

# ANNUAL REPORTS

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OF THE TOWN OF

## PAXTON



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## IN MEMORIAM

During the past year

death has claimed a former Selectman,

ARNE J. NIEMI

who faithfully served

the Town of Paxton

for six years

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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1946

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### Moderator

JESSE E. MILLS

### Town Clerk

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

### Collector of Taxes

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

### Treasurer

MARION E. MACCABEE

### Constables

REUBEN O'JANNE

WILLIAM O'WYLIE, JR.

### Tree Warden

FRED R. DIFLEY

### Selectmen

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term Expires 1949

CLIFFORD DARWIN

Term Expires 1948

HAROLD F. HANSEN

Term Expires 1947

### Public Welfare

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term Expires 1949

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term Expires 1948

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term Expires 1947



**Assessors**

ROBERT A. BELEY	Term Expires 1949
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term Expires 1948
FRED E. WATSON	Term Expires 1947

**School Committee**

CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term Expires 1949
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term Expires 1948
HARRY CLARK	Term Expires 1947

**Municipal Light Board**

ALLAN S. HUTCHINS (Resigned Oct. 14, 1946	
C. JOHN ABBOTT (Appointed to fill vacancy)	
	Term Expires 1947
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1948
GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term Expires 1947

**Cemetery Commissioners**

HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1949
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term Expires 1948
FRED O. L. WIRTHS ,	Term Expires 1947

**Water Commissioners**

CLARENCE LABARGE	Term Expires 1949
WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term Expires 1948
JOHN W. BENSON	Term Expires 1947

**Trustees Richards Memorial Library**

SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term Expires 1949
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1949
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term Expires 1948
MILTON P. LADD	Term Expires 1948
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN	Term Expires 1947
DR. HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL	Term Expires 1947

### Planning Board

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term Expires 1951
WILLIAM O. WYLIE, JR.	Term Expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term Expires 1949
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1948
ALLEN L. ESTABROOK	Term Expires 1947

### APPOINTMENTS BY MODERATOR

#### Finance Committee

ALFRED SMITH	WM. J. S. LaMOTTE
DAVID McCLARY	EDWARD PARKS
DEANE O. HOWLAND	MARION E. MACCABEE
	Ex-Officio

#### 4th of July Committee

LESLIE E. ROBINSON	FRANK HATSTAT
RAYMOND LANTINEN	MARION NICHOLS
MARGUERITE HUGHES	

### 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. DOSSIER

**Fire Warden**

GEORGE V. CLAPP

(Resigned Sept. 1)

FRANK HATSTAT

(Appointed to fill vacancy)

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Field Drivers — Fence Viewers**

ELLIOT 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**

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Care of Common**

ARCHIBALD W. TANNAHILL

**Police Officers**

A. W. OATLEY

GEORGE MACCABEE

FRED R. DIFLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE, Jr.

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Board of Appeals**

CHARLES S. PORTER

(Resigned)

ARTHUR LAWLER

(Appointed to fill vacancy)

WILLIAM SHEEHAN

REUBEN O'JANNE

ROBERT BRUCE

WALTER GUSTAFSON

GEORGE CARLSON

RAYMOND LANTINEN

**Inspector of Animals**

SUMNER E. TAYLOR

**Inspector of Wires**

ROY M. WENTWORTH

**Burial Agent**

LESLIE E. ROBINSON



**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN CLERK**

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**BIRTHS**

**January**

- 2 ———, son of Clarence and Harriet (Pareseau) Smith.  
12 Robert John, son of Laurence A. and Beatrice M. (Raymond) Girouard.

**February**

- 20 Francis Edward, Jr., son of Francis E. and Marietta (Ollis) Foster.

**March**

- 9 Kurt Richard, son of John W. and Edith C. (Anderson) Benson.  
16 Donna, Lynn, daughter of Kenneth E. and Beverly R. (Flint) Van Patten.  
20 Mark Foskett, son of Glenn and Ida J. (Foskett) Willman.  
26 Robert William, son of William H. and Ruth P. (Sheehan) Olson.

**May**

- 4 Diane Marie, daughter of Warren D. and Barbara Jean (Gilson) Beane.  
14 John Moulton, son of Edward D. and Mabelle F. (Moulton) Parks.

- 16 Dorothy, daughter of Alexander and Rose (Grzyb) Urbanovitch.
- 21 Bonnie Virginia, daughter of Sumner F., Jr. and Virginia R. (Dostoler) Taylor.
- 22 Stephen Emmerson, son of Elmer E. and Isabel C. (Hooker) Hair.

### June

- 26 Steven James, son of Merton J. and Elizabeth J. (Flint) Sjogren.

### August

- 9 Richard Donald, son of Joseph and Mildred (Leonard) Grensavitch.
- 15 ———, son of Roy and Mary (Klimaseski) Larson.

### October

- 11 Constance Burnett, daughter of Edward F. and Doris (Burnett) O'Neill.
- 19 Donald Gordon, Jr. son of Donald G. and Gwendolyn A. (Maccabee) Wyman.

### November

- 1 John Gordon, son of Gordon M. and Elizabeth (Lawler) Richards.
- 6 Janet Katherine, daughter of Hilton B. and Florence H. (Lombard) Brown.
- 30 Richard Eric, son of Eric D. and Dora E. (Johnson) Anderson.

## MARRIAGES

## April

- 27 William R. Fontaine of Paxton and Lorraine E. McGuire of Worcester.

## June

- 1 George L. McGovern of Paxton and Madeline L. Girouard of Worcester.
- 15 Raymond J. Trum of Paxton and Alice Waiz Sjoberg of Leicester.
- 17 Robert E. St. Germaine and Hazel L. Gotha of Paxton.

## August

- 10 James R. Stone, of Worcester, and Corolyn A. Everleth of Paxton.
- 12 Clarence E. Fulford of Harford, Albama and Miriam L. Parker of Paxton.
- 31 William David Cullen of Cherry Valley, Leicester and Elizabeth Alice Ferrin of Paxton.
- 31 Odd N. Lilleheil of Worcester and Arline L. Taylor of Paxton.

## September

- 7 Joseph M. Philbin of Scranton, Pa. and Rita J. Callahan of Paxton.

## October

- 5 William J. Maccabee and Frances E. Llobell of Paxton.

## December

- 11 William H. Ahearn of Paxton and Jeanette Conner of Barre.

## DEATHS

## January

		Y.	M.	D.
2	——— Smith	0	0	0

## March

13	Thomas E. Aykroyd	68	11	3
20	Robert J. Powell	25	—	—

## April

8	Soren C. Brandt	82	—	—
11	Maybelle C. Taylor	58	7	28

## May

13	Albert L. Dunn	66	—	—
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## June

24	Mary F. Eames	85	6	1
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## July

10	Charles E. Hosmer	73	6	20
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## August

15	——— Larson	—	—	1
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## September

17	Carrie M. (Dugar) Johnson	83	10	17
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## November

9	Arne J. Niemi	39	11	16
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**LICENSES ISSUED IN 1947****Dogs**

92 Males	
28 Females	
26 Spayed Females	
1 Kennel	
2 Military (Free)	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$371.60

**Hunting and Fishing**

97 Resident Citizen Fishing	
73 Resident Hunting	
96 Resident Citizen Sporting	
26 Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing	
1 Resident Citizen Trapping	
8 Special Non-Resident Fishing	
1 Non-Resident Citizens Fishing	
12 Duplicate	
3 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$632.00

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

# REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD ASSISTANCE

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Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Balance	172.39
Federal Reimbursement	2,231.41
Refunds	36.90
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	\$5,440.70

## Expenditures:

Case No.	8	\$707.02
	9	480.00
	12	447.70
	16	487.00
	20	278.10
	23	370.20
	26	505.20
	31	538.35
	32	483.75
	34	481.75
	35	214.48
	36	74.89
	37	11.63
	38	353.78
	40	232.52
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		\$5,666.38

Due from Federal	<hr/> \$225.68
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Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON Ch.  
EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk  
GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, 3rd Mem.

