

TOWN OF PAXTON MASSACHUSETTS

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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
Chap. 32, Sec 4(2)(½)	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws C32 4 (2)(b½), which allows call firefighters to receive credit for past call firefighting service irrespective of whether the firefighter becomes a permanent member of the fire department. Art.7 (Annual Town Meeting – June 3, 2002)
Chap. 32, Sec 20	The Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws, to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of funding future financial obligations of the Town for health insurance and other post-employment benefits of retirees; or act in any way thereon.
Chap. 32, Sec. 22D	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 22D. Section 22D allows a system to adopt an actuarial funding schedule whereby it would annually appropriate the employer's normal cost for the entire benefits being accrued plus amortize the system's entire unfunded accrued liability over 40 years. Systems which have been elected to become funding systems under Section 22D are deemed to have automatically repealed the \$30,000 cap. Art. 16, Pg. 735 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 1990)
Chap. 32, Sec 32B	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32B, Section 18 that would require eligible retirees to join Medicare
Chap. 39, Sec. 10	The Town accepted the change of zoning of 670 Pleasant Street from Resident A to Business under Chapter 39, Section 10. Art. 1, (Special Town Meeting – July 19, 1999)
Chap. 39, Sec 23D	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23D, which would allow a member of any Town board, committee or commission who misses not more than one session of an adjudicatory hearing, to certify in writing that he or she has examined all evidence received at the missed session and thereby allowing said member to vote in such matter; or act in any other way thereon.
Chap. 39, Sec 23D	To amend the above stated General Bylaw Article 8 (Special Town Meeting – October 27, 2014)
Chap. 40, Sec. 4G	The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4G and further amended any Town bylaws requiring a bidding process for contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials of \$2,000 or more by substituting in its place the requirement of a bidding process for such contracts of \$4,000 or more. Art. 6, Pg. 632 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 1984)
Chap. 40, Sec. 5, Par. 40C	The sum of \$600 be appropriated from Revenue Sharing Fund interest Paragraph 40C account to provide payment for services under General Laws to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health through the Wachusett Area Drug Coalition. (Special Town Meeting – Nov. 19, 1973)



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Chap. 40, Sec. 6B	Purchase of Police Uniforms. (Special Town Meeting – June 28, 1946)
Chap. 40, Sec. 6C	Removal of Snow from Private Streets. (Passed by Ballot) (Annual Town Election – March 2, 1959)
Chap. 40, Sec. 6H	Permission to make repair on private ways which have been open to public use for 6 years or more without incurring liability on account of any damage caused by such repairs. (Annual Town Meeting – March 3, 1969)
Chap. 40, Sec. 8C	Appointment by Board of Selectmen of 7 members to a Conservation Commission to carry out the provisions of Said Act. (Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1962)
Chap. 40, Sec. 8D	The Town shall accept the provision of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D and that there be hereby established an Historical Commission for the Town of Paxton for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law to be composed of 7 members appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years, except that the initial appointment shall be 2 members for one year, two members for two years, and 3 members for three years. (Special Town Meeting – Oct. 16, 1972)
Chap. 40, Sec. 8G	The Town accepted Chapter 40, Section 8G, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (a statute authorizing mutual police aid programs). Art 7, Pg. 548 (Annual Town Meeting – October 4, 1980).
Chap. 40, Sec. 22F	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F, to set certain fees and charges and, if those fees and charges are currently established by statute, to increase them beyond the statutory level. Under this statute, municipal boards and officers may establish reasonable fees and charges for any permits, licenses, or certificates they issue or for any work or services they perform, provided that all the revenue from the fees or charges is paid to the municipal treasury. Art. 7, Pg. 27 (Annual Town Meeting – June 29, 1992).
Chap. 40, Secs. 42A-42F inc.	Collection of Water Rates (Annual Town Meeting of Feb. 3, 1936 & March 4, 1957)
Chap. 40, Sec. 42C	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 42C to add a lien fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to those accounts certified by the Assessors as unpaid water and electric light charges which are added to real estate taxes. Such funds are to go into the general fund for Town uses. Art. 22, Pg. 52 (Annual Town Meeting – June 14, 1993)
Chapter 40, Sec. 44A	A special unpaid committee is to be created under the provision of Section 44A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws to be known as the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee, consisting of three persons to be appointed by the Moderator, which committee may join with Regional Refuse Disposal Committees from any contiguous

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	municipalities to form a Regional Refuse Disposal District and which shall work cooperatively with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission in its studies of refuse collection and disposal in the region. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1967)
Chapter 40, Sec. 57	<p>The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, and to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw that would authorize the Town to deny any application for a building permit or any local license or permit to any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, as follows:</p> <p>(a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.</p> <p>(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.</p> <p>(c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said</p>

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	<p>agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.</p> <p>(d) The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.</p> <p>This bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, Section 13 of M.G.L. c. 48; bicycle permits, Section 11A of M.G.L. c. 85; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section 33 of M.G.L. c. 101; children work permits, Section 69 of M.G.L. c. 149; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, Section 21E of M.G.L. c. 140; dog licenses, Section 137 of M.G.L. c. 140; fishing, hunting, trapping license, Section 12 of M.G.L. c. 131; marriage licenses, Section 28 of M.G.L. c. 207; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section 181 of M.G.L. c. 140.</p>
Chapter 40, Sec.57 cont.	To amend the above stated General Bylaw Article 7 (Special Town Meeting – October 27, 2014)
Chapter 40A Chapter 808	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A as revised by Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 (Zoning). Article 10, Pg. 484 (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 1978).
Chap. 40B, Sec. 7.	The Town shall become a member of the Central Mass. Regional Planning District under the provisions of Chapter 40B of the General Laws, the annual cost to the Town to be an apportioned cost determined by the District Planning Commission on a per capita basis as provided in Section 7 of said Chapter 40B, but in no event greater than twelve cents per capita based upon the most recent national census. (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1970)
Chapter 40  1	The Town voted to accept C40 S.58 of the General Laws, the imposition of liens on real property for failure to pay by the due date any charges or fees related to municipal services by developers of streets not yet accepted by the Town as public ways. Art. 24. (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)
Chapter 41, Gen. Laws of 1921	Election of Selectmen for 3 Year Term, one for One Year, one for Two Years, and one for Three Years, and Each Year Thereafter Electing one for Three Years. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1922)
Chapter 41, Secs. 1-2 inc.	A Board of Health shall be elected as provided in Chapter 41, Sections 1 and 2, of the General Laws. (Annual Town Meeting – March 7, 1949)

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Chap. 41, Sec. 55	A Town Accountant shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as per Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 3, 1941).
Chap. 41, Sec. 70-72 inc.	Planning Board (Special Town Meeting – June 5, 1923).
Chap. 41, Secs. 78-81 inc.	Board of Survey (Special Town Meeting – June 5, 1923).
Chap 41, Sec. 97	Police Department (as Recommended by State Division of Accounts) (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1950).
Chapter 41, Sec. 97A	The town accepted the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (which governs administration of Police Departments). Art. 10, Pg. 725 (Annual Town Meeting – May 22, 1989).
Chapter 41, Sec. 110A	The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 110A of the Massachusetts General Laws, that would allow the Town Clerk to remain closed on Saturdays, including Saturdays that would otherwise constitute the deadline for voter registration with the office of the Town Clerk. If this article is adopted, deadlines for filings with the Town Clerk shall be calculated pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 4, Section 9, to the same extent as if Saturday were a legal holiday; or act in any other way thereon. (Special Town Meeting – December 12, 2011).
Chapter 44 of General Laws and Acts of 1948, Ch. 645	The Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$391,000 for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a school building, and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$5,000 shall be appropriated from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund, the sum of \$6,000 shall be appropriated from available funds in the Treasury, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, shall borrow the sum of \$80,000 under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and the sum of \$300,000 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and shall issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note. (Special Town Meeting – Dec 6, 1955)
Chap. 44, Sec. 7	The Town, pursuant to the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, shall appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be raised by taxation in connection with the vote passed under Article 27 at the 1970 Annual Meeting for the purpose of planning, constructing, equipping and landscaping a building to house the Municipal Light Dept. (Special Town Meeting – April 30, 1970).
Chap. 44, Sec. 35	The financial accounts of all the departments of the Town shall be audited annually by the Director of Accounts in the Department of Corporations and Taxation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of

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	Chapter 44 of the General Laws. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 1, 1932).
Chap. 44, Sec. 53F 1/2	The Town of Paxton accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 and authorize the establishment of a Trust Fund under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for all money received from the settlement of litigation in connection with the closing of Holden Hospital, effective beginning fiscal year 1996, said trust fund to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as the commissioners of trust funds for the Town, said trust fund to be for the purpose of paying the debt incurred by the Town in connection with the purchase of a rescue vehicle provided that to the extent the trust fund is not used to pay said debt, the trust fund will be used for purposes consistent with the Holden Hospital Trust Fund, and to appropriate all moneys received from the Holden Hospital Trust Fund for said purposes. Article 21, Pg. 92 (Annual Town Meeting – June 12, 1995).
Chap. 44, 53F½	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½ to establish a water service as an Enterprise Fund effective Fiscal Year 2007. Art.16. (Annual Town Meeting May 23, 2005)
Chap. 44, Sec 53F ¾	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾ to establish a separate revenue account. Art. 5 (Special Town Meeting – October 15, 2015)
Chap. 44, Section 55C	The Town voted to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C to establish a trust fund known as the Paxton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Chapter 20. (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)
Chapter 45, Sec. 14	A Recreation Commission shall be created under the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 45 of the General Laws; said Commission shall consist of five members elected at the next Annual Town Meeting for terms of five years except that the members of said Commission first elected shall be elected for such terms that the term of one member shall expire thereafter annually and that one member from the School Board and one member from the Planning Board shall be appointed by their respective committees as ex-officio members. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 5, 1923).
Chapter 45, Secs. 21-23 inc. Gen. Laws of 1921	Ordinances, By-Laws and Regulations (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 5, 1923).
Chap. 46, Section 12	The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Section 12 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, which amends the definition of “Employee” in section of Chapter 32B of the General Laws by inserting “ a member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency servicing a municipality shall be considered an employee and shall charge such individual 100 per cent of the premium. Art. 22 (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)

