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# TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH,  
1918

TOWN CLERK:

Ransom A. Race, M.D.

SELECTMEN:

Albert A. Crouch, Fred L. Durgin, George H. Whitney

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

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

TREASURER:

Lewis S. Clapp.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

Henry H. Pike.

AUDITOR:

Louie M. Robinson.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS:

George Maccabee.

CONSTABLES:

Fred E. Ladd,

Arthur F. Stevens.

## BOARD OF HEALTH:

Albert A. Crouch, Fred L. Durgin, George H. Whitney.

## ASSESSORS:

Herbert S. Robinson,	Term expires 1920
Henry H. Pike,	" " 1919
Eliot L. Crouch,	" " 1918

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Herbert S. Robinson,	Term expires 1920
E. Mabel Durgin,	" " 1919
Frederick W. Flint,	" " 1918

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Frederick W. Flint,	Term expires 1920
Clarence A. Rossier,	" " 1920
Nellie M. Pratt,	" " 1919
Rena Robinson,	" " 1919
Charles E. Hosmer,	" " 1918
Herbert S. Robinson,	" " 1918

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Henry H. Pike,	Term expires 1920
Clifton Parkhurst,	" " 1919
Arthur W. Dwyer,	" " 1918

## WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Fred L. Durgin,	Term expires 1920
George W. Van Wyck, Jr.	" " 1919
Henry H. Pike,	" " 1918

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD:

Fred L. Durgin,	Term expires 1920
Arthur W. Dwyer,	" " 1919
Charles M. Bullard,	" " 1918



TREE WARDEN:

Charles E. Hosmer.

FENCE VIEWERS:

Edgar J. Matthews, Cutler L. Crouch, Edgar Matthews.

FIELD DRIVERS:

George W. Van Wyck, Jr., John F. Ahearn

POUND KEEPER:

Edward P. Hosmer.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

Edward E. Eames, George H. Whitney, Arthur Dwyer,  
Henry C. Eames, H. S. Robinson.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

George H. Whitney, Edward E. Eames, Edward M. Dunham,  
Henry C. Eames, Jason A. Woodruff.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### WARRANT AND ACTION THEREON AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 5TH, 1917.

Article 1. To choose a moderator by ballot to preside at said meeting. Chose: Fred L. Durgin.

Because of the prevailing storm a motion was made to postpone meeting until 1.00 p. m., Saturday, March 10th. Carried.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Prayer by Rev. E. L. Chute at 1.10 p. m. Mr. Fred L. Durgin called for action on

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

Voted: To accept reports as read.

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, Superintendent of Streets, two Constables, and three members of the Board of Health, 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 three years. One member Electric Light Committee, one member of Board Cemetery Commissioners, and one member of board Water Commissioners, for 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 may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m.

Whole number of ballots cast, male, 80.

The vote on the License question was as follows:

Yes	50
No	30
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The officers elected will be found on the first two pages of this report.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of the Town's Poor, repairs of Highways and Bridges, for the support of the Public Schools, and transportation of pupils, breaking out roads, for fire purposes, and for contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted: Town's Poor	\$400.00
and interest on the D. R. Boynton Fund.	
Highways and Bridges:	
General Repairs,	1,000.00
Special appropriation to West Road	500.00
providing the State gives \$1,000 to West Road.	
Special appropriation to Grove Street	500.00
for permanent repairs. These special appropriations to be expended by the Selectmen.	
Public Schools and transportation of pupils,	1,100.00
Breaking roads,	500.00
Fire purposes,	35.00
Contingent expenses,	1,150.00

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.

Voted: \$20 for Memorial Day, and \$216 for indigent and disabled soldiers.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the library, or act in any way thereon.

Voted: \$50 over and above amount received from the Dog Fund.

Article 7. To see if the town will grant a sum of money with which to pay a proper charge of a Surety 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: \$20 for said purpose.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation to be paid the Collector for the ensuing year, or take any action in relation thereto. Voted:  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  commission on all taxes collected.

Article 9. 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 revenue of the present municipal year beginning January 1, 1917, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate, three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, or act in any way thereon.

Voted: That the Town Treasurer, be and hereby is authorized, by and with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the present municipal year, beginning January 1, 1917, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Voted: Yes.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars (\$10) and appropriate as much of it as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 503, Acts of 1906, relating to the appointment of School Physicians.

Voted: \$25, and School Physician to vaccinate all pupils not already vaccinated.

Article 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways the ensuing year.

Voted: 30 cts. per hour for man. .  
40 cts. per hour for team.

Article 13. To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the town hall, and also care of the town clock the ensuing year.

Voted: Be left to Selectmen.

Article 14. 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: \$25.

Article 15. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended by the Tree Warden the ensuing year.

Voted: \$25.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to grant a sum of money for the rebuilding of the so-called West Road or act in any way thereon.

Voted: To combine with Article IV.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to grant a sum of money for the permanent improvement of a portion of Grove Street or act in any way thereon.

Voted: To combine with Article IV.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the inspection of meat and slaughtering or act in any way thereon.

Voted: \$100 for said purpose.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Mooreland Cemetery or act in any way thereon.



Voted: \$200 for said purpose.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the transportation of high school pupils, or act in any way thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

"An Act to authorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire," to take effect in towns upon its acceptance by the voters at any duly called town meetings, and in cities upon its acceptance by the city council.

Voted: To accept.

"An act relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants," to take effect upon its acceptance by any town to which it applies at any annual town meeting.

Voted: Not to accept.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,  
1917.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.  
Chose: H. H. Pike, Moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept one hundred dollars (\$100) for the perpetual care of the Bradley Livermore cemetery lot, or act in any way thereon.

Voted: To accept as provided.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1917

37 males at \$2.00,	\$74.00	
6 females at \$5.00,	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$104.00
Less 43 fees at 20 cents,		8.60
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		\$95.40

Paid to County Treasurer,		
June, 1917,	\$14.40	
December, 1917,	81.00	
	<hr/>	\$95.40

## HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED

47 Resident Hunters at \$1.00,	\$47.00	
Less 47 fees at 15 cents,	7.05	
	<hr/>	\$39.95
Paid to Commissioners of Fish and Game,		\$39.95

## Vital Statistics for 1917

## BIRTHS

Feb. 4th. Robinson, Frederick Thomas, son of Louie M. and Ella E. Robinson.

April 5th. Foskett, Samuel B., son of Sumner and Madeline Foskett.

June 10th. Flint, Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick W. and Geraldine Flint.

July 20th. Johnson, Ernest Leonard, son of Carl G. and Anna C. Johnson.

August 15th. Wentworth, Edith Grace, daughter of Daniel N. and Clara M. Wentworth.

August 21st. Devio, Marie May, daughter of Charles and Florence A. Devio.

September 26th. Maccabee, Ula May, daughter of Alfred and Grace C. Maccabee.

## MARRIAGES

July 7th. Alvah E. Leach, of Surrey, Me. and Lillian E. Devio, of Paxton, Mass.

November 19th. Wm. A. Blaisdell, of Paxton, Mass. and Josephine H. Hait, of Paxton, Mass.

