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IN MEMORIAM

During the past year death has claimed two Town Officers.

On Oct. 9th, 1945

ALBERT N. PUTNAM

died. He was Past Master of Paxton Grange, and served as Sunday School Superintendent, on the Finance Board of the Congregational Church, and Welfare Board. At the time of his death he was Church Treasurer, a member of the Cemetery Commissioners, Town Moderator and Secretary and Treasurer of the Paxton Fire Department.

CARL H. WOOD

former Selectman, was Assessor at the time of his death on February 15, 1945.

To their Town and Community they gave their best.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1945

MODERATOR

ALBERT N. PUTNAM

TOWN CLERK

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

TREASURER

MARION E. MACCABEE

CONSTABLES

REUBEN O'JANNE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

TREE WARDEN

FRED R. DIFLEY

SELECTMEN

CLIFFORD DARWIN

Term expires 1948

HAROLD F. HANSEN

Term expires 1947

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term expires 1946

PUBLIC WELFARE

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term expires 1948

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term expires 1947

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term expires 1946

ASSESSORS

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1948

FRED E. WATSON

Term expires 1947

ROBERT A. BELEY

Term expires 1946

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term expires 1948
HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1947
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1946

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term expires 1948
GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term expires 1947
ALLAN S. HUTCHINS	Term expires 1946

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1948
ALBERT N. PUTNAM	Term expires 1947
DAVIS H. MORRIS	Term expires 1946

WATER COMMISSIONERS

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term expires 1948
JOHN W. BENSON	Term expires 1947
WALTER H. BROWN	Term expires 1946

TRUSTEES RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term expires 1948
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1948
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN	Term expires 1947
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1947
SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1946
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1946

PLANNING BOARD

WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term expires 1949
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1948
ALLEN L. ESTABROOK	Term expires 1947
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term expires 1946

APPOINTMENTS BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHARLES L. PORTER	ROBERT A. BELEY
JOSEPH LANGEVIN	THOMAS B. MORSE
STANLEY H. MOOR	HILTON CUNNINGHAM
CHARLES F. BRADY	MARION E. MACCABEE,
	<i>Ex Officio</i>

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

WALTER V. PIKE	AUSTIN W. WHITNEY
RAYMOND J. LANTINEN	MRS. HELEN PRICE
MRS. OLIVE WYLIE	

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

WILLIAM O. WYLIE, JR.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

GEORGE MACCABEE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

WALTER V. PIKE

DOG OFFICER

GEORGE MACCABEE

CARE OF FLAG

GEORGE MACCABEE

POUND KEEPER

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

FIRE WARDEN

GEORGE V. CLAPP

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

REUBEN O'JANNE

FIELD DRIVERS—FENCE VIEWERS

ELIOT L. CROUCH

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

SAMUEL VAN WYCK

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

FRED R. DIFLEY

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

SAMUEL VAN WYCK

BUILDING INSPECTOR

FRED E. WATSON

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

EUCLID R. LOMBARD

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

NAPOLEON BOUCHER

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ETTA E. ROBINSON

CHIEF OF POLICE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

CARE OF COMMON

ARCHIBALD W. TANNEHILL

SPECIAL POLICE

GEORGE MACCABEE

WILLIAM O. WYLIE, JR.

FRED R. DIFLEY

ALFRED COURNOYER

F. WYMAN ROGERS

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
SUMNER TAYLOR

HONOR ROLL TRUSTEES

BERNARD R. REARDON	ALFRED W. SMITH
GEORGE C. HUNT	LEROY T. CLOCKEDILE
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	

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IN MEMORIAM

CARL H. WOOD, Assessor
ALBERT N. PUTNAM, Moderator

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

For the Period from April 27, 1944, to March 5, 1945

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

May 23, 1945

*To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Arthur J. Crompton, 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 27, 1944, to March 5, 1945, 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:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts* of the town of Paxton for the period from April 27, 1944, the date of the previous audit, to March 5, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as shown on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and

checked with the available records of the town accountant and with the records of the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the disbursements as shown by the treasurer's books. The appropriations and transfers were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by town meetings.

The necessary ledger adjustments resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance, proving the accounts to be in balance, was taken off, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on March 5, 1945, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book additions were verified. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the available records in the several departments in which money was collected for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books.

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

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the disbursements verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked, the amounts transferred from the tax levies to the tax title account being verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding at

the date of the previous audit and all subsequent commitments were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's and the accountant's books. The recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts as adjusted.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses were verified and checked with the payments to the town and State and the cash balance on March 5, 1945, was verified.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand was verified.

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

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$27,624 63	
Receipts April 27, to December 31, 1944	87,572 26	\$115,196 89
Payments April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$67,080 63	
Balance December 31, 1944	48,116 26	<u>\$115,196 89</u>
Balance January 1, 1945	\$48,116 26	
Receipts January 1 to March 5, 1945	13,019 51	\$61,135 77
Payments January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$22,517 07	
Worcester County Trust Company, per check register	\$20,867 03	
Worcester County Trust Company, per check register	7,272 23	
Worcester County Institution for Savings, per book #360877	2,158 77	
Worcester County Institution for Savings, per book #252520	7,764 30	
Peoples Savings Bank, per book #206037	222 21	
Cash in office, verified	334 16	
	38,618 70	<u>\$61,135 77</u>

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST COMPANY

Balance March 5, 1945, per statement	\$21,314 93
Balance March 5, 1945, per check register	\$20,867 03
Outstanding checks March 5, 1945, per list	447 90
	<u>\$21,314 93</u>

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST COMPANY
ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Balance March 5, 1945, per statement	\$7,282 23
Balance March 5, 1945, per check register	\$7,272 23
Outstanding checks March 5, 1945, per list	10 00
	<u>\$7,282 23</u>

TAXES—1942

Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$112 80
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$110 40
Outstanding December 31, 1944	2 40
	<u>\$112 80</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$2 40
Tax titles taken 1944, not reported	\$2 40
	<u>\$2 40</u>

TAXES—1943

Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$4,581 95
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$4,143 95
Outstanding December 31, 1944	438 00
	<u>\$4,581 95</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$438 00	
Abatement of taxes 1944 reported as taxes 1943	55 20	\$493 20
Payments to Treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$124 20	
Abatements January 1 to March 5, 1945	59 20	
Taxes 1943 added to tax titles report- ed as taxes 1944	2 40	
Outstanding March 5, 1945, per list	307 40	
		<u>\$493 20</u>

TAXES—1944

Outstanding April 27, 1944 per pre- vious audit	\$66 00	
Commitment per warrant April 27 to December 31, 1944	34,236 07	
Additional commitment April 27 to December 31, 1944	4 00	\$34,306 07
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$29,678 19	
Added to tax titles April 27 to December 31, 1944	8 80	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	4,619 08	\$34,306 07
Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$4,619 08	
Taxes 1943 added to tax titles report- ed as taxes 1944	2 40	\$4,621 48
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$705 52	
Abatements January 1 to March 5, 1945	14 00	
Abatement of taxes 1944 reported as taxes 1943	55 20	

Taxes 1944 reported as interest on taxes	60	
Outstanding March 5, 1945, per list	3,628	56
Cash on hand March 5, 1945, verified	217	60
		<u>\$4,621 48</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previous audit		\$61 82
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$51 03	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	10 79	
		<u>\$61 82</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$10 79	
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944 re- ported as 1943	7 38	
		\$18 17
Abatements January 1 to March 5, 1945		<u>\$18 17</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previ- out audit	\$10 61	
Commitment April 27 to December 31, 1944, per warrants	1,308 17	
Payments and abatements refunded April 27 to December 31, 1944	25 19	
		\$1,343 97
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	1,233 55	
Abatements April 27 to December 31, 1944	20 98	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	89 44	
		<u>\$1,343 97</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$89 44	
Commitment January 1 to March 5,		
1945 per warrant	4 00	
Payment and abatement to be refunded	2 09	
		\$95 53
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
March 5, 1945	\$14 00	
Abatements January 1 to March 5, 1945:		
Reported	\$22 01	
Not reported	2 09	
	24 10	
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944 re-		
ported as 1943	7 38	
Outstanding March 5, 1945, per list	50 05	
		<u>\$95 53</u>

INTEREST AND COST ON TAXES

Interest and costs collection:

April 27 to December 31, 1944:

Taxes:

Levy of 1942	\$8 04
Levy of 1943	131 29
Levy of 1944	19 02

Motor vehicle excise
taxes 1943

2 27

\$160 62

January 1 to March 5, 1945:

Taxes:

Levy of 1943	\$2 84
Levy of 1944	10 36

13 20

Taxes 1944 reported as
interest on taxes

60

\$174 42

Payments to treasurer:

April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$160 62	
January 1 to March 5, 1945	10 19	
		170 81
Cash on hand March 5, 1945, verified		3 61
		<u>\$174 42</u>

TAX TITLES

Balance April 27, 1944, per previous audit		\$29 52	
Added to tax titles April 27 to December 31, 1944:			
Taxes 1943	\$2 40		
Taxes 1944	6 40		
Interest and costs	7 80		
		16 60	
			\$46 12
Sale of land of low value April 27 to December 31, 1944		\$23 39	
Tax titles foreclosed April 27 to December 31, 1944		10 13	
Balance December 31, 1944		12 60	
			<u>\$46 12</u>
Balance January 1, 1945	\$12 60		
Tax title taken by town 1944 not reported:			
Taxes 1942	2 40		
Interest and costs	1 60		
			\$16 60
Balance March 5, 1945, per list			<u>\$16 60</u>

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$7,025 37	
Tax title foreclosed April 27 to December 31, 1944	10 13	\$7,035 50
Tax possessions sold April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$50 00	
Balance December 31, 1944	6,985 50	<u>\$7,035 50</u>
Balance January 1, 1945	\$6,985 50	
Gain on tax title possessions sold 1944, not reported	25 00	\$7,010 50
Balance March 5, 1945, per list		<u><u>\$7,010 50</u></u>

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Cash balance April 27, 1944	\$2 00	
Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previous audit	1 00	
Licenses and permits issued April 27 to December 31, 1944:		
Liquor	\$605 00	
Common victualler	14 00	
Sunday	6 00	
Alcohol	1 00	
Revolver	2 50	
Milk	1 50	
	630 00	\$633 00
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$632 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, and March 5, 1945 (revolver permits)	1 00	<u><u>\$633 00</u></u>

ADVERTISING LIQUOR LICENSES

Receipts April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$6 25
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$6 25

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$92 75
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$86 50
Outstanding December 31, 1944	6 25
	<u>\$92 75</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$6 25
Charges January 1 to March 5, 1945	12 00
	\$18 25
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	<u>\$18 25</u>

