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REPORT OF AN AUDIT
OF
THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE TOWN OF PAXTON

For the Period from April 11, 1943 to April 26, 1944

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44,
General Laws

June 21, 1944

*To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harold F. Hansen, Chairman
Paxton, Massachusetts*

GENTLEMEN:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from April 11, 1943 to April 26, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts

*Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston*

SIR:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from April 11, 1943, the date of the previous audit, to April 26, 1944, and report thereon as follows:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked and verified by comparison with the reports and the records in the town accountant's office.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on April 26, 1944, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments by the treasurer were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the various trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, and the income was proved.

The cash book additions were verified, and the treasurer's cash balance on April 26, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The commitments of taxes were examined and verified by comparison with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified by comparison with the treasurer's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The outstanding accounts were verified by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the selectmen and town clerks as to licenses and permits granted were checked and the payments to the town and to the State were verified.

The attention of the town clerk is called to the provisions of law requiring monthly payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game of receipts from dog and sporting licenses issued.

The recorded receipts for the rental of municipal buildings were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. The commitments were proved, the collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and compared with the accountant's ledger.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the public welfare and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$18,260 09
Receipts April 11 to December 31, 1943	93,514 66
	\$111,774 75
Payments April 11 to December 31, 1943, per warrants	\$65,320 15
Balance December 31, 1943	46,454 60
	\$111,774 75

Balance January 1, 1944	\$46,454 60
Receipts January 1 to April 26, 1944	25,622 18
	\$72,076 78

Payments January 1 to April 26, 1944:	
Per warrants	\$44,452 15
In anticipation of warrants	2 00
	\$44,454 15

Balance April 26, 1944:	
Worcester County Trust Company, per check register	\$14,623 80
Worcester County Trust Company, per check register	3,949 41
Worcester County Insti- tution for Savings, per book #360877	2,000 00
Peoples Savings Bank, per book #206037	210 06
Worcester County Insti- tution for Savings, per book #252520	5,799 40
Cash in office, verified	1,039 96

27,622 63

\$72,076 78

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST COMPANY

Balance April 26, 1944, per statement	\$14,894 73
Balance April 26, 1944, per check register	\$14,623 80
Outstanding checks April 26, 1944, per list	270 93
	\$14,894 73

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST COMPANY ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Balance April 26, 1944, per statement	\$3,954 61
Balance April 26, 1944, per check register	\$3,949 41
Outstanding checks April 26, 1944, per list	5 20
	\$3,954 61

TAXES—1942

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$4,324 56
Payments to treasurer April 11 to December 31, 1943	\$4,028 71
Outstanding December 31, 1943	295 85
	\$4,324 56

Outstanding January 1, 1944	\$295 85
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$183 05
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	112 80
	\$295 85

TAXES—1943

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per pre- vious audit (polls)	\$ 70 00
Commitment April 11 to December 31, 1943, per warrant:	
Personal	\$ 3,448 73

Real estate	30,611 81	
		34,060 54
Payment and abatement refunded April 11 to December 31, 1943		2 00
		\$34,132 54
Payments to treasurer April 11 to December 31, 1943	27,271 51	
Abatements April 11 to December 31, 1943	169 20	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	6,691 83	
		\$34,132 54
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Outstanding January 1, 1944	6,691 83	
Payments and abatements refunded 1943—charged to overlay 1943	113 60	
		\$6,805 43
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	2,219 48	
Taxes 1943 added to tax titles, not previously reported	4 00	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list:		
Personal	\$ 526 08	
Real estate	4,055 81	
	4,581 95	
		\$6,805 43

TAXES 1944—POLLS

Commitment January 1 to April 16, 1944, per warrant:		
Reported	\$610 00	
Not reported	10 00	
		\$620 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	454 00	
Abatements January 1 to April 26, 1944, not previously reported	100 00	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	66 00	
		\$620 00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$491 03	
Commitment April 11 to December 31, 1943, per warrants	563 41	
Payments and abatements refunded April 11 to December 31, 1943	19 98	\$1,074 42
Payments to treasurer April 11 to December 31, 1943	945 79	
Abatements April 11 to December 31, 1943	21 98	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	106 65	\$1,074 42
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Outstanding January 1, 1944		\$106 65
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	44 83	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	61 82	\$106 65

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

Commitment January 1 to April 26, 1944, per warrant		\$269 39
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$258 78	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	10 61	\$269 39

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Cash on hand April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$ 2 45	
Interest and cost collections:		
April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1942	\$137 07	

Levy of 1943	15 32	152 39	
January 1 to April 26, 1944:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1942	4 78		
Levy of 1943	27 52		
Motor vehicle ex- cise taxes:			
Levy of 1943	35	32 65	
			\$187 49
Payments to treasurer:			
April 11 to December 31, 1943		154 84	
January 1 to April 26, 1944		32 65	
			\$187 49

TAX TITLES

Balance April 11, 1943, per previous audit		\$25 52
Balance December 31, 1943		\$25 52
Balance January 1, 1944	\$25 52	
Taxes 1943 added to tax titles, not previously reported	4 00	
		\$29 52
Balance April 26, 1944, per list		\$29 52

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance April 11, 1943, per previous audit		\$7,260 37
Tax possessions sold April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 235 00	
Balance December 31, 1943 and April 26, 1944, per list	7,025 37	
		\$7,260 37

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Cash balance April 11, 1943, per pre- vious audit	\$ 50
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Licenses and permits issued April 11
to December 31, 1943:

Liquor	\$600 00
Innholder	5 00
Common victualler	6 00
Sunday	10 00
Milk and cream	1 00
Revolver	5 00

627 00

Liquor license advertising costs

6 88

\$634 38

Payments to treasurer April 11 to Dec.
31, 1943

633 38

Outstanding December 31, 1943

1 00

\$634 38

Outstanding January 1, 1944

1 00

Licenses and permits issued January
1 to May 3, 1944:

Common victualler	\$2 00
Sunday	4 00
Revolver	1 00
Denatured alcohol	1 00

8 00

\$9 00

Payments to treasurer:

January 1 to April 26, 1944

6 00

April 27 to May 3, 1944

2 00

8 00

Outstanding May 3, 1944 (revolver
permits)

1 00

\$9 00

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Charges April 11 to December 31, 1943

\$97 00

Payments to treasurer April 11 to

December 31, 1943

\$59 50

Outstanding December 31, 1943	37 50	\$97 00
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Outstanding January 1, 1944	37 50	
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944	31 75	\$69 25
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944		\$69 25

TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$ 59 00	
Licenses issued April 11 to December 31, 1943:		
Male, 81 @ \$2.00	\$162 00	
Female, 16 @ \$5.00	80 00	
Spayed female, 11 @ \$2.00	22 00	
	264 00	\$323 00
Payments to treasurer April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943	300 20	
Fees retained April 11 to December 31, 1943, 108 @ \$.20	21 60	
Cash balance December 31, 1943	1 20	\$323 00
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Cash balance January 1, 1944	1 20	
Licenses issued January 1 to April 26, 1944:		
Male, 10 @ \$2.00	\$20 00	
Female, 3 @ \$5.00	15 00	
Spayed female, 3 @ \$2.00	6 00	
	41 00	\$42 20
Fees retained January 1 to April 26, 1944, 16 @ \$.20	3 20	

Cash on hand April 26, 1944, verified	39 00	
		\$42 20

TOWN CLERK

SPORTING LICENSES

Cash on hand April 11, 1943, per previous audit	\$ 6 25
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Licenses issued April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943:

Series 1, 34 @ \$ 2.00	\$68 00
2, 37 @ 2.00	74 00
3, 18 @ 3.25	58 50
4, 9 @ 1.25	11 25
11, 1 @ 10.25	10 25
13, 1 @ .50	50

222 50

\$228 75

Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game April 11 to December 31, 1943

126 50

Fees retained April 11 to December 31, 1943, 99 @ \$.25

24 75

Cash balance December 31, 1943

77 50

\$228 75

Cash balance January 1, 1944

77 50

Licenses issued January 1 to April 26, 1944:

Series 1	\$ 84 00
2	22 00
3	133 25
4	10 00
10	5 25

254 50

\$332 00

Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1 to April 26, 1944

221 25

Fees retained January 1 to April 26, 1944, 103 @ \$.25	25 75	
Cash on hand April 26, 1944, verified	85 00	
		\$332 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance April 11, 1943, per pre- vious audit	\$1 25	\$7 66
Payments to treasurer April 11 to December 31, 1943	6 51	
Cash balance December 31, 1943	1 15	\$7 66
Cash balance January 1, 1944	1 15	
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944	10	\$1 25
Cash balance April 26, 1944		\$1 25

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Charges April 11 to December 31, 1943	\$435 43
Payments to treasurer April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943	\$435 43
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$86 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$86 00

BUREAU OF OLD ASSISTANCE

Charges April 11 to December 31, 1943	\$2,217 31
Payments to treasurer April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943	\$2,217 31
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$165 90
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$165 90

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per previ- our audit	\$ 2,822 99
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Charges April 11 to December 31, 1943	21,164 19	
		\$23,987 18

Payments to treasurer April 11 to Dec. 31, 1943	23,049 98	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	937 20	
		\$23,987 18

Outstanding January 1, 1944	937 20	
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944	10,801 75	
		\$11,738 95

Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	10,752 02	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	937 69	
Cash on hand April 26, 1944, verified	49 24	
		\$11,738 95

METER DEPOSITS

Balance April 11, 1943, per previous audit		\$237 01
Receipts April 11 to December 31, 1943:		
Deposits	\$60 00	
Interest on deposits	2 30	
	62 30	
		\$299 31

Refunds April 11 to December 31, 1943:		
Deposits	\$55 00	
Interest	3 70	
	58 70	
Balance December 31, 1943	240 61	
		\$299 31

Balance January 1, 1944	240 61	
Receipts January 1 to April 26, 1944:		
Deposits	\$5 00	

Interest on deposits	2 15		
		7 15	
			\$247 76
Refunds January 1 to April 26, 1944:			
Deposits	\$35 00		
Interest	2 70		
		37 70	
Balance April 26, 1944, Peoples Sav-			
ings Bank #206037:			
Deposits	\$210 00		
Interest	06		
		210 06	
			\$247 76

WATER DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per previ-			
ous audit		\$1,004 04	
Charges April 11 to December 31,			
1943		2,748 52	
			\$3,752 56
Payments to treasurer April 11 to			
December 31, 1943		3,742 56	
Abatements April 11 to December 31,			
1943		10 00	
			\$3,752 56
Charges January 1 to April 26, 1944			\$1,487 60
Payments to treasurer January 1 to			
April 26, 1944		734 89	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list		376 93	
Cash on hand April 26, 1944, verified		375 78	
			\$1,487 60

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding April 11, 1943, per previ-			
ous audit		\$ 42 00	

Charges April 11 to December 31, 1943	106 00	\$148 00
Payments to treasurer April 11 to December 31, 1943	76 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1943	71 50	\$148 00
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Outstanding January 1, 1944		\$71 50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to April 26, 1944	\$12 00	
Outstanding April 26, 1944, per list	58 00	
Cash on hand April 26, 1944, verified	1 50	\$71 50

D. RUSSELL BOYNTON CHARITY FUND

		SAVINGS	
		DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943		\$1,091 68	\$1,091 68
On hand at end of year 1943		\$1,070 59	\$1,070 59
On hand April 26, 1944		\$1,081 29	\$1,081 29
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 11 to December 31, 1943			
Withdrawn from sav-		Transfer to town	\$32 00
ings deposits	\$21 09		
Income	10 91		
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	\$32 00		\$32 00
January 1 to April 26, 1944			
		Added to savings	
Income	\$10 70	deposits	\$10 70

EDWARD D. BIGELOW SCHOOL FUND

		SAVINGS	
		DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943		\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

On hand at end of year 1943	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand April 26, 1944	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Income	\$10 00	Transfer to town	\$10 00
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January 1 to April 26, 1944

Income	\$10 00	Transfer to town	\$10 00
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 GEORGE L. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

SAVINGS

DEPOSITS

TOTAL

On hand April 11, 1943	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand at end of year 1943	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand April 26, 1944	\$500 00	\$500 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Income	\$5 00	Transfer to town	\$5 00
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January 1 to April 26, 1944

Income	\$5 00	Transfer to town	\$5 00
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 RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

SAVINGS SECURITIES

DEPOSITS

PAR VALUE

TOTAL

On hand April 11, 1943	\$168 87	\$1,500 00	\$1,668 87
On hand at end of year 1943	\$168 87	\$1,500 00	\$1,668 87
On hand April 26, 1944	\$168 87	\$1,500 00	\$1,668 87

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Income	\$2 10	Transfer to town	\$2 10
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January 1 to April 26, 1944

Income	\$84 60	Transfer to town	\$84 60
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EDWARD D. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	SECURITIES PAR VALUE	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,271 47
On hand at end of year 1943	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,271 47
On hand April 26, 1944	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,271 47

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
April 11 to December 31, 1943	
Income \$448 69	Transfer to town \$448 69
January 1 to April 26, 1944	
Income \$332 18	Transfer to town \$332 18

EDWARD D. BIGELOW VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT
FUND

	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943	\$1,040 51	\$1,040 51
On hand at end of year 1943	\$1,053 51	\$1,053 51
On hand April 26, 1944	\$1,066 67	\$1,066 67

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
April 11 to December 31, 1943	
Income \$13 00	Added to savings deposits \$13 00
January 1 to April 26, 1944	
Income \$13 16	Added to savings deposits \$13 16

C. D. BOYNTON FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

IN CUSTODY OF HERBERT S. ROBINSON, TRUSTEE

	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943	\$7,648 00	\$7,648 00

On hand at end of year 1943	\$7,648 00	\$7,648 00
On hand April 26, 1944	\$7,648 00	\$7,648 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Income	\$170 64	Transfer to town	\$162 64
		Administration	8 00
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	\$170 64		\$170 64

January 1 to April 26, 1944

No transactions recorded.

HOME FARM FUND

REAL ESTATE

APPRAISED

	VALUE	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00
On hand April 26, 1944	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Rent	\$315 00	Transfer to town	\$315 00
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January 1 to April 26, 1944

Rent	\$105 00	Transfer to town	\$105 00
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

SAVINGS

	DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 11, 1943	\$16,120 77	\$16,120 77
On hand at end of year 1943	\$16,126 04	\$16,126 04
On hand April 26, 1944	\$16,188 01	\$16,188 01

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 11 to December 31, 1943

Withdrawn from		Added to savings	
savings deposits	\$344 73	deposits	\$350 00
Income	185 07	Transfer to town	529 80
Bequests	350 00		
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	\$879 80		\$879 90

January 1 to April 26, 1944

Income	\$168 80	Added to savings	
Bequest	50 00	deposits	\$ 61 97
		Transfer to town	156 83
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	\$218 80		\$218 80

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

SECURITIES

PAR VALUE

TOTAL

On hand at beginning of year 1944

On hand April 26, 1944

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\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

January 1 to April 26, 1944

Appropriation from		Securities pur-	
town	\$5,000 00	chased	\$5,000 00

BALANCE SHEET—APRIL 26, 1944

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Howe Farm Fund Income	\$ 478 00
In Banks and Office	\$27,624 63	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Income	156 83
Accounts Receivable:		Illig Place Rentals	787 20
Taxes:		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	10 00
Levy of 1942	\$ 112 80	Tailings	48 07
Levy of 1943	4,581 95	Highway Machinery Fund	24 00
Levy of 1944, Polls	66 00	Dog Licenses—Due County	11 40
	4,760 75	Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Old Age Assistance:	
Levy of 1943	61 82	Administration	\$ 27 39
Levy of 1944	10 61	Assistance	131 45
	72 43		158 84
Tax Titles	29 52	Overestimate 1943:	
Tax Title Possessions	7,025 37	State Parks and Reservations	
	7,054 89	Assessment	1 12
Electric Light	986 93	Appropriation Balances	37,606 98
Water	752 71	Electric Light:	
Revenue 1944:		Maintenance	2,036 36
Appropriations Voted	\$47,110 38	Depreciation Fund	5,799 40
Debt and Interest Paid—		Construction Fund	2,209 27
To be Raised	5,795 00	Meter Deposit Fund	210 06
1944 Poll Taxes Abated	100 00		10,255 09
	53,005 38	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,814 55
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	

Deduct:		Levy of 1942	112 80	
Polls Assessed	620 00	Levy of 1943	571 21	
Estimated Receipts				684 01
Collected	6,320 96	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
	<hr/>	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 72 43	
	6,940 96	Tax Title	7,054 89	
		Electric Light	986 93	
	46,064 42	Water	752 71	
Underestimate 1943:				8,866 96
County Tax	101 48	Surplus Revenue		<u>26,538 32</u>
Overdrawn Accounts:				
Highways Chapter 81, 1943	58			
Highways Chapter 90, 1943	22 58			
	23 13			
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	\$87,441 37			<hr/>
				\$87,441 37

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$57,500 00	Playground Loan	\$ 1,500 00
		Water Loan	56,000 00
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	\$57,500 00		\$57,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Accounts,

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town

Treasurer

\$52,776 31

In Custody of Trustee

7,648 00

\$60,424 31

D. Russell Boynton Charity Fund \$1,081 29

Edward D. Bigelow School Fund 1,000 00

George E. Bigelow Library Fund 500 00

Richards Memorial Library Fund 1,668 87

Edward D. Bigelow Library Fund 22,271 47

Edward D. Bigelow Village

Improvement Fund 1,066 67

Howe Farm Fund 4,000 00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 16,188 01

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund 5,000 00

\$52,776 31

C. D. Boynton Fund for

General Purposes

7,648 00

\$60,424 31

\$60,424 31

REPORT
OF THE
WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

Twenty-four children attended the pre-school clinic, held November 15, 1944, in the Town Hall.

Examinations were made by Dr. Thomas P. Cunningham, pediatrician and by Dr. Bessie A. Scott, dentist. Mrs. Gonyer, acting school nurse, assisted Dr. Cunningham.

Miss Gordon, nutritionist, and Miss Glidden, nurse, of the State Department of Public Health were present to help with problems relating to diet and health.