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Chap. 48, Secs. 42, 43, 44	Appointment of Fire Department Chief and Authorization of Pay for Fire Department Members. (Annual Town Meeting – March 7, 1966).
Chap. 58, Sec. 7A	The Town shall petition the State Tax Commission for the Installation of the State Assessment System as provided in Section 7A of Chapter 58 of the General Laws. (Special Town Meeting – June 5, 1967).
Chap. 59, Sec. 5	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A for the increased deferment of real estate taxes from \$20,000 to \$30,000, provided all other requirements of statute are satisfied. Art. 7 (Special Town Meeting - November 5, 2001)
Chap. 59, Sec. 5	The Town voted to adjust the acts pertaining to Clause 41C of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5 to increase the requisite age of eligibility from 70 to 65 and increase the exemption amount from \$500 to \$750 and income and asset limits. Article 11. (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)
Chapter 59, 5K	The Town voted to adopt Chapter 59, Section 5K of the Mass General Laws that allows residents over the age of 60 to receive a credit of up to \$750 from their real property taxes for volunteer work of the Town. Art. 18 (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)
Chap. 59, Sec. 5.17C Acts of 1981	The Town voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 17C, as authorized by Chapter 743 of the Acts of 1981; an act further regulating real estate tax exemptions. Art. 12, Pg. 590 (Annual Town Meeting – June 19, 1982).
Chap. 59, Sec. 5.41B	The Town accepted Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41B of the Massachusetts General Laws (Local tax assessment – to raise maximum receipts for single and married and estate values for both). Art. 14, Pg. 668 (Annual Town Meeting – October 6, 1986).
Chap. 59, Sec. 5.17D	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D (Acceptance provides tax relief to certain qualifying individuals above the age of 70. Art. 19, Pg. 682 (Annual Town Meeting – May 18, 1987).
Chap. 59, Sec. 5.41C	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C. (Acceptance provides increased limits of total estate and income for eligibility for partial exemption from taxation for individuals above the age of 70.) Art. 20, Pg. 682. (Annual Town Meeting – May 18, 1987).
Chap. 59, Sec 57C	The Town voted to accept Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57C into law for the purpose of establishing a semi annual preliminary tax payment system. Art 1. (Special Town Meeting – November 17, 2008). Art. 18 (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2017)

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Chap. 60, Sec 15	The Town voted to accept Mass General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15 and charge an additional \$30.00 for each demand. Art. 6 (Special Town Meeting November 17, 2008).
Chap. 64L, Sec. 2a	The Town voted to accept Mass General Law Chapter 64L, Section 21 to impose a local meal excise.
Chap. 74	The Regional School District Committee shall establish and maintain State aided vocational education, acting as trustees therefore in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws and Acts mandatory therefore or dependent thereon; if the Regional School District Committee deems it desirable. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1981).
Chapter 78	The Town shall raise and appropriate a sum of Money (\$3,687 in 1961) to be used with any funds, which may be paid to the Town under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 78, as amended, for Free Public Library purposes. This has to be voted each year if continuation desired. 1961 was the first time this provision was voted. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1961).
Chap. 78, Secs. 21-25 inc.	Electing a Board of Cemetery Commissioners. (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1915).
Chap. 85, Sec. 11A	Registration of Bicycles, Etc. (Annual Town Meeting – March 14, 1960).
Chap. 90, Sec. 20A	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 20A, which authorizes cities and towns to appoint a parking clerk, who shall be directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen and shall supervise and coordinate the processing of parking notices in the town. Art. 2, Pg. 713 (Special Town Meeting – June 6, 1988).
Chap. 90, Sec. 22B-K	The Town accepted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 22B through K “ an act of authorizing cities and towns to penalize those who abandon motor vehicles. Art.18 (Annual Town Meeting - May 7, 2007).
Chap. 91, Sec 29 of Gen. Laws and Acts of 1939 Chap. 513.	The Town shall assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of the General Laws and Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1939 due to all damages that may be incurred by work performed in rivers and streams of the Town in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 513 and the Selectmen shall execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 3, 1941)
Chap 114, Secs. 17 and 43 Chapter 659, Acts of 1983	The Board of Selectmen was directed to petition the General Court to enact the following special legislation strictly limited to the terms petitioned for by the town excepting editorial and technical corrections in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 17 and 43, and Chapter 659 of the Acts of 1983 and any other Acts as may pertain to said transfer.  An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain cemetery land located in the Town of Paxton to the First Congregational Church of Paxton.

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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
Section 1.	The Town of Paxton, by its Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to convey to the First Congregational Church of Paxton, a parcel of land in said Town which is presently under the care, custody, and control of the Paxton Cemetery Commission; said parcel of land being bounded and described as follows: being rectangle shape and approximately 1700 square feet, abutting the church land and a permanent easement necessary for access and a temporary easement necessary for construction all as shown on a plan by Richard Lamoureux & Associates and dated August 22, 1984.
Chap 114, Secs. 17 and 43 Chapter 659, Acts of 1983	Section 2. The consideration for such conveyance shall be \$500.00 and the assumption by the church of expenses directly related to the petition and the subsequent conveyance if authorized by the legislature. Art. 4, Pg. 636 (Annual Town Meeting – September 17, 1984).
Chapter 114, Section 23	The Town voted Chapter 114, Section 23 to accept the Cemetery Rules & Regulation. Art. 8 (Annual Town Meeting May 4, 2009).
Chapter 118B	Formation of a Welfare District (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1964).
Chap. 132A, Sec. 11 Chap. 40, Sec. 8C	The Town shall authorize the Conservation Committee to spend a sum of \$9,000 from the Conservation Fund as payment for land approximately 35 acres now owned by Clarkson-Griffin Realty Corp, as described in an option dated February 18, 1970, such land to be used for purposes described in the General Laws, Chapter 132A, Section 11 and General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended. (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1970)
Chapter 133 Acts and Resolves of 1992	The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 133 of the Acts and Resolves of 1992 to permit the Town of Paxton to adopt an Early retirement incentive program for employees who are eligible for a superannuation retirement allowance. Art. 1, Pg. 35 (Special Town Meeting – September 14, 1992)
Chap. 136, Secs. 7-8 inc. Gen. Laws of 1921	Sale of Ice Cream, Confectionery, Soda Water, and Fruit on the Lord's Day. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 5, 1923)
Chap. 136, Secs 21-28 inc.	Certain Sports and Games Permitted on the Lord's Day. (Annual town Meeting – Feb. 2, 1925)
Chapter 138	1. For the purpose of preserving peace and good order, no person shall have any intoxicating liquor in his possession in any park, dance hall, or other public place in this Town unless pursuant to Gen. Laws, Chapter 138; a license or permit shall have been issued with respect to such place.  2. Any person violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 1974)



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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
Chap. 138, Sec. 1	The Town amended Chapter 138, Section 1 of Massachusetts General Laws. An act to strike in its entirety, Article 29 as voted at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, and insert in its place a new Article for "Alcoholic Beverages." Art. 10, Pg. 10. (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)
Chap 138, Sec 12B Acts of 1981, Chap. 606	The Town accepted the provisions of Section 12B of Chapter 138 of the General Laws as authorized by Chapter 606 of the Acts of 1981 (an act further regulating the operation of certain premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages). Art 23, Pg. 591 (Annual Town Meeting – June 19, 1982)
Chap. 140, Sec 173	Dog Bylaw Art.15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 4, 2015)
Chap. 143, Secs. 3 and 6-12 inc.	Inspection of Buildings. (Special Town Meeting – June 5, 1923)
Chap. 147	Boxing. (Special Town Meeting – June 18, 1935)
Chap. 148, Sec. 10A	The fire inspector shall retain the established fee of \$0.50 for oil burner and oil storage permit in accordance with Chapter 148, Section 10A of the General Laws. (Ter. Ed.) (as amended to 1945, inc.) (Adjourned Annual Meeting – Feb. 18, 1946)
Chap. 148, Sec 26E	The Town accepted Chapter 148, Section 26E of the Massachusetts General Laws, entitled "Local Option for Smoke Detectors in Private Dwellings." Art. 12, Pg. 667 (Annual Town Meeting – October 6, 1986)
Chap. 148, Sec 26G	The Town accepted Chapter 148, Section 26G of the Massachusetts General Laws, requiring adequate sprinkler systems to the state building code in nonresidential buildings/additions where floor area is more than seventy-five hundred gross square feet. Art. 5. (Special Town Meeting – November 5, 2001)
Chap. 148, Sec 26I	The Town accepted Chapter 148, Section 26I of the Massachusetts General Laws, requiring adequate sprinkler systems to the state building code in new construction or rehabilitated to constitute new for residential purposes, containing more than four dwelling units. Art. 6. (Special Town Meeting – November 5, 2001)
Chap. 148, Sec. 38A	The Town adopted Chapter 148, Section 38A of the General Laws (The fee for gasoline tank removal permit shall be \$150.00) Art. 22, Pg. 591 (Annual Town Meeting – June 19, 1982)
Chapter 152, Sec. 69	The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 152, Section 69, allowing an employee to be paid the difference between the worker's compensation and the employee's full salary of wages until any overtime or vacation which the employee has to his credit has been used during the period during which the employee is totally incapacitated. The employee may also be paid the difference between the worker's compensation and the employee's full salary or

