

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON

Year Ending June 30, 2020



*Showing strength and resilience during a
worldwide pandemic*

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Cultural Council

Carolyn Grinstead
Library Trustee

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Board of Appeals

Scott Runstrom
Finance Committee

Zach Ferguson
Conservation Commission

Jenn DeFronzo
Library Trustee

Betsy Howard
Recreation Commission

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TOWN OFFICERS
May 2019 to May 2020

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen		
Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman	2022	
Julia Pingitore, Vice Chair	2021	
Kirk Huehls, Clerk	2020	
Moderator		
Roger Brunelle	2020	
Constables		
Paul F. Ruane	2020	
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2020	
Tree Warden		
James Robert	2020	
Wachusett Regional School District Committee		
Karl Ottmar	2020	
Benjamin Mitchel	2022	
Municipal Light Board		
Michael Benoit	2020	
Emerson Wheeler III	2022	
Yvette Orell	2021	
Assessors		
Doris E. Huard	2020	
Lisa Paciello Reece	2021	
Kateri Clute	2022	
Water Board		
John F. Malone, Chair	2020	
David J. Trulson	2021	
Rodney S. Jenkins	2022	
Board of Health		
Thomas B. Carroll	2021	
Judy A. Hatstat	2020	
Julia Pingitore	2022	
Planning Board		
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2022	
Robert Pelczarski	2021	
Jeffrey Kent	2020	
Henry Stidsen	2024	
Rob Jacobson	2023	
Library Trustees		
Nick Powlovich	2021	
Aimee Brunelle	2022	
Patricia Dawson	2020	
Sandra Bluyus	2020	
Andrea Thackery	2022	
Karen Putney	2022	
Catherine McCort	2021	
Recreation Commission		
Rebecca Ross	2021	
Jeff Cormier	2020	
Diane McMorow	2022	
Christina Olson	2020	
Heather Larson	2021	

Cemetery Commission	
Patricia Belsito	2021
Judi Mancini	2020
Christopher Stone	2022

Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives	
Robert Wilby	2020
Peter Schur	2022

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator	
Carol Riches	2020

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2020

Town Services Coordinator	
Sheryl Lombardi	2020

Town Accountant	
Larissa Kennedy	2020

Town Collector/Treasurer	
Donna Couture	2020

Town Clerk	
Laurie Becker	2020

Superintendent DPW	
Michael Putnam	2020

Veteran's Agent	
Jeffrey Kent	2020

Veteran's Grave Officer	
Jeffrey Kent	2020

Inspector of Wires	
John Reece	2020
John Slabich, Asst	2020

Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2020
Richard Travers, Assistant	2020

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
James Robert	2020

Board of Appeals	
Forrest Smith	2020
Kirk Huehls	2020
Paul Robinson	2022
Richard Grensavitch	2021
Roberta Brien	2022
Scott Moss	2022
Robert Birbeck	2021

Board of Registrars		Cable & Communication Committee	
Scott Dzweiten	2020	Nick Powlovich, Chair	2020
Jeremy Richards	2022	Carol Riches	2020
David Stoica	2021	Scott Wilson	2020
		Besnik Cumani	2020
Town Counsel		Agents for License Commission	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2020	Donna Graf-Parsons	2020
Sexual Harassment Officers		Personnel Advisory Board	
Carol Riches	2020	Heather Courtney	2020
Care of Clock		Paul Sullivan	2020
Bruce Cheney	2020	Roland Card	2020
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Council on Aging	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2020	Barbara Braley	2020
Emergency Management Director		Robert Callahan	2020
Michael Pingitore	2020	Gino Gangai	2022
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Alice Crowley	2020
Jay Conte	2020	Curtis Hammer	2021
Police Department Chief		Jean Wilde	2022
Mark S. Savasta	2020	Joan Bedard	2021
Full Time Officers		James Putnam	2021
David Keller, Detective	2022	Natalie Siemen	2022
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2022	Robert Lamotte, Associate	
Guy Bibeau, Lieutenant	2022	June Herron, Associate	
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2022	Paul Bergin, Associate	
Forrest Thorpe, Sergeant	2022	Mark Ahearn, Associate	
Edward Santiago , Patrolman	2022	Historical Commission	
Corey Buzzell, Patrolman	2022	Donmarie Desrosiers	2020
Robert Noone, Patrolman	2022	Anita Fenton	2022
James Duggan, Patrolman	2022	Pamela Hair	2021
Brian Fleury, Patrolman	2022	Donna MacLean	2020
Stefano Marziale, Patrolman	2022	Dante Zamarro	2020
Jacob Moisiso, Patrolman	2022	Sale of Town Owned Land	
William Recos, Patrolman	2022	Carol Riches	2020
Conservation Commission		Michael Putnam	2020
Michael Voorhis	2022	Richard Trifero	2020
Leonard Anderson	2020	Donna Couture	2020
James Robert	2020	Kathleen Stanley, Ex Officio	2020
Robert Ferguson	2022	Local Historic District Commission	
Holly Robert, Associate	2022	Donna MacLean	2020
Donmarie Desrosiers	2020	Jay Gallant	2020
Mike Oxford	2020	Paul Robinson	2020
Insurance Advisory Committee		Christopher Isperduli	2020
Donna Couture	2020	Anita Fenton	2022
Travis Thibault	2020	Cultural Council	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2020	Donna Graf-Parsons	2021
Eva Ryan	2020	Cindy Love	2021
James Carleton	2020	Howard McGinn	2023
Deborah Bailey	2020	Marybeth Brown	2022
Cherie Kerxhali	2020	Christie Barnes	2020
Deridre Malone	2020	Donmarie Desrosiers	2021
		Clarence Burley	2023

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee		DPW Building Committee	
Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2020	Robert Wilby	2020
Carol Riches	2020	Tiffany Sidhom	2020
John Malone	2020	Robert Pelczarski	2020
		Carol Riches	2020
Capital Improvement Committee		Peter Bogren, Jr.	2020
Carol Riches	2022	Michael Putnam	2020
Forrest Smith	2021	Travis Thibault	2020
Jeffrey Kent	2020	Richard Fenton	2020
Kateri Clute	2021		
Mark Love	2021		
Robert Pelczarski	2022	Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Timothy Grinham	2020	Carol Riches	2020
Election Officers		Scenic Byway Committee	
Janice Carlson	2020	Anita Fenton	2020
Sheila Latino	2020	Paul Robinson	2020
Lisa Burwell	2020		
Nancy Delle	2020	Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence	
Gino Gangai	2020	Viewers	
Deirdre Malone	2020	Donmarie Desrosiers	2020
Maryann Paquette	2020		
Sandra Vaudo	2020	APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR	
Paula Gangai	2020	Finance Board	
Melinda Johnson	2020	Jennifer Lennon	2022
Jacqueline LaFlash	2020	Mark Love	2021
Jane McTigue	2020	Richard Fenton, Chair	2020
Jennifer Wright	2020	June Herron	2020
Marlo Richard	2020	Cotey Collins	2022
Jonathan Parsons	2020	Seth Peters	2021
Emma Ryan	2020	Tim Linton	2022
Tiffany Sidhom	2020	Anthony Domineck	2022
Nancy Wilby	2020		
Anita Fenton	2020	APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH	
Dina Kilcourse	2020	Plumbing Inspector	
Amanda Woodward-Mitchell	2020	Dennis Harney	2020
Sarah Forde	2020	John P. Dolen, Assistant	2020
Emily Fradellos	2020		
Daniel Tropea	2020	Sanitary Inspector	
Cornelia White	2020	Wayne Curran	2020
Benjamin Frost (TC appt)	2020		
Town Hall Renovation Committee		Burial Agent	
Richard Fenton	2020	Laurie Becker	2020
Jay Gallant	2020		
Paul Robinson	2020	Animal Inspector	
		Megan Canavan	2020
Town Building Needs Committee		Animal Control Officer	
Jay Gallant	2020	B. Peter Warren Jr.	2020
Paul Robinson	2020	Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
		Pellegrino	2020



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND
BOARDS*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Fiscal Year 2020 will forever be remembered as the year the COVID-19 pandemic began, but there were several other significant occurrences of note for the Town of Paxton. Paxton saw infrastructure improvements, the move to regional dispatching, and a continued focus on public safety.

The need to replace the outdated Department of Public Works building saw major steps forward during FY20 as Paxton entered into an agreement with Wesson and Sampson to guide us through the planning and building process. Site testing began as the Town moved toward a new building reconfigured on the existing site of the DPW facility. In January, Wesson and Sampson representatives estimated the cost of the new facility would be approximately \$11,000,000 based on bid openings of similarly sized facilities as was tentatively being planned. A Department of Public Works Facility Committee was formed with the following charge:

“The Department of Public Works Facility Committee is established to promote and oversee the planning of a proposed new Department of Public Works Facility in the Town of Paxton. The Department of Public Works Facility Committee will work closely with consultants and other officials to develop a plan that will accommodate the garaging of all long term Department of Public Works equipment, provide adequate office space and house all other physical plant needs of the Department of Public Works. The Committee with the assistance of the consultants will provide project cost estimates and a completion timeline.”

Ultimately, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic delayed many of the plans set forth early on by the newly formed committee, the committee’s work continues still.

FY20 saw the completion of the Holden Road Project which has led to a wider and much safer stretch of road from Grove Street to the Holden town line. The road is now wider with sidewalks lining the road the entire distance. Drainage has also been improved which will lead to safer travel during rain events and following snow and ice storms each winter. The intersection of Holden Road and Grove Street was changed to allow for better sight lines when turning from Holden Road onto Grove, and new traffic signals were installed.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Putnam also executed a plan to improve pedestrian safety around the Town Common. New crosswalks and improved curbing were added as well installation of pedestrian warning signals. There is a plan to repave the roads around the center of town as well as improve the sidewalks, but that was put on hold when COVID-19 struck.

Continuing with the public safety theme, the Paxton Police Department established a new Addiction Recovery Program. Sergeant Thorpe worked with officials from the Worcester County District Attorney’s office on a plan to help Paxton residents who may be suffering from addiction. The program allows residents to contact the Paxton Police Department and request help with a substance abuse problem. The Department then works with local substance abuse facilities and programs to help the residents get the required care and services to help them recover. This proactive approach is designed to help residents in need before getting in trouble with the law.

A Special Town Meeting in the fall resulted in our ladder truck being towed to Pennsylvania for much needed repairs. At the factory facility, extensive repairs and replacements were completed which will extend the life of the truck with the goal of having to purchase a new truck extended

further into the future. The truck is still in service and recently received a positive inspection report, confirming the town's investment in these repairs was a wise one.

Paxton closed their Dispatch Center as dispatching services were moved to the Regional Dispatch Center in Holden. The move allows Paxton to save money while still maintaining the quality service for which Paxton is known.

Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic came to the United States. On March 16th, the Board of Selectmen received their first COVID-19 update from our Board of Health. A State of Emergency was declared and all town managed buildings were closed to public access. Emergency plans were developed for each town department to allow for essential town services to continue despite potential exposures. The Paxton Senior Center was identified as a focus as our seniors were determined to be our most vulnerable population.

Emergency Manager Michael Pingitore informed the Board of Selectmen that Paxton was the first community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to apply for emergency funding as well as the first community to order personal protection equipment. He announced that the town was as prepared as possible as the COVID-19 infections continue to rise.

The Annual Town Meeting as well as the town election were delayed. The town election was moved to late June while the Annual Town Meeting was moved to late August. This resulted in the town not having a budget set by July 1st which resulted in starting FY21 on a one twelfth budget. A one twelfth budget allows for minimal spending by departments not to exceed their FY20 budget.

Special recognition must be given to Julia Pingitore who serves on both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health. Julia has put in countless hours keeping abreast with constantly changing information and helping guide the town as new information comes in. It is hard to fathom a full time employee staying on top of things any better, let alone a volunteer with a fulltime job and a family of her own to care for. If you see Julia, please show your gratitude for her incredible work with a quick thank you.