DEATHS

May 6th. Acker, Hattie A., aged 80 y., 4 m., 27 d.  
May 28th. Parkhurst, Adella E., aged 64 y., 9 m., 10 d.  
July 29th. Hathaway, Anson S., aged 81 y., 6 d.

Respectfully submitted,

RANSOM A. RACE,

*Town Clerk.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## APPROPRIATIONS

Contingent,	\$1,150 00
Schools,	1,100 00
Highways and bridges,	1,000 00
Breaking roads,	500 00
Support of poor \$400, and Int. on Boynton Fund \$42.08,	442 08
Care of Common,	25 00
Memorial Day,	20 00
Surety on bonds,	20 00
Tree Warden,	25 00
School Physician,	25 00
Fire purposes,	35 00
State Aid,	216 00
Library \$50, and Dog Fund \$84.67,	134 67
Meat inspection,	100 00
Mooreland Cemetery,	200 00
West Road, 1916, \$500, and 1917, \$500, total,	1,000 00
Grove Street, 1916, \$500, and 1917, \$500, total,	1,000 00
Anniversary reports, 1916,	250 00

## CONTINGENT

Appropriation,	\$1,150 00
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## PAID

### ORDER

2 L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	\$1 25
10 City of Worcester, Trade School tuition,	45 00
13 L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
34 E. P. Hosmer, maintaining town pound,	2 50
42 H. F. Bidwell, postage stamps,	50
57 Davis Press, printing town reports,	78 00

84	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
95	A. F. Stevens, posting warrant,	1 00
96	A. F. Stevens, raising flag pole,	1 00
97	A. F. Stevens, posting warrant,	1 00
98	E. P. Hosmer, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
100	E. L. Crouch, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
111	Greene and Bates, insurance treas. bond,	8 00
113	F. A. Pierce, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
128	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
131	E. P. Hosmer, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
136	Davis Press, printing ballots,	17 50
142	Worcester County Abs. Co., assessors' abstracts,	6 12
146	City of Worcester, Trade School tuition,	45 00
147	H. F. Bidwell, postage stamps,	1 00
159	H. A. Bowman & Co., town flag,	20 00
160	G. A. Rossier, inspecting cattle,	25 00
162	L. M. Robinson, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
163	E. P. Hosmer, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
168	A. F. Stevens, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
169	A. F. Stevens, posting warrant,	1 00
172	L. S. Clapp, postage stamps,	1 11
173	E. F. Crouch, services as ballot clerk, 2 times,	3 00
175	Henry J. Greene, insurance on church vestry,	12 78
179	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
218	H. H. Pike, collecting taxes, 1916, \$2,395,	35 92
219	H. H. Pike, counsel fee assessors,	2 00
220	H. H. Pike, postage and stationery, assessors	3 00
225	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
242	H. S. Robinson, services as Justice of Peace,	5 00
256	L. M. Robinson, services as constable,	3 00
261	Davis Press, envelopes for tax collector,	2 25
262	City of Worcester, Trade School tuition,	45 00
268	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25



269	E. L. Crouch, services as constable,	3 00
277	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
292	L. M. Robinson, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
293	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
296	A. F. Stevens, care town flag,	3 00
297	A. F. Stevens, posting warrant,	1 00
307	Davis Press, tax bills,	3 75
314	Greene and Bates, tax collectors bond,	5 00
320	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
322	E. P. Hosmer, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
335	Library Bureau, supplies for town clerk,	50
344	J. N. Peck, express,	25
345	L. M. Robinson, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
346	A. F. Stevens, posting warrant,	1 00
349	Clifton Parkhurst, cleaning watering trough,	50
350	A. F. Stevens, services as dog officer,	5 00
359	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
360	H. H. Pike, services as assessor,	30 00
361	H. H. Pike, supplies for assessors,	11 00
363	S. L. Clapp, services as ballot clerk,	1 50
376	L. M. Robinson, services as auditor,	10 00
377	L. M. Robinson, care town clock,	1 25
393	H. S. Robinson, services as assessor,	35 00
403	E. L. Crouch, services as assessor,	25 00
407	R. A. Race, services as town clerk and registrar,	28 00
408	R. A. Race, marriage certificates and dog licenses,	21 50
423	A. F. Stevens, care and killing dog,	5 00
426	Davis Press, assessors' lists,	43 50
431	Alfred Maccabee, express for assessors,	25
433	Albert A. Crouch, toll calls,	1 00
435	Lewis S. Clapp, services as treasurer,	60 00
436	Albert A. Crouch, services as selectman and registrar,	28 00
437	George H. Whitney, services as selectman	

and registrar,	28 00	
438 Fred L. Durgin, services as selectman		
and registrar,	28 00	
444 H. H. Pike, collecting taxes, \$4,608.09,	69 12	
445 H. H. Pike, record books, postage, and		
stationery,	6 50	
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		\$850 05
Care and expense of town hall,		\$144 13
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Total,		\$994 18
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Unexpended,		\$155 82
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## TOWN HALL

Received for rent, \$92 00

## PAID

## ORDER

3 Electric Light Dept., current for Dec.,	1 60
18 Frank A. Pierce, cutting 10 cords wood,	10 00
31 Electric Light Dept., current for Jan.,	1 00
37 J. A. Woodruff, sawing wood,	1 00
52 Electric Light Dept., current for Feb.,	2 96
91 C. I. Barr, repairing pump,	11 50
112 Frank A. Pierce, cutting 7½ cords wood,	7 50
129 Electric Light Dept., current for Mar.,	1 00
166 Electric Light Dept., current for Apr.,	1 00
167 F. A. Skiff, sawing wood,	3 00
170 A. F. Stevens, care of hall,	22 50
213 Electric Light Dept., current for May,	1 00
232 A. F. Stevens, care of hall,	17 50
238 H. F. Bidwell, supplies,	4 77
257 Electric Light Dept., current for June,	1 00
273 Electric Light Dept., current for July,	1 00
291 L. M. Robinson, repairing roof,	3 50
298 A. F. Stevens, repairing roof,	3 00
299 A. F. Stevens, care of hall,	17 50

311 Electric Light Dept., current for Aug. and Sept.,	4 80
355 Electric Light Dept., current for Oct.,	2 00
372 N. Jacobson, 2 cords wood,	20 00
413 A. W. Dwyer, carting wood,	3 00
434 Electric Light Dept., current for Nov.,	2 00

Total,	\$144 13
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## SCHOOLS

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00
State school fund,	1,393 92
State, Supt. salary,	125 00

Total,	\$2,618 92
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## PAID

## ORDER

1 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	\$6 00
12 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
15 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 2 weeks,	21 00
16 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 2 weeks,	24 00
17 Mary F. Concannon, teaching 2 weeks,	26 00
19 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
35 Mary F. Concannon, teaching 3 weeks,	39 00
36 Robert I. Bramhall, services as Supt.,	15 83
38 Macmillan Co., supplies,	3 67
39 Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	17 53
40 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 3 weeks,	36 00
41 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 3 weeks,	31 50
43 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
74 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
80 Mary F. Concannon, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
81 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	48 00
82 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 4 weeks,	42 00
93 A. W. Dwyer, transportation scholars,	3 20
104 J. L. Johnson, transportation scholars,	44 00
114 Geo. H. Phelps, transportation scholars,	13 75

