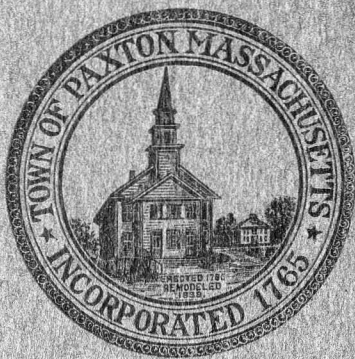


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TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 4, 1912.

TOWN CLERK:

Herbert S. Robinson.

SELECTMEN:

Chas. H. Derby, Geo. H. Johnson, Clifton Parkhurst.

OVERSEERS OF POOR:

John D. Olmstead, Henry H. Pike George Van Wyck, Jr.

ASSESSORS:

Henry A. Walbridge,	Term expires 1914
Henry H. Pike,	“ “ 1913
Cleveland N. Glidden,	“ “ 1912

TOWN TREASURER:

Lewis S. Clapp.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

Henry H. Pike.

AUDITOR:

Jason A. Woodruff.

CONSTABLES:

Walter H. Pike* John I. Heath† Henry D. Walbridge.

*Resigned. †Appointed.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Warren H. Coldwell, Charles H. Derby, Clifton Parkhurst.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS:

Nelson Merchant.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Sarah J. Graton,	Term	expires	1914
Mrs. Susan E. Flint,	"	"	1913
George H. Johnson,	"	"	1912

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Clifton Parkhurst.

PUBLIC WEIGHER:

Geo. H. Whitney.

UNDERTAKER AND BURIAL AGENT:

Arthur W. Dwyer.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

Daniel W. Graton.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Geo. H. Pratt,	Term	expires	1914
Clarence H. Rossier,	"	"	1914
Miss Rena Robinson,	"	"	1913
Mrs. E. A. Merrill,	"	"	1913
Charles E. Hosmer,	"	"	1912
Herbert S. Robinson,	"	"	1912

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Henry H. Pike, Clifton Parkhurst, Arthur W. Dwyer.

FENCE VIEWERS:

Warren H. Coldwell, John D. Olmstead, Edgar J. Matthews.

FIELD DRIVERS:

Verne L. Stanley, George Maccabee.

POUND KEEPER:

Edward P. Hosmer.

TREE WARDEN:

Charles E. Hosmer.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

Jason A. Woodruff, George H. Whitney, Arthur W. Dwyer.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

George H. Whitney, Henry C. Eames, Jason A. Woodruff,
Henry H. Pike, Arthur W. Dwyer, Warren H. Coldwell.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

WARRANT AND PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 6, 1911.

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 6th 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 to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Collect of Taxes, Town Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, Overseers of the Poor, and Assessors, and also the report of the Committee on Street Railways.

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; two Assessors, one for the term of three years and one for two 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 ensuing.

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

The action taken on the above article will be found on pages 3, 4, and 5.

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

Voted to grant the sum of \$400, in addition to the income of the D. R. Boynton Fund for the support of the poor.

Voted to grant the sum of \$900 for repairs on highways and bridges; \$400 of said sum to be spent for carting gravel on bad sections of road; and that two-thirds of the entire appropriation be expended before the 15th of June, 1911.

Voted to grant a sum of money, which in addition to the income from the C. D. Boynton Fund, will make \$1000 for contingent expenses.

Voted to take the expense of breaking roads from the contingent fund.

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

Article 5. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for Memorial day, and for the relief of indigent and disabled soldiers.

Voted to grant the sum of \$15 for Memorial day.

Voted to grant the sum of \$150 for indigent soldiers.

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

Voted to grant the Dog Fund for the support of the Public Library.

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

Voted to grant the sum of \$150 for street lights.

Article 8. 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 grant the sum of \$15.

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.

Voted not to allow any discount on taxes.

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

Voted that the compensation of the Collector be same as last year.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, to an amount not exceeding \$1500 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable in one year.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be so authorized.

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

Voted to accept the list of Jurors.

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 any 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 highways the ensuing year.

Voted that the compensation for labor on the highways be the same as last year.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$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.

Voted to grant the sum of \$10.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the town hall and also the care of the town clock the ensuing year.

Voted to leave with the Selectmen.

Article 16. To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money, as much of it as is necessary, to be used to suppress the gypsy and brown-tail moths in this town.

Voted to grant the sum of \$20.

Article 17. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended in the care and improvement of the Common or act in any way thereon.

Voted to grant the sum of \$20.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be used in any way towards furnishing better fireproof protection for the records of its town officers.

Voted that a committee of three, of which the Town Clerk shall be a member, be chosen to make the necessary investigation and report. Chose George H. Johnson and Charles H. Derby.

Article 19. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to set bounds at the angles and corners of the "Howe Place."

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to erect suitable bounds at the corners and angles of the "Howe Place."

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to choose a liquor officer or agent to enforce the liquor laws, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor or take any action whatever toward the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 21. To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new road scraper, repair the old one, or take any action whatever relative thereto.

Voted to grant the sum of \$240, and that a committee of three, of which the Superintendent of Streets shall be a member, be chosen to make the purchase. Chose Daniel N. Wentworth and Arthur W. Dwyer, as committee.

Article 22. To see if the town will grant to E. P. Hosmer a right of way to cross land belonging to the town.

Voted to leave with the Selectmen.

Article 23. To see if the town will choose 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 whatever in relation to an electric railway.

Voted to extend a vote of thanks to the retiring committee.

Voted to choose a committee of three. Voted that the Selectmen act as that committee.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 422 of the Acts of 1908 not to receive the Series of Public Documents.

Voted not to accept the Series of Public Documents.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the town will grant for the use of the firemen for fire purposes the ensuing year.

Voted that the sum of \$15 be granted to purchase materials for the chemical extinguishers.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take, if any, toward furnishing a proper place for a public dump.

Voted to leave with the Selectmen.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUG. 28, 1911.

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

Chose Henry H. Pike, moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to pay for fighting fires or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 3. To see if the town will grant or appropriate a sum of money to light the streets by electricity.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 4. To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money to pay "snow bills" or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 5. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors, to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen or other authorized agent, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 6. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden, or act in any way thereon.

Voted that it is the sense of this meeting that the Tree Warden proceed to perform the duties of the office and expend money to the extent of \$25 if necessary and that the bill be paid from the Contingent Fund by the Selectmen.