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Cash on hand April 27, 1944, per pre- vious audit	\$39 00
Licenses issued April 27 to December 31, 1944:	
Males, 83 @ \$2.00	\$166 00
Females, 12 @ \$5.00	60 00
Spayed females, 16 @ 2.00	32 00
Kennel, 2 @ \$25.00	50 00
	308 00
	\$347 00
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$319 00
Fees retained April 27 to December 31, 1944, 113 @ 20c	22 60
Cash balance December 31, 1944	5 40
	<u>\$347 00</u>

Cash balance January 1, 1945	\$5 40	
Licenses issued January 1 to March 5, 1945:		
Males, 1 @ \$2.00	\$2 00	
Females, 2 @ \$5.00	10 00	
	12 00	
		\$17 40
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$16 80	
Fees retained January 1 to March 5, 1945, 3 @ 20c	60	
		<u>\$17 40</u>

TOWN CLERK
Sporting Licenses

Cash on hand April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$85 00	
Licenses issued April 27 to December 31, 1944:		
Series #1 24 @ \$2.00	\$48 00	
2 28 @ 2.00	56 00	
3 6 @ 3.25	19 50	
4 17 @ 1.25	21 25	
6 1 @ 5.25	5 25	
8 1 @ 1.50	1 50	
10 1 @ 5.25	5 25	
	156 75	
		\$241 75
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$163 50	
Fees retained April 27 to December 31, 1944, 78 @ 25c	19 50	
Cash balance December 31, 1944	58 75	
		<u>\$241 75</u>

Cash balance January 1, 1945 \$58 75

Licenses issued January 1 to March 5, 1945:

Series #1	14 @	\$2.00	\$28 00
2	3 @	2.00	6 00
3	22 @	3.25	71 50
4	1 @	1.25	1 25

106 75

\$165 50

Payments to Division of Fisheries and
Game January 1 to March 5,
1945

\$58 75

Fees retained January 1 to March 5,
1945, 40 @ 25c

10 00

Cash on hand March 5, 1945, verified

96 75

\$165 50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance April 27, 1944,
per previous audit

\$1 25

Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944

8 10

\$9 35

Payments to treasurer April 27 to
December 31, 1944

\$9 35

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944

\$291 25

Payments to treasurer April 27 to

December 31, 1944

\$187 75

Outstanding December 31, 1944

103 50

\$291 25

Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$103 50	
Charges January 1 to March 5, 1945	24 00	
		\$127 50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945		<u>\$127 50</u>

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable

Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944		\$1,665 75
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$1,622 75	
Disallowances April 27 to December 31, 1944	43 00	
		<u>\$1,665 75</u>
Charges January 1 to March 5, 1945		\$59 31
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945		<u>\$59 31</u>

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding April 27, 1944 per previous audit	\$986 93	
Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944	23,060 85	
		\$24,047 78
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$23,168 59	
Outstanding December 31, 1944	879 19	
		<u>\$24,047 78</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$879 19	
Charges January 1 to March 5, 1945	6,092 17	
Advance payment March 5, 1945	75	
		\$6,972 11

Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$5,137 43	
Outstanding March 5, 1945, per list	1,020 57	
Cash on hand March 5, 1945, verified	814 11	
		<u>\$6,972 11</u>

METER DEPOSITS

Balance April 27, 1944, per previous audit		\$210 06	
Receipts April 27 to December 31, 1944:			
Deposits	\$70 00		
Interest	2 15		
		72 15	
			\$282 21
Deposits refunded April 27 to December 31, 1944		\$60 00	
Balance December 31, 1944 and, March 5, 1945:			
Peoples Savings Bank #206037:			
Deposits	\$220 00		
Interest	2 21		
		222 21	
			<u>\$282 21</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT

Outstanding April 27, 1944 per previous audit	\$752 71	
Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944	2,775 11	
		\$3,527 82
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944		<u>\$3,527 82</u>
Charges January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$750 26	
Advance payment March 5, 1945	02	
		\$750 28

Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 5, 1945	\$509 19	
Outstanding March 5, 1945, per list	241 09	
		<u>\$750 28</u>

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Cash on hand April 27, 1944, per previous audit	\$1 50	
Outstanding April 27, 1944, per previous audit	58 00	
Charges April 27 to December 31, 1944	169 00	
		\$228 50
Payments to treasurer April 27 to December 31, 1944	\$144 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1944, and March 5, 1945, per list	84 00	
		<u>\$228 50</u>

D. RUSSELL BOYNTON CHARITY FUND

	SAVINGS	
	DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 27, 1944	\$1,081 29	\$1,081 29
On hand at end of year 1944	\$1,092 10	\$1,092 10
On hand March 5, 1945	\$1,103 02	\$1,103 02

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
		Added to savings	
Income	\$10 81	deposits	\$10 81
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
		Added to savings	
Income	\$10 92	deposits	\$10 92

EDWARD D. BIGELOW SCHOOL FUND

	SAVINGS	
	DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 27, 1944	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand March 5, 1945	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
Income	\$1 00	Transfer to town	\$10 00
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Income	\$10 00	Transfer to town	\$10 00

GEORGE L. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

	SAVINGS	
	DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 27, 1944	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand March 5, 1945	\$500 00	\$500 00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
Income	\$5 00	Transfer to town	\$5 00
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Income	\$5 00	Transfer to town	\$5 00

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

	SAVINGS		SECURITIES PAR VALUE	TOTAL
	DEPOSITS			
On hand April 27, 1944	\$168 87	\$1,500 00		\$1,688 87
On hand at end of year 1944	\$168 87	\$1,500 00		\$1,668 87
On hand March 5, 1945	\$168 87	\$1,500 00		\$1,668 87

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
Income	\$2 10	Transfer to town	\$2 10
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Income	\$1 68	Transfer to town	\$1 68

EDWARD D. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

CASH IN				
GENERAL		SAVINGS	SECURITIES	
TREASURY	DEPOSITS	PAR VALUE	TOTAL	
On hand April 27, 1944	—	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,271 47
On hand at end of year 1944	—	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,271 47
On hand March 5, 1945	\$100 61	\$16,693 47	\$5,578 00	\$22,372 08

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
Income	\$394 68	Transfer to town	\$394 68
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Income	\$243 22	Transfer to town	\$243 22
		Cash in general treas-	
Town appropriation	100 61	ury March 5, 1945	100 61
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$343 83		\$343 83

EDWARD D. BIGELOW VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND

SAVINGS		
DEPOSITS	TOTAL	
On hand April 27, 1944	\$1,066 67	\$1,066 67
On hand at end of year 1944	\$1,079 99	\$1,079 99
On hand March 5, 1945	\$1,079 99	\$1,079 99

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 27 to December 31, 1944

Income	\$13 32	Added to savings deposits	\$13 32
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
No transactions recorded			

C. D. BOYNTON FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

In Custody of Marion Maccabee, Trustee

SAVINGS

DEPOSITS TOTAL

On hand April 27, 1944	\$7,648 00	\$7,648 00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$7,818 64	\$7,818 64
On hand March 5, 1945	\$7,818 64	\$7,818 64

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 27 to December 31, 1944

Income	\$170 64	Added to savings deposits	\$170 64
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
No transactions recorded			

HOWE FARM FUND

REAL ESTATE

APPRAISED

VALUE TOTAL

On hand April 27, 1944	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00
On hand March 5, 1944	\$4,000 00	\$4,000 00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

April 27 to December 31, 1944

Rent	\$280 00	Transfer to town	\$280 00
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Rent	\$105 00	Transfer to town	\$105 00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	SAVINGS	
	DEPOSITS	TOTAL
On hand April 27, 1944	\$16,188 01	\$16,188 01
On hand at end of year 1944	\$17,091 30	\$17,091 30
On hand March 5, 1945	\$17,103 55	\$17,103 55

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
Transfer to town	\$72 51	Added to savings	
Income	180 78	deposits	\$903 29
Bequests	650 00		
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	\$903 29		\$903 29
January 1 to March 5, 1945			
Income	\$168 17	Added to savings	
		deposits	\$12 25
		Transfer to town	155 92
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	\$168 17		\$168 17

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

	CASH IN		
	GENERAL SECURITIES		TOOTAL
	TREASURY	PAR VALUE	
On hand April 27, 1944	—	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00
On hand at end of year 1944	\$62 50	\$5,000 00	\$5,062 50
On hand March 5, 1945	\$5,125 00	\$5,000 00	\$10,125 00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
April 27 to December 31, 1944			
		Cash in general treas-	
Income	\$62 50	ury Dec. 31, 1944	\$62 50
January 1 to March 5, 1945			

Appropriation from	
town	\$5,000 00
Income	62 50
Cash in general treas-	
ury Jan. 1, 1945	62 50
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	\$5,125 00

Cash in general treas-	
ury March 5,	
1945	\$5,125 00
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	\$5,125 00

BALANCE SHEET—MARCH 5, 1945

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Howe Farm Fund Income	\$126 92
In Banks and Office	\$38,618 70	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income	155 92
Accounts Receivable:		E. D. Bigelow Library Fund—Principal	100 61
Taxes:		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund:	
Levy of 1943	\$307 40	For Purchase of War Bonds	\$5,000 00
Levy of 1944	3,846 16	Income	125 00
	4,153 56		5,125 00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Illig Place Rentals	936 49
Levy of 1944	47 96	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	10 00
Tax Titles	\$16 60	Tailings	48 07
Tax Possessions	7,010 50	Highway Machinery Fund	262 00
	7,027 10	Dog Licenses—For County	59 40
Electric Light	1,833 93	Excess on Low Value Tax Title Sale	100 00
Water	241 07	Federal Grants:	
Revenue 1945:		Old Age Assistance:	
Appropriations Voted	\$51,299 24	Administration	\$15 15
Debt and Interest Paid,		Assistance	5 90
to be Raised	4,100 00		21 05
	55,399 24	Appropriation Balances:	
Less Estimated Receipts		General	\$48,710 59
Collected	3,184 07	Purchase of Grader	8,600 00
	52,215 17		57,310 59

Loans Authorized	6,600 00		
		Electric Light:	
		Maintenance	\$923 16
		Depreciation Fund	7,764 30
		Construction Fund	6,359 07
		Meter Deposit Fund	222 21
			15,268 74
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,187 16
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1943	\$307 40
		Levy of 1944	163 51
			470 91
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	\$47 96
		Tax Title and Tax Possession	7,027 10
		Electric Light	1,833 93
		Water	241 07
			9,150 06
		Surplus Revenue	19,404 57
	\$110,737 49 .		\$110,737 49

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$54,500 00	Playground Loan	\$1,500 00
		Water Loan	53,000 00
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	\$54,500 00		\$54,500 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Accounts:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer

\$58,952 51

In Custody of Trustee

7,818 64

\$66,771 15

\$66,771 15

D. Russell Boynton Charity

Fund \$1,103 02

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 *22,372 08

Edward D. Bigelow Village

Improvement Fund 1,079 99

Howe Farm Fund 4,000 00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 17,103 55

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund **10,125 00

\$58,952 51

C. D. Boynton Fund for General Purposes

7,818 64

\$66,771 64

*Includes \$100.61 in general cash

**Includes \$5,125 00 in general cash

REPORT OF THE PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRES

- 1 Camp
- 5 Chimney
- 1 Automobile
- 2 Brush
- 2 Grass
- 159 Fire Permits
- 11 Investigations where no permits were obtained
- 2 Fires resulting from burning without a permit

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

The Fire Department is asking for a new fire truck this year to replace the old 1921 Reo which has seen about all the service we can expect from it.