118	S. L. Clapp, transportation scholars,	18 40
119	Fred L. Durgin, transportation scholars,	8 40
125	D. W. Graton, transportation scholars,	13 20
126	Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
127	F. W. Flint, transportation scholars,	44 00
143	Napoleon Boucher, repairing furnace,	2 00
144	Carrie L. Stanley, care schoolhouse,	12 00
151	S. L. Clapp, transportation scholars,	4 00
152	Anna G. Fitman, teaching 2 weeks,	24 00
153	Mary F. Concannon, teaching 2 weeks,	26 00
155	Flora E. Barclay, teaching 2 weeks,	21 00
156	Edward E. Babb, supplies,	4 20
158	Robert I. Bramhall, services as Supt.,	47 49
174	Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	10 00
176	Mary F. Concannon, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
177	Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	48 00
178	Flora E. Barclay, teaching 4 weeks,	42 00
205	Fred L. Durgin, transportation scholars,	12 00
207	Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	10 00
221	Mary F. Concannon, teaching 3 weeks,	39 00
222	Flora E. Barclay, teaching 3 weeks,	31 50
223	Anna G. Fitman, teaching 3 weeks,	36 00
231	Geo. H. Phelps, transportation scholars,	11 25
235	J. L. Johnson, transportation scholars,	40 50
237	S. L. Clapp, transportation scholars,	12 00
239	Carrie L. Stanley, care schoolhouse,	15 00
248	Clafin-Sumner Coal Co., coal,	127 50
249	Mrs. S. E. Flint, wood,	3 65
250	F. W. Flint, transportation scholars,	40 50
252	Robert I. Bramhall, services as Supt.,	31 66
255	Fred L. Durgin, transportation scholars,	88 00
259	H. C. Eames, 1 cord wood,	7 00
267	Robert I. Bramhall, services as Supt.,	15 83
284	Robert I. Bramhall, express, postage, and toll,	2 43
285	Robert I. Bramhall, services as Supt.,	17 50

286 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	50 00
287 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 4 weeks,	48 00
288 Edna L. Pinkert, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
316 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 3 weeks,	36 00
317 Edna L. Pinkert, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
318 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	50 00
319 Geo. H. Phelps, transportation scholars,	10 00
323 J. R. Childs, services as Supt.,	30 00
325 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	44 00
326 Napoleon Boucher, labor,	50
327 J. W. Rice, stationery and express,	88
328 Taylor L. Mills, weather strips for win- dows,	60 00
329 Edward E. Babb, supplies,	7 79
330 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	18 87
338 Carrie L. Stanley, care schoolhouse,	12 00
339 Jos. Smith, transportation scholars,	28 50
351 Fred L. Durgin, transportation scholars,	36 00
352 Clifton Parkhurst, cleaning clocks,	3 00
354 Fred L. Durgin, transportation scholars,	24 00
357 S. L. Clapp, transportation scholars,	36 00
362 Jos. Smith, transportation scholars,	28 50
364 Edna L. Pinkert, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
365 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 5 weeks,	60 00
366 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	50 00
374 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	24 00
378 Anna G. Fitman, teaching 4 weeks,	50 00
379 Edna L. Pinkert, teaching 4 weeks,	52 00
380 Flora E. Barclay, teaching 4 weeks,	48 00
386 J. L. Johnson, transportation scholars,	73 50
392 H. S. Robinson, services as committee,	15 00
397 H. C. Eames, wood,	11 00
399 Carrie L. Stanley, care of schoolhouse,	12 00
400 S. L. Clapp, transportation scholars,	24 00
409 J. R. Childs, services as Supt.,	30 00
410 J. R. Childs, supplies,	3 24



415 F. W. Flint, services as committee, postage, toll, etc.,	24 02
416 Jos. Smith, transportation scholars,	38 00
417 Geo. H. Phelps, transportation scholars,	8 00
418 J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	17 40
422 Davis Press, letterhead and envelopes,	5 25
424 E. M. Durgin, services as committee,	7 50
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Total,	\$2,634 44
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Overdrawn,	\$15 52

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Received from State,

PAID

\$1,191 60

ORDER

9 B. F. Barclay,	\$6 00
94 A. W. Dwyer,	22 80
99 B. F. Barclay,	12 00
116 S. L. Clapp,	155 40
117 Fred L. Durgin,	61 35
124 D. W. Graton,	94 05
148 B. F. Barclay,	6 00
154 S. L. Clapp,	57 00
189 B. F. Barclay,	6 00
204 Fred L. Durgin,	75 00
234 B. F. Barclay,	6 00
236 S. L. Clapp,	76 50
254 Fred L. Durgin,	49 50
353 Fred L. Durgin,	129 00
356 S. L. Clapp,	85 50
401 S. L. Clapp,	117 00
420 Jos. A. Barclay,	24 00
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Amount paid Sept. 3d to Jan. 1st,

\$983 10

Amount due from State,

\$491 55

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

## PAID

## ORDER

324 City of Worcester,	\$315 00
421 City of Worcester,	292 50

Amount paid Sept. 3d to Jan. 1st,	\$607 50
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Amount due from State,	\$607 50
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## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriation,	\$25 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

406 R. A. Race,	24 03
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Unexpended,	\$ 97
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## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation,	\$20 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

210 Littlefield, Florist,	\$4 10
251 Edward L. Chute,	5 00
253 Barnard, Sumner & Putnam Co.,	4 20

Total,	\$13 30
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Unexpended,	\$6 70
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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

137 Fred L. Durgin, 2 trips to Boston,	\$4 50
149 C. Arthur Marsh, insurance,	22 19
165 George Maccabee,	41 25

203 G. A. Rossier,	35 35
211 Charles Silva,	1 50
212 Chas. E. Hosmer,	1 50
226 A. Brandt,	2 70
228 George Maccabee,	47 55
229 Ernest Maccabee,	4 50
283 G. A. Rossier,	45 15
289 County Commissioners,	3 00
295 John F. Trum,	24 00
310 Napoleon Boucher,	11 70
312 George Maccabee,	45 80
313 Ernest Maccabee,	9 60
336 Brandt Bros.,	22 40
340 Jos. Smith,	13 60
395 H. S. Robinson,	1 95
440 Fred L. Durgin, trip to Boston and toll calls,	3 20
441 Clifton Parkhurst,	1 50
443 Jos. A. Barclay,	33 60
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Total,	\$376 54
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Unexpended,	\$623 46

## BREAKING ROADS

Appropriation,	\$500 00
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Order	PAID
14 Nelson Cote,	\$7 20
20 L. M. Robinson,	9 00
21 J. A. Woodruff,	3 60
22 J. A. Woodruff,	3 80
23 Albert A. Derviou,	3 60
28 Mattie Johnson,	3 00
29 Frank Niemi,	4 40
30 Chas. W. Silva,	1 40

