

*George H Van Wyck*

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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TOWN CLERK:

Herbert S. Robinson.

SELECTMEN:

Charles F. Flint,

Arthur W. Dwyer,

George H. Johnson.

ASSESSORS:

Cleveland N. Glidden,

Term expires 1912

Walter E. Clark,

" " 1911

Alfred K. Henry,

" " 1910

OVERSEERS OF POOR:

Henry H. Pike,

John D. Olmstead,

George W. Van Wyck, Jr.

TREASURER:

Lewis S. Clapp.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

Henry H. Pike.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

George H. Johnson,

Term expires 1912

Lewis S. Clapp,

" " 1911

Mrs. Susie E. Flint,

" " 1910

AUDITOR:

Thomas G. McDonnell.

## BOARD OF HEALTH:

Henry H. Pike,

George H. Johnson,

Walter H. Pike.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS:

Nelson Merchant, Jr.

## CONSTABLES:

Arthur F. Stevens,

Louis M. Robinson.

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Mrs. May E. Merrill,	Term expires 1910
Miss Rena Robinson,	" " 1910
John A. Brown,	" " 1911
Thomas G. McDonnell,	" " 1911
Herbert S. Robinson,	" " 1912
Charles E. Hosmer,	" " 1912

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

\*Walter H. Pike,

†John C. Catherwood.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Henry H. Pike,

John A. Brown,

Arthur W. Dwyer.

## FENCE VIEWERS:

†Warren H. Coldwell,

Clifton Parkhurst,

Henry H. Pike.

## FIELD DRIVERS:

†Patrick H. Murphy,

†George H. Phelps,

Warren H. Coldwell.

## POUND KEEPER:

Edward P. Hosmer.

## PUBLIC WEAIGHER:

†George H. Whitney.

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\*Declined to serve. †Appointed. ‡Failed to qualify.



MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

†Edward E. Eames, Jason A. Woodruff, George H. Whitney,  
Henry C. Eames, Edgar J. Matthews, Henry H. Pike,  
Walter E. Clark, Warren H. Coldwell.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

Walter E. Clark, Arthur W. Dwyer, †Edward E. Eames.

TREE WARDEN:

\*Clifton Parkhurst, †Frank H. Robinson.

UNDERTAKER AND BURIAL AGENT:

†Arthur W. Dwyer.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND MEAT:

†George W. Cowden.

SPECIAL CONSTABLE:

†John I. Heath.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

†George W. Van Wyck, Jr.

JANITOR TOWN HALL BUILDING:

†John A. Brown, †Frank H. Robinson.

CARE TOWN CLOCK:

†Arthur W. Dwyer.

LOCKUP KEEPER:

†Clifton Parkhurst.

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\*Declined to serve. †Appointed by Selectmen. ‡Failed to qualify.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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WARRANT AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,  
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1909.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton, in the County of  
Worcester,*

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Paxton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Allen Hall in said Paxton, on Monday, the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.  
Chose Henry H. Pike, moderator.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Voted that the reports of the Town Officers be read by their titles.

Voted to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Overseers of the Poor, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustee of the C. D. Boynton Fund, Cemetery Committee, Assessors of Taxes.

Voted that the reports of the Superintendent of Streets and of the Road Committee be laid upon the table.

Article 3. To bring in and deposit their ballots for a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, two Constables, three members of the Board of Health, and a Superintendent of Streets, each for the term of one year; one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, and two Trustees of the Public Library for the term of three years.

All the above to be voted for on one ballot.

Also upon the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Also to choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

The polls will be opened at 11 o'clock A. M., and closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Town Officers elected will be found on pages 3, 4, and 5 of this book.

The result of the vote on the license question was as follows:

"Yes," twenty (20); "No," forty-two (42); Blanks, four (4).

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of the town's poor; repairs of highways and bridges; support of the public schools and transportation of scholars; breaking roads; and for contingent expenses.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400, together with the income of the D. R. Boynton Fund for the support of the poor.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 for the repairs of highways and bridges.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200 for the support of the public schools and transportation of scholars.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for breaking roads.

Voted to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money which together with the income of the C. D. Boynton Fund will make a total of \$1000 for contingent expenses.

Voted that the sum of \$42.72 be raised and appropriated, which, together with the balance in favor of the town of \$499.28, making a total of \$540, be used by the Town Treasurer to pay the schoolhouse debt.

Article 5. To see what disposition the town will make of its Dog Fund.

Voted that the Dog Fund be used for the support of Public Library.

Article 6. To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial day; and for the relief of indigent and disabled soldiers as provided by law.

Voted to grant and appropriate the sum of \$10 for Memorial day.

Voted to grant and appropriate the sum of \$50 for State aid.

Voted to grant and appropriate the sum of \$96 for soldiers' relief.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and lighting of street lamps, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for street lighting.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote a discount on taxes paid before a given date and fix a time when interest shall be charged and taxes made payable; and likewise to fix the compensation to be paid the Collector for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted that no discount be granted.

Voted that all taxes be made payable October 1, 1909, and that interest at the rate of 6% per annum shall be charged on all unpaid taxes after that date.

Voted that the compensation of the Collector be the same as last year, which was 1½% on all taxes collected.



Article 9. To see if the town will grant a sum of money with which to pay a proper charge of an Insurance Company for acting as surety on Official Bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to appropriate the same amount as last year, which was \$15, and that the Selectmen be authorized to approve the same.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money under the direction and by the approval of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes assessed in 1909.

Voted that the Treasurer be so authorized.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by Selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to employ counsel to defend suits that may exist or be brought against the town; and to furnish advice and counsel to all town officers, when deemed necessary by the Selectmen.

Voted that the Selectmen be so authorized.

Article 13. To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways the ensuing year.

Voted that labor on the highway for the ensuing year be 17 cents per hour for men and 12½ cents per hour for a horse.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the Town Hall and also of the town clock the ensuing year.

Voted to leave the matter with the Selectmen.

Article 15. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended by the Tree Warden; also for the improvement and care of the Common and sidewalks, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to grant the sum of \$25 for the use of the Tree Warden.

Voted to grant the sum of \$20 for Common and sidewalks.

Article 16. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 209, Acts of 1908, entitled an act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire. The vote shall be taken by separate ballot and shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question printed upon the ballot. "Shall an Act be passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled, 'An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire' be accepted by this town?" A majority vote shall be required for the acceptance of this Act.

Voted to accept the provisions of Chap. 209 of the Acts of 1908, "Yes," 38; "No," 2.

Voted to take up article 25.

Article 25. To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money to be used in exterminating the gypsy and brown-tail moths in this town, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to grant and appropriate the sum of \$50 to be used in exterminating the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

Article 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will grant for the use of the firemen for fire purposes, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$50 for the use of the firemen for fire purposes.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. To be spent under the direction of the Selectmen or other authorized agents, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100 for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in this town to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$10 and appropriate so much of it as may be deemed necessary to carry

out the provisions of Chap. 502, Acts of 1906, relative to the appointment of a school physician, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10 for said purpose.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money with which to repair and paint the liberty pole, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to leave the matter in the hands of the Selectmen.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to repair the furnace, or to install a new heating plant at the Town Hall building, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$50 for repairs on the furnace in the Town Hall building and that the matter of repairs be left with the Selectmen.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the setting of bounds at the "Howe Place," grant a sum of money for the same, or act in any way thereon.

Voted that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions as made in the will of Clarissa H. Parker, whereby she directs that the sum of \$100 be given to the town of Paxton, the income only to be used on the care of her lot in the cemetery.