Thanks to all the firemen and all others who helped us at our fires this past year.

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

Board of Fire Engineers

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1946

HENRY F. O'JANNE

JOHN P. McHALE

GEORGE M. NICHOLS

THOMAS B. MORSE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

FRANK DUSO

LLOYD H. PITCHER

EARL BEMIS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen met Thursday evening, February 8, 1945, and organized as follows:

Arthur J. Crompton, Chairman
Harold F. Hansen, Clerk
Clifford Darwin, Third Member

The following permits were issued during the year for new buildings, remodelling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$8,437.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued:

- 11 Pistol
- 3 Milk and Cream
- 4 Common Victualers
- 7 Sunday Ice Cream and Soft Drinks
- 2 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages for 1946
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1946
- 1 Retail Package Goods All Alcoholic Beverages for 1946
- 1 Special Malt
- 2 Discharge Dynamite
- 1 Sunday Amusement

We wish to report that necessary repairs were made to the heating plant at the Town Hall. This heating plant is becoming worn out, and in the not too distant future, we should consider a new heating unit for the building.

We wish to report on the following improvements to the Town owned property: Howe Farm, interior papered and painted. Illig property there were minor repairs made as it did

not seem advisable at this time to do any extensive repairing or remodelling until we had the opinion of the townspeople regarding this property.

A new flag was purchased for the Common.

We wish to report that the Worcester-Paxton Town lines have been perambulated, as required by law.

We urge the voters of the Town to read the report of the Finance Committee and particularly the Articles of the Warrant calling for appropriations.

It is in the power of the voters at the town meeting to control the Annual Budget. Please make every effort to attend the town meeting.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the State Police of the Holden Barracks, for 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,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
HAROLD F. HANSEN
CLIFFORD DARWIN

Selectmen

REPORT OF THE FINANCE BOARD

Paxton, Mass., Jan. 11, 1946

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

Your Finance Committee has made a comparative survey of the department expenditures for 1945, and requested department budgets for the year 1946. We note that over-drafts of \$4,834.34 exist for the year 1945.

This amount must be raised at the annual Town Meeting and must be included in the tax levy for the year 1946. We also note that many department requests show an increase over that of last year.

These increases will also affect your tax rate for the year 1946. The amount as stated above is exclusive of the amounts requested in the different articles in the Town warrant.

We feel that it is the duty of every taxpayer in this Town to take time enough to go over the budget and while doing so, please keep in mind that every one thousand dollar appropriation voted for in favor will increase your taxes approximately one dollar per one thousand dollar assessed valuation of your property.

The committee feels that the 1946 tax rate is beginning to climb to a height that might become a little uncomfortable, with a possible raise in taxes to the amount of nine dollars per thousand. This possible increase is based on the amounts in the budget and does not include the articles calling for special appropriations in the warrant.

Transfers from the Reserve Fund made in 1945 are as follows:

Public Welfare	\$ 99 00
Snow Removal	185 79
Insurance and Bonds	174 15
Tractor Equip. Main.	129 52

Total	\$ 588 46
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Funded debt due in 1946:

Recreation Field Note	500 00
Interest on same	55 00
Water Bond	3,000 00
Interest on same	2,020 00

Total	5,575 00
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Overdrafts for 1946:

Schools	930 96
Snow Removal	1,241 74
Tractor Equipment	2,661 64

Total	4,834 34
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. PORTER, *Chairman*

ROBERT A. BELEY

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

THOMAS B. MORSE

HILTON CUNNINGHAM

STANLEY H. MOOR

CHARLES F. BRADY

MARION E. MACCABEE, *Ex-Officio*

BUDGET FOR 1946

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$300 00	\$300 00	\$299 98
Expenses	235 00	235 00	213 62
Town Accountant			
Salary	350 00	350 00	350 00
Expenses	15 00	15 00	11 00
Treasurer			
Salary	300 00	300 00	300 00
Expenses	85 00	85 00	83 40
Tax Collector			
Salary	400 00	400 00	400 00
Expenses	100 00	75 00	72 48
Assessors			
Salaries	225 00	225 00	225 00
Expenses	140 00	125 00	125 00
Extra Work on Certified Copy	25 00	None	None
Extra Work on Assessors Report	None	25 00	25 00
Legal	200 00	200 00	200 00

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Town Clerk			
Salary	580.100 00	100 00	100 00
Expenses	30 00	15 00	14 97
Elections	150 00	75 00	48 48
Registrars of Voters			
Salaries	25 00	25 00	25 00
Expenses	50 00	None	None
Town Clock			
Salary	60 00	60 00	60 00
Expenses	15 00	15 00	3 50
Contingent	300 00	300 00	227 59
Town Hall	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,271 33
Record Building	None	100 00	None
Planning Board	250 00	25 00	25 00
Constables	200 00	200 00	54 95
Fire Dept.			
Chief and Engineers' Salaries	320 00	320 00	320 00
Expenses	1,380 00	1,700 00	1,416 40
Dog Officer	25 00	25 00	25 00
Building Inspector	50 00	50 00	50 00

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary	25 00	25 00	25 00
Expenses	5 00	5 00	3 36
Moths	200 00	200 00	194 28
Tree Warden (Budget not Submitted)	<i>500.00</i> None	316 15	260 52
Board of Health			
Salaries	25 00	25 00	25 00
Expenses	375 00	810 00	380 33
Tubercular Hospital	<i>107493.7</i> 1500	1,283 09	1,283 09
Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering Plus \$1 for Each Inspection	5 00	5 00	5 00
Inspector of Animals	50 00	50 00	50 00
Highways—			
Chapter 81, Maintenance:			
State	4,200 00	3,500 00	
Town	2,800 00	2,800 00	5,832 70
Chapter 90, Maintenance:			
State		1,400 00	
County		1,400 00	
Town	<i>1000.00</i> 1,400 00	1,400 00	4,199 89
Snow Fence	250 00	None	None

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Reserve Fund	1,000 00	1,000 00	588 46
Snow Removal	3,000 00	3,000 00	
Transferred from Reserve		185 79	
Over-draft		1,241 74	4,427 53
Street Lights	530 500 00	500 00	445 34
Public Welfare	1,000 00	1,000 00	
Interest on Poor Fund		100 00	
Transferred from Reserve		99 00	1,198 00
Old Age Assistance			
Town	3,000 00	3,880 00	3,456 40
O. A. A. Federal Grant		2,658 97	2,486 58
O. A. A. Federal Adm.		94 40	79 03
Schools, High and Grade	19,500 00	17,000 00	
Interest on Bigelow Fund		20 00	
Over-draft		930 96	17,950 96
School Clinic	50 00	50 00	None
Trade Schools	2,000 00	2,500 00	1,554 58
Richards Memorial Library	400 00	400 00	
Dog Fund	340 23	256 23	
Income Trust Funds and Note		817 04	
Balance—1945		75 74	1,545 56

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Care of Common and Flag	150 00	200 00	141 90
Memorial Day	75 00	75 00	69 51
Insurance and Bonds	1,200 00	1,200 00	
Transferred from Reserve		174 15	1,374 15
Printing	250 00	350 00	350 00
July 4th	50 00	50 00	47 20
Water Dept.			
Salaries	125 00		
Expenses	2500 — 3,665 00	2,790 00	2,359 40
Hydrant Rental	1,050 00	1,050 00	1,050 00
Mooreland Cemetery	200 00	150 00	150 00
Painting Fence	None	200 00	200 00
Certification of Notes	10 00	10 00	None
Interest on Revenue Loans	25 00	25 00	None
Illig Property—Repairs and Water	1,000 00	300 00	70 22
Howe Farm—Repairs	500 00	600 00	320 90
Pre-School Clinic	55 00	55 00	51 50
Halloween	50 00	50 00	47 02
Over-Drafts			
Schools	930 96		

	RECOMMENDED 1946	VOTED 1945	SPENT 1945
Snow Removal	1,241 74		
Tractor Equipment	2,661 64		
Due on Debt—			
Recreation Field Note	500 00	500 00	500 00
Interest on same	55 00	82 50	82 50
Water Bond	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Interest on same	2,020 00	2,140 00	2,140 00
Water Note	None	1,000 00	1,000 00
Interest on same	None	12 50	12 50

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health was organized on February 8, 1945,
with the following officers:

Arthur J. Crompton, Chairman
Harold F. Hansen, Clerk
Clifford Darwin, Third Member

The following contagious diseases were reported during
the year:

- 1 Undulant Fever
- 2 Dog Bites
- 5 Scarlet Fever
- 1 German Measles

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 co-operate 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

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
HAROLD F. HANSEN
CLIFFORD DARWIN

REPORT
OF THE
PRE-SCHOOL WELL-CHILD
HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Well-Child Conference was held on Wednesday, October 24, 1945.

Dr. Thomas P. Cunningham examined 20 children. He was assisted by Miss Phyllis Glidden of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bessie Scott reported the condition of the children's teeth to be generally good.

A nutritionist, from the State Department of Public Health, discussed individual feeding problems with the mothers.

Return post-cards and notices, stating the purpose of the clinic, were sent to the parents of all pre-school age children. I am indebted to Mrs. George Maccabee for her assistance in compiling the mailing list.