Finally, a great big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteers their time to serve on the various boards and committees who work so hard on behalf of the town. One of the most rewarding responsibilities we have as selectmen is to appoint residents to serve on these boards and committees. Much of the work is completed quietly behind the scenes which means much of it is done by people without the appreciation they truly deserve. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to serve, please contact our Town Administrator or any one of us on the Board of Selectmen. We always have openings and I am confident we can find the position which will best suit your time and talent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter G. Bogren, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
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As I have done each year I would like to begin by once again bringing attention to the Town's dedicated department managers, employees, elected officials, and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all their hard work and commitment. Paxton would not be the Town it is without the involvement of these people. I would like to especially thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership of the Town.

This year started out busy and ended like no other. The term COVID-19 became a household name for all the wrong reasons and created a complete change of life for everyone

Activities for fiscal 2020 include the following:

A DPW Building Committee was appointed with a goal to provide information to residents regarding the need for a new DPW facility. The committee met several times before it was determined that COVID-19 would prevent planned activities, that were needed to move the project forward this year.

An engineering plan to install safety measures around the Town Common was drawn up

The Water Department started work on the maintenance of the Asnebumskit Tank, this was required by DEP to address the age of the tank and quality of the Town's drinking water.

The Collins Group completed the Classification and Compensation Study in January 2020 and the Board of Selectmen accepted the plan to be implemented in fiscal 2021.

The Collins Group completed the Capital Improvement and Planning Report in January 2020 and the Board of Selectmen accepted the plan to be implemented in fiscal 2021.

We received a Community Compact grant to implement online permitting. We anticipate that this will go live in January 2021.

We received a grant to replace the Town Hall ramp. This was completed in June 2020.

The Holden Road Reclamation project restarted in April 2020. Most of the work was completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Public buildings were closed March through July 2020 due to COVID-19, Michael Savasta, the Town's IT Technician was able to set up all staff to work remotely. Town Hall employees worked remotely or spent minimal time in the office to work safely.

Following state guidelines, the Town was able to take precautions to allow for appointments in June, prior to opening fully to the public in July 2020.

The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness study took place with outreach sessions before the Board of Selectmen and residents at The Hills.

The study was completed in July 2020. Delayed in part due to COVID-19

The Town voted to raise and appropriate from the Road Improvement Stabilization Fund of \$110,382.

The implementation of the meal tax brought in \$13,270 revenue for the second year. Although not a substantial amount, it is a new source of revenue for the Town.

The Town was unable to hold the annual Paxton Days event due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Annual Town Meeting that generally takes place the first Monday in May was delayed to August 30th. Due to COVID-19 the meeting took place outside at the Bandstand. I want to thank Donna Graf-Parsons, Executive Assistant for all her planning for this event to safely take place.

During the months of March through May, weekly emergency meetings took place on Saturday mornings with the Emergency Manager and BOH Chair to hear the current status of COVID-19, not only in our Town but worldwide. I want to give a special thank you to both Michael Pingitore (Emergency Manager) and Julia Pingitore (BOH Chair) for all their work and commitment to the safety of the Town of Paxton throughout this period. The endless hours that Mike and Julia donated to the Town of Paxton to keep our resident's safe is true dedication and I cannot thank them enough.

In closing I would like to thank all Department Managers and Town employees, Donna Graf Parsons, Executive Assistant, Donna Couture, Collector/Treasurer, Larissa Kennedy, Town Accountant, Laurie Becker, Town Clerk, Sheryl Lombardi, Town Service Coordinator, Kathy Stanley, Assessor, Tiffany Sidhom, Municipal Assistant for their continued hard work and support. This year has been especially difficult due to the many challenges of COVID-19. Everyone worked hard and cooperated to keep Town business running.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the Town's Police and Fire Departments who we know put their lives in danger daily to protect the Town, but this year even more as our Police, Fire and EMT's are often the first to respond when calls could potentially involve COVID-19 victims and patients.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

BOARD OF HEALTH
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The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2020:
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Inspections:	50
Soil Percolation Tests:	22
Septic Plan Reviews:	19
Food Code Inspections:	10
Semi Public Pool Inspections:	2
Summer Camp Inspections:	2
Housing Inspections Complaints:	5
Septic Certificate of Compliances:	15
Well Permits:	2

FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Our fiscal process this year began normally when various department heads submitted their budget requests to the Committee for review beginning January 15th. Although all went well initially, early in March budget concerns ground to a halt with the pandemic. Eventually it became obvious that the usual May date for the Annual Town Meeting could not be met because of group size limitation. At that time, the proposed town budget was in deficit. Furthermore, there was no possible way of knowing the level of state aid that Paxton would receive for FY2021. Considering the financial impact of the pandemic on the entire economy, it was assumed that the governor's recommended state aid would not be delivered and it was unknown when the state budget would be finally approved. With no budget approved by July 1, the town began operating under a 1/12th budget. A date for the Town Meeting was set for August 29th or August 30th at the town bandstand.

Before the pandemic disrupted the process, the municipal operating budget had been increased 6.5% from that of the previous year. Major points of interest included the following: 1) Debt service decreased modestly and comprised 10% of the municipal budget. Certified free cash decreased by 38% from FY2020. Town Employee Insurance and County Retirement continued to increase significantly. 2) With respect to employee compensation, the Collins Center for Public Management had evaluated 24 position classifications and recommended equitable compensation for those positions. As a result, the salaries of a number of employees were increased. In addition, a Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) of 3% was awarded to non-contractual employees. 3) The position of Municipal Assistant was created to address the problem of various departments being unable to find personnel to serve in an assistant capacity. With this new position, a number of departments now had access to an assistant whenever needed. The line items for assistants were removed from the appropriate department accounts, with the Water Department contributing \$15,000. 4) Police Dispatch was regionalized. Reduced compensation resulted in a decrease in the Police budget. Inclusion of the cruiser lease approved last year for \$33,000 absorbed some of this decrease. Regional Dispatch located in Holden now assesses Paxton for its share of expenses.

As in previous years, expenditures for education are responsible for approx. 50% of the town's budget. 1) The Bay Path Vocational High School assessment (excluding debt) for FY2021 increased 12% to cover transportation and minimum local contribution (MLC). 2) The WRSD School Committee approved a budget resulting in a Paxton assessment of \$6,843,902, an increase of 4.8% (excluding debt) from the previous year. The MLC increased 4.6% with estimated student attendance from Paxton decreasing 1.2% to 646. The Operational Assessment and Transportation increased 5% and 2%, respectively. By June 30th, the four other towns of the Region had passed the WRSD budget, locking Paxton into the stated assessment.

On June 30th, the proposed budget was approximately \$75,000 in deficit. Consideration of Paxton's budget continued through to the August Town Meeting via "virtual" Finance Committee meetings. In mid-August, word came that a grant had been awarded that reduced the town's proposed \$91,000 Dispatch budget to \$10,000, thereby eliminating the budget deficit. It was now possible to present a balanced budget to the citizens. At the time of the delayed Annual Town meeting, the Commonwealth had still not completed its budget proceedings, and it was still not known how the ultimate approval of a State budget would impact both the school and the municipal budgets.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Richard A. Fenton, Chairman

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The men and women of the Paxton Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2020 have continued to perform above and beyond the call of duty for the residents of the Town of Paxton. The Department has seen a steady rise in the number of calls for service over the last several fiscal years, a trend that appears to be nationwide. The Paxton Fire Department responds to several calls for service and as the rapid change in technologies prove ever challenging, we as a department have adapted to become more of an “All Hazards” Department rather than solely Fire and EMS. As in years past we have responded to numerous fires, motor vehicle accidents, EMS calls, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and other emergencies.

Morale remains high among the ranks within the department. Each member is willing and able to serve in a moment’s notice, and with strong leadership and dedication by the core of officers the department has, we will continue to respond with professionalism and compassion. This year in particular was tough in the second half of FY2020 as the Paxton Fire Department just like the rest of the world was impacted by the COVID 19 Pandemic. However, in the face of this daunting challenge the men and women who serve this department and this town have taken on this challenge head on to deliver top notch fire and EMS delivery in this very stressful time. Many times, being exposed to the virus on a daily basis as they answered emergency medical calls and fire and rescue calls.

Recruitment has been tough in recent years with a lot of people having trouble to find the time to dedicate to the rigorous and rewarding initial training to become a certified firefighter. However, we still had four (4) recruits successfully attend and complete the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow and become Certified Firefighters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In February of this past year, we responded to a second alarm structure fire in a single-family home on the south end of town. Fortunately, no one who resided there, nor any Paxton Firefighter was injured. This fire demonstrated the effectiveness of proper working smoke detectors in that early detection and evacuation and resulted in no loss of life and no injuries. Please remember to check and change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year.

Also, this past year in October of 2019 we held our annual open house, this one by far was a huge success with easily over 150 people coming in to see what goes on, learn about fire prevention, and meet the firefighters. We do this annually every Fire Prevention week in October and look forward to seeing the residents there.

The Paxton Fire Department is prepared and ready to face another year serving the Town of Paxton, but to be able to do this I want to thank the men and women of this department that make it happen! Most importantly the families of these men and women who must endure their loved ones leaving in a moment’s notice in the middle of the night, weekends, holidays, and special occasions to answer the calls for help from their neighbors and other citizens of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Michael Pingitore

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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For the library, the year 2020 started as normal. We had been very busy with numerous programs. Our story hour was always full of a dozen or more kids each week. The Community Partnership for Children was drawing another small crowd of toddlers and preschoolers on Fridays. Our LEGO program was drawing an enthusiastic and creative group each week. Pam Chenevert's new TACOS group (Teen Advisory Council of Students) was getting established and was drawing the Tweens for art programs and discussions. We had just purchased a Nintendo Switch for some in house video gaming. Then, the library, like all others, had COVID enter the scene.

Starting mid-March, the library closed for what we hoped would be a short period of time. Unfortunately, the virus stayed. After a couple of months, the library decided to re-open on a limited basis. Initially, people could request books and each Thursday, we would bag them up and put them out on tables in the front yard. As the weather changed, we moved the pickup into our foyer and patrons could pick up on a daily level as their books became available. Patrons may call, e-mail, or place "holds" on their desired books or videos. Very shortly after receiving a request, the materials are bagged, labeled and available in the foyer. Most patrons are thrilled to be able to have their books again. Some miss the browsing aspect of a library, but all are understanding as to the necessity to continue in this safe and efficient manner. We are hopeful that we will be able to open to the public soon.

Our present Trustees are Patricia Dawson, Catherine McCourt, Andrea Thackeray, Aimee Brunelle, and Karen Putney (chair).

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Bailey

TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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In the Fall of 2019, the DPW completed a resurfacing of Crowningshield, Lancelot, Camelot, and Sherbrooke Drive. This project was funded by town road funds as well as Chapter 90 funds.

The winter season started with a large snowstorm in early December and was followed by mostly rain/ice events for the remainder of the winter. Unfortunately, the cold lingered into April and even May with light snow and ice.

The DPW replaced a large culvert pipe on Marshall Street just prior to the winter season. DPW also assisted the Water Department with a water main replacement project on Birchwood Road.

The Holden Road project moved along steadily with the majority of the work being completed before winter. The project was delayed due to COVID-19 but finally resumed in May 2020 with a small punch list to complete.

In March 2020, the DPW felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Work was limited to maintenance only as crews were reduced for much of the Spring. Road work was also curtailed because Chapter 90 funds were also put on hold.

The Department gets a lot done with limited manpower and equipment. These employees should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Paxton and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Putnam, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION **ANNUAL REPORT FY20**

The Paxton Water Department had a challenging and productive year for FY20 with many obstacles, and accomplishments to note.

The Paxton Water Department purchased a total of 100,324,456 gallons of water from the City of Worcester to supply water to all our customers. Our customer base consists of 1,279 residential services, 6 sprinkler services, 13 institutional services, 26 commercial services, and 12 municipal services.