Voted to accept.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions made in the will of the late Delia M. Estabrook, whereby she directs that the sum of \$100 be given to the town of Paxton, in trust, the income only to be expended to keep the burial lot of Daniel Franklin Estabrook in good condition perpetually, also the lot of Phineas M. Howe in good condition perpetually.

Voted to pass over the article.

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1909.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose Charles F. Flint, moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept of Mrs. Elizabeth Goddard the sum of \$100, the income to be used for the care of the Goddard lot in cemetery.

Voted to accept.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 from Charles A. Bemis. The income to be used for the care of the burial lot of Tyler Bemis.

Voted to accept.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### THE FOLLOWING BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS WERE RECORDED FOR THE YEAR 1909.

##### BIRTHS.

- Jan. 30.—Anna, daughter of Walter H. and Mary (Van Wyck) Pike.  
 Jan. 31.—Jerry Henry, son of Dennis and Nora (Marshall) O'Neil.  
 May 9.—Bernard Henry, son of Henry D. and Annie (Seitz) Walbridge.  
 June 26.—Francis, son of Maurice and Delia (Lovely) Lyons.  
 Aug. 21.—Mary, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Washkechichi) Karpovitch.  
 Nov. 19.—Doris Cecilia, daughter of Patrick H. and Catherine (Carey) Murphy.

##### MARRIAGES.

- June 20.—Herbert B. Walbridge, Paxton, and Grace M. Darling, Roxbury.

##### DEATHS.

- Jan. 1.—William O'Donnell, 39y.  
 Feb. 19.—Joseph W. Dagle, 57y.  
 Mar. 9.—Ida L. Eames, 47y. 18d.  
 Mar. 11.—Joseph Dana Whitney, 76y. 4m. 13d.  
 Apr. 4.—Joseph W. Preston, 83y. 7m. 2d.  
 July 4.—Ellen Norton, 76y. 1m.  
 July 23.—Maria R. Plouff, 60y. 2m.  
 Aug. 18.—Ralph Earle, 97y. 9m. 7d.  
 Sept. 5.—Adaline E. Earle, 88y. 4m. 9d.



## DOGS LICENSED DURING 1909.

60 males at \$2.00,	\$120.00
5 females at \$5.00,	25.00
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	\$145.00
Less 65 fees at 20 cents,	13.00
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	\$132.00
Paid County Treasurer,	
June 1, 1909,	\$ 42.60
Dec. 1, 1909,	89.40
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	\$132.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, *Town Clerk.*

PAXTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1910.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Paxton:*

The Selectmen of Paxton hereby respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1910.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

[ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1909.]

Support of schools,		\$1,200 00
Contingent expenses,	\$1,000 00	
Also income of C. D. Boynton Fund,	298 32	1,298 32
Support of poor,	400 00	
Also income D. R. Boynton Poor Fund,	44 51	444 51
Highways and bridges,		600 00
Breaking roads,		200 00
Schoolhouse debt,	42 72	
Also balance in favor of town, 1909,	499 28	542 00
Street lights,		100 00
Soldiers' relief,		96 00
State aid,		50 00
Illegal liquor selling,		100 00
Repairing furnace (town hall),		50 00
Memorial day,		10 00
Common and sidewalks,		20 00
Tree warden,		25 00
Official bonds,		15 00
Gypsy moth appropriation,		50 00
Firemen,		50 00
Library (Dog Fund),		111 54

## CONTINGENT CHARGES.

The town granted the sum of	\$1,000 00
Also the income of the C. D. Boynton Fund,	298 32
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	\$1,298 32

## PAID.

## ORDER

1 Insurance on Library,	\$ 7 05
3 J. D. Olmstead, signs for town hall,	3 50
4 George H. Johnson, services as auditor,	10 00
7 H. C. Eames, freight on lumber,	5 00
10 H. S. Robinson, recording vital statistics, 1908,	8 20
11 A. F. Stevens, removing telephone wire,	34
14 J. C. Catherwood, sealing 72 milk bottles,	2 16
17 The Davis Press, 300 annual reports,	72 00
17 The Davis Press, 150 ballots,	8 50
29 John A. Brown, care town hall, 3 months, to April 1st,	20 00
36 John E. Catherwood, sealing 27 bottles,	81
38 Willis E. Sibley, consultation and advice, water privilege, 1907 and 1908,	15 00
40 Alfred K. Henry, services as assessor, 1908,	20 00
41 John J. Hargraves, Diamond ink and rubber stamp for sealer,	2 75
51 E. P. Hosmer, ballot clerk, March 3rd,	1 50
52 E. P. Hosmer, use of pound, 1906, 1907, 1908,	6 00
53 J. C. Catherwood, sealing 36 milk bottles,	1 10
56 H. C. Eames, 32 ft. 6 in. hard wood for town hall,	18 28
59 W. & L. E. Gurley, 300 red gum seals for sealer,	1 80
64 Walter H. Pike, posting town warrant,	1 00
73 C. F. Flint, time and expense to Boston on account of state road,	3 75
83 Davis Press, 300 letter heads,	3 00
86 Davis Press, supplies for public library, 1908,	2 75
97 J. C. Catherwood, sealing 816 milk bottles, 3 cts.,	24 48

103 F. H. Robinson, services as ballot clerk, Mar. 1st,	\$1 50
111 A. W. Dwyer, repairing liberty pole,	17 00
116 John A. Brown, care of town hall, 3 months, to July 1,	15 00
126 J. C. Catherwood, sealing 96 milk bottles, 3 cts.,	2 88
135 Charles W. Eames, 96 ft. wood for town hall,	54 05
136 Ellis Peterson, attending court Oct. 17, 1908, in Whittemore case,	8 00
138 L. M. Robinson, raising top mast liberty pole,	1 00
139 Arthur F. Stevens, McCarty case,	2 50
144 A. Goodrich, damage to buggy,	2 00
152 Clarendon Waite, services as special constable July 4-5,	3 00
156 J. C. Catherwood, cleaning town watering trough,	1 00
157 A. F. Stevens, services as special constable, July 4-5,	3 00
158 L. M. Robinson, services as special constable, July 4-5,	3 00
159 Walter H. Pike, services as special constable, July 4-5,	4 00
162 J. A. Woodruff, services as watchman at Moss fire, July 17,	2 00
163 C. E. Hosmer, watchman at Moss fire, July 17,	2 00
164 A. H. Dwyer, repairing lock on town hall door,	75
166 John I. Heath, services as special constable, July 4-5,	3 00
Williams' case,	1 60
171 C. N. Glidden, services as assessor, 1909,	30 00
172 A. F. Stevens, as constable in Italian case,	2 50
177 J. C. Catherwood, labor on town well,	3 11
178 J. C. Catherwood, watching fire at Dustin farm,	1 00
179 J. C. Catherwood, sealing 72 bottles,	2 16
180 C. E. Hosmer, labor on town well,	2 00
181 J. A. Woodruff, watching fire at Dustin farm,	1 00
182 J. A. Woodruff, labor on town well,	3 36
184 W. E. Clark, abstracts for assessors,	5 85