32 Fred E. Ladd,	4 40
33 Carl G. Koberg,	8 40
45 H. H. Pike,	7 40
46 N. Jacobson,	16 90
47 Albert A. Deviou,	1 00
48 Nelson Cote,	9 80
49 L. M. Robinson,	3 10
50 Jos. McHenry,	5 20
51 C. L. Crouch,	32 40
53 F. A. Skiff,	12 90
55 George Maccabee,	9 55
56 E. A. Merrill,	3 80
58 L. M. Robinson,	6 40
59 Albert A. Deviou,	3 60
61 Nelson Cote,	5 60
62 Myrick Perkins,	4 60
63 Mattie Johnson,	2 00
64 John Berry,	2 00
65 Wm. J. Perkins,	7 40
66 George Perkins,	4 00
67 Henry F. Ojanne,	9 00
68 C. N. Wentworth,	1 80
69 George Clapp,	2 20
70 E. E. Eames,	62 80
72 Napoleon Boucher,	6 00
73 J. A. Woodruff,	3 00
75 Leroy Pierce,	3 60
76 Robert Pierce,	80
77 John F. Ahearn,	36 00
78 L. M. Robinson,	10 80
79 J. A. Woodruff,	1 50
83 L. M. Robinson,	4 50
85 J. A. Woodruff,	2 70
86 H. H. Pike,	4 80
87 N. Jacobson,	3 50
88 Nelson Cote,	4 80

89 Laurie Porter,	2 00
90 E. M. Dunham,	6 00
101 C. L. Crouch,	9 60
102 Fred E. Ladd,	4 60
103 H. C. Eames,	58 00
105 Napoleon Boucher,	10 65
106 George Maccabee,	9 85
107 A. Therreault,	2 00
108 Silas C. Maccabee,	2 60
109 F. A. Skiff,	5 40
110 F. A. Skiff,	12 15
115 Geo. H. Phelps,	1 20
132 W. J. Woods,	6 88
133 John Ahearn,	8 00
134 E. A. Merrill,	3 90
135 Sumner Foskett,	13 10
176 B. F. Barclay,	16 30
211 S. Sivula,	2 40
224 A. Brandt,	8 40
243 Jos. A. Barclay,	33 10
358 Mrs. Jos. Cote,	10 00
375 L. M. Robinson,	2 40
381 Waldo H. Graton,	3 10
382 E. F. Crouch,	8 70
383 Sunset Farm,	37 70
384 Jos. McHenry,	14 80
385 Prince Clair,	4 20
387 George Clapp,	3 90
388 Robert Pierce,	4 50
390 L. M. Robinson,	2 40
391 Charles Silva,	60
394 H. S. Robinson,	3 60
398 H. C. Eames,	10 80
405 A. F. Stevens,	13 95
414 Carl G. Koberg,	7 50
439 Ross Bros. Co.,	1 25



442 Clifton Parkhurst,

1 75

Total,

\$691 53

Overdrawn,

\$191 53

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation,

\$400 00

And interest on Boynton Fund,

42 08

\$442 08

## PAID

## ORDER

54	Geo. Van Wyck, Jr.,	\$100 00
150	" " " "	100 00
258	H. C. Eames,	3 50
301	Geo. Van Wyck, Jr.,	100 00
411	" " " "	138 58

Total,

\$442 08

## STATE AID

Appropriation,

\$216 00

## PAID ON TOWN ORDERS

Leander T. Kirby,	\$72 00
Harriett M. Cheney,	48 00
Sophronia L. Whitney,	48 00
Cordelia R. Welch,	48 00
Total,	\$216 00

## FIRE PURPOSES

Appropriation,

\$35 00

## PAID

## ORDER

161	Brewer & Co., 2 kegs soda,	\$ 6 16
180	L. M. Robinson, fighting fire at E. E. Eames	\$5 10

182	Chas. E. Hosmer, fighting fire	E. E. Eames	3	50	
183	Carlton White,	" " " "	1	20	
184	Ronald Peck,	" " " "		40	
185	Luther Eames,	" " " "		60	
186	Allen Heath,	" " " "	1	40	
187	S. L. Clapp,	" " " "	5	40	
188	G. H. Whitney,	" " " "	2	40	
190	Fred Stevens,	" " " "	1	20	
191	Ernest Maccabee,	" " " "	5	10	
192	Geo. Maccabee,	" " " "	5	10	
193	Chas. Silva,	" " " "		60	
194	J. A. Woodruff,	" " " "	3	75	
195	Geo. Clapp,	" " " "	1	00	
196	Chester Wentworth	" " " "		40	
197	Napoleon Boucher,	" " " "	1	80	
202	Leroy Pierce,	" " " "	2	00	
214	A. F. Stevens,	" " " "	3	00	
217	S. Sivula,	" " " "		90	
271	J. A. Woodruff,	" " " "	4	50	
275	Brewer & Co., keg soda,		2	80	
282	Alfred Maccabee, express,			25	
342	J. N. Peck, express,			50	
	Total,				\$59 06
	Overdrawn,				\$24 06

## CARE OF COMMON

Appropriation,	\$25 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

215	J. A. Woodruff,	\$	3	30	
233	" "		3	30	
240	" "		1	80	
260	" "		1	50	
270	" "		2	55	
294	" "		4	80	
	Total,				\$17 25
	Unexpended,				\$7 75

## LIBRARY

Appropriation,		\$50 00
Dog fund,	84 67	
Total,	<hr/>	\$134 67

## PAID

## ORDER

241 H. S. Robinson,	\$50 00	
446 H. S. Robinson,	84 67	
Total,	<hr/>	\$134 67

## SURETY ON BONDS

Appropriation,		\$20 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

111 Green & Bates,	\$8 00	
314 Green & Bates,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 00

Unexpended,		\$7 00
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## REPORTS OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Appropriation,		\$250 00
Sale of books,		63 00
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		313 00

## PAID

## ORDER

347 Davis Press,	\$284 50	
348 H. S. Robinson, postage,	3 03	
Total,	<hr/>	\$287 53
Unexpended,		\$25 47

## MOORELAND CEMETERY

Appropriation,		\$200 00
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## PAID

## ORDER

367 A. W. Dwyer, markers and freight,	\$47 47	
Unexpended,		\$152 53

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

## PAID

## ORDER

92 A. W. Dwyer, storing hearse,	\$ 6 00	
300 L. S. Clapp, making out deed,	50	
404 A. W. Dwyer, care of cemetery,	60 00	
412 A. W. Dwyer, storing hearse and freight,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$73 50

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation,

\$25 00

## PAID

## ORDER

181 Chas. E. Hosmer,	\$3 00	
206 Chas. Silva,	3 50	
208 Chas. E. Hosmer,	3 00	
230 Chas. E. Hosmer,	2 40	
274 Chas. E. Hosmer,	2 40	
343 J. N. Peck, express,	25	
389 Chas. E. Hosmer,	7 75	
402 E. L. Crouch,	6 90	
Total,	<hr/>	\$29 20
Overdrawn,		\$4 20

## MEAT INSPECTION

Appropriation,

\$100 00

## PAID

## ORDER

60 E. P. Hosmer,	\$14 28	
130 " " "	7 14	
164 " " "	7 14	
209 " " "	7 14	
227 " " "	7 14	
272 " " "	7 13	
321 " " "	14 28	
341 " " "	7 13	

373 E. P. Hosmer

7 13

425 " " "