Mrs. Butler, the school nurse, is doing the follow-up work for the clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. PRICE,
Chairman

LIST FOR JURORS FOR 1945

CHARLES W. BEARS

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

J. HENRY GOTH

ROBERT L. CARPENTER

HENRY F. O'JANNE

JOHN P. McHALE

GEORGE M. NICHOLS

THOMAS B. MORSE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen met February 10, 1944, and organized as follows:

Harold F. Hansen, Chairman
Arthur J. Crompton, Clerk
Arne J. Niemi, Third Member

The following permits were issued during the year for new buildings, remodelling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$4,700.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued:

- 10 Pistol
- 3 Milk and Cream
- 4 Common Victuallers
- 4 Sunday Ice Cream and Soft Drinks
- 2 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages for 1945
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1945
- 1 Retail Package Goods All Alcoholic Beverages for 1945
- 1 Special Malt
- 2 Discharge Dynamite

We wish to report the following repairs and improvements to the Town owned property. Town Hall, reshingled north side, painted outside of the Hall, installed new lights in Banquet Hall and Assessors' Office, installed new hot water tank in the kitchen, purchased an American Flag and staff, installed a Town Hall sign over front entrance, and made necessary repairs to the heating plant.

Illig property: painted storm windows, installed new

combination door, repaired plaster and papered three rooms. We were unable to install bath room and fixtures due to the war restrictions.

Howe Farm: Shingled entire roof, added pipe line for additional water supply. Many more repairs are necessary, and should be made immediately on this property.

Through joint negotiations with Chester M. Rossier, proprietor of the general store and Post Office, we were able to eliminate a wet and muddy condition by resurfacing between the highway and store.

We have plans with the assistance of the State to re-sod the bank on the west side of the Common, also re-seed the Common, and we would like to ask the cooperation of the young people of the Town to help us to keep the Common attractive by not using it as a playground.

We wish to extend to the State Police of the Holden Barracks our thanks and appreciation of their help and assistance in the past year.

Any comments or suggestions from the citizens of the Town at any time are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. HANSEN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
ARNE J. NIEMI

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Polls Assessed	310
Tax on Each Poll	\$2 00
Rate of Taxation	\$32 00
Value of—	
Taxable Personal Property	\$113,313 00
Taxable Real Estate	956,564 00
Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$1,069,877 00
Tax on—	
Personal Property	\$3,626 02
Real Estate	30,610 05
Polls	620 00
Total Tax Assessed	\$34,856 07
Number of Live Stock Assessed—	
Horses	46
Cows	422
Bulls	11
Heifers	84
Swine	82
Fowl	10,790
Goats	14
Ponies	2
Turkeys	45
Foxes	20 pr.
Number of—	
Dwelling Houses	261
Acres of Land	8932
Value of—	
Stock in Trade	\$ 2,690 00
Machinery	55,178 00
Live Stock	54,795 00

All Other Tangible Property	650 00
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EXEMPT PROPERTY

City of Worcester	\$ 8,700 00
C. D. Boynton Farm, 87 acres	
First Congregational Church Society—	
Church	4,000 00
Parsonage	2,500 00
Town of Paxton—	
Record Building	1,250 00
Town Hall	5,200 00
School House	25,150 00
Library	10,300 00
Common and Soldiers' Monuments	1,500 00
Cemeteries	2,000 00
Playground	300 00
Clark Land	250 00
Illig Land	250 00
Boy Scout Land	2,200 00
Water Dept.—	
Pumping Station, stand pipe, mains and hydrants	74,000 00
Land and Cottage	1,150 00
Electric Light Dept.—	
Poles, fixtures and overhead conductors	25,000 00
Land—West Tatnuck Hgts., Lots 1 and 2, Sec. A	100 00
Sub-stations	3,500 00
Land Foreclosed from Tax Title—	
West Tatnuck Hgts., 159 Lots	3,625 00
Turkey Hill Estates	600 00
2 Fire Trucks	1,800 00
Tractor	1,500 00
Library Books	2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. WOOD, *Chairman*

GEORGE C. HUNT, *Clerk*

FRED E. WATSON

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health was organized February 10, 1944, with the following officers:

Harold F. Hansen, Chairman
Arthur J. Crompton, Clerk
Arne J. Niemi, Third Member

The following contagious diseases were reported during the year:

25 Chicken Pox
2 Scarlet Fever
3 Dog Bites
1 Spinal Meningitis

We are listing below the common diseases declared by the State Department of Public Health as dangerous to the public health, and urge parents to cooperate by promptly reporting them to the Board of Health as required by law.

Chicken Pox	Mumps
Dog Bite (rabid dog)	Scarlet Fever
Diphtheria	Tuberculosis in all forms
German Measles	Typhoid Fever
Measles	Whooping Cough

We wish to thank all those who cooperated with the Board of Health in the removal of the domestic sewage which drained into the surface water drains, as this surface water drain was not designed as a sanitary sewer, and should not be used for that purpose.

We are sorry this work has not been fully completed, but hope to finish the work in the early Spring.

At this time we wish to bring to your attention that the

Board of Health feels that the Town dump in the center of the Town, and in the rear of the school house, should be abolished. We realize that another site must be obtained before the present dump can be closed; therefore, if someone knows where a site for a public dump can be acquired the Board would greatly appreciate the information.

In closing this report, we wish to bring to your attention the rubbish that is disposed of along our highways is what makes our roads unsightly. We would appreciate anyone reporting license numbers to us of any cars you may see whose occupants may be committing such a nuisance. We will do our part to stop this practice.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. HANSEN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
ARNE J. NIEMI

**REPORT
OF THE
C. D. BOYNTON FUND**

	PRIN.	DIV.
Peoples Savings Bank	\$2,700 00	\$54 27
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1,748 00	43 96
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	32 16
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	40 25
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• Totals	\$7,648 00	\$170 64

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Trustee

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Lots Sold	\$700 00	
Amount placed in Trust Fund		\$700 00
Collected from care of lots, not in perpetual care	96 50	
Opening graves	60 00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		156 50
Due from sale of lot		75 00
Income from Trust Funds	325 48	
Paid for care of lots	84 32	
Balance		241 16
Mooreland Cemetery Appropriation	150 00	
Paid for care of lots	105 34	
Balance		44 66
Repairing Fence Appropriation	50 00	
Paid for same	40 00	
Balance		10 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, *Chairman*

ALBERT N. PUTNAM, *Clerk*

DAVIS H. MORRIS

Board of Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 46,454 60	
Receipts—1944	113,194 44	\$159,649 04
Payments per Warrants	111,532 78	
Balance, Dec. 30, 1944	48,116 26	\$159,649 04

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Highway Loan	\$ 5,000 00	
Recreation Field Notes	1,500 00	
Water Bonds	55,000 00	
Water Construction Balance	1,000 00	\$62,500 00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1945

		INTEREST
Highway Loan—Due Feb. 10, 1945	\$5,000 00	
Recreation Field Note—		
Due Mar. 31, 1945	500 00	\$ 82 50
Water Bond—Due Feb. 1, 1945	3,000 00	1,100 00
Due Aug. 1, 1945		1,040 00
Water Construction Balance Note—		
Due March 15, 1945	1,000 00	25 00
	\$9,500 00	\$2,247 50

TRUST FUNDS

	DEC. 31 1944	INCOME 1944	DOG FUND 1944
Library Trust Funds and			
Notes Receivable	\$24,442 16	\$823 56	\$272 04
Cemetery Trust Funds	15,625 00	325 48	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000 00	21 50	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000 00	20 00	
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund	1,000 00	26 48	

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR 1944
FUNDS FOR USE IN 1944

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Dog Fund	272 04	
Unexpended Balance	124 03	696 07
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Income from Trust Fund \$22,271.47		726 86
Income from Geo. Bigelow Fund \$500.00		10 00
Income from Library Fund \$168.87		4 20
Town Note		82 50
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Total Funds available in 1944		\$1,519 63

EXPENDITURES

Salary, Mrs. Robinson	\$480 00	
Salary, A. W. Tannahill	366 00	
Books and magazines	260 90	
Light	24 71	
Fuel	128 22	
Miscellaneous	73 56	
Water	20 00	
Repairs and replacements	90 50	1,443 89
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Unexpended Balance		\$75 74

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL L. CLAPP, *Chairman*
MAY N. LIDSTROM, *Clerk*
MILTON LADD
MARGUERITE CALLAHAN
VERNA HOWLAND

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I hereby submit my third report as Librarian of the Richards Memorial Library.

Total Circulation	6,641
Adult Fiction	3,559
Juvenile Fiction	2,076
Adult Non-Fiction	455
Juvenile Non-Fiction	73
Adult Magazines	349
Juvenile Magazines	120
Others	9
Number of Books Purchased	154
Adult	122
Juvenile	32
Number of Books Borrowed	3
Worcester City Library	1
Mass. State Library	2
Number of Books Donated	49
Various persons	49

We wish to express our gratitude to the persons who have donated these books to the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1944

BIRTHS

JANUARY

- 10 Ruth Ann, dau. of Austin W. and Emma E. (Conroy) Whitney.
28 John David, son of Herbert F. and Ruth H. (Burdett) Wentworth.

FEBRUARY

- 5 ———, dau. of H. Reno, Jr. and Edna E. (Foskett) Kennen.

MARCH

- 21 Christina Louise, dau. of Carl G. and Alice B. (Wiberg) Larson.

APRIL

- 17 Glenn Morse, Jr., son of Glenn M. and Ida J. (Foskett) Willman.

