

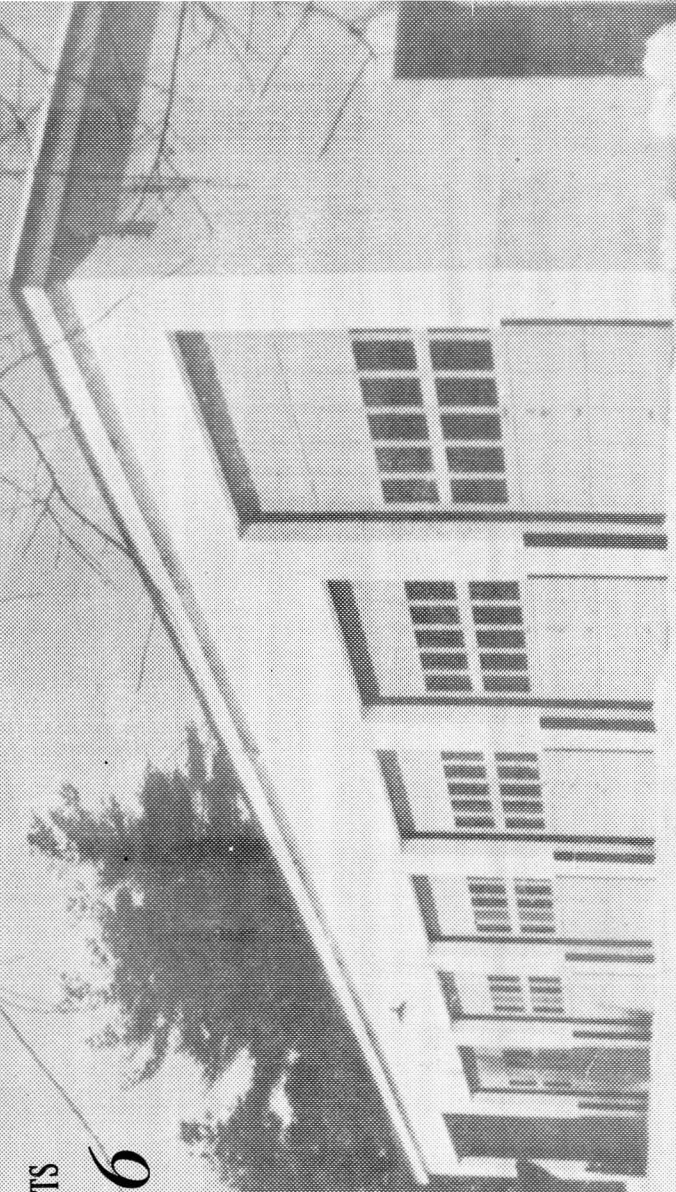
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MASSACHUSETTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

# DECEMBER 31, 1956

Hollywood Press      Oxford, Mass.

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1956

## Town Officers for 1956

## Moderator

JESSE E. MILLS

## Town Clerk

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

## Treasurer

MARION E. MACCABEE

## Constables

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

## Selectmen

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term expires 1957

ALDEN H. JACOBSON

Term expires 1958

JESSE E. MILLS

Term expires 1959

## Board of Public Welfare

J. MACK JOHNSTON

Term expires 1957

RUTH B. McKINLEY

Term expires 1958

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

Term expires 1959

## Assessors

GEORGE C HUNT

Term expires 1957

ROBERT A. BELEY

Term expires 1958

FRED E. WATSON

Term expires 1959

## School Committee

M. LAWRENCE PRICE

Term expires 1957

CHARLES C. CRAIG

Term expires 1958

HARRY CLARK

Term expires 1959

## Municipal Light Board

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

Term expires 1957

DEANE O. HOWLAND

Term expires 1958

GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.

Term expires 1959

*Cemetery Commission*

GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1957
JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term expires 1958
H. RENO KENNEN, Jr.	Term expires 1959

*Water Board*

ELWIN K. YOUNG (Resigned)	Term expires 1957
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term expires 1958
NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term expires 1959

*Library Trustees*

MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term expires 1957
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Term expires 1957
KATHERINE I. STANNARD	Term expires 1958
HARRY E. WHITCOMB	Term expires 1958
CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN	Term expires 1959
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term expires 1959

*Planning Board*

REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term expires 1957
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1958
G. LEONARD TROTTER	Term expires 1959
DONALD C. ALEXANDER	Term expires 1960
FRANK L. ABBOTT (Resigned)	Term expires 1961

*Board of Health*

NORMAN C. DODGE	Term expires 1957
SALLY H. STANSFIELD	Term expires 1958
VERNON E. PRENTICE	Term expires 1959

*Wachusett Regional High School*

LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term expires 1957
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*Recreation Commission*

JEROME F. MURPHY	Term expires 1957
EDITH B. CALHANE	Term expires 1958
ESTHER S. HAMBLIN	Term expires 1959
LOUIS K. CHILDS	Term expires 1960
RALPH W. WILBUR	Term expires 1961



## APPOINTMENTS BY MODERATOR

*Finance Committee*

WILLIAM J. LAMOTTE	Term expires 1957
J. ARDEN WOODALL	Term expires 1957
ROBERT C. BRUCE	Term expires 1958
MERVYN E. RICHARDS	Term expires 1958
REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term expires 1959
JOHN H. JOHNSON	Term expires 1959

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

*Plumbing Inspector*

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.

*Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering*

SUMNER E. TAYLOR

*Burial Agent*

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

*Board of Appeals*

LINWOOD E. ERSKIN, Jr.

AUGUSTUS P. MULLANY

*Care of Clock*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Superintendent of Streets*

WALTER V. PIKE

*Dog Officer*

CARL H. JOHNSON

*Care of Common and Flag*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Veteran's Agent*

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

*Inspector of Wires*

ROY M. WENTWORTH

*Building Inspector*

FRED E. WATSON

*Forest Fire Warden*

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

*Moth Superintendent*

FRED R. DIFLEY

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Measurers of Wood and Bark and Field Drivers*

CHARLES C. CRAIG

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

FRED R. DILFEY

*Police Officers*

DONALD W. SISTARE (Chief)

GEORGE G. KARLE (Seargant)

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY, Jr.

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

ROBERT C. BRUCE

GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.

*Special Police*

F. WYMAN ROGERS (Boynton Park)

HOWARD CRESSWELL (School)

WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN (School Crossings)

HAROLD MULLANEY (School Crossing)

*Board of Registrars*

ARTHUR LAWLER, Jr.

VIOLA C. PRENTICE

GENEVA M. CROMPTON

*Town Accountant*

ETTA E. ROBINSON

*Board of Appeals*

BURTON E. JOHNSON (1957)

ROBERT C. BRUCE (1958)

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN (1959)

FREDERICK A. COOK (1960)

LORNE W. TANNAHILL (1961)

LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, Jr. (Alternate)

AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY (Alternate)

*To fill vacancies caused by resignations*

HAROLD MARTIN (Water Board)

VERNON WILSON (Planning Board)

## REPORT of the TOWN CLERK

### LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

273 Resident Citizen Fishing	
149 Resident Citizen Hunting	
181 Resident Citizen Sporting	
48 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
45 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	
1 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	
2 Special Non-Resident Fishing	
12 Duplicate	
8 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
2 Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age Assistance, Free)	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$2,322 00

### DOG LICENSES

118 Males	
41 Females	
62 Spayed	
5 Kennel	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$569 80

### VITAL RECORDS

#### BIRTHS

#### JANUARY

- 25 Paula, daughter of John M. and Helen G. Reid.
- 30 Marc Raymond, son of Leo E. and Jeanne A. Desaulniers.

#### FEBRUARY

- 8 Dianne Lynn, daughter of Alfred E. and Evelyn M. Desrosiers.
- 13 Paul Leonard, son of G. Leonard and Ethel S. Trottier.
- 26 Carole Ann, daughter of Lester H. and Gloria A. Pease.

#### MARCH

- 1 Karen Jo, daughter of Arthur O. and Grace Gamarche.
- 23 Thomas George, son of George T. and Margaret Hosey.
- 29 Michael John, son of George F. and Janice Ahearn.

## APRIL

- 7 Joanne Marie, daughter of Alfred E. and Gloria G. Tremblay.
- 14 Alan Richard, son of William O. and Nancy E. Bellows.
- 17 daughter of Carl G. and Evelyn Lindberg.

## MAY

- 4 Bradford Norman, son of Norman C. and Greta S. Dodge.
- 9 Penelope Smith, daughter of Edmond R. and Bernadeen O. Rochette.
- 11 Janice Ellen, daughter of Gordon L. and Dorothy M. Benson.

## JUNE

- 2 David William, son of Francis W. and Ruth E. Ryan.
- 8 Thomas John, son of John T. and Janet M. Ahearn.
- 13 Robert Paul Jr., son of Robert P. and Helen Sheehan.

## JULY

- 25 Steven Jeffery, son of Louis A. and Sally C. Urbanovitch.
- 27 Pamela Stella, daughter of Robert W. and Helen D. Faucher.
- 31 Louise Merrifield, daughter of Linwood M. Jr. and Margaret C. Erskine.

## AUGUST

- 21 Cheryl Lynn, daughter of Eugene R. and Janet G. Davis.
- 23 Ronald Anthony, son of Charles E. and Joanne V. Ducharme.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Rae Bradley, son of Glen C. and Doris V. Parks.
- 4 Norman Odd, son of Odd N. and Arline L. Lilleheil.
- 8 Paul Donald, son of Lawrence A. and Beatrice M. Giouard.
- 18 Christine Doris, daughter of Frank and Mary P. Ranta.
- 24 Beverly Ann, daughter of Raymond V. and Beatrice C. Kauppila.

## OCTOBER

- 5 Mark Steven, son of George C. and Helyn L. Lamotte.
- 11 James Clifford, son of Ralph R. and Doris M. Butland.
- 11 Robert Bradford Jr., son Robert R. and Barbara R. Pierce.
- 13 Nancy Jennison, daughter of Allen L. and Sheila T. Estabrook.
- 16 Kathryn Ruth, daughter of Sumner E. Jr. and Virginia R. Taylor.

## NOVEMBER

- 7 David Brian, son of George W. and Barbara A. LeGacy.
- 11 Kathleen Ann, daughter of Stanley B. Jr. and Patricia A. Amidon.



## DECEMBER

- 14 Gary Paul ,son of Warren P. and Dorothy E. Lederer.
- 28 Richard Michael, son of Edward W. and Elsey L. Spillane.
- 28 John Alan, son of John C. and Muriel L. Frederickson.

## MARRIAGES

## FEBRUARY

- 12 Stanley L. Shuman of West Roxbury and Norna J. Rabinow of Paxton.

## APRIL

- 7 Owen M. Rogers of Paxton and Marie E. Alberti of Syracuse N.Y.

## MAY

- 5 Charles J. Flagg, Jr. of Rochdale and Barbara F. Robnson of Paxton.
- 5 George R. Carlson of Paxton and Janice A. Grenberg of Worcester.
- 18 Arthur E. Baker of Paxton and Ruth M. Johnson of Worcester.

## JUNE

- 11 Charles J. Gatchell of Arlington and Kay F. Woodall of Paxton.
- 16 Rchard C. Shilinsky of Grafton and Carol A. Demas of Paxton.
- 23 John F. Fitzgibbon of North Brookfield and Iren C. Clockedile of Paxton.

## JULY

- 4 Edward R. Trum of Paxton and Marguerite S. Riley of Worcester
- 15 Alwyn E. Jensen of Paxton and Phyllis E. Cofelice of Marlboro.

## AUGUST

- 3 Stanley B. Amidon, Jr. of Paxton and Patricia A. Hiney of Holden.

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 Harry F. Barker of Paxton and Nellie V. Croyle of Summerhill Penna.

## OCTOBER

- 20 Edmund C. Purdy of Albany N.Y. and Jeannetta E. Paxton of Rutland Heights, Mass.

