260.00
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	\$13,255.30
Net Cost to Town:	\$ 5,419.75

It is with pleasure I submit my first annual report as Supervisor of Nursing Services and Board of Health nurse.

In addition to the nursing visits for disease control and treatment and for health promotion, we have held disease prevention clinics: 460 people received the flu vaccine this Fall; an average of 30 people attend monthly Blood Pressure clinics; a Saturday morning Blood Pressure and Nutrition clinic was attended by 40; and 4 poorly attended Early Childhood Immunization clinics were held.

We loan out medical equipment, test children for lead poisoning, and make referrals to appropriate agencies.

We endorsed a strep throat program to be carried out at the Mendon-Upton Regional School District.

I would like to thank the Board of Health members for their support: Celeste Gilchrist, Clerk and Mrs. Sheila Porter, Mrs. Carol Larkin, Mrs. Clara Hart and Mr. Linwood Hall, relief nurses as well as my predecessor, Mrs. Mary McGrath who left in August to further her nursing education.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN WATERHOUSE, R.N.

## **Report of the Milk Inspector**

The license fees for milk and cream store licenses were collected for 1976-77 at a fee of \$2.00 each.

Milk and Cream Licenses	8
Total Fees Collected	\$16.00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. JACOBSON  
Milk Inspector

## **Report of the Animal Inspector**

Total number of dogs restrained, because of dog bites, was a total of 10 for the year 1976.

Animal inspection for the following animals and conditions under which they are kept, for the year 1976.

**Number Dairy Herds:**

Cows age two and over	25
Heifers one to two	11
Calves under one year	6
Bulls	1
Steers	4

**Beef Herds:**

Cows age two and over	25
Heifers one to two	6
Calves under one year	28
Bulls	3
Steers	2

Goats

10

Sheep

15

Swine	34
Horses	42
Ponies	30
Donkeys	2

All animals appear to be free from any contagious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

**JAMES W. JACOBSON**  
Animal Inspector

### **Report of the Gas Inspector**

#### **Year End Report 1976:**

There was a total of thirteen Gas Permits issued by Walter A. Hopkins and Bruce Brokaw for the year ending Dec. 31, 1976. A total of \$35.00 was collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

**WALTER A. HOPKINS**  
**BRUCE BORKAW**  
Gas Inspectors

## **Report of the Board of Assessors**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a recapitulation of the figures used in fixing the tax rate for the year 1976-77.

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$1,920,791.04
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	903,876.54
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,016,914.50
Real Property Valuations	\$15,534,080.00
Personal Property Valuations	1,414,495.00
Total Property Valuations	\$16,948,575.00
Tax Rate	\$60.00
Real Property Tax	932,044.80
Personal Property Tax	84,869.70
<b>Total Taxes Levied on Property</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,914.50</b>

SAMUEL NAHRA  
WILLIAM S. EVANS  
Board of Assessors

### EXPENSES 1976-1977

Appropriated	\$ 3,000.00
EXPENDED	

Assessors Expense	1,857.93
ASSESSORS SALARY	

Appropriated	3,300.00
Expended	1,650.00

### CLERKS SALARY

Appropriated	2,250.00
Expended	1,110.00

## **Report of the Director of Civil Defense**

During 1976, your Upton Civil Defense Organization, as usual, has been taking part in the Monthly Races Drill Tests, on the first Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. with the Sector 3B Communications Center. Your C.D. Director and Gerald Shaughnessy have been on hand at the Upton C.D. Headquarters in the Town Hall.

There also have been Checkerboard (Warning) Tests monthly and the Police Department has also recorded the time and date received from the State Police via radio or County fire net or via radio or via Hopedale. The time that the person responsible for activating the outdoor warning is notified should be close to the time of receipt of the Checkerboard. We then mail a reply card to the Office of Emergency Preparedness, 400 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA.

Upton Fallout Shelter is located in the basement of the Memorial School.

Our Sector 3B Director is Frank Belitsky and he makes contacts with us. He is located at the Westboro Headquarters, Telephone 1-366-5321.

During 1976, we have made many monthly trips to the Myles Standish Warehouse in Taunton, Mass. and have purchased a lot of nice equipment at low cost.

The Police Department, Auxiliary Police, Fire and Highway Departments have been very cooperative. My thanks are also extended to the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Finance Committee and others for their cooperation.

The Area 3 Civil Defense Headquarters is located in Westboro and Harold F. Rossi is the Area 3 Director, Telephone 1-366-5321. His new Area 3 Secretary is Mrs. Paula Thomas. I have enjoyed working with Harold Rossi for over 21 years.

Respectfully submitted,

**GEORGE W. GREBENSTEIN**  
Upton Civil Defense Director  
Telephone 529-6561

## **Report of the Historical Commission**

Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The following is the twelfth annual report of the Upton Historical Commission.

We have completed the joint project, with the Historical Society, for a permanent monument at the site of the G.A.R. Hall. The cost was shared equally. Mr. Henry Poirier donated the stone and considerable labor. We thank him.

Miss Marjory Taft was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the registration of a member. She is a valuable addition.

The disposal of the contents of the vault in the basement of the Town Hall has been pretty well determined after many meetings there and contacting Department Heads to ask their opinions on old materials. Some documents were retained by the Commission and Historical Society for further examination.

We are continuing on a State requested project in regard to Historical sites, buildings, schools and homes. It is apparent we have been active and constructive.

We are grateful to those who contributed articles, artifacts and documents pertinent to Upton and its history.

The following were donors in 1976:

Alice Kerr	Mr. & Mrs. George Kennedy
Shirley Kirby	Mr. & Mrs. Lester Shea
Nancy Beatty	Betty Gorman
Mrs. Jasper Fay	Mattie Bates
Grace Garland	James Brochu
Addie Sadler	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Poirier
Mrs. George Harback	Betty Ferris
Ada White	Eleanor Varney
Chester Walker	Rubelle Kenniston
Ernest Aldrich	Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Chapman
Kenneth Wood	Mr. & Mrs. Otis Inman
Mrs. Elston Cooper	Marjorie Taft
Mr. & Mrs. George Newton	Esther Toby
Mrs. Arthur Morrison	Mr. & Mrs. Ted George
Mrs. Rita Cutler	Ethel Grebenstein
Karl Rooney	Stella Stank
Oscar Bates	Upton Town Library

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Prentiss	Patty Haven
Walter Stank	John Lundvall
Helen Barton	Mrs. Vivian Mainini
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barnicle	The Bloomer Girls
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brown	Jennie Comstock
Mrs. George Haven	Helen and Charlotte Fay

Respectfully submitted,

KARL H. ROONEY, Chairman  
 BARBARA BURKE, Clerk  
 CHESTER WALKER  
 S. OTIS INMAN  
 MARJORIE TAFT  
 Upton Historical Commission

### **Report of the Department of Veterans' Services**

Appropriations	\$15,000.00
Sundries, Aid allocated to persons	1,783.75
Estimated State Reimbursements of 1976	891.87
Net Cost for Sundries	891.87
Unexpended Appropriations	13,216.25

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COST**

Salary of Agent	\$1,300.00
Expenses, Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenses, Expended	374.48
Unexpended appropriation	625.52

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL NAHRA, JR., Director  
 Veterans' Services

## **Report of the Tree Warden**

During our Bicentennial year 1976, thirty-four (34) shade trees were planted by the Upton Tree Department. The Tree Department also assisted in the planting of two (2) trees that were donated by the Upton Women's Club.

Seventy-eight (78) trees were taken down this past year; sixty-one (61) dead or diseased trees, and seventeen (17) trees that were dangerous to the public way. Tree stumps, numbering thirty-six (36), were also removed as they were dangerous to the public way.

There were twenty-eight (28) emergency calls caused by snow, wind, lightning, and broken branches on electric lines.

On August 10, 1976, hurricane Belle hit Upton. Trees and highway crews were out at 4 A.M. and were kept busy for hours keeping the roads open.

I wish to thank Deputy Tree Warden, Leo Morin, public officials, townspeople, and the Massachusetts Electric Company for their assistance during 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

**DONALD R. KENISTON**  
Tree Warden

## **Report of the Local Superintendent of Insect and Pest Control**

### **Dutch Elm and Insect Pest Control Chapter 657**

During the year 1976, thirty-one (31) elm trees infected with the Dutch Elm Disease were removed. The diseased wood was burnt at the town dump site. Tree samples were taken by the Local Insect Pest Department and condemned at the Shade Tree Laboratories at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

All roadside elm trees were sprayed with a mist blower for the control of the Elm leaf Beatle, also some oak trees were sprayed for the Oak Leak Skelentonizer.

Upton was again hit by the Fall Web Worm this year. As done in past years caterpillar infested branches were cut down. These branches were burnt at the Upton Landfill Site on Maple Avenue.

I wish to thank public officials, state and district supervisors, town officials, and townspeople for their help and cooperation in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD R. KENISTON  
Local Superintendent of  
Insect Pest Control

### **Report of the Town Accountant**

I wish to thank the Departments of the Town of Upton for their cooperation in maintaining a financial secure position at a time when personal "Cost of Living" indexes influence our decisions.

As long as the various personalities in our Town Departments work together for the benefit of the Town as a whole, we can be proud of the results, which can only be good.

Free Cash, Stabilization Fund, Trust Funds, Low Maturing Debt, New Federal Grants, are all items which take planning and intelligent management therefor it is most important that we have the best possible personnel in the decision making positions.

Respectfully,

CHARLES H. FERRIS  
Town Accountant

**Town of Upton**  
**Balance Sheet      June 30, 1976**

**ASSETS**

**Cash:**

General	135,433.05
Invested	200,000.00
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	\$335,433.05

**Accounts Receivable:**

Real Estate 1963/1969	1,045.80
Real Estate 1970	442.80
Real Estate, 1971	764.96
Personal Prop. 1971	40.60
Real Estate, 1972	54.00
Personal Prop. 1972	254.88
Real Estate, 1973/4	5,880.58
Personal Prop. 1973/4	137.99
Real Estate, 1975	17,929.91
Personal Prop. 1975	128.52
Real Estate, 1976	57,667.55
Personal Prop. 1976	572.39
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	84,919.98

**Motor Vehicle Excise:**

Levy of 1972	4,717.15
Levy of 1973/4	5,930.75
Levy of 1975	4,841.09
Levy of 1976	45,894.00
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	61,382.99

**Special Assessments:**

Sewer Rentals	612.94
Sewer Liens, 1970	10.50
Sewer Liens, 1975	582.75
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	1,206.19

Farm Animals Excise, 1975	200.00
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<b>Tax Title &amp; Possessions:</b>	
Tax Title	9,766.67
Tax Possessions	8,862.29
	18,628.96
Tax Title in Eskrow	18,496.39
<b>Departmental:</b>	
Ambulance Service	665.00
Cemetery, Annual Care	109.00
	774.00
<b>Water:</b>	
Liens, 1970	39.55
Liens, 1975	1,766.00
Water Rates	552.51
Water Service	300.00
Water Betterment	603.92
Hydrant Rentals	6,600.00
	9,861.98
<b>Aid to Highways:</b>	
State	33,000.00
County	16,500.00
	49,500.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00
<b>Revolving Account:</b>	
Employee Blue Cross w/H	639.78
<b>Unprovided for or Overdrawn:</b>	
State Recreation Areas	133.96
Overlay Deficit 1975	4,600.10
Overlay Deficit 1972	223.55
	4,957.61
Loans Authorized (Sewer)	2,100,000.00
Deferred Revenue	1,549,078.85
	\$ 4,255,079.78

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit	125,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	255,000.00
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	380,000.00

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Agency:	
Dog Licenses for County	132.30
Excess Sale of Land,	
Low Value	11,629.24
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	11,761.54
Tailings:	
Unclaimed Checks	739.58
Collectors Overage	205.55
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	945.13
Trust Fund Income:	
School Funds:	
Batchelor Knowlton	954.03
C. A. Batchelor	383.26
Library Funds:	
C. A. Batchelor	614.08
Carpenter Fund	239.92
Schultz Fund	734.40
Memorial Fund of Upton	216.28
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,756.50
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	5,898.47
Revolving Fund:	
Town Employees—Outside Work	735.25
Miscellaneous:	
Cemetery, Sale of Lots	1,420.00
Dog Licenses from County	101.39
Reserve Fund, Overlay	
Surplus	9,004.27
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	10,525.66

Over Appropriated—Reserves	
Air Pollution	1.47
Central Mass. Mosquito	
Control	492.78
Special Education	1,116.00
County Tax	12,506.35
	14,116.60
Overlays, Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1970	177.53
Levy of 1971	805.56
Levy of 1973/4	6,018.57
Levy of 1976	10,576.66
	17,578.32
Revenue:	
Motor Vehicle Excise	61,382.99
Sewer	1,206.19
Farm Animals Excise	200.00
Tax Title/Possessions	18,628.96
Departmental	774.00
Water	9,861.98
Aid to Highway	49,500.00
	141,554.12
Surplus Revenue	168,902.13
Appropriation Balances:	
Tax Title Foreclosure	71.62
Town Revaluation	20,000.00
Town Hall Renovation	11,000.00
New Police Cruiser	5,131.27
New Fire Truck	35,100.00
New Car, Board of Health	4,000.00
Fire Station Addition	312.02
Highway Accounts	113,932.87
Mendon-Upton Reg. Sch.	1,300.00
Library	2,761.13
Water Mains Extension	21,130.44
Cemetery	5,901.00

Civil Defense	453.89
Conservation Committee	1,889.47
Reserve Fund	10,000.00
Upton 250th Anniversary	1,000.00
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	233,983.71
Loans Authorized, Unissued	2,100,000.00
Budget Accounts Accrued (1977)	1,549,078.85
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	\$ 4,255,079.78
Serial Loans:	
Sewer	125,000.00
Water	255,000.00
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	380,000.00

**Federal Fund Account for  
Upton Recreation Development Project**

Cash: Federal Grant	113,600.00
Interest	1,539.25
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	115,139.25
Cash Balance 6/30/76	53,240.38
Expended:	
Labor	21,393.25
Materials/Supplies	2,819.03
Equipment Lease	28,179.40
Survey-Engr.	3,908.00
Insurance	6,684.00
Administration	88.35
Payroll Taxes accrued	(1,173.16) cr.
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	115,139.25

**Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account**  
**Public Law #92-512**

Cash	35,666.89
Appropriations Authorized	17,587.33
	53,254.22

Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	35,666.89
Appropriation Balances:	
Blue Cross W/H	3.25
Town Hall Renovation	5,014.13
Nurses Salary	1,060.55
Town Dump Maintenance	2.35
Library Septic System	691.50
School Street Sidewalk	624.76
Water Dept. Maintenance	3,069.64
Sewer Plant Bldg.	4.40
Town Sewer Extension	6,902.92
Lab Equip. Sewer Plant	213.83
	53,254.22

**Federal Revenue Sharing Account**

Analysis for year ending June 30, 1976

Receipts: Balance 7/1/75	\$ 51,589.42
Federal Government	78,171.00
Interest earned	137.09
Withholding Taxes	3,733.90
	82,041.99

Disbursements:	
Withholding Taxes	3,218.81
Treasurer Collector Salary	3,000.00
Police Dispatching	6,000.00

Fire Station Addition	31,495.05
Town Hall Renovation	6,889.92
Nurses Salaries	3,642.45
Town Dump Maintenance	18,368.40
Library Septic System	108.50
Road Commissioner Salary	5,769.44
School Street Sidewalk	9,191.74
Water Maintenance	2,660.11
Water-Sewer	
Infiltration Study	4,000.00
Sewer Plant—Lab Equip.	3,586.17
Charge for printing	
Check Book	6.93
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	97,964.52
Balance 6/30/76	\$ 35,666.89

## Town of Upton

### Cash Receipts for Year ending June 30, 1976

#### Town Receipts:

Real Estate Tax 1970	446.40
Real Estate Tax 1971	1,443.57
Real Estate Tax 1972	964.00
Real Estate Tax 1973-4	7,164.01
Real Estate Tax 1976	708,135.85
Personal Property Tax 1973-4	89.94
Personal Property Tax 1975	282.44
Prsonal Property Tax 1976	74,175.16
Motor Vehicle Excise 1971	114.95
Motor Vehicle Excise 1972	59.40
Motor Vehicle Excise 1973-4	12,183.09
Motor Vehicle Excise 1975	73,273.75
Motor Vehicle Excise 1976	41,729.09
Water	40,693.50
Sewer	5,509.31

Farm Animals Excise	318.68
Tax Titles	2,034.20
Cemetery	5,324.04
Ambulance	75.00
Town Trust Funds	6,045.53
Withholding Taxes	34,493.02
Dog Accounts	2,331.73
Cancelled Checks, Refunds, etc. (Budget Accounts)	6,406.40
Revolving Account (Outside Labor)	4,396.85
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	\$1,051,974.93
Town Departments:	
Planning Board	50.00
Gas Permits	32.50
Library Fines	26.74
Conservation Commission	50.00
Building Inspector	1,295.00
Wiring Permits	251.00
Selectmen	3,901.50
Police	819.50
Town Clerk	127.50
Board of Health	14,547.85
Rental of Town Property	1,500.00
Regist. Cemetery Deeds	18.00
Municipal Liens	378.00
Interest on del. Taxes	3,305.47
Fees on del. Taxes	580.50
Interest-Invested Cash	7,962.20
Tax Title Interest/Costs	178.02
Insurance Claim	123.50
Forfeit Deposits on bids	250.00
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	35,397.28
Invested Cash	<hr/> 400,000.00
Other Towns:	
Mendon-Snow Removal	400.00
From the State:	
Fines & Forfeitures	599.21
Schools, Chap. 71	23,590.67
Schools, Chap. 70	330,852.61