Throughout the course of the year the Paxton Water Department had a total of 12 major emergency water main repairs, some of which were done in sub-zero temperatures. The Department also repaired 6 other main breaks that were located by its staff through leak detection efforts using sound sensitive equipment to locate the leaks. The Water Department also upgraded roughly 350 feet of water main on Birchwood Road with the assistance of the Paxton Highway Department.

The Paxton Water Department was able to enter into a contract with Suez Advanced Solutions to rehabilitate the million-gallon Asnebumskit water storage tank. The Asnebumskit tank was constructed in the mid-1970s and needed major repairs. The tank was taken out of service from September through December of 2019 to start the rehabilitation of the tank. This included making major repairs to the roof of the tank, repairs to the walls and floor of the tank internally, cleaning, and coating the interior of the tank to prolong the life of the tank. These repairs are expected to help extend the life of the tank by at least another 25 years. The Paxton Water Department staff had many challenges throughout this process and were able to overcome each and every one of them with their hard work and dedication. The exterior rehabilitation, and installations of a mixing system, as well as much needed safety devices on the exterior of the tank are expected to be completed in FY21.

The Paxton Water Department is pleased to inform you that in FY20 the Department applied for, and was awarded, grant money through MIIA to purchase a trailer, and much needed safety equipment for the purpose of emergency repair work to the distribution system. The total dollar amount awarded was \$6,519.00. In being able to obtain this equipment through the MIIA grant we can now house all equipment needed for emergency repairs in one portable location. This drastically reduces the department's response time, and the department is grateful to have been able to receive the funding. The Paxton Water Department also continued to work with Tighe & Bond on the WURP GIS Infrastructure Mapping Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency. This was awarded to the department in June of FY19. This grant will help the Department digitize many of the department's paper maps and will allow the department to have access to these maps in the field, as well as to help create a layer on the town's People GIS mapping system when completed. This will bring the department one step closer to

having all the town's distribution system digitized with GPS coordinates, and looking toward the future.

Additionally, the Department continues to upgrade to a new water metering system, which includes the installation of new, automated infrastructure meters to be installed at each water customer's property. Said meters operate on a cloud-based system that features many benefits including customer access through a website or mobile app, with such benefits as having leak detection alarms and notifications if the pipes are about to freeze (via a low temperature alarm). The new meters are supposed to be good for 20 years; the radio devices are good for 10 years. As of the end of FY20, the Paxton Water Department had installed a total of 488 meters, which is roughly 37% of all meters throughout the distribution system.

The Board of Water Commissioners met on a monthly basis throughout the year when possible, to discuss all aspects of the Water Department and to make decisions on behalf of the town's residents that are supplied with public drinking water.

Below are some of the activities that were discussed at the Water Board meetings:

- The purchase and replacement of fire hydrants throughout the system.
- Repairing water mains and services throughout the system, either through leak detection or emergency situations.
- The Consumer Confidence Report, which was posted online for the town's water customers. The report was also posted throughout town at public buildings, and copies were left at some of those locations for consumers to take.
- The Code Red system, which was utilized several times in order to inform consumers of emergency situations.
- Responded to customers with unusually high-water usage by giving them the opportunity to be heard at monthly board meetings.
- The need to replace water mains throughout the distribution system, and which mains take priority.
- The need to do major renovations to the Asnebumskit Water Storage Tank.

Finally, like other town departments and residents, the Water Department navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic during the last few months of FY20, making schedule changes to allow for social distancing, obtaining PPE from various sources and establishing procedures and protocols for employees, emergency situations and the safest ways to interact with water customers.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent and his Department for their hard work and dedication to providing residents of Paxton with clean and safe drinking water.

Respectfully Submitted,
John F. Malone, Chairman
David Trulson, Vice Chairman
Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) has powered the community of Paxton since 1914 delivering reliable, safe, low-cost electricity to the residents and businesses of Paxton. PMLD is a community owned, not-for-profit, that is overseen by a 3-person Board of Commissioners. Since its creation, the PMLD Board of Commissioners has established the policies that govern the utilities operations. The Board's primary focus has always been on ensuring that the residents and businesses of Paxton are provided superior service, reliable power and low-cost, stable rates.

PMLD is dealing with a time of unprecedented change and challenges in the industry. These changes affect everyone along the supply chain, from the generator to the end user. Technology, changing regulations, increased efforts to conserve power, and a push for cleaner energy sources are changing the way we use and view electricity. In 2020, KWh sales increased by 2.1%, receivables increased 19.1%, operating revenues dropped 9.8% and expenses decreased by 1% compared to the year before. The decreased revenue is partially caused by the structure of PMLD's rates versus our actual power costs which are not properly aligned.

When the pandemic started in March, the Light Board voted to suspend late fees charges on all accounts with balances over 60 days. This amounted to an average loss of \$12,0000 in revenue. To better assist struggling customers, the Board also voted to accept an extended moratorium on electrical service terminations due to non-payment. To date, that moratorium has not been lifted. Due to this, PMLD has experienced a tremendous increase of almost 16% in past due accounts. Added cleaning efforts and increased expenses for remote workstations increased PMLD's expenses.

Operations

- 13 new home services were added to the PMLD's electric distribution system.
- PMLD installed 4 new transformers and replaced 4 older transformers showing deterioration or stress, upgrading 3 of those transformers to prevent overloading.
- The linemen added 1710' feet of underground primary wire and 180' of overhead primary wire to our distribution system.
- The linemen installed 10 new poles and pulled 6 old poles.
- PMLD completed the town wide replacement of old steel cutout brackets with fiber glass ones to minimize power outages caused by wildlife coming in contact with them.
- PMLD continued preventative tree trimming maintenance to decrease the risk of outages caused by fallen tree limbs: Pond Street, West Street, and Brooks Road.
- Successfully completed the installation of fiber for the Towns' 911 Regionalization with Holden.

System Reliability

In 2020, PMLD experienced 20 power outages, affecting a total of 552 customers. Quick

response times to these outages by the PMLD line crew, resulted in 97% of those customers electricity restored within an hour or less. Weather related issues caused by high winds accounted for roughly 55% of those outages.

Power Supply

PMLD continues to work with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co. (MMWEC), who manages PMLD's power portfolio to ensure we have enough energy in place to cover the Town's energy needs for years to come. We have developed a diverse power supply portfolio from multiple sources under a power supply strategy that best suits our community's needs. PMLD buys its electricity through fixed contracts, three to five years in advance, as well as on the open market. In 2020, over 23% of our power received was from renewable energy sources, hydro, and wind, that includes Berkshire Wind located in Western MA and Hancock Wind in Hancock, ME as well as from Hydro-Quebec in Canada and NYPA in New York. We also received power from nuclear power plants located in Millstone, CT and Seabrook, NH. Other sources of our power supply came from the MMWEC Stony Brook Plant.

There are many circumstances beyond our control that make the cost of electric energy fluctuate, such as, periods of peak power demands during extreme temperatures, unexpected plant shutdowns, spikes in fuel prices, and unpredictable events such as the pandemic. Though natural gas prices have declined over the last few years, the electric industry remains challenged with the uncertainty of the delivery during cold spells. Energy produced from natural gas has risen from 5% in 2000 to over 50% in 2020.

Legislation is under consideration that will require by the year 2050 all energy sales be net zero greenhouse gas emitting. This will be accomplished by using renewables such as solar and offshore wind projects as well as new hydro power that is being brought down from Canada. Of which, PMLD purchased an additional 1% of hydro power from Canada in 2020. PMLD supports the reduction in carbon emissions and will continue to monitor this legislation and projects to be sure they are in the best interest of our ratepayers and that it does not supersede local control.

Transmission and capacity costs continue to rise even while energy prices decline. The driver behind these costs is a combination of things; the capacity market in New England that does not provide the lowest possible rate to the consumers and the continued build out of transmission lines with projects running 34% over budget with no recourse. At the same time, transmission owners are receiving large returns (between 11-14%) on their multi-billion-dollar investments in transmission line upgrades in New England. The PMLD along with other municipal light plants and associations continue to contest these charges in Washington with our Legislators and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In-Kind Contributions

During 2020, PMLD contributed \$6,457 in direct labor to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton. These projects include the hanging of the seasonal lights

on the Town Common, hanging of various banners throughout the Town and bunting on the Town Hall, upgraded the flood lights at the Paxton Center School, maintained the school zone traffic signals and repaired the guardrails at the Town Hall. The PMLD provides meter reading and billing services for the water department and for the town's trash to help minimize their overall operating costs.

Fiber Project-911 Regionalization

In 2020, PMLD provided \$33,000 worth of direct labor to assist the Town of Paxton in their efforts to regionalize their 911 system with the Town of Holden. PMLD installed a 144-strand fiber optic cable in 4 separate runs: one from the Holden Line to the Public Safety Building, second to the Maple Street water tower, third from the Paxton Public Safety Building to the Paxton Water Building at the Worcester Line, and forth from the Public safety Building to the Paxton Light Department.

Community Involvement

In 2019, the PMLD pledged to become more active within the community. Despite the pandemic, we tried to honor that pledge once again in 2020.

PMLD:

- participated in the elementary school parade traveling throughout the town with one bucket truck and the animated character, Pikachu, in the back of the pickup truck waving to all, hoping to bring smiles and spread some joy to the community.
- sparked the Paxton Recreation Department's "Paxton Hearts Campaign" by erecting a giant light up heart on top of the building to thank all our first responders for their efforts and to let everyone know that PMLD supports its residents.
- placed chalkboard yard hearts with inspirational thoughts on them within the community to be spread and shared with friends, family, and neighbors in Paxton.
- donated to the COA pantry during the pandemic and again at Thanksgiving
- encouraged children to write to Pikachu and Pikachu would send a letter back.
- participated in the Halloween car parade decorating the bucket truck and once again having the Pikachu character there for the kids.
- participated in the Paxton Recreation Drive Thru Fall Festival scarecrow contest, winning 3rd place with "The Lineman".
- at Christ mas, the PMLD designated a special mailbox for Letters to Santa. Each child, who wrote a letter, received a personalized response from Santa.
- Provided a bucket truck for the annual aerial school photograph.
- Hung banners on the utility poles for the 2020 graduating seniors.

Munihelps

PMLD continues to provide its customers with free home energy audits through the HELPS program as well as rebates on certain high energy appliances and home improvements. In 2020, 18 customers had home energy audits, 6 customers received rebates for high energy efficiency appliances, 9 customers received rebates under the home efficiency incentives, 4 customers

received rebates for Wi-Fi thermostats, and 12 customers received rebates under the cool home incentives, totaling \$8,472 in rebates back to PMLD customers. We were very pleased to see that more of our customers took advantage of the rates and incentives available.

Closing

As the industry continues to shift and innovate, it is important for the PMLD to continue to adopt a more customer involved culture, enhance customer experiences, and provide value to our customers by meeting their energy needs in various ways. PMLD continues to improve its customer service to enhance the overall customer experience for residents and businesses alike. We are actively pursuing avenues to ensure that we are investing in the future, keeping up with technology and finding new ways to support a clean environment.

In closing, the Paxton Municipal Light Commission and General Manager would like to thank all employees for their hard work and continued dedication in 2020.

Most importantly, we would like to take this time to thank all our rate payers for being our customer.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Tara Rondeau, General Manager

For the Paxton Municipal Light Commission:

Yvette M. Orell, Chairwoman
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Vice-Chairman
Michael Benoit, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20**

I am happy to report we made it through Fiscal Year 2020 on budget. This year, like no other year in history, we faced a worldwide pandemic that affected our way of life. COVID 19 put challenges on our department, however our officers handled the transition in the most professional way possible. It was a challenge keeping staff healthy during these unprecedented times and I want to thank our Police Officers for putting their safety at risk every day to protect and serve the residents of Paxton.