## FEDERAL GRANT O. A. A. ADMINISTRATION

January 1, 1946, balance	\$15.37	
Reimbursements for Administration	77.17	
	<hr/>	\$92.54
Expenses:		
Supplies and Tel. calls	\$20.60	
Administration expense	45.45	
Association meetings	14.50	
	<hr/>	\$80.55
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		\$11.99

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON  
 EVELYN M. GLEASON  
 GLIDEN B. PIERCE

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

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Balance	\$1.00
Appropriation	1000.00
	\$1,001.00

Expenditures:	
Case 134	\$365.00
Salaries	150.00
Expenses	5.00
	\$520.00
	\$481.00

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Ch.  
 EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk  
 GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, 3rd M.



# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1946	\$42,681.74	
Receipts—1946	144,493.70	
		<hr/> \$187,175.44
Payments per Warrants	\$142,277.48	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1946	44,897.96	
		<hr/> \$187,175.44

## OUTSTANDING DEBT

Recreation Field Note	\$500.00	
Water Bonds	49,000.00	
Grader	6,600.00	
Whitney Water Extension	2,400.00	
		<hr/> \$58,500.00

## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1947

Recreation Field Note		Interest
Due March 31, 1947	\$500.00	\$27.50
Water Bond—Due Feb. 1, 1947	3,000.00	980.00
Water Bond—Due Aug. 1, 1947		920.00
Grader—Due Nov. 1, 1947	2,000.00	82.50
Whitney Water Extension		
Due—Nov. 12, 1947	600.00	30.00
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	\$6,100.00	\$2,040.00

## TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1946	Income 1946	Dog Fund 1946
Library Trust Funds and			
Notes Receivable	\$24,540.95	\$828.60	\$340.23
Cemetery Trust Funds	16,775.00	321.81	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	20.38	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	15.00	
E. D. Bigelow V. I. S. Fund	1,000.00	13.80	6 mos. int.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE

Treasurer

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

During the year 1946 your Finance Committee was asked to approve several transfers from the Reserve Fund. Each of these requests were carefully considered and acted on according to our best judgement. A summary of transfers made from the Reserve Fund follows:

Snow Removal	\$109.63
Soldiers Relief	42.50
Tractor Equipment	116.68
Constables	77.50
Water Department	651.69
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Total	\$998.00

We have also carefully examined the 1947 budget requests of each of the various Town Departments. Our recommendations to the voters of the Town will be found in the tabulation headed "Budget for 1947".

We desire to express our appreciation to the officials and department heads of the Town for their helpfulness and cooperation with us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFED W. SMITH, Chairman  
J. S. WILLIAM LaMOTTE  
DEANE O. HOWLAND  
EDWARD D. PARKS  
DAVID McCLEAREY  
MARION E. MACCABEE,

Ex-Officio

# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

## 1946 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$35,385.26	
Tax abatements refunded	1.80	
Payments to Treasurer		\$30,393.12
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		4.50
Tax abatements		48.60
Outstanding taxes		4,940.84
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	\$35,387.06	\$35,387.06

## 1946 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$4,376.45	
Payments to Treasurer		\$3,491.79
Outstanding taxes		884.66
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	\$4,376.45	\$4,376.45

## 1946 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	1,370.36	
Tax abatements refunded	8.43	
Payments to Treasurer		\$1,199.20
Tax abatements		17.40
Outstanding taxes		162.19
		<hr/>
	\$1,378.79	\$1,378.79

## 1946 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$612.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$526.00
Tax abatements		86.00
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	\$612.00	\$612.00



## 1945 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$4,887.66	
Payments to Treasurer		\$4,382.46
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		1.76
Outstanding taxes		503.44
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	\$4,887.66	\$4,887.66

## 1945 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$712.27	
Payments to Treasurer		\$579.93
Outstanding taxes		132.34
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	\$712.27	\$712.27

## 1945 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$62.31	
Commitment 1-11-46	20.00	
Payments to Treasurer		82.31
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	\$82.31	\$82.31

## 1945 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$30.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$10.00
Tax abatements		20.00
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	\$30.00	\$30.00

## 1944 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$754.40	
Payments to Treasurer		\$752.80
Taxes transferred to Tax Title		1.60
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	\$754.40	\$754.40

## 1944 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$72.32	
Payments to Treasurer		\$68.16
Tax abatements		4.16
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	\$72.32	\$72.32

## 1944 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$12.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$12.00
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	\$12.00	\$12.00

## INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of 1946	\$4.17
Taxes of 1945	106.68
Taxes of 1944	51.27
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	\$162.12

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER	\$7.00
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Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

Collector of Taxes

**REPORT ON CHAPTER 81****Hill Street**

Excavate and widen shoulders and slopes—600 yds. and haul 615 yds. of gravel.

**South Street**

Excavate and widen shoulders and slopes—700 yds.

**Laurel Street**

Haul 285 yds. gravel and apply 2250 gals. tar This completes Laurel Street hard top to Leicester Town Line.

**Davis Road**

Haul 300 yds. gravel.

**Camp Street**

The intersections were hard topped, by using 20 yds. gravel and 200 gals. tar.

**O'Connor Road**

The hill joining Silver Springs Road was hard topped by using 60 yds. gravel and 450 gals. tar.

**Rockland Street**

1200 gals. T-6, sand cover.

**Spring Street**

300 gals. T-6, sand cover.

**Davis Road**

750 gals. T-6, sand cover.

**Grove Street**

1250 gals. T-6, sand cover.

**Suomi Street**

400 gals. T-6, sand cover.

**Streeter Road**

250 gals. T-6, sand cover.

## REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION

### Rockland Street

1350 ft. of new 90 road, 22 ft. wide, with 20 in. depth of gravel, graded shoulders and slopes, five new culverts and catch basins and proper ditching.

The surface consists of 1/4 gal. of T-4 Tar Tack Coat, 1 gal. T-6 tar mixed and place, and rolled, then 1/3 gal. RC-3 asphalt with 1/2 in. stone cover, rolled with 12 ton roller and sealed with 1/4 gal. MC-4 and cover with 1/4 in. stone.

This makes Rockland Street all hard top.

### Marshall Street

Clearing and grubbing and cutting trees on curves where road will be straightened and widened, starting from Leicester line.

## REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

### No. 3—West Street

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patching. Surface treatments 2500 gals. T-6, and 1125 gals. T-9, sand cover.

### No. 15—Marshall Street

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patching.

### No. 8—Richards Avenue

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, tar gravel patching, excavate shoulders and slopes, 650 yds. for drainage. Surface treatments - 1750 gals. T-6, and 800 gals. MC-3, sand cover.

### No. 17—Reservoir Drive

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patching. Surface treatments - 1200 gals. T-6, and 500 gals. MC-3, sand cover.

## No. 27—Maple Street

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patching. Surface treatments - 325 gals. MC-3, sand cover.

## No. 28 and 23—Holden Road and Grove Street

Cut brush, drainage, clean drainage structures and waterways, and tar gravel patching. Surface treatments - 650 gals. T-6, and 475 gals. T-9, sand cover.

## INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1946

- 1—Cletrac Tractor and Sargent Snow Plow, 5 ton
- 1—Adams Leaning Wheel Drawn Road Scraper, 2 ton
- 1—Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Frink V Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Motor Driven Sand Spreader
- 1—1-Barrel Tar Heating Tar Kettle
- 1—Walsh Snow Plow for Truck
- 2—Blow Torches
- 1—Road Drag
- 1—Road Screen
- 9—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller
- 150—Chimney Bricks
- 12—Lanterns
- 4—Torches
- 1—Roll Stock Fence Wire
- 1—Road Hone
- 1—Austin Western Grader 99M
- 1—Frink One Way Plow for Grader 99M
- 2—Long Handle Shovels
- 14—Snow Shovels
- 16—Worn Out Shovels
- 14—No. 3. Round Point Shovels
- 6—No. 2 Round Point Shovels



- 4—No. 3 Square Point Shovels
- 4—No. 2 Square Point Shovels
- 12—Picks
- 3—Grub Hoes
- 6—16-Pound Sledge Hammers
- 6—Pick Handles
- 2—Dung Forks
- 6—Push Brooms
- 2—Crow Bars
- 1—Hoe
- 6—Rakes
- 4—Axes
- 2—Cross Cut Saws
- 2—Splitting Wedges
- 1—Saw Set
- 1—Pruning Cutter
- 8—Stone Forks
- 5—Grass Scythes
- 4—Brush Scythes
- 1—Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
- 1—Pipe Tamp
- 2—Earth Tamps
- 2—Stone Drills
- 3—Stone Wedges
- 1—Wheelbarrow
- 1—Oil Can
- 1—Manhole Frame and Cover
- 1—18 in. Monkey Wrench
- 3—Paint Brushes
- 1—Cutting Edge for Truck Snow Plow
- S Wrench, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box Wrenches