## DEATHS

## JANUARY

- 5 Harry A. Osgood 77 years

## FEBRUARY

- 15 Ludwig Carlson 79 years  
26 Harold French 64 years

## MARCH

- 15 Edward G. Carroll 82 years

## APRIL

- 17 Lindberg

## JUNE

- 16 Hilda M. Hokko 79 years  
17 Arthur J. Depatie 77 years

## JULY

- 3 Lucile B. Bromley 67 years

## AUGUST

- 8 Johanna S. Cederlund 83 years

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 Frederick Stapleton 60 years  
23 Jakko Hokko 75 years  
28 Frank Arnold 67 years

## REPORT OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 5, 1956

Article 1. Election of Officers. (172 ballots cast)

Article 2. Acceptance of reports of Town Officers and acceptance of the the budget as presented by the Finance Committee with changes as made from the floor.

The following action was taken under the Article.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 as Town's share of cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and to transfer the sum of \$7,975.00 from available funds. Article 13.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 to Town's share of cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and to transfer \$3,200.00 from available funds. Article 14.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 as Town's share of the cost of construction on West St. and to transfer \$12,000.00 from available funds. Article 16.

Voted to change the amount recommended for Street Lights to \$1,664.81.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to raise the salary of the Veteran's Agent to \$100.00 per year.

Voted \$25,003.60 for the Regional High School to clarify an error in the budget as printed.

Voted the sum of \$9,710.00 to be transferred from available funds to the Water Department expense account.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to paint the standpipe.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from available funds to repair the base of the standpipe and to make repairs at the pump station.

Vote to accept the budget as amended.

Article 3. Voted under Article 2.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted to appoint the American Legion as a committee in charge of Memorial Day.

Article 6. Voted to give the members of the Fire Department compensation for their services.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Article 8. Voted to transfer \$300.00 from the "Illig Fund" to the "Illig Property Maintenance Fund".

Article 9. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

Article 10. Voted to accept as printed.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for vacation pay and sick leave for Highway and Water Dept. employees.

Article 12. Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,287.05 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Article 13. Voted under Article 2.

Article 14. Voted under Article 2.

Article 15. Voted under Article 2.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for Water extension on Pleasant St., towards Barre.

Article 17. Voted under Article 2.

Article 18. Voted to install one new hydrant on each of the following streets:

Orchard Drive  
Pinewood Road  
Elizabeth Lane  
Rockwood Road

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 for this purpose.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to increase the salaries of the Board of Water Commissioners and that the Finance Committee be appointed to review Town salaries and report their recommendations at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 20. Voted that the sum of \$101.96 be raised and appropriated to cover an overdraft in the Fire Department.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for the purchase of a 2-way radio unit to be installed on Engine I of the Fire Department.

Article 22. Voted to use the sum of \$133.50 already on deposit with the Federal Civil Defense Agency to purchase a light generator under matching funds.

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00

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Article 24. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 25. Voted to turn over the operation and control of that portion of the premises, conveyed to the Town by Ernest R. Illig, by his deed dated April 1, 1937, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2691, page 251, not enclosed on a plot plan dated March 5, 1956 bearing the signatures of J. Mackenzie Johnston, Alden H. Jacobson, Donald C. Alexander, Herbert F. Wentworth, M. Lawrence Price, and attached to the motion voter under Article 32 of this meeting, to the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission.

Article 26. Voted that the Collector of Taxes shall collect all accounts due the Town under the title of Town Collector.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to pay the Town Collector as additional salary.

Article 28. Voted under Article 2.

Article 29. Voted to pass over the Article.



Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 and transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe Fund to the Town Hall Account, the total to be used to purchase and install a new heating unit and ducts in the Town Hall.

Article 31. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the surplus chairs in the Town Hall.

Article 32. Voted to situate a new elementary school on certain parcels of land as set forth in the motion under Article 32.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Robinson,

Town Clerk

### REPORT OF VOTING AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 16, 1956

Voted to act on Article 2 before considering Article 1.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 to be used together with the amount previously voted for the construction and originally equipping a new school building.

The above was voted on by ballot.

In favor — 141                  Against — 44

Article 1. Voted to pass over the Article.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Robinson,

Town Clerk

### REPORT of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

#### RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL REVENUE:

##### TAXES:

Levy of 1956

Polls

\$ 1,010 00

Personal

6,126 88

Real Estate

116,711 97

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123,848 85

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Levy of 1955		
Polls	\$	4 00
Personal		28 47
Real Estate		1,660 35

1,692 82

Levy of 1954		
Real Estate	\$626	35

626 35

## FROM STATE:

Income Taxes	\$19,166	41
Corporation Tax, Business	5,490	05

24,656 46

## LICENSES:

Liquor	\$1,740	00
Other	67	00

1,807 00

## GRANTS AND GIFTS — STATE

School Supt. Salary	\$	291 29
High School Transportation	14,699	15
Vocational	983	86
Old Age Meal Tax	255	48

16,229 78

## GRANTS — FEDERAL

Old Age	\$3,970	28
Old Age Admin	348	98
Disability Assist.	837	80
Disability Armin.	55	11

5,212 17

## FROM COUNTY:

Dog Fund	435	72
Dog Destroyed	39	00
Dog Sold	3	00

477 72

## TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE

\$174,551 15

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:

Levy of 1956	\$23,653 81
Levy of 1955	1,674 78
Levy of 1954	58 64

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 25,387 23

## TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

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 \$25,387 23

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE:

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Collector of Taxes—Demands	\$ 10 50
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	610 00
Town Hall—Rents	155 00
Town Hall—Chair	60 00
Illig Place—Rents	494 50
Police—Pistod Lic.	6 00
Sealer—Fees	25 95

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 1,361 95

## Health

Re-imbursements	\$34 00
Inspection of Animals	25 00

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 59 00

## HIGHWAYS:

## STATE:

Chapter 81	\$1,729 85
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,599 56
Hurricane—Edna	450 00
Flood—Relief	290 43

## COUNTY:

Chapter 90—Maint.	\$1,599 56
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## TRACTOR:

Rentals	\$2,247 50
Garage	
Rents	600 00

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 9,562 73

## CHARITIES:

## STATE:

Old Age Assist.	\$5,320 93
Temporary Aid	360 00
Disability Assist.	454 94
Disability Admin.	16 48
Veterans Services	730 71
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6,883 06

## SCHOOLS:

Outside Tuition	\$ 841 81
School Milk—Federal	1,298 20

2,140 01

## LIBRARY

Fines	120 97
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120 97

## INSURANCE

Dividends	\$250 09
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250 09

## TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE

20,377 81

## PUBLIC SERVICES:

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Rates	\$69,477 35
Meter Guarantee	55 00
Interest—Meter Funds	7 27
Interest—Depreciation	160 65
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69,700 27

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Rates	\$13,143 99
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13,143 99

## CEMETERIES:

Perpetual Care	\$1,280 00
Opening Graves	298 00
Care of Lots	83 00
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1,661 00

## TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES

\$84,505 26



## TOWN OF PAXTON

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## INTEREST

On Taxes	77 69
On School Funds	35 00
On School Notes	1,329 92
On Savings	131 53
On Library Funds	1,140 05
On Cemetery Per/Care	675 65

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 3,389 84

## TOTAL INTEREST

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 3,389 84

## AGENCY:

Withholding Taxes	7,984 71
Retirement Funds	2,232 02
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,327 50

## TOTAL AGENCY

11,544 23

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

## Notes:

Anticipation of Taxes	\$ 15,000 00
Bonds—Matured	45,000 00
Bonds—School Temp	200,000 00
Bonds—School Issue	440,000 00

700,000 00

## TRANSFERS:

Howe Fund—Town Hall Heating	\$2,500 00
Post War Bonds School Construction	5,000 00

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 7,500 00

## REFUNDS:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 35 60
Old Age	30 09
Bank Charges	5 60
School Note—Premium	1,583 56

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 1,654 85

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

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 \$1,028,910 37

## PAYMENTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

 Moderator  
 Salary

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 35 00

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 35 00

## Selectmen

Salaries	\$900 00
Clerical	175 00
Printing—Postage	43 01
Travel	27 12
Dues	21 00
Meetings	30 90

1,197 03

## Town Accountant

Salary	\$500 00
Supplies	10 88
Postage	4 12

515 00

## Treasurer

Salary	\$500 00
Supplies	106 00
Travel	30 00
Clerical Assistant	20 00
Dues	2 00
Meetings	17 00

675 00

## Collector

Salary	1,000 00
File	270 50
Postage—Printing	148 10
Clerical Assistant	20 00
Meetings	4 90
Dues	2 00

1,445 50

## Assessors

Salaries	600 00
Abstracts	169 18
Postage—Printing	56 78
Travel	30 00
Clerical	250 00
Dues	9 00

1,114 96

## TOWN OF PAXTON

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## Legal

Town Counsel

655 47

655 47

655 47

## Town Clerk

Salary

200 00

Postage—Printing

34 98

Record Book

22 50

Recording Statistics

55 00

Meetings

10 50

Dues

7 50

330 48

## Finance Committee

Postage

54

54

## Elections

Tellers

278 50

Ballots

65 00

Votings Booths

37 45

380 95

## Registrars

Salaries

100 00

Votings Lists

47 50

147 50

## Planning Board

Film Rental

13 50

Supplies

22 85

Photo

9 90

Consultant

650 00

Others

12 20

708 45

## Board of Appeals

Advertising

16 42

Postage

8 80

Clerical

8 00

33 22

## Town Hall

Janitor	1,166 00
Fuel	594 15
Lights	117 21
Janitors Supplies	47 87
Repairs	695 52
Telephone	174 25
Water	20 00
Painting Flagpole	85 00

2,900 00

## Town Hall

Heating System	\$2,665 00
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2,665 00

## Pensions

Town Employees	\$1,860 89
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1,860 89

## TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

\$14,664 99

## PROTECTION—PERSON and PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrolling	\$1,799 85
Uniforms	101 85
Rents	75 00
Maintenance	402 19
Lights	47 95
Dues	5 00
License Book	75

2,432 59

## SCHOOL TRAFFIC

Patrolling	\$930 00
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930 00

## DOG OFFICER

Dogs Investigated	74 99
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74 99

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engineers—Salaries	\$600 00
Insurance	187 50
Alarm	199 55
Siren	18 00



Hose	270 27
Maintenance	773 04
Gas-Oil	71 89
Labor at Fire	16 00
Subscriptions	14 00

2,770 25

**Two-Way Radio**

Purchase	\$252 50
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252 50

**TREE WARDEN**

Moth Department Labor	192 00
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192 00

**Dutch Elm Disease**

Spraying	399 00
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399 00

**Trees**

Labor	621 88
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621 88

**SEALER-WEIGHTS and MEASURES**

Salary	\$50 00
Die	1 30

51 30

**INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS**

Salary	\$250 00
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250 00

**TOTAL—PROTECTION**

\$7,974 51

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****HEALTH:**

Salaries	\$ 150 00
Clerical	29 00
Postage	5 00
Polio	185 12
Supplies	79
Care of Dump	1,071 00

Printing	66 00
Board and Treatments	433 05

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1,939 98

## TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL:

Assessment	\$1,555 33...
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1,555 33

## INSPECTION:

Animals	\$50 00
Meat	5 00

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55 00

## COLLECTION of GARBAGE:

Disposal	\$2,619 96
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2,619 96

## TOTAL HEALTH and SANITATION

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\$6,170 25

## HIGHWAYS:

Chapter 81:	
Labor	\$3,963 62
Trucks	2,096 24
Materials	4,815 05

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10,874 91

## Chapter 90, Construction, 1955

Labor	\$524 54
Trucks	268 19
Materials	700 90

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1,493 63

## Capter 90—Const. 1956

Labor	\$2,772 35
Trucks	4,242 64
Materials	2,860 98

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9,875 97

## Chapter 90—Maint.

Labor	\$1,048 00
Trucks	1,760 00
Materialz	1,990 03

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4,798 96

**SURFACING STREETS:**

Labor	\$697 38
Trucks	302 55
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999 93

**SNOW:**

Labor	\$5,287 38
Trucks	4,084 24
Materials	326 05
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9,697 67

**TRACTOR EQUIPMENT:**

Express	\$ 10 00
Maintenance	419 67
Materials	1,691 52
Traffic Lights	31 49
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2,152 68

**MUNICIPAL GARAGE:**

Oil	\$456 08
Materials	33 94
Lights	120 77
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610 79