Article 7. To see if the town will take any action toward securing Asnebumskit pond for the use of the residents of the town.

Voted to choose a committee of three who shall make application to the next General Court for a right to use the water of Asnebumskit pond for town purposes. Also voted that this committee be instructed to employ counsel by and with the consent of the Selectmen.

Chose Henry H. Pike, Clifton Parkhurst, and Charles F. Flint.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to rescind the action of the town at the last Annual Town Meeting, making taxes payable Nov. 1st, and interest to begin at that time, or take any action thereon.

Previous notice having been given a motion was made to reconsider the action taken whereby the meeting voted to pass over Article 3.

So voted. Further voted that a committee of three be chosen to further investigate the electric light question and to report three weeks from this date at 7.30 P. M.

Chose Daniel W. Graton, Charles H. Derby, and George H. Johnson as committee.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1911.

BIRTHS.

Feb. 28.—Herbert Foster—Daniel N. and Clara Wentworth.
 May 6.—Eli Johanna—Gustaf and Lizzie Lantinen.
 June 5.—————Karpovitch—George and Mary Karpovitch.
 Sept. 5.—Roger Higginson—Charles H. and Ruth I. Derby.
 Nov. 28.—Caroline May—Herbert C. and Lizzie M. Davis.
 Dec. 16.—Walter Russell—George and Adelaide Perkins.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 28.—Carl O. Nystrom, Paxton, and Fredrika E. Windt, Worcester.
 Feb. 16.—Manasseh Nanigian, Paxton, and Ester Gouzelian, Worcester.

June 29.—John L. Johnson and Carrie M. Roemar.
 July 1.—Carl Johanson and Anna Sundgren.
 July 17.—John F. Trumm and Elizabeth (Ahearn) O'Donnell.
 Dec. 24.—Nazareth Nanigan, Paxton, and Diroohy Tatvaian,
 Brockton.

DEATHS.

Jan. 21.—William Irwin Maccabee, 8m. 14d.
 21.—Jacob Karle, 73y. 9m. 8d.
 Feb. 22.—Sylvester Brown Estabrook, 60y. 3m. 23d.
 July 19.—Helmiina Pakkarine, 21y.
 Oct. 2.—Kara E. R. Gotha, 3y. 2m. 24d.
 Nov. 20.—Thomas A. McElroy, 18y. 2m. 17d.

DOGS LICENSED DURING 1911.

45 males at \$2.00,	\$ 90.00
8 females at \$5.00,	40.00
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	\$130.00
Less 53 fees at 20 cents,	10.60
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	\$119.40
Paid County Treasurer,	
June 1, 1911,	\$ 38.40
Dec. 1, 1911,	81.00
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	\$119.40

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, *Town Clerk.*

PAXTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1912.

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 1st, 1912.

APPROPRIATIONS.

[ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1911.]

Support of schools,		\$ 1,200 00
Contingent expenses,	\$691 04	} 1,000 00
Income of C. D. Boynton Fund,	308 96	
Support of poor,	400 00	} 444 53
Income of D. R. Boynton Fund,	44 53	
Highways and bridges,		900 00
Indigent soldiers and State Aid,		150 00
Street lights,		150 00
Road machine,		240 00
Memorial Day,		15 00
Surety on bonds,		15 00
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths,		20 00
Care of Common,		20 00
Firemen,		15 00
School physician,		10 00
Library (Dog Fund),		

CONTINGENT.

Appropriation,

\$1,000 00

GENERAL EXPENSE.

ORDER

12 A. F. Stevens, posting Town Warrant,	\$ 1 00
19 Davis Press, printing 200 annual reports,	80 00
42 L. M. Robinson, ballot clerk, Mar. 6,	1 50
43 C. N. Glidden, ballot clerk, Mar. 6,	1 50
46 A. M. Shover, storage hearse, 5 mos.,	2 50
47 E. F. Crouch, ballot clerk, Mar. 6,	1 50
50 E. P. Hosmer, ballot clerk, Mar. 6,	1 50
51 E. P. Hosmer, care of town pound,	2 40
57 C. Parkhurst, inspecting cattle,	11 50
88 Davis Press, ballots,	8 50
93 Henry J. Greene, insurance on vestry,	8 37
102 Louis M. Robinson, raising topmast,	1 00
112 A. L. Purrington, labor on safe,	7 00
127 Walter H. Pike, cleaning watering trough,	50
147 R. A. Arnold, repairing town clock,	5 50
164 Louis M. Robinson, flag pole,	1 00
196 Henry H. Pike, collecting \$1321-1910 taxes,	19 81
204 Walter H. Pike, posting Warrant,	1 00
224 A. W. Dwyer, repairs and care of clock,	5 75
225 Geo. W. Cowden, ballot clerk, 1910,	1 50
231 Louis M. Robinson, primary ballot clerk,	1 50
247 Davis Press, tax bills, etc.,	4 25
248 Lewis Clapp, primary ballot clerk,	1 50
259 J. D. Olmstead, varnishing hearse,	15 00
271 J. I. Heath, posting Warrants,	2 00
279 J. A. Barclay, reimbursed 1911, overpaid tax,	8 75
284 Louis M. Robinson, ballot clerk, Nov. 7,	1 50
Work on flag staff,	1 00
289 F. A. Pierce, ballot clerk,	3 00
Labor on water trough,	1 30
297 Lewis S. Clapp, ballot clerk,	1 50

314 F. A. Pierce, labor,	3 20	
315 A. W. Dwyer, care cemetery lots,	82 00	
320 H. H. Pike, collecting \$3346.63,	50 19	
352 H. H. Pike, collecting taxes, \$5.86; postage, etc., \$3.30,	9 16	
354 A. W. Dwyer, labor on cemetery gates,	3 00	
363 C. L. Crouch, banking watering trough,	1 00	
389 C. Parkhurst, labor on pump and trough,	2 05	
370 H. S. Robinson, services as town clerk,	20 00	
371 H. S. Robinson, services as registrar,	3 00	
378 Jason A. Woodruff, services as auditor,	10 00	
380 E. P. Hosmer, services as ballot clerk, primary and State election,	3 00	
381 Lewis S. Clapp, services as treasurer,	40 00	
383 Geo. H. Johnson, services as registrar,	3 00	
387 C. Parkhurst, services as registrar,	3 00	
388 C. Parkhurst, care town clock,	12 00	
390 C. H. Derby, services as registrar,	3 00	
		<hr/> \$452 23

SELECTMEN.