7 13

Total,

\$85 64

Unexpended,

\$14 36

## HOWE PLACE

Received for rent,

\$133 50

## PAID

## ORDER

8 Geo. H. Phelps, repairing pump,

\$ 2 50

11 Washburn and Garfield, supplies for pump,

6 67

71 C. Arthur Marsh, insurance,

5 00

281 Alfred Maccabee, sash and glass,

2 65

306 N. A. Harrington, insurance,

12 60

310 Napoleon Boucher, labor,

1 35

315 H. H. Pike, taxes,

48 83

419 C. Arthur Marsh, insurance,

5 00

Total,

\$84 60

Balance in favor of town,

\$48 90

## WEST ROAD

Special appropriation 1916 \$500.00, and 1917 \$500.00,

\$1,000 00

Received from State,

1,889 00

\$2,889 00

## PAID

## ORDER

290 Framingham Contracting Co.,

\$1,000 00

396 H. C. Eames,

3 50

432 Alfred Maccabee,

90

Paid on orders from Highway Engineer,

1,833 50

Total,

\$2,837 90

Unexpended,

57 10

Net cost to town,

\$947 30



## GROVE STREET

Special appropriation 1916 \$500.00, and 1917 \$500.00, \$1,000 00

## PAID

## ORDER

308 Framingham Contracting Co.,	\$850 00
337 " " "	137 90
Total,	<hr/> \$987 90
Unexpended,	\$12 10

Financial condition of the town for year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

## LIABILITIES

## OUTSTANDING NOTES

Henry C. Eames, 6 notes of \$500 each at 4% interest,	
first due Jan. 1st, 1919 and one each succeeding year,	\$3,000 00
Other liabilities estimate,	100 00
	<hr/> \$3,100 00

## RESOURCES

Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	\$617 21
Uncollected taxes,	2,236 55
Due from State on account of state aid,	216 00
" " " " " " High School tuition,	607 50
" " " " " " High School transportation,	491 55
" " " " " " State school fund,	1,290 99
" " " " " " Trade School tuition,	67 50
" " " " " " Superintendent's salary,	62 50
" " interest on County Trust funds,	73 50
Total,	<hr/> \$5,663 30
Balance in favor of the town,	\$2,563 30

## LIST OF JURORS

As prepared in accordance with Chapter 348, Acts of Year 1907

Edwin F. Crouch,  
Arthur W. Dwyer,  
Frank A. Pierce,  
Herbert S. Robinson,  
Geo. H. Phelps,  
Geo. Van Wyck, Jr.

FRED L. DURGIN,  
GEORGE H. WHITNEY,  
ALBERT A. CROUCH,  
*Selectmen of Paxton.*

# Annual Report of Electric Light Committee

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

## PAID FOR CURRENT

ORDER						
5	Worcester Electric Light Co. for Dec.,					\$72 90
9	"	"	"	"	" Jan.,	73 80
14	"	"	"	"	" Feb.,	74 10
16	"	"	"	"	" Mar.,	72 00
20	"	"	"	"	" Apr.,	69 30
23	"	"	"	"	" May,	70 20
25	"	"	"	"	" June,	64 80
30	"	"	"	"	" July,	72 30
35	"	"	"	"	" Aug. and Sept.,	151 80
39	"	"	"	"	" Oct.,	76 50
47	"	"	"	"	" Nov.,	81 30
	Total,					<u>\$879 00</u>

## CARE OF PLANT

### PAID

ORDER						
4	S. L. Clapp, for December,					\$10 00
10	"	"	"	" January,		10 00
12	"	"	"	" February,		10 00
15	"	"	"	" March,		10 00
19	"	"	"	" April,		10 00
21	"	"	"	" May,		10 00
26	"	"	"	" June,		10 00
27	"	"	"	" July,		10 00
34	"	"	"	" August and September,		20 00
42	"	"	"	" October,		10 00
51	"	"	"	" November,		10 00
						<u>\$120 00</u>

## NEW WORK

## PAID

## ORDER

13 E. W. Ham Electric Co., wire, etc.,	\$102 38	
29 S. L. Clapp,	11 00	
33 E. W. Ham Electric Co.,	4 45	
	<hr/>	\$117 83

## HOUSE LAMPS

## PAID

## ORDER

22 Coghlin & Wilson,	\$10 00
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## INSURANCE

## PAID

## ORDER

18 C. Arthur Marsh,	\$105 72
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## STREET LAMPS

## PAID

## ORDER

11 E. W. Ham Electric Co.,	\$49 80
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## DEPRECIATION

## PAID

## ORDER

1 L. M. Robinson,	\$4 20	
2 " "	8 10	
3 " "	2 40	
8 Delta Electric Co.,	52 29	
	<hr/>	\$66 99

Total expense for all purposes,	\$1,453 95
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## RECEIPTS

Domestic lighting,	\$1,485 04	
Municipal lighting,	29 36	
Power,	249 84	
	<hr/>	\$1,764 24
Balance,		\$310 65

## LIABILITIES

Worcester Electric Light Co., current for Dec.,	\$77 70	
S. L. Clapp, care of plant for Dec.,	<u>10 00</u>	\$87 70

## RESOURCES

Cash in hands of town treasurer,	\$400 04	
Due for current,	<u>218 74</u>	\$618 78
		<u>87 70</u>
Balance in favor of the town,		\$531 08

FRED L. DURGIN,  
ARTHUR W. DWYER.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917

HENRY H. PIKE, *Collector*

## Taxes of 1916:

*Dr.*

To uncollected taxes of 1916,	\$2,351 06
To interest collected on the same,	47 91
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	\$2,398 97

*Cr.*

By amounts paid town treasurer,	\$2,394 97	
By amount abated,	4 00	\$2,398 97

## Taxes of 1917:

*Dr.*

To tax levy of 1917,	\$6,856 16
To amount of interest collected,	9 02
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	\$6,865 18

*Cr.*

By amounts paid town treasurer,	\$4,608 09	
By amount of abatements,	20 54	
By amount of uncollected taxes,	2,236 55	
	<hr/>	\$6,865 18

HENRY H. PIKE, *Collector*.

PAXTON, Dec. 31, 1917.

Approved by Louie M. Robinson, *Town Auditor*.

Jan. 1st, 1918.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

*Dr.*

To balance at last settlement,		\$2,186 41
Rec'd of Tax Collector,	\$7,003 06	
" State School Fund,	1,393 32	
" J. L. Johnson Howe Farm Rent,	133 50	
" State Industrial School Tuition,	75 54	
" Sumner Foskett, butcher's license,	1 00	
" Ed. J. Fitzgerald, liquor license,	500 00	
" State annual inspection,	12 50	
" Interest on Poor Fund,	42 08	
" John Trum, butcher's license,	1 00	
" Mary A. Davis Cemetery Lot,	15 00	
" Central District Court,	56 75	
" A. F. Stevens, hall rent,	92 00	
" P. J. Shea, club license,	100 00	
" Wm. L. Maccabee, land,	25 00	
" State Corp. Tax, public service,	82 59	
" State Corp. Tax business,	21 43	
" State Income Tax,	435 78	
" State High School Tuition,	1,542 50	
" State High School, transportation,	1,191 60	
" Worcester Bank & Trust Co., note,	2,000 00	
" School Superintendent, salary,	125 00	
" State Highway Commission,	1,889 00	
" H. S. Robinson, anniversary books,	63 00	
" State—State Aid,	216 00	
" State Soldiers' Exemption Fund	29 29	

Rec'd of H. S. Robinson, Int. on Boynton		
Fund	300 00	
" County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	84 67	
	<hr/>	\$19,618 62

*Cr.*

Paid on Town orders,	\$10,503 41	
" Bureau of Statistics	2 00	
" Highway Tax,	180 00	
" Worcester Bank & Trust Co., Note,	2,000 00	
" Worcester Bank & Trust Co.,		
interest,	22 50	
" H. C. Eames, note,	2,000 00	
" H. C. Eames, interest,	80 00	
" State Treasurer, liquor license,	150 00	
" Paxton Electric Light Dept.,	640 00	
" County tax,	490 00	
" Framingham Contracting Co.,	1,833 50	
" State tax,	1,110 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,001 41
Cash on hand,		\$617 21

## TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Trust Funds in hands of LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer*,  
as shown in Deposit Books, Jan. 1st, 1918.