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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
	wages until the employee's sick leave allowance has been used unless otherwise provided in a collective bargaining agreement. Art. 19, Pg. 92 (Annual Town Meeting – June 12, 1995)
Chap. 164A	The Town accepted Chapter 164A of the General Laws entitled "New England Power Pool." (Special Town Meeting – Nov. 19, 1973)
Chap. 166 Sec. 32 *	<p>Section 1. The Selectmen shall annually, and whenever the office is vacant for any reason, appoint a licensed electrician as Inspector of Wires, who shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.</p> <p>Section 2. The Inspector of Wires shall exercise all powers and duties conferred upon him by the General Laws and the By-Laws of the Town relating to electric wires, conduits, and apparatus.</p> <p>Section 3. Every corporation or person proposing to place or attach wires designed to carry a current of electricity for lighting, heating, or power, in or attached to a building, pole, or structure, shall give written notice thereof to the Inspector of Wires before commencing work and no wiring shall be covered or concealed until it shall have been inspected and approved by the Inspector of Wires and such wires shall not be energized until written permission to do so has been given by said Inspector of Wires.</p> <p>Section 4. Whenever, in the opinion of the Inspector of Wires, electrical conductors or apparatus used for the distribution or application of an electrical current in, on, or attached to a building, pole, or structure, are in an unsafe or dangerous condition, he is hereby authorized to cause the electricity to be shut off if the existing defects are not remedied within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Selectmen. As provided in Chapter 166, Section 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. (Adjourned Annual Meeting – Feb. 18, 1946; amended at Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1951)</p>
Chapter 213 Acts of 1989	The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 213 of the Acts of 1989, to penalize those who abandon motor vehicles. Art. 10, Pg. 733 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 1990)
Chap. 258, Sec. 13	the Town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights or any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment; or act in any way thereon. Art. 17 (ATM – May 2, 2011)
Chap. 262, Sec. 34.1-79	The Town accepted amendments to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 262, Section 34, clauses 1-79. (Town Clerk fees)

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- Sections 1, 2, and 4 approved by Attorney-General

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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
	Art. 1, Pg. 716 (Annual Town Meeting – November 28, 1988)
Chap. 266, Sec. 9	The Town accepted Section 9 of Chapter 266 of the General Laws entitled “negligence in cases of Fire; optional provisions.” Art. 17, Pg. 591 (Annual Town Meeting – June 19, 1982)
Chap. 527, Sec. 1	Women Teachers Employed in the Same Grades and Doing the Same Type of Work with the Same Preparation and Training as Men Teachers Shall be Paid at the Same Rate as Men Teachers. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 3, 1947)
Chap. 723	Establishing a Department of Veterans Service. (Adjourned Town Meeting – Feb. 18, 1946)
Acts of 1908, Chap. 209	An act to Provide for the Protection of Forest or Sprout Lands from fire. (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1909)
Acts and Resolves of 1912, Chapter 361	An Act to Authorize the Town of Paxton to supply itself with water. (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1914)
Acts of 1913, Chap. 807 and Acts of 1936, Chap. 403	Extend the Terms Laborers, Workmen, and Mechanics to Include all Employees, Regardless of the Nature of their Work or Duties but Not to Include Members of the Police or Fire Force. (Special Town Meeting – June 30, 1939)
Acts of 1931, Chap. 369	An Act authorizing the City of Worcester, and the Town of Paxton to enter into contracts for the purchase and sale of water for municipal water supply purposes. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 1, 1932)
<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
Acts of 1936, Chap. 211	Election of two additional members of Planning Board for four and five years, respectively, and in the future election of one member each year for a five-year term. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 1, 1937)
Acts of 1943, Chap. 5	The Town shall transfer from Excess and Deficiency a sum of money for the purchase of War Bonds in order to establish a post war rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 7, 1944)
Acts of 1949, Chap. 638 Secs. 14-16 inc.	Regional School District Planning Board (Special Town Meeting – Nov. 30, 1949)
Acts of 1950, Chap. 820	Increase of \$100. Yearly to all eligible employees now on pension. (Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1951)
Acts of 1951, Chap. 537	Welfare Compensation Plan. (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1962)
Acts of 1989, Chap. 653	The Town voted to accepted the provisions of Section 40A, C653 of the Acts 1989 to assess new construction or other physical improvements added to real property between January 2 and June 30 as part of such real property as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Art. 31 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

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<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Subject and Date of Acceptance</u></b>
Title III National Defense Education Act	An Act providing for the Federal Government to reimburse the Town for 50% of its appropriations to purchase equipment for Science, Mathematics, and Languages. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1961; March 5, 1962; March 4, 1963; and March 2, 1964)
Economic Opportunity Act of 1964	Public Law 88-452 to form a committee of three to study the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1965)
Title VII Housing Act of 1961, As Amended	An Act providing for grants for acquisition of land for open space use. (Special Town Meeting – May 16, 1966)

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### **Advisory Personnel Review Board**

The Selectmen shall appoint an Advisory Personnel Review Board of 5 or 7 members, said Board to consider all salaries of Town employees and officials elected or appointed, with the exception of the School Department.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1970)

The Town shall adopt a plan for the appointment of members of the Advisory Personnel Review Board, whereby the Selectboard shall appoint two individuals for a one-year term, two for a two-year term, and one for a three-year term. At the option of the Selectboard, two additional members may now be appointed, one for a one-year term, and one for a three-year term. Thereafter as the terms of members expire, their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1972)

### **Arts Lottery Council**

The Town voted to establish an Arts Lottery Council in accordance with Chapter 790 of the Acts of 1979, to consist of at least five persons appointed by the Selectmen for two year terms, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be placed in an account for the Arts Lottery Council Expenses.

Art. 8, Pg. 548 (Special Town Meeting – October 4, 1980)

### **Authorization to Department Heads to Sell Certain Equipment, etc.**

A department head shall have authority, with written permission from the Selectmen, to sell old, used, or obsolete machinery, materials, or equipment having a fair market value not in excess of \$1,000; provided, however, that if such value shall exceed \$500, one or more bids shall be obtained in writing prior to such sale. Any money received from such sale is to be deposited in the Surplus Account.

(Special Town Meeting – Dec. 1, 1961)

### **Board of Health**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Health to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more governmental offices to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform.

Art. 16. (Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2006)

### **Building Inspector/Assistant Building Inspector**

A Building Inspector shall be appointed by the Selectmen.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 5, 1934)

The Assistant Building Inspector shall be appointed by the Selectmen.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1961)

### **Building Needs Study Committee**

The Town shall authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) members to conduct a study of existing Town Buildings, exclusive of schools, and evaluate future needs, and report the results of their study to the Town by the next Annual Meeting.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1973)

### **Building Needs Study Committee**

The Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Building Needs Committee of five members to study the Police Station and Fire Station/Communications Center relative to expansion and handicap requirements.

Art. 15 (Special Town Meeting May 3, 1999)

### **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

Sec. 1. In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 106B, The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvements Planning Committee ("Committee"), composed of seven voting members. The Committee shall consist of the Town Administrator (or designated representative), one member (or designated representative) from the Finance Committee, one

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member (or designated representative) from the Board of Assessors, and four members of the electorate appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Appointments will be for three years, rotating, so one member is subject to reappointment every year after the initial appointments. The Committee shall elect its own officers.

Sec. 2. The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which: 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years; 2) have a useful life of at least five years; 3) costs over \$10,000. All officers, boards, committees, and commissions shall, by a date specified annually by the Committee, submit to the Committee, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing six years. This section is also applicable to projects sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and proposed capital asset expenditures by the Regional School Committee. The Committee shall consider the *criticality*, relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures, the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town and future maintenance, and replacement costs, recognizing the useful life of assets in accordance with the Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System (UMAS) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB 34) accounting policies and practices.

No appropriation at a Town Meeting will be voted for a capital improvement purchase or project requested by a department, board, committee, or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the Committee's Report. If a project reflecting an extraordinary circumstance which must be addressed before the formulation of the next year's capital program arises, a department, board, committee, or commission may submit a proposal to the Committee for consideration. Each member of the Committee must vote that the project meets extraordinary circumstances. The Committee shall then submit a report to the Board of Selectmen explaining why the proposal was not included in the Committee's annual report.

This provision is not applicable to any capital improvements placed on the Town Warrant by citizen petition, as governed by the Massachusetts General Laws.

Sec. 3. The Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvements Budget for the next fiscal year and a Capital Improvements Program, including recommended capital improvements, for the following five fiscal years. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and approval. The Board of Selectmen shall submit its approved Capital Budget to the Annual Town Meeting for adoption by the Town.

Sec. 4. The Committee shall prepare a list of Articles for inclusion in the Annual or Special Town Meeting for that fiscal year. After adoption of the Capital Improvements Program, any department, board, committee, or commission may make expenditures from their current budget for any surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options, or appraisals; but no such expenditure shall be incurred on projects which have not been so approved by the Town through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years, or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five years in the future.

Sec. 5. The Committee's report and the Board of Selectmen's recommended Capital Budget shall be published with the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and made available to the Town residents. The Committee shall deposit its original report with the Town Clerk.

### **Capital Outlay Committee**

Sec. 1. There shall be a Capital Outlay Committee, which shall perform the duties and be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth in the following sections of this article. Said committee shall consist of seven (7) citizens of the Town.

Sec. 2. The Moderator shall appoint three of the original members of said Capital Outlay Committee to serve terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, as the Moderator shall designate. Annually thereafter, at the Annual Town Meeting, the Moderator shall appoint for a term of three years a new member to said Committee, who shall succeed the member appointed by the Moderator whose term then shall have expired.

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Sec. 3. The Selectmen shall at each Annual Town Meeting appoint to the Capital Outlay Committee two members of the Finance Committee, one member of the Planning Board, and one member of the Board of Assessors. Members so appointed shall serve from the time of the Annual Town Meeting, at which they shall have been appointed, until the next Annual Town Meeting. The Capital Outlay Committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 4. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Capital Outlay Committee, it shall be filled by the appointing authority, which appointed the member whose position shall have become vacant. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the Capital Outlay Committee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whom he succeeds.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Capital Outlay Committee to ascertain annually what capital outlays will be required by the Town during the next six years. In making this determination, it may consult with Town, County, and State officials, and with other boards and committees of the Town. It shall publish and distribute to each voter an annual report and such further reports as it shall deem advisable, and shall include in such reports its estimates of income, operational expenses, and tax rates, its recommendations for scheduling capital outlays and for the financing thereof, as in its judgment cannot be, or should not be, expended entirely out of current revenues.

(Special Town Meeting – May 16, 1966)

Committee was disband by Town vote (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

### **Cemetery Commissioners, Board of**

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners shall be elected on the official ballot.