Library Aid	1,306.50
Tax Reimb.-Local Assessment	20,216.23
Local Aid - Chap. 58	31,892.21
Corp. Tax-Local Tax	408.37
School Building Assist.	23,526.57
Corp. Tax-Veterans Taxes	1,643.10
Taxation - Blind	296.50
Highway Improvements	6,397.28
Highway #74	19,261.00
Highway #825	35,573.58
Highway Contract 28569311	18,961.58
Highway #497	31,375.31
Veterans Service	5,028.22
Office for Children	2,936.98
	553,865.92
From Federal:	
Library, Title 10	1,645.00
From County:	
Highway Improvements	3,800.00
	\$ 2,047,083.13

## CASH DISBURSEMENTS 1976

General Government:	
Moderator Salary	50.00
Selectmen Salaries	1,300.00
Selectmen Clerk Salary	700.00
Selectmen Expense:	
Printing/Postage	74.25
Meetings/Travel	95.00
Supplies	45.13
Other Expenses	285.17
Accountant Salary	2,800.00
Accountant Expense:	
Clerical	470.00
Equipment/Supplies	721.75
Phone/Travel	58.25
Other Expenses	50.00

Treasurer-Collector Salary	3,000.00
Treasurer-Collector Clerk	1,800.00
Treasurer-Collector Expense:	
Printing/Postage	1,041.26
Phone	222.23
Travel — Meetings	855.54
Equipment/Supplies	621.69
Out of State Travel	200.00
Other Expenses	559.28
Petty Cash Fund	200.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	1,981.25
Assessors Salaries	3,300.00
Assessors Clerk Salary	1,700.00
Assessors Expense:	
Printing/Postage	117.53
Supplies/Equipment	1,703.08
Travel/Meetings	444.00
Abstracts	226.71
Other Expense	501.27
Photo Copy (Reg. of Deeds)	99.50
Aerial Maps & Photo's	8,250.00
Town Clerk Salary	4,500.00
Town Clerk Expense:	
Filing Certificates	132.00
Printing/Postage	186.47
Meeting/Travel	304.92
Supplies	52.17
Other Expense	59.50
Microfilm	100.00
Registrar of Voters Salary	390.00
Registrar of Voters Expense:	
Forms	499.70
Street Listing	601.65
Printing	44.50
Other Expense	26.00
Elections & Town Meetings	997.83
Town Counsel Retainer	50.00
Town Counsel Expense	2,865.71
Town Hall Custodian	1,600.00
Office Building Custodian	1,440.00

## Town Hall/Office Bldg. Exp:

Fuel	4,954.13
Electric	2,691.83
Gas	125.86
Water	60.00
Telephone	423.40
Supplies	767.37
Repairs	4,175.66
Rubbish Removal	282.00
Other Expense	13.80
Building Inspector Salary	600.00
Building Inspector Expense	201.35
Conservation Comm. Clerk	36.10
Conservation Comm. Expense	216.40
Finance Committee Clerk	200.00
Finance Committee Expense	197.00
Industrial Development Comm.	9.00
Personnel Board Expense	157.55
Planning Board Expense	389.75
Mass. Regional Planning Boards	448.24
Board of Appeals	495.40
Communication Officer Salary	150.00
Communication Officer Expense:	
Telephone	711.36
Repairs	2,960.09
Other Expense	97.50

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 67,687.13

## Police Department:

Police Chief Salary	13,676.92
Police Sgt. Salary	10,480.60
Police Officer Salary	9,118.10
Police Officer Salary	9,118.10
Police Part Time Labor	18,847.00
Police Dispatching	12,168.34
Police Dept. Expense:	
Supplies	620.50
Equipment	349.87

Telephone	1,473.57
Other Expenses	284.67
Cruiser #1 Expense	5,739.15
Cruiser #2 Expense	1,400.00
Jeep Expense	500.00
Police Out of State Travel	34.00
Police Clothing:	
Regular	989.32
Auxiliary	34.90
Dispatching	599.23
Police Extraordinary Expense	474.85
Rmote Control Unit	270.00
 TOTAL POLICE EXPENSE	 86,179.12
 Fire Department:	
Fire Station Addition	6,126.08
Fire Dept. Salaries	5,399.28
Fire Dept. Janitor Salary	286.00
Fire Dept. Extra Labor	1,408.00
Fire Dept. Expense:	
(Station Study)	600.00
Equip./Repairs Vehicles	563.30
Gas & Oil Vehicles	441.41
Station Fuel	1,410.29
Gas	562.11
Water	30.00
Electricity	769.72
Telephone	403.29
Station Supplies	364.93
Other Expense	1,578.48
Extraordinary Expense	687.36
Fire Station Maintenance	4,618.00
Fire Dept. New Hose	1,000.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance:	
Electricity	14.65
Telephone	586.86
Labor	563.50
Other Expense	345.85
Forest Fire Expense:	
Labor	3,227.50
Supplies	31.81
Equip. & Repairs	289.99
Gas & Oil Vehicles	203.74

Permits	50.00
Other Expense	149.03
Forest Fire New Hose	300.00
Gas Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	300.00
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>32,511.18</b>
Ambulance Maintenance:	
Labor	2,763.25
Gas & Oil	106.53
Repairs Equipment	927.72
Laundry	113.00
Supplies	21.84
Other Expense	67.40
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE</b>	<b>3,999.74</b>
Tree Warden Expense:	
Labor	1,163.00
Truck Hire	508.00
Equipment	1,582.00
Supplies	55.18
Other Expense	10.00
Dutch Elm & Pest Control:	
Labor	665.00
Truck Hire	268.00
Equipment	943.00
Supplies	561.74
Other Expense	43.00
<b>TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>5,798.92</b>
Board of Health:	
Board of Health Salaries	700.00
Bd. of Health Agency	183.36
Animal Inspector	175.00
Burial Agent	50.00
Milk Inspector	50.00
Food Inspector	1,000.00
Nursing Serv. Supervision	2,133.34
Bd. of Health	
Clerk Salary	443.37

## Board of Health Expense:

Supplies	291.44
Travel & Meetings	204.05
Clinics	5.00
Telephone	310.39
Postage	50.30
Other Expense	199.50
Nurses Salaries	4,888.14
Nursing Serv. Clerk Salary	3,500.00
Part Time Nurses	541.00
Nursing Service Expense:	
Supplies	666.10
Travel	178.10
Postage	36.90
Meetings	276.70
Telephone	264.49
Physical Therapy	1,996.00
Other Expenses	2,212.75
Bd. of Health Car Maint.	511.54
Town Dump Rental	800.00
Town Dump Maint.	4,838.00
Plumbing Insp. Salaries	742.00
Dog Officer Salary	400.00
Dog Officer Expense	428.00

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH 28,075.47

Road Commissioner Salary	5,503.56
Sidewalk, School St.	240.00
Highway, Vacations	497.80
Crockett Rd. Maint. Equip.	617.25
Crockett Rd. Maint. Matrl.	132.51
Land Purchase, Fiske & Glen View Sts.	3,200.00

## Highway General:

Labor	3,889.57
Equipment	17,526.13
Material	4,990.51
Cider Mill Lane	636.75
Highway, #497	
Labor	1,699.47
Equipment	13,148.25
Material	13,987.61
Highway, #1140	127.65

Highway, #90 Constr.:	
Labor	383.83
Equipment	20,634.50
Material	5,208.71
Highway, #765:	
Labor	365.30
Equipment	1,823.25
Material	30,770.31
Highway, Snow Removal:	
Labor	1,329.40
Equipment	33,510.69
Material	13,086.51
Highway, St. Lights	13,855.91
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>187,165.47</b>
Veteran Officer Salary	1,200.00
Veteran Officer Expense	773.16
Veterans Benefits:	
Ordinary	8,565.00
Medical	6,840.15
<b>TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES</b>	<b>17,378.31</b>
Mendon Upton Reg. School	813,015.65
Blackston Valley Reg.	
Voc. School	32,710.76
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>845,726.41</b>
Librarian Salary	5,423.16
Assistants Salary	2,526.84
Library Expenses:	
Books	3,480.24
Periodicals	59.00
Supplies	598.66
Telephone	167.75
Other Expense	1,439.92
Library Furnishings	989.12
Library Donations	30.29
Library, Title 1	1,500.67
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>16,215.65</b>
Water-Sewer Comm. Salaries	850.00
Water-Sewer Supt. Salary	2,000.00

Water-Sewer Clerk Salary	750.00
Water Comm. Expense	216.06
Water Dept. Maintenance:	
Telephone	176.29
Labor	168.00
Supplies	59.50
Electric	4,009.56
Fuel	260.86
Meters	193.00
Meter Repairs	588.00
Other Expense	903.12
Water Mains Ext.	199.20
Water System Improvements	86,651.27
Land, W. River &	
Pearl Sts.	1,600.00
Sewer Plant Operator	9,441.30
Sewer Plant Maintenance:	
Telephone	462.19
Electric	5,358.81
Gas	1,561.82
Supplies	2,529.46
Equipment	2,034.80
Repairs	5,766.58
Labor	3,054.62
Other Expense	4,051.75
Sewer Plant Expense:	
Supplies	222.23
Other Expense	117.74
<b>TOTAL WATER-SEWER EXPENSE</b>	<b>133,226.16</b>
Cemetery Comm. Salary	275.00
Cemetery Maintenance:	
Labor	6,573.20
Equipment	650.50
Repairs	490.00
Supplies	429.26
Other Expense	182.04
Cemetery Machinery	400.00
Oiling and Grading	-0-
Cemetery Interest:	
Labor	650.33

Equipment	176.48
Other Expense	50.40
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,840.00
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<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>11,717.21</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Accounts:</b>	
Stabilization Fund	45,000.00
Bonding Town Officers	730.00
Civil Defense	260.90
Conservation Comm. Fund	3,741.10
Council for Aging	1,859.74
Historical Comm.	565.30
Hydrant Rentals	6,525.00
Insurance	20,868.05
Town Lawns Maint.	205.83
Memorial Day	804.68
Parks Dept.	7,891.45
Printing	3,707.71
Upton 25th Anniversary	1,000.00
Town Employees, Outside Work	4,444.02
Worc. County	
Retirement System	7,032.49
Office for Children	2,936.98
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<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>107,573.25</b>
<b>Maturing Debt:</b>	
Sewer Loan	25,000.00
Fire Station Loan	20,000.00
Water Loan	42,000.00
<b>Interest:</b>	
Sewer Loan	6,000.00
Fire Station Loan	594.00
Water Loan	15,469.83
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<b>TOTAL MATURING DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>109,063.83</b>
<b>Agency and Trust Funds:</b>	
County Tax	52,886.59
Sale of Dogs	6.00
Dog Licenses	1,899.75
Risteen Welfare(B)	1,002.00
Risteen School (C)	928.23

Risteen Beautification (D)	1,963.77
Risteen Scholarship	150.00
Gary Bates Scholarship	200.00
William Knowlton Fund	1,115.24
Real Estate Refunds	1,045.62
Personal Property Refunds	3.98
Motor Vehicle	
Excise Refunds	2,176.98
Invested Cash	400,000.00
Federal W/H Taxes	19,949.59
Mass. W/H Taxes	7,580.45
County Retirement W/H	4,392.90
Blue Cross W/H	2,610.01
State Recreation Areas	12,860.54
Auditing Municipal Acct.	269.98
Air Polution	214.53
Motor Veh. Excise Billing	418.80
Mosquito Control	4,477.00
 TOTAL AGENCY & TRUST FUNDS	 516,151.96
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$2,168,469.81

#### DISBURSEMENT RECAP SHEET

General Government	67,687.13
Police Department	86,179.12
Fire Department	32,511.18
Tree Department	5,798.92
Ambulance	3,999.74
Board of Health	28,075.47
Highway	187,165.47
Veterans Services	17,378.31
Schools	845,726.41
Library	16,215.65
Water-Sewer Department	133,226.16
Cemetery	11,717.21
Miscellaneous Accounts	107,573.25
Maturing Debt & Interest	109,063.83
Agency & Trust Funds	516.151.96
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 2,168,469.81

## **Trust and Investment Funds Cash and Securities**

Batchelor-Knowlton (Principal)	8,438.14
Ella Whitney Risteen (Principal)	84,123.34
G. W. Schultz (Principal)	2,000.00
Dr. Carpenter (Principal)	1,000.00
C. A. Batchelor, Library (Principal)	5,000.00
C. A. Batchelor, School (Principal)	5,000.00
William Knowlton (Principal)	75,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	58,336.00
Workmans Compensation	4,877.54
Stablization Fund	172,523.16
Eliza C. Keith Library	1,444.86
Tax Title - Escrow	24,312.30
Lora Dearth Library	1,809.24
Gary Bates Scholarship	2,596.68
Upton 250th Anniversary	3,727.30
Knowlton School Fund	27.23
E. W. Risteen (B) Welfare	29,018.92
E. W. Risteen (C) School	30,519.36
E. W. Risteen (D) Beautification	8,239.67
E. W. Risteen Scholarship	1,112.54
William Knowlton	14,555.92
G. W. Knowlton Charity	10,131.64
Batchelor-Knowlton (Interest)	7,672.25
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	\$ 551,466.09

In Custody of Treasurer: \$551,466.09

## **Report of the Forest Fire Department**

### **Forest Fire Report 1976**

Brush & Grass Fires	16
South St. Dump	3
Camp Fires	3
Town Dump	5
Incendiary	6
Number of Permits issued	249
<b>TOTAL FIRES</b>	<b>33</b>

**WALTER STANK**  
Forest Fire Warden

## **Report of the Housing Authority**

The Upton Housing Authority has 40 apartments at the Coachroad Apartments on Hartford Avenue and 9 apartments at the Upton Inn on Main Street. All apartments as of January 15, 1977 are occupied.

The Housing Board met with the Board of Selectmen on November 9, 1976 to ask that Vivian V. Mainini be appointed interim member filling the vacancy left by Elinor S. Varney who moved to a new home in Florida. This appointment will be until the next town election.

Mr. George N. Blakeslee has been elected the new chairman of the Housing Board with Mr. Kenneth W. Wood as Vice Chairman.

Anyone interested in applying for an apartment at either Coachroad Apartments or the Upton Inn should contact the Director, Janet Crowley at the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BLAKESLEE, Chairman  
KENNETH W. WOOD  
VIVIAN V. MAININI  
NORMAN E. WALKER

**Report of the  
Highway Department**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER SALARY**

Balance	\$ 5,802.00
GENERAL	
Balance	12,356.75
CHAPTER 497	
Balance	24,285.69
VACATION	
Balance	91.20
SNOW	
Balance	32,905.61
SCHOOL ST. SIDEWALK	
Balance	2.78
CHAPTER 765	
Balance (F.Y. 1976 & 1977)	19,168.15
CHAPTER 765	
Balance (F.Y. 1975)	17,345.00
CHAPTER 1140-Sec. 20	
Balance (F.Y. 1975)	24,533.07
BRIDGE INSPECTION	
Balance (F.Y. 1976)	10.00
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Balance	5,598.65

## CROCKETT ROAD

Balance	2,000.00
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May I extend my sincere thanks to all the Town Departments, the Department of Public Works, and the Townspeople for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. POIRIER  
Road Commissioner

### **Report of the Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals had four public hearings for variance applications or special permit requests during 1976, with one being denied and three granted.

John F. LeBrun was re-elected Chairman and David G. Clark re-elected Vice Chairman. Leo J. Lamanuzzi, Jr. is the third Member. Elizabeth M. Kiritsy was re-appointed Clerk.

The Zoning Board of Appeals looks forward to working with the other Boards in Town in up-dating the Zoning By-laws for the betterment of the Town.

JOHN F. LEBRUN, Chairman  
DAVID G. CLARK, Vice Chairman  
LEO J. LAMANUZZI, JR., Member

## **Report of the Personnel Board**

The Personnel Board met approximately 18 times during 1976 in their office in the lower part of the Upton Town Hall.

The Personnel Board experienced a large change in Membership. When Mrs. Celestine Mason, then Chairman resigned from the Board due to ill health, Mr. Richard Randall was elected Chairman. Mr. John Langley was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy on the Board created by Mrs. Mason's resignation. Mr. Randall subsequently resigned as Chairman of the Board and Mr. John Langley was elected Chairman to fill his place. Stedman Briggs was appointed a Member of the Board by the Board of Selectmen upon the resignation of Mr. Wayne Phipps when he moved from Town.

The liaison Members from the Finance Committee were Mrs. Nancy LeBrun for the whole year. Mrs. Charlotte Rivard was a Member from January to June. Mr. Ernest Ramsey was a Member from June through December.

The Personnel Board held interviews and made recommendations for the positions of two full-time Patrolmen, one full-time Dispatcher, one full-time Parks Department Custodian, and one part-time sewer treatment operator.

A great deal of work was done in preparing personnel policies and recommendations. Several articles were presented to the Townspeople, some of which were not acted upon and others were voted upon favorably.

The Personnel Board looks forward to working with all Boards in Town in implementing Personnel Policies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. Langley, Chairman  
RICHARD RANDALL  
NANCY A. LEBRUN  
ERNEST RAMSEY  
STEDMAN BRIGGS

## Report of the Treasurer

From July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, a balance of \$27.23 known as the Knowlton School Fund, with the Town Treasurer as Trustee, to be used by the School Committee to defray extraordinary expenses at the Knowlton School. \$1.54 interest was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Ella (Whitney) Risteen Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer and School Committee as Trustees. The income is to be divided between two pupils in our High School who make the most progress during the year. Interest of \$71.17 was received and \$150.00 was expended.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) known as the Dr. Carpenter Library Fund. The income is to be used for the Public Library. \$48.99 interest was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor Library Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee. The income is to be used for the Public Library. Interest of \$200.97 was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank, Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000.00) known as the George W. Knowlton Fund. The income is subject to withdrawal by the Town Treasurer on order from the Selectmen and is to be used to help Townspeople who are in distress. Interest of \$567.71 was received and nothing was expended. The balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$10,131.64.