D. R. Boynton Poor Fund,		\$1,020 84
C. D. Boynton Record Building Fund,		124 04
David F. & Persis G. Boynton Cemetery Fund,		100 00
John & Lucretia Warren,	" "	100 00
Stephen Streeter,	" "	100 00
Ralph Earle,	" "	100 00
Elizabeth Goodard,	" "	100 00
David G. Davis,	" "	100 00
Oliver Goodnow	" "	400 00
Waite,	" "	150 00
Geo. B. Newton,	" "	100 00

Clarissa Parker,	Cemetery Fund	100 00
E. A. Howe,	" "	100 00
Sarah J. Prouty,	" "	1,000 00
N. Clark,	" "	100 00
Foster T. Merriam,	" "	100 00
Josiah O. Keep,	" "	100 00
Francis Keep,	" "	500 00
D. R. Boynton,	" "	100 00
Bemis,	" "	100 00
Hubbard,	" "	200 00
Maria L. Smith,	" "	100 00
Woodward,	" "	100 00
Tyler Bemis,	" "	100 00
John O. Howe,	" "	100 00
Simon Abbott,	" "	1,000 00
C. D. Boynton,	" "	100 00
Simon G. Harrington,	" "	100 00
Wood,	" "	100 00
William Harrington,	" "	100 00
Bradley Livermore,	" "	100 00

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

## Paxton Electric Light Department

LEWIS S. CLAPP in account with the Paxton Electric Light Department.

*Dr.*

To balance on hand at last settlement,		\$177 50
Rec'd for Domestic Light,	\$1,485 04	
"    "    Power,	249 84	
"    "    Municipal Light,	29 36	
"    "    Lamps,	9 85	
"    "    Fuse Plugs,	30	
"    of Town of Paxton,	640 00	
"    "    Depreciation Fund,	97 19	
		\$2,689 08

*Cr.*

Paid Town orders,	\$1,453 59	
"    Depreciation Fund,	195 45	
"    Interest,	140 00	
"    Note,	500 00	
		\$2,289 04
Cash on hand,		\$400 04

### DEPRECIATION FUND

Total amount in the Depreciation Fund as shown by Deposit Book Jan. 1st, 1918,	\$208 64
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### OUTSTANDING NOTES, Jan. 1, 1918.

July 1st, 1914,	H. C. Eames at 4%, due Jan. 1st, 1919,	\$500 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	1920,	500 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	1921,	500 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	1922,	500 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	1923,	500 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	1924,	500 00

January 1st, 1918

LEWIS S. CLAPP, *Treasurer.*

## Report of Trustee of C. D. Boynton Fund

Cash in People's Savings Bank, Worcester	\$2,700 00	
Cash in Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,748 00	
Cash in Worcester County Inst. for Savings,	1,600 00	
Cash in Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester,	1,600 00	
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		\$7,648 00
Int. rec'd from People's Bank,	\$109 08	
" " Worcester Five Cent Bank,	70 60	
" " Worcester County Institute,	64 64	
" " Mechanic's Bank,	64 64	
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		\$308 96
Cash paid L. S. Clapp, Town Treasurer,	\$300 00	
Cash paid H. S. Robinson, services,	8 96	
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		\$308 96

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ROBINSON,

*Trustee.*

PAXTON, Mass., Jan. 1, 1918.

# Report of Overseers of the Poor

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1918

*Dr.*

To cash received from case 29,	\$66 97	
To cash on hand,	70	
To cash received of Town,	442 08	
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		\$509 75

*Cr.*

By cash paid Charlton Poor Farm Asso.,	\$173 00
" paid H. H. Pike, 8 meetings,	12 00
" paid H. H. Pike, team and carfare,	18 15
" paid Mrs. Allison, Case 22,	20 50
" paid Dr. R. A. Race, Case 26,	12 00
" paid S. L. Clapp, Case 26,	2 00
" paid Hahnemann Hospital, Case 26,	18 00
" paid City Hospital, Case 27,	28 57
" paid for expense, Case 22,	6 95
" paid for expense, Case 23,	3 95
" paid for expense, Case 24,	5 10
" paid making returns and telephone,	6 40
" paid postage, blanks, and books,	4 25
" paid City Hospital, Case 28,	13 71
" paid Geo. Van Wyck, Jr., services,	5 00
" paid H. H. Pike, services,	5 00
" paid J. D. Olmstead, services,	5 00
" paid H. C. Eames, Case 26,	3 50



By cash paid A. W. Dwyer, Case 29,	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$480 46
To cash on hand,	\$29 29	
	<hr/>	\$509 75
Town granted sum of	\$400 00	
Interest of D. R. Boynton Fund,	42 08	
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	\$442 08	
Received of Town,	\$442 08	
Cash on hand last settlement,	70	
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	\$442 78	
Cash on hand,	29 29	
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Making total cost for past year,		\$413 49
Board of inmates at Charlton, $52\frac{1}{7}$ weeks, at \$3.085 per week.		
HENRY H. PIKE,	}	<i>Overseers</i>
GEORGE VAN WYCK, Jr.		
		<i>of Poor.</i>

## Annual Report of the Charlton Poor Farm Association

For the Year ending December 31, 1917

In presenting this annual report, the Management of the Association feel gratified that in spite of the fact that every necessity of life costs more than last year, the cost per week has been brought down considerably. The Association is fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Wheeler as Warden and Matron for another year, beginning April 1, 1918.

The town of Charlton has repainted the entire interior of the house and installed a large refrigerator. The refrigerator is large enough to hold supplies of meats and provisions in sufficient quantities, so that they can be bought at wholesale, thereby making quite a saving.

The officers of the Association are: President, William H. Parkman, Oakham, Mass.; Vice-President, Aaron L. Potter, Holden, Mass.; Secretary and Treasurer, Louis M. Hanff, Rutland, Mass.; Auditors, Horace P. Jacobs, Auburn, Mass.; and A. Fred Putnam, Charlton, Mass.