The follow-up work of the clinic was done by Mrs. Esther E. Gonyer, the school nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. PRICE,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1945 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrants	33,925 77	
Payments to Treasurer		\$28,989 71
Real Estate Abatements		45 76
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		2 64
Outstanding Taxes		4,887 66
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	\$33,925 77	\$33,925 77

1945 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$ 3,695 93	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 2,983 66
Outstanding Taxes		712 27
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	\$ 3,695 93	\$ 3,695 93

1945 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$ 1,042 65	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 973 22
Abatements		7 12
Outstanding Taxes		62 31
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	\$ 1,042 65	\$ 1,042 65

1945 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$ 624 00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 466 00
Abatements		128 00
Outstanding Taxes		30 00
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	\$ 624 00	\$ 624 00

1944 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$ 4,124 28	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 3,369 88
Outstanding Taxes		754 40
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	\$ 4,124 28	\$ 4,124 28

1944 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$ 428 00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 355 68
Outstanding Taxes		72 32
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	\$ 428 00	\$ 428 00

1944 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$ 60 05	
Commitment 1-6-45	4 00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 52 05
Outstanding Taxes		12 00
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	\$ 64 05	\$ 64 05

1943 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$ 431 60	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 431 60
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	\$ 431 60	\$ 431 60

INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of 1945	\$ 9 01
Taxes of 1944	92 56
Taxes of 1943	31 99
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	\$133 56

Demand Payments to Treasurer \$2 80

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY,
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 48,116 26	
Receipts—1945	109,735 84	\$157,852 10
Payments per Warrants	115,170 36	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1945	42,681 74	\$157,852 10

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Recreation Field Notes	\$ 1,000 00	
Water Bonds	52,000 00	\$53,000 00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1946

		INTEREST
Recreation Field Note—		
Due Mar. 31, 1946	\$ 500 00	\$ 55 00
Water Bond—Due Feb. 1, 1946	3,000 00	1,040 00
Water Bond—Due Aug. 1, 1946		980 00
	\$3,500 00	\$2,075 00

- 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. 2750 gals. T-6 Tar, sand cover. 600 gals. MC-3 Asphalt, sand cover. 52 ft. of 15" Reinforced Concrete Pipe.

No. 15—MARSHALL STREET

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patching and surface treatments. 1800 gals. Tar—of which 1000 gals were T-6, and 800 gals. T-9, sand cover. 900 gals. MC-3 Asphalt, sand cover.

No. 8—RICHARDS AVENUE

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patch, excavate and gravel shoulders, surface treatment. 1300 gals. MC-3 Asphalt, 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, and tar gravel patch.

No. 28 AND 23—HOLDEN ROAD AND GROVE STREET

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patch and surface treatments. 1000 gals. SC-5 Asphalt, sand cover.

FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945 CHAPTER 81, DIST. No. 3, TOWN OF PAXTON

State Allotment \$3,500			Town Allotment \$2,333				Total Allotment \$5,833			State Pays 3/5	
NO.	ROAD NAMES	TOTAL MILES	MILEAGE BY TYPES				B.G.	ALLOT.	EXPEND.	REMARKS—WORK * MAINT.	OTHER THAN GEN.
			BMA	BMT	GR	DIRT					
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.23		0.66	\$181	\$262 32	Chapter 90 mtce—0.09 miles	
2	Mill St.	0.25			0.25			40	40 53		
3	West St.	2.93					2.93	—	229 89	Chapter 90 mtce.	
4	Spring St.	1.06					1.06	390	202 13		
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38			0.53	0.85		152	278 24		
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.52	0.98	0.27	239	398 30		
7	South St.	0.81					0.81	260	92 85		
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48			1.67	—	46 96	Chapter 90 mtce.	
9	Pleasant St. (Now State Hwy)							—	—		
10	Soumi St.	1.10					1.10	124	46 93		
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.27	0.04	0.66	807	1,049 84	0.26 mi. new B. G. Surf. P ½ T-4, S 1/3 T-6, 16' x4" Gravel. 0.11 mi. resurf., 16'x4" gravel.	
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.08	0.03		30	—		
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			118	174 96		
14	Winter St.	0.40				0.40		63	64 71		
15	Marshall St.	2.48			1.63	0.28	0.57	250	647 10	Chapter 90 mtce.—0.54 miles.	
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24			53	12 49		
17	Reservoir St.	1.22					1.22	—	25 32	Chapter 90 mtce.	
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52				0.52		55	11 05		
19	Crystal St.	0.32			0.19	0.13		63	92 93		
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62				0.62		118	80 20		
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35					0.35	49	—		
22	Camp St.	0.73			0.38	0.27	0.08	108	136 81		
23	Grove St.	2.51			0.32		2.19	1,318	1,271 22	Ch. 90 mtce.—1.07 miles. 0.28 mi. new B. G. Surf. P ½ T-4, S 1/3 T-6, 16'x4" gravel. 0.10 mi, resurf., 16'x4" gravel.	

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Interest from D. R. Boynton Fund	100 00
Reserve	99 00
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	\$1,199 00

Expenditures :

Case 22	\$179 00
Case 134	334 00
Case 138	532 50
Salaries	150 00
Expenses	2 50
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	\$1,198 00
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	\$1 00

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

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$3,880 00
Balance	23 90
Federal Reimbursement	2,635 07
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	\$6,538 97

Expenditures:	
Case No.	
8	\$586 80
9	480 00
12	415 20
15	183 30
16	505 20
20	488 00
22	102 05
23	360 00
26	475 20
31	507 20
32	480 00
33	732 45
34	400 00
36	35 58
37	192 00
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	\$5,805 35
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	\$733 62

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

FEDERAL GRANT O. A. A. ADMINISTRATION

January 1, 1945, balance	\$6 61	
Reimbursement for Administration	87 79	
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Expenses:

Supplies	\$21 05	
Administration Exp.	49 98	
Association meetings	8 00	
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		\$15 37

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

JANUARY

- 11 Susan Allen, dau. of Lloyd H. and Helen (Bush) Pitcher.

APRIL

- 4 Barbara Ellen, dau. of Austin W. and Emma E. (Conroy) Whitney.

MAY

- 8 William, son of Cornelius T. and Ruth (Maloney) Kelleher.

JUNE

- 6 John Mason, son of Hilton and Elizabeth (Orr) Cunningham.

JULY

- 27 Charles Wayne, son of Veikko A. and Phyllis (Garber) Mannila.

AUGUST

- 4 Carol Jean, dau. of Raymond E. and Phyllis (Kraus) Umbaugh.

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Paul Stewart, son of Leslie E. and Beatrice (Stewart) Robinson.
25 Ruth Gertrude, dau. of Arne J. and Gertrude (Hill) Niemi.

OCTOBER

- 15 Henry Reno 3rd, son of Henry R. and Edna (Foskett) Kennen.

NOVEMBER

- 24 Pauline Selma, dau. of John J. and Irene R. (Morawski) Niemela.
 27 Douglas Gilbert, son of Gilbert G. and Fannie (Clapp) MacDonald.

MARRIAGES

JANUARY

- 8 Joseph L. Robinson of Paxton and Jane Bibeault of Worcester.

APRIL

- 13 Merton J. Sjogren of Auburn and Elizabeth J. Flint of Paxton.
 14 Gordon M. Richards of Worcester and Margaret E. Lawler of Paxton.
 21 Leonard W. Morrison of New York and Muriel Ann Nichols of Paxton.

JUNE

- 17 Benjamin Hagopian of West Boylston and Florence Nanigian of Paxton.

DECEMBER

- 23 Clarence A. Smith and Harriet C. Phoenix of Paxton.

DEATHS

	Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY			
6 Mary Ahearn	80		
FEBRUARY			
15 Carl H. Wood	51		
MARCH			
1 Martin Olmstead	86		15
11 John Tribis	62		
APRIL			
13 Harry Smith	60	4	15

		MAY		
6	Charles W. Bears	55	8	17
		JUNE		
14	John L. Johnson	87	5	27
		JULY		
22	Jennie M. Watson	90		
		OCTOBER		
9	Albert N. Putnam	69	4	11
11	Selma Neimela	68	4	25
		NOVEMBER		
12	Mary E. (Howley) Moore	65		

LICENSES ISSUED IN 1945

Dog

92	Males	
23	Females	
22	Spayed Females	
2	Kennel	
6	Military (Free)	
	Paid Town Treasurer	\$365 20

HUNTING AND FISHING

60	Resident Citizen Fishing	
45	Resident Citizen Hunting	
49	Resident Citizen Sporting	
29	Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing	
1	Special Non-Resident Fishing	
2	Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	
2	Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
7	Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting (Free)	
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$371 00

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Lots sold	\$600 00	
Amount Placed in Trust Fund		\$600 00
Collected from care of lots, not in Perpetual Care	110 50	
Opening Graves	109 00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		219 50
Paid for care of lots	361 56	
Income from Trust Funds	317 17	
Balance from Income Account		44 39
Mooreland Cemetery Appropriation	150 00	
Paid for care of lots		150 00
Painting Fence Appropriation	200 00	
Paid for same		200 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, *Chairman*

DAVIS H. MORRIS

Board of Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FUNDS FOR USE IN 1945:

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Dog Fund	256 23	
Unexpended Balance	75 74	
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		\$731 97
Income from Trust Fund \$22,372.08		721 18
Income from Geo. Bigelow Fund \$500.00		10 00
Income from Library Fund \$668.87		3 36
Town Note		82 50
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Total Funds Available in 1945		\$1,549 01

EXPENDITURES:

Salary, Mrs. Robinson	\$480 00	
Salary, A. W. Tannahill	365 00	
Books and Magazines	243 20	
Light	23 50	
Fuel	230 36	
Miscellaneous	5 50	
Water	15 00	
Repairs and Replacement	183 00	1,545 56
		<hr/>
Unexpended Balance		\$3 45

Respectfully submitted,

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

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I hereby submit my fourth report as Librarian of the Richards Memorial Library:

Total Circulation	6,487
Adult Fiction	3,417
Juvenile Fiction	2,053
Adult Non-Fiction	405
Juvenile Non-Fiction	53
Adult Magazines	481
Juvenile Magazines	69
Others	9
Number of Books Purchased	154
Adults	122
Juvenile	32
Number of Books Borrowed	3
Worcester City Library	1
Mass. State Library	2
Number of Books Donated	71

We wish to express our gratitude to those who have added to our reading pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Librarian

REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The Electric Light Department presents the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945:

ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$35,558 93
General Equipment	4,783 34
Cash	2,314 90
Special Deposits	219 19
Accounts Receivable	786 68
Construction Fund	923 03
Materials and Supplies	3,196 60
Depreciation Fund	11,159 69
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	\$58,942 36

LIABILITIES

Appropriations for Construction	\$6,000 00
Consumer Deposits	190 81
Loans Repayment	19,116 00
Appropriations for Construction Repay- ment	1,090 07
Profit and Loss Bal.	32,545 48
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	\$58,942 36

COST OF PLANT

Cost of Structures	\$293 44
Cost of Transformer Station and Sub- station Equipment	8,482 23
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	35,398 52
Cost of Consumers Meters	4,360 13
Cost of Line Transformers and Installation	11,246 75
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	4,308 62
Costs of Office Equipment	346 65
Cost of Transportation Equipment	3,815 68
Cost of Laboratory Equipment	278 55
Cost of Miscellaneous Equipment	596 83
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	\$69,127 40

There was no important work done this year except general maintenance because of the war and the scarcity of materials.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. DEWEY, JR.
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON
ALLAN HUTCHINS

Commissioners

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Receipts from metered water and installations	\$3,090 63
Rental of hydrants	1,050 00
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Total Receipts	\$4,140 63

All outstanding water bills were paid as of December 31, 1945, so that the Board may once again report there are no accounts receivable outstanding.