185	W. E. Clark, stationery for assessors,	\$ 3 75
192	C. F. Flint, cleaning town well and raising grade about same,	5 25
197	J. A. Brown, care town hall, 3 months, to Oct 1,	15 00
198	J. C. Catherwood, labor at watering trough,	51
200	J. A. Woodruff, labor at watering trough,	51
201	J. A. Woodruff, care and repair of flag,	3 50
202	J. C. Catherwood, sealing 128 milk bottles,	3 84
203	J. D. Olmstead, labor on guide boards,	10 90
209	E. W. Merrick, insurance on schoolhouse,	13 44
210	N. A. Harrington, insurance on town hall building,	51 35
220	Louis M. Robinson, serving dog warrants, 1909,	6 00
221	Louis M. Robinson, copying and posting town warrant,	1 00
223	V. S. Stanley, labor at town hall,	75
226	J. C. Catherwood, sealing 175 milk bottles,	5 25
229	H. C. Eames, 8 ft. 10 in. pine wood for town hall,	2 77
234	C. F. Flint, time and expenses to Boston, on account of state road,	3 50
245	Davis Press, 350 tax bills,	2 50
245	Davis Press, 50 lists of voters,	5 50
248	H. H. Pike, collecting \$2,091.26 taxes of 1908,	31 37
249	H. H. Pike, collecting \$2,014.17 taxes of 1909,	30 21
252	Geo. W. Cowden, inspecting cattle (state)	15 00
252	Geo. W. Cowden, use of horse (state),	8 00
252	Geo. W. Cowden, inspecting meat,	4 00
252	Geo. W. Cowden, express and postage,	88
253	Geo. W. Cowden, services as ballot clerk, Nov. 3, 1908, and Mar. 1, 1909,	3 00
262	J. E. McDonnell, services as ballot clerk, Nov. 2, 1909,	1 50
266	F. A. Pierce, services as ballot clerk, Mar. 1 and Nov. 2, 1909,	3 00
267	F. A. Pierce, pump repairs at town hall,	35
270	J. C. Catherwood, sealing 215 milk bottles	6 45

272	A. M. Shover, storage of hearse, 12 months, to Oct. 22, 1909,	6 00
273	Davis Press, 300 assessors, valuation books,	24 00
283	J. C. Catherwood, sealing 72 milk bottles,	2 16
285	F. H. Robinson, labor at watering trough,	50
296	F. H. Robinson, care town hall, 3 months, to Jan. 1, 1910,	20 00
315	Mrs. E. J. Matthews, town hall, telephone, and tuning piano,	2 60
334	Louis S. Clapp, services as town treasurer,	40 00
337	H. H. Pike, collector's record book,	35
338	H. H. Pike, collecting \$249.30 tax, 1908,	3 74
339	H. H. Pike, collecting \$1,035, taxes, 1909,	15 42
342	Chas. F. Flint, services as selectman,	20 00
343	Chas. F. Flint, services as registrar,	3 00
347	Geo. H. Johnson, services as selectman,	20 00
348	Geo. H. Johnson, services as registrar,	3 00
349	Arthur W. Dwyer, services as registrar,	3 00
350	Arthur W. Dwyer, care town clock,	15 00
351	Arthur W. Dwyer, services as selectman,	25 00
353	H. S. Robinson, paint and oil for flag staff,	6 34
354	H. S. Robinson, town hall supplies,	13 60
355	H. S. Robinson, stationery, postage, etc., account of selectmen,	4 83
358	H. S. Robinson, services as town clerk,	15 00
359	H. S. Robinson, supplies for assessors,	1 18
360	H. S. Robinson, services as registrar,	3 00
364	Walter E. Clark, services as assessor,	30 00
366	A. W. Dwyer, reporting deaths,	1 00
84	City of Worcester, for Harvey Bijune at Iso- lation Hospital,	28 72
	Balance unexpended,	————— \$334 58

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,

\$600 00

## PAID.

## ORDER

43 Fred Lovely,	\$ 9 35
47 Henry A. Walbridge,	10 94
57 Frederick W. Flint,	1 53
58 C. F. Flint,	1 53
58 C. F. Flint, 54 loads gravel, @ .05,	2 70
61 J. Supernow, labor,	9 86
62 Morris Lyon, "	10 88
63 Fred Lovely, "	17 68
65 Walter H. Pike, "	34 00
66 Wm. L. Maccabee, "	33 60
68 George H. Whitney, repairing road scraper,	6 75
69 Nelson Merchant, Jr.,	102 17
98 Wm. L. Maccabee, repairing road scraper,	3 00
99 Wm. L. Maccabee, labor,	31 50
100 Jason A. Woodruff, labor,	3 40
101 C. E. Hosmer, "	12 75
102 Morris Lyon, "	3 40
104 Nelson Merchant, Jr., "	79 61
122 George H. Whitney, grate for gutter,	2 25
122 George H. Whitney, repairs on scraper,	2 90
127 Nelson Merchant, labor,	97 80
129 Fred Lovely, "	5 95
131 Wm. L. Maccabee, "	39 30
132 Jason A. Woodruff, "	17 00
154 Charles W. Eames, labor and gravel,	27 70
173 Susan A. Turner, 32 loads gravel, @ .05,	1 60
237 Nelson Merchant, Jr., labor on highway,	30 58
268 F. A. Pierce, labor,	4 59
286 C. L. Crouch, labor on highway,	45 61
340 Charles F. Flint, Boynton Park road,	4 59
	----- \$655 12
Overdrawn,	\$ 55 12

## BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Appropriation,

\$200 00

## PAID.

## ORDER

6 P. H. Murphy,	\$ 2 89
13 Nelson Merchant,	6 80
298 H. C. Powell,	16 15
300 L. S. Clifford,	2 70
312 George H. Heath,	18 02
313 Louis M. Robinson,	1 70
314 C. L. Crouch,	24 99
317 L. S. Clifford,	5 90
319 Walter H. Pike,	1 70
320 E. G. Owen,	1 27
321 Charles E. Hosmer,	8 16
322 Henry D. Walbridge,	35 85
323 Henry C. Powell,	9 61
325 C. N. Glidden,	5 26
326 George Maccabee,	2 89
327 Wm. Maccabee,	5 72
328 Roy Bates,	9 12
329 Frank A. Pierce,	5 10
330 Nelson Merchant,	104 74
331 Frank H. Robinson,	11 22
332 F. L. Durgin,	2 63
341 C. F. Flint,	16 79
346 J. A. Woodruff,	8 33
	————— \$307 54
Overdrawn,	\$107 54

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The town granted by taxation the sum of	\$1,200 00
Total available receipts from all sources,	2,796 87

## PAID.

## ORDER

2 Worcester Training School, Carl Anderson,	\$ 4 43
5 W. E. Clark, Treasurer for schools,	150 00
15       "       "       "	160 84
19 Worcester County Training school, 4 weeks board, Carl Anderson,	4 00



20 Edward E. Babb, school supplies,	\$1 60
21 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent,	12 50
21 C. L. Randall, telephone and postage,	2 65
22 Silver, Burdett & Co., school supplies,	16 46
23 American Book Co., school supplies,	2 48
24 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 3 weeks,	36 00
25 M. Alice Converse, " " "	30 00
26 Anna F. Finnerty, " " "	30 00
27 J. A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, 3 weeks,	18 00
28 B. F. Barclay, transportation of scholars, from Jan. 22 to Mar. 20, 8 weeks,	24 00
33 Sumner Coal Co., 4 tons coal,	32 00
34 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation, 3 weeks, to Mar. 20,	9 00
37 F. L. Durgin, transportation scholars, 11 weeks, to Mar. 22,	44 00
39 J. L. Johnson, transportation scholars, 7 weeks, to Mar. 30,	35 00
42 B. A. Bates, transportation, 2 weeks, to Mar. 15,	3 00
44 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching school, 2 weeks, to Apr. 17,	20 00
45 M. Alice Converse, teaching, 2 weeks, to Apr. 17,	20 00
46 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 2 weeks, to Apr. 17,	24 00
55 J. A. Brown, care of schoolhouse from Apr. 5 to May 1,	24 00
67 J. L. Hammett, school supplies,	5 52
70 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent,	12 50
71 Lewis S. Clapp, team to Holden, account School Committee,	1 50
72 Worcester County Training School, 4 weeks and 3 days' board for Carl Anderson,	4 43
74 A. W. Dwyer, repairing steps at schoolhouse,	3 00
76 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 1,	20 00
77 M. Alice Converse, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 1,	20 00
78 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 1,	24 00
79 B. F. Barclay, transportation, 3 weeks, to May 7,	9 00
80 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 15,	24 00