JUNE

- 20 Richard Garber, son of Arthur S., Jr., and Lillian G. (Garber) Palmer.
27 Nancy Carolyn, dau. of Leslie E. and Beatrice (Stewart) Robinson.

JULY

- 10 Nancy, dau. of William, Jr., and Eugenia (Raynis) Arter.

AUGUST

- 16 Patricia Eileen, dau. of Francis W. and Ruth M. (Smith) Brennan.
29 Susan Lillian, dau. of Herbert B. and Lillian G. (Johnson) Hammar.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Dorothy S., dau. of Joseph and Mildred (Leonard) Grensavitch.
- 6 George Carl, son of John C. and Nellie (Latvis) Hyland.
- 23 Francis Patrick, Jr., son of Francis P. and Ruth (Latvis) Fanning.

OCTOBER

- 2 Edmund Joseph, son of Edward J. and Stasia (Pietrewicz) Faucher.
- 3 Sally Mary, dau. of Roy C. and Mary L. (Klimaseski) Larson.

NOVEMBER

- 29 Mary Elizabeth, dau. of William H. and Ruth P. (Sheehan) Olson.
- 29 Robert Lindsay, Jr., son of Robert L. and June R. (LaMotte) Armstrong.

DECEMBER

- 9 Robert Leigh, Jr., son of Robert L. and Myrtle A. (Goss) Eddy.
- 14 David Paul, son of Frederick T. and Dorothy B. (Edwards) Robinson.

MARRIAGES

JANUARY

- 17 Nils Gunnar Brannlund and Laina Alli (Rautia) Kylma of Paxton.

JUNE

- 1 Chester Joseph Witkowski of Worcester and Mary Iola St. Martin of Paxton.
- 24 Donald G. Wyman of Worcester and Gwendolyn A. Maccabee of Paxton.

OCTOBER

- 21 Aleck J. Urbanovitch of Paxton and Rose Gribb of Worcester.

NOVEMBER

- 18 Herbert Otto Carlson of Paxton and Edna May Conger of Worcester.

DECEMBER

- 2 Donald Ray Udell, Jr., of Kelso, Washington, and Gloria Eileen Flint of Paxton.
2 Kenneth E. Van Patten of Seattle, Washington, and Beverly Ruth Flint of Paxton.

DEATHS

		Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
2	Charles A. Kilton	72	10	21
30	Susie E. (Wakefield) Flint	79	10	12
FEBRUARY				
6	———— Kennen		3 hours	
28	John Canute	89	10	24
APRIL				
3	Emily G. Niemi		7	15
MAY				
4	Zina B. Pierce	85	8	22
12	John Thomas McGrath of Worcester	68	4	21
JUNE				
12	Sabina E. (Moore) Barclay	48	3	6
14	John J. Kaylos	55	10	30
28	Nancy C. Robinson			1
JULY				
5	Abel Winterbottom	52	9	5
SEPTEMBER				
30	Herbert S. Robinson	72	3	3

LICENSES ISSUED IN 1944

Dog

93	Males	
15	Females	
19	Spayed Females	
2	Kennel	
	Paid Town Treasurer	\$323 20

HUNTING AND FISHING

65	Resident Fishing	
39	Resident Hunting	
47	Resident Sporting	
25	Resident Female and Minors	
1	Resident Trapping	
1	Sporting and Trapping	
1	Special Non-Resident Fishing	
2	Non-Resident Fishing	
8	Military and Naval Sporting	
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$364 25

If any errors or omissions kindly notify directly.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Acting Town Clerk

INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1944

- 1—Cletrac Tractor and Sargent Snow Plow, 5 ton
- 1—Adams Leaning Wheel Drawn Road Scraper, 2-ton
- 1—Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Frink V Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Motor Driven Sand Spreader
- 1—1-Barrel Tar Heating Tar Kettle
- 1—Walsh Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Blow Torch
- 1—Road Drag

- 1—Road Screen
- 9—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller
- 4—2x4, 16 ft. long
- 150—Chimney Bricks
- 15 Lanterns
- 4—Torches
- 1—Roll Stock Fence Wire
- ½—Roll Barbwire
- 2—Long Handle Shovels
- 11—Snow Shovels
- 20—Worn Out Shovels
- 8—#3 Round Point Shovels
- 6—#2 Round Point Shovels
- 8—#3 Square Point Shovels
- 6—#2 Square Point Shovels
- 12—Picks
- 4—Grub Hoes
- 10—16-Pound Sledge Hammers
- 8—Pick Handles
- 2—Dung Forks
- 2—Push Brooms
- 4—Crow Bars
- 1—Hoe
- 6—Rakes
- 6—Axes
- 2—Cross Cut Saws
- 2—Splitting Wedges
- 1—Saw Set
- 1—Pruning Cutter
- 8—Stone Forks
- 10—Grass Scythes
- 4—Brush Scythes
- 1—Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
- 1—Pipe Tamp
- 2—Earth Tamps
- 1—Cement Tamp

- 2—Stone Drills
- 3—Stone Wedges
- 1—Wheelbarrow
- 1—Oil Can
- 1—Manhole Frame and Cover
- 1—18" Monkey Wrench
- 3—Paint Brushes
- 1—Set of Runners for Tractor Plow
- 3—Cutting Edges for Truck Snow Plows
- 1—Cutting Edge for Scraper
- Several Small Tools in Tractor
- S Wrench, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box Wrenches

REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

No. 3—WEST STREET. Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patching and surface treatments. 2600 gals. T-6 tar—sand cover.

No. 8—RICHARDS AVENUE. Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patch, excavate and gravel shoulders, surface treatment. 12 gals. T-6 tar-sand cover. 950 gals. MC-2 asphalt-sand cover. 1200 gals. T-9 tar—sand cover.

No. 17—RESERVOIR DRIVE. Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patch.

No. 27—MAPLE STREET. Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patching and surface treatments. 400 gals. MC-2—sand cover.

No. 28—HOLDEN ROAD AND GROVE STREET. Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patching and surface treatments. 700 gals. MC-2—sand cover.

FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944

CHAPTER 81, DIST. NO. 3, TOWN OF PAXTON

State Allotment \$3,500		Town Allotment \$2,333				Total Allotment \$5,833			State Pays 60%	
NO.	ROAD NAMES	TOTAL MILES	MILEAGE BY TYPES				B.G.	ALLOT.	EXPEND.	REMARKS—WORK OTHER THAN GEN. MAINTENANCE
			BMA	BMT	GR.	DIRT				
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.23		0.66	\$130	\$ 98 90	
2	Mill St.	0.25			0.25			50	40 25	
3	West St.	2.93					2.93	—	209 44	Maintained under Chapter 90.
4	Spring St.	1.06					1.06	262	377 74	0.04 mi. resurf. & widen 12' to 15'. Exc. 24" deep.
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38			0.53	0.85		197	177 26	
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.52	0.98	0.27	448	492 24	0.39 mi. resurfaced—gravel 15'×4" 0.09 mi.
7	South St.	0.81					0.81	274	186 17	Surface treated, ¼ gal. tar (T-6).
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48			1.67	—	233 34	Maintained under Chapter 90.
9	Pleasant St.			Now State Highway						
10	Soumi St.	1.10					1.10	91	51 80	
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.53	0.04	0.40	936	952 94	0.40 mi. new B.G. surface. 16' wide.
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.08	0.03		34	10 40	
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			106	67 60	
14	Winter St.	0.40				0.40		33	18 30	
15	Marshall St.	2.48			1.63	0.28	0.57	150	583 33	Chapter 90 Sta. 17+50—31+50 B.G.
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24			26	76 25	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22					1.22	—	—	Maintained under Chapter 90.
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52				0.52		78	46 10	
19	Crystal St.	0.32			0.19	0.13		109	64 44	0.04 mi. new gravel 12'×8".
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62				0.62		51	72 48	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35					0.35	50	—	
22	Camp St.	0.73			0.38	0.27	0.08	180	111 86	0.06 mi. ditch exc. 3'×1½". Sur- face honed.
23	Grove St.	2.51			0.60		1.91	875	924 73	0.27 mi. new B.G. surface. 16' wide.
24	Pond St.	0.35			0.35			72	—	

FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944—(Continued)

NO.	ROAD NAMES	TOTAL MILES	MILEAGE BY TYPES					ALLOT.	EXPEND.	REMARKS—WORK OTHER THAN GEN. MAINTENANCE
			BMA	BMT	GR.	DIRT	B.G.			
25	Hillside Rd.									(Discontinued)
26	Streeter Rd.						0.72	83	25 80	
27	Maple St.	0.50					0.50		15 60	
28	Holden Rd.	0.81					0.81			
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13					0.13	93	67 60	Maintained under Chapter 90. Surface treated. ¼ gal. asphalt. (MC-2)
30	Highland Court	0.16	0.04		0.05		0.07	72	56 41	0.11 mi. surf. treated. ¼ gal asphalt. (MC-2)
31	(combined with 6)									
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00			0.45	0.55		714	797 15	0.28 mi. new gravel 14'×9".
33	Sunset Lane	0.46					0.46	207	155 56	Surface treated. ¼ gal. asphalt. (MC-2)
34	Common St.	0.11		0.08			0.03	40		
	Totals	27.76	0.04	0.56	6.74	4.67	15.75	5,361	\$5,913 69	Town has extra allotment for the overrun.
	Reserve							472		
	Allotment							\$5,833		

NO.	NAME	REMARKS	SUMMARY	
4	Spring St.	Gravel 6" deep, 0.17 mi. edge treat. 6' wide ½ gal. asphalt (MC-2). 12'-15" BCCM Pipe (extension).	Labor	\$2,434 60
6	Davis St.	Surface treated. ¼ gal. asphalt (MC-2).	Hired Equipment	2,019 45
11	Laurel St.	2" gravel cap. ½ gal tar (T-4) pene. 1/3 gal. tar (T-6) seal.	Machinery Rental	197 40
15	Marshall St.	Replacing gravel road.	Materials	1,262 24
22	Camp St.	1/3 gal. tar (T-6).	Total	\$5,913 69
23	Grove St.	4" gravel cap. ½ gal. tar (T-4) Pene. 1/3 gal. tar (T-6) seal. 0.15 mi. surface treated. ¼ gal. asphalt (MC-2).		