(Special Town Meeting – April 26, 1915)

### **Committee Chairman, Duty of**

The chairman of all committees shall notify all members of all meetings.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb 2, 1931)

### **Committee Organization**

All committees and boards of the Town shall meet and organize within thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure so to file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with the Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of this By-Law.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938)

### **Communications Center – “9-1-1” Service**

The Town voted to abolish, create, and fund various dispatcher positions, as provided, in connection with the enhanced “9-1-1” service that will be available in the Town in the near future. Art. 3, Pg. 76 (Annual Town Meeting – September 12, 1994)

### **Communications Committee – Dispatch Center**

The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Communications Committee to consist of not more than 7 members, including one representative from each of the following Town Departments: Fire, Highway, Light, Police, and Water. This committee is to be responsible for the further study of a Central Communications Dispatch Center.

Art. 34, Pg. 378 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 1974)

### **Communications Board**

The Town voted to amend the Communication Board to a maximum of seven members with at least one representative from Fire, Police, Highway, Light and three at large members.

Article 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 4, 1998)

The Town voted to amend the organization of the Communications Board to five members; Police Sergeant, Manager of Communication, DPW Superintendent, PEL Manager and Fire Chief.

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Art. 3 (Reconvened Annual Town Meeting June, 30, 2003)

The Town voted to abolish the Communication Board.

Art. 17 (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)

### **Council on Aging**

The Town voted to adopt a By-Law to establish a Council on aging; said By-Law to read as follows:

‘There is hereby established in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8B, a Council on Aging, said Council (a) to perform such duties and to exercise such powers and privileges as provided by said statute, as it may now exist or hereafter be amended, and (b) to consist of 7 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed 4 years for any member. Said terms shall be so arranged so that not more than 2 appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members may be re-appointed to determine the duties of said council.’ Art. 17, Pg. 410 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1975)

The Town voted to increase the number of members of the Council on Aging to 9 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed 3 years for any member. Said terms shall be so arranged so that not more than 3 appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members may be reappointed to determine the duties of a Council on Aging.

Art. 6 (Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Finance Committee**

Sec. 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of 9 registered voters, who shall be inhabitants of the Town of Paxton, none of whom shall be Town officers, either appointed or elected, or their agents or Town employees. Members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator for a term of 3 years, said term expiring at the close or dissolution of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors shall be appointed. If any member shall resign, or be absent from five consecutive meetings of the Finance Committee, his position shall be deemed vacant by vote of the Finance Committee. The Committee shall report such vacancy to the Moderator who shall proceed immediately to fill the same. Any person chosen to fill a vacancy in the Finance Committee shall hold office for the unexpired term of the person whom he succeeds. The members of the present Finance Committee, who shall have been appointed hereto and be acting as such at the time this bylaw shall become effective, shall complete their terms of office to which they shall have been respectively elected.

Sec. 2. The Finance Committee shall serve without compensation and shall organize and elect its officers before June 1<sup>st</sup>. of each year. It shall have a secretary and a statistician whose compensation shall be fixed by the Finance Committee. It may within its appropriation, engage advisory personnel. Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained.

Sec. 3. The various Town boards, officers, and committees, exclusive of the School Committee, charged with the expenditures of Town monies shall, before March 1<sup>st</sup>. of each year, prepare detailed estimates of the amounts deemed by them necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing fiscal year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any change from the amount appropriated for the same purposes during the current fiscal year. They shall also prepare estimates for all probable items of income, which may be received by the Town during the ensuing fiscal year. Said estimates and statements except as to the School Committee, shall be filed on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. of each year with the Selectmen and by them transmitted forthwith to the Finance Committee. The School Committee shall submit its complete budget by January 1<sup>st</sup>. of each year. Any department, except the School Committee, which shall fail to file said budget request within the time stipulated herein, shall be restricted to such budget as may be submitted by the Selectmen in substitution of the budget of such department but said substituted budget shall not exceed the amount expended for the said department during the prior fiscal year.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to consider all articles for any Town Warrant and make written recommendations thereon to the Selectmen. In the discharge of this duty the Finance Committee shall have, upon request, free access to all pertinent information not held confidential by law in the possession of, and shall have the right to meet with any Town board, officer, employee, or committee. On or before the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday of March of each year, the Selectmen shall report to the



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Finance Committee all requests, not theretofore referred, for appropriations or special articles for the Warrant for the annual meeting and shall, within seven days after the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday of March, meet with the said Finance Committee to discuss the same. The Finance Committee shall, on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, submit to the Selectmen its written report with their recommendations contained therein on all articles. The Finance Committee shall make an annual report, which shall be printed in the Town Report along with the Finance Committee recommendations as to and reasons for approval or disapproval of any article considered in the Warrant for every Town Meeting.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938; amended at Annual and Special Town Meetings of Feb. 3, 1947, Nov 7, 1947, and March 1, 1948)(Special Town Meeting – May 16, 1966 amended and approved by Attorney General – July 5, 1973)

### **Housing Authority**

The Town voted to enable the Holden Housing Authority to act as temporary agents for any Housing-Authority related matters for the Town of Paxton.

Art. 2, Pg. 684 (Special Town Meeting – June 23, 1987)

### **Library**

The number of elected trustees for the Richards's Memorial Library shall be six (6) and hereafter, they shall be elected on the official ballot. At this meeting of February 2, 1931, said trustees shall be elected as follows: two for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year, and each year thereafter, two trustees shall be elected for a term of three years. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 2, 1931)

The Library Trustees shall sell old, discarded books whenever they deem it advisable, the money received to be paid to the Town Collector. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 6, 1933)

### **Meetings, Frequency of**

All Town departments shall hold their meetings in the Town Hall at least once a month on regular meeting nights. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 6, 1933)

### **Moderator**

A Moderator shall be elected at each Annual Town Meeting for the term of one year and the names of candidates for the office shall be placed upon the official ballot.

(Special Town Meeting – April 3, 1922)

The Town voted to increase the term of Office of the Town Moderator from one year to three years, starting May 1987. Art. 5, Pg. 661 (Annual Town Meeting – May 19, 1986)

### **Municipal Light Board**

A Municipal Light Board of three members shall be elected by ballot as follows: one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, whose terms of office shall expire at the Annual Town Meetings in 1917, 1916, and 1915, respectively; and at each Annual Town Meeting hereafter, one member of said Board shall be elected for a term of three years. The Municipal Light Board shall be elected on the official ballot. (Special Town Meeting – July 6, 1914, and Special Town Meeting – April 26, 1915)

### **Municipal Light Department**

The Town voted to recommend that the Massachusetts State Legislature exempt Paxton's Municipal Light Department from participating in the residential energy audit program.

Art. 9, Pg. 566 (Annual Town Meeting – May 4, 1981)

### **On Call Fire Employees**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Section 12 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, which amends the definition of "Employee" in section of Chapter 32B of the General Laws by inserting " a member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency servicing a

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municipality shall be considered an employee and shall charge such individual 100 per cent of the premium.

Art. 22 (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)

### **Paxton Town Hall Building Renovation Study Committee**

The Town voted to accept the creation of a Paxton Town Hall Building Renovation Study Committee to evaluate the feasibility, option, requirements and planning of the renovation to the Paxton Town Hall.

Art. 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2007)

### **Planning Board**

The Planning Board shall be placed upon the official ballot at subsequent Town elections. (Special Town Meeting – March 30, 1925)

### **Plumbing and Sanitary Inspector**

The Plumbing and Sanitary Inspector shall be paid an amount equal to the fees collected by the Town for Plumbing and Sanitary Inspections. (Special Town Meeting – April 22, 1963)

### **Police Chief, Full-Time**

The Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to cover the cost of a full-time Police Chief. (Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1972)

### **Police Requirements**

The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of not less than five persons, one of whom shall be a Selectmen and one the Chief of Police, to study the question of police requirements in the Town of Paxton and make recommendation to the Board of Selectmen within six months from date and the Selectmen shall forthwith take appropriate action thereon.

Art. 30, Pg. 315 (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1971)

### **Police Service**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide the following additional police services to the Town:

1. Extend current police coverage into the early morning hours on a daily basis.
2. Provide Police Officers with improved backup per shift.

Art. 2, Pg. 75 (Annual Town Meeting – September 12, 1994)

### **Public Welfare, Board of**

By virtue of the Acts of 1967, Chapter 658 the Commonwealth assumed the entire cost and administration of Public Assistance commencing July 1, 1968.

### **Recreation Commission**

It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five towns people, one of whom shall be a member of the Recreation Commission, to study the feasibility of constructing an athletic field complex.

Art. 24, Pg. 315 (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1971)

### **Recreation Commission**

The Town voted to change the length of term of the members of the Recreation Commission from five years as established by the ATM vote on March 2, 1953 to three years.

Art. 16, (Annual Town Meeting – May, 4, 1998)

### **Recreation and Park**

The Town voted to accept Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1977 (an act permitting cities and towns to establish recreation and park self-supporting revolving funds).

Art. 5, Pg. 548 (Special Town Meeting – October 4, 1980)

## **Boards, Committees, and Officers**

### **Recycling Committee**

The Town of Paxton authorized the establishment of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health/Recycling Committee to place revenue collected from the sale of compost bins which shall be expended to purchase additional compost bins, provided that the total amount that may be expended from said revolving fund on the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed \$2,000.

Art. 24, Pg. 93 (Annual Town Meeting – June 12, 1995)

### **School Committee**

It was voted that the Town increase the number of members of the School Committee so that effective on and after the Annual Town Meeting in 1974 the School Committee shall consist of Five (5) members of which two (2) shall be those members whose terms shall not expire in 1974, and of which three (3) shall be elected in 1974 as follows: One (1) for a term of three years. Thereafter, as the term of a School Committee member expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of three years. (Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1974)

### **Sewer Committee**

The Town voted to appoint a Sewer Committee consisting of five persons to perform a sewer feasibility study for the Town.

Art. 13. ( Special Town Meeting March 1, 1999)

### **Solicitor/Canvasser**

The Town voted to accept a By-Law for Solicitor/Canvasser. Approved by Attorney General on September 6, 1991.

Art. 11, Pg. 11-13 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)

### **Town Administrator**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 23A for a term not to exceed three years.