ORDER

114 Davis Press, paper and envelopes,	\$ 5 00	
328 Davis Press, town order books,	7 50	
375 H. S. Robinson, postage and stationery,	2 14	
384 Geo. H. Johnson for services,	25 00	
386 Clifton Parkhurst, for services,	20 00	
391 Charles H. Derby,	25 00	
		<hr/> \$84 64

ASSESSORS.

ORDER

1 P. H. Murphy, 1910,	\$ 5 00	
3 C. N. Glidden, 1910,	39 00	
80 Sanford & Putnam, supplies,	3 75	
85 Wakefield Daily Item, printing,	2 24	
86 Worcester Co. Abstract Co., assessors' abstracts,	7 92	

87 Henry A. Walbridge, services as assessor,	33 75
148 Henry A. Walbridge, services as assessor,	5 00
197 Henry H. Pike, team for assessors,	13 12
198 Henry H. Pike, services as assessor,	43 50
207 Cleveland N. Glidden, services as assessor,	43 00
209 Henry A. Walbridge, services as assessor,	10 00
329 Davis Press, printing report,	32 00
341 C. N. Glidden, services as assessor,	7 00
373 H. S. Robinson, pens and paper,	35
	<hr/> \$245 63

CONSTABLES AND COURT COSTS.

ORDER

116 Walter H. Pike, Herbert case (May),	\$ 10 34
126 Walter H. Pike, Kowperwitch case,	1 00
126 Walter H. Pike, E. E. Eames Horse case,	3 50
126 Walter H. Pike, Urbenoit case,	2 00
128 Henry D. Walbridge, Herbert case,	3 00
166 C. Waite, special, July 3 and 4,	3 00
182 Walter H. Pike, July 3 and 4,	3 00
183 Walter H. Pike, Edward Trombly case,	16 00
184 Walter H. Pike, Herbert case (July),	8 00
185 Henry D. Walbridge, Herbert and Trom- bly case,	9 00
188 Henry D. Walbridge, Herbert case (May),	9 00
205 Walter H. Pike, collecting 5 dog licenses,	2 00
205 Walter H. Pike, killing and burying dog,	1 00
205 Walter H. Pike, summonses (dog case) and team,	14 00
206 Walter H. Pike, Sparrell's trespass case,	9 00
211 John I. Heath, special, July 3 and 4,	3 00
214 Walter H. Pike, reward in Esterbrooks case,	50 00
232 Edward Ward, Mayall dog case,	2 00
237 Charles E. Hosmer, Bates dog case,	2 00

291 John I. Heath, fire investigation,	4 40	
318 John I. Heath, fire investigation and Devio case,	18 20	
319 John L. McCarthy, Devio and Gotha Case,	10 00	
355 John I. Heath, costs in Devio case,	11 55	
356 John I. Heath, team in Devio case,	1 00	
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TREE WARDEN.

ORDER

13 C. E. Hosmer,	\$ 3 80	
24 L. M. Robinson,	50	
26 E. J. Matthews,	87	
31 Jason A. Woodruff,	1 20	
49 Walter H. Pike,	1 40	
369 C. E. Hosmer,	1 20	
		<hr/> \$ 8 97

TRADE SCHOOL.

ORDER

62 City of Worcester,	\$101 25	
177 " " "	101 25	
335 " " "	67 50	
364 " " "	67 50	
		<hr/> \$337 50

TOWN HALL.

ORDER

14 L. M. Robinson, janitor,	\$ 13 32
41 A. W. Dwyer, janitor,	2 00

48 Walter H. Pike, helping plumber,	2 00
68 Geo. Heath, janitor,	1 00
117 Tucker & Rice, pump repairs,	11 10
146 C. E. Hosmer, janitor,	17 00
213 F. A. Ricker, piano tuning and repairs,	3 00
236 C. E. Hosmer, janitor,	15 00
323 C. E. Hosmer, janitor,	20 00
377 H. S. Robinson, oil and supplies,	10 27
	<hr/> \$ 94 69

SNOW BILLS.

ORDER

2 P. H. Murphy,	\$ 3 63
8 John P Moulton,	2 80
9 Henry A. Walbridge,	1 40
10 Henry D. Walbridge,	3 75
11 Walter H. Pike,	1 20
30 Jason A. Woodruff,	80
45 Nelson Merchant,	10 80
84 John F. Ahearn,	13 25
157 C. L. Crouch,	2 80
241 G. A. Rossier, 1909-1910,	9 80
	<hr/> \$ 50 23

FIGHTING BRUSH FIRES, MAY 7TH.

ORDER

99 George H. Heath,	\$1 60
100 Arthur F. Stevens,	2 40
101 Louis M. Robinson,	2 20
103 V. L. Stanley,	2 00
104 C. E. Hosmer,	2 20
105 Arthur L. Eames	2 40
109 Nelson Merchant, two men,	4 00
110 Roy Bates,	2 00
113 Hiram L. Eames	2 40

118 Henry C. Eames, man and team,	4 20
122 Jason Woodruff,	3 00
123 E. J. Matthews, horse and man,	3 05
124 Henry D. Walbridge,	2 20
143 C. Waite,	2 20
153 Jerry Supernor, three men,	6 80
187 Walter H. Pike,	2 00
199 Daniel W. Graton,	3 00
201 Harold Matthews,	2 00
202 Geo. H. Whitney,	2 00
229 E. L. Crouch,	2 00
298 Town of Spencer,	129 10
362 C. A. Rossier, 15 hours,	3 00
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	\$185 75

BUMSKIT HILL BRUSH FIRE.

ORDER

165 Louis M. Robinson,	\$4 80
167 C. Waite,	2 20
168 Barnard Bertel,	1 60
169 L. S. Clapp,	8 00
171 R. H. Bullard,	4 80
172 H. C. Davis,	5 00
173 C. E. Hosmer,	8 60
174 Roy Bates,	6 80
175 A. F. Stevens,	6 60
180 Arthur L. Eames,	1 60
181 Nelson Merchant,	8 00
186 Henry D. Walbridge,	5 20
187 Walter H. Pike,	8 40
199 Daniel W. Graton and man,	7 00
201 Harold Matthews,	1 80
204 Jerry Supernor,	6 40
240 Hiram L. Eames,	2 80
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	\$ 89 60

DAVIS ROAD BRUSH FIRE.