N. J. DALTON,
District Highway Engineer

REPORT OF THE PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRES

- 1 Shed
- 2 Chimney
- 1 Automobile
- 1 Woodland
- 9 Grass
- 1 False Alarm

106 Permits

22 Investigations where no permits were obtained

We have been very fortunate in not having any serious fires this past year.

Your engineers have worked very hard this last year to bring our fire department up to a higher standard.

We have purchased several of the latest type extinguishers. Also we have equipped our department with several of the new type Rockwood Waterfog nozzles that are being used so successfully.

We ran a series of drills this past Summer to train ourselves in the proper use of our new equipment.

We conducted a muster last fall but were very disappointed that the townspeople did not turn out to inspect the new equipment and its use.

We sincerely hope that we will be rewarded by a large turnout when we run our muster this year.

GEORGE V. CLAPP
WALTER V. PIKE
BERNARD R. REARDON
FRANK G. HATSTAT
WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT
OF THE
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby state that during the year 1944 the following work was done under my direction.

61,728 moth nests were destroyed on the roadsides.

No work has been done on private property as yet.

There is an increase which seems to be double the amount of nests located last year.

NAPOLEON BOUCHER,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1944 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$30,610 05	
Payments to Treasurer		\$26,424 17
Real Estate Abatements		55 20
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		6 40
Outstanding taxes		4,124 28
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	30,610 05	30,610 05

1944 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	3,626 02	
Payments to Treasurer		3,198 02
Outstanding taxes		428 00
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	3,626 02	3,626 02

1944 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	1,577 56	
Payments to Treasurer		1,499 71
Abatements		17 80
Outstanding taxes		60 05
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	1,577 56	1,577 56

1944 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	624 00	
Payments to Treasurer		510 00
Abatements		114 00
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	624 00	624 00

1943 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	6,039 03	
Payments to Treasurer		5,605 03
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		2 40
Outstanding taxes		431 60
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	6,039 03	6,039 03

1943 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	762 40	
Payments to Treasurer		758 40
Abatement		4 00
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	762 40	762 40

1943 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	106 65	
Payments to Treasurer		88 48
Abatements		18 17
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	106 65	106 65

1942 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	295 85	
Payments to Treasurer		293 45
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		2 40
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	295 85	295 85

INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of 1944	9 92
Taxes of 1943	161 43
Taxes of 1942	12 82

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	\$ 184 17
DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER	\$ 9 10

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY,
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1944.

Appropriation \$500 00

Expenditures: (Trimming trees, burning brush
and trucking)

West Street	\$55 00
Davis Hill Road	44 55
Richards Ave.	36 40
Grove Street	20 40
South Street	6 90
Brigham Road	40 80
Brooks Road	14 20
Suomi Street	38 80
Marshall Street	26 80

283 85

Balance \$216 15

More work should be done cutting trees and replacing them, but due to lack of help was unable to do it this year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED R. DIFLEY,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation		\$1,100 00
Expenditures:		
Case 22A	\$262 36	
Case 134	260 64	
Case 102	85 75	
Case 137	103 50	
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	\$712 25	
Salaries	150 00	
	<hr/>	
		862 25
		<hr/>
Balance		\$237 75

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, *Chairman*
 EVELYN M. GLEASON, *Clerk*
 GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, *Third Member*

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Balance	96 77	
Federal Reimbursement	2,454 15	
		\$5,550 92
Expenditures:		
Case No. 8	\$568 80	
9	480 00	
11	80 00	
12	397 20	
15	390 00	
16	390 00	
20	480 00	
22	88 00	
22A	13 32	
23	360 00	
26	457 00	
28	20 00	
31	499 20	
32	480 00	
33	446 55	5,150 27
		\$400 65
Balance		

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, *Chairman*
EVELYN M. GLEASON, *Clerk*
GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, *Third Member*

FEDERAL GRANT O. A. A. ADMINISTRATION

January 1, 1944 balance		\$ 3 78
Reimbursement for Administration		81 78
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		\$85 56
Expenses:		
Supplies	\$ 4 95	
Postage	10 00	
Administration Expense	52 00	
Association Meetings	12 00	
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		78 95
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		\$ 6 61

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, *Chairman*
 EVELYN M. GLEASON, *Clerk*
 GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, *Third Member*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Receipts from metered water and installations	\$3,212 71
Rental of hydrants	1,050 00
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Total Receipts	\$4,262 71

Once again the Water Board is pleased to report that there are no accounts receivable outstanding as of December 31, 1944.

There were two new installations made by the Water Department during 1944, making a present total of 124 active installations and one inactive.

As reported last year it has been difficult to obtain material and equipment due to wartime conditions. However, we did take steps to improve the grounds around the standpipe. A few necessary repairs and improvements were made in the pump station.

For the time being it is the aim of the Board to keep the system in good operating order and we do not recommend any major outlays until after the war is over.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY, *Chairman*
WALTER H. BROWN
JOHN W. BENSON

REPORT OF THE PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

To the Electric Light Commission I present the following report of the department as of December 31, 1944.

ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$38,460 79
General Equipment	847 55
Cash	4,307 07
Special Deposits	222 21
Accounts Receivable	721 92
Construction Fund	2,209 27
Materials and Supplies	2,319 65
Depreciation Fund	7,764 30
	<hr/> \$56,852 76

LIABILITIES

Appropriations for Construction	6,000 00
Consumers Deposits	198 01
Loans Repayment	19,116 00
Appropriations for Construction Repayment	1,090 07
Profit and Loss Balance	30,448 68
	<hr/> 56,852 76

COST OF PLANT

Cost of Structures	293 44
Cost of Transformer Station and Substation Equipment	8,482 23

Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Over-	
head Conductors	35,760 93
Cost of Consumers' Meters	4,272 00
Cost of Line Transformers and	
Installation	10,711 40
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	4,281 47
Cost of Office Equipment	346 65
Cost of Laboratory Equipment	126 56
Cost of Miscellaneous Equipment	576 24
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	\$64,850 92

The depreciation for 1945 will be 3 per cent of the cost of the plant or \$1,945.53.

This year the department has replaced 146 poles at a cost of \$1,671.61, which represents one half of the cost of replacement, the other one half being paid by the New England Tel. and Tel. Co.

The department has repaid to the town \$1,090.07 which is part of the amount appropriated by the town for the original construction of the plant.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. WENTWORTH,
Manager

REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR

I have personally inspected all construction for which the Selectmen have issued permits.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE FINANCE BOARD

Paxton, Mass., Jan. 8, 1945

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

Your Finance Committee has checked in detail the 1945 budget requirements of the different departments and we are submitting our recommendations as listed on the following pages. Please make a study of the department budgets, as we feel that it is the duty of every taxpayer in this Town to know how the tax revenue is being spent.

The Finance Committee has transferred from the Reserve Fund the following:

Board of Health	\$366 00
Town Hall Expense	\$366 26

For every one thousand dollar appropriation approved on the floor at the Town meeting, an increase in taxation will be effected to the approximate amount of one dollar per each \$1,000 assessed value of your property.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. PORTER, *Chairman*
ROBERT A. BELEY
THOMAS B. MORSE
JOSEPH LANGEVIN
JOSEPH A. WHITNEY
MARION E. MACCABEE, *Ex-Officio*

BUDGET FOR 1945

	RECOMMENDED 1945	VOTED 1944	SPENT 1944
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$300 00	\$300 00	\$300 00
Expenses	235 00	235 00	213 61
Town Accountant			
Salary	350 00	350 00	350 00
Expenses	15 00	15 00	11 51
Treasurer			
Salary	300 00	300 00	300 00
Expenses	85 00	85 00	84 29
Tax Collector			
Salary	400 00	400 00	400 00
Expenses	75 00	100 00	83 24
Assessors			
Salaries	225 00	225 00	225 00
Expenses	125 00	125 00	111 70
Extra Work on Assessors' Report	25 00	None	None
Legal	200 00	300 00	64 60
Town Clerk			
Salary	100 00	100 00	100 00

	RECOMMENDED 1945	VOTED 1944	SPENT 1944	
Expenses	15 00	15 00	13 94	
Elections	75 00	150 00	131 00	
Registrars of Voters				
Salaries	25 00	25 00	25 00	
Town Clock				
Salary	60 00	60 00	60 00	
Expenses	15 00	15 00	3 25	
Contingent	300 00	300 00	189 46	
Town Hall	1,500 00	1,250 00		
Transferred from Reserve		366 26	1,551 15	∞
Record Building	100 00	None	None	
Planning Board	25 00	10 00	5 50	
Constables	200 00	200 00	110 60	
Fire Dept.				
Chief and Engineers' Salaries	320 00	320 00	320 00	
Expenses	1,700 00	1,334 20	1,266 31	
Dog Officer	25 00	25 00	25 00	
Building Inspector	50 00	50 00	50 00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures				
Salary	25 00	25 00	25 00	
Expenses	5 00	5 00	3 05	