The Industrial Accident Fund, established in 1937, is deposited in the Milford Savings Bank. Interest of \$273.30 was received and the balance as of June 30, 1976 was \$4,877.54. Payments from this fund are to be made in accordance with rules established by the Board of Selectmen. Nothing was expended.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) known as the Charlotte A. Batchelor School Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer as Trustee. The income is to be used for the Public Schools. Interest of \$244.77 was received.

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) known as the George H. Schultz Library Fund, in Trust with the Town

Treasurer and Library Trustees as Trustees. The income from this fund is to be used only for the purchase of books. Interest of \$88.99 was received.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) known as the Eliza C. Keith Library Trust Fund, the income to be used for the general purposes of the Upton Public Library. \$89.97 interest was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$1,444.86.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association \$18,400.00 known as the escrow Tax Title Account. \$1,426.25 interest was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$24,312.30.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, \$82,176.50 known as the Stabilization Fund. Interest of \$7,255.04 was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$122,160.79.

There is deposited in the Blackstone Valley National Bank \$37,000.00 known as the Stabilization Fund. Interest of \$1,885.26 was received. The balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$50,162.37

Total balance of the Stabilization Fund as of June 30, 1976 was \$172,322.16.

#### **Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds**

There is deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings, \$22,735.00. Interest received was \$1,112.96.

There is deposited in the Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association \$33,761.00. 1976 deposit was \$1,840.00 and interest received was \$2,121.28. Receipts are deposited each year and the interest is used by the Cemetery Dept. to care for lots covered by perpetual care.

#### **Charlotte A. Batchelor and George W. Knowlton Trust Fund Income Account**

Balance, June 30, 1975	\$ 6,961.08
Income	517.99
Interest	193.18
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Balance, June 30, 1976	\$ 7,672.25

There is deposited in the Blackstone Valley National Bank, \$1,500.00 known as the Lora Davee Dearth Memorial Fund, in Trust with the Town Treasurer and to be administered by the

Board of Library Trustees. \$96.53 interest was received and the balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$1,809.24.

There is deposited in Milford Savings Bank an account known as the Gary Bates Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Board of Selectmen and four registered voters, said scholarship not to exceed \$200.00 each year, to be awarded to a deserving student of Upton who will be furthering their education. \$145.23 interest was received and \$200.00 was expended. The balance of the account on June 30, 1976 was \$2,596.68.

There is deposited in Milford Federal Savings & Loan Association, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) known as the Town of Upton 250th Anniversary Celebration Account. Interest of \$563.28 was received. June 30, 1976 balance was \$3,727.30.

**William Knowlton  
Trust Fund Income Account**

Balance, June 30, 1975	\$ 9,534.48
Income	6,136.69
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	\$15,671.17
Transferred on Selectmen's Warrants	1,115.25
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Balance, June 30, 1976	\$14,555.92
Principal on deposit in Milford Savings Bank	802.95

**Ella Whitney Risteen Fund Income**

Balance, June 30, 1975	59,762.70
Income	8,419.92
Interest	3,014.33
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	71,196.95

Milford Federal Savings Bank:	
Matured Treasury Bonds	40,000.00
Interest	3,426.38
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	43,426.38
Payments:	
Safety Deposit Box Rental	25.00
Clause B	502.00
Clause C	928.23
Clause D.	1,963.77
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	3,419.00
Balance, June 30, 1976	<hr/>
	67,777.95

Principal on deposit in Milford Savings Bank	1,079.55
Home National Bank of Milford, Savings Dept.:	
Clause B	29,018.92
Clause C	30,519.36
Clause D	8,239.67
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67,777.95

**Treasurer's Cash Account**

Balance, June 30, 1975	256,897.83
Receipts, July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976	2,047,005.03
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Disbursements	2,303,902.86
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Invested Cash	2,168,469.81
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	135,433.05
	200,000.00
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Cash Balance, June 30, 1976	335,433.05

**Federal Revenue Sharing Account**

Balance, June 30, 1975	51,589.42
Deposits from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976	82,346.80
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Disbursements, Paid on Warrants	133,936.22
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Bank charge for printed checks	98,262.40
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	35,673.82
	6,93
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Balance, June 30, 1976	35,666.89

**Community Recreation Development Project**

Comm. of Mass. check deposited March 4, 1976	113,600.00
Disbursements, Paid on Warrants	58,135.64
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Interest	55,464.36
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Balance, June 30, 1976	1,539.25
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	57,003.61

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY M. PERKINS  
Town Treasurer

## **Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission**

The Park Commissioners hereby submit their report for 1976-77. Improvements are continuing at Howard Leland Field. Loam has been spread over a large area of outfield at the small ball field. It has been seeded as have been other spots in the field. Many holes in the large field have been filled. The grandstand has been repaired and the parking area has been improved.

Repairs have been made to the court lights. The tennis court has been relined and a new steel tennis net is in place.

The basketball court has been lined and new backboards have been installed. Stone dust has been filled in around the perimeter to reduce the risk of injury to players.

The Commission has the services of a full time maintenance man this year. David Francis has been hired in this capacity.

He and two C.E.T.A. workers have made the improvements and repairs at Howard Leland Field. They have done a remarkable job mowing and maintaining the town's lawns this year.

The Commission reports that Summer Recreation Director Edward Furphy and his staff have concluded another successful program of activities for the youngsters.

Many youngsters also participated in the Swim Instruction Program ably directed by Karen Lee and her staff.

The Commission reports that for the first time lifeguards have been provided for the protection of swimmers at Pratt Pond. The lifeguard crew was under the direction of Peter Morganelli.

The Commission also took part in the Bicentennial activities by sponsoring a road race. This race was won by Robert Givani.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking forward to the completion of the Pratt Pond Recreation Project.

Respectfully submitted,

**ELAINE M. PORTER, Chairman  
CLIFTON TEACHOUT, JR.  
THOMAS KOZEL**

## **Report of the Town Library**

**To the Trustees of the Upton Town Library:**

The Librarian herewith respectfully submits her annual report.

As required, the Dr. Carpenter collection has had books added.

Our book collection is greatly augmented by monthly loans from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System Bookmobile. Special requests from our patrons for print and non-print materials are made bi-weekly by Van deliveries.

A book was awarded to each of the four children reading the highest number of books in the children's reading contest during the summer.

Our Saturday morning film programs for our young patrons are well attended. Our new projector is used with films on loan from the Regional Film Library.

Your Librarian attended meetings of the GWPL; the Crac Board, Crab'ers and A.V. workshops held at neighboring libraries.

In April the GWPLA held a book selection workshop at our library.

Our Library open house was observed on April 4th.

In May your Chairperson and Librarian attended the three day NEE Media Association meeting at Concord, New Hampshire.

Your Librarian was in Portsmouth, New Hampshire for the three day NELA Annual Conference, in September.

Attending the one day meeting of the Mass. Library Trustees Association, in Worcester were your Chairperson and Librarian.

The townspeople have found the availability of the copy machine at the library a great advantage.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beard has changed our display case and bulletin board monthly with creative and original themes. With some materials on loan from townspeople, Mrs. Beard exhibited early American patchwork, a garden exhibit, militia exhibit, local High School art, heirloom bridal gowns, bicentennial display, England travelog, back to school, political memorabilia, victory political posters, furnished doll house and Christmas decorations.

Gifts of books, records and periodicals have been gratefully received from the Upton Conservation Committee, Mrs. Helene Robinson, Mrs. Helen Borek, Rev. Mr. Howard Waterhouse, Mrs. Natalie Martin, Mrs. Celestine Mason, Mrs. Rose Salmon, Mrs. Barbara Burke, Mrs. Ruth Crooker, Mrs. Sue Kuczinski, Mrs. Marjorie Erickson, Mrs. Rosalie Lent, Ms. Jennie Comstock, Upton Woman's Club, Harold Perham, Congressman Joseph Early, Clyde Gerald and Amelia Akerson.

She wishes to thank all the organizations and individuals for their gifts to the library, the townspeople for their sustained patronage, Mrs. Mary Ferris, Miss Kathleen Varney and Miss Pamela Nelson for their kind assistance, Mrs. Elizabeth Beard for her artistic contributions, and the Trustees for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA AKERSON  
Librarian

**LIBRARY STATISTICS 1976**

Days Library open	252	
Circulation:	Adult	Juvenile
Generalities	125	192
Philosophy	156	17
Religion	136	48
Social Sciences	527	547
Language	19	5
Pure Science	479	526
Technology	1147	472
The Arts	1000	398
Literature	378	252
History	541	192
Geog., Travel	339	170
Biography	883	180
Total Non-Fiction	5730	2999
Fiction	8658	8095
Total Books	14,388	11,094
Periodicals	2513	649
Pamphlets	2	
Patterns	231	
Films	237	
Recordings	497	309

Games	1	
Total Non Book	3480	959
Total Circulation	17,868	12,053
Fines collected on overdues	\$ 26.19	
Money collected for copy machine copies	116.70	
Amount turned in to Town	142.89	
Added during 1976:		
Volumes by purchase	662	
Volumes by gift	61	
Cassettes by purchase	18	
Records by purchase	61	
Records by gift	4	

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday & Wednesday 9:00-12:00 and 2:30-5:30 and 6:30-8:30; Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday 2:30-5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00-4:00 p.m.

TELEPHONE: 529-6272

### **Titles of books added to the Library as gifts**

#### **Non-fiction:**

Austin, O.

Barron's

Barzine, L.

The Baseball Century

The Baseball Encyclopedia

Better Homes & Gardens

Bjorset, B.

Cagner, E.

Campbell, M.

Colson, C.

Crowe, J.

DeMott, B.

DePauw, L.

Deutsch, J.

Election statistics 1974

Esslemont, J.

The Face of Rural America

Farrell, M.

Goulden, J.

Kilmer, J.

Konikow, R.

Laury, J.

Levi, W.

Birds of the world

How to Prepare for the  
College-level Examination Program

The Italians

Sewing for your home

Man and This Mysterious Universe

Swedish Christmas Book

N. E. Butt'ry Shelf Cook Book

Born Again

Fresh Water Fishing

Supergrow

'Remember the Ladies'

Scrapbook History of Baseball

Baha'n'llah and the New Era

Who Made All Our Streetcars Go?

The Best Years 1945-1950

Anthology of Catholic Poets

Discover Historic America

Doll Making Creative Approach

Making Pigeons Pay

Life (Periodical)  
McClinton, K.  
Montgomery, C.  
New English Bible-New Testament  
Perham, H.  
Purvis, J.  
Read, H.  
Ross, E.  
Schonfield, H.  
Shiff, A.  
Smith, H.  
Squires, M.  
Truman, M.  
Upton, Mass. 1735-1935  
Wilson, H.  
Yearbook of Agriculture

Fiction:

Buchanan, F.  
Gardner, D.  
Knebel, F.  
Parker, R.  
Smith, E.  
Smith, M.  
Turnbull, A.  
Waltari, M.  
Yep, L.  
Sayers, D.

Life History of the U.S. vi.-v12  
Collecting American Glass  
American Art 1750-1800: Toward Independence  
Maine Families: Book 5  
All About Small Gas Engines  
A Concise History of Modern Painting  
The Spirited Life  
The Passover Plot  
How to Write Letters For All Occasions  
The Russians  
Art of Drying Plants and Flowers  
Women of Courage  
The African Violet

A Requiem of Sharks  
Lion in Wait  
Trespass  
Promised Land  
Up River and Down  
Boy Captive of Old Deerfield  
Many a Green Isle  
The Secret of the Kingdom  
Dragonwings  
Clouds of Witness

## **Report of the Town Library Trustees**

Board of Selectmen  
Upton, MA 01568

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the library for the year 1976.

In January, a photocopy machine was purchased for the convenience of the townspeople and the Town Boards. Individuals are charged a small fee per copy and this income which is turned in to the general fund has already made the copier self-supporting.

The L.R.Y. group of the Unitarian Church donated a 16mm movie projector, a movie screen, and a storage cart to the library in memory of Kerry Newton. This has made it possible to schedule regular film programs for the young children, as well as allowing recognized organizations in town the use of the equipment.

By conducting a Drive for a new Card Catalog, our Townspeople and other library patrons generously responded and our goal of \$1,330.00 was reached in 3 months, thus making it unnecessary to ask for the money in our annual budget.

A federal grant from LSCA Title I was received and used to purchase much needed Reference Books and Records. This grant was made available to small public libraries through our local congressmen.

Again our library met the State Requirements for Small Public Libraries and we received the sum of \$1,306.50.

The Bicentennial Committee requested, and were given permission to equip the Library Meeting Room as a Resource Center for Historic Books dealing with Town, County and State history, for the convenience and use of any adult who is interested. Through their efforts a Micro-film Reader, new glassed in bookcases and micro-films have been added to the Room. The Historical Society has also given books and the Library has transferred materials to help make this a complete Town History Center for research.

In September the Library Trustees voted unanimously to name the meeting room The John B. Fay Room, in honor of a man who had served the Town in the capacity of Library Trustee for 58 years.

The Board has also revised our By-laws and for the first time adopted our own Library Policy, both of which are on file with the Town Clerk and the Library.

In the fall the first of a series of 4 concerts was held with the "Salsbury Consort" a group from Assumption College which performed on reproductions of Medieval Instruments. Again we requested donations, although anyone is welcome to attend and again the generosity of the people has helped us to defray the expenses of these endeavors. The second concert consisted of local students, Debbie Beltramin, Penelope Wheeler, the local music teachers, Mr. Richard Auger, Mr. Henry Morel, and Mrs. Barbara Toland and both concerts were well received and request was made that we continue these programs.

We are very proud of the displays which have been arranged in the library each month by Mrs. Elizabeth Beard.

In December notice was received of a bequest of \$6,194.45 from the late John Dearth to be added the "The Lora Davee Dearth Memorial Fund". Interest from this account is to be used for Library purposes.

We gratefully thank all townspeople and the aforementioned groups for their generosity, interest and support in developing your library as a center of culture, service, recreation and learning.

We appreciate the confidence, guidance, and support we have received from the Board of Selectmen.

To Mrs. Amelia Akerson, Librarian, Mrs. Mary E. Ferris, Assistant, and Miss Kathleen Varney, Aide, our sincere thanks and praise for making the library an efficient, inviting and informational center for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. BURKE, Chairman

MRS. RUTH CROOKER, Clerk

MRS. ELIZABETH WOOD

MR. KARL ROONEY

MR. SIDNEY BEARD

MR. STANTON BAKER

MRS. MARGARET STANTON

MR. RICHARD LINDI

Board of Library Trustees

**Financial Report of the Library Trustees  
for the year 1976**

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 8,625.98
Appropriation - Town of Upton	13,499.10
Appropriation - State	1,306.50
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Total	\$23,431.58
Expenditures 1976:	
Salaries	9,240.61
Expense (Books, etc.)	5,775.83
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Total	15,016.44
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1977	\$ 8,415.14

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY BEARD, JR.

**Report of the  
Conservation Commission**

During 1976, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignations of Pamela Coppolino and Jeffret Leavitt due to other time consuming responsibilities. Ann Kerr, clerk, resigned due to illness.

The Commission welcomes the help of two new members, Bette Norris and Donald Nelson. In May, Joan Baker was hired as Secretary-Clerk.

This year's Commission-sponsored campership was awarded to Stanley Wellman. He sent a letter of thanks for winning, saying he was very impressed.

The firm of A. C. T. (Aquatic Control Technology) was hired for the weed control of Pratt Pond, adjoining Mill Pond, and Lake Wildwood. The weed control was done on June 14, with a follow up treatment in August. The sum of \$1,900 was appropriated by the Town of Upton. The area had been posted before being treated. New proposals are now being accepted for the coming year.

Eric Stanton, the Conservation Commission's winner of the Bicentennial Essay Contest accompanied Sheila Porter to view the initial treatment of Mill Pond.

The Commission and the Cemetery Commission shared work hours with CETA workers Russell and Duane Leighton, who helped with the ever increasing task of keeping the Lake Wildwood property clean.

Much of the Commission's time this year was spent with Wetlands Protection Act Hearings. Out of the eight hearings held during the past year, five were single residential requests for alterations in a wetland, one request was for work to be done by the Sewer-Water Commission, requiring crossing Center Brook three times, one request was for a new parking lot for United Parish, and one hearing was for V.S.H. Realty, representing Cumberland Farms, which is still unresolved.

In addition to the Wetlands hearings, the commission viewed many construction sites to determine the applicability of the Wetlands Law.

In April, there was cleanup involving the Commission, Boy Scouts, and the Kiwanis. Refreshments were served to the workers.

Due to difficulties arising at Lake Wildwood, a chain line fence was installed at the entrance. The cost was absorbed by the Selectmen using existing town funds, with maintenance the responsibility of the Commission.

As a result of the Wetlands Hearings, the Commission has been able to remit the filing fees to the Town Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

SHEILA PORTER, Chairman  
FRANCIS L. WALLESTON  
RICHARD DESJARDINS  
RUFIN VAN BOSSUYT  
MELVIN SHAHAN  
DONALD NELSON  
BETTE NORRIS

## **Report of the Planning Board**

1976 has been a busy year for the Town Planning Board. Many new building lots have been reviewed and approved. In addition we have witnessed the near completion of the route 140 industrial park and the Lord Jeffrey Estate housing subdivision.