**VACATION and SICK LEAVE:**

Employees—Highways	\$599 46
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599 46

**STREET LIGHTS:**

Current	\$1,611 77
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**TOTAL HIGHWAYS**

\$42,715 77

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:****PUBLIC WELFARE:**

Salaries	\$150 00
Agent Salary	400 65
Cash Grants	519 75
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1,070 40

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:**

Cash Grants	\$10,873 03
Administration	285 15
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11,158 18

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

Adminstration	\$6 86	
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## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

Cash Grants	\$1,711 87	
Adminstration	89 09	

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1,800 96

## VETERANS SERVICES:

Agent— Salary	\$ 100 00	
Expenses	14 40	
Aid Medical	1,689 95	

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1,804 35

## TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

15,840 75

## SCHOOLS:

Committee—Salaries	\$ 420 00
Supt.—Salary	733 00
Clerical	605 81
Printing-Postage	117 05
Telephone	116 20
Travel	92 48
Supt. Office	322 00
Rent of office	107 62
Dues	25 00
Others	13 64
Teachers	33,196 97
Books	821 95
Supplies	1,498 90
High Tuition	152 50
Trade Tuition	874 60
Transporation	16,917 63
Janitor	2,766 64
Fuel and Light	945 37
Reparies	2,737 24
Janitors Supplies	348 65,
Water	119 61
Furnishings	347 42
Graduation	38 72
Physician	150 00
Nurse	518 90
Health Supplies	22 70

Others	59 13	
		64,069 73
<b>SCHOOL LUNCH:</b>		
Milk	\$1,293 29	
		1,293 29
<b>SCHOOL PLAN—BUILDING COMMITTEE</b>		
Travel	\$14 00	
		14 00
<b>SCHOOL:</b>		
New Construction	257,717 91	
		257,717 91
<b>WACHUSETT REGIONAL:</b>		
Assessment	25,003 60	
		25,003 60
<b>LIBRARY:</b>		
Librarian	\$ 936 00	
Assistant	505 00	
Janitor	500 00	
Books	1,082 69	
Periodicals	96 39	
Binding Books	21 68	
Fuel	321 46	
Lights	55 55	
Repairs	106 64	
Furnishings	6 00	
Clerk	50 00	
Janitors Supplies	57 11	
Water	20 00	
Others		
		3,787 53
<b>LIBRARY:</b>		
Steps		
Reconstructed	\$793 00	
		793 00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS and LIBRARY</b>		352,679 06

## RECREATION—UNCLASSIFIED

## COMMON:

Salary	\$200 00
Expenses	9 98
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209 98

## PLAYGROUND:

Instruction	\$500 00
Repairs—General	92 87
Labor	130 12
Lights	18 01
Repairs to Dam	145 35
Dues	10 00
Sand	312 00
Bulldozer	174 00
Others	67 30
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1,449 85

## MEMORIAL DAY:

Flags	\$21 50
Speakers	10 00
Flowers	31 20
Wreaths	35 60
Markers	19 30
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117 33

## TOWN CLOCK

Care of	\$60 00
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60 00

## PRINTING:

Reports	\$437 50
Others	20 00
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457 50

## INSURANCE:

Bonds	\$ 230 50
Properties	3,213 55
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3,444 05

## ILLIG PLACE:

Taxes	\$109 20
Repairs	209 83

## TOTAL RECREATION UNCLASSIFIED

319 03

6,057 54

## PUBLIC SERVICES

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Commissioners	\$ 225 00
Clerical	100 00
Supt.—Salary	1200 00
Postage	131 20
Express	11 20
Service pipe repairs	114 43
Labor	3,541 97
Trucks	708 75
Pipe Fittings	1,992 68
Equipment	685 47
Fuel, Light and Power	1,267 12
Others	57 07

10,034 89

## EXTENSIONS:

Pleasant Street	
Labor	\$ 687 04
Trucks	118 50
Pipe	3,694 46

4,500 00

## HYDRANTS:

Installation	\$1,100 00
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1,100 00

## STANDPIPE PUMPING STATION

Repairs	\$5,268 05
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5,268 05

## ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	210 00
Postage—Printing	400 58
Travel	195 58
Telephone	31 55



Meter Guarantee	37 40
Others	42 27
Employees	15,178 16
Current	42,782 16
Tools	34 08
Insurance	676 20
Rents	396 00
Street Lamps	113 46
Meter—Transformers	1,327 84
Repairs to lines	65 75
Materials	7,114 97
Trucks—Maintenance	379 07
Gas and Oil	535 22
Post Digger—Rental	80 00
Express	19 67

69,694 96

## CEMETERIES:

Supt. Salary	\$ 52 00
Labor	686 40
Trucks	246 50
Seed	17 10
Equipment	83 40
Loam	66 14
Postage	3 00
Clerical	75 00

1,229 54

## TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES

\$91,827 42

## INTEREST:

On Water Bonds	\$ 820 00
On Garage Notes	360 00
On Anticipation of Taxes	125 42
On School Bonds	1,300 00
On Temporary Loan	1,729 24

4,334 66

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Water System	\$ 3,000 00
Municipal Garage	6,000 00
School Temporary Loan	200,000 00
School Bonds	149,305 89
Anticipation of Taxes	15,000 00

\$373,305 89

TOTAL INTEREST and INDEBTEDNESS... .. \$377,640 55

## AGENCY:

State Parks	\$ 327 40
Auditing	419 76
County Tax	4,769 83
Dog Licenses	613 00
Withholding Taxes	7,984 71
Retirement Funds i	2,232 02
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	1,327 50
Certification of Notes	4 00

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 17,678 22

## TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS

 Cemetery Perpetual Care  
 Losses Sold

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 \$1,280 00

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 1,280 00

## REFUNDS:

Poll Tax	\$ 2 00
Real Estate	588 00
Motor Vehicle Excise	660 07
Collector	5 60
Water	8 97

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 1,264 64

TOTAL PAYMENTS

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 \$935,793 72

## SUMMARY

## RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$174,551 15
Special Assessments	25,387 23
Commercial Revenue	
General Government	20,377 81
Public Services	84,505 26
Interest	3,389 84
Indebtedness	700,000 00
Agencies	11,544 23
Transfers	7,500 00
Refunds	1,654 85

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

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 1,028,910 37

Cash Balance, January 1, 1956

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 69,890 14

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 1,098,800 51

## PAYMENTS

General Government	14,664 99
Protection—Persons—Property	7,974 51
Health—Sanitation	6,170 25
Highways	42,715 77
Public Assistance	15,840 75
Schools—Library	352,679 06
Recreation—Unclassified	6,057 54
Enterprises	91,827 44
Interest—Debts	377,640 55
Agencies	17,678 22
Trust—Invested Funds	1,280 00
Refunds	1,264 64

## TOTAL PAYMENTS

935,79372

Cash Balance, December 31, 1956

163,006 79

1,098,800 51

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON  
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31 1956

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash		Electric Light Deposits	252 52
General	163,006 79	Excess Sale of Land	133 15
Accounts Receivable		Federal Grants:	
Taxes:		Old Age Assistance	163 57
Levy of 1956		Old Age Administration	207 81
Personal	152 54	Aid Dep. Children	136 14
Real Estate	4,142 94	Disability Administration	18 28
	<hr/>	Veterans Services	70 29
	4,295 48		<hr/>
Levy of 1955			731 07
Real Estate	416 63	Town Hall—Heating	35 00
	<hr/>	School Lunches	221 29
	416 63	School Construction	193,282 09
Motor Vehicle Excise		Library	548 45
Levy of 1956	2,386 46	Tax Titles Foreclosure	52 01
	<hr/>	Planning Board	488 01
	2,386 46	Machinery Rentals	2,381 87
Tax Titles	27 54	Highways—Chapter 90 Construction	5,124 03
Tax Title Possessions	322 48	Illig Place Rentals	1,841 45
Departmental		Street Easements	25 00
Town Clerk Expense	5 48	Schools—Premium Account	283 56
		Electric Light—Depreciaton	5,709 10

TOWN OF PAXTON

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Veterans Aid 1955	394 19
Schools 1956	982 89
Schools 1955	1 18
Illig Place	19 03
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Electric Light Department	1,402 77
Rates	2,642 38
Water Department	
Rates	778 12
Cemeteries	102 00
Aid to Highways	
State—Chapter 81	7,975 00
State	
Ch. 90—Maint.	1,600 00
Ch. 90—Const.	9,000 00
Ch. 90—Const.	6,000 00
County	
Ch. 90—Const.	1,600 00
Ch. 90—Const.	3,000 00
Ch. 90—Const.	3,000 00
Schools	
Bonds	104,305 89
Underestimates:	
State Parks	135 93
County Taxes	430 13
Interest	
Anticipation of Taxes	100 42

Electric Light—Construction	2,735 18
Water Diversion	150 00
Cemeteries	329 55
Revenues:	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,422 06
Tax Titles	350 02
Departmental	31 71
Aid to Highways	32,175 00
Electric Light	2,642 38
Water	769 15
Reserve Funds:	
Overlay Surplus	5,330 10
Overlay 1956	2,070 00
Overlay 1955	499 03
Surplus Revenue	52,414 56

School Notes	399 32		
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TOTAL ASSETS	312,927 34	TOTAL LIABILITIES	312,927 34
DEBT ACCOUNTS			
Net Funded or Fixed Debts		Inside Debt Limit	
Inside Debt Limit	12,000 00	Municipal Garage	12,000 00
Outside Debt Limit	459,000 00	Outside Debt Limit	
	<hr/>	Water System	19,000 00
	471,000 00	School Construction	440,000 00
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			471,000 00
TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS..			
Trust and Invested Funds		In Custody of Treasurer:	
In Custody of Treasurer	52,172 55	D.R. Boynton Charity	1,151 49
In Custody of Trustee	8,005 97	Edward D. Bigelow School	1,000 00
		Edward D. Bigelow Library	22,372 08
		George E. Bigelow Library	500 00
		Richards Memorial Library	1,668 87
		Edward D. Bigelow Improvement	1,105 48
		Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe	17 15
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	23,55 00
		Post War Rehabilitation	802 48
		In Custody of Trustee:	
		C. D. Boynton Fund	8,005 97
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	60,178 52		60,178 52

## REPORTS of the CEMETARY COMMISSIONERS

### Receipts:

Lots sold and placed in Perpetual Care	\$1,280 00	
Care of Lots not in Perpetual Care	83 00	
Opening Graves	298 00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		1,661 00
Income on Trust Funds	\$675 65	
Appropriation 1956	500 00	
Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	383 44	
		\$1,559 09

### Payments:

Maintenance of Cemeteries including		
Maintenance of Cemeteries including		
general care, opening graves, tar and		
gravel roads, grass seed use of		
compressor and Supt.'s Salary	\$1,118 69	
Other expenses including power		
mower, repairs and supplies		
and clerical assistance	110 85	
Balance		\$1,559 09
	329 55	
		\$1,559 09

A new opening to Mooreland Cemetery was made this year. Roads were given another coat of tar. Plans are made for a continuation of this work in 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RENO KENNEN,

Chairman

JOSEPH R. PEARSON,

Clerk

GEORGE MACCABEE

## REPORTS of the COLLECTOR of TAXES

### 1954 REAL ESTATE

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	\$626 35	
Collected		\$626 35



## 1954 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Collected		\$58 64
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	\$58 64	

## 1955 POLLS

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	\$4 00	
Collected		\$4 00

## 1955 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	\$28 47	
Collected		\$28 47

## 1955 REAL ESTATE

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	\$2,076 98	
Collected		\$1,660 35
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1956		416 63
	\$2,076 98	\$2,076 98

## 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	\$421 00	
Committed in 1956 for 1955	1,255 78	
Refunded—1956	69 96	
Collected		\$1,674 78
Abated		71 96
	\$1,746 74	\$1,746 74

## 1956 POLLS

Committed	\$1,088 00	
Refunded	2 00	
Collected		\$1,010 00
Abated		80 00
	\$1,090 00	\$1,090 00

## 1956 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Committed	\$6,287 82	
Collected		\$6,126 88
Abated		8 40
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1956		152 54
	\$6,287 82	\$6,278 82