	RECOMMENDED 1945	VOTED 1944	SPENT 1944
Moths	200 00	200 00	200 00
Tree Warden (Budget not submitted)	100 00	500 00	283 85
Board of Health			
Salaries	25 00	25 00	25 00
Expenses	810 00	200 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		366 00	356 16
Tubercular Hospital	1283.09	1,143 32	1,143 32
Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering	5 00	5 00	5 00
Plus \$1 for Each Inspection			
Inspector of Animals	50 00	50 00	50 00
Highways—			
Chapter 81, Maintenance:			
State		3,500 00	
Town	2,800 00	2,800 00	6,299 97
Chapter 90, Maintenance:			
State		1,400 00	
County	1400.00	1,400 00	
Town		1,400 00	4,199 93
Reserve Fund	1,000 00	1,000 00	732 26
Snow Removal	3,000 00	3,000 00	2,951 67
Street Lights	500 00	500 00	487 31

	RECOMMENDED 1945	VOTED 1944	SPENT 1944
Public Welfare	1,000 00	1,100 00	966 85
Old Age Assistance			
Town	3,880 00	3,000 00	2,623 25
O.A.A. Federal Grant		2,550 92	2,527 02
Schools, High and Grade	17,000 00	17,000 00	
Interest on Bigelow Fund		20 00	16,171 39
School Clinic	50 00	50 00	None
Trade Schools	2,500 00	2,500 00	1,923 95
Richards Memorial Library	400 00	300 00	
Dog Fund	256 23	272 04	
Income Trust Funds and Notes		823 56	
Balance—1944		124 03	1,443 89
Care of Common and Flag	200 00	100 00	99 20
Memorial Day	75 00	100 00	59 90
Insurance and Bonds	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,034 86
Printing	350 00	300 00	154 68
July 4th	50 00	50 00	43 39
Water Dept.	2,790 00	2,890 00	2,334 84
Hydrant Rental	1,050 00	1,050 00	1,050 00
Mooreland Cemetery	150 00	150 00	105 34
Painting Fence	200 00	None	None

	RECOMMENDED 1945	VOTED 1944	SPENT 1944
Certification of Notes	10 00	10 00	2 00
Interest on Revenue Loans	25 00	75 00	9 17
Illig Property—Repairs and Water	300 00	300 00	70 91
Howe Farm—Repairs	600 00	400 00	384 08
Civilian Defense	None	100 00	72 83
Pre-School Clinic	55 00	50 00	
Taken from Contingent		1 83	51 83
Halloween	50 00	None	None

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55,830.59

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4500.00
2395.00
54,005.38

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I herewith submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1944.

General Revenue:

Taxes—Polls, Personal and Real Estate:

Current Year	\$30,132 19
Previous Years	6,656 88
Tax Titles	175 00

\$36,964 07

From State:

Income Tax	3,679 00
Corporation Tax	2,186 23

5,865 23

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor, Stands and Permits	644 25
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644 25

Court Fines

30 00

30 00

Grants and Gifts from the State:

School Fund	756 87
School Superintendent	193 33
High School Tuition	1,124 89
High School Transportation	1,140 40
Trade School	1,423 32
Highway Fund	2,469 12

Old Age Assistance	1,788 65	
Meal Tax	132 12	
Temporary Aid	85 75	
	<hr/>	9,114 45
Grants and Gifts—Federal		
Old Age Assistance	2,454 15	
Old Age Assistance Admin.	81 78	
	<hr/>	2,535 93
From County:		
Dog Licenses, Refunded	272 04	
Dogs Destroyed	45 00	
	<hr/>	317 04
Total—General Revenue		\$55,470 97
Special Assessments:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Current Year	\$ 1,499 71	
Previous Years	88 48	
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Total—Special Assessments		\$ 1,588 19
Commercial Revenue—Departmental:		
General Government:		
Collector—Demands	\$ 8 40	
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	319 00	
Rents—Town Hall	155 75	
Illig Place	324 00	
Howe Place	385 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,192 15
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Sealer—Fees	9 35	
	<hr/>	9 35

Health and Sanitation:		
Inspection of Animals	25 00	
	<hr/>	25 00
Highways:		
State		
Chapter 81	1,886 38	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,888 50	
County		
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,888 50	
Town		
Tractor Equipment	285 40	
	<hr/>	5,948 78
Charities:		
Reimbursements:		
Individuals	188 00	
	<hr/>	188 00
Schools	36 26	
	<hr/>	36 26
Total—Commercial Revenue		\$ 7,399 54
Commercial Revenue—Public Service:		
Electric Light Dept.:		
Light and Power	\$33,920 61	
Meter Deposits	75 00	
Interest on Meter Deposits	4 30	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	96 81	
	<hr/>	\$34,096 72
Water Department:		
Meter Rates	4,262 71	
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Total—Commercial Revenue—Public Service		\$38,359 43

Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries:

Perpetual Care Bequests	\$ 700 00
Care of Lots	96 50
Open Graves	60 00

Total—Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries \$ 856 50

Commercial Revenue—Interest:

On Taxes	\$ 184 87
On School Fund	20 00
On Library Funds	823 56
On War Bonds	62 50
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	325 48
On Highway Fund	13 33

Total—Commercial Revenue—Interest \$ 1,429 74

Municipal Indebtedness:

Highway Note	\$ 5,000 00
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Total—Municipal Indebtedness \$ 5,000 00

Trust and Investment Funds:

Highway Replacement Fund	\$ 2,000 00
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Total—Trust and Investment Funds \$ 2,000 00

Refunds:

Electric Light Dept.:	
On Construction Loan	\$ 1,090 07

Total—Refunds \$ 1,090 07

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$113,194 44

PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen:	
Salaries	\$ 300 00

Expenses	213 61	
	<hr/>	\$ 513 61
Town Accountant:		
Salary	350 00	
Expenses	11 51	
	<hr/>	361 51
Treasurer:		
Salary	300 00	
Expenses	84 29	
	<hr/>	384 29
Tax Collector:		
Salary	400 00	
Expenses	83 24	
	<hr/>	483 24
Assessors:		
Salaries	225 00	
Expenses	111 70	
	<hr/>	336 70
Legal:		
Town Counsel	64 60	
	<hr/>	64 60
Town Clerk:		
Salary	100 00	
Expenses	13 94	
	<hr/>	113 94
Elections:		
Registrars	25 00	
Tellers	102 50	
Ballots	28 50	
	<hr/>	156 00

Town Hall:

Janitor	780 00
Fuel and Lights	303 95
Repairs	188 16
Water	20 00
Telephone	9 00
Others	250 04

 1,551 15

Painting Town Hall:

Labor	220 49
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 220 49

Planning Board:

Expense	5 50
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 5 50

Contingent:

Toll Calls	5 40
Moderator	10 00
Inspector of Meat	4 00
Ration Board	3 40
Tractor	130 03
Distributing Town Reports	4 50
Perambulating Town Lines	12 50
Painting Triangle Fence	5 00
Service Flag	80
Others	13 83

 189 46

Total—General Government

 \$4,380 49

Protection of Persons and Property:

Constables:

Services	\$ 104 35
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Supplies	6 25	
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		\$ 110 60
Civilian Defense:		
Telephone	72 83	
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		72 83
Dog Officer:		
Disposal of Dogs	25 00	
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		25 00
Fire Department:		
Engineers	320 00	
Compensation	195 00	
Siren	9 75	
Rent	360 00	
Equipment and Maintenance	624 36	
Telephone	70 00	
Others	7 20	
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		1,586 31
Building Inspector:		
Services	50 00	
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		50 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Salary	25 00	
Expenses	3 05	
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		28 05
Moth:		
Labor	187 48	
Supplies	12 52	
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		200 00

Trimming Trees

Labor

283 85

 283 85

Total—Protection of Persons and Property

\$ 2,356 64

Health and Sanitation:

Salaries

\$ 25 00

Tubercular Case

237 00

Expenses

2 50

Disposal of Garbage

116 66

Tuberculosis Hospital

1,143 32

Pre-School Clinic

50 00

Inspector of Animals

50 00

Inspection of Meat

5 00

Total—Health and Sanitation

 \$ 1,629 48

Highways:

Chapter 81:

Payrolls

\$ 4,897 55

Materials

1,402 42

 \$ 6,299 97

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Payrolls

2,920 23

Materials

1,279 70

 4,199 93

Snow Removal:

Payrolls

2,129 09

Materials

822 58

 2,951 67

Equipment Maintenance:

Repairs

558 00

 558 00

Street Lights:
Current

487 31

 487 31

Total—Highways

 \$14,496 88

Charities:

Public Welfare:

Salaries

\$ 150 00

Board and Care

627 60

Cash Grants

189 25

 \$ 966 85

Old Age Assistance:

Administration

78 95

Relief—Town

2,623 25

Relief—Federal

2,527 02

 5,229 22

Total—Charities

 \$ 6,196 07

Schools and Library:

School Committee

\$ 225 00

Clerical

8 38

Payrolls

8,215 17

Census

5 00

Books

276 69

Supplies

76 92

Transportation

2,755 00

Lights

57 47

Maintenance

531 83

Janitors' Supplies

12 00

Water

28 07

Others

30 95

High School:

Tuition

2,482 11

Transportation	1,466 80
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	\$16,171 39
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Trade Schools:

Tuition	1,342 78
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Transportation	581 20
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	1,923 95
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Library:

Librarian	480 00
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Janitor	366 00
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Books	224 15
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Periodicals	34 75
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Fuel and Lights	157 93
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Binding Books	11 31
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Water	20 00
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Repairs	104 75
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Typewriter	35 00
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	1,443 89
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Total—Schools and Library	\$19,539 23
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Recreation and Unclassified:

Care of Common	\$ 41 20
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Care of Flag	58 00
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Memorial Day	59 90
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July Fourth	43 39
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Care of Town Clock	63 25
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Printing	154 68
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Insurance and Bonds	1,034 86
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Illig Place	147 71
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Howe Place	536 08
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Total—Recreation and Unclassified	\$ 2,139 07
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Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Electric Light Dept.:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	145 00
Dues and Insurance	299 86
Supplies and Travel	103 96
Meter Deposits	106 10
Employees	4,450 85
Current	19,820 54
Truck Maintenance	322 11
Depreciation	1,090 07
Materials and Supplies	1,452 44
Rents	88 00
Taxes	7 67

 \$27,961 60

Water Department:

Commissioners	75 00
Superintendent	1,039 92
Clerical	40 00
Bonds and Insurance	55 30
Labor	133 28
Maintenance	492 12
Fuel	53 00
Power	446 22

 2,334 84

Hydrant Rentals

1,050 00

 1,050 00

Cemeteries:

Mooreland	
Labor	105 34
Fence	40 00
Perpetual Care Lots	
Interest	241 16

Labor	84 32	
	<hr/>	470 82
Total—Enterprises and Cemeteries		<hr/> \$31,817 26
Interest:		
Highway Loan	\$ 9 17	
Water Bonds	2,260 00	
Water Notes	25 00	
Recreational Field	110 00	
Certification of Notes	2 00	
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Total—Interest		\$ 2,406 17
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Water Bonds	\$ 3,000 00	
Water Note	1,000 00	
Recreational Field	500 00	
Revenue Note	10,000 00	
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Total—Indebtedness		\$14,500 00
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
State Tax	\$ 2,057 00	
State Parks	36 80	
Auditing	199 01	
County Tax	1,765 69	
Dog Licenses for County	287 80	
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		\$ 4,346 30
Trust Funds:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	700 00	
War Bonds	5,000 00	
Highway Fund	2,000 00	
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		7,700 00
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Total—Agency and Trust		\$12,046 30

Refunds and Transfers:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$	25	19
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Total—Refunds			25	19
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TOTAL PAYMENTS			\$111,532	78
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SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$55,470	97
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Special Revenue	1,588	19
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Commercial Revenue:

Departmental	7,399	54
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Public Service	38,359	43
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Cemeteries	856	50
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Interest	1,429	74
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Municipal Indebtedness	5,000	00
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Refunds	1,090	07
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Total Receipts	\$113,194	44
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Cash on hand, January 1, 1944	46,454	60
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Total	\$159,649	04
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PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 4,380	49
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Protection of Persons and Property	2,356	64
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Health and Sanitation	1,629	48
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Highways	14,496	88
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Charities	6,196	07
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Schools and Library	19,539	03
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Recreation and Unclassified	2,139	07
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Enterprises and Cemeteries	31,817	26
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Interest	2,406	17
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Municipal Indebtedness	14,500	00
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Agency and Trust	12,046 30
Refunds	25 19
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Total Payments	\$111,532 78
Cash on hand, December 31, 1944	48,116 26
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Total	\$159,649 04

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1944

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$48,116 26	Highway Loan	\$5,000 00
Accounts Receivable:		Highways, Machinery Rentals	285 40
Taxes:		Electric Light, Depreciation	7,764 30
Levy of 1942	2 40	Meter Guarantee	222 21
Levy of 1943	438 00	Town Clerk—Dog License	42 60
Levy of 1944	4,619 08	Rents—Howe Place	621 92
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Illig Place	1,155 49
Levy of 1943	10 79	Revenue:	
Levy of 1944	89 44	Motor Vehicle Excise	100 23
Tax Titles	12 60	Tax Title	6,998 10
Tax Title Possessions	6,985 50	Aid to Highways	2,248 66
State Aid to Highways:		Electric Light	879 19
Chapter 81	2,248 60	Overlay:	
Chapter 90, Maint.	03	Levy of 1942	112 80
County Aid to Highways:		Levy of 1943	571 21
Chapter 90, Maint.	03	Levy of 1944	232 71
Electric Light Dept.:	879 19	Overlay Surplus—Reserve Fund	1,814 55
Consumers' Charges	879 19	Sale of Cemetery Lot	10 00
Highways:		Tailings	48 07
Chapter 81	2,249 15	Income—War Bonds	62 50
Chapter 90	22 55	Highways, Chapter 90 Maint.	01
		Old Age Assistance—Federal	23 90
		Old Age Assistance—Administration	6 61
		Library	75 74
		Electric Light Construction	6,359 07

Water Dept. Richards Ave.	107 68
Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)	30,930 67

\$65,673 62

\$65,673 62

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debts

\$57,500 00

Recreational Field	\$ 1,500 00
Water System Bonds	55,000 00
Water System Construction	1,000 00

\$57,500 00

\$57,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

\$61,136 81

D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	\$ 1,081 29
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000 00
G. E. Bigelow Library Fund	500 00
Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668 87
E. D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,271 47
Village Improvement Fund	1,066 67
C. D. Boynton Fund	7,648 00
Howe Farm	4,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	16,838 01
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,062 50

\$61,136 81

\$61,136 81

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board met to organize Feb. 21, 1944, and chose as its Chairman, Herbert F. Wentworth, and Robert A. Beley, Clerk.

A hearing was held to act on the petition of the American Tel. & Tel. Company to erect a radio station on the Hoar property which is within the residential zone and as there was no opposition it was recommended that the Selectmen grant a permit. On Dec. 7 the Board also approved the erection of another radio station on the above property by the E. Anthony & Sons, Inc., of New Bedford, Mass.

The article in the warrant in regard to the Illig property was inserted for discussion, the Planning Board acting on the government request that towns consider permanent memorials such as parks or buildings. It is the feeling of the Board that the Illig property might serve as a beginning to a permanent memorial.

The original grant and probable disposal of the Howe property was discussed without any action taken.

It is requested that the citizens of the town make full use of this Board by submitting proposals and recommendations for the good of the town. The Board to study and report to the town.

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH, *Chairman*
ROBERT A. BELEY, *Clerk*
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
MILTON P. LADD
ALLEN L. ESTABROOK

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



FOR THE YEAR 1944

PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry Clark, Chairman	Term expires 1947
May N. Lidstrom, Secretary	Term expires 1945
Charles C. Craig	Term expires 1946

SUPERINTENDENT

James R. Childs	Holden 12 or 209
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SUPERVISORS

Elizabeth S. Hagar, Music	Resigned June 1944
Winona A. Weed, Music	Holden
Winifred M. Bond, Drawing	Holden

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M.D.	On leave of absence
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SCHOOL NURSE

Evelyn E. Butler, R.N.—On leave	Holden 444
Esther E. Gonyer, R.N.—Acting	Holden 265 or 7

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Arthur F. Stevens	4-6979
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JANITOR

George Maccabee	2-0239
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term—8 weeks	Jan. 2, 1945 to Feb. 23, 1945
Spring Term—8 weeks	Mar. 5, 1945 to Apr. 27, 1945
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 6, 1945 to June 15, 1945
Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 5, 1945 to Dec. 21, 1945
Winter Term—8 weeks	Jan. 2, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1946

HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 31, Labor Day, October 12, November 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

(The Report of the School Committee follows)

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1944

Funds for use in 1944:

Appropriation	\$17,000 00
Appropriation for Clinic	50 00
Bigelow Fund Interest	20 00
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	\$17,070 00

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$ 225 00
Superintendent	442 50
Teachers	5,559 52
Janitor	1,300 00
Health	178 10
Books	201 24
School Supplies	225 41
Janitor's Supplies	22 01
High School Transportation	1,466 80
Grade Transportation	2,755 00
High School Tuition	2,482 11
Light and Fuel	708 17
Repairs and Replacement	511 00
Miscellaneous	66 46
Water	28 07

16,171 39

Refunds C. E. Merrill Co.	\$ 1 26
Miss Hagar	35 00

16,135 13 16,135 13

Clinic	none	
Unexpended Balance		934 87

TRADE SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$2,500 00	
Expenditures:			
Tuition	\$1,342 75		
Transportation	581 20	1,923 95	
Unexpended Balance			576 05

GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM THE STATE

High School Tuition		\$1,124 89	
High School Transportation		1,140 40	
School Fund Part I	\$840 00		
School Fund Part II	756 87		
Superintendent	193 33	1,790 20	
		4,055 49	

TRADE SCHOOLS

Tuition	785 82		
Transportation	637 50	1,423 32	
Total Grants and Gifts		\$5,478 81	
Total Expenditures:			
High Schools		16,135 13	
Trade Schools		1,923 95	18,059 08
Grants and Gifts from the State			5,478 81
Net			\$12,580 27

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CLARK, *Chairman*
MAY N. LIDSTROM, *Clerk*
CHARLES CRAIG

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1944

To the School Committee of Paxton:

This report is the twenty-seventh by the writer, and the forty-fifth in the series since the formation of the present Union.