Three articles for zoning change were proposed in '76: one to separate business from industrial zones, one to ban mobile homes and one to rezone an area on 140 from Residential to Commercial-Industrial. Only the last was approved by the town.

It appears that '76 was a successful year for our town plan in that development and growth was moderately slow, and in accordance with our zoning regulations. We have recognized, however, several weak areas of our zoning by-laws which, if exploited could have extreme and detrimental effects on our town.

We are now working on improving our by-laws, to strengthen them and to bring them in line with new state laws. Hopefully, with the cooperation of other town officials we will be successful in presenting these changes in '77.

Respectfully,

NORMAN G. HILL, Chairman  
JAMES MARTIN, Clerk  
LESTER P. SHEA  
EDWARD M. WADSORTH

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL  
REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**for the  
Fiscal Year  
JULY 1, 1975 to JUNE 30, 1976**

**DIRECTORY OF THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY  
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Herman Buma, Chairman	Uxbridge
L. Wayne Gilley, Vice-Chairman	Douglas
Arthur C. Allard	Bellingham
Matthew C. Krajewski	Blackstone
Roland C. Hallen	Grafton
Roger V. Burns	Hopedale
J. Gerard Sweeney	Mendon
Anthony F. Rando	Milford
Leodore J. Tebo, Jr.	Millbury
Roger N. Garceau	Millville
Edward B. Postma	Northbridge
Kelton D. Johnson	Sutton
Edward S. Henderson	Upton

Arthur C. Young, Secretary-Treasurer  
Kevin R. Sherin, Legal Counsel

Hopedale  
Uxbridge

## SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Paul J. Sullivan Office

Telephone 529-7771  
Pleasant Street  
Upton

Regular School Committee meetings are held at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

The following were elected to serve on the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee at their respective annual town meetings:

Matthew C. Krajewski, Blackstone	3 years
Roland C. Hallen, Grafton	3 years
Anthony F. Rando, Milford	3 years
Roger N. Garceau, Millville	3 years

On April 15, 1976, the Regional School Committee members met and selected their officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

L. Wayne Gilley, Chairman  
Edward B. Postma, Vice-Chairman  
Arthur C. Young, Secretary-Treasurer  
Kevin R. Smith, Legal Counsel

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

#### AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION

Lawrence Camelin, Whitinsville      William Butler, Mendon

#### AUTO BODY

Bernard Chase, Jr., Wilkinsonville

#### AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Lowell D. Anderson, Millbury Allan V. Rawson, West Upton

#### CULINARY ARTS

Alice G. Walker, Upton      Henry M. Salmon, Northbirdge

#### DRAFTING

Herman Haagsma, Whitinsville  
Frank S. P. Yacino, East Douglas

**ELECTRICAL**

Charles E. Clarke, Uxbridge  
Benjamin Colonero, Sr., East Douglas

**ELECTRONICS**

David Ellison, Grafton

**GRAPHIC ARTS**

Biago Tomaso, Milford      John F. Gallagher, Worcester  
Lester Taft, Uxbridge      John Giedrys, Millbury

**MACHINE SHOP**

Arthur M. Blanchard, Grafton      Norman E. Walker, Upton  
George L. Harlow, Hopedale      Steven H. Trottier, Milford

**METAL FABRICATION**

Ernest O. Carpenter, Mendon  
James A. Hersom, South Grafton  
John M. Herbst, East Douglas

**MILL AND HOUSE CARPENTRY**

William Dion, Linwood      Peter T. Koopman, Whitinsville  
George W. Guertin, North Uxbridge

**PLANT MAINTENANCE**

John Britt, Uxbridge      Daniel Marques, Upton

**PAINTING AND DECORATING**

Richard S. Mansfield, Worcester      Arthur Black, Upton

**PLUMBING**

J. Fred Power, Milford      Walter Hopkins, Upton

**DAY PROGRAM**

**A. September 1975**

1. Enrollment

In September we started our tenth year of operation with 121 seniors, 151 juniors, 202 sophomores and 220 freshman for a total of 694 pupils. The number of students from each of the towns was as follows: 74 from Bellingham, 31 from Blackstone, 28 from Douglas, 87 from Grafton, 32 from Hopedale, 22 from

Mendon, 74 from Milford, 101 from Millbury, 14 from Millville, 94 from Northbridge, 40 from Sutton, 32 from Upton, and 65 from Uxbridge.

## 2. Exploratory Program

This year upon the experience of the previous years, we again decided to have all freshmen spend the entire first semester in their assigned department, with the understanding that all students who were not sure that they were in the right department would be given the opportunity to explore other departments of their choice during the second semester. Less than 10% of the freshman asked to go into the exploratory program, which clearly indicates that the vast majority of them were satisfied with their original choice.

## 3. Cafeteria

Our cafeteria staff continued to do an outstanding job for the students of our school. Once again our cafeteria was rated in the top ten in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services. The most meaningful rating is the extent of pupil participation. Our students participated to the extent of 140% while the average participation throughout the state was 66% To paraphrase an old saying — "the proof of the rating is in the eating."

## 4. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Awards

For the eighth successive year, Blackstone Valley Tech has finished first in the entire United States in awards won by its students in the annual Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation contest.

Competing with hundreds of high schools throughout the country, seven Valley Tech students won a total of \$1,475 in prize money for themselves and the school. They won a Second National Grand Award, a Third National Grand Award, and three Regional Awards.

The Lincoln Electric Company created the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation in 1936 to encourage interest and study in arc welding. The Foundation sponsors the Arc Welding Awards annually for full-time high school, technical or vocational school students in the United States 19 years old or younger. This award program offers an opportunity to compete for the best written reports describing arc welded length and should contain detailed descriptions of the operations, all necessary calculations, photographs, sketches and drawings.

## LINCOLN ARC WELDING FOUNDATION AWARDS

Mark J. Kupcinskas, Millbury Second National, \$400, \$200  
Steven R. Carrier, Bellingham, Grand Award.

Steven W. Gauvin, Grafton, Third National, \$300, 150  
Gilbert P. Powell, Mendon, Grand Award.

John E. Mahoney, Grafton, First Regional Award, (Mechanical Category) \$200.

Paul B. Belanger, Uxbridge, First Regional Award, (Home & Recreation Category) \$200.

James F. Kramer, Uxbridge, Sixth Award, \$25

### 5. Cooperative Training Program for Seniors

The Cooperative Training Program is for seniors who have been certified by their instructors as being qualified to perform the work of their specialty in a highly satisfactory manner. This program involved on-the-job training during the time that the student would ordinarily be in his school shop.

A student works in industry under class supervision for three weeks and then returns to school for three weeks. When the student returns to school, a second student goes to work for the same employer doing the same type of work. These two students work as a team so that the employer always has one skilled student working for him throughout the senior year.

Cooperative students must be paid wages during the work-weeks at the cooperating establishment reasonably comparable to those paid to other persons doing similar work in the same company. While the students work the same hours and under the same conditions as other employees, they are legally considered as members of our student body rather than employees in the usual sense of the word.

We feel that this program is very successful because it gives our seniors an opportunity to get on-the-job training while they are still in school and at the same time it provides an employer an opportunity to have the services of a young man who has both skill and technical knowledge. The majority of the seniors became fulltime employees of the cooperating companies upon graduation.

### 6. Three Seasons Dining Room

On December 3, 1975 the Culinary Arts department provided a new service to the residents of the Blackstone Valley by

opening its new dining room. A contest was held to select a name for the new dining room and the winning suggestion was the Three Seasons Dining Room.

The restaurant is open every school day from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and delicious meals are prepared and served by the students in the Culinary Arts department at very reasonable prices. All Councils On Aging in the Blackstone Valley have been invited to take advantage of this fine dining room. We are gratified that so many residents of the area have become regular customers as this allows us to provide a very realistic program at a very modest cost to the taxpayers.

#### 7. Plymouth Automotive Contest

For the second time in the last three years a team of students from Valley Tech has won the State-wide contest on Automotive Technology sponsored by the Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Corp.

We wish to commend Richard Roy of Bellingham and Michael Wojonowski of Uxbridge as the winners in this year's contest. We also want to congratulate the dedicated instructors in the Automotive Technology department for their contribution which made it possible for these two students to win the contest.

### ADULT TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### 1. Evening Trade Extension Courses

The first of the 1975 Evening Adult Program started September 29, 1975. These classes are open to persons over 16 years of age who are not attending school and who can show evidence of trade contact with the specific training desired. The following courses were offered: Auto Body Repair, Automotive Technology, Mill and House Carpentry, Electronics, Electrical, Machine Shop, Metal Fabrication, Plant Maintenance, Machine Drafting, Architectural Drafting, Blueprint Reading, Graphic Arts (Printing), Plumbing, Industrial Sheet Metal, Culinary Arts, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and Painting and Decorating. 556 adults were enrolled in the first session.

The second session of the Evening Adult Program started January 5, 1976. The same courses as above were offered and 514 adults were enrolled.

## OPTIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

As a result of close cooperation between the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocation Technical School and the Blackstone Valley Collaborative, a special vocational program has been planned to meet the special needs of students of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District who were unable to be enrolled in our regular day program due to the lack of space.

Six vocational programs will be offered starting in September 1976 and approximately 75 students will be enrolled. The students will receive their academic instructions in their local high school and will receive their vocational education from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. every day at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School.

We have received a federal grant of \$82,410 for this program which will be operated at no cost to the member towns of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.

## PUPIL SELECTION FOR THE FALL OF 1976

As a result of the change in the Agreement Between The Member Towns to allow our school to provide vocational education for both boys and girls, our enrollment program was redesigned to encourage girls as well as boys to apply for admission to our school.

During the months of January and February all the schools in the member towns were visited by the Director of Guidance in order to give information to both boys and girls in the eighth grade about programs that are offered at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School.

At a later date, applicants from the various towns were brought to the school so that they could visit each of the departments and actually see the programs in operation. During the day they were given a series of aptitude tests involving verbal reasoning, numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, abstract reasoning and spatial relations. The scores on the above tests and the information sheet provided by the sending school were evaluated in order to produce a profile of each applicant's characteristics. Each applicant's profile was recorded in a compilation sheet which served to identify the most qualified students in each town. Every effort was made to admit the best qualified students in each town, to give them their program preference, to distribute the programs as equally as possible.

among the towns, and to select each applicant for the program in which he appeared to have the best chance of success.

This year we had 605 boys and girls apply for admission to Valley Tech, but due to lack of space we were only able to enroll 220. It was most unfortunate that almost 400 boys and girls were not enrolled but there is nothing we can do about it until we have additional facilities.

### **SEVENTH GRADUATION**

The seventh graduation of the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School was held on Sunday, June 6, 1976. 117 seniors received both their high school diplomas and their vocational certificates from the chairman of our school committee, L. Wayne Gilley.

In spite of the fact that this area had one of the highest unemployment rates in the entire state, we were very successful in finding jobs for our graduates. Approximately five percent of our graduates joined the Armed Services and ten percent are continuing their education at institutions of higher learning. One of our graduates, Nicholas O. Frabotta of Uxbridge, who was in competition with all other graduates in the Blackstone Valley area, won the \$4,000 Carrick scholarship. Nicholas entered Worcester Polytechnic Institute in September 1976.

### **ANTHONY E. ALLEGREZZA**

We were all greatly saddened to learn that Anthony Allegrezza passed away on August 7, 1975. Tony served on the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee from April 1969 to August 1975.

Tony brought to our School Committee a tremendous background of political knowledge gained through his years of service as a Selectman and Town Moderator in Milford. Tony's dedication was well demonstrated by his loyalty and service to Valley Tech.

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee gratefully acknowledges its debt to Tony Allegrezza and expresses its profound sorrow that he will no longer be with us.

## CONCLUSION

The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School has just concluded its tenth year of successful operation. We continue to offer many different services to the member towns as well as to the citizens of our region. In addition we have provided direct educational services for the following:

1. 694 freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students in the day program.
2. 556 men and women in the first session of the Evening Adult Trade Program.
3. 514 men and women in the second session of the Evening Adult Trade Program.

In addition, plans were completed to enroll 72 new students in our Optional Vocational Education Program in September 1976.

Thus we have offered a large number of people the opportunity to further their education and to increase their vocational skills. We have used our school to maximum advantage by conducting vocational programs from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. five days per week.

At the close of the 1975-1976 fiscal year we feel that the past year was one of satisfactory achievement and one in which we continued to maintain the fine standards set in previous years.

We would like to close our 1975-1976 report by expressing sincere gratitude for the loyalty and cooperation of the students, staff, and the School Committee, who have made the success of the past year possible.

## **Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District**

### **Summary of Appropriations, Expenditures and Revenue For The Year Ended June 30, 1976**

	<b>Appropriated</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Administration – School Committee	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 13,611.80	\$( 5,511.80)
Administration – Supt's. Office	40,080.00	40,195.01	( 115.01)
Director's Office	92,590.00	67,459.91	25,130.09
Teaching	954,830.00	947,289.93	7,540.07
Textbooks	10,000.00	5,367.21	4,632.79
Library Services	8,700.00	4,325.90	4,374.10
Audio-Visual Program	3,100.00	2,922.67	177.33
Guidance Services	48,575.00	37,736.40	10,838.60
Health Services	9,900.00	10,223.52	( 323.52)
Pupil Transportation	141,230.00	134,477.72	6,752.28
Food Service	9,950.00	8,538.44	1,411.56
Athletic Program	19,900.00	18,261.60	1,638.40
Other Student Body Activities	3,750.00	3,117.44	632.56
Custodial Services	43,810.00	46,081.50	( 2,271.50)
Heating Building	36,400.00	31,281.27	5,118.73
Utility Services	40,600.00	41,383.89	( 783.89)
Maintenance of Plant	10,300.00	12,675.31	( 2,375.31)
Insurance Program	28,400.00	34,596.27	( 6,196.27)
Debt Service – Current Loans	1,000.00	—	1,000.00

Civic Activities	200.00	—	200.00
Equipment Acquisition	31,000.00	368.87	30,631.13
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Total Operating	1,542,415.00	1,459,914.66	82,500.34
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Debt Service Retirement			
Bond Principal	235,000.00	235,000.00	—
Bond Interest	126,748.00	126,747.50	.50
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Total Debt Service & Retirement	361,748.00	361,747.50	.50
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Total Expenditures	\$ 1,904,163.00	\$ 1,821,662.16	\$ 82,500.84
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#### Summary of Revenue

Interest	\$42,525.36
Productivity	15,988.73
Miscellaneous	8,295.56
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	\$66,809.65
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**BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1976**

**Assets**

Cash in Banks	\$ 148,567.65
Certificates on Deposit	600,000.00
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	\$ 748,567.65
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**Liabilities**

Employees' Payroll Deductions	\$ 3,949.21
Encumbrances Payable	71,489.35
Revolving Funds	17,313.69
Appropriated Balance:	
Non-Revenue	64,286.11
Excess & Deficiency Account	591,529.29
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	\$ 748,567.65
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**Debt Accounts**

**Assets**

Fixed Debt:	
General	\$2,525,000.00

**Liabilities**

Serial Loans:	
School Construction	\$2,525,000.00

### Analysis of Excess and Deficiency Account

Balance: June 30, 1975		\$ 603,836.06
Add: Revenue	\$ 66,809.65	
Excess of Appropriations		
Expenditures	82,500.84	
State Reimbursements	990,107.05	1,139,417.54
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		1,743,253.60
Less: Chapter 436 Funds Applied to		
Reduce Towns' Assessment	239,561.31	
Estimated Receipts	791,748.00	
Transferred to Reduce		
Operating Budget	120,415.00	1,151,724.31
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Balance: June 30, 1976		\$ 591,529.29
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On July 1, 1976, \$250,000.00 was transferred from E&D Account to reduce operating budget for the year ended June 30, 1977, leaving a balance of \$341,529.29 in the E&D Account.