81 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 15,	20 00
82 M. Alice Converse, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 15,	20 00
85 John A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, 2 weeks, to May 16,	10 00
87 Worcester County Training School, 4 weeks, 2 days' board for Carl Anderson,	4 43
88 J. L. Hammett, supplies,	12 73
89 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for April,	12 50
90 McKinley, supplies,	1 05
91 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 29,	24 00
92 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching, 2 weeks, to May 29,	20 00
93 M. Alice Converse, teaching, 2 weeks to May 29,	20 00
94 J. A. Brown, care of schoolhouse to May 30,	10 00
96 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation, 8 weeks, to May 29,	24 00
105 American Book Co., supplies,	2 40
106 J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	1 52
107 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for month of May,	12 50
112 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 3 weeks, to June 19,	36 00
113 M. Alice Converse, teaching, 3 weeks, to June 19,	30 00
114 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching, 3 weeks, to June 19,	30 00
115 John A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, 3 weeks, to June 20,	15 00
118 F. L. Durgin, transportation of scholars 11 weeks, to June 20,	44 00
119 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation, 3 weeks, to June 19,	9 00
120 B. F. Barclay, transportation, 3 weeks, to June 20,	9 00
121 B. F. Barclay, transportation, 5 weeks, to May 29,	15 00
124 G. H. Phelps, transportation, 10 weeks, to June 20,	25 00
128 C. Parkhurst, repairing clock,	1 00

130 J. L. Johnson, transportation, 11 weeks, to June 20,	\$ 55 00
140 Worcester County Training School, board, Carl Anderson,	4 43
145 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for June,	12 50
146 C. L. Randall, school supplies,	2 33
147 Worcester County Training School, board, Carl Anderson,	4 29
148 C. L. Randall, services as Superintendent for July,	12 50
153 Imogene Robinson, school supplies,	2 00
167 Town of Leicester, tuition,	76 00
168 Town of Spencer, tuition,	16 40
169 H. C. Eames, 16 ft. wood,	11 00
170 City of Worcester, High School tuition,	90 00
174 Worcester County Training School, Carl Ander- son,	4 43
187 J. W. Jordan, findings for furnace,	4 89
193 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 2 weeks,	24 00
194 Anna F. Finnerty, " " "	20 00
195 M. Alice Converse, " " "	20 00
204 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent,	13 34
205 Worcester County Training School, Carl Ander- son,	4 43
211 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching school, 2 weeks,	24 00
212 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching, 2 weeks,	20 00
213 M. Alice Converse, teaching school, 2 weeks,	20 00
214 Jennie R. Burnham, teaching school, 2 weeks,	24 00
215 Anna F. Finnerty, teaching school, 2 weeks,	20 00
216 M. Alice Converse, " " " "	20 00
217 Jennie R. Burnham, " " " "	24 00
218 Anna F. Finnerty, " " " "	20 00
219 M. Alice Converse, " " " "	20 00
222 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation of scholars, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 30,	24 00
225 J. A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, 4 weeks,	24 00

227	H. C. Eames, wood for schoolhouse,	\$59 64
228	V. S. Stanley, labor on furnace at school house,	1 50
230	George H. Phelps, transportation,	19 50
231	C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for Oct.,	13 34
232	C. L. Randall, express, postage, etc.,	2 02
233	C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for Sept.,	13 34
235	Ginn, school supplies,	4 58
236	Edward E. Babb, school supplies,	20 22
238	Worcester County Training School, three weeks for Carl Anderson,	3 00
239	Sumner Coal Company, 15 tons coal,	88 13
240	Milton Bradley Co., supplies,	2 88
241	Beale Press, school supplies,	4 00
242	J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	16 82
243	C. Parkhurst, cleaning school clock,	1 00
254	Jennie R. Burnham, teaching 2 weeks,	24 00
255	Anna F. Finnerty, " " "	20 00
256	M. Alice Converse, " " "	20 00
257	Jennie R. Burnham, " " "	24 00
258	Anna F. Finnerty, " " "	20 00
259	M. Alice Converse, " " "	20 00
260	Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 27,	12 00
261	John A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 28,	24 00
263	C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for Nov.,	13 34
271	Wm. Maccabee, transportation of scholars for Nov.,	10 00
274	City of Worcester, High School tuition,	75 00
275	Lewis Clapp, school flag,	2 75
276	Mrs. S. E. Flint, taking school census,	3 00
277	B. F. Barclay, transportation of scholars,	42 00
278	Jennie R. Burnham, teaching, 3 weeks,	36 00
279	M. Alice Converse, " " "	30 00
280	Anna F. Finnerty, " " "	30 00



281 John A. Brown, care of schoolhouse, three weeks, to Dec. 19,	\$18 00
282 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation of scholars, three weeks, to Dec. 18,	9 00
288 John L. Johnson, transportation of scholars, 15 weeks, to Dec. 18,	75 00
291 Leicester School Dept., tuition,	60 00
294 Milton Bradley, supplies,	1 25
295 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for Dec.,	13 34
297 C. F. Flint, gravel, around schoolhouse,	2 50
301 J. R. Burnham, Jan. 3 to Jan. 15,	24 00
302 A. F. Finnerty, " " "	20 00
303 M. A. Converse, " " "	20 00
304 J. A. Brown, school janitor, Jan. 3 to Jan. 15,	12 00
305 J. R. Burnham, Jan. 17 to Jan. 29,	24 00
306 A. F. Finnerty, " " "	20 00
307 M. A. Converse, " " "	20 00
316 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, transportation, Jan. 3 to Jan. 29,	12 00
318 J. A. Brown, school janitor, Jan. 17 to Jan. 29,	12 00
324 Wm. L. Maccabee, transportation, to Jan. 29, six weeks,	14 00
333 F. L. Durgin, transportation, 15 weeks, to Dec. 20,	60 00
335 Louis L. Clapp, services, school committee,	20 00
336 Mrs. S. E. Flint, " " "	15 00
345 G. H. Johnson, " " "	15 00
356 H. S. Robinson, supplies,	9 03
362 C. L. Randall, services as superintendent for Jan., 1910,	13 34
363 E. E. Babb & Co., school supplies,	4 04
365 City of Worcester, High School tuition to Jan. 28,	105 00

Expended, —————\$3109 14

Overdrawn, \$312 27

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

The town granted the sum of	\$400 00
Also the income of D. R. Boynton Fund,	44 51
	———— \$441 50

## PAID.

## ORDER

16 George Van Wyck, Treasurer,	50 00
60     "     "     "     "	50 00
123     "     "     "     "	50 00
175     "     "     "     "	50 00
247 H. H. Pike,	54 85
292     "	100 00
344 George Van Wyck, Jr.,	15 00
	———— \$369 85
Balance unexpended,	\$74 66

## STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
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## PAID.

## ORDER

12 A. F. Stevens,	\$12 00
35 John E. Catherwood, lighting street lights, one month, to Apr. 1,	6 67
54 John C. Catherwood, lighting street lights, month of April,	6 67
Repairing lamp post,	1 00
95 J. C. Catherwood, care of street lights for month of May,	6 67
125 J. C. Catherwood, care of street lights for month of June,	6 67
155 J. C. Catherwood, lighting street lights for July,	6 67
176 John C. Catherwood, lighting street lights, month of August,	6 67
199 J. C. Catherwood, lighting street lights, 1 month, July,	6 67
203 J. D. Olmstead, labor on lamps,	1 25

284 Jerry Supernow, lighting street lamps,	\$ 2 40
310 George Blanchard, lighting lamps, 2 months,	20 00
352 A. W. Dwyer, repairing street lamp,	1 75
357 H. S. Robinson, supplies,	57 04
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	\$142 13
Overdrawn,	\$42 13

## STATE AID.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
	PAID.

## ORDER

8 Harriet M. Cheney,	\$4 00
30 " " "	4 00
48 " " "	4 00
50 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
108 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
109 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
141 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
142 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
149 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
150 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
189 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
190 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
206 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
207 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
250 " "	4 00
251 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
264 " "	4 00
265 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
289 " "	4 00
290 Harriet M. Cheney,	4 00
308 " "	4 00
309 Sophronia L. Whitney,	4 00
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	\$88 00
Overdrawn,	\$38 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

The town granted the sum of	\$96 00
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## PAID.