Even though we had reduced our interaction with the public due to the Corona virus, arrests and traffic citations numbers were above average. Officers stayed out during the pandemic patrolling the streets and neighborhoods of Paxton, making sure their presence was seen by the public. Now more than ever I want to remind our residents to be ever vigilant and keep in mind that our town is not immune to the problems that face larger communities. Always be aware of your surroundings and call us if you observe any suspicious activity.

As always, we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. Please feel free to call us at 508-755-1104 if you have any questions or comments as we strive to give Paxton residents the best service possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Mark Savasta, Police Chief

1	Abandoned Auto
76	Accidents
137	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
60	Animal Other Than Dog
0	Arson
4	Assaults
144	Arrests
153	Assist Citizen
3	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
4	Breaking/Entering attempts
3,484	Business Checks
2,853	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
1	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
81	Disabled Auto
60	Disturbances
78	Dog Calls
9	Domestic Incidents
2	Drug/Narcotic Violations
1,231	General Police
2	Homicide
5	House Checks
4	Larceny
43	Lockouts/Auto/Home
4	Loitering
8	Mental Health (Section 12)
4	Missing Person
1	Motor Vehicle Theft
94	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
8	Parking Violation
12	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
25	Property (Lost/Found)
5	Property Damage
2	Protective custody
1	Recovered Motor Vehicle
20	Restraining Orders
0	Robbery
0	Repossession
4	Rubbish/Dumping
1	Runaway
0	Sex Offense
0	Shoplifting
4	Soliciting
1	Suicide/Attempts
51	Summons Service
96	Suspicious Autos
30	Suspicious (other)
36	Suspicious Persons
8	Threats/Harassment

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

It has been a challenging year at the Council on Aging due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus. We met those challenges and continued serving the needs of our seniors during those difficult times which continue to this day.

As the town's human service department, our focus is on the needs of our seniors. We provide advocacy and support as we assist our seniors for all of life's changes. Our attention is on health awareness, home and health support, advice, and counsel, providing various information, and directing to various referral services.

We had a very strong first half of the year. We welcomed many new seniors to our center and introduced them to our diversified programs and the host of services we offer. Our programs and events were all well attended. We expanded many of our weekly and monthly activities. Various guest speakers joined us throughout the year to speak on safety, senior lifestyles, and wellness. We also feature several signature events such as a Health Fair, Fall Craft Fair, and an Annual Picnic. We offer a popular intergenerational program by participating in a pen pal program with the fourth graders at the Paxton Center School.

Our Outreach Services provides social services to all seniors. We independently coordinate with other human service departments and health care providers to assess an individual senior's needs. We inform seniors of health and various support programs that are available and assist them in obtaining those programs and services. We provide in-home crisis intervention service such as assisting isolated seniors, elderly depression, and elder abuse to name only a few.

Our COA van provides transportation assistance for our seniors five days a week. Transportation is available for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and various other errands and appointments.

Our nutrition program offers lunch at our Senior Center three days a week while also providing the delivery of meals to our seniors in their homes five days a week. We experienced an increase this past year in the number of meals being delivered to homes, as well as our congregate lunches served on-site in the Senior Center.

All Town of Paxton seniors receive a monthly newsletter which contains a potpourri of information on activities, programs, events, and a variety of wellness topics.

In mid- March of 2020, all programs and events were suspended at our Senior Center due to the Coronavirus. Our COA office remained opened five days a week for services but our Van service was suspended.

Our Outreach Services increased due to the virus. All services continued as we addressed the needs of our seniors and maintained contact with our seniors by means of daily phone calls and frequent drive by visits. Gratefully, we had volunteers to assist with grocery shopping and prescription medication pickups. We distributed masks and sanitizer by request.

During COVID and in observance of certain social distancing, mandated restrictions, and similar protocols, meals were suspended at the Senior Center and as a result, we did see a significant increase in the delivery of meals to homes.

We expanded our COA food pantry not only to seniors but to all town residents. Our food pantry remains open year-round and we rely on donations to keep it supplied. The need for and demand for this food pantry is essential.

Our Council on Aging staff consists of a Director who also handles our Outreach Services, a part time Office Assistant, three Van Drivers, and many volunteers who assist us throughout the year.

The Council has nine board members and seven associate members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

The Friends of the Council on Aging provides generous and much needed support to the Council on Aging through programs, monthly bus trips, and much more.

As we look ahead to 2021, we will continue to meet the challenges that lie ahead, and we will provide support and we will continue to tirelessly advocate for our seniors.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Love, Director

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31st of each year with the Town Clerk.

The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

CEMETERY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

In the past fiscal year there were nineteen burials and five plots sold.

The Historical Commission worked with the Cemetery Commission to secure a grant to repair and reset headstones at the Center Cemetery.

The paving of Oak Ave was completed and the new section was opened up for the sale of plots. New farm gates were installed to block the entrance to the mulch/dirt piles from the cemetery.

The Committee is working with the New Comtech to allow the burial information for Mooreland cemetery to be accessible online.

The Commission approved the FY21 budget for \$12,607.00

The Commission thanks Mike Putnam and the men of the DPW for their continued efforts in maintaining our town cemeteries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Parsons, Executive Assistant

PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

For FY20, the Planning Board approved six Storm Water Permits for a Single-Family Residence. The board also approved an Amendment to the Special Permit for Highland Village and a Special

Permit for a rear lot. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments heard throughout the fiscal year along with six Approval Not Required, ANR's. The board met eight times, several held online, and approved minutes are available on the towns' website.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMISSION **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20**

The Paxton Historical Commission was established in 1976 to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton's past.

Membership includes:

Anita Fenton – Chairman

Donna MacLean- Treasurer

Donmarie Desrosiers – Secretary

Members: Pamela Hair and Dante Zamarro

The Historical Commission was active in numerous different pursuits in 2019-2020. As in previous years, a calendar of historic photos was created. The theme of the calendar was chosen to be Paxton celebrations throughout the years. On the cover is a reproduction of a large decorative mural created by the Paxton Center School 5th graders in the 1980s to commemorate the opening of the Paxton Town Hall in 1888. The original artwork is in Allen Hall which is located in the town hall.

The Boston Post Cane Award was discussed. After the sad loss of the last recipient of the award, Virginia Kimball, it was felt that the Historical Commission should wait until 2021 to designate a new recipient. Commissioners voted to recommend that the awardee must have lived in Paxton for the last 10 consecutive years not to include residing in a neighboring nursing home. After studying various nominees, a winner was proposed and voted on. With the possibility of a COVID vaccine by then, the newest recipient of the Boston Post Cane Award will be announced at a celebration in the Spring 2021.

Tom Kelleher, historian, and curator at Old Sturbridge Village, was scheduled to present a program on Phrenology: Science of the Mind, a lecture and historically costumed recreation of a 19th century "head-reading" in September. Due to safety concerns, the date was subsequently changed to April.

As has been the case for numerous years, fifty-one third graders were given a tour of the Paxton town hall by several commissioners with descriptions of past celebrations and town meetings in Allen Hall and a tour of its historic basement including an unusual 4 holer and an historic jail also known as the "tramp room". They were also to receive their additional annual tours of the Paxton Senior Center (also known as the White School Building), the town common, and the Paxton Center Cemetery. These unfortunately also had to be postponed until a later time in 2021 when they could be given safely.

The Historical Commission once again participated in the COA November Craft Fair with the sale of decorative Paxton mugs, calendars, etc. It also held a raffle for an original depiction of the Moore State Park by local artist, Jen Niles.

Steve Hair, a former employee at Moore State Park, gave the Commissioners a detailed presentation outlining the ongoing deterioration and previous work that had been done at the park. It was proposed that volunteers should be allowed to assist the state in ongoing reclamation of various areas in the park. The Commission proposed involvement with the possible assistance by the Conservation Commission, the Paxton Land Trust, and the Greater Worcester Land Trust. All community participation efforts were suspended in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Mr. Anthony Sinkewich, a Massachusetts resident, kindly supplied the Commission with an original porthole, once a part of the Paxton Navy Yard brick steamer restaurant. It will be displayed at future Paxton Days. Paxton residents are always invited to donate artifacts for inclusion in the Commission's collection or to allow scanning of photographs for inclusion.

Plans were made to undertake a detailed survey by commissioners of all graveyard flag holders in the Paxton Cemetery with the help of the Cemetery Commission to determine all those requiring replacement. This effort has also had to be rescheduled for the Spring 2021.

As in the past, residents and guests were invited to the Historical Commission Open House on Saturday mornings. It has been terminated until rescheduling after the conclusion of the pandemic, hopefully in the spring of 2021.

Residents are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month and are encouraged to inquire if they would like to join the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Fenton

PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

The Paxton Cultural Council was established to help in the funding of local artists, cultural groups, and coordinators who submitted grant applications that would enhance the cultural experience of Paxton residents. The Council has supported numerous varied events all year long which are displayed on the town website and in the local newspaper.

The Paxton Cultural Council allocated \$5,400.00 in funds to various programs.

Respectfully submitted,	
Howard McGinn	Marybeth Brown
Donna Parsons	Donna Marie Desrosiers
Christie Barns	Clarence Burley
Cindy Love	

WIRING INSPECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site www.townofpaxton.net. Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Executive Assistant 508-754-7638 ext. 10. All wiring, whether done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, requires a permit and inspection. Electricians should be prepared to show an electrician's license and a current certificate of insurance.

Respectfully submitted,
John Reece

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

This was not a typical year for the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC). As a result of the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Study, the CIPC used this report to prepare the Capital Project List and 5-year Capital Plan.

1. The study identified 88 projects, totaling \$27.8M over six years, and identified the Town's Top Ten & Flagged Projects.
2. The study also included 11 analytical tools used to develop and sustain near and long-range investment strategy.
3. The 88 Capital Projects includes 44 roads and bridge projects but did not include the Town Hall and Senior Center repairs and/or renovations. However, the committee can vote to add these projects to our Capital Plan, if only as a placeholder for future consideration.
4. The Top Ten and Flagged Items were based on the CIP Scoring Methodology. But priorities and year of execution can be changed or modified, based on the needs of the Town, recommendations from the CIPC and FINCOM, desires of the BOS, and the desires of our citizens.

In March 2020, after conferences with project sponsors, the CIPC voted and forwarded the following Warrant Article recommendations (in priority order) to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen:

1. DPW Facility (\$11.426M; Debt Exclusion)
2. PCS & JBSC Parking Lots Repaving (\$230K; \$130K Borrowing; \$100K Road Stabilization Fund)
3. Town Common - Sidewalk Paving (\$70K; Road Stabilization)
4. Fire Department Hose Replacement (\$25K; Borrowing)
5. Town Common - Street Paving (\$73K; Chapter 90)
6. DPW Multi-purpose Sidewalk Machine (Chapter 90)
7. DPW Dump Truck (\$120K; Borrowing)

At the Annual Town Meeting (30 August 2020), the following articles were presented and motions made for the following Warrant Articles:

Article 2 - DPW Facility: No Action was taken. This action was contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion at the Annual Town Election (29 June 2020). Question 1 failed to pass, with 139 in favor, 145 opposed.

Article 4 - Fire House Replacement: Motion passed to transfer \$25,000.00, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace 5,500 feet of four-inch supply hose for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article 5 - DPW Dump Truck: Motion passed by more than 2/3 majority to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$120,000 or any other sum, to purchase a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article 6 - Paxton Center School and John Bauer Senior Center Parking Lots: Motion passed by more than 2/3 majority to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$230,000 to repave the PCS parking lot and area behind the JBSC, by borrowing the sum of \$130,000 and transferring the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

The Chairman wishes to recognize the efforts and community service of the committee members, Town Departments and Administration, Finance Committee, and Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Kent, Chairman
Forrest Smith, Vice Chair
Robert Pelczarski, Clerk
Kateri Clute
Tim Grinham
Mark Love
Carol Riches

VETERANS AGENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

The Department is responsible for the administration of veterans' benefits program, per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. It provides financial assistance to honorably-discharged, veterans who establish need and worthiness and are residents of the Town of Paxton. During the year, the office extended benefits to qualified veterans totaling \$9,195.00 for housing, home heating, medical and other related costs. The amount expended was reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth at a rate of 75% of total expenditures.