**Annual Report  
of the  
Mendon-Upton Regional  
School District Committee  
Year ending December 31, 1975  
Organization**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Nancy L. Bradley, Chairman	Term expires 1977
Mr. Charles H. Ferris, Jr., Vice Chm.	Term expires 1978
Mr. William C. Young, Treasurer	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Cynthia R. Seitz, Secretary	Term expires 1977
Mr. Roger Lizotte	Term expires 1978
Dr. Salvatore Compagnone	Term expires 1979

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Charles R. Hand

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

Mrs. Edith M. Lebel, Secretary  
Mrs. Pauline M. Johnson, Financial Secretary

**NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Principal  
Allan J. Byrne, Jr., Assistant Principal

**MEMORIAL AND GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOLS**

Edward M. Soter, Principal

**HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL**

F. William Milligan, Principal

**HEALTH SERVICE**

Christian W. Aussenheimer, M.D. Mrs. Joyce Hoberg, R.N.  
Bernard F. McKernan, M.D. Mrs. Elvira Townsend, R.N.  
Felix Perriello, M.D.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORY - 1976**

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

## NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., Principal      Telephone: 473-0094  
Allan J. Byrne, Jr., Assistant Principal      473-0095  
Mrs. Mary Morin, Secretary

## MEMORIAL AND GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOLS

Edward M. Soter, Principal Telephone: 529-6931 (Memorial)  
529-7711 (G. S. Ball)  
Mrs. Doris Nelson, Secretary

## HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

## PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Mrs. Maryellen Gray, Director and Counselor Tel: 529-7711  
Mrs. Dorothy Comolli, Secretary  
Stephen Gressak—Counselor and Health Coordinator 473-0094  
Gordon C. Merten, Counselor 473-0094  
Mrs. Deborah Hebert, Elementary Counselor 529-6931  
Mrs. Anne R. Fagnant, Secretary (resigned)  
Mrs. Vicki VanderSluis, Secretary  
Mrs. Priscilla Arbuckle (speech)  
Peter Baszner (resource)  
Richard Callery (tutor)  
Mrs. Sandra Lajoie (learning Disabilities)  
Mrs. Carla Normandin (tutor)  
Mrs. Ruth O'Grady (aide)  
Miss Diane Rae (tutor)  
Mrs. Barbara Rappaport (resource)  
Mrs. Sandra Ray (resource)  
John Riordan (learning disabilities)  
Mrs. Joan Vigeant (learning disabilities)

## **FACULTY - NIPMUC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs. Deborah Abbruzzese	Business Education
Mr. Jeffrey M. Allard	Biology
Mr. Richard A. Auger	Music Coordinator
Mr. Bradley J. Austin	Social Studies
Mr. James Bordon	Industrial Arts (Metals)
Mr. Stephen J. Bodnar	Science - Department Head
Mrs. Elsie V. Burrill	Home Economics
Miss Mary Chapman	Business Education
Mr. William A. Cilley	Physics
Mr. Michael J. Clements	English
Miss Catherine J. Cournoyer	Art
Mr. Arthur R. Courtman	Social Studies
Mrs. Anne K. Davenport	Home Economics - Department Head
Miss Beverly J. Ferrucci	Mathematics
Miss Lucille Gilbert	Business Ed. - Department Head
Mr. John N. Grady	English
Mr. James H. Grant	Social Studies
Mrs. Geraldine A. Hankin	Business Education
Miss Lisa Hayward	Art/Mechanical Drawing
Miss Dorothy H. Hentz	English
Mr. William J. Keough	Industrial Arts - (Metals)
Miss Stephanie J. Linek	Foreign Languages
Mrs. Eileen F. Lucier	English - Department Head
Mr. Michael R. Makynen	Mathematics - Department Head
Mr. Louis P. Marcoccio	Industrial Arts (Metal)
Mr. James McCarthy	Industrial Arts (Metals)
Mr. Charles A. Medine	Industrial Arts (Drafting)
Mrs. Martha S. Miles	Mathematics
Mrs. Elaine Mills (on leave of absence)	Foreign Languages
Mr. Bruce F. Moran	Mathematics
Mrs. Debra A. Murphy	Foreign Languages
Mr. Harold V. Murphy	Mathematics/Science
Mrs. Arlene M. Murphy	Foreign Language - Dept. Head
Mr. Carl M. Olson III	Social Studies - Dept. Head
Mr. Dennis B. Page	Physical Education
Mr. Wayne R. Phipps	English
Ms. Patricia M. Powel	Science
*Miss Pamela Prentiss	Physical Education
Mr. Richard E. Robinson	Industrial Arts - Department Head
Mrs. Grenith M. Rose	Social Studies
Mrs. Felice L. Shechtman	Career Education Coordinator
Mr. Robert W. Smith, Jr.	Social Studies

Mrs. Virginia R. Starkis	English
Mrs. Barbara Toland	Music/Choral
Miss Jean Warden (on sabbatical leave)	Physical Education
Mrs. Marjorie K. Weed	Art Coordinator
Mrs. Linda S. Wilde	English
Mrs. Gloria Hogarth	Library (aide)
Mrs. Ruth Voss	Librarian

\*Permanent substitute for Miss Warden

#### Faculty Resignations:

Mary Chapman  
James Bordon  
Susan Glasheen  
James McCarthy  
Elaine Mills  
Louis P. Marcoccio

#### Faculty Appoints:

Deborah Abbruzzese  
James McCarthy  
William Keough  
Pamela Prentiss  
Peter Bazner  
John Riordan

### FACULTY - GEORGE S. BALL SCHOOL

Mrs. Joan Burrell	Kindergarten
Mrs. Nancy Pepin	Kindergarten
Mrs. Hazel Sadler	Kindergarten (aide)

### FACULTY - MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Mrs. Ann Guterman	Grade I
Mrs. Meredith Rice	Grade I
Mrs. Barbara Baggesen	Grade I
Miss Carol Wright	Grade II
Miss Elaine Porter	Grade II
Mrs. Madeline Gallagher	Grade II
Mrs. Kathryn Craib	Grade III
Mrs. Joanna Workman	Grade III
Miss Alma Rousseau	Grade III
Mrs. Thyra Eastman	Grade IV
Mrs. Mary Kottis	Grade IV
Mrs. Dorothy Carter	Grade V
Mr. Robert Nigro	Grade V
Mrs. Joyce Moquin	Grade V
Mrs. Constance Knauber	Grade VI
Mrs. Evelyn Carrello	Grade VI

Mr. Richard Grady	Grade VI
Mrs. Elaine Ford (maternity)	
Mrs. Barbara McIntyre	Grade VII
Mr. Paul Waaramaa	Grade VII
Mr. Wayne Kuczinski*	Grade VII

\*Permanent substitute for Mrs. Ford

#### FACULTY - HENRY P. CLOUGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Cynthia Donatelli	Kindergarten
Mrs. Dorothy Hackerson	Kindergarten
Mrs. Diane Evans	Grade I
Mrs. Mary Hurlburt	Grade I
Mrs. Paula Piggott	Grade I
Mrs. Ruth Burrill	Grade II
Mrs. Naomi Howarth	Grade II
Mrs. Arline Whipple	Grade II
Mrs. Martha Grady	Grade III
Miss Anita Espanet	Grade III
Mrs. Harriett Fougere	Grade IV
Miss Alyce Youngson	Grade IV
Mrs. Cynthia Robertson	Grade V
Mr. Daniel Malloy	Grade V
Mr. Edward Furphy	Grade VI
Mr. William McCabe	Grade VI
Miss Beverly Keeler	Grade VII
Mrs. Lorna Rhodes	Grade VII

#### TITLE I TUTORS (1976-1977 School Year)

Mrs. Linda McDonnell  
 Miss Debra Nahra  
 Miss Janet Porter

#### CUSTODIANS

Nipmuc	Memorial	Henry P. Clough
Coburn, Donald	Aldrich, David	Baker, John
Ditolve, Carmen	Leland, George	Grady, Robert
Farr, Ned	Perkins, Ashley	Hazard, William
Niro, Enrico	Roche, William	
Robinson, William	(part time/retired)	
Yones, Alec		
Yones, Ellen		

### CAFETERIA STAFF

Mrs. Myrtle Garrett, Manager — Henry P. Clough  
 Mrs. Gail Hixon, Manager — Memorial  
 Mrs. Muriel Mitchell, Manager — Nipmuc

Mrs. Joan Baker	Mrs. Virginia Gorham (resigned)
Mrs. Frances Bouchard	Mrs. Judith Latimore
Mrs. Betty Frost	Mrs. Arlene Leclaire
Mrs. Theresa Genoa	Mrs. Anne Maynard
Mrs. Dorothy Good	Mrs. Stella Savicki
Mrs. Emily Goodnow	Mrs. Shirley Southland

### MONITORS

Mrs. Donna Ferris (resigned)  
 Mrs. Nancy Jacques  
 Mrs. Joan Marchand  
 Mrs. Dorothy Winchell (resigned)

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 1976-1977

#### Fall Term, Fourteen Weeks:

Term begins, Wednesday, September 8, 1976  
 Term ends, Thursday, December 23, 1976

#### Winter Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins Monday, January 3, 1977  
 Term ends February 18, 1977

#### Spring Term, Seven Weeks:

Term begins Monday, February 28, 1977  
 Term ends Friday, April 15, 1977

#### Summer Term, Nine Weeks:

Term begins Monday, April 25, 1977  
 Term ends Thursday, June 23, 1977

#### Holidays:

Columbus Day, October 11, 1976  
 Veteran's Day, November 11, 1976  
 Thanksgiving, November 25-26, 1976  
 Christmas, December 24, 1976 to  
 New Years, January 3, 1977  
 Good Friday, April 8, 1977  
 Memorial Day, May 30, 1977

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Distribution of school attending children, residents of the Town of Mendon and the Town of Upton as of October 1, 1976 taken from school registers. The annual census will be taken during the month of January 1977, according to State Law.

	MENDON			UPTON		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten	29	14	43	31	30	61
Grade I	31	28	59	26	38	64
Grade II	24	41	65	36	23	59
Grade III	17	20	37	31	42	73
Grade IV	30	19	49	26	22	48
Grade V	18	26	44	33	36	69
Grade VI	23	30	53	41	30	71
Grade VII	25	30	55	32	40	72
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	405				517	

#### Nipmuc Regional High School

Grade VIII	23	36	59	36	35	71
Grade IX	25	21	46	39	34	73
Grade X	15	28	43	22	40	62
Grade XI	20	25	45	25	29	54
Grade XII	18	27	45	34	24	58
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	238				318	

	Mendon	Upton	
Total number in public schools	643	835	1478
Total Tuition-in students from Uxbridge	5	—	5
Total number in Vocational Schools	28	40	68

## **Report of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

Some rather serious and major changes were made in administration and school use during the past year. After much investigation and deliberation the committee decided to abolish the position of Elementary Supervisor and elementary head teachers and to adopt a policy of Elementary Principals for each Town. This provides for a total daily supervision of all programs at all times.

The George S. Ball School was changed from 1st grade for Upton pupils to Upton kindergarten and office of the Director of Public Personnel Services and space has been rented to the Blackstone Valley Collaborative. This allows for intergration of the 1st to 7th grade pupils in Upton into one building, closer correlation of education and at the same time providing additional office space for the demanding load placed on the Director of Pupil Personnel Services by Chapter 766. It also frees one room at the high school level.

Throughout the year regular meetings were held with the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) and two of their suggestions have been incorporated into the program. Student identification cards have been issued at Nipmuc and the time interval between classes have been slightly increased to accommodate the students and facilitate the change of classes. The latter accounted for the slight extension of the school day to 2:10 p.m.

In early spring, through the efforts of Mrs. Joyce Gilmore of the Mendon Board of Health, a throat culture program was instituted in the Clough School, this is done on a voluntary basis and only children whose parents consent are in this program. This is done in conjunction with the American Heart Association and the friends of the Clough School. In September this program was extended to include the Memorial and the Mothers' Club is handling the cost of postage.

We are pleased to report that the program to provide a lunch for our Senior Citizens at the Clough School has been a tremendous success, due largely to the part the Mendon Council for the Aging has played. Because of its acceptance the program has been extended to two days in Mendon and started at the Memorial School.

The committee approved implementation this year at the first grade level of the Open Court Mathematics Program. This will be extended with the class year and hopefully will be as successful as the Open Court Language Program which is now in its fifth year in our system.

We are in the process of reinstituting Adult Evening Courses. A very good response was received on questioning the townspeople of their interest in this program. We are hopeful to have these courses available in early 1977.

Overcrowding, lack of elbow room or lack of space in the right place to provide for a good educational atmosphere, and ample space for dictated and elective educational courses continue to plague the district. Additional relocatable classrooms have been rented from Arthur Industries and were occupied November 1, 1976. Two of these are located in Mendon bringing their total to three — and Upton received one bringing their total to five.

We have been notified by the New England Association of Secondary School and Colleges that Nipmuc has been accredited for another year.

Another year and another means to obtain funds for erection of a new high school were attempted. In September, John Robertson, Jr., former school committee member, alerted us to our possible qualification of the district for funds up to 5 million dollars for the purpose of construction of a new high school. The District Committee with the selectmen from both Towns, with the town meeting approval, submitted a plan under Title I Local Public Works Program Department of Commerce Bill.

This proposal was submitted at a cost of \$3,000.00 obtained from surplus funds for the payment to the architect for technical assistance and updating of plans. The submitted proposal cleared all barriers except the final distribution of funds and we learned in the middle of December that we were not on the list of approved projects.

We still lack a concise plan to solve the educational housing requirements of the district that is palatable to the taxpayers of our communities. Although most courses are offered and we are on extended double sessions, all solutions in the past years have been temporary.

Our report would be incomplete if we did not mention our gratitude to Mr. John Robertson, Jr. who did not seek re-election. He spent countless hours devoted to schools while serving on the Upton School Committee, the Regional Committee and acting as Treasurer of the District. We certainly miss him and his knowledge acquired in his years of service.

Dr. Ronald Lukert of Mendon also did not seek re-election and so, we welcome two new members to our Board; Dr. Salvatore Compagnone and William Young, the latter being appointed Treasurer of the District.

We wish to thank administration, staff, and all the Town Boards for their cooperation and assistance received throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY L. BRADLEY, Chairman  
CHARLES H. FERRIS, Jr., Vice Chairman  
CYNTHIA R. SEITZ, Secretary  
WILLIAM C. YOUNG  
ROGER LIZOTTE  
SALVATORE COMPAGNONE, M.D.  
Mendon-Upton Regional  
School District Committee

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Mendon-Upton Regional School District Committee  
and the Citizens of Mendon and Upton:

I submit herewith my fifth annual report as your  
Superintendent of Schools.

Public education is an enterprise which, unlike all others except government involves all the people. Society transmits from one generation to the next its traditions, its culture, its ideals through its schools.

In this report, I will try to show how "education is people" in the Mendon-Upton Regional School District.

*1,478 students* are the reason for the existence of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. Education starts, if it can be said to start anywhere with the students. In our four schools boys and girls spend thirteen years preparing themselves for colleges and careers.

Of the 93 graduates in June, 1976, 27 percent are attending four-year colleges and universities; 24 percent are enrolled in other post-secondary schools, including junior colleges, technical institutions, etc.; 6 percent are in the armed forces and 43 percent are working or have assumed domestic duties.

*82 teachers* are employees in the regional district. Of these, 17 hold Master's degrees, and 4 have taken as many as thirty semester hours of work beyond the Master's degree. All teachers are certified or exempt from certification by the Massachusetts State Department of Education.

*Curriculum* in the regional school district is not static, but is changed and up-dated frequently to keep pace with our changing world.

Courses are developed and books and materials are chosen cooperatively by the teaching staff under the direction of the school committee, principals and department heads. You are referred to the other reports for more details on curriculum changes.

*Work experience* is offered by the regional high school to many students. Realistic job training is provided through cooperative work experience programs.

*Instructional materials* supplement the textbook in all areas of the curriculum. The elementary schools and high school have a full-time librarian and part-time audio-visual coordinators to help students and teachers find and use instructional materials of

all sorts: reference books, periodicals, recordings, tapes, filmstrips, films transparencies, slides, pamphlets, maps, models, etc.

At the high school, a library aide is employed to assist in cataloging books, filing, etc.

*Extra curricular activities* are a vital part of the modern educational program. Besides the formal classes, most students become involved to some degree in the extensive extra curriculum program which includes interscholastic and intramural athletics, dramatics, student publications, concerts, student council, field trips, numerous special interest groups and other social affairs.

*Guidance* for every student is provided through the Pupil Personnel Department. There is an elementary guidance counselor for the elementary schools and two counselors at the elementary level.

*Special services* are provided in two categories: services for all students and services needed by students with special problems.

The regional district employs a Director of Public Personnel Services, serving under the Direction are three (3) resource teachers, three (3) learning disabilities teachers, a speech therapist, a part-time consulting psychologist, and five tutors or aides.

The department employs two nurses and three (3) school doctors on a part-time basis.

*Cafeterias* in each school provide lunches for students and staff each day. Three (3) cafeteria managers are employed and 12 workers.

*7 clerks and secretaries*, although not directly involved in the educational program, make it possible for the district to function smoothly. These people work in the Superintendent's office, and school officers.

*Bus contractors and bus drivers* must be included among the people who are part of the educational program. The district has contracts with three (3) individuals. The bus contractors employ 16 drivers.

*Maintenance* of the school buildings and grounds is provided by a custodial staff of 11.

Directing the regional school district is an elected school committee of six (6) members representing the two communities, Mendon and Upton. There are three (3) from each district.

The policies of the committee are implemented and the schools are administered by a staff headed by the Superintendent of Schools.

Providing consultative services to the committee are a school attorney and labor negotiator. An architect is employed from time-to-time.

Administering each school is a Principal. The high school has an Assistant Principal.

You are referred to the reports of the School Committee, Principals and Director of Pupil Personnel Services for a more detailed account of school activities.

Near the beginning of this report it was stated that public education starts with the students because they are its reason for existence.

Education could also be said to start with the parents who have a vital interest in the growth of their children.

But, basically, public education starts with all the people who must pay for it with their taxes but who benefit by having well educated citizens to continue to work for a better society for everyone.

My thanks to the school committee, administrators, faculty staff and all others for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. HAND  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Report of the High School Principal 1976**

School year 1976 opened with a total enrollment of 564 students in grades eight through twelve. This compares with an enrollment figure of 570 for school year 1975.

Fundamentally, Nipmuc Regional High School continues to operate as a traditional school concentrating on achieving effective skills in the basic academic areas. We have a highly professional staff dedicated to achieving these goals. The faculty at Nipmuc is a strong faculty dedicated to honest principles of education. It is a genuine pleasure to be associated with such a conscientious and professional group. Townspeople should take pride in their endeavors and achievements.

On December 13, 1976, Nipmuc Regional High School received news that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges voted to grant a continued membership and accreditation through 1977. The Commission also commented favorably on the efforts of local school officials to make "optimum" use of available facilities. It was the feeling of the Commission that the present plan is not adequate and continues to inhibit programs to meet the needs of the students.

A Special Program Report must be filed October 1, 1977, to indicate any action that the towns have taken to help resolve the space problem. The Commission pointed out that the facilities housing Art, Music Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Library, were their greatest concern.

The following are individual departmental reports detailing instructional highlights which provide education services to the children of Mendon and Upton:

#### ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department became involved in Bicentennial '76 by creating two Bicentennial plays with costumes and sets designed by the art students.