CHAPTER 81—FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1946  
District No. 3—Town of Paxton

No.	Road Name	Total Miles	Mileage By Types				B. G.	Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—
			BMA	BMT	Grav.	Dirt				
State Allotment \$6,300		Town Allotment \$2,800				Total Allotment \$9,100			State Pays 70%	
1	Rockland St.	0.89					0.89	\$347.00	\$965.09	Ch. 90 Contr. St. 10+00—23 + 50. 20' B.G. Replacing gravel.
2	Mill St.	0.25			0.25			25.00	10.00	
3	West St.	2.93					2.93	150.00	455.16	Ch. 90 Maint.
4	Spring St.	1.06					1.06	235.00	386.28	
5	Brigham St.	1.38			0.53	0.85		220.00	212.13	
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.81	0.69	0.27	906.00	870.42	0.10 mi. grav. surface 15'x 10" 120 ft. rd. rail.
7	South St.	0.81					0.81	1062.00	896.42	Slope Excavation.
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48			1.67	80.00	162.62	Ch. 90 Maint.
9	Pleasant St.									State Highway
10	Soumi St.	1.10					1.10	255.00	157.92	
11	Laurel St.	0.97					0.97	946.00	1061.36	0.27 mi. new B. G. Surf., grav. 16'x6" P <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> T-4, S 1/3 T-6.
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.08	0.03		40.00	—	
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			618.00	1221.28	Extend 2 culv. 0.18 mi. gra- vel resurface 16'x12".
14	Winter St.	0.40				0.40		40.00	43.80	
15	Marshall St.	2.48			1.63	0.28	0.57	480.00	610.47	Ch. 90 Maint. 0.54 mi.

16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24		0.24		230.00	77.56	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22	60.00	17.37	Ch. 90 Maint.
18	Wallbridge Rd.	0.52		0.52		125.00	26.52	
19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.19	0.13	90.00	119.22	
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62		0.56	0.06	232.00	285.17	0.06 mi. new B. G. Surf. Grav. 15'x4" P2/3 T-4, S 1/3 T-6.
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35			0.35	40.00		
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.38	0.27	0.08	272.00	327.73 S & R 0.04 mi. Gravel added 18'x3". P1/2 T-4, S1/3 T-6.
23	Grove St.	2.51		0.32		2.19	955.00	815.15 New culv. 30'-15" RC. 2 H. W. O. 38 mi. grav. shlds. 3'x1 1/2".
24	Pond St.	0.35		0.35			90.00	
25	Hillside Rd.							
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72			0.72	305.00	157.55	
27	Maple St.	0.50			0.50	50.00	16.17	Ch. 90 Maint. 0.24 mi.
28	Holden Rd.	0.81			0.81	40.00		Ch. 90 Maint.
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13			0.13	20.00	21.70	
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.04	0.05	0.07	20.00		
31	(combined with 6)							
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00		0.45	0.55	255.00	182.91	
33	Sunset Lane	0.46			0.46	30.00		
34	Common St.	0.11		0.08	0.03	20.00		
	Reserve					862.00		

No.	Road Name	Total Miles	Mileage By Types				B. G.	Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—
			BMA	BMT	Grav.	Dirt				
SUMMARY										
										Labor \$4211.61
										Hired Equipment 2946.75
										Machinery Rental 132.00
										Materials 1809.64
		27.76	0.04	0.56	5.99	4.28	16.89	\$9100.00	\$9100.00	\$9100.00

M. J. DALTON, Dist. Highway Engineer

# REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1946

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## FUNDS FOR USE IN 1946:

Appropriation		\$400.00
Dog Fund		340.23
Unexpended Balance		3.45
		<hr/>
		\$743.68
Income from Trust Funds	\$22,872.08	746.71
Geo. Bigelow Fund	500.00	10.00
Library Fund	168.87	3.36
Town Note	500.00	.00
AT & T Co. Stock Rights Sold		68.53
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		\$828.60
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Total		\$1,572.28



## EXPENDITURES:

Salary, Mrs. Robinson	\$480.00	
Salary, A. W. Tannahill	365.00	
Books & Magazines	211.80	
Lights	30.41	
Fuel	213.88	
Miscellaneous	39.45	
Water	25.00	
Repairs & Replacements	5.02	
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		\$1,370.56
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Unexpended Balance		\$201.72

Respectfully Submitted,

VERNA T. HOWLAND, Clerk  
 SAMUEL L. CLAPP, Chairman  
 DR. H. R. LEFFINGWELL  
 MILTON P. LADD  
 MRS. GEORGE DEWEY  
 MRS. JOHN CALLAHAN

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

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I hereby state that during the year 1946 the number of nests destroyed were 19,503.

Respectfully Submitted,

**NAPOLEON BOUCHER**  
Moth Superintendent

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Polls Assessed	305
Tax on each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$36.00
Value of -	
Taxable Personal Property	\$121,568.00
Taxable Real Estate	982,924.00
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Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$1,104,492.00
Tax on -	
Personal Property	4,376.45
Real Estate	35,385.26
Polls	610.00
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Total Tax Assessed	\$40,371.71
Number of Live Stock Assessed -	
Horses	36
Cows	385
Bulls	14
Heifers	78
Steer	1
Swine	97
Sheep	21
Fowl	13,120
Ponies	2
Goats	19
Turkeys	123
Rabbits	35
Fox	20 pr.
Number of -	
Dwelling Houses	263
Acres of Land	8927

## Value of -

Stock in Trade	4,800.00
Machinery	55,588.00
Live Stock	60,480.00
All other Tangible Property	700.00

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED E. WATSON, Chairman

GEORGE C. HUNT, Clerk

ROBERT A. BELEY

Board of Assessors

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

I hereby submit the activities of the Police Dept. for the past year as follows:

Election Duty (calls)	4
Police Duty in general	
Band Concerts, holidays, etc. (calls)	8
Calls investigated	17
Theft of Motor Vehicles	3
Motor vehicle accidents	7
Traffic violations	18
Breaks and thefts	13
Malicious mischief	4
Court cases	7
Arrests	4
Summons served	6

I would like to call to the attention of the town, the fact that several members of the department attended "Police School" conducted by the F. B. I. for the education of the "average policeman." This school was held in Southbridge for six consecutive weeks one night a week and a lot of information was brought back by us.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the cooperation received from the townspeople on many occasions when it was needed.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN O'JANNE, Chief  
WM. WYLIE  
A. W. OATLEY  
GEO. MACCABEE  
FRED DIFLEY



**REPORT**  
of the  
**C. D. BOYNTON FUND**

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	Prin.	Int. 1946	Int. Accrued
People's Savings Bank	\$2,7000.00	\$56.46	\$166.08
Wor. Five Cents Sav. Bank	1,748.00	36.82	121.31
Wor. Co. Inst. for Sav.	1,600.00	33.45	98.41
Wor. Mech. Sav. Bank	1,600.00	33.62	106.83
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Totals	\$7,648.00	\$160.35	\$492.63

Respectfully submitted,

MARRION E. MACCABEE

Trustee

# REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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Lots Sold	\$550.00	
Amount Placed in Trust Fund		\$550.00
Collected for care of lots,		
Not in Perpetual Care	61.50	
Opening Graves	145.00	
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Turned over to Town Treasurer		206.50
Paid for care of Cemetery	345.35	
Income from Trust Funds	321.81	
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Balance from Income Account		23.54
Mooreland Cemetery Appropriation	200.00	
Paid for care at Mooreland Cemetery		200.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, Ch.  
HILTON CUNNINGHAM, Clerk  
FRED O. L. WIRTHS  
Board of Cemetery Comm.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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I herewith submit my fifth report as Librarian of the Richards Memorial Library:

Total Circulation	6,346
Adult Fiction	3,345
Juvenile Fiction	1,991
Adult Non-Fiction	362
Juvenile Non-Fiction	168
Adult Magazines	376
Juvenile Magazines	102
Others	2
Number of Books Purchased	125
Adults	98
Juvenile	27
Number of Books Borrowed	2
Worcester	1
Boston	1
Number of Books Donated	65

We are grateful to those patrons who contributed the books to the Library and thus gave added reading pleasure to all.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,  
Librarian

**REPORT  
OF THE  
TREE WARDEN**

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I hereby submit the following report for the year 1946.