## ORDER

9	Joseph W. Preston,	\$8 00
31	" "	8 00
49	" "	8 00
110	Ella R. Preston,	4 00
143	" "	12 00
151	" "	8 00
191	" "	8 00
208	" "	8 00

Balance unexpended,

\$64 00

\$32 00

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,

\$10 00

## PAID.

## ORDER

117	L. T. Kirby,	\$9 20
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Balance unexpended,

\$ 80

## OFFICIAL BONDS.

The town granted the sum of	\$15 00
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## PAID.

## ORDER

18	Green & Bates, Treasurer's bond,	\$10 00
165	Green & Bates, Collector's bond,	5 00
		\$15 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The town granted the sum of (Dog Fund),	\$111 54
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## PAID.

## ORDER

311	Cash paid H. S. Robinson, Treasurer,	\$111 54
	Received from Dog Fund,	\$111 54

## FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR.

The town granted the sum of	\$100 00
Balance unexpended,	\$100 00



## HOWE PLACE ACCOUNT.

By one year's rent, \$137 50

## PAID.

## ORDER

188 Paid George N. Jenkins, repairs at Howe Place,	\$2 50	
246 N. A. Harrington, insurance on Howe Place,	35 00	
293 E. W. Merrick, renewing Policy 189837 on Howe Place,	5 00	
299 Central Supply Co., repairs on pump,	1 90	
	-----	\$44 40

Balance in favor of the town, \$93 10

## TOWN HALL FURNACE.

The town granted the sum of \$50 00

## PAID.

## ORDER

185½ H. C. Eames, lime and brick,	\$3 85	
186 W. R. Dean, repairing furnace,	39 20	
224 J. A. Brown, labor on furnace,	50	
229 H. C. Eames, 2 bags cement,	1 30	
287 C. L. Crouch, sand,	50	
	-----	\$45 35

Balance unexpended, \$4 65

## CARE OF COMMON.

The town granted the sum of \$20 00

## PAID.

## ORDER

133 Jason A. Woodruff,	\$1 19	
134 " " "	6 46	
161 " " "	3 23	
183 " " "	3 06	
	-----	\$13 94

Balance unexpended, \$6 06

## TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation,		\$25 00
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PAID.

## ORDER

137 L. M. Robinson,	\$1 00	
160 Walter H. Pike,	1 00	
		<hr/> \$2 00

Balance unexpended,		\$23 00
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## GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
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PAID.

## ORDER

75 A. W. Dwyer, hunting brown tail moths,	\$9 40	
244 A. J. Randall, moth circulars,	2 58	
261 Stationery and postage,	2 95	
		<hr/> \$14 93

Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$35 07
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## VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

The town appropriated,		\$50 00
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PAID.

## ORDER

32 George W. Van Wyck, Jr., Treasurer,		\$50 00
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## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

School Expenses,	\$3,109 14
Contingent Expenses,	963 74
Highways and Bridges,	655 12
Breaking Roads,	307 54
Support of Poor,	369 85
Street Lights,	142 13
Public Library,	111 54
State Aid,	88 00
Soldiers' Relief,	64 00
Memorial Day,	9 20

Treasurer's and Collector's Bonds,	\$15 00
Fire Company,	50 00
Howe Place,	44 40
Care of Common,	13 94
Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths,	14 93
Tree Warden,	2 00
Town Hall Furnace,	45 35

## INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

TOWN HALL AND FIXTURES.		EXPIRES.
\$1,000.00	Hartford Fire Insurance Co.,	March 11, 1910
900.00	Traders and Mechanics Mutual,	Sept. 10, 1910
750.00	Worcester Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912
750.00	Hingham Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912
750.00	Dorchester Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912
750.00	Pawtucket Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912

## SCHOOLHOUSE.

\$1,000.00	Dorchester Mutual,	July 1, 1910
1,000.00	Dedham Mutual,	July 1, 1910
2,000.00	Fitchburg Mutual,	Sept. 1, 1910
1,000.00	Worcester Mutual,	Sept. 1, 1912

## HOWE PLACE.

\$1,400.00	Liverpool, London and Globe,	Oct. 3, 1912
500.00	Hingham Mutual,	Jan. 1, 1911

## VESTRY.

\$600.00	Merchants and Farmers Mutual,	Apr. 1, 1911
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## LIBRARY.

\$250.00	Scottish Union and National,	Feb. 2, 1912
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## LIST OF NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 1, 1910.

May 5, 1905.	Ellen F. Clark, on demand, @ 6%,	\$1,000 00
July 17, 1900.	N. Clark, on demand, @ 6%,	300 00
April 18, 1899.	N. Clark, on demand, @ 6%,	300 00
April 23, 1909.	H. C. Eames, @ 6%,	500 00
April 24, 1901.	Worcester County Institution for Savings,	
	due Dec. 24, 1910, @ 4%, semi-annually,	500 00

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Notes,	\$2,600 00
Other Liabilities (estimate),	250 00
	————\$2850 00

## RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	\$1,015 81
Cash in hands of Library Treasurer,	59 05
Due from State on account of State Aid,	88 00
Due from State, one-half cattle inspection,	11 94
Due from State, High School tuition,	496 00
Due from State, for Supt. of Schools, salary,	125 00
Due, Interest on D. R. Boynton Poor Fund,	152 34
Due, Interest on C. D. Boynton Fund,	298 64
Uncollected Taxes, 1908,	24 72
“ “ 1909,	1,423 00
	————\$3,694 50
Balance in favor of town,	\$844 50

## LIST OF JURORS.

As prepared by the Selectmen for submission to the town at its annual meeting, March 7, 1910, for approval or otherwise. The same in pursuance to Chapter 348, Acts of the Year 1907:

George W. Cowden, farmer,	Paxton Center.
Anton A. Voorneveld, Supt. farmer,	Rutland Road.
Frank H. Robinson, janitor,	Paxton Center.
Frank A. Pierce, farmer,	Barre Road.
Elliot L. Crouch, farmer,	West Road.
Elisha A. Merrill, farmer,	Grove Street.
Warren H. Coldwell, farmer,	Worcester Road.

## JURORS DRAWN PAST YEAR.

Patrick H. Murphy, S. Brown Estabrook.

CHARLES F. FLINT,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Paxton.</i>
ARTHUR W. DWYER,	
GEORGE H. JOHNSON,	

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.



## C. D. Boynton Fund.

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Cash in People's Savings Bank,	\$2,700 00
“ Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank,	1,748 00
“ Worcester County Savings Bank,	1,600 00
“ Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank,	1,600 00
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	\$7,648 00
Interest from People's Savings Bank,	\$109 08
“ “ Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank,	70 60
“ “ Worcester County Bank,	64 64
“ “ Worcester Mechanics Bank,	64 32
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	\$308 64
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	\$7,956 64
Cash paid W. E. Clark, services as trustee,	\$10 00
Cash paid L. S. Clapp, Treasurer,	298 64
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	\$308 64
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	\$7,648 00

WALTER E. CLARK, *Trustee.*

PAXTON, February 7, 1910.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1910.