The 1976 Exhibit held in the gym held the key to the art program for the year. Students prepared drawings, paintings, crafts, and pottery for a multi-media display which completely filled the gym.

In September, Basic Photography and Theater Workshop were added to the art program. Photography provides students with experience in all aspects of picture taking: film development and print making for a period of eight weeks.

Theater Workshop provides experiences with all aspects of theater . . . acting, make-up, costuming, scenery, staging and lighting. Three one-act plays were put on in November by these students.

#### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Athletic Program continued in this Bicentennial Year the same high standards that have been the earmark of the program in past years.

Increased student participation and a resurgence of school spirit with the support of student government were encouraging aspects of the program. Sportsmanship has a high place in our athletic philosophy, and Nipmuc coaches highly stress this phase of the program. The athletic program provided the students the opportunity to participate in a wide-range of athletic endeavors.

Many of our teams and/or individual athletes through their excellence qualified for post-season tournament competition on the state level, but despite won and loss records, all athletes were encouraged to perform to the best of their abilities, both academically and on the athletic field. We in the Athletic Department feel that these goals were met.

#### AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT

In the 1976 school year the Audio Visual Department has brought about the creation of an area within the school Library to be set aside for individualized student instruction. The area set up with four study carrels will house one microfilm-microfiche reader, and three automatic filmstrip-cassette study units.

Fuller use of the videotape system has been brought about through the cooperation of a few students who assist the teachers in programming as well as individualized instructional use.

There is a hope that through interdepartmental cooperation micro-film and microfiche materials secured will help the students interested in prime source research of documentary materials which the school has just begun to acquire.

#### BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Business Education Department continued training students in the basic areas of business. Because of the lack of equipment in data processing, it was decided to drop the Introduction to Data Processing course and provide a course called Exploring Careers in Business whereby students may study and closely examine a variety of business careers. The business law students were taken on a field trip to visit the criminal court in Framingham in order to see how the judicial system operates. The secretarial students received on-the-job training by doing special projects for the faculty, administrators, and local organizations within the community.

With the resignation of Miss Chapman in September 1976, Mrs. Deborah Abbruzzese was hired to take her place. Mrs. Abbruzzese is a 1972 graduate of Salem State College.

The department once again continued to improve its facilities by replacing outdated equipment with equipment found in today's business offices.

#### CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

It is the goal of the Career Education Program, to expose, counsel, teach, place and prepare students for the World of Work, an often frightening and discouraging experience.

The World of Work course has students exploring careers, as well as learning what employers expect of employees. As recently publicized, students went through a series of exercises and role playing situations which simulated the entire job application process. The final culmination of this process was an actual interview with a local personnel director.

The Career Education Program has seen much growth and development this year. As of December 1976, students had been placed in jobs through the School Cooperative Education Program "SCOOP". In addition to earning credit for the work they perform on their jobs they are implementing the skills acquired through the "World of Work" course.

#### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

By offering a half-year elective to freshmen and sophomores this year, the English Department feels that students will reinforce skills introduced in their regular english class. Moreover, students will gain reassurance and commendable competence in an area vital to written communication.

Using the SQ3R (survey, question, read, review, and respond) method of reading, students will learn to read with purpose, to interpret and analyze reading material, and to recognize and evaluate means authors utilize in conveying thoughts.

In vocabulary study students will learn ways of evaluating works for their appropriateness, persuasiveness, and effect. Students will also learn to use standard written English which is the kind of English needed to write papers for most advanced courses in high school and college.

Because mastery of English composition is sequential in nature, the English department recognized the needs for the student's opportunity to begin a mastery of the principles of grammar and rhetoric at the onset of his high school career. Such mastery will enhance not only a knowledge of correctness of expression and usage but also a perception and appreciation of style.

The individualized reading program in American literature is operating successfully with eleven students currently participating. The program, which Mrs. Linda S. Wilde designed and developed as a summer curriculum project, provides enrichment activities in American literature for those students pursuing the dual English program (College English and Review English) during their junior year. Students enrolled in the program read and analyze works by American authors, in-

cluding Hemingway, Lewis, Salinger, Steinbeck, Melville, Plath, Fitzgerald, Hansberry, Williams, and Miller.

The October-November issue of *Cumpin* marked the first appearance of a student publication at Nipmuc Regional High School since 1973. Staffed by approximately seventy students from grades eight to twelve, *Cumpin* is a newsmagazine which seeks to improve students' awareness of their school and its events, to foster communication between students and faculty, and to provide publication opportunities for students interested in journalism. The faculty advisor is Mrs. Linda Wilde of the English Department.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

During the academic year 1975-76 the language department updated their audio-visual equipment so that students could have a modern, realistic view of Spanish and French cultures influenced throughout the world.

There was a project about careers with emphasis placed on knowledge of a foreign language in which students were made aware of all fields of work.

Nipmuc hosted an exchange student from Mexico, who not knowing any English on his arrival spent a great deal of time in the Foreign Language Department.

The Foreign Language Club which is an extension of the Foreign Language classes organized and conducted a Mardi Gras Carnival in which the entire student body participated. Later in the year, club members had the opportunity to taste the cuisine of the French and Spanish peoples.

Students also enjoyed field trips to the Flamenco Ballet and Whole World Celebration in Boston.

#### HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics Department celebrated the Bicentennial Year with a well attended open house in April. All classes worked to present the program which consisted of a Tea and Fashion Show showing both foods and clothing from Colonial times to the present day.

During the year the teachers of the Home Economics Department worked with other Home Economics teachers in the Blackstone Valley Collaborative writing a proposal for Federal Funds to add a program called FHA/HERO to the Home Economics curricula of the towns involved. The program was accepted; and the Home Economics Departments of Blackstone-Millville, Douglas, Hopedale, Nipmuc and Uxbridge schools

have been working under the direction of the coordinator, Mrs. Doreen Kelly, to add this program to our curriculum.

Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations is a National organization, and we have forty-one student members. Through this addition to our curriculum, we hope the students we meet will become more aware of their position in the local community and use the skills they are learning for the benefit of other community members.

We welcome suggestions from the community to provide direction to our curriculum. We also emphasize the careers open to students through the second part of the program . . . Home Economics Related Occupations and expect that some students will find productive and satisfying futures in the varied field of Home Economics.

#### INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Industrial Arts Department is continuing to offer a variety of programs in the woodworking, metal working and the mechanical drawing areas.

The staff of the Industrial Arts Department understands its responsibility to enlighten the students in its programs, to enable them better use of free time activities, better consumer awareness, an ability to function as future homeowners, and as a vocational or career opportunity.

#### LIBRARY

The School Library affords services and materials to each department in the school, to students and to teachers. The collection of books, periodicals, and newspapers is maintained and made as accessible as possible to all.

New materials are added each year to keep the collection current and up-to-date with today's knowledge. A small amount of Audio-Visual material is purchased with Title II and IVB Funds allocated to the Library.

There are visits by classes and smaller groups who come to use the reference and resource materials under the guidance of the teacher and the librarian. In the Library there is always opportunity for individual use of the library for enrichment, for personal interests, and for pleasure.

#### MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The past year saw an increase in the use of calculators in many of the high school math classes. Hand-held calculators were used in projects, problems, and math labs in Review Math, Geometry, Probability, and Calculus.

The Canon programmable calculator was used by students in Consumer Math, Review Math, Eighth Grade Math, Geometry, Probability, and Calculus. Additional students have received programming instruction on an individual basis. Several faculty members attended conferences in such topics as testing, use of the calculator, introducing the metric system, and writing unit modules.

Miss Beverly Ferrucci, who teaches eighth grade math, received a master's degree in Math Education for Rhode Island College.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Nipmuc Regional High School Music Department revised and put into effect its new standards of musicianship, broadened its musical scope, traveled the highways and byways of musical expressiveness with friends and new-found acquaintances.

Band Students at the high school as of 1976 are able to elect band as a major subject. This program has given the serious student an opportunity to prepare better for a possible career in music. Band majors must have weekly music lessons and must perform twice yearly caliber of music which best shows the students progress and ability.

The addition of two courses, Music Theory and Harmony and a History of Western Music has given students the opportunity to deal more with the functional part of music, writing, and analyzing. Historically we have studied and have heard music in its embryo stage 500 B.C., and we are presently studying its development through the ages.

The addition of a chorus period has made a substantial difference in quality of sound, spirit, enthusiasm and enrollment. Since the beginning of this year, the chorus has doubled in size. Chorus students now meet three days per week.

A new uniform, a new sense of pride, beaming, smiling faces, heads up high — these symbolize music at its best. Our new uniforms with the glittering gold stripes, snappy green pants, white blazon vests, and stern plumed hats give us a great feeling. We are proud! It was an exhilarating moment for all of us as the band performed in an exchange concert with the Hillsboro Deer- ing Cooperative School Band in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. It was two weekends of sharing, growing together musically in such short time, building fond memories! Making new friends. We later renewed our friendship in Hillsboro on a warm July Sunday

afternoon as we proudly marched down the Main Street in celebration of a Bicentennial Year. Many of our parents were there with us in 1976.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Nipmuc's Physical Education Program is continuing to grow. This year's additions consist of lacrosse, wrestling, and field hockey. We are also continuing to offer a co-ed unit in some activities. These activities not only teach fundamentals, rules, and sportsmanship, but also provide each student with the opportunity to participate in healthful exercise.

This year we have, in conjunction with the school nurse, added a personal hygiene unit to help develop good health habits. This has been a welcomed and acceptable addition to our program as personal hygiene and health are vital parts of a well rounded physical education program.

#### PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Guidance Department has undergone some facility changes at the high school. The Director of Pupil Personnel Services has moved her office to the Ball School in Upton. A Resource Room has been set up in her old office. The Resource Room and a small conference room in the Library are staffed by a Resource Teacher, a learning Disabilities Teacher and Tutor for Special Needs. The program is designed to provide individual and small group help to students.

The two high school counselors have assumed added duties in both the guidance and special education areas.

The secondary program is moving into the special needs area of Chapter 766 in a step-by-step process. We face many different problems at the secondary level than at the elementary level. Coordination and communication between all the teachers and specialists for each student are more difficult to achieve at the secondary level. Each teacher and specialist are working to their utmost to provide for the individual needs of the students.

#### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Science Department after a number of years of declining public interest in science which had been reflected in dropping enrollment in certain science courses is pleased to note a significant increase in enrollment. We noted this change of interest and during the last half of 1975-76 school year worked out a plan for courses to better serve these interests.

The courses required for college entry were retained but with content modification to keep abreast of the times. In the chemistry area, more environmental investigations were performed in the laboratory dealing with energy and resource utilization. More emphasis is being placed on inquiry and discovery methods in the classroom with most of the responsibility for learning resting primarily with the individual student.

The major change has been at the ninth grade level. General Earth Science was dropped and replaced by a more broadly based course called science sampler. In addition to science sampler, a new technical course, Introductory Physical Science, for the college preparatory student was implemented.

The biology program was improved by the introduction of a unit on communicable diseases and immunization. The immunization program required for school children was explained by the school nurse and a member of the Visiting Nurse Association their role in the communicable disease program. It is hoped that future innovations can be made in this area. The college biology once again listened to an interesting and informative explanation of human reproduction by a local obstetrician. Alcoholism, drugs, smoking, and the effect on the human body both physically and psychologically were also included in the program. As in the past, extensive use of the greenhouse and nature trail made some aspects of science more meaningful to our students.

It is hoped that with the success of these programs other new innovations can be made in the future.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies Department has continued its policy of innovative programs within the present curriculum. The major change this year has been the development of a multi-textbook approach in the two United States History Programs at the Sophomore and Junior class level. The program is designed to provide each student in the classroom with challenging materials at his/her reading level. A comprehensive evaluation of the program is presently going on will be completed in June.

The Social Studies Department would like to thank the English, Art, and Audio-Visual Departments for their cooperation in the development of student projects such as, video tapes, film making, slides, and other research materials. A very grateful thank you to members of the communities who have made themselves available as guest speakers in different classrooms this past year.

The Social Studies Department will continue in its attempt to provide programs that are varied, relevant, and innovative to our students.

Many thanks are extended to all persons who in any way helped in the operation of the high school during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY H. GULLA, JR.  
Principal

**Nipmuc  
Regional High School**

*Sixteenth Annual  
Commencement Exercises*

**1976**

**WILHO FRIGARD GYMNASIUM**

Thursday, June 3, 1976

8:00 p.m.

**GRADUATING CLASS**

Mark Andrew Amato	Brian J. Bouchard
*Donna Marie Ambrosino	Michael A. Brogan
Jennie S. Arcudi	*Donna Beth Brokaw
*William Robert Baldiga	Mark Anthony Candela
*Faith Desiree Balian	Joseph N. Choiniere, Jr.
*Caroline Lee Barlow	Lauri J. Choiniere
*Bruce Christopher Bayliss	Terri Ann Coutu
Nadine Jayne Bernard	Eric Stanley Crane
Dennis P. Bibeau	Beth Anne Dawes
David A. Blair	Theresa Marie Demers
Anthony Bonavita	*Thomas Alan Deuitch

**Ethel M. Dias**  
 Mary Elizabeth Dondero  
 Ronald R. Engblom  
 James Michael Ertsgard  
 Laura Jean Ethier  
 Priscilla A. Francis  
 Joseph R. Frost, Jr.  
**Paul Francis Furphy**  
 Patricia R. Gadbois  
 Susan I. Gardner  
 Robin Marie Grant  
 Claire E. Grenier  
 Patricia L. Grillo  
 Charlene E. Guyette  
 Nancy G. Hackenson  
**\*Michael John Paul Herbert**  
**\*Barry Thomas Hixon**  
**\*Linda L. Hoggarth**  
**\*Cheryl Ann Hopkins**  
**\*David F. Houlihan**  
 Lori Anne Howarth  
 William A. Irons  
 Michael W. Jacques  
 Thomas Clayton Keefe, Jr.  
**\*Lorraine Gail Keniston**  
 Clara E. Kent  
 Kathleen M. Kingdon  
 Nancy Jean Lamothe  
 Duane Keith Leighton  
 Brian Leo Lemoine  
**\*Mark Anthony Leone**  
**\*Pamela Ann Marcello**  
**\*Daniel Marques, Jr.**  
**\*Karen Jean Marshall**  
**\*Dorrie Lee Martin**  
 Bruce Richard Mattson

\*National Honor Society

**\*Karen Lee McFetridge**  
 Loretta Lee Mellen  
 Millie M. Mitchell  
 Donna Marie Morin  
 Deborah Lee Morton  
 Tracy Anne Nelson  
 Michael Shawn Noonan  
**Cindy M. Page**  
 Beth A. Palmer  
 Karen J. Palmer  
 James Leslie Perkins  
**\*Timothy Joseph Petracca**  
 Linda Diane Picard  
 Joseph M. Powers  
**\*Robert Joseph Powers**  
 Lu Ann Ramsey  
**\*Ross Robert Rhodes**  
 Paul Michael Riccardelli  
 Theodore C. Richardson  
 Kaarlo A. Rintala, Jr.  
 Joan M. Sadler  
 Cynthia Ann Seitz  
**\*Karen May Shepard**  
 Linda J. Slavin  
 Barbara Lynn Smith  
 Darlene Jane Southland  
 George James Summers, Jr.  
 Marina Dianne Taft  
 Kevin Paul Townsend  
 Susan Valdivia  
 Scott Stephen Waite  
 Jackie Elizabeth Watt  
 Debra J. Whitney  
 Carolyn Wiersma  
 Richard Wilson  
 Mary Ellen Wojdag

## Program

*Processional .....	High School Band
*Invocation .....	Rev. Henry G. Cooper <i>First Parish-Unitarian, Mendon</i>
*National Anthem .....	All Present
Address of Welcome .....	Timothy Petracca <i>Class President</i>
Essay: A Bicentennial Moment	Caroline L. Barlow
Selection: Selections from 1776 (F. Erickson)	High School Band
Essay: Sensory Impressions	Cynthia A. Seitz
Selection: "Goodbye Again" (John Denver)	Laura Ethier
Poem: "Childhood's End"	George Summers
Essay: "A Man's Reach Should Exceed His Grasp, or What's a Heaven For?"	Karen M. Shepard
Presentation of Class Gift	Michael Noonan
Presentation of Awards	Anthony H. Gulla, Jr. <i>Principal</i>
Remarks	Charles R. Hand, Ed. D. <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Presentation of Diplomas	Mrs. Joseph Bradley <i>Chairperson, School Committee</i>
*Benediction	Rev. Robert A. Jackman <i>United Parish, Upton</i>
*Recessional	High School Band
<i>Director of Band Marshal</i>	Richard Auger Robert Pezzella <i>Junior Class President</i>

\*Audience Standing

### CLASS OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Timothy Petracca
<i>Vice President</i>	Michael Noonan
<i>Secretary</i>	Beth Dawes
<i>Treasurer</i>	Donna Morin

**CLASS ADVISOR**  
*Wayne Phipps*

**CLASS MOTTO**

*"A man's reach should exceed his  
 grasp, or what's a heaven for?"*

**CLASS COLORS**  
 Red, White and Blue

**CLASS FLOWER**  
 White Carnation

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

*Mrs. Joseph Bradley, Chairperson*

*Charles H. Ferris, Jr. Vice-Chairperson*

Roger Lizotte	Mrs. James B. Seitz
Salvatore Compagnone, M.D.	William C. Young

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Charles R. Hand, Ed. D.