The financial report follows:

RECEIPTS			
Milk	\$1,851 73	Miscellaneous,	124 44
Eggs,	47 10	Board,	784 22
Stock,	272 00	Inmates' Board,	3,204 74
Outside Labor,	50 42	Assessments,	620 03
Produce,	194 30		<hr/>
			\$7,148 98

EXPENDITURES			
Carl M. Wheeler and		Telephone,	31 34
Wife, salary,	\$750 00	Filling Silo,	50 00
Inside Labor,	260 70	Blacksmithing,	21 46
Outside Labor,	301 56	Coal,	328 87
Groceries,	1,145 42	Medical Attendance,	45 40
Meats and Fish,	574 27	Tobacco,	67 61
Clothing,	92 04	Fire Proof Safe,	30 00
Hardware,	59 17	Seeds,	31 08
Grain,	961 33	Mattresses,	90 00
Insurance,	120 58	Rent and Interest,	585 96
Oil,	27 55		<hr/>
Miscellaneous,	240 30		\$6,101 99
Supplies,	231 02	Balance in favor of	
Drugs,	47 33	the Association,	\$1,046 99
Stock,	9 00		<hr/>

This amount will be credited to the several towns belonging to the Association in proportion to the amount paid to the Association for board of inmates during the year 1917.

Cash received and due from towns of the Association for Board of inmates:

Charlton	5 inmates	108 weeks	\$486 07
Holden	4 "	130 5-7 weeks	586 36
Princeton	1 inmate	52 weeks	234 63
Oakham	1 "	34 1-7 weeks	155 56
Westminster	1 "	52 weeks	234 63
Rutland	1 "	52 weeks	234 63
Hubbardston	1 "	10 3-7 weeks	46 93
Hardwick	1 "	3 weeks	13 50
Paxton	1 "	52 weeks	234 63
Sterling	2 inmates	104 weeks	469 26

Millbury	2 inmates	112 1-7 weeks	508 54
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			\$3,204 74

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, *President*

LOUIS M. HANFF, *Sec. and Treas.*

CHARLTON, MASS.,

January 1, 1918.

HENRY H. PIKE,

*For the Town of Paxton.*

## Report of Cemetery Trustees, 1917

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Town appropriated the sum of	\$200 00
Received for standing grass on Mooreland Cemetery,	27 00
Paid for 368 lot markers for Mooreland Cemetery	\$49 47
Leaving unexpended,	\$177 53

ARTHUR W. DWYER }  
HENRY H. PIKE }

*Cemetery  
Trustees*

## Report of the Trustees of the Public Library

In accordance with numerous requests to have the library opened more than one day a week the trustees, at their annual meeting, voted to open the library Wednesday afternoons, and Saturday afternoons and evenings. This custom was continued until Jan. 1, 1918 when it was decided, that owing to lack of fuel, it was best to discontinue the Wednesday opening.

The librarian's report shows that 2970 books were circulated during the year and that there were 180 patrons.

The library is indebted to the following persons for volumes donated: Mr. C. A. Kilton, Mr. A. E. Gray, and Mr. Ora Howard. There were added by purchase 30 volumes, and 27 volumes were received from the Massachusetts Library Commission. Traveling library No. 134 was exchanged for library No. 57.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### *Dr.*

To cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917,	\$10 29	
Received from town, appropriation,	50 00	
"        "        "        Dog Fund,	84 67	
"        "        librarian,	10 00	
		\$154 96

#### *Cr.*

By cash paid Librarian's salary, to Jan. 1, 1917	\$59 50	
For books,	46 30	
For supplies,	3 00	
For express,	1 70	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918,	44 46	
		\$154 96

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

*Secretary.*

PAXTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1918.



## Auditor's Report

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This is to certify that I have examined all bills and vouchers in the hands of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Overseers of Poor and all other bills of the Town and to my best knowledge and belief I find the same are correct.

Approved,

L. M. ROBINSON,  
*Auditor.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOLS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
PAXTON, MASS.

For the Year ending January 1, 1918



COMMITTEE:

FREDERICK W. FLINT

E. MABEL DURGIN

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

# School Statistics 1916-1917

GRADES	TEACHERS		Educated at	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent Attendance
VII, VIII	Mary F. Concannon	1916-17	Lowell Normal	12	9.8	9.6	98
	Edna L. Pinkert	1917-	Salem Normal				
IV, V, VI	Flora E. Barclay	1916-	Worcester Normal	25	22.7	20.7	91.2
I, II, III	Anna G. Fitman	1915-	Worcester Normal	23	22.4	20.6	92
				60	54.9	50.9	93.7

# Report of School Committee

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00	
School Physician,	25 00	
State, on account of Superintendent,	125 00	
Massachusetts School Fund,	1,393 92	
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		\$2,643 92

## EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Salaries,	\$1,239 00	
Superintendent's Salary,	191 68	
Books,	30 09	
Supplies,	42 55	
Janitor,	205 00	
Fuel,	149 15	
Repairs,	66 30	
Grade Transportation,	659 70	
School Committee,	42 50	
School Physician,	34 03	
Miscellaneous,	8 47	
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		\$2,668 47
Overdrawn,		\$24 55

## DETAILED STATEMENT

### TEACHERS

Mary F. Concannon.	\$234 00	
Edna L. Pinkert,	208 00	
Flora E. Barclay,	381 00	
Anna G. Fitman,	416 00	
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		\$1,239 00

## SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Robert I. Bramhall,	\$128 31	
James R. Childs,	60 00	
James R. Childs, express, postage, and telephone,	3 37	
	<hr/>	\$191 68

## BOOKS

MacMillan Co.,	\$3 67	
Edward E. Babb Co.,	25 32	
James R. Childs,	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$30 09

## SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb,	\$4 20	
J. W. Rice, express on supplies,	88	
J. J. Hammett Co.,	18 87	
James R. Childs,	1 20	
J. J. Hammett Co.,	17 40	
	<hr/>	\$42 55

## JANITOR

Mrs. Carrie Stanley,	\$205 00
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## FUEL

Clafin-Sumner Coal Co.,	\$127 50	
Mrs. S. E. Flint, kindling,	3 65	
H. C. Eames, wood,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$149 15

## REPAIRS

Napoleon Boucher, changing grates,	\$2 00	
Napoleon Boucher, setting glass,	50	
Taylor L. Mills, weather strips for windows,	60 00	
Clifton Parkhurst, repairing clocks,	3 00	
F. W. Flint, difference on change of grates,	80	
	<hr/>	\$66 30

## GRADE TRANSPORTATION

A. W. Dwyer,	\$3 20	
John L. Johnson,	158 00	
George H. Phelps,	43 00	
Samuel L. Clapp,	94 40	
Fred L. Durgin,	168 40	
D. W. Graton,	13 20	
Joseph Smith,	95 00	
F. W. Flint,	84 50	
	<hr/>	\$659 70

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert S. Robinson,	\$15 00	
Frederick W. Flint,	20 00	
Mrs. F. L. Durgin,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$42 50

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ransom A. Race, services and supplies,	\$34 03
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## MISCELLANEOUS

F. W. Flint, postage and telephoning,	\$1 22	
F. W. Flint, 2 trips to Holden with auto,	2 00	
Davis Press, letterhead and envelopes,	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$8 47

Total expenditures,	<hr/>	\$2,668 47
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## HIGH SCHOOL

## RESOURCES

State, on account of High School transportation,	\$1,191 60	
State, on account of High School tuition,	1,542 50	
Total resources,	<hr/>	\$2,734 10



## EXPENSES

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

A. W. Dwyer,	\$22 80	
Fred L. Durgin,	314 85	
Samuel L. Clapp,	491 40	
D. Waldo Graton,	94 05	
Joseph Barclay,	24 00	
Mrs. B. F. Barclay,	36 00	
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		\$983 10

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

City of Worcester,	\$1,307 50	
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Total expenditures,	\$2,290 60	

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. FLINT,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

*School Committee.*

## Report of School Physician

PAXTON, MASS., February 1, 1918.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,

Paxton, Mass.:—

At the two school inspections, during the year of 1917-18, the condition of the pupils was much improved over 1916-17.