## 1956 REAL ESTATE

Committed	\$123,108 51	
Refunded	588 00	
Collected		\$116,711 97
Abated		2,841 60
Tax Title		4 20
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1956		4,138 74
	\$123,696 51	\$123,696 51

## 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Committed	\$27,406 48	
Refunded	590 11	
Collected		\$23,653 81
Abated		1,956 32
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1956		2,386 46
	\$27,996 59	\$27,996 59

## INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

1954	\$28 97
1955	29 97
1956	18 75
Total	\$77 69

## POLL DEMANDS TO TREASURER

1955	\$ 70
1956	9 80
Total	10 50

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Collector of Taxes

## REPORT of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Polls Assessed	542
Tax on Each Poll	\$2 00
Rate of Taxation	\$42 00

## Value of Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$ 6,225 00
Machinery	95,450 00
Live Stock	45,035 00
All other Tangible Personal Property	3,000 00

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 \$149,710 00

## Value of Assessed Estate

Land Exclusive of buildings	\$ 377,805 00
Buildings Exclusive of land	2,553,350 00

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 2,931,155 00

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 Total Value of Assessed Estate \$3,080,865 00

## Taxes For State, County and Town Purposes, Including Overlay

On Personal Property	\$ 6,287 82
On Real Estate	123,108 51
On Polls i	1,084 00

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 \$130,480 33

*Number of Livestock Assessed*

Horses		10
Cows		363
Bulls and Heifers		81
Swine		12
Sheep		2
Fowl		4,840
All others		180
Acres of Land	8,962a 27,526 ft.	
Dwellings		521

*RECAPITULATION*

Total Appropriations	\$167,552 71
Appropriation from Available Funds	40,472 05
Debt and Interest Charges	10,180 00
Retirement Fund	1,860 89
Flood Relief	1,336 26
State Parks and Reservations	191 47
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	419 76
County Tax	4,780 26
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	7,217 59
Overlay of Current Year	5,000 00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$239,010 99
Estimated Receipts	68,034 14
Over Estimates of Previous Year	24 47
Available Funds	40,472 05
Net Amount to be Raised	130,480 33

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HUNT Chairman

ROBERT A. BELEY, Clerk

FRED E. WATSON

*Report of C. D. Boynton Fund*

Savings Bank	Prin.	Int.	Accrued Int.
People's Savings Bank	\$2,700 00	\$84 07	\$165 67
Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank	1,748 00	54 41	107 24
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	49 81	98 17
Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	53 65	228 83
Totals	\$7,648 00	\$241 94	\$599 91

Respectfully Submitted

MARION E. MACCABEE, Trustee

# REPORTS of the TOWN TREASURER

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1956	i \$ 69,890 41	
Receipts—1956	1,028,910 37	
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		\$1,098,800 51
Payments — 1956	935,793 72	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1956	163,006 79	
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		\$1,098,800 51

## OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$ 19,000 00	
Town Garage	12,000 00	
New School	440,000 00	
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		\$471,000 00

## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT — 1957

	Prin.	Int.
Water Bonds		
Due Feb. 1, 1957	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 380 00
Due Aug. 1, 1957		320 00
Town Garage		
Due Sept. 15, 1957	6,000 00	240 00
New School		
Due April 1, 1957		7,040 00
Due Oct. 1, 1957	25,000 00	7,040 00
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Totals	\$34,000 00	\$15,020 00

## TRUST FUNDS

	Dog Fund 1956	Prin.	Int.
Library Trust Funds	\$435 72	\$24,540 95	\$1,140 05
Cemetery Trust Funds		23,555 00	675 65
D. Russell Boynton Fund		1,000 00	34 60
E. D. Bigelow School Fund		1,000 00	35 00
E. D. Bigelow V. I. S Fund		1,000 00	36 20
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Totals	\$435 72	\$51,095 95	\$1,921 50

Respectfully Submitted

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Treasurer

# REPORTS OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

## FOR THE YEAR OF 1956

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1956			\$807 24
Committed—1956:			
Metered Water	\$11,389 05		
Installations	1,713 85	13,102 90	
Refunded		8 97	
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			\$13,919 11
Receipts—1956:			
Metered Water	\$11,753 07		
Installations	1,390 92	13,143 99	
Abatements		10 51	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1956:			
Metered Water	496 95		
Installations	267 66	764 61	
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			\$13,919 11

There were 38 new water connections completed during 1956 which now bring the total fully paid installations to 430.

There was one water extension on Barre Road of 1250 feet of 8 inch pipe, which brings it to Davis Road.

### New Developement:

Central Avenue—280 feet of 6 inch pipe  
 Asnebumskit Road— 450 feet of 6 inch pipe  
 This pipe was installed by the developer.  
 There were 7 hydrants installed:  
 2 on Barre Road  
 2 in Clarkson Developement  
 1 on Elizebeth Lane  
 1 on Orchard Drive  
 1 on Briarcliff Lane

The Standpipe was painted 2 coats inside and out. The inside was first sand blasted and cleaned.

The base of standpipe was strengthened with an 18 inch reinforced concrete wall and finished with a water proof coating. The spillway was re-designed with 2 over-flow pipes and a 6 inch gate valve was installed. A new retaining wall was installed at the pump station.

Respectfully Submitted

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr., Chairman  
 NORMAN H. OSGOOD, Clerk  
 HAROLD A. MARTIN

## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Dog Bites	3
Dogs Sold	1
Dogs Killed By Cars	1
Dogs Destroyed	6
Live Stock Killed	(Sheep) 1
Investigated Dog Complaints	12
Notices Sent Out	83
Court Case	1

All dogs on Assessors List for Year 1957 have been licensed.

Respectfully Submitted

CARL H. JOHNSON Dog Officer

## REPORT of the TREE WARDEN

### DUTCH ELM DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1956.

Appropriation: \$400 00

Expenditures:

Cutting, Destroying Diseased Elms \$399 00

Balance \$1 00

Respectfully Submitted

FRED DIFLEY Dutch Elm Supt.

### MOTH DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1956.

Appropriation: \$200 00

Expenditures:

Spraying 192 00

Balance \$8 00

Respectfully Submitted

FRED DIFLEY Moth Supt.

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1956.

Appropriations: \$650 00

Expenditures:

Trimming and Removing Trees \$621 88

Balance \$28 12

Respectfully Submitted

FRED DIFLEY Tree Warden

## REPORTS of the BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

## TOWN FUNDS

Lump sum appropriation for Charities and Old Age Assistance	\$13,088 00
Recoveries and Refunds, Old Age Assistance	12 75
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	\$13,100 75

## EXPENDED:

Data on Welfare Expense:	
Persons Unsettled (fully reimbursed by State)	\$360 00
Persons, Paxton Settled (not reimbursable)	159 75
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Expended, Welfare Expense	519 75
Expended, Board Salaries	150 00
Expended, Civil Service Employee	400 65
Expended, Old Age Assistance	6,991 74
Expended, Aid to Dependent Children	—
Expended, Disability Assistance	766 60
Expended, Administration (other than Salaries)	6 08
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	8,834 82
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Balance, Lump sum appropriations, 1956	4,265 93

## FEDERAL FUNDS

Available for use by Welfare Board)

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$ 74 58
Federal Reimbursement, 1956	3970 28
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	4,044 86
Expended	3,881 29
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Balance, December 31, 1956	163 57

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$143 98
Federal Reimbursement, 1956	348 98
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Expended, Agent's Salary	492 96
	<u>285 15</u>
Balance, December 31, 1956	207 81

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$136 14
Federal Reimbursement	<u>—</u>
	136 14
Expended	<u>—</u>
Balance, December 31, 1956	136 14

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

Balance, January 1, 1956	78
Federal Reimbursement, 1956	<u>—</u>
	78
Expended (Other than Salaries)	<u>78</u>
Balance, December 31, 1956	—

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$142 45
Federal Reimbursement, 1956	<u>837 80</u>
	980 25
Expended	<u>945 27</u>
Balance, December 31, 1956	34 98

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$52 26
Federal Reimbursement, 1956	<u>55 11</u>
	107 37
Expended (Other than Salaries)	<u>89 09</u>
Balance, December 31, 1956	18 28

## STATE FUNDS

Not available for use by Welfare Board)

Credited to Toin Receipts:

State share, Old Age Assistance granted	\$5,320 93
State share, Aid to Dependent Children granted	—
State share, Disability Assistance granted	454 94

State share, Disability Assistance Admin. 16 48

5,792 35

### FROM OTHER CITIES-TOWNS

(Not available for use by Welfare Board  
Local share, Old Age Assistance granted to persons  
resident in Paxton but settled in other cities-towns \$17 34

Respectfully Submitted

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN, Chairman  
RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk  
J. MacKENZIE JOHNSTON, 3rd Member

### REPORT OF THE CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

Land and Buildings	\$15,000 00
Deposit in Savings Banks	12,950 61
Personal Property	4,205 00
Amount Receivable from Towns	2,113 50
Cashh in Warden's Account	300 00
Balance in Checking Account	3,035 39

37,559 50

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 2,509 98
3 U.S. Bonds Sold	3,000 00
Received from 3 Towns, (Joining Association)	600 00
Received from Towns and Boarders	19,073 02
Sale of Land and Gravel for New Turnpike	4,822 75

30,005 75

### EXPENDITURES

Bills Paid	\$26,970 36
Bank Balance Dec. 31, 1956	3,035 39

\$30,005 75

Number of Boarders 25

During the year, many improvements were accomplished at the Home Farm to meet the requirements of the State Department at a cost of \$9,187 86.

DONALD R. PERKINS, President  
LESTER P. GATES, Secretary and Treasurer  
CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department answered 32 calls for service in 1956. This is 5 less than the preceding year. Of the 32 calls, 26 were for actual fires and of the 26, 5 were mutual aid assistance in other Towns.

The calls are listed as follows:

Mutual Aid (Building)	2
Mutual Aid (Brush)	3
Grass	13
Motor Vehicle	3
Brush	3
Building	2
Emergency Service	4
False	2

It is very gratifying to report that the 2 building fires were of a minor nature and that fire losses in Paxton for 1956 are very low.

On July 29, Deputy Chief Karle was instrumental in extinguishing a fire in an automobile while on traffic duty with the Town Police cruiser and using the CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher carried in the Cruiser.

Another 2-way radio unit was purchased and installed in Engine No. 1.

Two salvage covers and 200 feet of new 2½ inch hose have been purchased.

On October 14, the Department had a competition between two teams picked from members of the Department. This proved highly successful and entertaining.

The "red phone" system has been expanded by the addition of another set, and a new fire alarm box has been purchased, the same to be located on Maple St. at Whitney Drive.

Five men completed the instruction course and received badges.

Respectfully Submitted

LESLIE E. ROBINSON  
 GEORGE G. KARLE  
 GORDON M. RICHARDS  
 GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.  
 RAYMOND H. KIMBALL

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE—1956

This Committee met regularly once a month, with special meetings whenever necessary.

The Illig house and property is now operated by the Recreation Committee and two new families moved in during the year.

Mr. Philip Ryan was again life guard for the 1956 season.

The ten swimming lessons, with two instructors provided, was generously paid for by the Sons of Paxton Club. Forty children passed in the various classes, and 142 were registered. Mrs. Louis Hamblin was our representative at this swimming program.

Water tests were made periodically by the Board of Health City of Worcester.

We have tried this year to find out what is wanted in the line of more organized recreation and we asked a member from each organization in Town to meet with us for discussion. From this discussion, it is hoped to provide for this coming year.

Four backboard and baskets for basketball.

Mr. Philip Ryan two mornings a week for two hours to supervise organized games.

A Little League field which could be used for soft ball for boys and girls.

Respectfully Submitted

JEROME MURPHY,

Chairman

LOUIS CHILDS,

Vice Chairman

EDITH F. CALHANE,

Clerk

LOUIS HAMBLIN

RALPH WILBUR

M. LAWRENCE PRICE,

ex-officio

HERBERT WENTWORTH,

ex-officio

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

I hereby submit my eighth annual report as Librarian of Richards Memorial Library for the year 1956.