Art 12. (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

### **Town Government Structures, Study of**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator to appoint a committee of nine people to review the structure of the present Town government, through its appointed and elected Boards, Commissions and Departments and the associated enabling general Laws and By-Laws to determine if the present structure should be uniformly modernized to provide the best possible government for the future. Said committee which would be composed of no more than five persons that hold or have held positions in any town government and no less than four persons that have never held a position with any town government would be instructed to report their findings at the next Regular Town Meeting. (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1997)

### **Tax Collector/Town Collector**

The Selectmen shall provide suitable accommodations in the Town Hall for the Tax Collector's office and equipment and all current and active records of the Collector shall be kept there, and all old, inactive records of the Collector shall be deposited in the Record Building. The Tax Collector shall designate and make public by posted notice of the times when he shall maintain office hours. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb 1, 1937)

The Collector of Taxes shall collect accounts due the Town under the title of Town Collector. (Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1956)

The Town voted that the Town increase the term of office of the Town Collector from one year to three years. Art. 21, Pg. 532 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1980)

The Town accepted the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, with amendments, to deny any application for, or revoke or suspend any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board, officer, or department, for any person, corporation, or business enterprise

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who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges.

Art. 8, Pg. 738 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 1990)

The Town adopted the following as a By-Law of the Town, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57.

- (a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments, and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission, or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed on good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before appellate tax board. Art. 6, Pg. 26 (Annual Town Meeting – June 29, 1992)

The Town voted to repeal the existing Town By-Law regarding the method of compensating the Town Collector (which allows the Town Collector to keep certain fees collected), and to raise and appropriate the sum of money for salaried compensation of the Town Collector.

Art. 1, Pg. 81 (Annual Town Meeting – June 12, 1995)

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file legislation to combine the position of Town Collector and Treasurer to one appointed position.

Art. 17. (Annual Town Meeting May 7, 2001)

### **Town Clerk**

The Town voted to increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from one year to three years, effective from May 1985 election.

Art. 8, Pg. 638 (Annual Town Meeting – September 17, 1984)

The Town voted to alter the existing method of compensation to be strictly salary with no retaining of any fees paid for certificates, licenses etc.

Art. 12 (Annual Town Meeting May 23, 2005)

### **Tree Warden**

The office of Tree Warden shall be placed upon the official ballot at subsequent Town elections. (Special Town Meeting – March 30, 1925)

The Town voted to increase the term of Office of the Town Tree Warden from one year to three years, starting May 1987.

Art. 5, Pg. 661 (Annual Town Meeting – May 19, 1986)

### **Water Commissioners, Board of**

The Board of Water Commissioners shall be elected on the official ballot.  
(Special Town Meeting – April 26, 1915)

## **General**

The following is taken from votes passed at Town Meetings, which contain specific amendments of By-Laws accepted by the Town of Paxton.

### **Agriculture and Farm Preservation Bylaw**

The Town voted to accept an Agriculture and Farm Preservation Bylaw.  
Art. 21 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2007).

### **Alarm System Bylaw**

The Town voted to accept an Alarm System Bylaw, that would charge residents for making false calls for fire and police services.  
Art. 7. (Special Town Meeting November, 16, 2002).

### **Annual Reports**

Every Office in charge of a Department or Board shall annually on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in January, shall transmit to the Finance Committee an estimate in detail of the appropriations required for such Department or Board for the ensuing fiscal year; and shall transmit annually on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in August, a report to the Selectmen containing a statement of the acts and doings of said Department or Board for the preceding fiscal year to be presented in the Annual Report as the Selectmen may deem expedient.  
(Annual Town Meeting held May 3, 1976) (Approved by Attorney General September 23, 1976)

### **Assessors' Report**

The Assessors shall cause to be printed a report for the year 1936 assessments as soon as the lists can be prepared and the same shall be done every third year thereafter.  
(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 3, 1936)

### **Baxter Drive**

The Town voted to accept Baxter Drive as a public way  
Art. 23 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

### **Business Districts – Section 3.24**

The Town amended Paxton By-Law, Section 3.24, as follows:  
All uses currently permitted by right and designated by the letter Y in business districts shall hereafter be allowed only be special permit in the business district and be designated by the letters SP, except for section 3.24 (6) in the business district which shall continue to be permitted by right and be designated by the letter Y.  
Art. 12, Pg. 619 (Annual Town Meeting – September 12, 1983)

### **Busing**

The Town of Paxton voted not to be a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority established in accordance with Chapter 161B of the General Laws of Massachusetts.  
Art. 8, Pg. 394 (Annual Town Meeting – September 30, 1974)

### **Cable T.V.**

The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to seek proposals for Cable T.V. and take such other steps as may be necessary in connection with the grant of a Cable T.V. license.  
Art. 2, Pg. 590 (Annual Town Meeting – June 19, 1982)

### **Capital Depreciation Fund**

The Town voted to authorize the filing of special legislation with Massachusetts General Court to create a Capital Depreciation Fund entitled Paxton Capital Depreciation Fund.  
Article 15. (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

The Town voted to authorize the filing of special legislation with the Massachusetts General Court to create a Capital Depreciation Fund in the form of the legislation dated May 2002.  
Art. 32 (Annual Town Meeting June 10, 2004)

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### **Casino Gambling**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish regulations with respect to Casino Gambling in the Town of Paxton.

Art. 1, Pg. 575 (Annual Town Meeting – October 3, 1981)

### **Contract Bids**

The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 30B of the General Laws and further to amend any Town By-Law requiring a bidding process for contracts for the purpose of equipment, supplies, or services of \$4,000, or more by substituting in its place the requirement of a bidding process for such contracts of \$10,000. Art. 9, Pg. 733 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 1990)

### **Council on Aging**

The Town voted to authorize the School Committee with the consent of the State Board of Education to transfer the control of the White Building, and adjacent land area used for parking, to the Board of Selectmen; Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease to allow the School Committee the use of the lower level of the School Library; Selectmen also to enter into an agreement with the School Committee to share the costs related to the pumping and maintenance of the mutual septic system. Art. 5, Pg. 639 (Annual Town Meeting – April 8, 1985)

### **Counsel**

Town officers, boards, and committees are authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to employ counsel when deemed necessary in the performance of their duties.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938) Approved by Attorney-General

### **Country Bank For Savings**

The Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease for the purpose of leasing a portion of Town-owned land located in West Street to Country Bank for Savings and Dare Realty Trust for a term of ten years for the purpose of sharing an on site sanitary disposal system.

Art 6 (Special Town Meeting February 28, 2006)

### **Cross Connection Backflow Bylaw**

The Town voted to accept a Cross Connections and Backflow Bylaw to protect the Paxton public potable water supply.

Art. 20 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

### **Direction of Traffic**

The Town adopted the following:                      DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC

#### **Section 1: Definitions**

As used in this By-Law, the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

COMPANY – Any person, business, partnership, corporation, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals including public service corporations, cable companies, and other utility companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FLAGGERS – Any person trained in the control of traffic and work zone safety pursuant to standards adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

STREET – Way over which the public has the right of access in the Town of Paxton.

#### **Section 2: Use of Flaggers**

- A. Any company authorized to construct, maintain, or make repairs in, over, or under any Street including construction, repairs, or maintenance to utilities along, under, or through and through such Street may employ Flaggers to direct and control traffic around such construction or maintenance site as long as no Paxton Police officer is available to perform such work and use of Flaggers will not impact or otherwise compromise public safety.

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- B. Flaggers shall keep on their person any certification received from the Board of Selectmen whenever working under this By-Law.

Art. 22 (Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Driveways**

Section 1: No driveway opening providing access to a way maintained by the Town of Paxton shall be constructed, altered, or reconstructed until the applicant provides the Town a bond in the amount of not less than \$500.00, which bond shall be held as security pending the completion of the construction, alteration, or reconstruction of the driveway opening to the satisfaction of the Paxton Department of Public Works, or if the way is damaged by the applicant or the applicant's agents, the bond amount may be applied to repair the fault or damage. When the Department of Public Works is satisfied with the driveway opening, the bond shall be immediately returned to the applicant.

Section 2: The bond shall be filed with the Building Inspector at the time of the issuance of the building permit and the driveway opening at the Public way must be completed and approved before a certificate of occupancy is issued. In the case of an alteration or reconstruction the bond will be filed with the Public Works Department and completion must be approved within 90 days of filing.

Section 3: Included with the bond shall be a plotting of the location and width of the proposed driveway opening at the Public way including a profile of the paved driveway to the property line. The Paxton Department of Public Works and/or Paxton Board of Selectmen may impose such terms and conditions, including the change of location of the opening, as consideration of traffic safety and requirements for maintenance of the way may reasonably require.

Art. 3, Pg. 716 (Annual Town Meeting – November 28, 1988)

### **Dog**

The Town voted to increase fines for violation of the By-laws relating to dogs, to \$25.00 for a first and second offense and \$50.00 for a third and subsequent offense.

Approved by Attorney General on September 6, 1991)

Article 12, Pg. 13 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1981)

### **Dog**

The Town voted to amend the Dog By-Laws that were adopted from the Special Town Meeting held November 1, 1978. The amended Dog By-Laws are recorded in the Annual Town Meeting minutes from May 19, 1986.

Art. 10, Pg. 657 (Annual Town Meeting – May 19, 1986)

### **Easement- Sewer Line**

The Town voted to grant an easement for sewer line purposes in Grove Street, Pond Street and Dodd Road.

Art. 13, (Reconvened Town Meeting June 30, 2003)

### **Electric Light Poles**

The Municipal Light Board shall extend poles and lines along private ways and across private lands, if and when in their discretion such extensions are warranted by the number of new or additional customers to be served, or by the amount of current to be consumed, but in no event shall such extension be made unless and until approval of any such private way shall have first been duly obtained from the Board of Survey.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 4, 1935)

### **Employees Health Insurance**

The Town voted to amend the Town By-Laws as voted on May 4, 1981, Article 6, regarding Health Insurance for full-time employees by amending Section IV (other than School employees covered under separate bargaining contract) to read as follows:

Town will pay 75% of premium for current Health Insurance program.

Art, 6, Pg. 656 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1986)

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### **Vacations**

The Town voted to amend the Town By-Laws as voted on May 4, 1981, Article 6, regarding vacations for full-time employees, by amending section 11, (time off is to be prorated based on hours normally worked per week and excluding employees of the School Department as well as those covered under separate bargaining contract) to read as follows:

- to 120 hours (3 weeks) after 5 years of service, 160 hours (4 weeks) after 15 years, 200 hours (5 weeks) after 25 years.