There were twenty-four vaccinations performed during the year.

Sincerely,

RANSOM A. RACE,  
*School Physician.*

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

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HOLDEN, MASS., Jan. 1, 1918.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
Town of Paxton.

My first report as superintendent of schools, the eighteenth in the series since the formation of the present union, is presented for your consideration.

There has been but one change in teachers, Miss Edna L. Pinkert of Malden succeeding Miss Concannon in the Grammar room. Miss Pinkert has had Salem Normal School training supplemented by two years of study at Lowell Institute, as well as teaching experience. Miss Barclay and Miss Fitman gave five weeks of their vacation to study at the Summer Session of the Normal School at Hyannis and returned to school work with renewed enthusiasm and ideals of service. I believe the teacher who thus keeps abreast with the times and spends vacation time and money in preparing to be a better teacher should receive our most hearty support in the way of salary increase as well as in verbal commendation and loyal co-operation on the part of townspeople, school committee and superintendent. The question of salaries is always with us and just now perhaps is more serious than ever. With living expenses increased from 60% to 100% and an income of \$450 a year, the teacher shows real devotion to her work who spends \$50 or \$60 to attend Summer School.

The first thing a new superintendent does, I suppose, is to survey the school plant and equipment. Paxton is to be congratulated in having a substantial school building well situated and adapted to the needs of all the children of school age. The elimination of the one-room rural school with small enrollment, poor

attendance, meager equipment and inexperienced teachers; the consolidation of schools and the transportation of the scholars to the central building; and the provision for efficient teaching, are all the result of the application of modern business methods to our school system.

Our equipment of books and supplies is adequate for immediate needs with a few exceptions such as maps and dictionaries. The blackboards need resurfacing and there should be another desk and some kindergarten chairs in the Primary room.

#### SCHOOL CENSUS AS AT APRIL 1, 1917

Boys 5 to 7,	13
Girls 5 to 7,	5
Boys 7 to 14,	29
Girls 7 to 14,	26
Boys 14 to 16,	4
Girls 14 to 16,	2
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Total,	124

#### ROLL OF HONOR

The following were neither absent nor tardy during the school year, 1916-1917:

Ellen Obanovitch, Stewart Whitney, Grace Nolden.

The following missed but one day during the year:

Esther and Elsie Carlson, William and Peter Derby, Mildred Stanley. Charles Stevens,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

The amount of the deposits in the Paxton School Savings Bank turned over to me by my predecessor was \$36.13, representing only the small amounts on school pass cards and not the amount on deposit in the Worcester County Institution for Savings. Up to the present I have received on these accounts \$14.35. We are all familiar now with the War-Savings Stamps or Thrift Stamps issued by the Government to enable people with small savings to contribute to the Liberty Loans, and I believe that these stamps offer an excellent opportunity for us all to help finance the war.

They may be purchased at any bank or post office or of the superintendent, may be registered in multiples of \$5, are redeemable in 1923, and pay 4% interest. I hope the children will avail themselves of this opportunity that combines the idea of saving with help given their country.

I would like to call attention to the law requiring that children be vaccinated before entering school. Enforcement of the law lies with the School Committee rather than with the Board of Health in normal times.

The school attendance law covers the period from seven to sixteen years of age and not fourteen as some still seem to think. Unless a child has a "Home Permit" or an Employment Certificate and is regularly employed he must attend school until the age of sixteen.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

## MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE HOUSE

BOSTON

January 2, 1918.

*To the Members of the School Committee:*

With the approach of the annual town meetings, when the question of appropriations is to be taken up, our people should give thoughtful attention to the unusual conditions confronting the schools. Increased costs in every direction bring the towns and cities face to face with the necessity of increasing school appropriations for the coming year. The schools have never before required more thoughtful attention to their needs, and it will not be safe to handicap them with a policy of retrenchment.

It is worthy the attention of the American people that, in spite of enormous expenditures for war purposes, France is giving unprecedented attention to her public schools, and England, for the current year, increased her expenditures for public education 30 per cent. over that for any preceding year.

In the school year, 1915-16, Massachusetts expended approximately \$27,000,000 for public education. This amount was increased to \$28,500,000 for the school year 1916-17. This increase of approximately 6 per cent. shows the serious intention of our people to maintain a vigorous educational policy. In view of the present situation, Massachusetts cannot afford to relax in any degree her efforts to carry on her schools at highest efficiency.

Education is a long-time investment. Its purpose is to protect democracy through the right training of the youth. Even temporary interference with this purpose, through inadequate financial support, may seriously impair the quality of our future citizenship. In the present crisis, it is imperative that towns and cities give careful consideration to the needs of the schools.

Sincerely yours,

PAYSON SMITH,

*Commissioner of Education.*



# TOWN WARRANT

## 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 fourth 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, Superintendent of Streets, two Constables, and three members of the Board of Health, each for the term of one year, one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, and one for one year, and two Trustees of the Public Library for three years. One member Electric Light Committee for three years, one for two years. One member Cemetery Commissioners for three years, and one member of Board of Water Commissioners for three years, and one for two 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 may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sums as may be deemed necessary for the support of the Town's Poor, repairs of Highways and Bridges, for the support of the Public Schools, and transportation of pupils, breaking out roads, for fire purposes, 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, and choose a committee for Memorial Day.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the support of the library, or act in any way thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will grant a sum of money with which to pay proper charge of a Surety 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 8. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation to be paid the Collector for the ensuing year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. 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 revenue of the present municipal year beginning January 1, 1918 to an amount not exceeding in aggregate, three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) and to issue a note or notes payable within one year, or act in any way thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars (\$10) and appropriate as much of it as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 503, Acts of 1906, relating to the appointment of School Physicians.

Article 12. To see if the town will fix the compensation for labor on the highways the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what action the town will take regarding the care and rental of the town hall and also care of the clock the ensuing year.

Article 14. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended in care and improvement of the Common, or act in any way thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to be expended by the Tree Warden the ensuing year.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the inspection of meat and slaughtering, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the transportation of high school pupils, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to keep the road leading from Paxton to Worcester open for automobiles during the winter, or act in any way thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will elect a municipal fuel committee to look into the town's fuel situation and grant a sum of money for that purpose.

Article 20. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to extend the street lights on the highways.

Article 21. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the rights of the town in regard to Boynton Park, or act in any way thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Mooreland Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to employ counsel when in his judgment it is necessary in the collection of taxes.

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to install electric lights in the committee room at the Schoolhouse, or act in any way thereon.

An Act relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants, "to take effect upon its acceptance by any town in which it applies at any annual town meeting."

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 eleventh day of February, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

GEORGE H. WHITNEY	} <i>Selectmen</i> of Paxton.
ALBERT A. CROUCH	