##### Circulation:

Adult Fiction	4844
Adult Non-Fiction	1067
Adult Magazines	653

Juvenile Fiction	3219
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1132
Juvenile Magazines	23

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 4374

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 Total Circulation 10,938

## Volumes Purchased:

Adult and Youth	364
Juvenile	96

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 Total Volumes Purchased 460

Respectfully Submitted

ANNA J. HATCH,

Librarian

## REPORT of the RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### FOR THE YEAR 1956

## INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$2,645 00
Dog Fund	435 72
From Invested Trust Funds	1,024 15
Sale of Rights	232 92
1955 Balance brought forward	129 29

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 \$4,467 08

## EXPENDITURES

Salary—Librarian	\$ 936 00
Salary—Substitute Librarian	505 00
Salary—Janitor	500 00
Salary—Clerk	50 00
Books and Magazines	1189 47
Lights	46 82
Water	20 00
Fuel	321 46
Repairs and Equipment	151 81
Librarians' Supplies, Rebinding	37 34
Miscellaneous	23 94

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 3,781 84

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 Balance \$685 24

Town Appropriation for Library Steps	\$900 00
Cost of Repairing Steps	793 00

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 Balance \$107 00

The sum of \$130 07 in Fine Money was turned over to the  
Respectfully Submitted

Town Treasurer.

CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN,  
Clerk

## LIST OF JURORS

RUTH H. BODYCOTT  
SAMUEL COOK  
GENEVA CROMPTON  
DANA C. DISNEY  
NORMAN C. DODGE  
JOHN H. JOHNSON  
STANLEY H. MOOR  
GLADYS M McEACHEM

LORA M. TAYLOR  
LOUIS K. ROSENBERG  
MARGARET L. MURPHY  
ARTHUR S. PALMER, JR.  
ANNA M. PORTER  
WALTER D. WILDE, JR.  
FREDERICK O. L. WIRTHS  
ALAN WENTWORTH

## REPORTS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was notified in early Spring, by the Mass. Dept. of Commerce that our request for 'Planning' funds under Title 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1954 has been approved.— This amount to be matched by our Board. The Board then retained Dr. Raymond Murphy of the Clark School of Geology to do a 'land use' study of the Town. This was finished by Fall. We received 10 work map of the Town and a 30 page report which will help and guide the board in its future planning for the Town. A complete copy of this report is on file in the Mass. Dept. of Commerce for companies who might be interested in locating in this Town. This year the board will match the remainder of the monies and retain consultants to devolope a "Capital Finance Program."

In October of this year the Harvard University Graduate School of Design requested that students be allowed to study the Town as one of an overall study of the 9 towns and one city in the Worcester area; this report to be made in January 1957—to be held at Clark University with Selectmen and Planning Boards of these towns being invited.

The Board will have a Spring 1957 meeting at which all voters will be invited to hear the report of the 'Land Use' study. The Harvard student who did the 'Study' will also be present.

Voters, we are always open for suggestions from you and it is our duty to study and report on your suggestions.

The Planning Board has received a number of plans for additional developements in the Town and have approved Two, with

a total of 60 lots. We have 3 plans before us which, if approved, will add 105 more homesites.

The Paxton Planning Board MEETINGS are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the months, at Paxton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH,  
Chairman

RUBEN O'JANNE  
C. LEONARD TROTTIER,  
Clerk

DONALD ALEXANDER  
FRANK ABBOTT (resigned)  
VERNON WILSON (Appointed)

## REPORT of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In the early part of the year the new heating system was installed in the Town Hall. The alterations to the Selectmen's office were completed and the selectmen's office as well as a portion of the lower hall were painted. Miscellaneous repairs were made elsewhere in the Town Hall including new window shades. It is our opinion that the Town Hall building is now in good condition.

The selectmen are sponsoring on the ballot for the annual meeting for 1957 a question for the townspeople to answer as to whether or not they would like to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B of the general laws. This chapter provides that the Town shall pay one-half of the cost of Group Life Insurance, Hospitalization, Sickness and Accident coverages for employees of the Town of Paxton and their dependents.

Assuming that those Town employees now covered under a Blue Cross Group Plan all continue to be covered with the addition of Life Insurance the total annual premium we estimate to be about \$2,400. Of this amount \$1,200 or 50 percent would be the Town's share.

It is the feeling of this Board that this Town should join with many other towns in this area and in the State in taking advantage of this Chapter to provide these benefits to its employees. The exact cost will be determined after the Town Meeting if the Town approves the acceptance of this Chapter. Then the Board will receive bids from various insurers and will, after awarding the contract to an insurer or insurers, certify to the Board of Assessors the exact amount to be included in the Tax levy for 1957 to cover the Town's share of the premium.

As of January 1, 1957 the Selectmen have initiated a policy of charging \$5.00 for all building permits for new construction.



The following are Licenses issued by the Selectmen:

8 Common Victuallers

8 Sunday Licenses

1 Sale of Used Cars

2 Amusements (State)

3 Junk Licenses

3 Alcoholic Beverages

We also issued 69 Building Permits, compared to 64 in 1955.

Respectfully Submitted

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

ALDEN A. JACOBSON

JESSE MILLER

## REPORT of the BOARD OF HEALTH

The following diseases were reported during the year:

3 Dog Bite

50 Mumps

10 Chicken Pox

3 Scarlet Fever

2 German Measles

The following licenses were issued:

6 Milk and Cream

4 Methyl Alcohol

1 Pasteurization

1 Nursery School

2 Recreational Camps

2 Oleomargarine

The Board of Health wishes to remind you that all communicable diseases, and this includes dog bites, must be reported to us as required by law. If there has been no doctor in attendance, parents should report the disease themselves. We sincerely request your cooperation in this matter.

The following appointments were made:

Thomas F. Harney, Jr. — Plumbing Inspector

Sumner E. Taylor, — Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

Leslie E. Robinson, — Burial Agent

Mr. H. Roscoe Crawford has done a fine job collecting garbage this past year. We ask your cooperation in not wrapping table waste, as it makes it hard to process.

The Stevens Family has done an amiable job in carding for the Dump. The dumping hours are Saturday from 9—5 and Sunday morning 9—12.

Much time and effort has been put into carrying out the Salk Polio Vaccine program Exclusive of third shots approximately 1,000 shots have been given. Booster doses will be given approximately six months after completion of the first and second shots. The program will begin early this year:

The cooperation of Mr. Harney, has been excellent during the past year.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of each month, and the townspeople should feel free to call on us at anytime for assistance. The cooperation of the Town Officials, residents, and The District Health Office throughout the past year has been appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted

VERNON E. PRENTICE,  
Chairman  
SALLY H. STANSFIELD,  
Clerk  
NORMAN C. DODGE,  
Third Member

#### REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

##### RICHARDS AVENUE

1,610 gals. MC—3 Sand Cover  
1,120 gals. RC—2 Stone Cover  
Grade 1,500 ft. of Shoulder

##### HOLDEN ROAD AND GROVE STREET

600 gals. T—6 Sand Cover  
4,000 gals. MC—3 Sand Cover  
Grade 750 ft. of Shoulder

##### MARSHALL STREET

1,150 gals. T—9 Sand Cover  
550 gals. T—6 Sand Cover  
Grade 400 ft. of Shoulder

##### RESERVOIR DRIVE

1,100 gals. MC—3 Sand Cover  
400 gals. T—6 Sand Cover  
Grade 450 ft. of Shoulder

##### WEST STREET

1,200 gals. T—6 Sand Cover  
1,600 gals. MC—3 Stone Cover  
Grade 2,100 ft. of Shoulder

## ROCKLAND STREET

1,050 gals. MC—4 Stone Cover  
Grade 650 ft. of Shoulder

## NEW STREETS

## ORCHARD DRIVE and BRIARCLIFF LANE

Regraded and shaped with new gravel, treated with .6 gal. T-4  
and sealed with .4 gal. MC-3

Material	\$750 00
Labor	175 00
Equipment	275 00
Total	<hr/> \$1,200 00

## REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION WEST STREET

STATION 128+0 to 150+50

All drainage was completed.

58 ft. of 30 in. C. C. M. Pipe

54 ft. of 9 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft 6 in. Multiplate C. C. M. Pipe

and the proper ditching to take care of these large culverts 8,000  
yds. of fill was hauled.

The work was not completed because of the late date on  
which the State had estimate and plans ready to start work. This  
job will be completed along with next year's work.

## INVENTORY OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

*As of December 31, 1956*

- 1 Oliver 77 Tractor Loader, with Mowing Machine Attachment  
and Back Hoe Attachment
- 1 Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck, with Under Frame
- 1 Frink V Snow Plow for Truck, with Under Frame
- 2 Motor Driven Sand Spreaders
- 1 5½ Yd. Automatic Spreader
- 1 Barrel Tar Heating Tar Kettle
- 1 Walsh Snow Plow for Truck
- 1 Blow Torch
- 1 Hone for Tar
- 1 Road Drag
- 1 Road Screen
- 7 Tar Barrels
- 1 Roller Wheel Roller
- 110 Catch Basin Blocks
- 150 Cement Bricks
- 7 Lanterns
- 20 Cement Blocks

- 15 Torches
  - 1 Austin Western Grader 99M
  - 1 Frink One Way Plow for Grader 99M
  - 1 Frink V Plow for Grader 99M
  - 3 Long Handle Shovels
    - 1 No. 3 Round Point Shovel
    - 7 No. 2 Round Pointed Shovels
    - 8 No. 2 Square Shovels
    - 2 Long Handle Post Hole Shovels
- 12 Picks
  - 3 Grub Hoes
  - 5 16 Pound Sledge Hammers
  - 1 Power Driven Grind Stone
  - 2 Dung Forks
  - 8 Push Brooms
  - 3 Crow Bars
- 12 Snow Shovels
  - 4 Axes
  - 1 Hoe
  - 6 Rakes
  - 2 Cross Cross Saws
  - 2 Splitting Wedges
  - 1 Saw Set
  - 1 Pruning Cutter
  - 6 Stone Forks
- 12 Grass Scythes
  - 1 Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
  - 2 Earth Tamps
  - 2 Stone Drills
  - 2 Stone Wedges
  - 1 Wheelbarrow
  - 5 Brush Scythes
  - 2 Oil Cans—Five Gals.
  - 1 1 in. Monkey Wrench
  - 5 Paint Brushes
  - 2 White Wash Brushes
  - 5 Cutting Edges for Truck Snow Plow
  - 2 Cutting Edges for Grader One Way Plow
  - 2 Cutting Edges for Grader V Plow
  - 1 Cutting Edge for Grader Wing
  - 3 Cutting Edges for Scraper
  - 6 Shoes for V Plows
  - 1 Set Gauges for Cetylene and 6 Nozels
  - 1 Bench Grinder  $\frac{3}{4}$  H. P.
  - 1  $\frac{3}{8}$  Electric Drill and Set of Drills 1 16" to 1"
  - 1 Heavy Duty Set of Box Sockets
  - 2 Hack Saws

- 2 Grease Guns
- 1 Anvil and Vise
- 1 Pressure Cleaning Oil Gun
- S-Wrenches, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box
- 1 2" Diaphragm Pump
- 1 3 Horse Chain Saw

# REPORT of the PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

## ASSETS

	Balance January 1, 1956	Additions	Depreciation credit for year	Adjustments in year	Balance Dec. 31, 1956
Land	\$ 311 67				\$ 311 67
Structurs	3 03			3 03	
Transformer Station and Equipment	13,279 51	225 21	597 11		12,907 61
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	40,533.25	5,105 42	2,230 12		43,121 78
Consumers Meters	8,002 70	1,008 21	367 14		8,643 77
Line Transformers	13,348 95	1,225 70	677 82		13,897 83
Street Lighting Equipment	8,871 32	55 15	393 60		8,532 87
Office Equipment	121 28		10 40		110 88
Transportation Equipment	2,734 15		117 48		2,616 67
Labratory Equipment	125 15		8 36		117 62
Miscellaneous Equipment	727 92		34 30		695 62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,061 76</b>	<b>\$7,619 69</b>	<b>\$4,725 14</b>		<b>\$90,956 32</b>

Total property owned by department (depreciated value)

\$90,956 32

Construction Fund

\$2,735 18

Special Deposits

252 52

Accounts Receivable

**2,642 38**

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Materials and Supplies  
Depreciation Fund

4,920 87  
\$5,709 10

16,260 05

TOTAL ASSETS

\$107,216 37

*LIABILITIES*

Of the original amount appropriated by the town for Construction of the Plant the  
Department still owes  
The Department owes Consumers for their Deposits

\$1,000 00  
250 91

Total owed by the Department  
Surplus of the Department in Notes paid off in previous years  
Appropriations for Construction Repayment  
Earnings for this and prior years invested n new Plant and other assets

1,250 91  
\$19,116 00  
6,090 07  
80,759 39

Total Liabilities and Assets

\$107,216 37

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956**

**INCOME—**

Metered sales to Private Consumers Rate A	\$54,763 66
Metered sales to Private Consumers Rate C	8,456 78
Sales to other utilities	107 25
Street Lighting	1,611 77
Municipal Buildings and Pumping	1,849 31
Merchandise and Jobbing	438 87
Interest Income	160 65

**TOTAL INCOME****\$67,368 29****EXPENSE:**

Electric Energy Purchased	\$42,782 16
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	35 19
Operation and Maintenance Street Lights	335 63
Commercial Salaries	255 60
Salaries Manager and Light Board	5,095 60
General Office Supplies and Expense	420 00
Rent	396 00
Insurance and Bonds	622 39
Transportation Expense	791 32
Depreciation	4,438 36
Miscellaneous General Expense	221 58
Ice Storm	2,896 91

**TOTAL EXPENSE****64,355 34****Net Profit for Year****3,032 95****67,368 29**

This has been another year of much added new plant expansion to take care of the increase in new homes in new developments as well as on our present highways.