ORDER

100 Arthur F. Stevens,	\$ 1 40
101 Louis M. Robinson,	40
122 Jason Woodruff,	2 00
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	\$ 3 80
Total Contingent Expenses,	\$1,749 03

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, \$900 00

PAID.

ORDER

73 Jason Woodruff,	\$ 15 40
74 George Herbert,	4 00
76 Jerry Supernor,	19 40
77 A. C. Supernor,	19 00
78 Nelson Merchant,	30 00
79 Henry D. Walbridge,	54 00
81 Wm. L. Maccabee,	6 12
83 H. C. Davis,	16 00
111 Jerry Supernor,	8 00
120 Jason A. Woodruff,	6 00
125 Henry D. Walbridge,	13 05
141 Jason Woodruff,	27 40
145 Frank Snow,	4 87
150 Jerry Supernor,	31 40
151 Henry D. Walbridge,	45 00
152 Wm. L. Maccabee,	72 00
154 Nelson Merchant,	167 00
155 Frank A. Pierce,	41 00
156 Nelson Merchant (Stringers),	14 00
158 C. L. Crouch,	24 40
179 E. B. Johnson, lumber,	33 22
223 A. W. Dwyer,	22 50
226 Jerry Supernor,	5 50

227 Jason Woodruff,	5 60
238 Nelson Merchant (stringers),	10 50
239 Nelson Merchant,	43 00
246 E. B. Johnson, lumber,	51 17
259 J. D. Olmstead, street signs,	7 00
262 Nelson Merchant,	43 25
263 Jason Woodruff,	14 80
265 Jason Woodruff,	6 00
266 Jerry Supernor,	2 00
277 C. L. Crouch,	71 35
278 Geo. H. Whitney,	7 40
285 Myrtis Kirby, gravel,	22 70
309 Geo. Heath,	3 37
358 Brandt Bros.,	8 00
374 H. S. Robinson, supplies,	1 48
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STATE AID.

Appropriation, \$150 00

PAID.

ORDER

16 Harriet M. Cheney	for February,	\$ 4 00
17 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
18 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
52 Susan A. Pike	" March,	4 00
53 Harriet M. Cheney	" "	4 00
54 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
89 Harriet M. Cheney	" April,	4 00
90 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
91 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
130 Harriet M. Cheney	" May,	4 00
131 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
132 Susan A. Pike,	" "	4 00
159 Harriet M. Cheney	" June,	4 00
161 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
162 Susan A. Pike,	" "	4 00
189 Harriet M. Cheney	" July,	4 00

190 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
191 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
192 Susan A. Pike	" August,	4 00
193 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
194 Harriet M. Cheney	" "	4 00
233 Harriet M. Cheney	" September,	4 00
234 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
235 Susan A. Pike,	" "	4 00
272 Harriet M. Cheney,	" October,	4 00
273 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
274 Susan A. Pike,	" "	4 00
300 Harriet M. Cheney	" November,	4 00
301 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
302 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
331 Harriet M. Cheney	" December,	4 00
332 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
333 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
334 Leander T. Kirby	" "	6 00
342 Harriet M. Cheney	" January,	4 00
343 Sophronia L. Whitney	" "	4 00
344 Susan A. Pike	" "	4 00
345 Leander T. Kirby,	" "	6 00
		<hr/> \$156 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation, \$150 00

PAID.

ORDER

23	Catherwood Boys,	February,	\$ 10 00
40	" "	March,	10 00
69	" "	April,	8 00
107	" "	May,	8 00
138	" "	June,	8 00
170	" "	July,	8 00
200	" "	August,	8 00
230	" "	September,	8 50
258	" "	October,	8 00

286	"	"	November,	10 00	
308	"	"	December,	10 00	
351	"	"	January,	10 00	
379	H. S. Robinson,	supplies,		32 63	
				<hr/>	\$139 13

CARE OF COMMON.

Appropriation,		\$ 20 00
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PAID.

ORDER

71	Jason Woodruff,	\$ 5 20	
121	" "	2 80	
140	" "	2 80	
195	" "	2 00	
228	" "	2 40	
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			\$ 15 20

OFFICIAL BONDS.

Appropriation,	\$ 15 00
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PAID.

ORDER

33	Green & Bates, Town Treasurer,	\$ 10 00	
208	Greene & Bates, Tax Collector,	5 00	
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			\$ 15 00

FIREMEN.

Appropriation,	\$ 15 00
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PAID.

ORDER

359	Geo. Van Wyck, Jr.,	\$ 15 00
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$ 15 00
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PAID.

ORDER

108	Geo. H. Pratt, expense,	\$5 80
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ROAD MACHINE.

Appropriation, \$240 00

PAID.

ORDER

245 John L. Smith, \$225 00

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Appropriation, \$20 00

PAID.

ORDER

15 L. M. Robinson,	\$32 00
25 A. W. Dwyer, team 2 days,	3 00
256 Wakefield Daily Item, moth circulars,	1 50
310 L. M. Robinson,	2 40
361 F. L. Durgin,	13 85
369 C. E. Hosmer,	3 40
385 Louis M. Robinson,	6 30
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	\$ 62.40

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation, \$444 53

PAID.

ORDER

34 Overseers of Poor,	\$100 00
75 " " "	60 00
129 " " "	75 90
212 " " "	50 00
316 " " "	125 00
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	\$410 00

HOWE PLACE ACCOUNT.

Cr.

One year's rent,	\$137 50
Taxes,	38 28
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	\$175 78

Dr.

163 Frank A. Stevens,	\$ 1 55	
163 John E. McDonnell,	20 29	
321 C. E. Hosmer,	1 00	
322 Wadsworth, Howland Co., glass,	96	
327 Central Supply Co., pump,	6 50	
330 H. H. Pike, taxes,	38 28	
336 E. W. Merrick, insurance,	5 00	
376 H. S. Robinson, paint, etc.,	3 85	
	<hr/>	\$ 77 43
Balance in favor of town,		\$ 98 35

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

*School Expenses,	\$2,963 51
Contingent Expenses,	1,749 03
Highways and Bridges,	976 88
State Aid,	156 00
Street Lights,	139 13
Care of Common,	15 20
Official Bonds,	15 00
Firemen,	15 00
Memorial Day,	5 80
Road Machine,	225 00
Gypsy, and Brown-tail Moth,	62 40
Support of Poor,	410 00
Public Library,	68 72
Howe Place,	77 43

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

TOWN HALL AND FIXTURES.