HENRY H. PIKE, Collector.

*Dr.*

To Uncollected taxes of 1907,	\$ 29 29
"      "      "      1908,	\$2,340 58
To Tax bills of 1909 by warrant,	4,685 65
To Tax bills added Dec. 18, 1909,	7 35
To Interest collected on the same,	54 74
	————\$7,117 61

*Cr.*

By Amount paid town Treasurer,	\$5,419 36
" Uncollected taxes of 1908,	24 72
" Uncollected taxes of 1909,	1,423 00
" Abatements,	250 53
	————\$7,117 61

HENRY H. PIKE, *Collector.*

The following taxes have been abated during the past year:

TAXES OF 1908.

1908		
April 9	J. E. Henry and Son,	\$ 17 00
April 14	Estate of Ledyard Bill,	109 17
" 14	Estate of Sophia Bill,	61 66
May 7	Carl Brunn,	20 70
July 3	Wm. S. Lincoln,	25 50

## TAXES OF 1909.

1909

Jan.	29	L. S. Clapp,	\$2 00
"	29	Edward L. Ward,	2 00
"	29	Allen Robinson,	2 00
Jan.	29	A. A. Voorneveld,	4 20
"	29	Carl Brunn,	2 80
"	29	Edward E. Eames,	3 50
			<hr/> \$250 53

HENRY H. PIKE, *Collector.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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LEWIS S. CLAPP in account with the Town of Paxton.

## Dr.

To balance at last settlement,	\$1,742 04
Rec'd of H. H. Pike, tax collector,	\$5,419 36
“ Geo. N. Jenkins, rent of Howe farm,	113 50
“ Henry C. Eames, on notes,	1,000 00
“ State cattle inspection,	12 00
“ State Lyman School,	44 00
“ S. B. Estabrook, B. A. License,	2 00
“ Town of Leicester, tuition,	17 00
“ F. H. Robinson, hall rent,	19 50
“ State acct., superintendent,	125 00
“ City of Worcester, water tax,	159 63
“ State Corporation tax,	35 81
“ State Bank tax,	7 53
“ State Dog tax,	111 54
“ W. E. Clark, C. D. Boynton Fund,	298 32
“ J. A. Brown, hall rent,	50 00
“ Town of Rutland, tuition,	16 00
“ State Military aid,	48 00
“ State High School tuition,	390 00
“ State School Fund,	988 90
	——\$10,600 13

## Cr.

Paid on Town orders,	\$6,060 80
“ Notes,	2,300 00
“ Burial of Jos. Preston,	37 00
“ County tax,	358 00



Paid on Interest,	\$202 67
“ State tax,	450 00
“ Highway tax,	179 85
	<hr/> \$9,588 32
Cash on hand,	<hr/> \$1,011 81

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.

Statement of Trust Funds, Feb. 1, 1910.

C. D. Boynton Record Building Fund,	\$ 96 80
C. D. Boynton Cemetery Fund,	1,108 38
Elizabeth Goddard Cemetery Fund,	100 00
Tyler Bemis, “ “	100 00
John O. Howe, “ “	105 20
Wood, “ “	103 48
E. A. Howe, “ “	110 65
Geo. B. Newton, “ “	110 43
Clarissa Parker, “ “	101 00
Woodward, “ “	111 89
Hubbard, “ “	118 86
Bemis, “ “	112 38
D. R. Boynton, “ “	578 93
Francis Keep, “ “	111 89
Waite, “ “	167 06
David G. Davis, “ “	101 05
Oliver Goodnow, “ “	452 69
D. R. Boynton Poor Fund,	1,152 34
Jan. 8, paid A. W. Dwyer for care of lots,	64 40
May 28, paid W. H. Maynard, labor at cemetery,	27 00
May 28, paid W. H. Pike, labor at cemetery,	17 50

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.

## Report of Superintendent of Streets.

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I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Streets.

Appropriation for Highways and Bridges,	\$600 00
Amount expended,	655 12

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Overdrawn,	\$54 88
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For items and expenditures see Selectmen's report on roads and bridges.

Guide boards are erected and maintained within the town, in compliance with the law.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON MERCHANT, JR.,

*Supt. of Streets.*

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1910.

*Dr.*

To cash on hand at last settlement,	\$ 04
"    received of Town Treasurer,	369 85
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	\$369 89

*Cr.*

By cash paid Charlton Poor Farm Association to balance till Feb. 1st, 1909,	\$ 20 85
"    paid Charlton Poor Farm Association for this year,	289 00
"    paid H. H. Pike, attending 10 meetings at Charlton,	15 00
"    paid H. H. Pike for cases outside of alms- house, 2½ days,	3 75
"    paid H. H. Pike for use of team for all purposes,	18 75
"    paid H. H. Pike for carfare and other expenses,	7 25
"    paid J. D. Olmstead, services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
"    paid Geo. Van Wyck, Jr., services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
"    paid H. H. Pike, services as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer of Overseers,	29
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	\$369 89

Due Charlton Poor Farm Association,	\$4 93	
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		\$374 82
Paid on last year's account,	\$20 85	
Cash on hand,	29	
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Total cost for past year,		\$353 68
Town granted sum of	\$400 00	
Income of D. R. Boynton Fund,	44 53	
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	\$444 53	
Received of the town,	369 85	
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Unexpended,	\$74 68	

There have been supported at the almshouse the past year, Jacob Karle,  $52\frac{1}{7}$  weeks, and Lavinia Pierce  $52\frac{1}{7}$  weeks, at a cost of \$2.8185 per week, each.

HENRY H. PIKE,  
 GEO. VAN WYCK, JR.,  
 JOHN D. OLMSTEAD,  
*Overseers of Poor.*



## Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

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The number of books circulated at the Library during the year, 2468; the number of patrons, 152. There have been added during the year, by purchase, 58 volumes; by donation, the Misses Bill, 32 volumes; Mrs. Fannie Coburn, 20 volumes; Mrs. Persis Boynton, 1 volume. Travelling Library No. 79 was exchanged Nov. 1, for Library No. 51. Through the courtesy of the Woman's Education Association, the Audubon Library was loaned us from August until January 1, 1910.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### *Dr.*

To cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1909,	\$29 09
Town grant, (Dog Fund)	111 54
Cash received for fines,	5 00
	————— \$145 59

#### *Cr.*

By cash paid Librarian, salary to Jan. 1, 1910,	\$35 00
Librarian for extra work,	4 50
For books,	44 14
Express,	1 50
Supplies,	1 40
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1910,	59 05
	————— \$145 59

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.

## Auditor's Report.

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This is to certify that I have carefully examined the accounts, and all bills, vouchers, etc., in the hands of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Overseers of Poor, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of the Public Library, and find that they are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. McDONNELL,

*Auditor.*

PAXTON, Feb. 14, 1910.