**SCHOOL FACULTY**

Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., <i>Principal</i>	Stephanie Linek
Allan J. Byrne, <i>Assistant Principal</i>	Eileen Lucier
Jeffrey Allard	Michael Makynen
Richard Auger	James McCarthy
Bradley Austin	Charles Medine
Peter Baszner	Gordon Merten
Stephen Bodnar	Martha Miles
Elsie Burrill	Bruce Moran
Mary Chapman	Debra Murphy
William Cilley	Harold Murphy
Michael Clements	Arlene Murray
Arthur Courtman	Carl Olson, III
Cathy Cournoyer	Dennis Page
Anne Davenport	Patricia Powel
Beverly Ferrucci	Wayne Phipps
Lucille Gilbert	Richard Robinson
Susan Glasheen	Grenith Rose
John Grady	Felice Shechtman
James Grant	Robert Smith
Maryellen Gray	Virginia Starkis
Stephen Gressak	Barbara Toland
Geraldine Hankin	Jean Warden
Lisa Hayward	Marjorie Weed
Dorothy Hentz	Linda Wilde
Joyce Hoberg	Ruth Voss

**Nipmuc  
Regional High School  
Graduation  
Class of 1976  
June 3, 1976**

**Newspaper Release for Publication  
on Friday, June 4, 1976**

Eighty-three awards totaling \$36,975.00 were announced at Graduation Exercises at Nipmuc Regional High School. Principal Anthony H. Gulla, Jr., presented the awards.

The Good Citizenship Certificate for excellence of character given by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Winner: Lorraine Keniston

The American Legion School Award given by the Roger L. Wood Post for the student who best exemplifies the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service.

Winner: Faith Balian

The Ella Whitney Risteen Awards of \$25.00 each to the girl and boy who have made the greatest progress in terms of total growth and development of the students during the high school course.

Winners: Priscilla Francis  
Joseph Choiniere

Two \$100.00 scholarships awarded by the Home and Community Service Committee of the Upton Grange to the Upton girl and boy judged to be most deserving.

Winners: Cynthia Seitz  
Duane Leighton

One \$200.00 scholarship given by the Upton Grange in memory of Leon N. T. Kerr to an Upton girl or boy.

Winner: Charlene Guyette

Two \$100.00 scholarships awarded by the George L. Wood Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Upton.

Winners: Lorraine Keniston  
David Houlihan

One \$75.00 award given by the Health Careers Club, a student organization at the high school.

Winner: Cheryl Hopkins

One \$100.00 Art Scholarship given by the Artists' Guild of Milford.

Winner: George Summers

Two \$200.00 scholarships given by the Upton Bloomer Girls.

Winners: Michael Herbert  
Duane Leighton

One \$150.00 scholarship known as the Waldo B. Graton Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Upton Kiwanis Club.

Winner: David Houlihan

One \$100.00 scholarship known as the George A. Gardner Memorial Scholarship given by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gardner to a Mendon boy or girl planning to major in Political Science.

Winner: Ross Rhodes

One \$200.00 scholarship known as the Gary Bates Memorial Scholarship given from the proceeds of funds raised by the youth of Upton as a memorial scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating student from Upton to defray the cost of further education. Selection by the Bates Scholarship Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Winner: Duane Leighton

"Ella Risteen Scholarship, Clause B" administered by the Selectmen of Upton and approved at the March 1973 Town Meeting, a sum, not exceeding \$500.00, to be awarded annually to Upton students graduating from a private or public high school and planning to further their education.

Winners: \$100.00 Laura Ethier  
\$100.00 Michael Herbert  
\$100.00 Barry Hixon  
\$100.00 Lorraine Keniston  
\$100.00 Cynthia Seitz

Two \$100.00 Savings Bonds given by the Mendon Police Association to that girl and boy who display Good School Fellowship.

Winners: Donna Morin  
William Irons

One \$350.00 scholarship given by the Milford Rotary Club to the student having achieved the highest score on a combination of four year high school grades in the college curriculum and the College Board Examination.

Winner: William Baldiga

Two \$50.00 scholarships known as the St. Michael's Catholic Women's Club Scholarships to members of St. Michael's Parish.

Winners: Caroline Barlow  
David Houlihan

One \$100.00 scholarship known as the Harold F. Lowell Memorial Scholarship given to a Mendon girl or boy furthering his or her education.

Winner: Karen McFetridge

One \$100.00 scholarship given by the Student Council of Nipmuc Regional High School.

Winners: Donna Brokaw

Three \$50.00 awards given by the Drama Club of Nipmuc Regional High School.

Winners: Caroline Barlow  
Cynthia Seitz  
George Summers

Two \$50.00 awards given by the Nipmuc Warriors Club to a girl and boy in the athletic program.

Winners: Lorraine Keniston  
Bruce Bayliss

One \$100.00 scholarship given by the Foreign Language Club, a student organization at the high school.

Winner: Karen McFetridge

Two \$50.00 awards given by Lowell's Dairy.

Winners: Karen Marshall  
Paul Furphy

Two \$100.00 Good Fellowship Awards given by the Mendon Firefighters to a Mendon girl and boy furthering their education.

Winners: Caroline Barlow  
Ross Rhodes

Two \$200.00 scholarships given by the Upton Women's Club to a Mendon and Upton student furthering his education.

Winners: Karen McFetridge  
Barry Hixon

One \$100.00 scholarship given by the Future Business Leaders Club, a student organization at school.

Winner: Karen Marshall

One \$1,000.00 scholarship award known as the George R. Whitten, Sr. Annual Scholarship given by George R. Whitten, Jr. to a Mendon resident furthering his education at other than a four year college.

Winner: Kevin Townsend

The Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers' Association awards seventeen scholarships totaling \$2,350.00 to the following students in the amounts designated:

Winners: \$100.00 Caroline Barlow  
\$100.00 Donna Brokaw  
\$100.00 Laura Ethier  
\$100.00 Charlene Guyette  
\$100.00 Michael Herbert  
\$100.00 Barry Hixon  
\$100.00 Mark Leone  
\$100.00 Dorrie Martin  
\$100.00 Karen McFetridge  
\$100.00 Donna Morin  
\$100.00 Tracy Nelson  
\$100.00 Cynthia Seitz  
\$100.00 Karen Shepard  
\$200.00 Faith Balian  
\$250.00 William Baldiga

One \$100.00 award known as the Janet O. Stockwell Memorial Scholarship given by the Mendon-Upton Teachers' Association to a student furthering his or her education in the medical field.

Winner: Faith Balian

One \$500.00 scholarship known as the Henry P. Clough Scholarship given by the Mendon-Upton Regional Teachers' Association. Selectmen is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Winner: David Houlihan

One \$500.00 scholarship known as the Wilho Frigard Memorial Scholarship to be given each year from a fund created by his friends and colleagues.

Winner: Lorraine Keniston

*Certificate of Merit* in the National Merit Scholarship Program to a student who advances from the Semi-finalist to Finalist standing. This student has distinguished himself among a highly select group of students representing less than one-half of one percent of the nation's graduating seniors.

WILLIAM BALDIGA

Scholarships and financial aid packages have been awarded by other community groups and colleges in the designated amounts:

Holy Angels Parish, Upton: Timothy Petracca - \$250.00; Laura Ethier - \$150.00; Tracy Nelson - \$100.00; Cheryl Hopkins - \$100.00.

Altar Boy Scholarships: Michael Herbert - \$200.00; Paul Furphy - \$150.00; George Summers - \$150.00.

Royal Arcanum Insurance Company: Cheryl Hopkins - \$100.00.

Massachusetts State Scholarships: Caroline Barlow - \$600.00; Bruce Bayliss - \$900.00; Beth Dawes - \$900.00; Pamela Marcello - \$900.00.

The following financial aid grants are renewable each year:

Williams College - \$3,000 - William Baldiga

Boston University - \$4,400 - Faith Balian

Russell Sage College - \$4,000 - Caroline Barlow

Eckerd College - \$1,100 - Bruce Bayliss

Lesley College - \$1,500 - Donna Brokaw

Green Mountain College - \$1,250 - Charlene Guyette

Clark University - \$4,950 - Pamela Marcello

Bentley College - \$1,000 - Timothy Petracca

Assumption College - \$2,600 - Cynthia Seitz

Salve Regina College - \$500 - Karen Shepard

Thomas Deuitch was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Military Academy. He has chosen to attend the Air Force Academy.

## PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Today's good school program provides children three types of services: instructional, administrative, and pupil personnel. Of these, instruction is the most import, for educating children is the primary business of the school. The other services are facilitative, supportive, or complementary.

*Pupil personnel services* or *pupil services* (the terms are interchangeable) is a program comprised of a group or series of activities and functions designed to help each child get the most out of his school program.

The major areas of pupil services are health, guidance, and special education. During a student's twelve years of formal schooling, he will come into contact with at least two pupil service workers — a counselor and a school nurse. The nurse tests hearing and vision of each child every year. Starting in grade 8, a student will see a counselor at least once during the year. In varying degrees, parents and students may use the services of any or all of the other pupil service workers.

Since September, 1974, when the Massachusetts Comprehensive Special Education Act of 1972 (known as Chapter 766) became law, the major portion of all pupil service workers' time has been involved with special-need students. A special-need student is defined as anyone between the ages of 3 to 21 who doesn't have a high-school diploma and who does have a temporary or permanent intellectual or emotional problem, or a sensory or physical impairment.

The Mendon-Upton Special Needs Staff has grown considerably since 1974. Where we had one Reading Resource and one Learning Disability for the system, we now have one at Memorial and Clough elementary schools and one at Nipmuc Regional. We have three part-time, special-need tutors at each of these schools. These special-need teachers and tutors work with children on a one-to-one or small-group basis. The major thrust of 766 is to provide the necessary help to a student so that he can be mainstreamed in the regular class as much as possible.

We have been able to maintain most of our students in the school system. However, we do have some students whose problems are severe and we do not have the space or staff to provide substantially separate programs for them. Under the law, we must meet their needs; for this reason, we are a member of the thirteen-town group called The Blackstone Valley Special Needs Collaborative. The Collaborative is set up to help provide programs for low-incidence, special-need children. The student may be attending a program in any one of the thirteen towns.

Chapter 766 is an all-encompassing law; it is a law of two pages with a book of regulations of 109 pages. It is a costly law to the cities and towns. Each school district must appropriate all monies and expend the money before a reimbursement factor comes into play. Of course, this means a higher school budget and higher taxes. One important factor to remember is that dollars spent on 766 programs now mean less expense later for hospitalization, remedial work, welfare, etc.

A new program this year under Pupil Personnel Services is a school year Title I Project. The school district received funds to provide three reading tutors for grades 4-7. The program is designed to help students reading below grade level.

The Mendon-Upton School District has made progress in providing meaningful educational programs and services for all its students. However, we still have a way to go before we can meet all of what the laws of the Commonwealth mandate. We need additional staff and space.

We, parents, teachers, administrators, town officials, all have a vested interest in the children of Mendon-Upton. We can be justly proud of our educational programs and services. We must all work together to meet the short-term immediate needs and long-range planning needs of our educational community.

Respectfully submitted,

**MARYELLEN L. GRAY**  
Director of Pupil  
Personnel Services

## **Report of the Elementary School Principal**

A reorganization of the elementary schools was established to provide for a more realistic and efficient administration of the schools. There is now a full-time supervising principal for the Ball and Memorial Schools and also the same arrangement for the Henry P. Clough School in Mendon.

I am particularly pleased and happy with my assignment in Upton. With a combined enrollment between the Ball and Memorial School of approximately 520 students, the reorganization was educationally and administratively a logical and sound move.

Being on top of everything consistently most certainly, will provide a smoother and more efficient operation of the schools.

During the summer the School Committee approved after State Department of Education inspection the assignment of Kindergarten pupils to the Ball School. The first graders which were formally assigned to the Ball School were assigned to the Memorial School. I reorganized the Memorial School in order that grades 1 - 3 (primary unit) are in the same section of the building or within reasonable proximity to one another. I can say with all sincerity that the arrangement is working excellently. The Director of Pupil Personnel Services office is now located at the Ball School. This arrangement made available her office at Nipmuc High School for a special needs classroom.

Our School Library was moved to the north wing of the building. In consultation with Mrs. Barbara Burke, School Librarian, the move facilitated more efficient movement for the pupils by making the Library more central for the upper grade students to become more involved in the use of the facility. With Risteen Funds the new location was improved by adding carpeting, drapes, and additional bookcases. Mrs. Burke and I thank and appreciate the volunteers who make our program more effective. The Library program is supported with local, state, federal and Risteen Funds.

The addition of one relocatable classroom has temporarily given us space to provide for special needs students mandated under Chapter 766. Our Pupil Personnel Department, under the direction of Mrs. Maryellen Gray, utilizes the former library as a resource room. A small room adjacent to the resource room is used by our elementary counselor for private consultation with students and parents. Across the hall, a supply room area is also used for special services. The central location of our resource area is conducive to better organization and teaching. The need for more and proper facilities is still pressing; but in the meantime, I can say that most of the pupils in need of services are receiving them. These services will continue to grow as the need arises.

Mrs. Vera Townsend, School Nurse, reports excellent success in the recently established strep throat program. The program is under the jurisdiction of the Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee and the Upton Board of Health. The Upton Mother's Club sponsored the program and has followed it with great interest. We appreciate and thank the Upton Mother's Club for being very active in school affairs. Cultures are sent to the Worcester State Strep Lab which is sponsored by the American Heart Association. Reports are sent back

to us within 24 hours if they are negative. If the report is positive the school nurse receives a call from the lab.

Our annual winter and spring musical concerts were held with excellent success. Mrs. Barbara Toland, Richard Auger and Henry Morel of the Music Department express their deep satisfaction for the standing room only turnout at the concerts.

Our Art Department teachers, Miss Cathy Cournoyer and Miss Lisa Haywood, coordinate their programs within the curricular structure and the seasons. Our hallway bulletin boards are always arranged with student art work.

During the summer some school maintenance projects were completed. The last section of the roof was finished and we have experienced no leaks. Also replaced were glass blocks around the building which had been broken by vandals. Another major project completed was the replacement of door frames around the building which had rotted making it difficult to open and close the doors. Mr. Ashley Perkins, Head Custodian with an excellent summer crew, painted classrooms, hallways, and offices.

In order that the Ball School be used for kindergarten classes, the stairways were carpeted, railings were placed inside and outside the building; and the electrical system was changed from a 30 amp system to a 100 amp system.

There are still a few significant projects to be done and are now in budget preparation and discussion.

Mr. Gordon Merten, Director of Title I programs, reports that the summer programs was a success. This was the last year for the summer program. The program funded with Federal Title I funds is now being conducted during the regular school session.

The Open Court Language Arts Program is now in grades 1 -5. The primary goal of the program is to teach children to read, write, and speak clearly, accurately, and effectively. Students are involved in such daily activities as intensive phonics, self-correction, correlated language arts, daily writing practice, grammar and the finest literature.

We are piloting the first grade the Open Court Mathematics Program. The program continually calls upon the student to use his common sense and his ordinary powers of reason. In this program there is plenty of skill practice but most of it takes place through specially designed games and through exercises where unthinking responses are quickly noticed and corrected. The first grade teachers report that the students for the first time are really in the program. Over 200 parents observed both the Open Court Language Arts and Mathematics Program in November and we have had very favorable feedback.

In Social Studies, particularly in grades 4 - 7, units outlining the understandings, objectives, and projects are given to the students. Before the unit begins the teacher goes over it with the students. The unit is then sent home for the parents signature. We feel it is necessary that the student know what direction he/she is heading. The projects submitted by the students are excellent. The same procedure is expected to be used in science.

Our senior citizens have lunch with us on Wednesday afternoons and we welcome them. Mrs. Gail Hixon, Cafeteria Manager and Mrs. Betsy Johnson from the Council of Aged, coordinate the program.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the School Committee, Superintendent, faculty and other staff members, town officials, Upton Mother's Club and townspeople for the cooperation and support of education.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. SOTER  
Principal  
Memorial School

### **Consolidated Cafeteria Financial Report**

The following represents the combined financial report of the Mendon, Upton, and Nipmuc Regional High School cafeterias for the year 1976.