Art. 13, Pg. 13 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)

### **Employee Benefits**

The Town voted to rescind all past Town By-Laws, regarding Employee benefits and adopt a new Employee Benefit By-Laws of the Town. Approved per letter on October 1, 1995 – M.G.L. 41, Chapter 108C, Section 108A.

Art. 9, Pg. 28-30 (Annual Town Meeting – June 29, 1992)

The Town voted to rescind all past Town By-Laws, regarding Employee benefits and adopt a new Employee Benefit By-Laws of the Town.

Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1997)

The Town voted to amend the Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 1997) to change the designation of Martin Luther King Day from January 15<sup>th</sup> each year to a day given by the State.

Art. 13 (Annual Town Meeting – May 4, 1998)

### **Employment Contracts**

The Town voted to accept a Bylaw for certain employment contracts pursuant to the Home Rule Amendment.

Art. 11 (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

### **Forestdale Road Extension**

The Town voted to accept the Forestdale Road Extension as a public way.

Art. 8 (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)

### **Golf Clubs – Chapter 3, 3.24**

The Town amended the Paxton Zoning By-Laws by adding to Chapter 3, Use Regulation – Section 3.24: 22.) Private and public golf clubs provided the same are located on a parcel or parcels of land of not less than 200 acres including the area of any ponds or lakes located thereon.

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Article 11, Pg. 724 (Annual Town Meeting – May 22, 1989)

### **Ground Lease**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ground lease, for a term of up to 99 years, with J.K. Scanlan Company, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, or its affiliates or related entities, for the development of affordable housing for seniors on thirty (30) acres of Town owned property (twenty acres of which are restricted pursuant to Article 5 of the December 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting), said property being known as the Klingele property and being a portion of Lot 105 on Assessor's Map 18, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town

Art. 2. (Special Town Meeting – March 15, 2011)

### **Grove Street Fields**

The Town voted to name the Grove Street Recreation Fields Klingele Fields

Art. 26 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2008).

The Town voted to name the Field House at the Grove Street Recreation Fields the McDonough Family Field House.



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Art. 27 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2008).

The Town voted to name the Field used by the Babe Ruth League teams the home John P. Glowick Jr. Baseball Field.

Art. 28 (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2008).

### **Hemlock Street & McCann Place**

The Town voted to accept Hemlock Street and McCann Place as public ways.

Art. 22 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

### **Home Occupations – Section 3.26, Par. 2**

The Town amended the Paxton Zoning Bylaw, Section 3.26 Paragraph 2 as follows:

All Home Occupations (meaning the use of a room or rooms in a dwelling or building, accessory thereto by a person resident on the premises as an office, studio, or workroom for a home occupation; subject to Special Conditions 3.3-6) currently permitted by right and designated by the letter Y in GRB and GRA zones, shall hereafter be allowed only by special permit, and be designated by the letters SP.

Art. 5, Pg. 671 (Annual Town Meeting – January 26, 1987)

### **Local Historic District Bylaw**

The Town voted to adopt a Local Historic District Bylaw and Map impacting a central historic portion of the Town

Art 3. (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2006)

The Town voted to amend the Local Historic District Bylaw as adopted at the Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2006 by inserting a new section “violations”

Art 16. (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2007)

The Town voted to amend the Local Historic District Bylaw as adopted at the Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2006 by deleting section 11 and renumbering sections 12-15.

Art 17. (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2007)

### **Kennel Licensing**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw by adding a new Bylaw

Art. 8 (Annual Town Meeting - May 2, 2016)

### **Master Plan**

The Town voted to accept the 2008 Paxton Master Plan as adopted by the Planning Board on December 8, 2008.

Art. 5 ( Special Town Meeting – June 1, 2009).

### **Mill Street - Change of Name**

The Town voted to change the name of Mill Street to Sawmill Road.

Art. 4 (Special Town Meeting February 25, 2003)

### **Mooreland Cemetery, Rules and Regulations of**

Persons desirous of purchasing a lot will be shown over the cemetery by the Superintendent who will give them a ticket with the number of lot and name of avenue which the lot is on. This should be immediately presented to the Treasurer and payment for the same, when a deed will be executed for the right of burial, after which an order for interment therein may at any time be given. No sale shall be valid until paid for. All interments in lots for which deeds have been issued shall be restricted to the members of the family and relatives of the proprietors thereof, except by special permission to the contrary obtained in writing from the Cemetery Commissioners. No sale, transfer, or assignment of the certificate of any lot shall be valid without the consent of the Cemetery Commissioners. Lots will be sold under perpetual care, price for same to be \$100. Lots will be sold to residents of Paxton for \$20. Lots will be sold to non-residents for \$40. Half lots will be sold at half-price. The landmarks or corner stones indicating the boundaries of the lots shall be set level with the ground. They will be furnished by the Town and set under the direction of the Superintendent and the same shall not be altered or removed. No fence within the cemetery, either wood or non, nor coping or curbing of brick or stone will be permitted. The planting

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or erection of hedges, wooden trellises and posts and chains for the purpose of enclosure is prohibited in the grounds of the cemetery. No lot shall be raised above the established grade. All granite or marble work must rest upon a stone foundation laid with cement below frost and must be satisfactory to the Superintendent. No work will be allowed to be delivered or set in the spring until the ground is fully settled and in proper condition. From February 1, 1937 and on, lots in Mooreland. Cemetery shall be sold only to residents or former residents of the Town and their relatives. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 1, 1937) (Special Town Meeting – April 26, 1915)

### **Muir Meadow**

The Town voted to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of the Town acquiring an interest in land, including a Conservation Restriction, in, over and through a certain parcel of land located along the southern sideline of Pleasant Street in Paxton and being partially located in the Town of Leicester, now or formerly owned by Muir Meadow LLC, containing approximately 55.21 acres and as further described in a deed dated June 4, 2008, recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 43687, Page 238, said parcel is also identified by the Paxton Board of Assessor's as Map 28, Parcel 58A and, the portion located in the Town of Leicester, is identified by the Leicester Board of Assessor's as Map 4, Parcel A7; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all documents necessary to acquire and accept said interest in land, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, provided, however, that such acquisition is conditioned upon the City of Worcester and the Greater Worcester Land Trust, or any other entity or agency acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, acquiring the entire fee interest in said property, all acquisitions being for the purpose of preservation of open space and protection of water resource areas; or act in any other way thereon.

Art. 1, (Special Town Meeting – December 12, 2011)

### **9-1-1 Statewide Emergency Telecommunications**

The Town accepted the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990, thereby allowing the Town of Paxton to receive Enhanced 9-1-1 service as defined in said Act and notification to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance occur on or before December 11, 1991, the Town will also receive, at no cost to it, the benefits of Enhanced 9-1-1 network features and components and any other Enhanced 9-1-1 network features that may be made available by the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications board.

Art. 9, Pg. 10 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)

### **Septic Systems**

The Town voted to borrow a sum of money not in excess of \$200,000 for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste or for making loans to residential property owners in the town for such purposes.

Art. 6. (Special Town Meeting – September 1, 1998)

### **Numbering of Houses**

The Planning Board shall develop a system for numbering of houses on the streets of the Town. (Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1953)

### **Open Space Plan**

The Town voted to accept the Open Space and Recreation Plan to meet the planning requirements of the Division of Conservation Services.

Art 12 (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)

### **Open Space Residential Design Bylaw**

The Town voted to accept the Open Space Residential Design Bylaw to enhance the community character and value of real property and further the zoning goals.

Art. 20. (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2007)

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### **Overlay District Map**

The Town adopted an Overlay District Map to depict Flood Plains and a Wireless Communications Services District Map, Flood Zone and Wireless Communications Districts.

Art. 8. (Special Town Meeting – November 5, 2001)

The Town voted to amend the Overlay District Map by adding a new Senior Residential Development Overlay District.

Art. 7 (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)

### **Paxton Government Act**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish and Open Town Meeting form of government that would confer upon the Town Administrator., substantially as set forth in a document entitled "Paxton Government Act".

Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

### **Paxton Housing Trust Fund**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C to establish a trust fund known as the Paxton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

(Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)

### **Paxton Tuition By-Law**

The Town voted to strike in its entirety, Article 5 as voted at a Special Town Meeting held October 6, 1986 and insert in place thereof a new By-Law reading as follows:

Any Parent wishing to enroll their child in the Town of Paxton school system, prior to such parent establishing residency in the Town, shall deposit with the Paxton Town Treasurer, a sum of money equal to the tuition for the full school year (or the balance thereof on a pro rata basis) prior to the child becoming a student. The tuition check shall be deposited in the general fund.

If, during the school year, the family establishes residency within the Town of Paxton, the Town Treasurer shall, within thirty (30) days of receiving notice from such family, rebate to the family the pro rata portion for the period from the date residency is established to the end of the school year. The Town Treasurer shall be authorized to require the parents of such child to sign an affidavit as to the date of residency.

The tuition rate shall be established on an annual basis by taking the total operating budget divided by the October 1<sup>st</sup>. enrollment of the preceding year. The tuition for kindergarten students shall be at 50% of the total established under the preceding sentence.

The contract by and between the Paxton Teachers Association and the Paxton School Committee notwithstanding.

Art. 7, Pg. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)

Approved by the Attorney General September 6, 1991.

### **Paxton Center School**

The Town voted to borrow \$120,000 for the asbestos abatement and relocation of oil lines, including architectural, engineering and other cost to construct an addition and renovate Paxton Center School.

Art. 10 (Special Town Meeting March 1, 1998)

The Town voted to borrow \$105,000 for the replacement windows and their installation at Paxton Center School

Art. 11 (Special Town Meeting March 1, 1998)

The Town voted to borrow \$96,809 for media center furnishings, landscaping, and other incidental cost for the addition at Paxton Center School.