# Fifth Annual Report of Charlton Town Farm Association. 1909 and 1910.

## RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$1,442 67
Milk at door,	153 69
Eggs,	145 49
Potatoes,	36 55
Outside labor,	74 00
Board of L. M. Clark,	72 03
Board of Wm. Amidon,	156 00
Phosphate,	8 80
Vinegar,	11 03
Board of Mrs. William Cummings	3 50
Board of man and team,	1 50
Stock,	73 00
Hay,	7 19
Bags,	4 35
Pasturing,	12 00
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	\$2,201 80

## CASH RECEIVED.

Auburn,	\$305 02
Hubbardston,	342 63
Charlton,	252 46
Holden,	196 89
Leicester,	394 99
Paxton,	293 93
Princeton,	210 96
Westminster,	734 80
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	\$4,933 48

## EXPENDITURES.

Salary, Warden and Matron,	\$600 00
Outside help,	169 57
Inside help,	242 12
Boots and shoes,	53 75
Groceries,	935 72
Grain,	840 09
Meat,	240 62
Blacksmith,	38 65
Replenishing,	213 05
Clothing,	40 81
Miscellaneous,	129 72
Drugs, medical attendance,	68 51
Fish,	83 12
Rent and interest,	585 96
Soap,	4 15
Hardware,	17 20
Wood,	4 92
Tobacco,	47 31
Tools and seeds,	105 17
Coal,	151 36
Stock,	129 50
Phosphate,	43 13
Veterinary,	7 00
Sleigh,	29 00
Stove,	99 00
Paint and oil,	4 90
Labor on silo,	45 45
Oil,	5 50
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	\$4,933 48

## APPORTIONMENT.

Auburn,	108 $\frac{4}{7}$	weeks	@	\$2.8185	per week	\$305 02
Hubbardston,	121 $\frac{4}{7}$	"	@	"	"	342 63
Charlton,	89 $\frac{4}{7}$	"	@	"	"	252 46
Holden,	69 $\frac{6}{7}$	"	@	"	"	196 89
Leicester,	140 $\frac{1}{7}$	"	@	"	"	394 99
Paxton,	104 $\frac{2}{7}$	"	@	"	"	293 93
Princeton,	74 $\frac{6}{7}$	"	@	"	"	210 96
Westminster,	260 $\frac{5}{7}$	"	@	"	"	734 80
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						\$2,731 68

The following list of persons have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association during the year, from Feb. 1st, 1909 to Feb. 1st, 1910.

AUBURN.	Wm. Woodhead, age 68 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Louis N. Hinckley, age 43 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Michael A. Cummings, 58 years; 4 weeks, 2 days.
WESTMINSTER.	Jeremiah Lucius, age 77 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Sarah Blake, age 67 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Edmund Carter, age 70 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Milo Seaver, age 26 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
HOLDEN.	John Brady, age 80 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Sarah E. Kenney, age 54 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Clarence Stone, age 23 years; 9 weeks, 2 days.
	Joseph Robischaud, age 75 years; 8 weeks, 3 days.
CHARLTON.	George Stevens, age 39 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	George E. Bartlett, age 81 years; 10 weeks.
	Frank O. Goddard, age 81 years; 6 weeks, 3 days.
	James Henry Bond, age 80 years; 21 weeks.
LEICESTER.	George E. Palmer, age 72 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Jane E. Hill, age 84 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	James F. Downey, age 65 years; 23 weeks, 3 days.
	Michael Conroy, age 39 years; 12 weeks, 3 days.
PAXTON.	Jacob Karle, age 73 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.
	Lavinia Pierce, age 64 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.



HUBBARDSTON. Delia Williams, age 67 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.  
 Charles W. Ashley, age 85 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.  
 Patrick C. May, age 80 years; 17 weeks, 2 days.  
 PRINCETON. Henry Brown, age unknown; 52 weeks, 1 day.  
 Erastus S. French, age 80 years; 22 weeks, 5 days.

## BOARDERS.

CHARLTON. Wm. H. Amidon, age 80 years; 52 weeks, 1 day.  
 Leslie M. Clark, age 59 years; 25 weeks, 1 day.

HOBART RAYMOND, *Chairman*,  
 E. W. MERRICK, *Secretary*,  
 A. F. PUTNAM, *Treasurer*,  
 HENRY H. PIKE,

*For the Town of Paxton.*

## Report of School Committee.

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*To the Citizens of Paxton:*

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance from 1909,	\$15 97
Appropriation,	1,200 00
State School Fund,	988 90
High School tuition from State,	390 00
Rec'd from State on account of Superintendent,	125 00
Tuition from Lyman School,	44 00
Tuition from Leicester,	17 00
Tuition from Rutland,	16 00
	—————\$2,796 87

### EXPENDITURES.

Transportation,	\$582 50
Salaries of teachers,	1,056 00
Care of schoolhouse,	167 00
School supplies,	118 33
Team to Holden,	1 50
Coal,	120 13
W. E. Clark, Treasurer,	310 84
City of Worcester, tuition,	270 00
Services of School Committee,	50 00
Training School, for Carl Anderson,	37 87
Superintendent,	155 04
Town of Spencer, school tuition,	16 40
Findings for furnace,	4 89
Labor on furnace,	1 50
Taking school census,	3 00

Gravel at school,	\$ 2 50
Repairing slips,	3 00
Repairing clocks,	2 00
Town of Leicester, High School tuition,	136 00
Wood,	70 64
	—————\$3,109 14

LEWIS S. CLAPP,  
MRS. SUSIE E. FLINT,  
GEORGE H. JOHNSON,

*School Committee.*

PAXTON, February 1, 1910.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy:

ONE TERM—Dorothy Bijune, Roger Clark, Lillian Powell, Clara Merchant, Luther Eames, Leroy Pierce, Samuel Van Wyck, Wallace Glidden, Allen Heath, Harvey Bijune, Robert Catherwood.

TWO TERMS—Mildred Clark, Ethel Glidden, Roy Wentworth, Chester Wentworth.

THREE TERMS—Marion Durgin.

# School Statistics.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	No. of Weeks	Wages per Week	No. of Scholars	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Not Absent nor Tardy	No. of Scholars under 5 years	No. of Scholars over 15 years.	No. of Scholars bet. 7 & 14 years	No. of Visitors
SPRING TERM.												
Primary,	Miss A. F. Finnerty,	18	10.00	32	30.7	27.2	88.60	0	0	0	24	38
Intermediate,	" M. A. Converse,	18	10.00	24	22.3	19.7	88.30	0	0	0	24	43
Grammar,	" J. R. Burnham,	18	12.00	22	21.2	20.1	99.43	2	0	0	11	48
FALL TERM.												
Primary,	Miss A. F. Finnerty,	12	10.00	28	25.2	23.4	92.88	4	1	0	20	44
Intermediate,	" M. A. Converse,	12	10.00	25	24.3	22.2	91.48	3	0	0	25	44
Grammar,	" J. R. Burnham,	12	12.00	18	16.9	16.0	94.44	5	0	0	14	45
WINTER TERM.												
Primary,	Miss A. F. Finnerty,	8	10.00	24	23.7	21.2	89.35	1	1	0	17	11
Intermediate,	" M. A. Converse,	8	10.00	25	24.1	21.6	89.62	4	0	0	25	6
Grammar,	" J. R. Burnham,	8	12.00	17	16.9	15.8	93.49	3	0	0	14	6



## Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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HOLDEN, MASS., Jan. 29, 1910.

*To the Honorable School Board of the Town of Paxton:*

At present there are sixty-six pupils in your school building. It seems to me that the town of Paxton can reasonably expect as good schools as can be found in any country town in the State.

Assuming that parents and tax-payers in general have this high ideal, I will say at once that to accomplish this is my sole aim, namely to help make the schools of this town as good as can be found under similar circumstances.

In order to secure the best and desired results, our teachers must be both good teachers and good disciplinarians; both qualities are of vital importance. It is as necessary that the child be taught, from his first term to the end of his course, strict and cheerful obedience, self-control, and respect for authority, as it is for him to be taught his daily tasks. The problems of your school demand a strong teacher in control of the building; such an one I believe you have; strong in methods of teaching the three upper grades, and tactful and wise in discipline. The efforts of this principal must be supplemented by the efficient, loyal coöperation of the other teachers.