During the war there have been few new water installations; however, it is possible that within the next year or two there will be new homes built in Paxton, and of course, we expect additional water consumers.

Some water extensions may be advisable, but for the time being the Board would recommend proceeding cautiously. Under present day conditions water extensions would be somewhat expensive and the overall financial condition of the Town should be given serious consideration.

During the year of 1946 we believe it may be advisable to have our catch basin thoroughly cleaned and the foundation to the pump station repaired as well as having the fence around the pump station and the catch basin reset. The cost of this work is reflected in the budget for the Water Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

ZONING AND BUILDING BY-LAWS

This board since the town meeting of February 1945 has devoted the major part of its time formulating a new set of "Zoning By-laws," to replace the "Temporary Zoning By-laws" accepted at the Special Town Meeting of June 5, 1923.

Considerable care and many consultations with the State Planning Board were held to ascertain that the subject matter was in compliance with the "General Laws."

Also we are submitting a set of "Building By-laws" which we believe will take care of our needs in Paxton for the coming year. The members of the Board hope that the townspeople will keep an open mind in regards to these Zoning and Building By-laws.

To be of service to the community the by-laws should be continually revised and studied to keep up with changing conditions.

HOWE FARM

We are submitting an article for the sale of this property, after obtaining legal advice and a report of court procedure. The law cites that a person cannot tie up property so that it never can be sold.

This farm, if sold to a private person will become a valuable piece of taxable property, and we believe further town ownership will incur maintenance costs that will exceed its revenue.

We propose that the money from the sale of this property be applied to the start of a "War Memorial Park."

ILLIG FARM OR PROPERTY

This year we again propose that the Illig Farm property be developed as a "War Memorial Park" with the provision that if at some future date the town wishes to build a Municipal Building on this property it would be permissible.

Miss Herlihey, chairman of the State Planning Board, came to Paxton on December 8th and addressed the townspeople on Zoning and Building by-laws. We wish to thank her for the special trip, also to Miss Herlihy and Mr. Davis for their co-operation in helping us set up these new By-laws in correct form, that we might submit them at this town meeting.

We wish to remind the townspeople that any matter of town affairs may be referred to the Planning Board for study to be reported on to the voters at the next town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH, *Chairman*
ROBERT BELEY, *Clerk*
ALLAN ESTERBROOK
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
WILLIAM WYLIE

**REPORT
OF THE
TREE WARDEN**

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1945.

Appropriation	\$316 15
Expenditures: (Trimming and removing trees on the different streets where most needed)	260 52
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Balance	\$55 63

More tree work needs to be done on all the streets.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED R. DIFLEY,
Tree Warden

REPORT
OF THE
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby state that during the year 1945 the following work was done under by direction.

64,465 moth nests were destroyed on the roadsides.

No work has been done on private property.

The number of nests located indicate an increase the last few years.

Materials on hand at close of year:

45 gallons of Creosote

2 poles

2 brushes

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON BOUCHER,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR

The general run of inspection has been completed, and advice given where it seemed necessary.

As Building Inspector I would like to call attention to those desiring to do their own work the necessity of knowing beforehand what and how you are going to do it.

This year more than before those doing their own work have been obliged to make changes that have required both additional labor and material.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	PRIN.	DIV. 1945	ACCRUED INTEREST
Peoples Savings Bank	\$2,700 00	\$55 35	\$109 62
Worcester Five Cents Sav- ings Bank	1,748 00	40 53	84 49
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	32 80	64 96
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	32 96	73 21
Totals	\$7,648 00	\$161 64	\$332 28

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Trustee

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, 1945.

General Revenue:

Taxes—Polls, Personal and Real Estate:

Current Year	\$32,439 37	
Previous Years	4,156 56	
Tax Titles	955 00	
		\$37,550 93

From State:

Income Tax	3,807 00	
Corporation Tax	1,981 19	
		5,788 19

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor, Stands and Permits	640 00	
		640 00

Grants and Gifts from the State:

School Fund	852 08
School Superintendent	193 33
High School Tuition	1,738 69
High School Transportation	1,790 40
Highway Fund	2,418 12
Snow Removal	1,527 72

Old Age Assistance	2,788 48	
Meal Tax	150 81	
	<hr/>	12,826 99
Grants and Gifts—Federal:		
Old Age Assistance	2,635 07	
Old Age Assistance Administration	87 79	
	<hr/>	2,722 86
From County:		
Dog Licenses, Refunded	256 23	
	<hr/>	256 23
Total—General Revenue		<hr/> \$59,785 20 <hr/>
Special Assessments:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Current Year	973 22	
Previous Years	52 05	
	<hr/>	1,025 27
Total—Special Assessments		<hr/> \$ 1,025 27 <hr/>
Commercial Revenue: Departmental		
General Government:		
Tax Collector—Demands	2 80	
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	375 05	
Rents—Town Hall	157 25	
Illig Place	324 00	
Howe Place	380 00	
	<hr/>	1,239 10
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Sealer's Fees	7 43	
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Health and Sanitation:

Health	135 00
Inspector of Animals	25 00

 160 00

Highways:

State:

Chapter 81	4,710 94
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,175 98

County:

Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,175 98
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Town:

Tractor	505 00
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 7,567 90

Charities:

Reimbursements:

Individuals	\$126 00
City of Worcester	103 50

 \$ 229 50

Schools:

City of Worcester	\$40 50
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 40 50

Total—Commercial Revenue—Departmental

 \$9,244 43

Commercial Revenue—Public Service:

Electric Light Dept:

Light and Power	\$32,936 62
Meter Deposits	50 00
Interest on Meter Deposits	4 18
Interest on Depreciation Fund	152 84

 33,143 64

Water Department:		
Meter Rates	\$3,090 63	
Hydrant Rentals	1,050 00	
	<hr/>	4,140 63
Total—Commercial Revenue—Public Service		\$37,284 27
Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries:		
Perpetual Care Bequests	\$600 00	
Care of Lots	110 50	
Opening Graves	109 00	
	<hr/>	819 50
Total—Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries		\$819 50
Commercial Revenue—Interest		
On Taxes	\$134 16	
On School Fund	20 00	
On Library Funds	817 04	
On War Bonds	62 50	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	361 56	
On Highway Fund	40 77	
On Poor Fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,536 03
Total—Commercial Revenue—Interest		\$1,536 03
Refunds:		
Insurance	\$ 7 67	
Old Age Assistance	16 90	
Highways	14 47	
Tractor Equipment	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 41 14
Total—Refunds		\$ 41 14
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<hr/> \$109,735 84

PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen:

Salaries \$299 98

Expenses 213 62

\$513 60

Town Accountant:

Salary \$350 00

Expenses 11 00

\$361 00

Treasurer:

Salary \$300 00

Expenses 83 40

\$383 40

Tax Collector:

Salary \$400 00

Expenses 72 48

\$472 48

Assessors:

Salaries \$225 00

Expenses 125 00

Extra Report 25 00

\$375 00

Legal:

Town Counsel \$200 00

\$200 00

Town Clerk:

Salary \$100 00

Expenses 14 97

\$114 97

Elections:

Registrars	\$ 25 00
Tellers	40 98
Ballots	7 50

\$ 73 48

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$780 00
Fuel	385 35
Lights	51 08
Repairs	9 31
Water	20 00
Telephone	15 35
Others	10 24

\$1,271 33

Planning Board:

Expenses	\$ 25 00
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\$ 25 00

Contingent:

Moderator	\$ 15 00
Civilian Defense	2 20
Funeral Spray	10 00
Census	15 07
Clearing Dump	17 00
Clerical	10 73
Creosote	15 00
Listing Cards	18 95
Printing	28 95
Inspection of Meat	6 00
Perambulating Lines	10 00
Legal—Tax Titles	78 69

\$ 227 59

Total—General Government

\$4,017 85

Protection of Persons and Property:

Constables:

Services	\$ 54 95
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\$54 95

Dog Officer:

Disposal of Dogs	\$ 25 00
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\$ 25 00

Fire Engineers:

Salaries	\$320 00
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\$320 00

Fire Department:

Siren	\$ 9 00
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Rents	390 00
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Maintenance & Equipm't	712 40
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Compensation	195 00
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Telephone	110 00
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\$1,416 40

Building Inspector:

Services	\$ 50 00
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\$ 50 00

Sealer of Weights & Measures:

Salary	\$ 25 00
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Expenses	3 36
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\$ 28 36

Moth:

Labor	\$194 28
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\$194 28

Tree Warden:
Labor

\$260 52

\$260 52

Total—Protection of Persons and Property \$2,349 51

Health and Sanitation:

Salaries	\$ 25 00
Hospital Care	87 00
Disposal of Garbage	293 33
Tubercular Hospital	1,283 09
Inspector—Animals	50 00
Inspector—Meat	5 00
Pre-School Clinic	51 50

\$1,794 92

Total—Health and Sanitation \$1,794 92

Highways:

Chapter 81:

Payrolls	\$5,832 70
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Chapter 90, Maintenance:

Payrolls	4,199 89
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Snow Removal:

Payrolls	4,427 53
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Equipment Maintenance:

Repairs	691 28
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New Grader:

Payment	2,000 00
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Street Lights:

Current	445 34
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\$17,596 74

Total—Highways \$17,596 74

Charities:

Public Welfare :

Salaries	\$ 150 00
Board and Care	393 00
Funeral Expense	235 00
Other Cities	417 50
Office Expense	2 50

 \$1,198 00

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	\$ 79 03
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 \$ 79 03

Relief—Town	\$3,456 40
Relief—Federal	2,486 58

 \$5,942 98

Total—Charities

7,220 01

Schools and Library:

Grade Schools:

School Committee	\$ 210 00
Clerical	36 00
Payrolls	8,225 82
Census	10 00
Books and Supplies	273 57
Transportation	2,710 20
Fuel and Lights	552 81
Maintenance	221 63
Janitor's Supplies	38 73
Water	32 81
Others	75 44

High Schools:

Tuition	\$3,521 25
Transportation	2,083 20

 \$17,991 46

Trade Schools:

Tuition	\$1,093 98
Transportation	460 60

 \$1,554 58

Library:

Librarian	\$ 480 00
Janitor	365 00
Books	212 20
Magazines	34 00
Fuel and Lights	256 36
Repairs	183 00
Water	15 00

 1,545 56

Total—Schools and Library

 \$21,091 60

Recreation and Unclassified:

Care of Common	\$ 87 61
Care of Flag	54 30
Memorial Day	69 51
July Fourth	47 20
Care of Town Clock	60 00
Repairs—Town Clock	3 50
Printing	350 00
Insurance and Bonds	1,374 15
Halloween	47 02
Illig Place	154 70
Howe Place	488 10

 \$2,736 09

Total—Recreation and Unclassified

 \$2,736 09

Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Electric Light Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	145 00
Insurance	267 05
Supplies	173 04
Meter Deposits	49 15
Employees	4,905 60
Current	21,282 36
Truck Maintenance	380 92
New Truck	1,596 68
Legal	10 00
Materials	2,906 94
Trimming Trees	944 52
Rents	88 00
Taxes	7 67
Others	128 26
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	\$32,960 19

Water Department:

Commissioners	\$ 115 00
Superintendent	1,039 92
Printing and Postage	62 04
Insurance	50 30
Labor	38 16
Maintenance	529 40
Fuel	57 84
Power	460 74
Dues	6 00
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	\$ 2,359 40
Hydrant Rentals	\$ 1,050 00

Cemeteries:

Mooreland:

Labor	\$ 150 00
Fence	200 00

Perpetual Care Lots

Labor

361 56

\$ 711 56

Total—Enterprises and Cemeteries

\$37,081 15

Interest:

On Water Bonds \$ 2,140 00

On Water Note 12 50

On Recreational Field 82 50

\$ 2,235 00

Total—Interest

\$ 2,235 00

Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Bonds \$ 3,000 00

Water Note 1,000 00

Recreational Field 500 00

Highway Note 5,000 00

\$ 9,500 00

Total—Municipal Indebtedness

\$ 9,500 00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Agency:

State Tax \$ 1,156 00

State Parks 27 31

Auditing 143 23

County Tax 1,996 05

Dog Licenses—County 398 20

\$ 3,719 79

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Bequests	\$ 600 00
War Bonds	5,000 00
Post War Fund Income	125 00
Library Funds Transfer	100 61

\$ 5,825 61

Total—Agency and Trust \$ 9,545 40

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise

1944 \$ 2 09

\$ 2 09

Total—Refunds \$ 2 09

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$115,170 36

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$59,785 20
Special Revenue	1,025 27
Commercial Revenue:	
Departmental	9,244 43
Public Service	37,284 27
Cemeteries	819 50
Interest	1,536 03
Refunds	41 14

Total Receipts \$109,735 84

Cash on hand, January 1, 1945 48,116 26

Total \$157,852 10

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 4,017 85
Protection—Persons and Property	2,349 15
Health and Sanitation	1,794 92
Highways	17,596 74
Charities	7,220 01
Schools and Library	21,091 60
Recreation and Unclassified	2,736 09
Enterprises and Cemeteries	37,081 15
Interest	2,235 00
Municipal Indebtedness	9,500 00
Agency and Trust	9,545 40
Refund	2 09

Total Payments	\$115,170 36
Cash on hand, December 31, 1945	42,681 74

Total	\$157,852 10
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Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1945

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$42,681 74	Highway Machinery Rentals	\$ 505 00
Accounts Receivable:		Electric Light—Consumers' Charges	739 14
Taxes:		Depreciation Fund	11,159 69
Levy of 1944	826 72	Meter Guarantee	219 19
Levy of 1945	5,633 57	Water Department—Meter Charges	15 93
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	13 20
Levy of 1944	12 00	Rents—Howe Place	513 82
Levy of 1945	62 31	Illig Place	1,324 79
Tax Titles	16 60	State Parks—Overestimated	9 04
Tax Title Possessions	6,055 50	Revenue:	
State Aid to Highways:		Motor Vehicle Excise	74 31
Chapter 81	1,037 66	Excess Low Value Taxes	100 00
Chapter 90, Maint.	224 02	Tax Titles	7,027 10
County Aid to Highways:		Aid to Highways	1,485 70
Chapter 90, Maint.	224 02	Overlay:	
County Tax:		Levy of 1943	307 40
Underestimated	49 67	Levy of 1944	163 51
Electric Light Revenue:		Levy of 1945	135 00
Consumers' Charges	739 14	Overlay Surplus—Reserve Fund	2,187 16
Water Dept. Revenue:		Sale of Cemetery Lot	10 00
Meter Charges	15 93	Tailings	48 07
Highways:		Public Welfare—Income	1 00
Chapter 81	570 36	Old Age Assistance—Federal	172 39
Chapter 90, Maint.	447 93	Old Age Assistance—Administration	15 37
Tractor Equipment	262 86	Library	3 45

Snow Removal
Schools

1,241 74
930 96

Electric Light Construction Fund
Water Department—Richards Ave.
Excess and Deficiency—Surplus

3,150 15
107 68
31,543 65

\$61,032 73

\$61,032 73

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$53,000 00

Recreational Field
Water System Bonds

\$ 1,000 00
52,000 00

\$53,000 00

\$53,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Investments

\$67,371 15

D. R. Boynton Poor Fund
E. D. Bigelow School Fund
George L. Bigelow Library Fund
Richards Memorial Library Fund
E. D. Bigelow Library Funds
E. D. Bigelow V. I. Fund
C. D. Boynton General Fund
Howe Place
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
Post War Rehabilitation Fund

\$ 1,103 02
1,000 00
500 00
1,668 87
22,372 08
1,079 99
7,818 64
4,000 00
17,703 55
10,125 00

\$67,371 15

\$67,371 15

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Town Accountant

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



FOR THE YEAR 1945

PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry Clark, Chairman	Term expires 1947
M. Lawrence Price, Secretary	Term expires 1948
Charles C. Craig	Term expires 1946

SUPERINTENDENT

James R. Childs	Holden 12 or 209
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MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Winona A. Weed	Holden
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M.D.	On leave of absence
Arthur M. Kimberly, M.D.	Worcester

SCHOOL NURSE

Esther E. Gonyer, R.N.	Holden 265 or 7
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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, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1946
Spring Term—8 weeks	March 4, 1946 to Apr. 26, 1946
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 6, 1946 to June 14, 1946
Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 4, 1946 to Dec. 20, 1946
Winter Term—8 weeks	Dec. 30, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1947

HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, May 30, April 19, Labor Day, October 12, November 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Funds for use in 1945:

Appropriation	\$17,000 00
Appropriation for Clinic	50 00
Bigelow Fund Interest	20 00
	<hr/> \$17,070 00

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$ 225 00
Superintendent	465 00
Teachers' Salaries	6,161 32
Janitor	1,404 00
Health	255 50
Books	154 34
School Supplies	70 82
Janitor's Supplies	25 52
High School Transportation	1,998 40
Grade School Transportation	2,795 00
High School Tuition	3,521 25
Lights and Fuel	554 75
Repairs and Replacements	187 64
New Equipment	46 80
Miscellaneous	93 31
Water	32 81

 17,991 46

Refund, City of Worcester

40 50

 17,950 96 17,950 96

Clinic		none	
		Deficit	880 96
Unexpended Clinic Fund			50 00
		Overdraft	930 96
TRADE SCHOOLS			
Appropriation		2,500 00	
Expenditures:			
Tuition	1,067 38		
Transportation	487 20		
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	1,554 58	1,554 58	
Unexpended Balance		<hr/>	945 42 945 42

GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM THE STATE

High School Tuition		1,738 69	
High School Transportation		1,790 40	
School Fund Part 1	852 08		
School Fund Part 2	832 00		
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	1,684 08	3,529 09	
		1,684 08	
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		5,213 17	
Superintendent		193 33	
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		5,406 50	
Trade School Tuition and Transportation		1,367 36	
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Total Grants and Gifts		6,773 86	
Total Expenditures:			
Grade and High Schools		17,950 96	
Trade Schools		1,554 58	
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		19,505 54	19,505 54

Grants and Gifts from State

6,773 86

Net Cost to Town

\$12,731 68

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CLARK, *Chairman*M. LAWRENCE PRICE, *Secretary*

CHARLES CRAIG

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1945

To the School Committee of Paxton:

This report presented for your consideration is the forty-sixth in the series since the formation of the present School Union, and the twenty-eighth by the writer.

No one can realize better than a School Committee the problems that face us in maintaining the standards of a good school system in the face of teacher shortage and scarcity of supplies and equipment. Since the last report we have had a complete turn-over in the teaching staff, even with general salary increases. We have not yet been able to find a Drawing Supervisor, but I hope in the near future to be able to fill that position, and as soon as possible we should have a definite program in manual training and practical arts for both boys and girls. As supplies and equipment become available we shall need to expand the physical education program to meet our needs.

There is an increase in our registration of children between the ages of 5 and 16, from 102 to 116. The fall term enrollment shows an increase of 86 to 94, and the per cent of attendance is very good.

The building has been open again this year for the use of various community organizations and groups. The pupils purchased \$1,301.35 in Defense Stamps and Bonds. At the graduation exercises in June the American Legion awards were presented to Donald Flint and Anna VanWyck. First prizes for Posters, presented by the American Humane Education Society, were awarded to Frances Rogers and Marion

Brandt. Second prizes to Robert Langevin and Rachel Pierce, and honorable mention to Jean Perkins and Louise Wentworth. There were also awards made to Leonard Harrington and Gerald Fontaine for their service as Safety Patrol leaders.