Appropriation \$500.00

Expenditures:

Maple trees and planting \$127.17

Spraying 28.00

To Brewer Tree Co., trimming and  
removing trees 225.00

General care 119.83

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\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED R. DIFLEY

Tree Warden

# REPORT OF THE PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1946

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- 1 Brush fire
- 6 Grass fires
- 2 Rubbish fires
- 1 Automobile fire
- 78 Fire Permits

Six fires resulting from burning without permit.

Three investigations of burning without a permit.

Thanks to the carefulness of the townspeople, we have again been fortunate in not having any serious fires this year.

Our new fire truck arrived in November and we feel we are well equipped now for any fire.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. HATSTAT  
W. V. PIKE  
W. O. WYLIE  
B. R. REARDON  
L. E. ROBINSON

Board of Engineers



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The members of the Board of Selectmen met Feb. 11, 1946 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, remodeling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$200,025.00

The following Licenses and Permits were issued.

- 14 Pistol
- 2 Milk and Cream
- 7 Common Victualers
- 7 Sunday Ice Cream and Soft Drinks
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages for 1947
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1947
- 1 Retail Package Goods All Alcoholic Beverages for 1947
- 1 Discharge Dynamite
- 5 Sunday Amusement

We wish to report the new heating plant has been installed, as voted at a Special Town Meeting.

Auxiliary lights have been installed in both the upper and lower halls and the main stair way.

It has been brought to our attention that the walls of the upper hall are spreading. It may be necessary to have this condition taken care of this year.

At the Annual Town meeting it was voted to purchase the garage of Bertrand F. Smith and a committee was named from the floor for this purpose. During negotiations, Mr. Smith decided not to sell,, and the Town is still in need of a municipal garage to house Town owned equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON  
HAROLD F. HANSEN  
CLIFFORD DARWIN

## LIST OF JURORS

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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 HEALTH

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The Board of Health was organized February 11, 1946 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:

2 Scarlet Fever  $\frac{1}{4}$   
3 Chicken Pox  
1 Lobar Pneumonia  
4 Dog Bites

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON  
HAROLD F. HANSEN  
CLIFFORD DARWIN

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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This year the town has seen quite some expansion in home construction, with the promise of more as soon as more building materials are available.

Help as well as advice has been given to those in need of same.

Again, at this time I would like to recommend that all those doing construction work where frame is to be concealed by lath, plaster or composition board please notify the inspector before same is applied.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON



**REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF  
WATER COMMISSIONERS**

For The Year of 1946

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Receipts from metered water	\$3,398.98
Receipts from installations	1,055.99
Rental of hydrants	1,050.00
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Total receipts	\$5,504.97

We have been fortunate once again in having all outstanding water bills paid as of December 31, 1946, and there was only one outstanding account payable which is a small balance due on installation of a water connection.

The year of 1946 was a busy one and we installed fifteen new connections and we anticipate as many more in 1947.

Having in mind the possible new connections in 1947, it has been necessary for us to estimate a much larger budget than in other years. Our budget as allowed last year was not sufficient and it was necessary to use some funds made available by the Finance Board. It is indeed difficult to estimate the budget with any degree of accuracy; however, after consideration of possible new connections and work necessary to maintain the Water Department property, we arrived at a budget of \$6,840. In an effort to reduce the expenses of the Town, I believe that the Finance Board will recommend an amount for the Water Department of some \$1,800 less than the amount submitted. If we have as many new connections as we have planned in the budget and if we are to

repair the pump station and catch basin, we will need all of the \$6,840 mentioned in our budget.

The Water Board operates on the basis of all receipts for the water sold going direct to the Treasurer of the Town as well as all receipts from water installations. The Board pays for the labor and material and the amount billed to the customer when received goes to the Treasurer. In other words, the Water Department budget pays for all the expense of operating the department, but does not receive any of the receipts. The Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners advocates the continuance of this system rather than to keep the receipts in the department for its operating expenses.

In the Warrant there are articles requesting the extension of the Water Department System. Some amount should be spent each year in making moderate extensions; however, in doing so, the property owners receiving the benefits of such extensions should be willing to assume the minimum water rates until such time as the houses are built and water connections actually made. This at least would assure the Town of some revenue from such extensions until the time when the building program is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY, Ch.  
JOHN W. BENSON  
CLARENCE A. LABARGE

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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The Planning Board hereby submits its twenty-fourth report:

### **Howe Farm:**

At the last annual town meeting it was voted that the Howe Farm be sold and the selectmen and the Planning Board were appointed to sell the property. Because of legal technicalities we are only able to report that the property still has not been sold.

### **Sub-Division Developments:**

Early in the spring we discussed with Austin W. Whitney his proposed developments on the south side of Maple Street. At this meeting it was voted not to require a performance bond, that a signed and witnessed agreement would be the only requirement from Mr. Whitney, that he carry out requirements of the Planning Board. A public hearing was held on May 11, 1946. The plot plan was approved on June 29, 1946.

On August 2, 1946 a hearing was held for Franklin Fleming, who proposed the development of a piece of property at 241 Pleasant St. This proposal has not been approved.

A committee was appointed to study the building by-laws and recommend improvements - M. Lawrence Price, Leroy Clockedile, C. John Abbott, Fred Watson and Clarence Lebarge were appointed to serve.

A committee to study plumbing regulations was also ap-

pointed. Dr. Harold R. Leffingwell, Walter Gustafson and Thomas J. Harney, Jr. were chosen.

The Planning Board wishes to thank the members of both of these committees for their time and for the fine reports they submitted.

The Planning Board had hoped to present a start on a Master Plan for future town development but were unable to interest an engineer in such a project because of the small amount of money we had to offer.

### **Capitol Outlay:**

Late in the year the Planning Board decided that a start on a six year planning program for capitol expenses, which plan was already in operation in many other progressive town in the Commonwealth, would be a great help to the Town of Paxton. A six year planning program is based upon an assumed uniform tax rate which it is estimated will meet the needs of the town in regard to operation, maintenance, costs, bonds, and interest of the various town departments over that period. It will also permit a balance of funds which can be used for capitol improvements expenditure: the financial setup of the six years planning program is based upon doing only such capitol expenditures and construction as is actually needed and which is within the ability of the town to pay for. The payment therefore is under uniform annual tax rate, which is estimated to be about the same, or very little in excess of that which has existed for a number of years past.

The assistance of Mr. William Stanley Parker was procured. Mr. Parker is chairman of the Boston Planning Board, Mass. Federation of Planning Boards and has served as consultant to the National Resources Planning Board. He has established similar programs in various cities and towns in this state. Mr. Parker was here December 13, 1946 and with our Town Accountant a beginning was made on this program. He also spoke to a small public gathering at the

Sons of Paxton Club house where he explained the simplicity of this plan.

**Budget:**

The Board has asked for a large increase in its budget, to be spent as follows:

Two hundred and fifty dollars to finish this program and present it to the taxpayers and also to take care of general expenses.

Two hundred and fifty dollars for a survey of the Illig property as the Board has been approached by different groups in the town about the development of this property. To this day the town does not know how much land it owns and before any work can be done it is important to have accurate information.

Five hundred dollars for a start on a Master Plan so that when a developer meets with the Planning Board, we will have some idea of the relationship of the plan to other property and so that the town will be protected in its future street planning. This program should have been started some twenty years ago and it is doubly important now that we have started to develop our town.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH,  
Chairman

ROBERT BELEY  
WILLIAM O. WYLIE, JR.  
ALLEN ESTABROOK  
ARTHUR CROMPTON



# REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

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The Electric Light Department presents the following  
report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946:

## ASSETS

Plant investment	36,339.23
General Equipment	5,079.37
Cash	3,763.81
Special Deposits	229.80
Accounts Receivable	718.30
Material and Supplies	4,585.11
Depreciation	13,435.16
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	\$64,150.28

## LIABILITIES

Appropriation for Construction	\$6,000.00
Consumer's Deposits	198.41
Loans Repayment	19,116.00
Appropriation for Const. Repayment	1,090.07
Profit and Loss Balance	37,745.80
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	\$64,150.28

## COST OF PLANT

Cost of Structures	\$293.44
Cost of Transformer Sta. and Sub-sta. Equipment	8,482.23
Cost of Fixtures, Poles, and	

Overhead Conductors	37,633.71
Cost of Consumer's Meters	4,493.74
Cost of Line Transformers	11,458.94
Cost of Street Lighting Equip.	4,308.62
Cost of Office Equip.	346.65
Cost of Transportation Equip.	3,815.68
Cost of Laboratory Equip.	278.55
Cost of Misc. Equip.	1,043.99
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	\$72,155.55

The department has completed an extension on Holden Rd. to Worcester Natural History Society. It has started an extension from Maple St. to the Whitney Project, to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Asnebumskit St. Replaced 15 old poles and rebuilt and strengthened about 2,500 feet of line on the Barre Rd., just north of the residence of Thomas Morse, which is a very badly exposed line.