The strength of a school always lies in the teacher; a successful teacher must be retained. If it becomes necessary to raise the salary of an effective teacher in order to retain her, it should be done without hesitation; a dollar per week, say, is not of great consideration compared with the welfare of Paxton children.

It is in continuance of this thought of doing as well as possible for the child that I mention the teaching of music in the public schools.

The old-time singing school is a thing of the past. It often accomplished its mission well; but, though some may wish it back,

it has gone forever. If our children do not learn the elements of music in the public schools, where will they learn them?

Our schools must educate not for school, but for life.

What can we give the ordinary boy or girl, that will add more to his enjoyment in later life than the knowledge of music and the power to participate in it?

In what way can we obtain a more immediate and satisfactory return for a small investment than to have in a year's time, perhaps, a large number of children and young people able to help materially in the songs of church and social gatherings?

You hear the question, "Can all children be taught to sing?" No, all children cannot be developed into "singers," but all may be taught the principles upon which music is founded; while at least nine out of every ten may be helped to sing as naturally, and relatively as well, as they now read. The belief that much may be accomplished without the aid of the expert is a fallacy.

I have had an opportunity to study this question of music in the public schools for the past decade, and I am thoroughly convinced that "worth-while" results can be obtained only by the trained specialist.

Precedent should have some weight, and it is a fact that there are but very few small and poor towns in the State which do not employ a teacher of music, not as an adornment, but as a necessity.

I urge you not as an enthusiast in music, but as one who constantly feels his loss of early training in it, give the boys and girls of Paxton a chance.

Now the cost of a supervisor of music for this town would probably be \$2.00 per week, with an additional expenditure of \$20.00 the first year for books and music supplies, and an annual expenditure of not more than \$5.00 after the first year.

I am in favor of maintaining a strong corps of teachers, introducing music, and of keeping a good equipment in text-books, maps, etc., even if it becomes necessary to shorten the length of the school year to thirty-six weeks. Certainly the present appropriation for schools should be maintained, and if it could be increased by \$100 or \$200 we could show the people within a year that a good investment had been made.

It may not be out of place here to speak of the interest of the state in our schools, and the elastic method of apportioning the state school fund, a method which is designed, as I have heard the state authorities say within a year, to reward the small town which deals liberally with its schools; Paxton receives about one-half the money which it uses in its schools from the state. This distribution depends upon, firstly, the valuation of the town; secondly, the amount of its school appropriation in proportion to the total appropriation, as you will readily see by the following quotation from Section 1 of Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1903.

"Every town whose school tax is not less than one-third of its whole tax shall receive a proportion of said remainder" (income of school fund) "expressed by one-third; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fourth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fourth; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fifth its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fifth; and every town whose school tax is not less than one-sixth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-sixth."

Thus you see that the town which decreases its school appropriation may drop from one class into a lower one, making in the town of Holden recently a difference of about \$200; while the town which increases its school appropriation (in comparison with its total tax) may change into a higher class, thereby gaining an increased share of the state fund.

The state authorities consider this matter of the distribution of the school fund, and of a town striving to secure a generous amount of it, most important.

The question of vaccination has recently occurred. Of course the law in this case is very plain, "A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate granted for cause stated therein, signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination."

We are obliged to enforce the law, but not violently. Unless threatened by contagion, I recommend that, during the warmer weather of the spring and summer, the parents attend to the vac-

cination of the children so that at the beginning of the fall term the law relative to this matter may be complied with.

Last winter Miss Burnham conducted a very successful prize-speaking contest among the pupils of her school. I approve of this as I think that the influence of the "contest" improved the pupils' work in reading. I would like to have the prize-speaking contest of the grammar school an annual occurrence.

At the date of this writing the teachers, under the direction of the superintendent, are fitting up the basement with swings and other appliances of a playroom. I wish to see a reasonable amount of this same kind of care-taking done out-of-doors as well as in. A great step in discipline is made when the teacher can tell the children "do" instead of "don't."

The earnest coöperation of the parents is sought. The education of the child rests in the home as well as in the school; parent and teacher should confer together and should work in harmony for the interests of the child.

The parent can and should do much to improve the school attendance.

I would like to see such an attitude on the part of parents and pupils that the child would look forward, not to reaching the age of fourteen, but to completing the course of the ninth grade of the schools of his town.

Only last night Mr. Fish, principal of Worcester's new "Trade School," said to me, "I try to impress on the boys who apply for admission the importance of completing the work of the grades, in fact I don't want them till they have finished the common schools." Paxton boys are interested in this "Trade School" and the words of its principal should have effect.

I want to see more than seventeen pupils in the grammar school and more than three in the ninth grade.

Mr. Fish further said, "All I want is to do what is best for the boys."

With the same thought I will close; "All I want is to do what is best for the child."

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. RANDALL.



# TOWN WARRANT.

FOR ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1910.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton in the County of Worcester,*

## GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Paxton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Allen Hall in said Paxton, on Monday, the 7th day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1—To choose a moderator, by ballot, to preside at said meeting.

Article 2—To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3—To bring in and deposit their ballots for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, two Constables, three members of the Board of Health, and Superintendent of Streets, each for a term of one year; one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, and two Library Trustees for a term of three years. All the above to be voted for on one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on the question:—"Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensu-

ing. The polls will be opened at 11 o'clock A. M. and closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

Article 4—To appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of the Town's Poor, repairs of Highways and Bridges, support of Public Schools and transportation of scholars, breaking Roads, and for Contingent Expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 5—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Health, to pay such bills as legally come under their charge, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6—To see what disposition the town will make of its Dog Fund.

Article 7—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, and for the relief of indigent and disabled Soldiers as provided by law.

Article 8—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of street lights, or act in any way thereon.

Article 9—To see if the town will vote a discount on taxes paid before a given date and fix a time when interest shall be charged and taxes made payable and likewise fix the compensation to be paid the Collector for the ensuing year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money with which to pay a proper charge of an Insurance Company for acting as surety on Official Bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same, or act in any way thereon.

Article 11—To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money under the direction and by the approval of Selectmen in anticipation of the taxes assessed in 1910.

Article 12—To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 13—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to employ counsel to defend suits that may exist or be brought against the town and to furnish advice and counsel to Tax Collectors or any Town Officers, when deemed necessary by the Selectmen.

Article 14—To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways the ensuing year.

Article 15—To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the Town Hall and also of the Town Clock the ensuing year.

Article 16—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and put in proper condition, the public Hay Scales, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen, or other authorized agents, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18—To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended by the Tree Warden; also for the care and improvement of the Common, and sidewalks, or act in any way thereon.

Article 19—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars (\$10), and appropriate so much of it as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, relating to the appointment of school physicians, or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article 20—To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor, or any other committee, to contract with the Charlton Poor Farm Association for a term of one or more years from the 1st day of April, 1910, for the support of the town's poor when, in their opinion, it would be for the interest of the town to do so.

Article 21—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money to be used to suppress the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths in this town, or act in any way thereon.

Article 22—To see if the town will vote to accept, in trust, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) the income to be used in the care of the burial lot of Nathaniel Clark.

Article 23—To see if the town will vote to accept, in trust, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), the income to be expended to keep the burial lot of Ralph Earle in good condition perpetually.

Article 24—To see if the town will appoint a committee to confer with the officials of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Co.

relative to extending its road from Tatnuck to Paxton Center, or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Blacksmith Shop, in said Town of Paxton, ten days, at least, before the time set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

CHARLES F. FLINT,  
ARTHUR W. DWYER,  
GEORGE H. JOHNSON,

*Selectmen of Paxton.*