This has been a year of normal progress in school work in spite of the many distracting influences resulting from war. There is a small decrease in enrollment over last year, but an increase of nine since school opened in the Fall.

New text-books in several subjects have been introduced, and additional reference books, maps and other equipment added. It has been difficult to obtain some basal texts and workbooks because of paper shortage, but orders have been placed for this material, and for more Stillfilm for use in the projector.

Miss Hagar resigned her position as Supervisor of Music in June, having been elected at Exeter, N. H. We all miss her, but feel we were fortunate in securing Miss Winona A. Weed of Enosburg Falls, Vt., to carry on this work. Both Mrs. Deignan and Miss Weeks also left in June to accept positions in Worcester. Miss Ruth Moss was chosen for Grades V and VI, and Mrs. Jenny C. Hodgdon for Grades III and IV. Mrs. Butler has been on leave of absence, and Mrs. Esther Gonyer has been acting as School Nurse. We have not yet been able to get anyone to serve as School Physician.

The American Legion awards were made to Owen Rogers and Beverly Maccabee. Animal Poster awards went to Barbara Dixon, Beverly Maccabee, first prizes; George Beley,

Charles Sjoberg and Anna VanWyck, second prizes; Marion Brandt, Robert Langevin, Frances Rogers, Owen Rogers, and Louise Wentworth, honorable mention.

The school building has been opened for the use of various community organizations and groups during the year. From January through November pupils and teachers purchased \$1700 worth of Defense Stamps and Bonds.

To keep pace with the rapidly changing point of view of the function and nature of education in this changing world we need to re-think our whole program, and no school system however small should evade the responsibility facing it. The war is bringing about a new "world-mindedness" and with the schools lies much of the task of building the new world in which "all nations are working together intelligently and harmoniously toward higher physical, intellectual and moral standards, with equal opportunity for all." Specifically for us it means training for a better citizenship, for self-discipline, respect for authority and the rights of others.

For your loyal support and for the fine cooperation of parents and teachers I am grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report can only be for a short period, as my work has been in progress but a few months.

The Paxton School, at all grade levels, shows careful planning and teaching of music, with a high standard of attainment. It is hoped that part singing may become a favorite type of singing among the students of the upper grades. The older students attended the Young People's Concert sponsored by the Worcester Festival Association in the Fall and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

One of the highest aims of a music program is the preparation for an adult life that makes music an important avocation. It is my earnest desire to help, through the efforts of the teachers, to provide this opportunity for your children.

Respectfully submitted,

WINONA A. WEED

REPORT OF THE DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with pleasure I submit the following report of Art Education in the School of Paxton.

Our Art program is carried on as in previous years from the careful graded foundation outline which we are continually building on; this includes: representation, lettering, poster design, design, space and tone relation, construction and handcraft, introduction to paper sculpture (giving effect of third dimension), modeling in clay (relief and in the round) and art appreciation. In addition to this program in the eighth grade we have courses in the study of the Stained Glass Window and the influence of Gothic Art, along with the visual education of colored slides in all grades.

Our Art aims are high, they raise the standard of living in the home, school and community, they promote ideals for citizenship, social progress and national attainment. Our progress is good. Again, posters were submitted to the Animal Poster Contest and prizes were obtained.

"Art Education aids America to meet wartime needs." Posters in the War Effort were made.

"What the schools do may prove in the long run to be more decisive than any other factor in preserving the form of government we cherish."

I wish to express my appreciation to you, the teachers, and pupils for the fine interest and cooperation in Art Education, and to the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED M. BOND

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSES

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the school health program from January through June.

Nine children were transferred from the Well Child Clinic. This service has prepared the child for entrance to school, free from defects.

All children entering school were properly vaccinated, as required by Mass. State laws.

Two children attended the annual tonsil clinic held in June at the Holden District Hospital.

Three had visual defects corrected.

All children were weighed in January and again in June. Only one per cent failed to make normal gains.

Forty-eight home calls and conferences were made.

The dental clinic is still in operation, the results are incomplete.

With the suspension of annual physical examinations, it is the duty of all to be watchful for minor defects so that they may be corrected before major problems result.

Now more than ever the home and school must cooperate to prepare the child physically and emotionally to meet the responsibilities of the post-war world.

Monthly sanitary inspections show the interest the janitor maintains in the school building.

To you, the teachers and all others who have assisted me, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN E. BUTLER, R.N.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the last four months of 1944. In September the children were weighed and measured and all show normal gains.

Visual and auditory tests were made and defect slips sent home.

Excellent sanitary conditions were found at the weekly inspections.

Inspections of each child were made weekly for posture, cleanliness, skin eruption and pediculosis.

May I thank the teachers and janitor for their kindness in helping me to carry on the health program in the absence of Mrs. Butler.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER E. GONYER, R.N.

ORGANIZATION, 1943-1944

GRADES	TEACHER	TRAINING	BEGAN HERE
VII-VIII	Mrs. Alfchild E. Cashing	Worcester NS	April 1943
V-VI	Mrs. Phyllis E. Deignan	Worcester STC	Sept 1942
III-IV	Lois K. Weeks	Worcester STC	Sept. 1941
I-II	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester NS	Sept. 1929
Music	Elizabeth S. Hagar	A.I.N.M.	Sept. 1940
Drawing	Winifred M. Bond	Mass. Sch. Art	Sept. 1941

ENROLLMENT—FALL TERM 1944

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Boys	6	6	6	7	6	7	9	5	52
Girls	5	3	3	6	5	5	4	3	34
Totals	11	9	9	13	11	12	13	8	86

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1944

CHILDREN IN PAXTON	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
5 to 7 years of age	11	6	17
7 to 16 years of age	50	35	85
Totals	61	41	102

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS

October 1, 1944

GRADES	TOTAL MEM.	AVE. MEM.	AVE. ATTEND.	% OF ATTEND.
I-II	20	18	17	93
III-IV	25	23	22	94
V-VI	23	21	20	95
VII-VIII	21	20	19	92
Totals	89	82	78	93.5

GRADUATES—JUNE 1944

Alden Wayne Abbott	Beverly Joanne Maccabee
George Edward Beley	Louise Neill
Ernest Lawrence Bigwood	Norma Mildred Perkins
Betty Louise Clark	Catherine Norma Reiss
Barbara Ann Dixon	Owen Maurice Rogers
Paul Vincent Llobell	John Smith
Alan Malcolm Wentworth	

SOME EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL
IN AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP

ITEM	STATE	GROUP IV
Salaries	\$87.45	\$64.27
Textbooks	1.35	2.14
Supplies	3.09	2.57
Operation	14.90	15.98
Repairs	3.76	3.06

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS:

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Paxton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall" on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1945, at 12 o'clock, noon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Officers to be voted for on the official ballot, as follows:

Moderator, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, two Constables, and Tree Warden each for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, for three years, one member of the Board of Assessors for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library for the term of three years and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

All of the above officers to be voted for upon one ballot.

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

The Polls will be open from Noon until eight o'clock P.M.

Business meeting to begin at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and committees and act thereon and to act upon any recommendations contained in said reports and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required in accordance with said reports or otherwise, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (see budget) with which to pay the proper charges of a Surety Company for acting as surety on bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectment to approve the same.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$600.00 from the revenue of the Howe property to be used for repairs and maintenance of said property.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$300.00 from the revenue of the Illig Property, to be used for repairs and maintenance of said property.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a

sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55.00 for a Well Child Health Conference for Pre-School children and follow-up work connected therewith or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to give the Fire Department members compensation for their services or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new Grader, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon. done OK

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$285.40 from Highway Equipment Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the town's highway equipment or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to have charge of the Fourth of July celebration, or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will consider that the Illig property be proposed as a War Memorial or act in any way thereon. done

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to pay the moderator \$10.00 for his services at the Annual Town Meeting and \$5.00 for any special meetings, charging the same to Contingent or act in any way thereon. OK

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use up to 60% of the surplus funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer, available when the tax rate is ready to be set, as recommended by the Tax Commissioner for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the service of a Custodian to the Town Dump.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to sell a parcel of land to Sons of Paxton Club, in rear of the present club house, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights the sum of \$500 and that this sum and the income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for the current fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws and Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937 and that if this sum and this income shall exceed the expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a post-war rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943, or act in any way thereon.

yes.
no

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to request the Honor Roll Committee to place the names of men serving with the Merchant Marine on the Honor Roll under a heading (U. S. Maritime Service) or act in any way thereon.

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ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from surplus to the Richards Memorial Library Trust Funds, the amount of \$100.61, to replace the loss because of the bank closure, to bring the principal of the Bigelow Trust Funds to \$22,372.08 to conform with the record of the State, or act in any way thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of January, 1945.

HAROLD F. HANSEN
 ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
 ARNE J. NIEMI

Selectmen

yes. Com. =
 of Trustees
 electmen appoint them