The Department also provided confidential counsel and advice to Paxton Veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining information and benefits from the United States

Department of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, and the Town of Paxton Department of Veterans' Services.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, face-to-face interaction was strictly limited, and social distancing was strictly enforced. However, the Veteran's Agent continued to serve the community through virtual meeting and teleconferences.

The Veterans Agent sponsored two warrant articles at the Annual Town Meeting, August 30th, 2020:

Article 13: The Town voted and approved to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F, which provides a full property tax abatement to eligible and qualifying military veterans and family members. Two thousand dollars of this exemption or up to \$175, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Town and the balance shall be borne by the Commonwealth.

Article 14: the Town voted to take no action to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22H, which provides a full property tax abatement to surviving parents or guardians of military service members, who during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the VA or a branch of the armed forces that was a proximate cause of their death, or are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the Armed Forces of the United States. The full amount of the exemption shall be borne by the Town.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey L. Kent, Veteran's Agent

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

Dear Residents of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling,

As I write this annual message, I want to begin by thanking all members of our community for their patience, understanding, cooperation, tolerance, and resilience, particularly since March of 2020. I do not believe anyone could have predicted the impact COVID-19 would have on the Wachusett District, the Commonwealth, the country, or the world, but I believe as we all work through this together and we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, the collaboration and teamwork shown will help guide us in our eventual return to "normal."

The 2020-2021 school year has been one like no other. As you know, our schools were abruptly closed on March 13, 2020 with no return date certain. Remote instruction began at that time and continued through the rest of the spring and well into the current school year. Hybrid in-person instruction began for those students who wished on January 19, 2021. The "soft reopening" of schools has been exciting for staff and students, and I am very proud of our Wachusett community for the relatively seamless transition. Due to the unique circumstances, there were a few more than usual school reopening challenges that needed to be addressed and navigated, but with cooperation from all parties, I am pleased to report the matters needing attention were handled appropriately and efficiently. Students learning remotely from home or in-person in schools, with blended learning happening regularly, will continue for the remainder of this school year. I am confident that whatever challenges the coming months may present, the education of all Wachusett students will continue to be outstanding thanks to our talented and dedicated teaching staff. The

resilience and resourcefulness our teachers have shown over the last 10 months has been remarkable.

This year, we were able to expand our 1:1 Chromebook program to include all students in grades 6 - 12. This initiative has been phased in over the past 4 years, beginning with the current senior class who were issued the very first 1:1 Chromebooks when they began their freshmen year. The 1:1 Chromebook deployment for all high school students was completed in the fall of 2019. With the unexpected reliance on remote teaching and learning this school year, we moved as quickly as possible to expand the program to include grades 6 - 8.

As we have done over the past several years, the District and Member Town officials held the annual Budget Roundtable on January 7, 2021. This meeting is the opportunity to discuss key budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. Even though this year's Roundtable was virtual, it was well attended by town representatives, officials from the state, members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, and community members interested in learning more about the budget process. Though budget development has been delayed this year due to the pandemic as well as the state's FY21 budget approval being later than usual, we are working with our Member Towns, on behalf of all constituents, to develop an annual budget appropriation that will address the needs of Wachusett's students and staff. As I have shared numerous times in the past, I am grateful to our state representatives for their continued support of increased funding for all schools in the Commonwealth.

For the third consecutive year, the five towns that comprise the Wachusett District supported a budget that permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We very much appreciate the support of the Member Towns, and we look to continue forward progress, including focusing on the social and emotional health and wellbeing of our students in the coming school year.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and community members for their continued support and dedication to the education of the children in the Wachusett Regional School District. We must continue to work together to provide our students with a quality education that will prepare them for success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Darryll McCall, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 246 students in July of 2020. To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, the graduation was conducted in three separate outdoor "Drive-in" ceremonies in front of the school. The ceremonies were very well received by students, families, and staff. Bay Path accepted a class of 315 freshmen in September 2020. Our current enrollment has reached an all-time high of 1,171 students.

Of the three Paxton seniors who graduated, two are now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and one has chosen to proudly serve our country in the United States Army. Currently, 21 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of the 22 vocational technical programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Four Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department. All Paxton students have chosen to attend school in the hybrid model, which is a combination of in-person and remote classes. Two Paxton students are taking advantage of our cooperative education program and will be earning while learning at one of the 44 different participating local businesses and industries.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profits, and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2019-2020 school year, our 22 programs completed 367 work orders, of which, nine were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, our Hilltop Restaurant, Minuteman Shoppe, and Cosmetology program are closed to the general public. We continue to monitor the pandemic along with State and local health officials and will periodically review our options and what services provided by our students may once again be available to residents of the Bay Path district. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs. We hope to again offer this type of work soon.

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10-town district, as well as the additional surrounding towns. While our Fall and Spring program offerings have been significantly reduced, again due to the ongoing pandemic, we had a combined enrollment of 98 students in 6 career vocational programs. The program also continues to offer a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

This year, the only “Out of District” students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the District’s ten member communities and subsequently moved out of district before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where these students now reside must pay on an out of district tuition cost for each student ranging in cost between \$16,153 and \$18,118. These towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

The Wachusett Regional School System continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe they share our feeling that all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

At Bay Path, we will continue to serve Paxton with the finest career vocational technical education programs available for the high school students and adults, and will, when possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our students’ education.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle J. Brenner, Superintendent-Director

WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER
WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

Wachusett Earthday Inc. (WEI) is a seven-town collaborative effort founded to provide local and environmentally responsible solutions to the disposal of difficult items and hazardous substances and materials. WEI operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston on property owned by the DCR (Department of

Conservation & Recreation). The site is partially funded by contributions from the seven towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston as well as being supported by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the disposal of difficult materials, WEI provides a venue for sharing gently used but still serviceable household items. All work is performed by an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers from both member and several surrounding towns, under the able guidance of one paid staff member.

This year proved as challenging for us as for the rest of the world once the ravages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic set in. The site closed on March 13th and remained so until early June when, after much research & discussion, it was determined that we could begin to operate the outside portions of the facility. By the third week of June, we allowed the drop-off of goods for the building – with limitations; and after July 4th, we made the decision to reopen the building with severely limited numbers of visitors and staff at any one time as well as shortened hours. Open hours had to be adjusted to accommodate the requisite spacing and social distancing needed by our volunteers and visitors. The site is now open every Tuesday morning, every Thursday afternoon, and mornings on the first and third Saturday of every month with spacing and reduced numbers.

Due to the pandemic, totals for everything during 2020 were less than in previous years:

Total collections: 2019 – 146 2020 – 110

Total vehicles: 2019 – 31,521 2020 – 23,150

Having been closed completely for three and a half months and, upon reopening, having to drop one of our formerly open days, meant a reduction in total open hours. In order to make up for the lost hours, we have now opened the center on both the first AND third Saturday of each month.

Along with the reopening of the site for drop-off of household goods, we have initiated a new procedure for capturing the volume of material that goes in and out of the building. We now have data for the six months from July to December, and on average, the building receives more than a ton of donated materials every day it is open. While we have begun tracking the debris that goes into the dumpsters (in order to get a better idea of how much gets reused with visitors), we are still at the beginning stages of this research.

Due to changes in the requirements for hazardous waste haulers and the consolidation of others, we held only one Hazardous Products collection day in 2020; we have planned two for the upcoming year. Three shredding events were planned during 2020, and one had to be cancelled on account of weather. Three shredding events are planned for 2021.

Wachusett Earthday continues its partnerships with multiple local social service and charitable organizations. We have increased our outreach to teachers and welcome them from any central Massachusetts town to our facility during special evening hours.

We will be continuing our efforts to educate the public using these eight guideposts to encourage less impactful living: rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, refurbish, repair, repurpose, and recycle. We hope to encourage people to make wiser choices when making purchases or disposing of waste and utilizing our natural and manufactured resources. Our earth depends upon our good use and partnership!

In 2021, holiday closings will be July 3, September 4, November 25 & December 23.

2020 Members of the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center Town Representatives:

- Boylston: April Steward/ Alison Mack

- Holden: Pam Harding/ Wendy Brouillette
- Paxton: Carol Riches/ Sheryl Lombardi
- Princeton: Art Allen
- Rutland: Michael Nicholson/ Erin Caton
- Sterling: Ross Perry/ Paul Lyons
- West Boylston: Nancy Lucier
- WEI: Norma Chanis/ Susan Farr/ Mark Koslowske
- DCR: John Scannell

2020 Board of Directors:

Connie Burr, Norma Chanis (Clerk), William Cronin, Susan Farr (Vice President), Morgen Frye, Michael Kacprzicki (Treasurer), Ronaldo Lu, Patt Popple, Helen Townsend (President)

Mark Koslowske, Operations Manager

Retired Board Members in 2020: Vanya Seiss

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Townsend

WACHUSETT GREENWAY **ANNUAL REPORT FY2020**

Navigating through Covid Times

In 2020, Wachusett Greenways focused on safely navigating trail activity during the Covid-19 pandemic. This year the community especially benefitted from the Mass Central Rail Trail. Some trail users found this accessible, close to home, treasured resource for the first time. Wachusett Greenways is grateful to every trail user who is wearing a mask and distancing on the trail.

26 Years of Connecting the Community through Partnerships

From the beginning, the Wachusett Greenways team has shared the mission to welcome everyone to enjoy the outdoors through trails in our region. This year Wachusett Greenways attained 26 years of connecting the community as an all-volunteer nonprofit partnership of community supporters, town and state government, local foundations, and businesses. In 2020, the board continues working to ensure that the Mass Central Rail Trail is accessible. The board is focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion on the trail, in its board, among its volunteers and in its projects.

Trail Stewardship with Amazing Volunteers

WG concentrated on stewardship of the Mass Central Rail Trail throughout this year of distanced contact. Dedicated volunteers were fundamental for trail maintenance. Very small teams, masked and distanced, carried out mowing, tree removal, brush cutting and drainage clearing. WG volunteers with special machinery completed some trail erosion and parking lot repairs. WG added several granite benches to the MCRT. Community and school groups, which WG relied on in prior years, will be a wonderful support when they resume volunteering in the future. Some town DPWs experienced staff reduction making them less available to participate with heavier trail maintenance.

Partner Town Support

Wachusett Greenways thanks the citizens, select board members, town administrators and managers of our regional towns for their support for the Mass Central Rail Trail. In 2020, the towns, Barre, Holden, Oakham, Paxton, Princeton, Sterling and West Boylston, contributed toward

Wachusett Greenways annual operating expenses. Despite the pandemic, some Towns still participated with mowing and special maintenance projects.

Key East-West Commonwealth Corridor

Commonwealth agencies and other groups continue to construct more of the 104 mile MCRT between Northampton and Boston. In the central region, WG and our partners are working to complete the remaining ten miles of the central 30-mile section of this multi-use trail, for recreation, transportation, and health. In 2020, Wachusett Greenways advanced construction on the Mass Central Rail Trail with grant support from the DCR Recreational Trails Program and the new MassTrails Program. The WG partnership with the DCR Watershed Division continued. We completed MCRT reconstruction in Holden for the connector section between River Street and Manning Street including the addition of an accessible-grade bypass. WG progressed on construction of the 0.8 mile section in West Boylston along old Pleasant Street between Route 140/Beaman Street and Prescott Street.