\$1,000.00	Hartford Fire Insurance Co.,	March 11, 1913
900.00	Traders and Mechanics Mutual,	Sept. 10, 1913
750.00	Worcester Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912
750.00	Hingham Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912

*For itemized expenses, see School Report.

750.00	Dorchester Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912
750.00	Pawtucket Mutual,	Sept. 20, 1912

SCHOOLHOUSE.

\$1,000.00	Dorchester Mutual,	July 1, 1913
1,000.00	Dedham Mutual,	July 1, 1913
2,000.00	Fitchburg Mutual,	Sept. 1, 1913
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, 1913

VESTRY.

\$ 600.00	Quincy Mutual,	Apr. 1, 1914
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LIBRARY.

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

May 5, 1905.	Ellen F. Clark, on demand, @ 6%,	\$1,000 00
Apr. 3, 1907.	Henry C. Eames, on demand, @ 6%,	500 00

LIST OF JURORS.

As prepared by the Selectmen for submission to the Town at its annual meeting, March 4, 1912, for approval or otherwise. The same in pursuance to Chapter 348, Acts of the Year 1907:

Chas. F. Flint, farmer,	West Road.
John D. Olmstead, wheelwright,	West Road.
Arthur W. Dwyer, carpenter,	Paxton Center.
Eliot L. Crouch, farmer,	West Road.
Clifton Parkhurst, clerk,	Paxton Center.
Edwin G. Maccabee, clerk,	Grove Street.

GEORGE H. JOHNSON,	} Selectmen of Paxton.
CHARLES H. DERBY,	
CLIFTON PARKHURST	

PAXTON, February 1, 1912.

Charles D. Boynton Fund.

For the benefit of the Inhabitants of the Town of Paxton:

Cash in Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester,	\$1,600 00
“ Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,748 00
“ Worcester County Institute for Savings,	1,600 00
“ People's Savings Bank,	2,700 00

\$7,648 00

1912

Feb. 19 Interest drawn from Mechanics Bank, \$ 64 64

“ “ “ “ Five Cents Savings
Bank, 70 60

“ “ “ “ Worcester County
Bank, 64 64

“ “ “ “ People's Savings
Bank, 109 08

\$308 96

\$7,956 96

Feb. 20 Paid Town Treasurer, \$298 96

“ Paid W. E. Clark, services as Trustee, 10 00

\$308 96

Balance in Bank,

\$7,648 00

WALTER E. CLARK, *Trustee.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1912.

HENRY H. PIKE, Collector.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1910,	\$1,321 27	
To tax levy of 1911,	4,865 68	
To interest collected on the same,	36 01	
	————	\$6,222 96

Cr.

By amounts paid Town Treasurer,	\$5,090 48	
By amounts abated for 1910 and 1911,	50 19	
By uncollected taxes of 1911,	1,082 29	
	————	\$6,222 96

HENRY H. PIKE,

Collector of Taxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Dr.

To balance at last settlement,		\$3,016 88
Rec'd of H. H. Pike, tax collector,	\$5,090 48	
" Geo. N. Jenkins, rent, Howe farm,	57 00	
" E. C. Sargent, rent, Howe farm,	68 75	
" C. D. Boynton Fund,	308 96	
" State, cattle inspection,	18 25	
" State, acct. of superintendent,	125 00	
" State, Corporation tax,	1 85	
" State, aid,	136 00	
" State, Dog tax,	115 36	
" State, High School tuition,	289 00	
" State, Industrial School tuition,	39 38	
" Hall rent,	72 50	
" Central District Court,	5 00	
" Worcester Trust Co. note,	1,000 00	
" E. J. Matthews, B. A. license,	2 00	
" J. A. Ahearn, butcher's license,	1 00	
" John Trum, butcher's license,	50	
" Cemetery lots,	21 00	
" Geo. H. Whitney, gas lamp,	5 00	
" State, School Fund,	1,105 68	
" City of Worcester, Water tax,	142 53	
	<hr/>	\$11,622.12

Cr.

Paid on Town orders,	\$6,811 53
“ Notes,	2,500 00
“ Interest,	156 68
“ County tax,	320 00
“ State tax,	495 00
“ Highway tax,	180 00
“ Bureau of Statistics,	3 00
	————— \$10,466 21
Cash on hand,	1,155 91

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

February 1, 1912.

PAXTON, February 1st, 1912.

Statement of Trust Funds, Feb. 1, 1912.

D. R. Boynton, Poor Fund,	\$1,082 42
C. D. Boynton, Record Building Fund,	106 80
N. Clark, Cemetery Fund,	107 06
Geo. B. Newton, “ “	106 12
E. A. Howe, “ “	106 12
Clarissa Parker, “ “	106 12
Woodward, “ “	104 04
Francis Keep, “ “	104 04
Bemis, “ “	104 04
D. R. Boynton, “ “	520 20
Hubbard, “ “	104 04
Wood, “ “	106 26
C. D. Boynton, “ “	1,064 38
John O. Howe, “ “	106 30
Tyler Bemis, “ “	106 16
Simon Abbott, “ “	106 12
Ralph Earl, “ “	104 04
Elizabeth Goddard, “ “	104 04
David G. Davis, “ “	104 04
Oliver Goodnow, “ “	416 16
Waite, “ “	156 06

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

Report of Superintendent of Streets.

We hereby submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Streets.

Nelson Merchant, the incumbent, resigned Nov. 30, 1911.

The Selectmen appointed supervisors in different sections of the town to break out roads when necessary.

Appropriation for Highways and Bridges,		\$900 00
Carting on Barre road,	\$181 50	
Carting in center,	182 50	
Labor and lumber,	613 88	
Amount expended,	<hr style="width: 100px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$976 88	

For itemized expenditures see Selectmen's report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. JOHNSON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Paxton.</i>
CHARLES H. DERBY,		
CLIFTON PARKHURST,		

PAXTON, February 1, 1912.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1912.

Dr.

To cash on hand,	\$	45	
" received of Town,		410 00	
		<hr/>	\$410 45

Cr.