The department is having great difficulty getting materials to complete much necessary work because of shortages.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.  
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

C. JOHN ABBOTT  
Commissioners

## BUDGET FOR 1947

	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Expenses	235.00	235.00	231.21
Town Accountant			
Salary	350.00	350.00	350.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	15.00
Town Treasurer			
Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	85.00	85.00	84.25
Tax Collector (No Budget Submitted)			
Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	100.00	100.00	90.00
Assessors			
Salaries	300.00	225.00	225.00
Expenses	191.00	140.00	139.89
Certified Copy	None	25.00	25.00
Legal	200.00	200.00	
Special Town Meeting		600.00	523.75

	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Town Clerk			
Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	50.00	30.00	30.00
Elections	75.00	150.00	149.54
Registrars of Voters			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	50.00	50.00	47.93
Care of Town Clock			
Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	None
Contingent	300.00	300.00	293.17
Town Hall	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Furnace	None	675.00	675.00
Record Building	None	None	None
Planning Board	100.00	250.00	175.47
Constables	300.00	200.00	
Trans. from Reserve		77.50	277.50
Fire Dept.			
Salaries	320.00	320.00	309.25
Expenses	1,275.00	1,380.00	1302.44

	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Fire Truck	None	3,950.00	3,909.20
Dog Officer	25.00	25.00	25.00
Building Inspector	50.00	50.00	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	5.00	5.00	4.38
Moths	200.00	200.00	198.65
Tree Warden	800.00	500.00	500.00
Board of Health			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	1,150.00	375.00	356.50
Tubercular Hospital		1,074.73	1,074.73
Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering			
Salary 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	6,300.00	
Town	2,800.00	2,800.00	9,100.00



	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Chapter 90, Maintenance:			
County	1,400.00	1,000.00	
State	1,400.00	1,000.00	
Town	1,400.00	1,000.00	2,999.77
Snow Fence	250.00	250.00	None
Snow Removal	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Trans. from Reserve		109.63	
Special Town Meeting		700.00	3,809.62
Street Lights	600.00	550.00	550.00
Public Welfare			
Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	550.00	850.00	370.00
Old Age Assistance			
Town	3,800.00	3,000.00	
O. A. A. Federal Grant		2,666.38	5,666.38
O. A. A. Federal Adm.		92.54	80.55
Schools, High, Grade and Trade	25,000.00		
High and Grade		19,500.00	19,203.34
Trade		2000.00	1,645.74
School Clinic		50.00	50.00

	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Interest on Bigelow Fund			15.00
Richards Memorial Library	450.00	400.00	
Dog Fund	314.21	340.23	
Income on Trust Funds		828.60	
Balance—1945		345.00	1,370.56
Care of Common and Flag	150.00	150.00	126.87
Memorial Day	100.00	75.00	75.00
Insurance and Bonds	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,188.09
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	998.00
Soldiers Relief	300.00		
Trans. from Reserve Fund		42.50	42.50
Printing	400.00	250.00	
Special Town Meeting		125.00	316.35
July 4th	50.00	50.00	49.76
Halloween	50.00	50.00	47.96
Water Dept.			
Salaries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Expenses	4,875.00	2,500.00	
Trans. from Reserve Fund		651.69	
Trans. from Contingent		12.87	3,164.56

	Recom. 1947	Voted 1946	Spent 1946
Hydrant Rental	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Mooreland Cemetery	300.00	200.00	200.00
Certification of Notes	10.00	10.00	10.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	25.00	25.00	25.00
Pre-School Clinic	55.00	55.00	None
Rockland Street			
Town	None	2,000.00	
County		2,000.00	
State		4,000.00	7,001.55

**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS**



**MASSACHUSETTS**

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**For the Year Ending**  
**December 31, 1946**

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry Clark, Chairman	Term Expires 1947
M. Lawrence Price, Secretary	Term Expires 1948
Charles C. Craig	Term Expires 1949

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Childs	Holden 12 or 209
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## SUPERVISORS

Winona A. Weed, Music	Holden
Cecilia E. Hall, Art	Worcester

## SCHOOL NURSE

Esther E. Gonyer, R. N.	Holden 12, 265 or 7
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## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M. D.	Holden 89 or 12
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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	Dec. 30, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1947
Spring Term—8 weeks	Mar. 3, 1947 to Apr. 25, 1947
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 5, 1947 to June 13, 1947
Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 3, 1947 to Dec. 19, 1947
Winter Term—8 weeks	Dec. 29, 1947 to Feb. 20, 1948

(Subject to change)

## HOLIDAYS

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



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year 1946

### FUNDS FOR USE IN 1946

Appropriation - Grade and High Schools	\$19,500.00
Appropriation - Vocational and Trade Schools	2,000.00
Appropriation for School Clinic	50.00
Bigelow Fund Interest	15.00
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	\$21,565.00

### EXPENDITURES

School Committee (including clerical)	\$225.00	
Superintendent	445.00	
Teachers Salaries	6,982.40	
Janitor	1,400.00	
Health	221.10	
Books	175.99	
School Supplies	153.13	
Janitors Supplies	79.35	
High School Transportation	1,958.40	
Grade School Transportation	2,850.00	
High School Tuition	3,537.00	
Light and Fuel	626.39	
Repairs and Replacements	244.69	
Misc.	63.96	
Water	17.52	
Clinic	50.00	
Trade School Tuition	1,216.54	
Trade School Transp.	609.20	1,825.74
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		20,865.67

Unexpended Balance	699.33
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	\$21,565.00

#### GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM THE STATE

High School Tuition	\$1,788.75
Trade School Transportation	369.20
Trade School Tuition	618.55
High School Transportation	2,030.40
School Fund Part 1	466.54
School Fund Part 2	520.00
Superintendent	193.33
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Total Expenses	\$5,986.77
Gifts and Grants from the State	20,865.67
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Net Cost to Town	\$14,878.90

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CLARK, Chairman  
M. LAWRENCE PRICE, Sec.  
CHARLES CRAIG  
School Committee

# **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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Holden, Mass. Dec. 31, 1946

To the School Committee of Paxton:

This report is the forty-seventh in the series since the formation of the present School Union No. 31, and the twenty-ninth by the writer.

In spite of the unusual conditions facing the public schools and the problems conditioned by the scarcity of teachers and the difficulty in securing adequate school supplies and books, the School Committee has been successful in maintaining the general school program without serious interruptions. We were fortunate in securing M. Ralph W. Wilbur as Principal and teacher of grades VII and VIII, and Mrs. Dorothy K. Wilbur to teach grades III and IV. Miss Celestine Terroy was elected to teach grades I and II. Miss Terroy's home is in Barre and she resigned just before the close of the fall term to accept a position in her home town. Mrs. Morley resigned to teach in Shrewsbury and Mrs. Margaret E. Ratcliffe was named to succeed her in grades V and VI. We secured Miss Cecilia E. Hall as Art Supervisor, and Dr. Leroy E. Mayo returned from military service to continue his services as School Physician.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur the children have put on several entertainments and exhibits and published the school paper with success. We hope that opportunity may be found for more work in manual training and practical arts. Hot lunches for bus children may be made available with the support of the Federal School Lunch program, if some local sponsors are secured. This would call for some

initial expense, but we have adequate room for maintaining such a program, and it seems to me to be very desirable. The statistics following these reports will indicate the growth in enrolment and the changes since last year. There were thirteen pupils granted diplomas and certificates in June. Most of them are continuing their education. We wish to thank Dr. Kimberly of Worcester for helping us with clinics and health examinations during the absence of Dr. Mayo.