MCRT projects now underway for 2021 and beyond include surface restoration in West Boylston between Thomas Street and I-190, new construction of the 1.9 mile section in Holden from Mill Street to Princeton Street, replacement of the bridge in Sterling at the Quag/West Washacum and reconstruction of the trail for accessibility in Rutland at Whitehall Road. Another future set of MCRT projects, which WG is planning, includes reconstruction in Holden between Manning Street and Route 31 at Mill Street with accessible grades and constructing the missing link in Rutland at Miles Road.

Events on Hold

Trail events were on hold during the 2020 pandemic, as Wachusett Greenways awaits a safer time to gather. Wachusett Greenways cancelled the scheduled May annual meeting, intended to celebrate WG's 25th anniversary. Finally, in December, WG held a small virtual annual meeting. When gatherings can occur in the future, we anticipate celebrating a Wachusett Greenways landmark birthday at the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Think Positive!

Just as 2020 closed, on January 16, 2021, Eric Johansen passed away. Wachusett Greenways benefitted from Eric Johansen's support from the beginning in 1994, and he continued to encourage making the Mass Central Rail Trail and open spaces accessible to all. Eric was a powerful inspiration and encourager for the whole community. His 'Think Positive' (thumbs up) sticker on the pink bumper of his red 'EJ's Painting' truck was the cue to return his big smile and wave as we passed. He took time to build up EVERYONE, and he offered his enthusiastic leadership and humble support for a wonderful variety of community services.

Every Wachusett Greenways Donor Counts!

Thank you to each supporter who contributed to Wachusett Greenways in 2020. New donors and loyal members are key. The total number of donors for the year reached 860 including 49 new members. Donors came from 128 different towns and 22 different states.

Wachusett Greenways welcomes every member. In addition, Wachusett Greenways has three special Mass Central Rail Trail Funds: 1) MCRT Construction Fund, 2) Edward P. Yaglou MCRT Maintenance Fund, 3) MCRT Stewardship Endowment Fund. Donors are invited to designate their gifts to any of these funds to help complete the trail, carry out regular maintenance, and protect the trail for the future.

You are invited to contribute at www.wachusettgreenways.org or by mail at Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520. A gift in any amount counts you as a member, and you will receive the Wachusett Greenways guide, which includes a map for the regions' trails and greenways. Volunteers are welcome.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:

Colleen Abrams, Chair	Troy Milliken, Treasurer
Christy Barnes	Mike Peckar, Secretary
Richard Barry	Christopher Ryan
Stephen Chanis	



TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS



**TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

DELAY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, that, pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 9, of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Annual Town Meeting, usually scheduled for the first Monday in May, is hereby delayed until August 29, 2020, and that all inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, should meet at the Bandstand on Tivnan Field at Paxton Center School, West Street, Paxton on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., with a rain date of Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

**TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. The Town Moderator, Roger J. Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. 59 registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The return of the warrant showed that it had been properly posted. As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Special Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance. The majority of those in attendance voted favorably.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

Article 1. Fire Truck Repair To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of transporting, repairing and inspecting the Fire Department's 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of transporting, repairing and inspecting the Fire Department's 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 2. Reserve Account Transfer To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000 to the Reserve Account, or act in anyway thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Reserve Account.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 3. Dog Control & Licensing Bylaws To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 140, Section 173, of the General Laws to amend the Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw by deleting Section 6: Late Fees/Fines in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

Section 6: Late Fees/Fines

- (a) Any person who is the owner or keeper of a dog in the Town of Paxton and who fails to license said dog by the April 1st deadline in any year, shall be subject to a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per dog. If a dog is not licensed by July 1st, a late fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per dog is to be payable to the Town Clerk upon demand by the Animal Control Office, in addition to license fee.
- (b) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Section 4 shall be subject to a non-criminal violation enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. First Offense: \$50.00 if not paid by July 1st
 - 2. Second Offense: \$25.00 if not paid by August 1st
 - 3. Subsequent Offense: \$50.00
- (c) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Section 2 shall be subject to a non-criminal violation, enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. First Offense: \$25.00

2. Second Offense: \$25.00
3. Subsequent Offense: \$50.00

- (d) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Chapter 140 Section 145B (regarding rabies) of the General Laws shall be subject to a non-criminal violation, enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
1. First Offense: \$25.00
 2. Second Offense: \$25.00
 3. Third Offense: \$50.00

Article submitted by the Town Clerk.

Richard Fenton, finance committee chair, moved that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 140, section 173 of the General Laws to amend the Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw by deleting Section 6: Late Fees/Fines, in its entirety and inserting in its place the new Section 6 as contained in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 4. Restoration of Headstones in Center Cemetery To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of restoring and preserving the headstones and monuments in the Paxton Center Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Cemetery Commission.
Judith Mancini, cemetery commission chair, moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of restoring and preserving the headstones and monuments in the Paxton Center Cemetery.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 5. Pavement of Roads in Mooreland Cemetery To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of paving roads in Mooreland Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Cemetery Commission.
Michael Putnam, Public Works Superintendent, moved that the town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account for the purpose of paving roads in Mooreland Cemetery.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 6. MIS Account To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000 to the MIS Account 0100-1155-5200-00; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the MIS Account 0100-1155-5200-00.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Glenn Sullivan, registered voter, made a motion to dissolve.

The motion was seconded.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:48 pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

- **NOTE** - The changes to the Dog Control & Licensing Bylaw in article 3 were approved by the Attorney General's Office on February 14, 2020. They were effective as of February 18, 2020.

Town of Paxton					
Annual Town Election					
June 29, 2020					
Official Results					
SELECTBOARD	3 Years		PLANNING BOARD	5 Years	
John F. Malone	96		Jeffrey L. Kent	247	
Kirk R. Huehls	222		Blanks	78	
Blanks	10		Write-ins	3	
Write-ins	0				
			RECREATION COMMISSION	3 Years	
ASSESSOR	3 Years		Jeffrey Cormier	260	(Vote for 2)
Doris E. Huard	265		Blanks	387	
Blanks	63		Write-Ins	9	
Write-ins	0		Charles Putney	4	
			All Other	5	
ASSESSOR	1 Year				
Lisa L. Paciello Reece	265		RECREATION COMMISSION	2 Years	
Blanks	63		Christina M. Olson	264	
Write-ins	0		Blanks	62	
			Write -Ins	2	
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 Years				
Judy A. Hatstat	273		S. WORC COUNTY REG.	3 Years	
Blanks	55		VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Write-ins	0		Robert A. Wilby	267	
			Blanks	61	
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years		Write-Ins	0	
Judith A. Mancini	270				
Blanks	58		TREE WARDEN	3 Years	
Write-ins	0		James H. Robert	259	
			Blanks	69	
CONSTABLE	3 Years	(Vote for 2)	Write-Ins	0	
Paul F. Ruane	247				
Bennie Peter Warren Jr.	251		WRSD COMMITTEE	3 Years	
Blanks	158		Karl Ottmar	266	
Write-ins	0		Blanks	61	
			Write-Ins	1	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 Years	(Vote for 2)			
Patricia Dawson	254		WATER BOARD	3 Years	
Sandra L. Bluyus	247		John F. Malone	245	
Blanks	155		Blanks	80	
Write-ins	0		Write-Ins	3	
MODERATOR	3 Years		Question 1		
Roger J. Brunelle	262		Yes	139	
Blanks	65		No	145	
Write-ins	1		Blanks	44	
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD	3 Years				
Michael J. Benoit	269		# of people who voted:	328	
Blanks	58		# of registered voters:	3356	
Write-ins	1		Turnout percentage:	9.8%	



TOWN CLERK

TOWN CLERK
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

	<u>7/1/19-12/31/19</u>	<u>1/1/20-6/30/20</u>	<u>FY20 Total</u>
Births	15	13	28
Marriages	6	5	11
Deaths	12	21	33
Burial Permits	3	7	10

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

	<u>7/1/19-12/31/19</u>	<u>1/1/20-6/30/20</u>	<u>FY20 Total</u>
Male/Female (unaltered):	30	88	118
Neutered/Spayed:	78	706	784
Total Dogs Licensed:	108	794	902
Kennel Licenses:	0	1	1
Service Dogs:	0	2	2
No fee licenses issued (MGL c140 §139c):	1	72	73
Transferred from another town midyear:	2	1	3

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED/RENEWED

	<u>7/1/19-12/31/19</u>	<u>1/1/20-6/30/20</u>	<u>FY20 Total</u>
New	6	10	16
Renewal	2	3	5
Total DBAs Issued	8	13	21

	<u>7/1/19-12/31/19</u>	<u>1/1/20-6/30/20</u>	<u>FY20 Total</u>
Amount Paid to General Fund:			
Town Clerk Fees -	\$890.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,900.00
Dog License Fees -	\$1,641.00	\$7,834.00	\$9,475.00
Dog License Late Fees -	\$1,260.00	\$510.00	\$1,770.00
Replacement Tag -	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Animal Control Officer Fines -	\$1,750.00	\$300.00	\$2,050.00
Total -	\$5,542.00	\$9,654.00	\$15,196.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY20

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law.

Registered Voters as of June 30, 2020

<u>Party Enrollment / Political Designation</u>		<u>Percentage of Total Voters</u>
A – Conservative:	7	0.21%
CC – United Independent Party:	20	0.60%
D – Democrat:	736	21.90%
J – Green Rainbow:	3	0.09%
K – Constitution Party:	1	0.03%
L – Libertarian:	12	0.36%
O – MA Independent Party:	3	0.09%
Q – American Independent:	4	0.12%
R – Republican:	437	13.01%
T – Inter 3 rd Party:	2	0.06%
U – Unenrolled:	2,135	63.54%
TOTAL:	3,360	100.00%

Voting was held at the Paxton Center School. In person Early Voting was held at the Town Hall.

Population as of June 30, 2020

Active Voters: 2,841
Inactive Voters: 519
Non-Voters: 1,042
Total Residents: 4,402

Note: The decrease in total residents was due mainly to the closure of Anna Maria College dorms during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Board of Registrars Members

Laurie Becker, Town Clerk
Scott Dziewietin
Jeremy Richards
David Stoica

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Becker, Board of Registrars Member



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**Combined Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-term Debt	Total (Memorandum)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,651,485	1,319,100	10,920	3,326,000	1,305,458		7,612,963
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	530,756						530,756
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	(72,375)						(72,375)
Other Receivables	21,032	419,704		279,946			720,682
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations						5,472,546	5,472,546
Total Assets	\$ 2,130,897	\$ 1,738,805	\$ 10,920	\$ 3,605,946	\$ 1,305,458	\$ 5,472,546	\$ 14,264,571
Warrants & Accounts Payable	308,137	47,594		42,066			397,796
Other Liabilities	20,963						20,963
Deferred Revenue:							
Property & Excise Taxes	458,380						458,380
Other Departmental	21,032	419,704		279,946			720,682
Bonds Payable						5,472,546	5,472,546
Total Liabilities	\$ 808,512	\$ 467,298	\$ -	\$ 322,011	\$ -	\$ 5,472,546	\$ 7,070,367
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	263,083			82,628			345,711
Reserved for Expenditures							
Other Reserves	1,202						1,202
Unreserved Retained Earnings				3,201,307			3,201,307
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,058,099	1,271,507	10,920		1,305,458		3,645,984
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,322,385	\$ 1,271,507	\$ 10,920	\$ 3,283,935	\$ 1,305,458	\$ -	\$ 7,194,204
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 2,130,897	\$ 1,738,805	\$ 10,920	\$ 3,605,946	\$ 1,305,458	\$ 5,472,546	\$ 14,264,571

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2021	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
SALARIES	5,650	(5,650)		-
ADMIN ASSIT. SECRETARY	52,146	(50,842)		1,304
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,441	(10,045)		396
SUPPLIES	500	(233)		267
OTHER EXPENSES	18,666	(18,364)		302
TOWN LAND SELLING FEES	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
SALARY	89,128	(89,128)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,100	(806)		294
CAR ALLOWANCE	1,500	(1,500)		-
SUPPLIES	100	(60)		40
<u>TOWN SERVICE COORDINATOR</u>				
SALARY	34,216	(33,424)		792
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,040	(1,088)		952
SUPPLIES	603	(232)		371
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	260	(160)		100
SUPPLIES	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	27,416	-		27,416
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
SALARY	36,991	(25,271)		11,720
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,125	(50)		1,075
SUPPLIES	300	(129)		171