By cash paid Charlton Poor Farm Association			
to balance to Feb. 1st, 1911,	\$	49 53	
" paid Charlton Poor Farm Association for			
this year,		165 47	
" paid H. H. Pike, attending 7 meetings			
at Charlton,		10 50	
" paid H. H. Pike for use of team, car-			
fare and care of horse,		15 25	
" paid for expenses and money paid out			
in case No. 2.		41 30	
" paid City of Worcester for case No. 2,		97 49	
" paid City of Worcester for case No. 3,		2 75	
" paid for expenses, Case No. 3,		3 40	
" paid for expenses, Case No. 4,		4 25	
" paid Geo. Van Wyck, Jr., two trips to			
Charlton, time and carfare,		3 60	
" paid Geo. Van Wyck, Jr., services as			
overseer of poor,		5 00	
" paid H. H. Pike, same,		5 00	
" paid J. D. Olmstead, same,		5 00	
		<hr/>	\$408 54

Cash on hand,		1 91
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		\$410 45
Due Charlton Poor Farm Association,		\$ 6 28
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		\$416 73
Paid on last year's account,	\$49 53	
Cash on hand,	1 91	
Due from City of Worcester,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 55 69
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Total cost for past year,		\$361 04
Town granted sum of	\$400 00	
Income of D. R. Boynton Fund,	44 53	
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	\$444 53	
Received of the town,	410 00	
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Unexpended,	\$ 34 53	
Board of inmates at Charlton from Feb. 1st, 1911 to Feb. 1st, 1912, $52\frac{1}{7}$ weeks, at \$3.2936 per week.		
HENRY H. PIKE,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>
GEO. VAN WYCK, JR.,		
JOHN D. OLMSTEAD,		

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library.

The number of books circulated at the Library during the year, 2531; the number of patrons, 155. There have been added during the year by purchase, 54 volumes; by donation, Mrs. C. H. Derby, 4 volumes. The Library is indebted to the Woman's Education Association for use of Travelling Library number 32, which was exchanged November 1, 1911, for Library number 96.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1911,	\$101 87
Received for fines,	4 00
	<hr/> \$105 87

Cr.

By cash paid Librarian, salary to Jan. 1, 1912, \$	35 00
For books,	26 27
J. D. Olmstead, for labor,	2 50
For rebinding books,	4 20
For freight on Travelling Library,	75
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1912,	37 15
	<hr/> \$105 87

Auditor's Report.

Auditor's Report.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the accounts and all bills and vouchers in the hands of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, and Collector of Taxes, Trustee of Trust Funds, Overseers of the Poor, Cemetery Bills, and to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the same are approved and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON A. WOODRUFF,

Auditor.

PAXTON, Feb. 12, 1912.

School Statistics.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Where Educated	Salary	No. of Weeks Service	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	No. of Pupils bet. 7 & 14 years	No. of Pupils over 15 years.	No. of Visitors	No. of Visits
Grammar,	Mabel F. Boardman,	Boston Normal	12.00	19								
	Victor A. Blackmer,	Fitchburg Normal	12.00	19	26	21.5	19.9	92.5	21	1	39	79
Intermediate,	M. Alice Converse,	North Brookfield High	10.00	38	25	22.4	20.6	91.8	25	0	41	92
Primary,	Gertrude Lovett,	Westfield Normal *	10.00	19								
	Edythe Pratt,	Bridgewater Normal *	10.00	19	26	21.1	17.9	84.9	16	0	48	80

* Indicates Graduate

FINANCIAL REPORT.

TEACHING.

PAID.

ORDER

4 M. F. Boardman,	\$ 24 00
5 M. A. Converse,	20 00
6 G. Lovett,	20 00
20 M. F. Boardman,	36 00
21 G. Lovett,	30 00
22 M. A. Converse,	30 00
35 M. F. Boardman,	36 00
36 M. A. Converse,	30 00
37 G. Lovett,	30 00
64 M. F. Boardman,	48 00
65 M. A. Converse,	40 00
66 G. Lovett,	40 00
94 M. A. Converse,	40 00
95 G. Lovett,	40 00
96 M. F. Boardman,	48 00
133 M. A. Converse,	30 00
134 M. F. Boardman,	36 00
135 G. Lovett,	30 00
217 V. A. Blackmer,	48 00
218 M. A. Converse,	40 00
219 Edythe Pratt,	40 00
250 V. A. Blackmer,	48 00
251 M. A. Converse,	40 00
252 Edythe Pratt,	40 00
280 V. A. Blackmer,	60 00

281 M. A. Converse,	50 00
282 Edythe Pratt,	50 00
303 V. A. Blackmer,	36 00
304 M. A. Converse,	30 00
305 Edythe Pratt,	30 00
337 V. A. Blackmer,	48 00
338 M. A. Converse,	40 00
339 Edythe Pratt,	40 00
365 Mrs. Dwelley, Music, 19 weeks,	38 00
	<hr/> \$1,286 00

SUPERINTENDENT.

32 C. L. Randall, Feb.,	\$13 34
59 " Mar.,	13 34
70 " Apr.,	13 34
97 " May,	13 34
137 " June,	13 34
178 " July,	13 34
210 " Aug.,	14 17
243 " Sept.,	14 17
264 " Oct.,	14 17
294 " Nov.,	14 17
324 " Dec.,	14 17
360 " Jan.,	14 17
	<hr/> \$165 06

TRANSPORTATION.

27 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, 4 weeks,	\$12 00
28 W. L. Maccabee, 4 "	10 00
39 Mrs. E. J. Matthews, 3 "	9 00
44 Mrs. B. F. Barclay, 9 "	27 00
55 F. L. Durgin, 10 "	40 00
56 J. L. Johnson, 10 "	50 00
58 W. L. Maccabee, 3 "	7 50
67 E. J. Matthews, 4 "	12 00
82 W. L. Maccabee, 4 "	10 00
98 Mrs. B. F. Barclay, 8 "	24 00

106 W. L. Maccabee,	4	"	10 00
139 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	7	"	21 00
142 Mrs. B. F. Barclay,	3	"	9 00
144 W. L. Maccabee,	3	"	7 50
149 F. L. Durgin,	10	"	40 00
160 John L. Johnson,	11	"	55 00
221 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	5	"	15 00
222 W. L. Maccabee,	5	"	12 50
254 B. F. Barclay,	9	"	27 00
257 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	4	"	12 00
261 J. L. Johnson,	9	"	45 00
275 W. L. Maccabee,	4	"	9 00
287 W. L. Maccabee,	4	"	10 00
288 Mrs. B. F. Barclay,	4	"	12 00
290 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	4	"	12 00
311 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	3	"	9 00
312 W. L. Maccabee,	3	"	7 50
313 F. L. Durgin,	6	"	64 00
317 Mrs. B. F. Barclay,	3	"	9 00
350 Mrs. E. J. Matthews,	4	"	12 00
353 W. L. Maccabee,	4	"	10 00
357 Mrs. B. F. Barclay,	4	"	12 00
			<hr/> \$622 00

JANITOR.