The Paxton Grange sponsored a public speaking contest in April. George Carlson was awarded first prize and Patricia Ann Scott received second prize. Each contestant received a token award of \$1.00.

The animal Poster awards made by the American Humane Education Society were presented to Jane Smith, first prize; Robert Langevin, second prize; and Dorothy Flevaris, honorable mention.

The American Legion awards were presented by the Commander of the Legion to Richard Reardon and Patricia Scott.

An Essay Contest was conducted by the Paxton Women's Club. In Grades VII and VIII the winners were Marion Brandt, Albin Belevik, Jr. and Harold Jensen, in this order of merit. In Grades V and VI the winners were Irene Hylan, Jean Perkins and Jane Smith.

Our appreciation is expressed to our Safety Patrol leaders, to the editorial staff of The Paxton Bugle, to Mr. Macabee for his care of the building and friendly cooperation, to the teachers for their faithful work, and to the School Committee for their careful study of school problems.

It is generally known that an emergency exists in education, with a serious scarcity of teachers everywhere. A substantial increase in teachers' salaries is necessary if we are to attract capable and well trained men and women into the profession. Increases are being granted and Paxton should take pride in the fact that the School Committee has acted

in line with a program aimed at holding efficient teachers for our boys and girls. There will be bills before the next legislature looking for more state aid for schools, for this seems to be the seems to be the solution of the problem of

Committees in raising teachers' salaries.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES R. CHILDS, Superintendent



## REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In response to your request, I hereby submit my annual report.

The regular music program has continued as usual throughout the year. The seventh and eighth grade chorus sang for graduation and helped to furnish musical background for this important event.

This fall has been unusually eventful; about fifty per cent of the children from the third to the eighth grades attended the Children's Concert sponsored by the Worcester Festival Association. During Education Week, each room was responsible for part of the public program given in the Town Hall for parents and friends. At Christmas, Mrs. Wilbur directed an operetta which proved a great success, giving practically every child in the school a chance to participate in some degree.

The enthusiasm of the boys and girls and the fine cooperation of the school staff has made this an exceptional year.

Respectfully submitted,

WINONA A. WEED

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is the report on Art Education in Paxton Centre School from September through December.

First, let us define the term "Art Education" and explain its aims and place in our public schools today. We must explode the popular belief that it is merely a type of seat work employed by the teacher to keep the pupils quietly and busily engaged. On the contrary, the prime objective of art education is to teach the pupils to think. Art work should not be a "mental holiday" for the child.

The use of patterns is justifiable only in the low grades where there is a definite need for development of muscular control, whereby skill in the manipulation of pencil and scissors is increased by tracing and cutting of simple basic shapes. As the child advances, he is deprived of the opportunity to express his own ideas if he is always given a directed lesson; that is, a lesson in which he draws exactly as the teacher.

All children like to draw, paint, build, construct and through various mediums to express their ideas of the world which surrounds them, and to insert into their child world interpretations of their own imaginative ideas. Such self-expression releases emotional stress and builds for steadiness and dependability.

The child must constantly make choices to satisfy his needs and desires. Art knowledge directs these choices in selecting wearing apparel, home surroundings, and in the

selection of leisure time activities. In using the many things that surround him, their purpose, function, and design will guide him in making intelligent judgments.

Thus, we in the school try to embrace as many as possible of the following aims of art:

To develop:

A well balanced individual

Resourcefulness in leisure time pursuits and hobbies.

To contribute to:

Richer and more wholesome living for all

Understanding of art values in relation to personal and community life.

More meaningful and enriched subject matter for the entire school curriculum

To provide:

Lasting pleasure and satisfaction

Finer standards of taste and greater self-confidence in carrying on ordinary everyday living.

To discover:

Unusual abilities and aptitudes — and foster them.

The many professional and vocational opportunities available for various art abilities and interests.

The successful experience which the pupils enjoyed in presenting the Christmas operetta, has given them vital participation in many phases of the arts; music, drama, costuming, poster-making.

The school magazine which is edited and published monthly by the pupils is a praiseworthy venture and a barometer of their activities.

Let us continue to give these young Americans a Fifth Freedom — the Freedom of Expression.

With appreciation of the splendid cooperation and interest on the part of the superintendent, school committee, principal, teachers, and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILIA E. HALL

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the health program for the year.

The return of Major Leroy Mayo, our school physician now enables us to conduct regular school clinics and have a more complete health program.

Twenty-three children received treatment at the diphtheria clinics sponsored by the local Board of Health and held in April and May.

At the pre-school clinic six children were examined for defects by Dr. Mayo and four were vaccinated.

Dr. Bessie Scott conducted the dental clinic in November and December. At present we do not have a school dentist.

All of the children have been weighed and measured and all eyes and ears have been tested.

Dr. Mayo has completed the physical examinations of all pupils in this district.

Seventeen field visits were made this year.

The cooperation of the parents will help in the control of contagious diseases. All such cases must be reported to the local board of health. Any child after recovering from an infectious disease shall furnish the teacher with a certificate from the local board of health, or from the attending physician, stating that the danger of infection is past.



## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

GERMAN MEASLES: When the rash disappears the child may return.

MUMPS: A child must stay at home until all glandular swelling and tenderness have disappeared.

WHOOPIING COUGH: A child cannot return to school for three weeks after the beginning of the "Whoop".

MEASLES: The child may return after two weeks from the day the rash appears. Other children may attend school.

SCARLET FEVER: A child must stay at home for three weeks from the day the rash appears. Children in the family who have had it may attend school if they live away from home.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER E. GONYER, R. N.

## ORGANIZATION 1945-1946

Grades	Teacher	Training	Began Here
VII-VIII	Joseph P. Miskavich	Clark Univ.	Sept. 1945
V-VI	Betty Nelson	Worc. STC	Sept. 1945
III-IV	Jenny C. Hodgon	Keene TC	Sept. 1944
	Alice Z. Morley	Tufts Col.	Oct. 1945
I-II	Marie Kenary	Worc. STC	Sept. 1945
Music	Winona A. Weed	Ithaca	Sept. 1944

## ENROLLMENT—FALL TERM

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Boys	4	9	8	2	7	7	6	7	50
Girls	5	7	4	3	4	6	6	6	41
Totals	9	16	12	5	11	13	12	13	91

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS  
1945-1946

Grades	Total Memb.	Ave. Memb.	Ave. Attend.	% Of Attend.
I-II	26	23	21	94
III-IV	20	18	17	96
V-VI	28	24	23	95
VII-VIII	25	24	23	95
Totals	99	89	84	95

## ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

Neither absent or tardy for one year

Jean Perkins  
Donald Faucher  
Robert Langevin

## REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1946

Children in Paxton	Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	6	13	19
7 to 16 years of age	61	40	101
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Totals	67	53	120

## GRADUATES—JUNE 1946

Albin F. Belevick  
 Marion R. Brandt  
 Kenneth Clockedile  
 Gerald J. Fontaine  
 Laurence A. Girouard  
 Harold B. Jensen  
 Joan Kelleher

Leon Nanigian  
 Arthur H. Palisoul  
 Richard B. Reardon  
 Patricia A. Scott  
 Louise Wentworth  
 Edwin H. Wheeler

**REPORT OF AN AUDIT**

OF THE

**ACCOUNTS**

OF THE

**TOWN OF PAXTON**

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FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 6, 1945  
TO JULY 10, 1946

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

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 March 6, 1945, to July 10, 1946, 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,

FRANCIS X. LANG

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from March 6, 1945, the date of the previous audit, to July 10, 1946, and report thereon as follows:

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

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations



and loan authorizations voted. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on July 10, 1946, was prepared and its appended to this report.

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

The cash book additions were verified and the treasurer's cash balance on July 10, 1946 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

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

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities on file.

The tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and listed. The amounts transferred from the tax levies to the tax title account were reconciled with the tax collector's accounts and the sales of tax possessions were compared with the treasurer's receipts.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes for collection.

The collector's cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer by the collector were checked to the treas-

uer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

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

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

Verification of the outstanding tax, electric light, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts as listed are correct.

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

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

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the process 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

# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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I herewith submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1946.