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2021	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
BOARD SALARY (3)	5,012	(5,012)		-
ADM. ASSESSOR	46,793	(46,793)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,460	(1,534)		1,926
SUPPLIES	500	(440)		60
OTHER EXPENSES	7,670	(7,533)		137
<u>TREASURER/ COLLECTOR</u>				
SALARY	61,800	(61,800)		-
ASSISTANT WAGES	13,278	(7,425)		5,853
PURCHASED SERVICES	13,800	(12,607)	(673)	520
SUPPLIES	1,125	(787)		338
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
LEGAL SERVICES	25,000	(13,798)		11,202
TAX TITLE LEGAL FEES	8,000	(4,121)		3,879
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
COMPENSATION	25,000	(25,000)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	47,717	(41,763)		5,954
EQUIPMENT	9,286	(1,901)		7,385
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
SALARY	40,973	(40,973)		-
RECORD KEEPING	90	(90)		-
ASSISTANT	8,677	(6,323)		2,355
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,285	(655)		630
SUPPLIES	1,600	(865)		735
OTHER EXPENSES	250	(78)		173
ELECTION TELLERS	4,345	(2,421)		1,924

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2021	Surplus
ELECTIONS- PURCH SERV	6,300	(6,137)		163
ELECTIONS SUPPLIES	2,600	(337)		2,263
REGISTRARS SALARY	1,700	(1,650)		50
REGISTRARS CLERK	250	(250)		-
REGISTRARS CENSUS TAKER	500	(500)		-
REGISTRARS PURCH SERV	900	(143)		757
REGISTRARS SUPPLIES	850	(198)		652
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
CLERK	5,980	(5,980)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,210	(898)		312
CONFERENCES	250	(250)		-
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,377	(1,376)		1
HISTORICAL DIST PURCH SERV	200	-		200
WACHUSETT GREENWAYS	1,000	(1,000)		-
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	23,600	(19,213)		4,387
SUPPLIES	1,900	(1,527)		373
TOWN HALL EXTERIOR REPAIR	25,626	(1,312)	(24,314)	-
COA BOILER REPLACEMENT	17,000	(16,200)	(800)	-
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	125,900	(116,407)		9,493
TOWN REPORTS PURCH SERV	950	(315)		635
TOWN CLOCK PURCH SERV	360	(360)		-
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY-CHIEF	92,269	(92,269)		-
COMPENSATION	961,143	(924,785)		36,359

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2021	Surplus
PURCHASED SERVICES	47,678	(46,291)		1,387
SUPPLIES	56,389	(54,389)	(247)	1,752
DUES	1,650	(1,650)		-
POLICE CRUISER	33,000	(33,000)		-
<u><i>FIRE DEPARTMENT</i></u>				
SALARY CHIEF	43,159	(43,159)		-
COMPENSATION	251,350	(251,349)		1
PURCHASED SERVICES	43,431	(43,168)	(166)	97
EQUIPMENT	83,844	(83,844)		0
FIRE TRUCK REPAIR	60,000	(51,051)		8,949
<u><i>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</i></u>				
COMPENSATION	549,044	(537,373)		11,671
PURCHASED SERVICES	60,400	(58,496)	(105)	1,799
SUPPLIES	40,850	(37,874)		2,976
EMS - ENCUMBRANCE	862	-		862
<u><i>INSPECTORS</i></u>				
BUILDING COMPENSATION	27,302	(27,302)		-
BUILDING LOCAL INSPECTOR	2,375	(1,925)		450
BUILDING PURCHASED SERV	250	-		250
PLUMBING COMPENSATION	4,000	(3,430)		570
WIRING COMPENSATION	5,305	(5,305)		-
WIRING ASSISTANT	400	(400)		-
<u><i>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</i></u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	43,355	(42,323)		1,032
SUPPLIES	3,000	(2,143)		857
<u><i>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</i></u>				
COMPENSATION	6,900	(6,900)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,000	(901)		99

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2021	Surplus
SUPPLIES	3,000	(195)		2,805
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
COMPENSATION	8,267	(7,119)		1,148
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,780	(1,033)		747
SUPPLIES	175	-		175
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
SALARY/HIRE	1,393	(1,393)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	7,699	(6,500)		1,199
SUPPLIES	50	-		50
TREES	0	-		-
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
WRSD ASSESSMENT	6,553,275	(6,544,014)		9,261
VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	233,119	(231,705)		1,414
NORFOLK TUITION	22,509	(22,509)		-
NORFOLK TRANSPORTATION	33,300	(17,416)		15,884
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	77,270	(77,270)		-
COMPENSATION	384,245	(335,729)		48,516
PURCHASED SERVICES	188,327	(158,417)	(8,500)	21,410
SUPPLIES	39,806	(33,206)		6,600
EQUIPMENT LEASES	41,028	(41,028)		-
DPW ROOF REPLACEMENT	42,000	(11,670)	(30,300)	30
STORM WATER PERMITTING CONSULTANT	5,405	(5,405)		-
DPW SITE PLAN DESIGN PHASE ONE	150,000	(115,750)	(34,250)	-
ROAD SURFACING	123,882	(17,679)	(106,203)	-
DPW ENCUMBRANCE	27,628	(27,587)		41
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME	52,633	(32,992)		19,641
SNOW REMOVAL - SALT & SAND	130,000	(108,702)		21,298
SNOW REMOVAL - EQUIPMENT	6,050	(2,388)		3,663

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2021	Closed to Surplus
STREET LIGHTS ELECTRICITY	19,163	(19,163)		-
<u>WASTE COLLECTIONS</u>				
CONTRACT	265,120	(248,717)		16,403
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
SALARY	3,183	(3,183)		-
COMPENSATION	4,946	(3,243)		1,703
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,650	(167)		1,483
SUPPLIES	2,500	(676)		1,824
PAVEMENT OF ROADS	40,000	(27,475)	(12,525)	-
HEADSTONE RESTORATION	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
SALARY	405	(405)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,500	(1,855)		1,645
SUPPLIES	188	(188)		-
SANITATION ENGINEER COMPENSATION	12,266	(12,266)		-
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	1,030	(1,030)		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
DIRECTOR	25,706	(25,670)		37
VAN DRIVERS	20,367	(11,004)		9,363
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	6,265	(3,160)		3,105
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,100	(4,147)		953
SUPPLIES	4,600	(4,272)		328
OTHER EXPENSES	1,190	(1,052)		138
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
SALARY	1,050	(1,050)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	100	-		100
BENEFITS	9,300	(9,195)		105

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2021	Closed to Surplus
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	53,873	(53,873)		-
COMPENSATION	40,499	(35,513)		4,986
CHILDRENS LIBRARIAN	40,448	(40,448)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	13,487	(9,494)		3,993
SUPPLIES	40,728	(29,346)		11,382
<u>RECREATION</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	21,672	(21,672)		-
ADM. ASSISTANT	2,307	(2,307)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,000	(5,000)		-
SUPPLIES	2,000	(2,000)		-
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	350	-		350
OTHER EXPENSES	50	(45)		5
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
<u>PRINCIPAL</u>				
SCHOOL WINDOWS	6,000	(6,000)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	2,200	(2,200)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	366,800	(366,800)		-
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	67,000	(67,000)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	23,000	(23,000)		-
AMB & DUMP TRUCK	50,000	(50,000)		-
DPW BACKHOE	26,000	(26,000)		-
TITLE V BETTERMENT REPAYMENT	7,698	(7,697)		1
<u>INTEREST</u>				
SCHOOL WINDOWS	1,785	(1,785)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	757	(756)		1
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	184,038	(184,038)		1
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	7,363	(7,363)		-

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2021	Surplus
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	1,702	(1,702)		-
AMBULANCE & DUMP TRUCK	3,630	(3,630)		-
DPW BACKHOE	4,446	(4,446)		-
SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,500	-		3,500
<i><u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u></i>				
RETIRED TEACHERS HEALTH INS	15,895	(15,895)		-
AIR POLLUTION	1,346	(1,346)		-
REGISTRY- NON-RENEWAL	2,140	(2,780)		(640)
MBTA	32,514	(32,514)		-
REGIONAL TRANSIT CHARGE	923	(923)		-
<i><u>OTHER</u></i>				
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	51,005	(37,951)		13,054
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	655,700	(650,937)		4,763
LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,700	(1,094)		606
INSURANCE DEDUCT.FOR PREMIUMS	10,000	(4,600)		5,400
RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	505,956	(505,956)		-
<i><u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u></i>				
HEAT OIL	45,500	(45,024)		476
POSTAGE	7,000	(6,849)		151
TELEPHONE	15,500	(14,562)		938
ELECTRICITY	76,290	(69,191)		7,099
DIESEL	38,000	(37,219)		781
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$ 14,286,539.54	\$ (13,598,854)	\$ (263,083)	\$ 424,601.79

WATER ENTRPRISE
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2021	Surplus
COMPENSATION	181,189	(181,010)		179
EXPENSES	772,421	(642,325)	(82,628)	47,468
DEBT	96,913	(95,886)		1,027
TANK ASNEBUMSKIT RD	105,672	(105,672)		-
ENCUMBRANCES	26,027	(25,997)		30
WATER FUND TOTALS	\$ 1,182,222	\$ (1,050,891)	\$ (82,628)	\$ 48,704



TREASURER/COLLECTOR

REPORT OF THE TREASURER / COLLECTOR

SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Equivalents:

Petty Cash	300.00	
Country Bank	2,254,443.59	
Century Bank	143,332.48	
Eastern Bank	1,551.73	
Easthampton Bank	2,404,847.25	
Rollstone	1,202,533.82	
Unibank	303,141.74	6,310,150.61

Investments:

Bank of America	169,492.05	
Bartholomew - Commonwealth Financial Network		
Trust Funds	1,099,865.57	
OPEB Funds	33,455.14	1,302,812.76

Total Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2020	\$	7,612,963.37
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SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL	MARKET VALUE EXPENDABLE
<i>Cemetery Funds:</i>		
Non-Expendable Perpetual Care	\$137,307.93	
Expendable Perpetual Care		\$2,578.55
Sale of Lots		\$88,119.68
<i>Stabilizaiton Funds:</i>		
General Stabilization		\$456,698.99
Capital Stabilization		\$113,989.63
OPEB Fund		\$33,455.14
<i>Miscellaneous Trusts:</i>		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	\$1,000.00	\$67,869.95
D. Russell Boynton Poor	\$7,675.00	\$11,175.40
E.D. Bigelow School Book	\$1,000.00	\$593.43
Post World War II Rehabilitation		\$7,033.69
Bigelow Village Improvement	\$1,000.00	\$1,771.55
Conservation		\$18,861.14
Hazel Gay	\$423.15	\$224.40
<i>Library Funds:</i>		
E. Bigelow Library	\$63,490.32	\$3,664.68
R.M. Library	\$169,492.05	\$77,822.13
V. Howland Library	\$10,025.93	\$16,535.90
AT & T / Lucent	\$521.92	\$10,482.20
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Total Trust Funds as of June 30, 2020	\$391,936.30	\$910,876.46

SCHEDULE OF COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES

JUNE 30, 2020

	Uncollected July 1, 2019	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Transfer to Tax Title/Deferral	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2020
Real Estate							
2020	-	11,165,429.53	17,854.23	(37,812.96)	(3,024.61)	(11,013,361.76)	129,084.43
2019	121,713.88		13.82		(43,888.99)	(77,838.71)	-
2018	4,046.99					(4,046.99)	-
Liens							
Water	210.95	11,889.91			(210.95)	(11,788.47)	101.44
Electric	-	8,280.86				(6,423.13)	1,857.73
Trash	-	1,398.00				(1,331.40)	66.60
I & E	375.00	500.00				(875.00)	-
							-
	126,346.82	11,187,498.30	17,868.05	(37,812.96)	(47,124.55)	(11,115,665.46)	131,110.20