7 V. L. Stanley, 4 weeks,			\$ 24 00	
29	"	3	"	18 00
38	"	3	"	18 00
92	"	3	"	18 00
136	"	8	"	40 00
220	"	4	"	20 00
253	"	4	"	24 00
283	"	5	"	30 00
306	"	3	"	18 00
340	"	4	"	24 00
				<hr/> \$234 00

TUITION.

61 Town of Leicester, High School,	\$ 75 00	
63 City of Worcester, High School,	30 00	
115 City of Worcester, High School,	30 00	
176 Town of Leicester, Academy,	55 00	
215 Town of Spencer, High School,	39 00	
216 Town of Spencer, North Spencer,	28 50	
269 City of Worcester, High School,	60 00	
292 City of Worcester, High School,	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$362 50

SUPPLIES.

60 Edward E. Babb & Co.,	\$ 6 40	
72 J. L. Hammett & Co.,	20 33	
242 Edward E. Babb & Co.,	4 02	
244 Silver, Burdett & Co.,	2 40	
249 Davis & Banister,	1 25	
260 Smith, Green & Co.,	1 00	
267 American Book Co.,	22 45	
268 J. L. Hammett & Co.,	6 69	
293 D. C. Heath & Co.,	4 38	
295 American Book Co.,	5 46	
296 Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 42	
299 Silver, Burdett Co.,	60	
366 J. L. Hammett Co.,	3 44	
367 A. S. Barnes Co.,	1 87	
368 Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 60	
372 H. S. Robinson,	11 08	
	<hr/>	\$102 39

GENERAL EXPENSE.

119 H. C. Eames, 2 cords wood,	\$ 9 00
243 C. L. Randall,	2 83
255 H. C. Eames, wood and trans. coal,	35 51
270 Claffin Coal Co., coal,	76 45
276 O. S. Kendall & Son, ash barrel,	2 75
307 V. L. Stanley, well, \$1.20; plastering, \$1.00,	2 20

325 C. L. Randall,	3 32	
326 Mrs. S. E. Flint, school census,	3 00	
346 Geo. H. Johnson, school committee,	20 00	
347 Mrs. S. E. Flint, school committee,	15 00	
348 Mrs. Sarah H. Graton, school committee,	15 00	
349 H. H. Pike, truant officer,	5 00	
382 C. E. Steere, drum head,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$191 56
Total expenditures,		\$2,963 51

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Balance from 1910,	\$353 15	
Appropriation,	1,200 00	
State School Funds,	1,105 68	
High School tuition from State,	289 00	
Rec'd from State on account of Superintendent,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,072 83

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers,	\$1,286 00	
Superintendent,	165 06	
Out of town tuition,	362 50	
Supplies,	102 39	
General expenses,	191 56	
Transportation,	622 00	
Janitor,	234 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,963 51

ROLL OF HONOR.

ONE YEAR—Marion Durgin.

TWO TERMS—Leroy Pierce, Roy Wentworth, Flora Eames
Chester Wentworth, Gaylord Pike.

ONE TERM—Avery Glidden, Evangeline Dugar, Dorothy Bijune, Lillian Van Wyck, Richard Catherwood, Robert Catherwood, Teckla Obanovitch, Harvey Bijune, Carl Carlson, Earl Davis, Luther Eames, Wallace Glidden, Allen Heath, Robert Pierce, Bernice Stevens, Fred Stevens.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SPRING TERM—April 1, 1912, to June 22, 1912, 12 weeks.

FALL TERM—September 3, 1912, to November 23, 1912, 12 weeks.

WINTER TERM—December 2, 1912, to December 20, 1912, 3 weeks; and January 6, 1913, to March 7, 1913, 9 weeks. Total, 12 weeks.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

HOLDEN, MASS., Feb. 5, 1912.

To the Honorable School Board of the Town of Paxton:

Your three schools are at present in good condition. I am especially pleased with the faithful, conscientious, and, withal, efficient work of the principal of the building, Mr. Victor Blackmer. It is but a truism to say that the strength of the school exactly equals the strength of the teacher. It is deleterious to a school to be constantly obliged to become accustomed to a new teacher. A teacher who "makes good" should be retained several years in a community.

At the beginning of the present school year a departure new to this town was made by employing a teacher of music.

The study of music might well find a place in the home, but, as a matter of fact, it does not. For many years there has been no opportunity given to the child to learn this important art save in the public schools. It is expected that the singing of the children in church and social gatherings will soon show marked improvement. The report of the Music Supervisor follows and forms a part of this report.

In April last, under the printed directions of Prof. Wm. Hart of the State Agricultural College, I formed a Potato Club of the boys and girls in my district. Seed potatoes were furnished free by the college, with directions about planting and cultivating. It is necessary, as a part of Professor Hart's plan, that an exhibition be held in the fall. Such an exhibition was held November 2 under the auspices of the Village Improvement Society. Good potatoes were shown and prizes were won by the following contestants: 1st prize, Zena Supernor; 2nd, Ethel Glidden, and 3rd, Earl Maccabee.

I hope to do more along this line another year. This attempt on the part of the children should receive encouragement from the older people, particularly those interested in husbandry.

During the year the text-books in Geography and Spelling have been exchanged; the former were worn out and the latter were poor; your text-books are now up-to-date and in good condition, in all subjects.

According to the requirements of the law a school physician has been appointed who will visit the schools twice a year, inspecting each pupil. Dr. Stickney's report follows to which I call your attention.

I would especially urge all parents or guardians of unvaccinated children to have this matter of vaccination attended to before the spring term, as the law relative to this is very strict and will be enforced.

Since I have been acquainted with the schools of this town there has been but a small class to complete the ninth grade. This year there are nine pupils in this grade, a number larger than has been known for many years. I wish that all pupils might be encouraged by home influence as well as school to remain in school and pass through all the grades of the common school, graduating from the ninth grade.