We experienced a heavy expense of \$2,896.91 caused by the ice storm in March.



We have installed 48 new meters this year and expanded our ~~a~~ sum of money (see budget) with which to pay the proper charges ~~primary~~ and secondary systems in the amount as follows:

Substation	\$225 21
Poles Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	5,105 42
Consumer Meters	100 21
Lene Transformers	1,225 70
Street Lighting Epuipment	655 69
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	7,619 69

We have added new poles on Ashwood Rd., 7 poles, Knowlton Rd. 3 poles, Briarcliff Lane, 5 poles, Central Ave. 3 poles, Ledyard Rd. 2 poles, Holbrook Rd. 2 poles, Marshall St. east end 4 poles and Orchard St. 1 pole.

Our load peak come Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. with a demand of ~~625~~ K. W. or about 4.5 percent more than last year, but our Kilowatt ~~hour~~ use for December was 282,000 K.W.H. or about 15 percent more ~~than~~ December of 1955.

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON  
 DEANE O. HOWLAND  
 Electric Light Commission  
 ROY M. WENTWORTH,  
 Manager

## CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1956

## DISTRICT No. 3 — TOWN OF PAXTON

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State Allotment \$7,975.00		Town Allotment \$2,900.00		Total Allotment \$10,875.00		State Pays 73.34%				
Total		Mileage by Types				Remarks—Work Other Than				
No.	Road Name	Miles	BMA	BMT	BG	GR	Dirt	Allot.	Extend	General Maintenance
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.89			110	181.08	Ch. 90
2	Mill St.	0.25				0.25		150	510.95	0.25 Mi. gravel, 16'x5" ave.
3	West St.	2.93			2.93			470	585.32	Ch. 90
4	Spring St.	1.06			1.06			490	594.33	
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38			0.26	0.60	0.52	240	504.26	Extensive surface treatment
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.34	0.81	0.62	270	577.96	
7	South St.	0.81			0.81			480	553.97	
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48	1.67			160	748.89	Ch. 90 repl. 12" CM pipe with 30' 12" RC pipe rebuilt 1 CB
9	Pleasant St. S. Hwy.									
10	Soumi St.	1.10			1.10			160	274.29	
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.97			680	622.05	
12	Terrace Pl.	0.11			0.11			20		
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			1080	241.14	
14	Winter St.	0.40					0.40	80	20.66	
15	Marshall St.	2.48			2.48			150	221.71	Ch. 90
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24			30	78.56	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22			120	92.60	Ch. 90
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52					0.52	440	113.22	0.10 M gravel 16'x3" ave.
19	Crystal St.	0.32			0.32			30	91.62	
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62			0.16		0.46	270	296.51	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35			0.35			120		

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22	Camp St.	0.73	0.50	0.23	770	548.88	(0.17 Mi. new BG surf. 15' w., grav. 15x3.06 T4 Pen. 0.4 MC3 s.) (C. 90 1.07 extensive surf. treat.)
23	Grove St.	2.51	2.51		1210	1294.51	
24	Pond St.	0.35		0.35	100	144.26	
25	Hillside Rd. (disc.)						
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72	0.72		270	331.84	
27	Maple St.	0.50	0.50		390	826.94	C. 90 0.24 install. new 38' 12ACCM 1 DI ditched 400' Ch. 90
28	Holden Rd.	0.81	0.81		100	101.25	
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13	0.13		30		
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.07	0.05	230	270.32	
31	(Combined with 6)						
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00		0.45	0.55	130	225.26
33	Sunset Lane	0.46	0.46			260	294.90
34	Common St.	0.11	0.03			40	
35	Colony Lane	0.06	0.06			20	15.11
36	Whitney Dr.	0.17	0.17			340	71.21
37	Center Dr.	0.07	0.07			80	39.61
38	Indian Hill Rd.	0.12		0.12		50	
39	Spring Dr.	0.13	0.13			20	16.39
40	Ridge Wood Rd.	0.16	0.16			40	44.22
41	Birchwood Rd.	0.10	0.10			30	21.35
42	Franklin St.	0.06	0.06			20	10.94
43	Meadowbrook Dr.	0.07	0.07			20	11.50
44	Bel-Arbor Dr.	0.15	0.15			170	7.92
45	Eagle Lane	0.13	0.13			150	114.02
46	Briarcliff Lane	0.06	0.06			20	9.84
47	Crestwood Rd.	0.16	0.16			40	4.00

48 Pine Sreet	0.04		0.04			20			
49 Orchard St.	0.04		0.04			250	61.52	Exc. 100'x21' grav. 21x12, 0.6 T4	
								Pen. 0.4 MC3 seal	
50 Cutler Rd.	0.15		0.15			40			
Reserve						485			
TOTALS	29.43	0.04	0.56	22.90	2.63	3.30	10875	10874.91	

# SUMMARY

Labor	\$3,963.62
Materials	4,101.47
Equipment	2,809.82
TOTAL	\$10,874.91

F. W. GUERIN,  
District Highway Engineer

**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF PAXTON**

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

**DECEMBER 31, 1956**

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

M. LAWRENCE PRICE, Chairman	Term expires 1957
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1958
HARRY CLARK, Secretary	Term expires 1959

### SUPERINTENDENT

WILLIAM S. BUKER	Holden, Massachusetts
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### SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

MRS. LOIS P. DRAWBRIDGE	Holden, Massachusetts
MRS. ADDIE P. WENTWORTH	Holden, Massachusetts

### TEACHERS

RALPH D. HUGGETT, Principal	Grade VII
WILLIAM D. MULLANEY, Jr.	Grade VIII
MRS. FLORENCE G. MORRISSEY	Grade VI
MRS. IRMA T. GRAY	Grade V
MRS. DOROTHY K. WILBUR	Grade IV
MRS. ELEANOR K. GRODEN	Grade III
MRS. AILEEN E. WILMOUTH	Grade III & II
MRS. HELEN C. SULLIVAN	Grade II & I
MRS. SHIRLEY B. DAVIDSON	Grade I
MRS. LORRAINE REAM	Assistant

### SUPERVISORS

MISS RUTH S. INNES	Music
MISS CONSTANCE E. BROWN	Music
GEORGE N. MORRIS	Art
RINEHART HANDWRITING SYSTEM	Penmanship

### HEALTH

CHANNING H. WASHBURN, M. D.	Paxton, Massachusetts
MRS. HELEN P. OLMSTEAD, M. P. H.	Worcester, Massachusetts
MRS. BRENDA T. SULLIVAN, R. N.	Holden, Massachusetts

### CUSTODIAN

HOWARD K. CRESSWELL	Rutland, Massachusetts
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### TRANSPORTATION

PAXTON GARAGE	Paxton, Massachusetts
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### ATTENDANCE OFFICER

DONALD W. SISTAIRE, Chief of Police	Paxton, Massachusetts
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## FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation — Regular	\$63,051 84
Overdraft	982 89
Bigelow Fund	35 00

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Total Available for 1956 \$64,069 73

## GENERAL CONTROL

Committee Salaries	\$375 00
Committee Expense	113
Supt. Salary and Travel	781 98
Supt. Office Expense	797 98

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\$2,068 46

## EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers Salaries	\$31,476 28
Supervisors Salaries	1,287 56
Substitutes Salaries	434 00
Textbooks	861 95
Supplies	1,366 02

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\$35,425 81

## OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Custodian Salary	\$2,766 64
Custodian Supplies	311 26
Fuel	676 51
Light	268 86
Water	119 61
Phone and Misc.	116 20

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\$4,259 08

## MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL

Repairs and Replacements	\$2,774 29
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\$2,774 29

## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$ 748 54
Transportation	16,911 20
Tuition	1,027 10
Misc.	44 14

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\$18,730 98

## OUTLAY

New Equipment	\$453 14
Supt.'s Office	357 97

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811 11

Total

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\$64,069 73

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To The School Committee and The Citizens of Paxton:

This is the fifty-seventh annual Superintendent's report in the series and my ninth.

The major event of the year was the vote for the addition to the center school. At the beginning of the next school year, September 1957-1958 we will be able to offer a more effectual curriculum with enough teachers for improved instruction. The report of the Building Committee will, no doubt, go into the physical details of this new building. Ralph D. Huggett the present principal will be a supervising principal. A course in Industrial Arts and Household Arts will be given to the pupils in the seventh and eighth grades. A full lunch program will be established.

Miss Ruth S. Innes, Music Supervisor returned to teach this year and an assistant in instrumental music, Miss Constance E. Brown was hired. Mrs. Helen P. Olmstead was also added to the Union Personnel as Supervisor of the health program.

Due to the increased enrollment it became necessary to make a temporary classroom for grade eight in the basement. It was estimated a year ago that the enrollment for September 1956 would be 260 but it increased to 275.

In September 1957 we will need two teachers for grades I, II, III, IV and possibly grade V. The expected enrollment will be over three hundred.

Several members of the Parent Teacher Association appeared before the School Committee and suggested a fire escape be added to the present building. It has been estimated that \$2,000 will be needed to cover this installation.

The Superintendent's office is now located at 1204 Main Street, with its modern equipment and lighting facilities has been occupied for one year. The increased space for working and storage has made it much easier to carry on the work that is necessary for a smooth running organization. At present the two Union Secretaries, the Wachusett Regional Secretary and the Health Supervisor occupy the main office and the Superintendent uses the smaller room as his private office.

Union No. 25 has been growing for the past few years. The school population numbers 2,764. The combined budgets for all the schools including the Wachusett Regional High School will be over \$1,000,000 00 for 1957.

A few months ago I was appointed a member of a State Commission by Ex Governor Christian A. Herter to study State Aid for Schools. Many towns are beginning to find that another tax other than real estate is needed for education. I trust that information I may receive from the Commission will be of benefit to Union No. 25.



## STANDARDIZED TESTS

In the spring we gave the California Achievement Tests to Grades III, V VI and VII. This test included Reading, Arithmetic, English and Spelling.

Grade Norm for Grade III — 3.6	Paxton Norm — 4.9
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Grade Norm for Grade V — 5.6	Paxton Norm — 5.7
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Grade Norm for Grade VI — 6.6	Paxton Norm — 6.8
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Grade Norm for Grade VII — 7.6	Paxton Norm — 8.5
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Grade III was one year and three months above the norm.

Grade V was one month above the norm.

Grade VI was two months above the norm.

Grade VII was nine months above the norm.

Results show Paxton pupils are above grade for this test.

In December the Mental Maturity Tests were given to Grades II, V, VI, and VIII.