In this period of reconversion from an "all out war effort" to peacetime conditions, the schools come in for their share of close scrutiny and reorganization. Having seen the power of education as demonstrated by the Axis nations, we realize more than ever the need for a high standard of universal education. We need greater vision, strong leadership and the support of all parents and citizens. Our School Committee is typical of over 100,000 similar boards of education, working continually for better opportunities for our boys and girls. The experience of each member is most valuable, and with the loyal support of the citizens our schools will be able to meet the needs of our youth as they enter upon this new age in our history.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,
Superintendent

ORGANIZATION 1944-1945

GRADES	TEACHER	TRAINING	BEGAN HERE
VII-VIII	Mrs. Alfhild E. Cashin	Worcester NS	April 1943
V-VI	Ruth Moss	Fram'gham NS	Sept. 1944
III-IV	Jenny E. Hodgdon	Keene Tchr's C.	Sept. 1944
I-II	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester NS	Sept. 1929
	Louise J. Shackford	Gorham NS	Jan. 1945
	Muriel C. Dahlstrom	Worcester STC	May 1945
Music	Winona A. Weed	Ithaca	Sept. 1944
Drawing	Winifred M. Bond	Mass. Sch. Art	Sept. 1941

ENROLLMENT—FALL TERM 1945

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Boys	9	5	7	7	7	7	6	8	56
Girls	6	3	3	3	6	7	6	4	38
Totals	15	8	10	10	13	14	12	12	94

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1945

CHILDREN IN PAXTON	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
5 to 7 years of age	12	9	21
7 to 16 years of age	54	41	95
Totals	66	50	116

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS

1944-1945

GRADES	TOTAL MEMB.	AVE. MEMB.	AVE. ATTEND.	% OF ATTEND.
I-II	20	19	18	93
III-IV	23	21	20	95
V-VI	26	23	21	95
VII-VIII	21	20	20	96
	—	—	—	—
Totals	90	83	79	94.75

ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

Neither absent or tardy for one year

George Nanigian
 Leon Nanigian
 Anna Van Wyck
 Louise Wentworth

GRADUATES—JUNE 1945

Eugene M. Beley
 Lawrence R. Clockedile
 Donald A. Flint
 Leonard C. Harrington

Harold J. Mullaney
 Rachel H. Pierce
 Frances L. Rogers
 Anna M. Van Wyck

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In response to your request, I am hereby submitting my annual report as Supervisor of Music.

The regular program has been carried on during the year. It includes singing, listening, reading, part singing, theory, and general information about the music sung, the composers, nationality and general characteristics. These phases are carefully graded and carried on during the eight grade levels. The children in the first grade enter in the fall with a 20% group able to sing "in tune". By the end of the first year the per cent is raised to 80. During the second year the percentage is raised to 95, and third year we strive for 100%. The existing third grade has about 90% of its members who are able to sing in tune and by the end of the year will probably be able to claim a 98% average. This phase of the music work is one of the most important covered through the whole eight years. On it depends the success of the higher levels of music education.

With the help of the Principal the seventh and eighth grades worked out a musical program based on the song and graduation theme, "The House I Live In".

New books were introduced into the first grade and proved very successful and popular with the children. It is hoped that the next book of the same series for Grade II will be introduced this year.

Respectfully submitted,

WINONA A. WEED

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report covers the period September to December, and includes the following activities:

1. Weekly sanitation inspection of the building.
2. Weekly inspection of each child.
3. Weighing and measuring of all children.
4. First Aid.
5. Visual and auditory testing.
6. Assisting Dr. Kimberly with health examinations.
7. Consultations with parents and teachers.
8. Eight field visits.

We are fortunate to have the health program begin with a physical examination of each child by Dr. Arthur M. Kimberly. Details noted by him were checked, and a record of any defects sent to the parents. Poor posture is a common condition that will need careful attention at home as well as in school. Good posture proceeds with normal development. Those in greatest need posturally can be improved by physical exercises. Only three children had teeth in poor condition. This reflects the good work being done by Dr. Bessie Scott who conducted the Dental Clinic in November.

May I thank the teachers for their kind cooperation, and Mr. Maccabee for screening off an office for Dr. Kimberly's work.

ESTHER E. GONYER, R.N.

REVISED ZONING BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws are recommendations of the Planning Board to the town, to be acted upon at the Town Meeting on February 4th.

Paxton, Mass., December 19, 1945

SECTION I

In order to promote the health, safety, convenience, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Paxton under the authority of the provisions of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and with a view to encouraging the most appropriate use of land; the alteration, repair, height, area, location and use of buildings and the use of land is hereby regulated.

This By-Law repeals and replaces the temporary Zoning By-Law adopted by the Special Town Meeting of June 5, 1923 and subsequent Amendments made thereto.

SECTION II

1. For the purposes of this By-Law, the Town of Paxton is hereby divided into the following zones:

1. Residence
2. Business

2. *Zoning Map.* These zones are shown on a map on file in the office of the Town Clerk and entitled, "Zoning Map of Paxton, Massachusetts, 1946". This Zoning Map is hereby declared a part of this By-Law.

SECTION III

ADMINISTRATION

1. *Enforcement.* This By-Law shall be enforced by the Inspector of Buildings. The Selectmen shall issue no permit

for the erection or alteration of any building, or part thereof, plans and specifications and intended use of which are not in all respects in conformity with the provisions of this By-Law. With each application for a permit to build there shall be filed a plan showing the lot and the location of the building thereon.

2. *Certification of Occupancy.* No premises or building or part thereof hereafter erected or altered, wholly or partly, in use or structure, or the open spaces pertaining to which are in any way reduced, shall be used until the Inspector of Buildings shall have certified on the building permit, or, in case no permit is issued, shall have issued a certificate of occupancy, specifying the use to which the premises, or the building upon being sufficiently completed to comply with the provisions and regulations relating thereto, may be put .

3. *Board of Appeals.* Within 30 days after the adoption of this By-Law, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Board of Appeals of five members for terms of such length and so arranged that the term of one appointee will expire each year, and two associate members appointed in like manner, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By-Law in the manner prescribed in Section 30 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, and subject always to the rule that it shall give due consideration to promoting the public health, safety, convenience and welfare, encouraging the most appropriate use of land, and conserving property value, that it shall permit no building or use injurious, noxious, offensive, or detrimental to a neighborhood, and that it shall prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in each case.

5. *Validity.* The invalidity of any section or provision of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision hereof.

SECTION IV

REGULATIONS

1. *General Conditions.* Any building, use of building or use of land not herein expressly permitted for the zone

in which the building or land is located is hereby forbidden, except a building, use of building, or use of land legally existing at the time of the adoption of this By-Law, unless permission is obtained from the Board of Appeals as provided in Section III of this By-Law.

2. In the Residence Zone no building shall be erected or altered and no building or premises shall be used for any purpose except:

1. Detached one family dwelling.
2. Private club not conducted for profit.
3. Church and/or parish house and/or parish school.
4. Farming (Agricultural), nursery, garden or greenhouse, selling primarily products or plants raised or produced on the premises and excluding any use injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood.
5. Building or premises for municipal use.
6. Telephone Exchange
7. Commercial Poultry farms, provided that the buildings housing the poultry be located not less than 200 feet from any street or way and not less than 100 feet from any adjoining property line.
8. Accessory use on the same lot with and customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses and not detrimental to a residential neighborhood. Any of the following uses shall be considered "accessory use":
 1. The use of a room or rooms in a dwelling as an office or studio by a physician, dentist, lawyer, music teacher or similar professional person resident in the dwelling.
 2. The renting of rooms to not more than 5 persons.

3. Furnishing table board to not more than 5 persons.
 4. Garage for not more than 3 automobiles.
 5. Storage of 1 commercial vehicle (except farm vehicles.)
9. Any of the following uses, provided the use is not injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood and only if authorized by the Board of Appeals.
- Aviation Field. Fur Farm.
 - Riding Stable. Stone Quarry.
 - Cemetery. Golf Club.
 - Soil, loam, sod, sand or gravel removal.
 - Hospital, Convalescent Home or Sanitarium.
 - Educational or Philanthropic Institution.
 - Ice Harvest and/or Ice Storage.

10. *Signs.*

1. Real estate sign advertising rental, lease or sale of the premises and not exceeding 12 sq. ft. in area.
2. Sign or bulletin board incidental to a permitted use and not exceeding 12 sq. ft. in area unless authorized by the Board of Appeals, and in no case to exceed 16 sq. ft. in area.
3. Sign advertising authorized accessory use and not exceeding 1 sq. ft.

11. *Exception.*

The Board of Appeals may authorize the conversion of a single family dwelling, in existence at the time of the adoption of this By-Law, to accommodate two families.

SECTION V

BUSINESS ZONES USES

In a Business Zone no building shall be erected or altered and no building or premises shall be used for any purpose injurious, noxious, or offensive to a neighborhood by reason of the emission of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration, or noise or other cause, nor for any purpose except

1. Any use permitted in Residence Zones.
2. Hotel or lodging house.
3. Filling station, garage, or storage of automobiles, if authorized by the Board of Appeals.
4. Municipal use.
5. Newspaper or job printing.
6. Office or bank.
7. Trailer and/or Overnight Camps if authorized by the Board of Health and Board of Appeals.
8. Place of amusement or assembly.
9. Restaurant.
10. Retail business, service or public utility, not involving manufacture on the premises except of products the major portion of which is to be sold on the premises to the consumer and further provided that not more than four operatives shall be employed in such manufacture.
11. Signs advertising goods or services offered by an occupant of the premises for sale, for hire, or use.

SECTION VI

NON-CONFORMING USES

1. *Continuation of Non-conforming Uses.* Any lawful building or use of a building or premises or part thereof existing at the time this By-Law or any amendment thereto is adopted may be continued although such building or use does not conform to the provisions thereof and such building or

use may on the approval of the Board of Appeals be extended throughout such premises, provided such use has not been discontinued for a period of one year.

2. *Change of Non-conforming Uses.* The Board of Appeals may permit any non-conforming use to be changed to any specified use not more detrimental or objectionable to a neighborhood.

3. *Limitation on Restoration.* No non-conforming building which has been damaged by fire or other causes to the extent of more than 80% of its assessed value shall be repaired or rebuilt except in conformity with this By-Law unless the Board of Appeals so authorizes.

SECTION VII

AREA REGULATIONS

1. *Lot Size and Frontage.* In residence zones no building except a one-story building of accessory use shall be erected upon a lot having less than the following area and frontage:

	Frontage	Area
Residence Zone	100'	10,000 Sq. Ft.

provided that one building and its accessory buildings may be erected on any lot which, at the time this By-Law is adopted, cannot be made to conform to the above requirements.

2. *Front Yards.* In a residence zone no building or roadside stand shall be erected or placed within twenty feet of a street line. In a business zone no building shall be erected within ten feet of a street line. In any zone there shall be in front of every dwelling on a lot not abutting on a street, a yard not less than thirty feet deep.

3. *Side and Rear Yards.* In a Residence Zone, no building except one-story buildings of accessory use shall be built within 15 ft. of a side lot line, or within 30 feet of a rear lot line or within 20 feet of another building, and no one-story building of accessory use shall be built with-

in 10 feet of a lot line, or within 20 feet of another building unless there is a firewall facing the lot line or other building, in which case the building may not be less than 10 feet to the nearest building.

In a Business Zone no building shall be built within 10 feet of a lot line or within 20 feet of another building unless there is a firewall facing the lot line or other building, in which case the building may not be less than 5 feet from the lot line or less than 10 feet from the nearest building.

4. *Corner Clearance.* Within the area formed by the lines of intersecting streets and a line joining points on such lines fifteen feet distant from their point of intersection, or in the case of a rounded corner the point of intersection of their tangents, no structure other than a building and no shrubbery or foliage shall be maintained between a height of three and one-half feet and a height of eight feet above the plane through their curb grades.