Cash Balance January 1, 1976	\$2,161.11
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Cafeteria Sales	61,160.72
U.S.D.A. Claim Checks	47,050.08
Other Receipts	658.92
Appropriation	2,469.85
<b>DISBURSEMENT:</b>	
Food and Milk	63,754.70
Labor	45,745.00
Other Expenses	8,001.89
Equipment	4,806.18
Cash Balance December 31, 1976	(8,807.09)*
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	\$113,500.68

\*U.S.D.A. Claim Checks Outstanding \$14,584.17  
Inventory 6,960.62

## **Mendon-Upton Regional School District**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT** **June 30, 1976**

	<b>Budget 7/75-6/76</b> <b>Original Alloc.</b>	<b>Transferred</b> <b>Allocations</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Administration	50,860.00	52,820.72	52,554.62	266.10
Instruction	1,264,907.00	1,235,502.72	1,224,396.68	11,106.04
Other School Services	207,410.00	209,225.06	208,736.59	488.47
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	207,000.00	203,086.14	200,716.54	2,369.60
Fixed Charges	97,000.00	99,343.21	99,245.08	99.13
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	34,350.00	29,605.66	29,448.59	157.07
Special Class Program	113,769.00	146,412.49	141,357.60	5,054.89
Vocational Day Program	23,500.00	22,800.00	19,566.74	3,233.26
Vocational Evening Program	800.00	800.00	189.00	611.00
	<hr/> 1,999,596.00	<hr/> 1,999,596.00	<hr/> 1,976,211.44	<hr/> 23,384.56
Transferred from Surplus To: PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS		2,748.50	2,678.50	70.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,999,596.00</b>	<b>2,002,344.50</b>	<b>1,978,889.94</b>	<b>23,454.56</b>

**Mendon-Upton Regional  
School District**  
**Report of the Treasurer**  
**July 1, 1975 – June 30, 1976**

Cash Balance July 1, 1975	\$ 23,292.66
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**RECEIPTS:**

Town Assessments:

Upton	813,015.65
Mendon	650,958.45
State Reimbursements	733,680.72
E.S.E.A. TITLE I	12,751.00
E.S.E.A. TITLE II	1,969.77
Federal Grants	1,947.25
Interest	17,860.81
Tuition	6,714.10
Rent	4,086.00
Insurance Dividends	3,108.00
Insurance Recovery	212.00
Net Increase in Special Funds	26.69
Blackstone Valley Spec.	
Needs Collab.	64,224.93
Payroll Deductions &	
Insurance Payments	382,768.12
Miscellaneous	7.50

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Operational Expense	\$1,978,889.94
Debt Service:	
Principal	50,000.00
Interest	8,500.00
Blackstone-Valley Spec. Needs Collab.	60,975.12
Surplus Revenue	12,057.45
E.S.E.A. TITLE I	12,750.64
E.S.E.A. TITLE II	1,862.83
Federal Projects	761.89
Chapter 766	9,275.91
Insurance Recovery	465.93

Net Decrease in School Lunch Program	1,370.99
Net Decrease in Athletic Fund	.08
Payroll Deductions	382,933.81
Cash Balance July 1, 1976	196,779.06
	\$2,716,623.65
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**Mendon-Upton Regional  
School District  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1976**

**ASSETS:**

Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$142,544.51
Home National Bank	51,252.87
Milford Savings Bank	2,981.68
	\$196,779.06

**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:**

N.D.E.A. TITLE III	\$ 1,947.25
E.S.E.A. TITLE I	.36
E.S.E.A. TITLE II FY74	3.57
E.S.E.A. TITLE II FY75	122.69
Federal Project: Office Occupations	6.06
School Lunch Program	351.84
Athletic Fund	2.79
Insurance Recovery Balance	456.47
Blackstone-Valley Spec.	
Needs Collab.	4,249.81
Encumbered Payroll Deductions	961.60
Surplus Revenue	188,676.62
	\$196,779.06

## **Report of the Water-Sewer Commission**

1976 was an exciting and rewarding year for your Water and Sewer Departments, but it also contained a note of sadness because for the first time since the creation of the Upton Water Dept., over 25 years ago, the name of Tommy Francis is not listed as a commission member. The remaining board members as well as all townspeople owe this man a debt of gratitude, for the knowledge he imparted and the years of service he gave. **THANKS, TOM.**

Early in the year, the plans for improving and expanding the sewer system were completed as well as a sewer betterment law proposal, which had been drafted by a study committee comprising members of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Highway Department, Assessors, Capital Improvement Commission, and the Sewer Board members. The betterment law required 14 months of work to formulate. A special town meeting was held on June 21, 1976 and approval of the sewer articles was voted with the proviso that federal funds for the project become available. On November 8, 1976, we received notification that Phase 1 of the project had been funded, and on December 13, 1976, the E.P.A. advised the balance of the project, namely Phases 2, 3 and 4 would receive a grant. Therefore the total federal, state, and county funds to be received for sewer improvements will be approximately \$1,700,000. We would hope that the entire project would be completed within 20 months.

During September 1976, the Selectmen received notification that applications for grants under the Public Works Act of 1976 were to be submitted and asking the various town departments for projects that might be considered. After meeting with all parties, it was felt that a water system improvement proposal might have a greater chance of acceptance because of limitations in the law regarding plans and the like. Therefore, early in October, a proposal for a million gallon water storage tank, new streets to be serviced and improvements to the present system was submitted to the E.D.A. office. Several road blocks arose; however, these were overcome by great cooperation between your Water-Sewer Board and the Board of Selectmen. On December 23, 1976, we were notified that our application of \$1,600,000 in water improvements had been approved. In the state of Massachusetts only 37 grants were funded out of 766 applications. We feel very fortunate.

As stated before, this has been a rewarding year; however, nothing could have been accomplished without the cooperation of other town boards, and the willingness of the voters to accept the projects presented by the Water/Sewer Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL E. ALDRICH, Chairman  
DANIEL J. FITZPATRICK  
ROYCE E. BEATTY  
Water-Sewer Commission

### **Report of the Building Inspector**

Report of Building Permits for the year 1977:

Houses (single family dwellings)	32
Additions	9
Garages	4
Others	21
Mobile Homes	2
 Total Permits Issued	 68

Respectfully submitted,  
BRUCE HODGKINS  
Building Inspector

## **Report of the Capital Budget Committee**

The Capital Budget Committee in formulating an annual report is confronted with a problem. For several reasons the Committee has been, with one exception, unable to complete its recommendations prior to the deadline for submission of report to be included in the Annual Report. This year is no exception, however, it was decided that the Committee would submit a partial report for inclusion in the Annual Report and prepare its recommendations for submission to all prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

In 1976 the Committee analyzed and evaluated each request for capital funds as to necessity, service it will provide to the Town, availability of aid from other levels of government, impact upon the rate, effect upon the fiscal policy of the Town, and the Town's capability to provide funds for the recurring operating cost of said improvement.

The Town-By-Law mandates that expenditures for capital improvements exceeding five thousand dollars and having a life expectancy of ten years shall be planned and implemented by an orderly schedule over six years — which is the Capital Improvements Program.

A capital improvement is one which provides for construction, reconstruction, renovation, or replacement of a public building or facility; purchase of land or building or facilities for a public purpose.

The Committee has recommended, and will continue to do so, that a substantial stabilization fund be maintained to counteract the impact upon the tax rate of contemplated major capital improvements.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to those individuals who served on the Sewer Betterment Committee and to the Town for its approval and adoption of the Betterment Committee's recommendations.

During 1976 the Town approved the acceptance of Federal funds for sewerage system and water distribution system improvements which have received favorable recommendation from this Committee. The appropriate Town officials have been notified and have accepted grants from the Federal and State governments for sewerage system improvements and from the Federal government for the water system improvements.

The Committee takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of Town officials and members of boards and commissions in providing the Committee with the necessary data to formulate a Capital Improvement Program.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. HENDERSON, JR.,  
Chairman

ROYCE E. BEATTY, Clerk

JONAS E. CARTER

OLAF OLSON

IDA S. PORTER,

Finance Committee Representative

### **Report of the Fire Station Addition Committee**

Appointed by the Moderator, as mandated by the Town Meeting on March 10, 1973 to serve as the Fire Station Addition Study Committee, the Committee at the request of the Board of Selectmen, continued as the Fire Station Addition Building Committee.

The Town Meeting on March 27, 1974 appropriated funds for the preparation of plans and specifications for an addition to the Fire Station. A contract was executed between the Town and Civil Engineering Services of Whitinsville, Massachusetts (the designers of the original building) for the necessary architectural and engineering services for the preparation of contract documents and advisory services during construction.

Town Meeting on May 11, 1974 appropriated \$50,000 for the construction of an addition to the Church Street Fire Station. In November filed sub-bids were received which totaled as much as the appropriation and it was necessary to reject all bids and notify the contractors that general contractors' proposals would not be received on the advertised bid date.

The Committee immediately proceeded to review the plans and specifications in an attempt to reduce the overall cost. It was agreed that the plan as proposed would remain, however, all non-essential items would be eliminated to reduce cost.

Revised plans and specifications were completed in early January 1975 and proposals were received in late January for the filed sub-bids and early February for the entire project. Eleven proposals were received ranging from \$78,134 to \$91,679 and after evaluation by the Committee and its consultants the Committee requested the Board of Selectmen to place an article in the upcoming Special Town Meeting to increase the construction appropriation by \$35,000.

Town Meeting on February 18, 1975 appropriated the additional funds and construction commenced in late March 1975. Construction proceeded during the remainder of the year and the project was completed in early 1976.

The Chairman takes this opportunity to express his sincere thanks to the members of the Committee who unstintingly gave of their limited spare time to meet on matters pertaining to the addition. Richard Henderson, Robert Prentiss, and Donald Wellman were always available and provided invaluable assistance in solving the problems which arose during design and construction of the addition.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the citizens of Upton and the Town officials for their support and cooperation in enabling this project to become a reality.

ROYCE E. BEATTY, Chairman  
RICHARD J. HENDERSON  
ROBERT J. PRENTISS  
DONALD A. WELLMAN

## **Report of the Industrial Development Commission**

The Industrial Development Commission held 14 meetings over the past year, with Stanley Craib as chairman, and Thomas Kozel as clerk, other members are Richard Stockwell, Joseph Carter, and Malcolm Mager.

The commission held meetings with the various town boards and other interested people. Meetings have been on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. and are held in the Planning Boards Office.

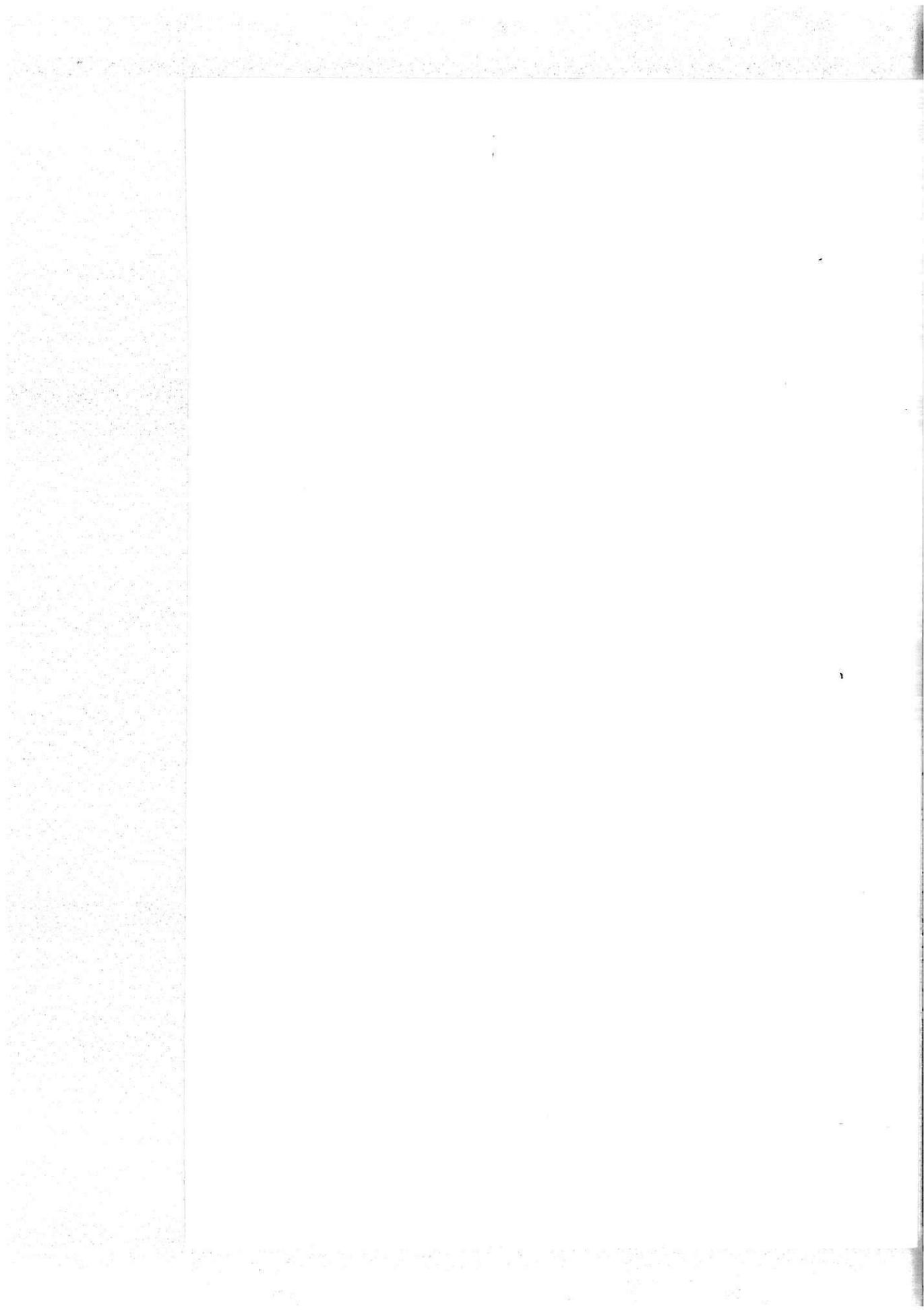
Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY CRAIB, Chairman  
THOMAS KOZEL  
RICHARD STOCKWELL  
JOSEPH CARTER  
MALCOLM MAGER

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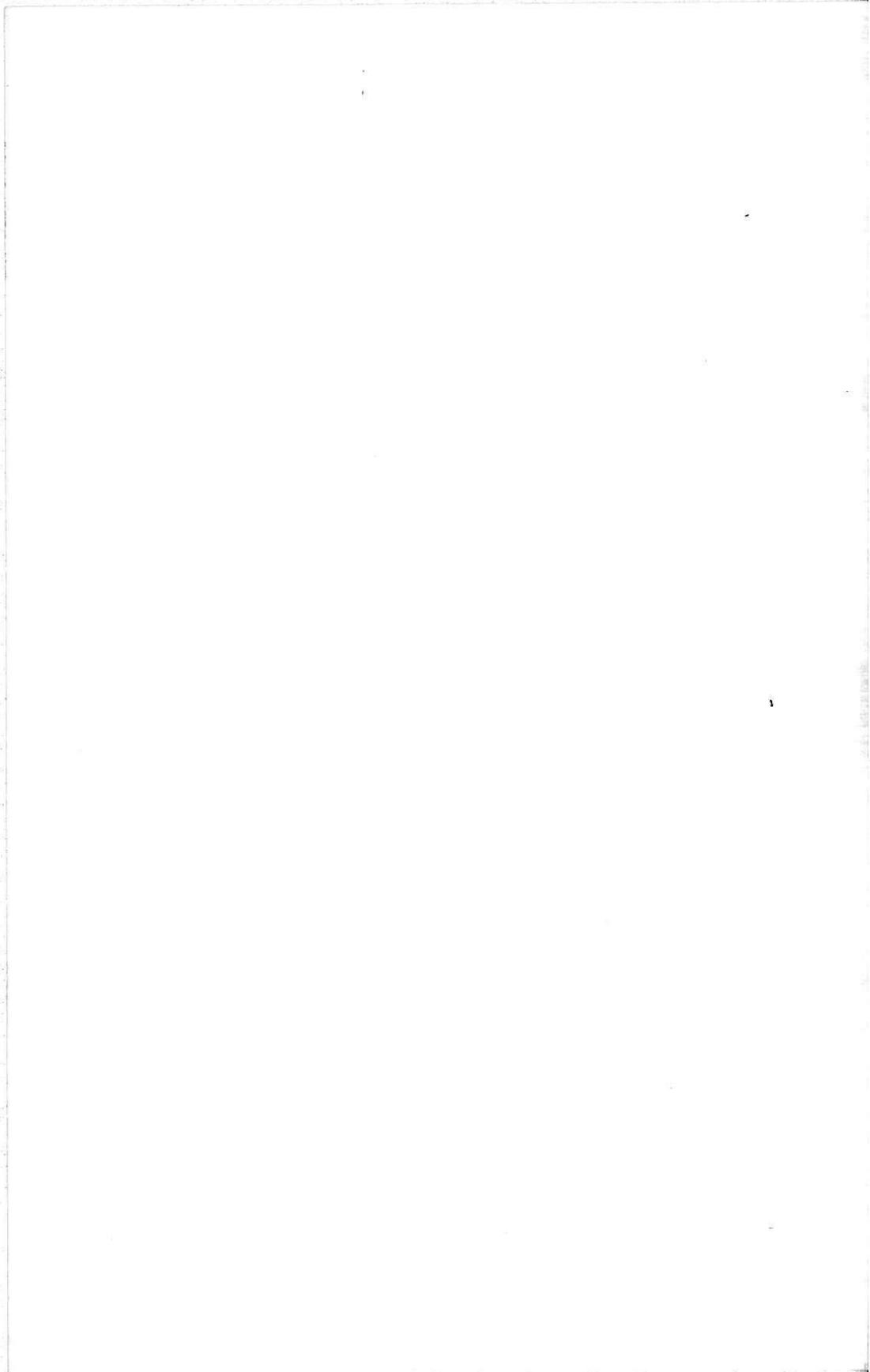
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<b>EMERGENCY:</b>	<b>Police .....</b>	<b>529-3411</b>
	<b>Fire .....</b>	<b>529-3311</b>
	<b>Ambulance ..</b>	<b>529-3311</b>
Selectmen (Meet. every Tuesday evening)	.....	529-6901
Selectmen's Clerk .....	.....	529-3915
Town Clerk (Monday every Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 7 to 9 p.m.)	.....	529-3565
Assessors (Meet every Tuesday evening)	.....	529-6901
Assessor's Clerk .....	.....	529-3760
Building Inspector .....	.....	478-2736
Civil Defense .....	.....	529-6561
Collector/Treasurer (Tues. & Thurs. 6 to 8 p.m.)	.....	529-3737
Dog Officer .....	.....	529-3095
Fire Department Business .....	.....	529-3421
Health Board .....	.....	529-3110
Housing Authority .....	.....	529-3293
Library .....	.....	529-6272
Nursing Service .....	.....	529-3110
Plumbing Inspector .....	.....	529-6296
Police Department Business .....	.....	529-3200
Road Commissioner .....	.....	529-7761
Sewer Treatment Plant .....	.....	529-3993
Superintendent of Schools .....	.....	529-7729
Veterans' Agent .....	.....	529-3865
Water Department .....	.....	529-7761
Water Department Emergencies .....	.....	529-6216
Wiring Inspector .....	.....	529-3383