## General Revenue:

### Taxes-

#### Levy of 1946,

Polls	\$526.00
Personal	3,491.79
Real Estate	30,393.12

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\$34,410.91

#### Levy of 1945

Polls	10.00
Personal	579.93
Real Estate	43,382.46

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4,972.39

#### Levy of 1944

Real Estate	820.96
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820.96

#### Tax Titles

1,809.93

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1,809.93

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\$42,014.19

## From State:

Income Tax	4,899.50	
Corporation Tax	2,295.14	
	<hr/>	7,194.64

## Licenses and Permits:

Liquor, Stands and Permits	886.50	
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## Court Fines:

Fees	10.00	
	<hr/>	10.00

## Grants and Gifts from the State:

School Fund	466.54	
School Superintendent	193.33	
High School Tuition	1,788.75	
High School Transportation	2,030.40	
Vocational Schools	987.75	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	214.78	
	<hr/>	7,871.57

## Grants and Gifts - Federal

Old Age Assistance	2,231.41	
Old Age Administration	77.17	
	<hr/>	2,308.58

## From County:

Dog Licenses - Refunded	340.23	
Dogs Destroyed	43.00	
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		383.23
Total - General Revenue		<hr/>
		\$60,668.71

## Special Assessments:

## Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1946	\$1,199.20	
Levy of previous year	94.31	
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Total - Special Assessments		\$1,293.51

## Commercial Revenue - Departmental:

## General Government:

Tax Collector - Demands	\$7.00	
Town Clerk - Dog Licenses	373.40	
Rents - Town Hall	196.50	
Illig Place	339.00	
Howe Place	490.00	
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		1,405.90

## Protection - Persons and Property:

Sealer's Fees	9.36	
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		9.36

## Health and Sanitation:

Inspector of Animals	25.00	
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		25.00



## Highways:

## State:

Chapter 81	4,955.59
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,223.90
Chapter 90, Construction	2,065.35

## County:

Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,223.90
Chapter 90, Construction	1,032.67

## Town:

Tractor	497.75
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 10,999.16

## Charities:

## Reimbursements:

Individuals	181.50
Old Age Assistance - State	2,243.69

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 2,425.19

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 Total - Commercial Revenue - Departmental    \$14,864.61

## Commercial Revenue - Public Service:

## Electric Light Dept:

Light and Power	\$31,507.24
Meter Deposits	70.00
Interest on Meter Deposits	4.28
Interest on Depreciation Fund	201.65

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 31,783.17

## Water Department:

Meter Rates	4,012.93	
Hydrant Rentals	1,050.00	
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		5,062.93
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Total - Commercial Revenue - Public Service		\$36,846.10

## Commercial Revenue - Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Bequests	\$550.00	
Care of Lots	61.50	
Opening Graves	145.00	
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Total - Commercial Revenue - Cemeteries		\$756.50

## Commercial Revenue - Interest

On taxes	\$162.12	
On School Fund	15.00	
On Savings Account	41.28	
On Library Funds	828.60	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	345.35	
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Total - Commercial Revenue - Interest		\$1,392.35

## Loans Authorized

Notes	\$19,000.00	
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Total - Maturing Debt		\$19,000.00

## Trust and Invested Funds:

Library	\$2,500.00	
War Bonds	5,000.00	
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Total - Trust and Invested Funds		\$7,500.00

## Refunds:

On Insurance	\$45.72	
On Old Age Assistance	36.90	
On Cemetery Bequest	50.00	
On Schools	33.75	
On Halloween	2.07	
On Highways	3.48	
On Grader	2,000.00	
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Total - Refunds		\$2,171.92
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$144,493.70

## PAYMENTS

## General Government:

## Selectmen:

Salaries	\$300.00	
Expenses	231.21	
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		\$531.21

## Town Accountant:

Salary	\$350.00	
Expenses	15.00	
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		\$365.00

## Treasurer:

Salary	\$300.00	
Expenses	84.25	
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		\$384.25

## Tax Collector

Salary	\$400.00
Expenses	90.00

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\$490.00

## Assessors:

Salaries	\$225.00
Expenses	164.89

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\$389.89

## Legal:

Town Counsel	\$523.75
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\$523.75

## Town Clerk:

Salary	\$150.00
Expenses	30.00

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\$180.00

## Elections:

Tellers	\$95.04
Ballots	54.50

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\$149.54

## Registration:

Salaries	\$25.00
Expenses	47.93

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\$72.93

## Planning Board:

Printing	\$32.00
Travel	20.37
Statistician	35.00
Expenses	88.10

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\$175.47

## Town Hall:

Janitor	\$832.50
Fuel	345.69
Lights	57.44
Repairs	43.49
Water	20.00
Telephone	22.25
Tunning Pianos	10.00
Express	1.00
Safety Lights	130.12
Radiator	29.78
Janitor's Supplies	7.73

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\$1,500.00

## Town Hall:

Heating Plant	\$675.00
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\$675.00

## Contingent:

Moderator	\$15.00
Certification of Notes	24.00
Typewriter Table	21.50
Inspection of Meat	5.00
Flags	3.43
Printed Forms	66.16
Dog Officer—Gun	15.00
Sealer—Tags	3.27
Keys	.60



Binding Reports	2.50
Travel Expense	2.00
Street Light Balance	15.02
Spray	10.00
Safety Lights	93.89
Interest on Notes	2.93

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\$280.30

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Total—General Government \$5,717.34

Protection of Persons and Property:

Constables:

Services	\$277.50
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\$277.50

Dog Officer:

Disposal of dogs	\$25.00
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\$25.00

Fire Engineers:

Services	\$309.25
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\$309.25

Fire Department:

Siren	\$9.00
Telephone Alarm	130.00
Rent	360.00
Maintenance	51.39
Labor	60.67
Hose	317.82
Hand Lights	68.43
Pumps	96.68
Compensation	195.00

Expenses	13.45	
	<hr/>	\$1,302.44
New Fire Truck:		
Chasis	\$1,440.08	
Body and Fixtures	2,469.12	
	<hr/>	\$3,909.20
Building Inspector:		
Services	\$50.00	
	<hr/>	\$50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	\$25.00	
Expenses	4.38	
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Moth Department:		
Labor	\$198.65	
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Tree Warden:		
Labor	\$380.00	
Trees	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$500.00
Total—Protection of Persons and Property		\$6,601.42
Health and Sanitation:		
Salaries	\$25.00	
Hospital Care	56.50	
Disposal of Garbage	300.00	
Tubercular Hospital	1,074.73	

Inspector of Animals	50.00
Inspector of Meat	5.00

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\$1,511.23

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Total—Health and Sanitation \$1,511.23

Highways:

Chapter 81:

Payrolls	\$9,100.79
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Chapter 90, Maintenance:

Payrolls	3,000.45
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Chapter 90, Construction

Payrolls	7,001.55
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Equipment Maintenance

Repairs	425.08
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Snow Removal

Payrolls	3,809.62
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New Grader

Purchase of	7,826.92
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Tractor Equipment

Overdraft of 1945	2,595.38
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Snowplows

Purchase of	680.00
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Street Lights

Current	550.00
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\$34,989.79

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Total—Highways \$34,989.79

Charities:

Public Welfare:

Salaries	\$150.00
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Board and Care	365.00
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Postage	5.00
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\$520.00

## Old Age Assistance:

Administration	\$80.55	
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## Old Age Assistance:

Federal	\$2,765.20	
Town	2,901.18	
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## Soldier's Relief:

Aid	\$42.50	
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## Total—Charities

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\$6,309.43

## Schools and Library:

## Grade Schools:

School Committee	\$225.00	
Clerical	10.00	
Payrolls	9,031.40	
Books and Supplies	419.67	
Transportation	2,850.00	
Fuel and Lights	623.62	
Water	19.95	
Maintenance	209.28	
Janitor's Supplies	66.62	
Others	38.65	
	<hr/>	\$13,494.19

## High Schools:

Tuition	\$3,570.75	
Transportation	2,138.40	
	<hr/>	\$5,709.15

## Trade Schools:

Tuition	\$1,216.54	
Transportation	429.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,645.74

## School Clinic:

Medical	\$50.00	
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		\$50.00

## Library:

Librarian	\$480.00	
Janitor	365.00	
Books	173.80	
Binding	8.10	
Magazines	38.00	
Fuel and Lights	236.79	
Repairs	43.87	
Water	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,370.56

Total—Schools and Library	\$22,269.64
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## Recreation and Unclassified:

Care of Common	\$111.87
Care of Flag	15.00
Care of Town Clock	60.00
Memorial Day	75.00
Insurance and Bonds	1,188.09
Printing Reports	316.35
July 4th	49.76
Illig Place	113.13
Howe Place	190.45

Total—Recreation and Unclassified	\$2,167.61
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## Water Department:

Commissioners	\$125.00	
		\$125.00
Superintendent	\$1,039.92	
Office Supplies	29.82	
Insurance	7.50	
Labor	928.96	
Maint. and Supplies	574.18	
Fuel	44.16	
Power	534.02	
Dues	6.00	
		\$3,164.56
Hydrant Rentals	\$1,050.00	
Whitney Extension	1,390.41	
		\$2,440.41

## Electric Light Department:

Commissioners	\$75.00	
Clerical	145.00	
Insurance	285.61	
Office Supplies	186.34	
Meter Deposits	62.40	
Employees	5,270.00	
Current	16,203.77	
Truck Maint.	303.20	
Dues	25.00	
Materials	5,874.01	
Travel	121.01	
Rents	169.00	
Taxes	8.12	
Express	155.47	
		\$28,883.93

## Cemeteries:

## Mooreland:

Labor	\$200.00	
Perpetual Care Lots		
Labor	345.35	
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		\$545.35

Total—Enterprises and Cemetery	\$35,159.25
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## Interest:

Temporary Loans	\$25.00	
Water Bonds	2,020.00	
Recreational Field	55.00	
Certification of Notes	10.00	
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		\$2,110.00

Total—Interest	\$2,110.00
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## Maturing Debts:

Water Bonds	\$3,000.00	
Recreational Field	500.00	
Highway Loan	6,000.00	
Garage Notes	4,000.00	
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		\$13,500.00

Total—Maturing Debts	\$13,500.00
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## Agency—Trust and Invested Funds:

## Agency:

State Tax	\$950.00
State Parks	59.97
Auditing	243.73

County Tax	2,190.24
Dog Licenses for County	386.60

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\$3,830.54

## Trust Funds:

Library	\$2,500.00
War Bonds	5,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	600.00

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\$8,100.00

Total—Trust and Agency

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\$11,930.54

## Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise	
Taxes 1946	\$8.43
Real Estate 1946	1.80
License Fees	1.00

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\$11.23

Total—Refunds

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\$11.23

Total Payments

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\$142,277.48

## SUMMARY

## Receipts

General Revenue	\$60,668.71
Special Revenue	1,293.51
Commercial Revenue	
Departmental	14,864.61
Public Service	36,846.10
Cemeteries	756.50
Interest	1,392.35
Loans Authorized	19,000.00

Trust Funds	7,500.00	
Refunds	2,171.92	
Total Receipts		\$144,493.70
Cash on hand, January 1, 1946		42,681.74
Total		\$187,175.44

### Payments

General Government	\$5,717.34	
Protection of Persons and Property	6,601.42	
Health and Sanitation	1,511.23	
Highways	34,989.79	
Charities	6,309.43	
Schools and Library	22,269.64	
Recreation and Unclassified	2,167.61	
Enterprises and Cemetery	35,159.25	
Interest	2,110.00	
Municipal Indebtedness	13,500.00	
Agency and Trust Accts.	11,930.54	
Refunds	11.23	
Total Payments		\$142,277.48
Cash on hand, Decemebr 31, 1946		44,897.96
Total		\$187,175.44

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON

Town Accountant

# BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$44,897.96	Highway Machinery Rentals	\$497.75
Accounts Receivable:		Electric Light Dept:	
Taxes:		Depreciation Fund	13,435.16
Levy of 1945	637.54	Meter Guarantee Fund	229.50
Levy of 1946	5,886.80	Rents -	
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Howe Place	813.37
Levy of 1946	179.59	Illig Place	1,550.66
Tax Titles	29.30	Revenue:	
Tax Title Possessions	3,885.72	Motor Vehicle Excise	179.59
State Aid to Highways		Excess on Low Valve Taxes	100.00
Chapter 81	2,381.69	Tax Titles	4,224.95
Chapter 90, Maintenance	.08	Aid to Highways	2,381.85
Chapter 90, Construction	1,934.65	Electric Light	718.30
County Aid to Highways:		Water Dept.	46.86
Chapter 90, Maintenance	.08	Overlay:	
Chapter 90, Construction	967.33	Levy of 1945	115.00
Electric Light Dept:		Levy of 1946	424.73
Consumers Charges	718.30	Overlay Surplus - Reserve Fund	1,653.91
Water Department		Sale of Cemetery Lot	10.00
Meter Charges	46.86	Tailings	48.07
State Parks and Reservations		War Bond	5,000.00
Underestimated	22.49	Highways - Marshall Street	1,000.46
County Tax		Snow Fence	250.00



Underestimated	48.73
Post War Bonds for Water Extensions	1,500.00
War Bonds Purchased	5,000.00
Due from Federal Grant - Old Age Assistance	361.40

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#### DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$49,500.00

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Garage	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance - Administration	11.99
Library	201.72
Electric Light Dept. - Construction Fund	3,763.61
Water Dept. - Extensions	1,500.00
Richards Ave.	107.68
Whitney Extension	1,009.59
Excess & Deficiency - Surplus	28,223.77

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#### TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

\$73,356.52

D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	\$1,034.43
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00
George L. Bigelow Library Fund	500.00
Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668.87
E. D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,372.08
E. D. Bigelow Village Improvement Fund	1,118.20
C. D. Boynton General Purpose Fund	8,084.17

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Recreational Field	500.00
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Trust Funds, Cash and Investments      \$73,356.52

Howe Farm	4,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	18,229.44
Post War Bonds	15,349.33
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	\$73,356.52

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,  
Town Accountant

## TOWN WARRANT

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Paxton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall" on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To bring 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, and one member for two years, one member of the Cemetery Commission for three years, one member of the Water Commission for three years, two trustees of the Richards Memorial Library for three years, and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

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

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

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

Business meeting will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

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

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

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to 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, 1947, and to issue an 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, General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. 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 6. 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 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$497.75 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. To see if the town will consider that the Illig property be proposed as a War Memorial or act in way thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to give the members of the Fire Dept. compensation for their services or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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 14. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights the sum of \$500 and that this sum and the income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for Municipal Light Plants, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for the current fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws and Chapter

235 of the Acts of 1937 and that if this sum and this income shall exceed the expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to extend the street lighting system by placing one additional street light on Highland Street or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 16. 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 to be fixed by vote of the town or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will authorize the Water Dept. to appoint any one of their Board to another position the salary to be fixed by the vote of the town or act in way thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for construction on Marshall Street under Chapter 90 - said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County or both for this purpose or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the Board of Assessors from \$75.00 per year to \$100.00 per year, or act in any other way thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to amend the last sentence of paragraph 2 of the section of the By-laws headed Finance Committee and adopted by the town at the Annual Town Meeting, Feb. 7, 1938, by striking out the words "Town Treasurer" and inserting the words "Town Accountant" in place thereof, so that it shall read:

The Town Accountant shall be ex officio, a member of the finance committee.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will approve a By-law that the Planning Board require all Developers of

sub-division to post a bond covering the cost of roads in said sub-division constructed in accordance to plans submitted and approved by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the additions to the building by-laws as recommended by the Planning Board, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to accept an amendment to Sec. 4 Art. 9 of the Revised Zoning By-laws as recommended by the Planning Board or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 24. 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 each adjourned meeting thereof and \$5.00 for every special town meeting and adjournment thereof or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500.00 to extend the water main 820 feet along Grove Street from Maple Street or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 527 of the general laws of 1946, section 1, which provides that "women teachers employed in the same grades and doing the same type of work with the same preparations and training as men teachers shall be paid at the same rate as men teachers," or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to finish laying the balance of water main purchased for Austin Whitney's project off Maple Street, at the special Town Meeting of June 28, 1946, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2625 to extend the water main 600 feet easterly along the Holden Road, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to use the income of C. D. Boynton Fund for general purposes for the construction of sidewalks under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,920 for the extension of water on Crystal Street for a distance of 640 feet to supply three and possibly five consumers, 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 9th day of January, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

HAROLD F. HANSEN

CLIFFORD DARWIN

Selectmen of Paxton

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