	Uncollected July 1, 2019	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2020
Personal Property						
2020	-	194,476.57			(190,637.07)	3,839.50
2019	1,368.88				(1,226.11)	142.77
2018	258.75					258.75
2017	310.52					310.52
2016	46.04					46.04
2015	8.86					8.86
2014	36.18					36.18
2013	53.66					53.66
	2,082.89	194,476.57	-	-	(191,863.18)	4,696.28

	Uncollected July 1, 2019	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2020
Other						
In Lieu of Tax		43,013.33			(43,013.33)	-
Tax Title	61,920.32	44,601.94			(17,558.86)	88,963.40
Tax Deferrals	5,775.43	2,947.66				8,723.09
Tax Foreclosures	186,732.04	14,696.76				201,428.80
Rollback	-	7,689.88			(7,689.88)	-
Farm Animal Excise	-	934.75			(638.25)	296.50
Title V Loans	46,349.46				(3,551.98)	42,797.48
						-
	300,777.25	113,884.32	-	-	(72,452.30)	342,209.27

	Uncollected 07/01/2019	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2020
Motor Vehicle						
2020		638,109.95	4,541.70	(10,974.60)	(587,946.95)	43,730.10
2019	61,443.32	72,773.77	9,278.32	(11,528.56)	(121,370.31)	10,596.54
2018	9,694.83		845.21	(812.40)	(6,720.44)	3,007.20
2017	3,057.40		346.68	(346.68)	(1,684.47)	1,372.93
2016	1,711.05				(224.69)	1,486.36
2015	1,703.75				(97.50)	1,606.25
2014	2,364.57				(5.00)	2,359.57
2013	629.38					629.38
2012	3,418.65					3,418.65
2011	3,199.58					3,199.58
2010	1,267.40					1,267.40
2009	1,488.86					1,488.86
2008	1,588.35					1,588.35
2007	1,451.36					1,451.36
2006	747.50					747.50
2005	1,878.75					1,878.75
2004	2,574.35					2,574.35
2003	3,862.18					3,862.18
2002	3,301.37					3,301.37
2001	5,375.22					5,375.22
2000	1,626.98					1,626.98
1999	927.52					927.52
	<u>113,312.37</u>	<u>710,883.72</u>	<u>15,011.91</u>	<u>(23,662.24)</u>	<u>(718,049.36)</u>	<u>97,496.40</u>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT
JUNE 30, 2020**

	Outstanding July 1, 2019	Issued	Retired	Outstanding June 30, 2020	Interest
<u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u>					
Water Tank	1,200,107		59,110	1,140,997	24,003
DPW Bldg Renovations	17,600		2,200	15,400	757
School Windows	42,000		6,000	36,000	1,785
Public Safety Complex	2,740,400		316,800	2,423,600	118,413
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,500,000		50,000	1,450,000	65,625
Center School Green Project	199,000		67,000	132,000	7,363
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	46,000		23,000	23,000	1,702
Ambulance & Dump Truck	190,000		50,000	140,000	3,630
DPW Backhoe	130,000		26,000	104,000	4,446
Title V Loan Program	15,246		7,697	7,549	-
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	<u>\$ 6,080,353</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 607,807</u>	<u>\$ 5,472,546</u>	<u>\$ 227,724</u>



TOWN PAYROLL

Light Department

Bassett, Benjamin	72,138.87
Benoit, Michael	1,000.00
Desaulniers-Drumm, Amy	54,943.93
Kerxhalli, Cheryl	65,920.44
Miller, Christie	30,805.08
Orell, Yvette	1,000.00
Renzetti, David	111,086.27
Wheeler III, Emerson	1,000.00
Stone, Matthew	99,537.36
White, Timothy	104,955.47
Quinn, Naomi	7,500.00
Rondeau, Tara	110,123.52

Fire

Conte, Jay	48,343.12
Andexler, Nicholas	2,246.27
Bell, Parker	645.54
Benoit, Michael	14,539.73
Carleton Jr, James	88,188.98
Conte, Peter	11,392.53
Doughty, Richard	1,200.80
Flynn, Nolan	2,546.02
Gaffney, Richard	1,426.92
Hansson, James	6,476.97
Hansson, Matthew	4,889.30
Killelea, Brian	43.71
King, Katherine	2,470.98
Kiriungi, Joram	1,430.36
Mead, Sean	81,128.48
Mercurio, Justin	960.64
Murphy, Ryan	1,395.93
Olson, Jeffrey	73,217.20
Pingitore, Michael	99,200.66
Putnam, Jason	3,958.68
Quinn, Kevin	6,446.28
Richards, Gary	8,241.85
Swan, Alexander	3,101.40
Gaudet, Cynthia	85,067.91
McGinn, Richard	92,725.94
Savage Jr, Thomas	55,549.99
Stevens, Meghan	61,354.97
Walton, John	1,523.65
Whynot, Christopher	76,961.85

Police

Bibeau, Guy	158,134.97
Dugan, James	92,727.05
Fleury, Brian	66,309.06
Keller, David	71,910.75
Lang, William F	81,616.73
Marziale, Stefano	30,892.55
Moisio, Jacob	63,097.12
Noone, Robert	104,280.01
Recos, William	70,679.82
Santiago, Edward	77,954.97
Savasta, Mark	164,601.62
Silvestri, Jason	109,557.26
Thorpe III, Forrest	123,861.76
Belliveau, Mark	15,501.00
Buzzell, Corey	60,069.76
Ciance Jr, Paul	12,912.00
Davis, Shawn	50,354.25
Jovan Jr, John	6,197.25
Legere, Steven	1,488.00
Sturgis, Jonathan	13,953.13
Warren, David	55,912.88
Watkins, Lamar	3,987.52
Ryan, Eva	62,215.76

Communication

Anderson, Ashley	7,020.65
Beland, Danielle	2,941.16
Bennett, Adriana	5,643.84
Cassady, Laura	54,433.77
Clark, Carolyn	401.86
Doherty, Karen	817.48
Gambrell, Sarah	15,583.83
Martin, Tannya	28,270.07
McRell, Christopher	36,331.64
Padgett, Anna	13,654.28
Parkinson, Abbi	2,942.60
Pike, Eric	19,479.44
Tasca, Jeffrey	14,475.26
Trainor, Stephanie	12,224.33

COA

Rauschl, Dolores	3,277.19
Belsito, Paul	3,713.66
Crowley, John	5,738.39
LaFlash, Francis	2,218.07
Love, Cynthia	31,946.40

Town Hall

Riches, Carol	89,873.25
Savasta, Michael	26,000.00
Bogren Jr, Peter	2,139.60
Malone, John	1,755.20
Pingitore, Julia	1,890.20
Graf-Parsons, Donna	50,977.29
Lombardi, Sheryl	34,651.25
Couture, Donna	61,217.60
Belanger, Marianne	556.90
Clute, Kateri	1,670.67
Huard, Doris	1,670.67
Paciello-Reece, Lisa	1,113.76
Stanley, Kathleen	46,397.50
Kennedy, Larissa	25,046.10
Becker, Laurie	40,860.22
Burwell, Lisa	110.25
Carlson, Janice	115.00
Delle, Nancy	80.00
Forde, Sarah	70.00
Gangai, Gino	150.00
Gangai, Paula	62.50
Johnson, Melinda	72.50
Kilcourse, Dina	125.00
LaFlash, Jacqueline	55.00
Malone, Deirdre	1,243.00
Mctigue, Jane	110.25
Ryan, Emma	50.00
Wilby, Nancy	115.50
Woodward, Amanda	42.50
Wright, Jennifer	126.50
Paquette, MaryAnn	62.50
McDonald, Mia	7,137.90
Canavan, Megan	1,030.00
Carroll, Thomas	135.00
Hatstat, Judy	135.00
Curran, Wayne	12,266.00
Kent, Jeffrey	1,050.00
Dolen, John	735.00
Harney, Dennis	2,345.00
Travers, Richard	900.00
Trifero, Richard	27,271.42
Reece, John	5,305.00
Slabich, John	400.00
Warren, Peter	7,118.74
Robert, James	1,393.00

DPW

Putnam, Michael	80,366.50
Benoit, Andrew	29,170.85
Clark, Andrew	57,050.09
Flanders, Cameron	1,880.00
Huard, Roni	63,685.28
Leveillee, Mark	27,508.21
Paldino, Matthew	59,643.79
Putnam, Michael	5,378.11
Richards, Gary	67,797.12
Ross, Christopher	64,086.70
Sidhom, Tiffany	35,386.50
Jenkins, Rodney	600.00
Malone, John	600.00
Trulson, David	600.00
Tardie, David	65,212.89
Thibault, Travis	89,827.04

Library

Bailey, Deborah	53,887.19
Braley, Barbara	6,659.31
Brown, Hallie	258.18
Chenevert, Pamela	40,385.28
Childs Jr., Arnold	5,650.03
Dziewietin, Benjamin	1,493.58
Galvin, Jamie	1,803.56
Schmalz, Katherine	1,435.97
Wheeler, Suzanne	18,333.06

Recreation

Card, Kathy A	24,072.00
Parsons, Jonathan	1,141.50
Putnam, Kathryn	1,168.00
Ahlin, Maria	994.50
Aulizio, Jordan	808.00
Bedard, Amanda	1,330.25
Burt, Katie	600.00
Coffey, Melissa	2,080.00
Jankowski, Alison	928.00
Johansson, Alyssa	408.00
Johansson, Erica	541.50
Nadeau, Kiana	1,409.50
Reece, Anthony	1,236.75
Ruppert, Alex	1,130.50
Siwik, Cyprian	456.00
Smith, Annabelle	1,007.25
Swan, Alysha	1,207.00

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: townofpaxton.net

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

DIAL "911"

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-755-1104

located at 576 Pleasant Street

Open 24 hours to provide information and assistance to the residents of Paxton.

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street: hours: Monday-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am – 1pm. Hours vary by department so check website for specific department hours.

Town Administrator	Carol L. Riches	Town Hall	508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Board of Selectmen	Peter Bogren, Jr., Chair Donna Graf-Parsons	Board meets every other Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Town Services Coordinator	Sheryl Lombardi	Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health	508-753-2803 Ext. 11
Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" basis	
Board of Health	David Parent, Chair	Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm	
Planning Board	Neil Bagdis, Chair	Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero		Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran		Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-261-8084
Wire Inspector	John Reece	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-535-1200
Fire Inspector	Michael Pingitore	Call for Inspection	508-793-3170
Town Accountant	Larissa Kennedy	Town Hall	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Assessors	Doris Huard, Chair Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor	Hours: Mon & Thur 8am - 4pm Friday 8am - 1pm	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Town Clerk	Laurie Becker	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 13
Treasurer/Collector	Donna Couture	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 15
Water Commissioners	John Malone, Chair	Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Municipal Light Department	Tara Rondeau, Manager Emerson Wheeler, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Tuesday of each month.	508-756-9508
Police Department	Mark Savasta, Police Chief	Office: 576 Pleasant Street (Business Only)	508-793-3131
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch	508-755-1104
Recreation Commission	Robin Tasca, Chair	Commission meets the third Monday of each month	
Council on Aging	Curtis Hammar, Chair Cindy Love, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	508-756-2833
Conservation Commission		Board meets the second Thursday of each month	508-735-0035
Historical Commission	Anita Fenton	Board meets the third Thursday of each month	
Veteran's Agent	Jeffrey Kent	Town Hall	508-754-7638
Richards Memorial Library	Debbie Bailey, Librarian Patricia Dawson, Trustee Chair	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month Check website for hours	508-754-0793