Mental Norm for Grade III — 100	Paxton Norm — 100
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Mental Norm for Grade V — 100	Paxton — 105
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Mental Norm for Grade VI — 100	Paxton — 105
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Mental Norm for Grade VII — 100	Paxton — 110
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These tests show that Paxton pupils have the ability to do better than average school work. In fact they are now doing this as shown by the Achievement Tests.

The percentage of Honor Students we have at the Wachusett Regional High School from Paxton speaks well for the parents, teachers and students.

Mr. Huggett, Principal, has reported the following:

There is one change and two additions in the faculty of the Paxton Center School. Mrs. Hazel M. Grey retired and Mrs. Shirley B. Davidson has replaced her as teacher in grade one, and Mrs. Aileen E. Wilmouth was appointed as an extra teacher for a split grade two and three.

The School has inaugurated a school savings bank program effective December 7, 1956. On the first bank day, 162 pupils made deposits.

During the school year running from September 1955 to June 1956 Paxton was reimbursed \$579.81 by the United States Department of Agriculture as a member of the National School Lunch Program. Milk sales during this period totalled 19,763 half-pint bottles, an increase of 2,932 over the previous school year

## GRADUATES, GRADE VIII — JUNE 1956

ANDREW L. BERTRAND

ARTHUR D. BRUCE

JOAN F. CLANCEY

PETER R. GIROUARD

CLAUDIA F. GOULDING

JOHN L. HAMMAR

JOANN K. HANSON

BARBRO E. LARSON

ERNEST J. LAVEILLEE

EDWARD W. LUPIN

WILLIAM R. O'HEARN

CARL R. PEARSON

PHYLLIS A. PENTILA

GEORGE A. PUTNAM

JOHN A. HARRIS  
 BRENDA J. JOHNSON  
 DIANE M. JOHNSON  
 WAYNE D. KELLEY  
 MARSHA R. KIELINEN  
 RAYMOND H. KIMBALL  
 FRANK J. KNIPE  
 JOHN A. KORTES

JOYCE D. ROBINSON  
 ROSE J. ROBINSON  
 GEORGE F. SHECKLETON, Jr.  
 ORVILLE G. SHELDON  
 GEORGE M. STORY  
 JOHN F. WHITNEY  
 SUSAN D. WENTWORTH  
 SHEILA A. YOUNG

May I again express, to the Committee, Town Officials, School Personnel and Citizens my appreciation for the excellent co-operation received for this ninth year.

Respectfully Submitted  
 WILLIAM H. BUKER,  
 Superintendent of Schools

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term — September 5, 1956 through December 21, 1956  
 Winter Term — January 2, 1957 through February 15, 1957  
 Spring Term — February 25, 1957 through April 12, 1957  
 Summer Term — April 22, 1957 through June 7, 1957

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 12, 1956 — Columbus Day  
 November 2, 1956 — Teacher's Convention  
 November 12, 1956 — Veteran's Day  
 November 22, 1956 — Thanksgiving Recess  
 May 30, 1957 — Memorial Day

### ENROLLMENT

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Elem. School		113	116	129	134	159	192	211	275
High School							39	54	78
Grades		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		44	43	43	38	28	26	29	24

Totals  
 275

9 10 11 12  
 29 15 19 15

Totals  
 78

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGHT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT FOR 1956

To Superintendent William H. Buker and the Members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

### ENROLLMENT AND STAFF

In its third year of operation the school finds itself with 959 students as of January 3, 1957. Two of these students are taking postgraduate work. Six more teachers were added to the staff in September, 1956, making 59 on the faculty. The addition of Edmund Kelsey to the Guidance staff has helped some to relieve the

excessive load in that area, as he has worked primarily with Seniors, but at least one more person is needed in Guidance. Charles Bartlett, the Guidance Director, has made many valuable contacts with business and industry as well as laying the foundation for a sound testing program. The loss of Charles Johnson as Assistant Principal was severe, but Charles LaPrade, having been moved from the Science Dept. to the Assistant Principalship, has taken hold of the work admirably. The granting of a second instructor in Driver Education by the Committee has made it possible to handle 107 students in the first semester, as compared with 104 for the entire previous year. It is hoped that by continuing the program in this way, we may get to the point where we can offer Driver Education to the majority of students as they become 16.

Although the opening of West Boylston High School in the fall of 1957 will bring about a heavy loss in income from tuitions, yet the additional space thereby made available will be needed by students of the Regional District. If the growth of the pupil population of the District does not increase unexpectedly, there should be about 985 students in 1957-58. From 1957 on, however, enrollments in the schools of the towns of the District indicate a steady, strong increase in enrollment in the high school. This situation makes it mandatory that some plan providing for the education of secondary school students be developed and put into action without delay or else the school will be faced first with curtailment of offerings and then with double sessions. Such a plan should take into account the educational needs of the students as well as the cost to the taxpayers of the Regional District.

The best available information concerning the 155 members of the Class of 1956, as of October, 1956, is as follows.

	Boy	Girl	Total	Percent
Four Year College	28	21	49	31.5
Junior College	4	6	10	6
Nursing School	0	12	12	8
Prep School	2	0	2	1
Specialized School	10	4*	14	9.5
OCCUPATIONS				
Clerical and Sales	2	35	37	24
Service	2	1	5	3
Agric., Marine, Forestry	6	0	6	4
Trades and Industrial	14	0	14	9.5
Public Utilities	1	0	1	.1
Married	0	2	2	1
Armed Forces	3	0	3	2.2
Unknown	0	1	1	.1
Unemployed	1	0	1	.1
TOTAL	75	80	155	100

\*Two girls attending night school and working during the day.

### USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Some indication of the extent to which the building has been used evenings can be gained from the figures for the past year. These figures do not include any use of the building for Adult Education or athletics:

School parties and dances	15
School entertainment	8
Open House—Parent's Night	6
By groups outside the school	11

### EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, of which this school is a member, sponsors a program of self-evaluation followed by evaluation by a visiting committee. The staff is currently starting one its self-evaluation, and the visiting committee will come some time in 1958. The purpose of the program is the improvement of secondary education resulting from a very careful study of eight Major Areas (Pupil Population and School Community, Educational Needs of Youth, Program of studies Pupil Activity Program, Library Services, Guidance Services, School Plant, and School Staff and Administration) as well as specific study of 14 Subject Matter Areas. The carrying out of this program will entail a tremendous amount of extra work on the part of all staff members, but from my own experience I know that the whole procedure will be exceedingly valuable—to the students, to the faculty, and to the communities served by this school.

### MISS ADA L. CARLSON

The sudden passing of Miss Ada L. Carlson, our Librarian, on January 3, 1957, brought deep grief to our hearts. Beloved and respected by students and faculty alike, she had given her whole life to teaching young people how to use books, as well as encouraging them to learn to love and enjoy them. The Wachusett Regional High School was extremely fortunate to have had her help not only in the original establishment of the Library, but also as its Librarian since 1955.

In conclusion, I should like to express my sincere appreciation of the help that has come so willingly from all with whom I have worked during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

GORDON M. THOMAS

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Members of the Wachusett Regional School District:  
(\$360,020.00)

Current Operating Budget 1956  
Wachusett Regional School District

General Control	1.96 Pct
Expense of Instruction	72.30 Pct
Operation of School Plant	14.39 Pct
Maintenance of School	.80 Pct
Outlay	5.04 Pct
Auxiliary Agencies	5.51 Pct

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 100.00 Pct

Commonwealth of Mass. Dept. of Education  
 School Costs — School Year 1955 — 1956  
 (Towns over 5,000 Population)

General Control	3.1 Pct
Expense of Instruction	69.7 Pct
Operation of School Plant	15.6 Pct
Maintenance of School	3.8 Pct
Miscellaneous	7.8 Pct

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 100.00 Pct

Reimbursements to the Wachusett Regional School District during  
 1956

Tuitions	\$41,716 83
Vocational Aid from State	17,379 19
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,668 02
	\$61,354 29

Expenditure per Pupil in Average Membership  
 (School Year ending June 30, 1956) \$367 09

Unusual Expenditures during 1956 were Architect's Fees, Snow  
 Removal, Fuel and General Supplies.

The District Committee has had preliminary plans drawn up  
 for adding to the present High School building. However, the  
 State Building Assistance Commission has suggested that the  
 District Committee make a study of Regional Junior High School  
 before any further consideration is given to an addition to the  
 present High School building.

The District Committee and the School Committees of the five  
 (5) member towns will hold a joint meeting on January 14, at the  
 High School, to discuss Regional Junior High Schools.

OPERATION BUDGET — Wachusett Regional School District — '57  
 This represents an increase of \$35,380.00 over 1956.

\$395,400.00

The increase is due largely to the increase in salaries for the  
 school year 1957-58.

The Salary Schedule, beginning September 1957 will range  
 from: \$3,550.00—\$5,200.00 (A.B. or B.S.), \$3,750.00—\$5,400.00 (M.A.)

Twenty-seven (27) teachers are receiving from \$50.00 to \$500.00  
 for work beyond the regular school day. The additional amount is  
 \$6,150.00 per year. i

During the year there were six (6) teachers added to the staff and fifteen (15) teachers replaced. There will always be changes but I trust the number will be less during the coming year.

The Adult Education Program continues to serve the residents of the District.

An Evening Course in Agriculture is being offered to those interested.

The District is very fortunate to have W. Goulding Warren for the Treasurer.

The Teachers, Administrative Staff, and the Committee are endeavoring to serve the students and citizens in an efficient manner.

May I express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation received during the past year from the Staff, Committee and Citizens.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent of Schools

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1956

The year 1956 saw the continued growth and development of the Wachusett Regional High School.

By election in the several towns, and by appointment of the various School Committees, the Committee was made up of the following individuals:

	Term Expires	Term Length
<i>Holden</i>		
GEORGE W. LYMAN, Chairman	March 1957	3 Years
GERALD W. RIDLEY	March 1957	1 Year
WILLIAM F. LIONETT	March 1959	3 Years
<i>Paxton</i>		
CHARLES C. CRAIG	March 1957	1 Year
LAURENS C. SEELYE, Vice Chairman	March 1958	3 Years
<i>Princeton</i>		
FRED N. WEBSTER	March 1957	1 Year
MRS. ELIZABETH CASSIDY	March 1959	3 Years
<i>Rutland</i>		
HERBERT W. BURBANK	March 1959	3 Years
NELSON M. CALKINS, JR., Secretary	March 1957	1 Year
<i>Sterling</i>		
GEORGE S. DAVIS	March 1957	1 Year
MRS. AVIS BOURNE	March 1958	3 Years

Treasurer—W. Goulding Warren, by committee appointment. Not a voting member.

During the year the Committee held 13 regular meetings and 5 special meetings.

Your Committee has been faced with many problems and decisions this year that will affect your schools for sometime to come. It is our heartfelt wish that our decisions will result in better education and better schools.



One of the biggest problems is the creation of conditions which will be attractive to the teaching staff. It is our hope that by setting an attractive and fair pay scale and by recognizing the value of the work being done by the teachers we can help to create a professional atmosphere conducive to their remaining with us for a long period of time. To this end the Committee spent sometime at the 14 of its 18 meetings as well as much time on the part of some members in sub-committee meetings on salaries and working conditions. The changes approved are shown in the Superintendent's Report.

School finances were of course high in importance on our agenda. Expenses were approved at all regular meetings, and some phase of budget matters was discussed at twelve of our meetings.

Certain phases of the educational program were reviewed by Committee and Administration with policy decisions which resulted in:

- (1) Expanded driver education,
- (2) A basis for teaching of physically handicapped children at home,
- (3) An expanded guidance program.

Custodians' salaries and working conditions were reviewed and improvements made.

A change was made in the District by-laws which allows a non-committee member to hold the treasurer's job if the Committee deems it advisable and so votes.

The adult education program was continued and has proved worthwhile by the large response from the towns. The details of its operation (subject to committee approval) have been in the hands of a very competent adult education advisory committee.

The committee expressed its approval of the school cafeteria lunch program. It noted that over 93,000 meals were served at a cost of approximately \$44,000. More than 60% of the pupils eat here. About half the cost of the meals is borne by the state, the rest being paid by the pupils.