5. *Appurtenant Open Space.* No yard, lot area, or other open space required for a building by this By-Law, shall during the existence of such building be occupied by or counted as open space for another building.

6. *Projections.* Nothing herein shall prevent the projection of steps, eaves, cornices, window sills, or belt courses into any required yard.

SECTION VIII

HEIGHT REGULATIONS

1. *Residence District Heights.* In a residence zone no building shall be erected or altered to exceed two stories in height unless it sets back from each street and lot line ten feet in addition to the requirements of Section VII. No building shall exceed two and one-half stories in height.

2. *Business Zone Heights.* In a business zone no building shall be erected or altered to exceed two stories in height, and no dwelling shall be erected or altered to exceed two stories in height.

3. *Measurement of Height.* A habitable basement having half or more of its height above ground, or an attic shall be counted as a story, provided that a story in a sloping roof, the areas of which story at a height four feet above the floor does not exceed two-thirds the floor area of the story immediately below it, shall be counted as a half story.

4. *Height Exceptions.* Chimneys, elevators, poles, spires, tanks, and other projections not used for human occupancy may extend above the height limits herein fixed.

BUILDING BY-LAWS

TO BE VOTED ON AT THE TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 1946

By-Laws regulating the erection, alteration, and repair of buildings and the inspection of same in the Town of Paxton.

ARTICLE I

General Provisions

Section 1.—Except as hereinafter provided, no building, dwelling house or other structure shall be erected, altered or repaired except in conformity with the provisions of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

Exemptions and Definitions

Section 1.—The provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to:

- a. Buildings or structures owned or occupied by the United States or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- b. Bridges, quays, wharfs.
- c. Ordinary repairs as defined in Article 3.

ARTICLE III

Repairs

Section 1.—Ordinary repairs to buildings may be made, provided such repairs do not include the cutting away of any wall, in whole or in part, the removal of which would tend to weaken the structure.

ARTICLE IV

Preliminary Requirements and Permits

Section 1.—No person shall construct, alter or substantially repair any building or structure without having first obtained a permit for the same from the Selectmen.

Section 2.—For the construction, alteration or repair of any building, plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Selectmen with a duplicate copy for the Building Inspector together with such structural detail or information on location as the Selectmen may require before issuance of a permit for the same.

ARTICLE V

General Requirements

Section 1.—Foundations.—All buildings hereafter erected shall be set on solid foundation walls erected and constructed so as to be resistant to frost heaving and of sufficient dimension to carry the intended load.

Section 2. Dwelling-House Dimensions.—All one and two story dwelling-houses shall have a foundation enclosed area of not less than 720 square feet. *+20*

Section 3. Chimneys.—All masonry chimneys shall be lined throughout with flue lining the entire length and shall be topped at least two (2) feet above the ridge. No smoke-pipe, so-called, shall project through any external wall, window, or roof. *1 story 2 story 2 story 6000*

Section 4. Roofs.—All roofs on buildings in Residence or Business District shall be covered with tile, asbestos shingles, asphalt, or other fire-resisting material and any old roof to be repaired to one-quarter of the area shall be of fire-resisting material with the exception that the Board of Appeals may allow wood shingles.

Section 5. Sills.—All house sills shall be of lumber of dimension of not less than 4x6 inches; joists 2x6 inches up to ten-foot span, then 2x8 inches or more, or material of equal strength.

Section 6. Floors.—All house ground floors shall be double boarded, and have fire-stops.

Section 7. Uprights.—All uprights shall be of lumber of a dimension of at least 2x4 inches to be placed not more than 16 inches on center, or on inside partition 2x3 inches not more than 16 inches on center, doubled at window or door openings.

Section 8. Rafters.—All house rafters shall be of lumber of a dimension of not less than 2x5 inches placed no more than 16 inches on center.

Section 9. Plumbing.—All structures occupied as dwellings must have plumbing installation suitable to meet the requirements of the usual number of persons occupying said premises. Every fixture shall have a trap and be properly vented.

Section 10.—Every frame building shall have the sills, posts girts and plates framed and braced in a manner satisfactory to the Building Inspector.

ARTICLE VI

Inspector of Buildings

Section 1.—The Board of Selectmen annually in February and subsequent to the Annual Town Meeting shall appoint an Inspector of Buildings to hold office for the term of one year from the first of March following and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Section 2.—He shall make inspection of all building operations within this Town, and shall report to the Board of Selectmen all violations of this ordinance.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Appeals

Section 1.—The Board of Appeals established under the zoning by-laws shall be the Board of Appeals for the Building By-Laws. No member of the Board of Appeals shall act

in any case in which he is financially or otherwise interested. Every decision of the Board of Appeals shall be in writing and shall require the assent of at least three members.

Any applicant for a permit whose application has been refused by the Selectmen or any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Selectmen on any matter left by this by-law to their approval or discretion may appeal therefrom to the Board of Appeals within ten (10) days from the date of said refusal or decision. If the refusal or decision of the Selectmen is affirmed, the ruling shall be final. If the action of the Selectmen is modified or annulled, the Selectmen shall issue a permit or decision in accordance with the decision of the Board of Appeals.

The Board of Appeals shall grant a hearing on each appeal of which all persons interested shall have notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Variances

Section 1.—Upon petition filed by any person the Board of Appeals may by unanimous decision suspend or vary the application of provisions of these by-laws in specific cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by the by-laws, or in cases where manifest injustice is done provided the decision shall not conflict with the spirit of the by-laws.

The decision shall specify the variations allowed and the reason therefor.

The Board of Appeals shall grant a hearing on every application for variance or suspension of which all persons interested shall have notice.

ARTICLE IX

Penalty

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to court procedure and costs thereof.

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 town affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall" on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1946, 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 three years and one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, one Water Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library for three years and one Trustee of the Richards Memorial Library for one year, 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 choose a moderator to preside over the above mentioned business meeting.

ARTICLE 3. 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 4. 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 Selectmen to approve the same.

ARTICLE 5. 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, 1946, 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 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,661.64 to cover an overdraft on tractor equipment, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,241.74 to cover an overdraft on snow removal, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$505.00 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.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$930.96 to cover an overdraft in the

✓ 1945 accounts of the School Department, or act in any way thereon.

✓ ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase and alterate the garage now owned by Bertrand F. Smith, Pleasant St., or act in any way thereon.

✓ 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.

✓ ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to give the Fire Department members compensation for their services or act in any way thereon. *as*

✓ ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,950.00 to purchase a new fire truck, or act in any way thereon.

✓ ARTICLE 14. 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 15. 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 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to extend the water main, approximately 500 ft. along Highland St. or act in any way thereon.

✓ 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.

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 vote to increase the salary of the Collector of Taxes from \$400.00 to \$600.00 or act in any way thereon. MW

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will adopt the following by-law in substitution for the existing by-law establishing a quorum for town meetings.

Seventy-five registered voters shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Town Meeting or adjournment thereof, except such parts of meetings as shall be devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, provided that any meeting may be adjourned to a later date though less than a quorum be present, and that no meeting for the transaction of town business shall be called earlier than 7 o'clock P.M. ✓

Fifty registered voters shall constitute a quorum at any special town meeting or adjournment thereof.

ARTICLE 21. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights the sum of \$500.00 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 be thereafter authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 22. To see what action the town will take on the recommendations of the Planning Board relative to amending the existing Temporary Zoning By-laws of take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. 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.

ARTICLE 24. 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.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$1,000.00 from the revenue of the Illig property for repairs and water, or to act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to sell the Howe Farm Property and so authorize the Board of Selectmen with the Town Treasurer to give good and sufficient deeds therefor or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 124 for the purpose of creating a stabilization fund.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 723 which relates to the establishing of a Department of Veterans Service.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to extend two Street Lights on the following streets: West St., Grove St., Richards Ave., and Barre Rd., or to act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to extend the town water for domestic use and fire protection on Pleasant St. to the residence of Anton Urbanovitch, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote that the Collector of Taxes be elected for a three year term. *no.*

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise the salary of the Town Clerk from \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) or act in any way thereon. *✓*

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will authorize the members of the School Committee to appoint any one of their board to another position, the salary fixed by vote of the town, or take any action thereon. *OK.*

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will authorize the Water Department to appoint any one of their board to another position, the salary fixed by vote of the town, or take any action thereon. *OK*

ARTICLE 35. To see what action the town will take regarding the fire inspector retaining the established fee of .50 for oil burner and oil storage inspections in accordance with Chapter 148 Section 10-A of the General Laws. (Ter. Ed.) (as amended to 1945 Inc.) or act in any way thereon. *yes*

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen. *yes*

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$500.00 from the revenue of the Howe property to be used for repairs and maintenance of said property, or act in any way thereon. *Pa
for*

ARTICLE 38. To see if the town will adopt as a By-law, as provided in Chapter 166 Sec. 32 of the General Laws of Mass., or act in any way thereon on the following. *do*

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Section 1. The Selectmen shall annually, and whenever the office is vacant for any reason, appoint a licensed electrician as Inspector of Wires, who shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Section 2. The Inspector of Wires shall exercise all power and duties conferred upon him by the General Laws and the By-laws of the town relating to electric wires, conducts and apparatus.

Section 3. Every Corporation or person proposing to place or attach wires designed to carry a current of electricity for lighting, heating or power in, or attached to a building, pole, or structure, shall give written notice thereof to the Inspector of Wires before commencing work, and shall not energize such wires until written permission to do so has been given by said Inspector of Wires.

Section 4. ~~Whenever~~, in the opinion of the Inspector of Wires and electrical conductors or apparatus used for the distribution or application of an electrical current in, on, or attached to a building, pole, or structure, are in an unsafe or dangerous condition he is hereby authorized to cause the electricity to be shut off if the existing defects are not remedied within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 39. To see ~~what action the town will take on~~ the recommendations of the Planning Board for a set of Building By-laws or action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to create a Park out of the Illig Property so called, to be known as the "War Memorial Park" with the understanding that if the town at some future time wishes to erect a Municipal Building thereon it should be allowed to do so, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the town will vote that any monies received from the sale of the Howe Farm property be set aside as a "Special Fund" for the development of the Illig property so called, owned by the town. Said sum to be used under the direction of the Park Commissioners after such improvements have been recommended and voted upon at the

Annual Town Meeting or any adjournment thereof, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to act as Park Commissioners and be vested with all the power and duties as such in accordance with the General Laws. *pass over*

ARTICLE 43. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for construction on Rockland Street under Chapter 90, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County or both, for this purpose, 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 21st day of January, 1946.

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
HAROLD F. HANSEN
CLIFFORD DARWIN

Selectmen

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