I further call to your attention the fact that attendance at the Worcester Trade School, either that for boys or that for girls, is not a continuation of study for a higher, broader education, but is simply a means for fitting a boy or girl for a particular trade. This form of education was not designed to take the place of a high school education, nor is the claim made by the management of these schools that it is better for a boy or girl to attend them than to attend a high school. These schools are designed expressly for those children who are unable to attend high school and who must earn their own living as soon as possible.

Parents, if you wish your boy to make either a carpenter or a machinist, then send him to the Worcester Trade School; but if you do not expect him to earn his living by either of these trades and only wish him to continue his studies somewhere, then do not

send him to a trade school, send him to a high school. Do not send your girl to the Worcester Trade School for girls unless you wish her to become a dressmaker or a milliner.

I wish to call to your attention the fact that trade education is expensive, to the town if not to the individual. The tuition at the Trade School is set by law at \$135 per year, one half of which is refunded by the State. Thus it costs the town \$67.50 for each pupil in the Trade School, while by law the entire amount of high school tuition is refunded by the State.

I furthermore wish to say a word in favor of the small high school. All Paxton children who have attended high school for years have taken it for granted that they must attend in Worcester. It might very well come about from the locality in which the child lives that he could better attend Spencer, Holden or Rutland.

If several children were to attend high school this coming year, it would not be at all impossible for them to unite and drive to Holden, for example, daily, thus being able to board at home.

I shall be glad to discuss this matter with anyone interested.

I would ask, in closing, a co-operation between school and home. Let the parent visit the school and consult with the teachers. Let the child be in school each day when able, not because the law requires it, but because the welfare of the child demands it.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. RANDALL.

Report of School Physician.

HOLDEN, MASS., Feb. 6, 1912.

Mr. C. L. RANDALL,

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS, HOLDEN, MASS.

Dear Sir:

In the performance of my duties as School Physician of the Town of Paxton I visited the schools of that town Dec. 11, 1911, and inspected the pupils present in school that day.

Number of pupils enrolled,	65
Number present,	58
Absent,	7
Vaccinated,	41
Unvaccinated,	17
Enlarged tonsils,	11

Some cases of defective teeth were noted, and these children were advised to see a dentist. The proportion of un-vaccinated children is larger than it ought to be. Those suffering with enlarged tonsils were advised, by notice to their parents, to secure surgical treatment. Enlarged tonsils are often associated with adenoids, and the two conditions are usually treated at the same operation.

The pupils were found to be singularly free from those minor affections usually associated with school life, and readily evident on inspection. They are also deserving of commendation for their generally tidy appearance.

Yours very respectfully,

C. W. STICKNEY,

School Physician of Paxton.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

HOLDEN, Feb. 6, 1912.

Mr. C. L. RANDALL,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my first report of the music in the public schools of Paxton.

Music is one of the important studies in our schools of to-day and as a large percentage of the pupils get little or no training elsewhere, great care should be taken in giving them as much help as possible in this way.

The music period should be a bright spot in the day's regular routine; one to be looked forward to with pleasure and a sense of appreciation.

It has been my aim to stimulate an appreciation of the best music, to develop tone quality, and to teach the fundamental principles of note reading.

In the lower grades rote songs are taught, which are selected for their musical value as well as for the value of the thought and suggestion. A school song in the heart of a child will do as much for his character as a fact in his memory or a principle in his intellect.

In the Intermediate and Grammar schools two and three part work is being introduced and considering the time devoted to it I feel very much pleased with the results.

A good foundation has been laid in technical as well as in the song work, and pupils as well as teachers show much interest in the subject.

I take pleasure in acknowledging here the courtesy extended to me by the teachers; also, for the kindly reception and advances

made by the children, which is so helpful to one entering upon new duties.

May I not also add that I appreciate deeply your own cordially-given help.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,

Supervisor of Music.

TOWN WARRANT.

FOR ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1912.

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 4th 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 a term of 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 ensuing.

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 Memorial Day, and for the relief of indigent and disabled soldiers.

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

Article 7—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 8—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 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 authorize the Town Treasurer, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year,

to an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year.

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

Article 12—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to employ a town counsel, to defend suits that may exist, or be brought against the town, and to furnish advice and counsel to any Town Officers.

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

Article 14—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.

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

Article 16—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.

Article 17—To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended in the care and improvement of the Common, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be used in any way towards furnishing better fire-proof protection for the records of its Town Officers, or act in any way thereon.

Article 19—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 20—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 21—To see what sum of money the town will grant for the use of the firemen for fire purposes, the ensuing year.

Article 22—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money to purchase fire extinguishers, to be distributed by the fire warden in various sections of the town, for the purpose of extinguishing forest fires, or take any action thereon.

Article 23—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of tools to be used in fighting brush fires, or take any action thereon.

Article 24—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Barre Road, from the terminus of the State road to the Rutland line, or take any action thereon.

Article 25—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying tuition of scholars attending Trade schools, or take any action thereon.

Article 26—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the School House, or take any action thereon.

Article 27—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of conducting water to the School House, or take any action thereon.

Article 28—To see if the town will grant and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of drilling a well, for the use of the town, or take any action thereon.

Article 29—To see if the town will choose a committee, to investigate the subject of securing electric lights for the town, or take any action thereon.

Article 30—To see whether the town will adopt that part of Section 339, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, applicable to Selectmen, or take any action thereon.

"A town may, at an annual meeting, on at a meeting held at least thirty days before the annual meeting, at which such change is to become operative, vote to elect its selectmen, assessors or overseers of the poor in the following manner:—

If the number fixed by the town is three, it shall, at the annual meeting when such vote is passed, or at the next annual meeting, elect one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years; if the number is five, it shall elect one for the term of one year, two for the term of two years, and two for the term of three years; if the number is seven, it shall elect two for the term of one year, two for the term of two years, and three for the term of three years; if the number is nine, it shall elect three for the term of one year, three for the term of two years, and three for the term of three years; and at each annual meeting thereafter, it shall elect one, two or three for the term of three years, as the term of office of one, two, or three expires."

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office, and one at the Blacksmith's 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 twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

GÉORGE H. JOHNSON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES H. DERBY,	
CLIFTON PARKHURST,	
	of
	<i>Paxton.</i>