Art. 12 (Special Town Meeting March 1, 1998)

### **Payroll**

The Town adopted a By-Law consistent with the Opinion of the State Ethics Commission (EC-COI-87-32), it shall not be a violation of the conflict of interest laws for a town official to sign the treasury warrant for the payroll of the town even if a relative of one of the signors is receiving payment, provided such payroll item is not in dispute. Approved by Attorney General September 6, 1991. Art. 6, Pg. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – June 18, 1991)

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### **Pierce Circle**

The Town Voted to accept the laying out as a public way of Pierce Circle. Recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds plan book 691, page 64.

Art. 10. (Annual Town Meeting May, 1, 2000)

### **Public Entertainment**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish regulations with respect to public entertainment in the Town of Paxton.

Art. 2, Pg. 575 (Annual Town Meeting – October 3, 1981)

### **The Quinn Bill**

The Town accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108L (Police Career Incentive Pay program).

Art. 27, Pg. 725 (Annual Town Meeting – May 22, 1989)g. 27

### **Real Estate Tax Credit**

The Town voted to adopt Chapter 59, Section 5K of the Mass General Laws that allows residents over the age of 60 to receive a credit of up to \$750 from their real property taxes for volunteer work of the Town.

Art. 18 (Annual Town Meeting – May 23, 2005)

### **Recall Election Procedures**

The Town voted to file with legislation to establish a procedure for the recall of elected officials for the Town.

Art 17 (Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Recreation Area**

The Recreation Commission shall operate and control that portion of the premises, conveyed to the Town by Ernest R. Illig by his deed, dated April 1, 1937, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2691, Page 251, not enclosed on a plot plan, dated March 5, 1956, bearing the signatures of J. MacKenzie Johnston, Donald C. Alexander, Herbert F. Wentworth, and M. Lawrence Price.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1956)

### **Richards Memorial Library**

The Town authorized the Paxton Richards Memorial Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines.

Art 6. (Annual Town Meeting May 5, 2008).

### **Sale of Property Acquired Under Tax Title Procedure**

The Treasurer shall make a report at each Annual Town Meeting of all lands held by the Town by virtue of proceedings to bar rights of redemption and not heretofore by vote of the Town transferred to municipal use. All lands so reported and not by vote of said meeting transferred to municipal use shall be sold.

The Board of Selectmen, together with the Treasurer, shall constitute a committee for the sale of such lands either at public or private sale in such parcels and upon such terms and conditions as a majority of the committee shall approve, and a majority of said committee is authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town any and all papers necessary in connection with such sales.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 3, 1936; amended at Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938)

Approved by Attorney General.

### **School Bus Taxes**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Wachusett Regional School District and the other member towns of the Regional School district, whereby any excise taxes or personal property taxes collected by a member Town from the storage of school buses owned or leased by a contractor who is under contract with the Wachusett Regional School District shall be

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remitted to the Wachusett Regional School District to be apportioned, pursuant to Section 4 of the Amended Regional School District Agreement, amongst all the member towns on the basis of student

population as a credit on the annual assessment letter sent to the member towns, or to act or do anything relative thereon. The approval by the Town Meeting of this Article shall be contingent upon the approval

and authorization of town meeting votes of all the other member towns. After passage of article, it will be presented to State Legislature for approval.

Art. 1 (Special Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Senior Residential Development**

The Town voted to give authority to the Board of Selectmen to authorize and allow the Paxton Housing Partnership to seek the necessary permits to develop approximately ten acres of Town owned land, Map 18, Lot 105 for a Senior Residential Development and to permanently protect the remaining portion of Map 18, Lot 105 (formerly Klingele property).

Article 4. (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize and allow the Paxton Housing Partnership to use approx 20 additional acres of Town owned land for a Senior Residential Development, which will remain permanently undeveloped and permanently protect the remaining portion of Map 18, Lot 105 with a conservation restriction.

Art. 5 (Special Town Meeting November 17, 2008)

### **Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School**

The Town voted to become a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District for the year beginning July 1, 2005.

Art. 4 (Special Town Meeting April 4, 2005)

### **Storm Water Bylaw**

The Town voted to adopt a Storm Water Bylaw.

Art. 14 (Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2006) amended Art. 19 (Annual Town Meeting, May 6, 2019)

### **Street Names**

Street names as heretofore adopted by the Town as shown on plans heretofore approved by the Board of Survey, and street names as shown on plans hereafter approved by the Planning Board shall be the official street names and may be changed only by vote of the Town under an article for the purpose in which article is set forth the former and the proposed name and unless the change has been considered and is approved by the Planning Board, a two-thirds vote shall be required.

Before any private street is accepted and laid out as a Town way, the proposal shall have first been submitted to the Planning Board for study and report and unless such a report is rendered to the meeting, or unless the proposal is so submitted in writing to the Planning Board at least thirty days before the Town meeting, a two-thirds vote shall be required.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938) Approved by Attorney-General.

### **Swimming Pool**

The Recreation Committee, under the terms of a contract with the City of Worcester, shall pay the city a city of Worcester \$100 per year for making sanitation checks of the Town Pool, such contract to continue from year to year but terminable by either party upon 60 days' written notice. (Special Town Meeting – Sept. 7, 1954)

- A. Permit. No Person shall construct, install, enlarge, or alter any swimming pool or appurtenance thereto until a permit shall have been issued by the Inspector of Buildings.
- B. All outside or open-air wading or swimming pools, in existence or to be constructed or installed, shall be enclosed and made safe by the erection of a fence, wall, or other suitable barrier; said fence and/or other type of enclosure shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and otherwise meet with

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the approval of the Inspector of Buildings. Pools build entirely above ground whose height would form a natural barrier shall have removable stairs and shall not be left unattended with these stairs in position.

- C. Artificial and man-made ponds and portable wading pools less than twenty-four inches (24") deep and having a surface area of less than two hundred fifty (250) square feet shall be exempt from the terms and conditions of this By-Law.
- D. The owner or owners of land on which a wading or swimming pool is now in existence shall erect an enclosure as aforesaid within ninety (90) days from the date on which this By-Law shall take effect. The owner or owners of land on which a wading or swimming pool shall be constructed, installed, or in existence, who shall fail to comply with the requirements of the By-Law shall be punished by a fine of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars and an additional fine of Five (\$5.00) Dollars per week for each week of non-compliance with this By-Law.
- E. The Zoning Board of Appeals may on petition, after public notice and hearing grant exceptions to the provisions of this section in cases where the Board finds that said exceptions will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise not detrimental to the public welfare. (Special Town Meeting – June 2, 1976)  
(Approved by Attorney-General on September 23, 1976)

### **Temporary Accessory Apartments – Section 5.9**

The Town amended the Paxton Zoning Bylaw by adding a new section to be numbered Section 5.9, entitled "Temporary Accessory Apartments."

Art. 6, Pg. 672 (Annual Town Meeting – January 26, 1987)

### **Title 5**

The Town voted to accept a grant in the sum of \$100,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste, or for loans to property owners for such purposes, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing under Chapter 44, by borrowing under Chapter 29C (the Massachusetts Water Pollution Trust), or otherwise.

(Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Town Garage**

The Board of Selectmen shall have the care, custody, management, and control of the real estate, which is now the site of the Town Garage. (Transferred from the Board of Water Commissioners) (Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1954)

### **Town Collector/Treasurer**

The Town voted to file legislation to combine the position of the Town Collector/Treasurer to one appointed position with all the same benefits as other Town employees, full time 40 hours per week.

Art. 17. (Annual Town Meeting - May 7- 2001)

### **Town Hall, Key to.**

All officers of the Town, who have offices in the Town Hall, shall have a key to the front door of the Town Hall. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 5, 1940)

### **Town Hall, Rental of**

The matter of the rental of the Town Hall (except that the firemen shall be given the free use of the hall) shall be left with the Selectmen. (Special Town Meeting – April 30, 1931)

### **Town Meetings**

Beginning in 1974, the Annual Town Meeting for business shall be held on the first Monday in May; and the election on the second Monday in May. A person elected or appointed shall hold office for the term of

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his election or appointment and until his successor shall be elected or appointed and qualified. Notice of all Town meetings shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant in two or more public and convenient places in the Town seven days at least before such meeting, one of said notices to be posted at the Post Office.

(Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1992, and Special Town Meeting – April 16, 1934;  
amended at Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938, and Special Town Meeting – Nov. 7, 1947)

The Town voted to amend the action adopted by Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1949 by deleting the language “ and no meeting for the transaction of Town business shall be called earlier than seven o'clock pm.

Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)

### **Town Meetings, Quorum at**

Fifty (50) registered voters shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting or adjournment thereof, except such parts of the meetings as shall be devoted exclusively to the election of Town officers, provided that any meeting may be adjourned to a later date though less than a quorum be present, and that no meeting for the transaction of Town business shall be called earlier than seven (7) o'clock P.M.

(Annual Town Meetings – Feb 7, 1927, and Feb. 1, 1937; amended at Annual Town Meetings of Feb. 6, 1928, Feb. 7, 1944, Feb. 4, 1946, and March 7, 1949) Approved by Attorney General.

### **Town's Poor, Care of the**

The Town of Paxton shall associate itself with the other towns now constituting the Charlton Association in the purchase of the Charlton property and shall raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out the foregoing provisions. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 1, 1926)

Voted to authorize the discontinuance of the joint infirmary maintained by the Charlton Home Farm Association and to authorize the joint board of directors to sell at public auction the real and personal property belonging to the Association, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Special Town Meeting – Oct. 23, 1961)

### **Town Report**

The records of the Annual Town Meeting and of all Special Town Meetings shall be prepared by the Town Clerk, carefully reviewed and approved by the Moderator and recorded in permanent form within thirty days after the meeting and such permanent record endorsed by the Moderator.

A report in writing of such completion of the record shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Selectmen. Upon failure to file a report within thirty days, the Selectmen shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of this By-Law.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, in addition to the notices he is now required to give to officers who are required to take an oath of office, to immediately notify in writing or printing all persons who have been elected or appointed to any other office or chosen to serve on any committee, stating the business upon which they are to act, and the names of all members of the committee.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 7, 1938) Approved by Attorney-General.

### **Trade School, Age of Pupils Attending**

The Town shall limit the age at which pupils may attend Trade School at the expense of the Town to 21 years.

(Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 3, 1936)

### **Trapping**

The Town voted to adopt the following By-Laws with reference to trapping within the Town:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any steel-jaw leghold trap (Modified or otherwise) or Conibear type trap within the Town to capture any fur-bearing game animals.

Art. 24, Pg. 712 (Annual Town Meeting – April 29, 1988)

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### **Wachusett Earthday Agreement**

The Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with Wachusett Earthday, Inc. pursuant to Mass. General Law Chapter 41A, Section 4, and with the towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton,

Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston and any other towns that might join for planning, developing and operating a household hazardous waste and recycling collection site.

Art. 16. (Annual Town Meeting – May 5, 2008).

### **Wachusett Regional School District Agreement**

The Town voted to amend the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on November 8, 1993, December 6, 1993, and December 13, 1993, all of which amendments were incorporated into a collective amendment by vote of the Regional District School Committee on December 13, 1993 and are set forth in an Agreement entitled “Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement” on December 15, 1993, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk on December 15, 1993.” Art. 1, Pg. 56 (Special Town Meeting – November 29, 1993)

The Town voted to amend the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 13, 2000, to provide for weighted voting of members of the Regional District School Committee and constant committee of twenty (20).

Art. 9 (Special Town Meeting – May 1, 2000)

The Town voted to amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on October 23, 2001 and amended vote on December 3, 2001 regarding the Method of Apportioning Costs of the Regional School District.

Art. 1 (Special Town Meeting December 4, 2001)

The Town voted to amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 27, 2002 regarding the Method of Apportioning Costs of the Regional School District.

Art. 1 (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

The Town voted to amend Section 9 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement

Art. 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

The Town voted to amend Section 14.1 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement

Art. 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

The Town voted to amend Section 14.2 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement

Art. 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

The Town voted to amend Section 17.7 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement

Art. 15 (Annual Town Meeting – May 6, 2013)

### **Waste Disposal**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Health, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a contract for not more than twenty years with the owner or operator of a solid waste disposal facility for the disposal of rubbish, garbage, and other wastes from the Town of Paxton. All contracts shall be in compliance with Chapter 40D, Section 21 (g) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority. These contracts will allow disposal of the refuse collected in Paxton at a Resource Recovery Plant. Art. 14, Pg. 680 (Annual Town Meeting – May 18, 1987)

Art. 7, Pg. 710 – Amendment (Annual Town Meeting – May 9, 1988)



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### **Water – City of Worcester**

The Town voted to authorize an agreement acting by and through the Board of Selectmen and/or the Water Board with the City of Worcester for the purchase of water from the City of Worcester and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$528,000, for the design and construction of a pumping station, installation of utility lines and apparatus to facilitate the transfer of water. Said agreement with the City to contain such terms, provisions, and conditions, as the

Board of Selectmen and/or Water Board shall approve.

Art. 10 (Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Water Enterprise Fund**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, section 53F½ of the Massachusetts Mass General Laws to establish a water service as an Enterprise Fund effective fiscal year 2007.

Art. 16. (Annual Town Meeting May 23, 2005)

### **Water Mains, Extension of**

Extensions of water mains shall be considered and authorized by the Town in Town meetings ONLY after favorable recommendation of the Water Commissioners or by a vote of at least two-thirds of the voters present at the meeting. This By-Law is in effect until rescinded by a two-thirds vote at a Town meeting. (Annual Town Meeting – Feb. 1, 1937). 32

### **Water Pollution Abatement Facility**

The Town voted to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust at 0% interest rate, for the purpose of financing water pollution abatement facility projects.

Art. 1 (Special Town Meeting – June 20, 1997)

### **Water Pumping Station**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase for the purpose of constructing a water pumping station, a parcel of land containing approximately 10,976 square feet and being shown as Lots 41, 42, 43, and 44 on a plan entitled “West Tatnuck Heights, Worcester’s Finest Residential Suburb” dated 1923 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 41, Plan 33, and to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the costs to acquire said parcels.

Art. 11 (Annual Town Meeting – May 20, 1996)

### **Watershed**

The Town adopted a Watershed Protection District Map entitled “Watershed Protection District”.

Art. 11 (Special Town Meeting – November 5, 2001)

### **Water Restriction**

The Town voted to accept a Water Use Restriction Bylaw.

Art. 10 (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

### **Wetlands**

The Town voted to amend the General Bylaw.

Art. 19 (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2017)

Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2018)

### **Wheelabrator Solid Waste Disposal Contract**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a twenty-year contract with Wheelabrator Millbury.

Art. 13 (Annual Town Meeting June 1, 2006)

### **Wildewood Drive**

The Town voted to accept the title to Parcel C Book 777, Plan 61 as an easement over Wildewood Drive.

Art. 25 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

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### **Wildewood Drive**

The Town voted to accept Wildewood Drive as a public way.  
Art. 7 (Special Town Meeting February 28, 2006)

### **Woodland Heights**

The Town voted to accept a water line easement from Woodland Heights,  
Art. 33 (Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2004)

### **Zoning of 670 Pleasant Street**

The Town accepted the request of Neil Kauppila to change the zoning of 670 Pleasant Street from Residential A to Business pursuant to MGL C39, S10.  
Article 1. (Special Town Meeting July 19, 1999)

## **Zoning**

### **Zoning By-Law, Chapter 808, Acts of 1975**

The Town amended its Zoning By-Law, in order to have it conform to Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 and to include recommended changes, by striking out its present Zoning By-Law in its entirety and adopting a proposed revision of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Paxton, designated as Schedule A, dated March 1978, prepared by the Paxton Planning Board. Approved by Attorney General on August 16, 1978.  
Art. 11, Pg. 484 (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 1978)

The Town voted to amend its Zoning By-Law in its entirety and adopted a new Zoning By-Law  
Art. 2. (Special Town Meeting – March 2001)

The Town voted to amend subsection 1.3 of Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law by inserting a definition of “shed”.  
Art. 5 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend subsection 1.5.1 of Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law to conform with the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the general laws to allow the extension or alteration of an existing nonconforming single or two family structure provided it does not increase the nonconformity.  
Art. 6 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend subsection 1.5.5 of Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law to clarify the alteration etc. of non-conforming structures, reconstruction.  
Art. 7 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend the Use Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in Section 3.2.6 regarding Accessory Use by regulating garages.  
Art. 8 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Section 3 of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting line 6 in Subsection 3.3.11 regarding Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems and inserting a new Subsection 3.3.12.  
Art. 9 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw by revising the Schedule of Dimensional Requirements.  
Art. 10 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Subsection 4.4.6 of Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw entitled Front Yard Setback  
Art. 11 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting Section 4.5 and replacing with a new Section 4.5 entitled “Paxton Watershed Protection Overlay District”.  
Art. 10. (Special Town Meeting – November 2001)

The Town voted to amend Section 6.2.5 paragraph 4. of the Zoning By-law to state that a special permit shall automatically terminate within ninety days of the sale of the premises. The new owner to apply for a new special permit.  
Art.14 (Special Town Meeting November 2001)

The Town voted to insert a new subparagraph in Subsection 6.2.6(a) of the Zoning Bylaw entitled Findings.  
Art. 13 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Subsection 6.2.7 in Section 6 of the Zoning Bylaw by replacing the words Variance or Special Permit with the words Variance, Special Permit and/or Finding.

Art. 14 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Section 8 (Wireless Communications Service District) and adopted a new Section 8 of the Zoning By-Law.

Art.12 (Special Town Meeting November 2001)

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The Town voted to amend Section 8 of the Zoning By- Law by adding a new Section 8.4.2.7 to restrict the height of new personal wireless facility.

Art. 9 (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

The Town voted to amend Section 9.3.1 (SRD) and adopted a new Section 9.3.1 of the Zoning By-Laws.

Art.13 (Special Town Meeting November 2001)

The Town voted to amend Section 9.3.1 (SRD at least one occupant sixty-two years of age or older) and adopted a new Section 9.3.1 of the Zoning By-Laws.

Art. 3 (Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002)

The Town voted to amend Section 9 (SRD) by adding a new Section 9.4.4 of the Zoning By-Laws to have a two-year moratorium on permitting and developing of Senior Residential Housing.

Art.14 (Special Town Meeting September, 9, 2002)

The Town voted to amend Section 9 .4.4 (SRD) by repealing the Moratorium on Senior Residential Development adopted by the Special Town Meeting September, 9, 2002 and replacing the text on Senior Residential Development.

Art.6 (Annual Town Meeting June 24, 2003)

The Town voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws by inserting Section 10 Inclusionary Housing.

Art. 15 (Special Town Meeting – April 4, 2005)

The Town voted to amend Section 7.2.2, 7.4, 7.5, to delete Section 7.3.1, and to add Section 7.3.3 (SRD) that reflects the Flood Plain District.

Article 15 (Annual Town Meeting - May 2, 2011)

The Town voted to accept a new Zoning Bylaw for Large-Scale Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Installations as Section 11 in the current Paxton Zoning Bylaws.

Art. 9 ( Annual Town Meeting - May 7, 2012)

The Town voted to amend the Storm Water Bylaw.

Art 10 ( Annual Town Meeting – May 7, 2012)

The Town voted to amend the Paxton Zoning Bylaw to allow Registered Marijuana Dispensaries by special permit in the Business Zoning District.

Article 12 (Annual Town Meeting – May 4, 2014)

The Town voted to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw for a Temporary Moratorium for Recreational Marijuana Establishments.

Art. 16 ( Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2017)

The Town voted to amend the Paxton Zoning Bylaw to allow by Special Permit drive through windows.

At. 17 (Annual Town Meeting – May 1, 2017)

The Town voted to amend its Zoning Map, in its entirety and adopted a new Zoning Map, known as “Paxton Zoning Map”.

Art. 1. (Special Town Meeting – March 2001)

The Town voted to amend its Zoning Map to depict a Flood Plain District and a Wireless Communication Services District, as shown on the map entitled “Paxton Overlay Districts Map”

Art. 3. (Special Town Meeting – March 2001)

The Town voted to amend its Zoning Map, in its entirety and adopted a new Zoning Map, previously adopted by Town Meeting known as “Paxton Zoning Map”.

Art. 8. (Special Town Meeting – November 2001)