The purchase of a few items of new equipment was approved by the Committee. This was necessitated by the increase enrollment and was for the cafeteria and industrial arts areas.

The Committee joined the Area 4 District of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees in order that its members be informed of statewide committee activities.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the school administration, staff, pupils and parents in making ours a better high school.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON M. CALKINS, JR.,  
Secretary

## BUDGET 1956

Account	Appro. 1956	Spent 1956	Recom. 1957
Moderator			
Salary	35 00	35 00	35 00
Expense			20 00
Selectmen			
Salaries	900 00	900 00	900 00
Expenses	325 00	297 03	325 00
Town Accountant			
Salary	500 00	500 00	500 00
Expense	15 00	15 00	15 00
Treasurer			
Salary	500 00	500 00	500 00
Expense	175 00	175 00	175 00
Town Collector			
Salary	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Expense	445 50	445 50	175 00
Assessors			
Salaries	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expense	550 00	514 96	600 00
Finance Committee			
Expense	5 00	54	55 00
Town Clerk			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expense	125 00	130 48	125 00
Record Building			
Expense			200 00
Legal	1,000 00	655 47	1,000 00
Elections			
Expense	500 00	380 95	150 00
Registrars			
Salaries	100 00	100 00	100 00
Expense	90 00	47 50	90 00
Planning Board	750 00	708 45	750 00
Board of Appeals	50 00	33 22	50 00
Reserve Fund			3,000 00
Town Hall	2,900 00	2,900 00	2,900 00
Police			
Patrolling	1,800 00	1,799 85	1,800 00
Expense	650 00	632 74	650 00
School Traffic			
Expense	930 00	930 00	930 00
Fire Department			
Engineers	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expense	2,177 50	2,170 25	2,178 00



Tree Warden			
Moth	200 00	192 00	200 00
Dutch Elm Disease	400 00	399 00	400 00
Trees	650 00	621 88	650 00
Building Inspector			
Salary	250 00	250 00	250 00
Sealer—Weights—Measures			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Expense	5 00	1 30	30 00
Dog Officer			
Expense	75 00	74 99	100 00
Civil Defense	250 00		250 00
Health			
Salaries	150 00	150 00	150 00
Expense	2,069 50	1,789 96	1,946 50
Inspector of Animals			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Inspector of Meat			
Salary	5 00	5 00	5 00
Collection of Garbage			
Expense	2,740 00	2,619 96	2,800 00
Highways			
Chapter 81	2,900 00	2,900 00	2,900 00
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,600 00
Chapter 90 Const.	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Municipal Garage			
Expense	700 00	610 79	700 00
Snow			
Removal	9,700 00	9,697 67	<del>12,000 00</del> 1050
Street Lights			
Current	1,664 81	1,611 77	<del>1,617 00</del> 1680
Vacation—Sick Leave			
Expense	600 00	599 46	700 00
Surfacing Streets			
Expense	1,000 00	999 93	1,250 00
Public Assistance	13,088 00	14,036 40	11,738 00
Veterans Services			
Agent Salary	100 00	100 00	100 00
Agent Expense	75 00	14 40	75 00
Aid	1,800 00	1,689 95	1,800 00
Schools			
Salaries			375 00
Expense	63,051 84	64,069 73	<del>73,389 92</del>
Wacuseff Regional High			
Expense	25,003 60	25,003 60	40,888 41
Richards Memorial Library	2,645 00	2,645 00	2,337 00

Common			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expense	10 00	9 98	25 00
Playground			
Expense	1,450 00	1,449 65	1,445 00
Printing			2545-
Reports	800	457 50	900 00
Memorial Day			
Expense	150 00	117 33	125 00
Insurance and Bonds	3,200 00	3,444 05	4,400 00
Town Clock			
Care of	60 00	60 00	60 00
Expense			630 00
Water Department			
Salaries	325 00	325 00	225 00
Expense	9,710 00	9,709 89	10,632 00
Extensions	4,500 00	4,500 00	
Hydrants	1,100 00	1,100 00	
Pump			3,335 00
Cemeteries			
Expense	500 00	500 00	500 00
Interest	25 00	25 00	25 00
Certification of Notes	10 00	4 00	10 00
Maturing Debts and Interest			
New School			
Notes		..	25,000 00
Interest			14,080 00
WaterSystem			
Bonds			3,000 00
Interest			700 00
Municipal Garage			
Note			6,000 00
Interest			240 00

JOHN H. JOHNSON  
 ROBERT C. BRUCE  
 WILLIAM J.S. LAMOTTE  
 J. ARDEN WOODALL  
 REUBEN O'JANNE  
 MERVYN E. RICHARDS

Finance Committee

**TOWN WARRANT****THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Paxton, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in "Allen Hall" on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1957, at 12:00 noon and there to act on the following article:

Article 1. To bring to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers to be voted for upon the official ballot:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Treasurer	1 year
Collector of Taxes	1 year
2 Constables	1 year
Tree Warden	1 year
Selectman	3 years
Public Welfare	3 years
Assessor	3 years
School Committee	3 years
Municipal Light Board	3 years
Cemetery Commission	3 years
Water Board	3 years
2 Library Trustees	3 years
Planning Board	4 years
Planning Board	5 years
Board of Health	3 years
Recreation Commission	3 years

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

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting will be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The voters will be called to act upon the following articles at the Business Meeting.

Article 2. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town for the fiscal year 1957 and especially for any and all of the following to wit:

Moderator, Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Town Collector, Assessors, Legal, Town Clerk, Elections, Registrars, Town Hall, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, Police Department, School Traffic, Dog Officers, Fire Engineers, Fire Department, Building Inspector, Sealer, Tree Warden, Moth, Dutch Elm Disease, Health, Inspector of Animals, Inspector of Meat, Collection of Gargage, Highways, Public Welfare, Veterans Services, Schools, Library, Common, Town Clock, Insurance and Bonds, Printing, Memorial Day, Swimming Pool, Water Department, Cemeteries, Interest on Notes, Certification of Notes.

*passed*  
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 of Town Officials and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same.

*OK*  
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, 1957, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes of the Town as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

*OK*  
Article 5. 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 6. To see if the Town will vote to give the members of the Fire Department compensation for their services, or act in any way thereon. *passed*

*OK*  
Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

*OK*  
Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

*OK*  
Article 9. To see if the Town will vote that the money voted for street lights 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 the 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 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.

*passed*  
Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to provide vacation and sick leave pay to employees of the Highway and Water Department as follows:

'After having worked for the Town one full year, one week vacation with pay and one week sick leave with pay, after having worked for the Town two full years, two weeks vacation with pay and one week sick leave with pay. After having worked for the Town one full year, the Superintendent to receive two weeks vacation with pay, and one week sick leave, and after two years,

three weeks vacation with pay, and one week sick leave with pay; sick leave may accrue up to two weeks. only," or act in any way thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money 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. 238187 OK

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to cooperate with the the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition the sum of \$7,975.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the Treasury or act in any way thereon. OK

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 to cover the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition the sum of \$3,200.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury or act in any way thereon. OK

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction on West Street, under Capter 90 and that in addition the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to cover the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury or to act in any way thereon. OK

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Camp Street or act in any way thereon. OK

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Walbridge Road, or act in any way thereon. 750 OK

Article 17. To see if tie Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for

the permanent construction of Mill Street, or act in any way thereon.

OK Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of Pond Street, or act in any way thereon.

Passed Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount requested for Water Department Budget from surplus to the Water Department Account, or act in any way thereon.

OK Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$400.00 from the Illig Fund to the Illig Property Maintenance Fund the same to be used to pay taxes and make necessary repairs, or act in any way thereon.

Passed Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on Pleasant Street towards Barre, or act in any way thereon.

Disapproved by Finance Committee

Passed Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on West Street, or act in any way thereon.

Disapproved by Finance Committee

OK Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 42A ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> 42F inclusive, or act in any way thereon.

OK Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,400.00 from the Illig Fund to the Recreation Account, the same to be used for grading and seeding of additional playground area on the Illig Property or act in any way thereon.

OK Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$982.89 to cover an overdraft in the 1956 School Department Accounts caused by the necessity of building two temporary classrooms in the gymnasium of the Center School or act in any way thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

PO Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of making alterations to the balcony of the Town Hall to provide additional office space, or act in any way thereon.

PO Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to build a fire escape at the rear end of the Center School Building serving the second floor or act in any way thereon.

Not Approved by Finance Committee.

Passed Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to install street lights on Crestwood Road located where in the opinion of the Electric Light Board they will be most beneficial and increase the appropriation for street lights to cover the increased cost of operation



or act in any way thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to give to Post 306 American Legion of Paxton, Mass., a plot of land of approximately six acres located on the westerly side of Pleasant Street at the intersection of Davis Hill Road said land to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon a building to be used as Post Headquarters or act in any way thereon. OK

Article 30. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$100 to be paid to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of and the purpose of Chapter 128, General Laws, or for the support of demonstration work in Agriculture, Home Economics, or Boys, and Girls' Club work, under the direction of the Agent or Instructor, or the Trustee, co-operating with local Town Director, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. OK

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of Holbrook Lane by the Selectmen under the date of January 10, 1957 as shown on a plan designated "definitive plan Holbrook Heights" draw by R.H. Lonergan C.E. dated October 28, 1954, or act in any way thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one dollar for the purpose of acquiring by purchase an easement for public purposes in Holbrook Lane, or act in any way thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from George W. Stone et al an easement for public way purposes in Holbrook Lane, being a way 50 ft. wide extending southerly from West Street, a distance of approximately 428 ft. as shown on plan designated "definitive plan Holbrook Heights" drawn by R. H. Lonergan C.E. dated October 28, 1954 or act in any thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of Elizabeth Lane by the Selectmen under date of January 10, 1957 as shown on a plan designated "definitive plan of sub-division of land in Paxton, Massachusetts, owned by Joseph Katz and Irving Solomon, drawn by G.L. Esper, Reg. Surveyor, dated October 7, 1954.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one dollar for the purpose of acquiring by purchase an easement for public purposes in Elizabeth Lane or act in any thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from Joseph Katz and Irving Solomon an

easement for public way purposes in Elizabeth Lane, being a way 50 ft. wide extending westerly from Grove Street, for a distance of approximately 595 ft. and including turnaround as shown on a plan designated "definitive plan of sub-division of land," in Paxton Massachusetts, owned by Joseph Katz and Irving Solomon, drawn by G.L. Esper, Reg. Surveyor, dated October 7, 1954.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of Ashwood Road, Tanglewood Road, Larchwood Road, Knollwood Road, Alderwood Road and Oakwood Road by the selectmen on the date of January 31, 1957 as shown on a plan designated Plan of Lots in Paxton, Mass. Asnebumskit Hill Home Sites Section F and H drawn by Francis B. Thompson C. E. dated January 11, 1956.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase an easement for public way purposes in Ashwood Road, Tanglewood Road, Larchwood Road, Knollwood Road, Alderwood Road and Oakwood Road or act in any way thereon.

Approved by Finance Committee.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase from Clarkson-Griffin Realty Corporation easements for public way purposes in the following streets. Ashwood Road running easterly from Asnebumskit Hill Road to Knollwood Road, a distance of approximately 867 feet. Tanglewood Road running southerly from Ashwood Road a distance of approximately 1,138 feet measured along the westerly line of said Road. Larchwood Road running southerly from Ashwood Road to Alderwood Road a distance of approximately 483 feet measured along the westerly line of said Larchwood Road. Knollwood Road from its northerly extremity southerly to Alderwood Road a distance of approximately 646 feet measured along the westerly line of said road. Alderwood Road running easterly from the easterly line of Ridgewood Road a distance of approximately 1,093 feet measured along the southerly line of said road to land of one Lilley. Oakwood Road running from the easterly line of Crestwood Road to Tanglewood Road a distance of approximately 206 feet. All as shown on a plan designated, Plan of Lots in Paxton, Massachusetts, Asnebumskit Hill Home Sites, Sections F and H drawn by Francis B. Thompson C. E. dated January 4, 1956, or act in any way thereon.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Town Hall, as required by by-law, 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 31st day of January, 1957.

ALDEN H. JACOBSON    SHERMAN S. LUDDEN    JESSE E. MILLS  
Selectmen of Paxton



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