

ANNUAL REPORTS
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TOWN of PAXTON
MASSACHUSETTS



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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT F. McCAULIFF

Selectman

BORN OCTOBER 27, 1917

DIED DECEMBER 16, 1960

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1960

Moderator

J. ARDEN WOODALL

Town Clerk

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Treasurer

MARION E. MACCABEE

Collector of Taxes

MARION E. MACCABEE

Constables

AUGUSTUS W. OATELY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Tree Warden

GORDON RICHARDS

Selectmen

ROBERT F. McCAULIFF

Term Expires 1961

JESSE E. MILLS

Term Expires 1962

DAVID W. BRAITHWAITE

(Resigned) 1963

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term Expires 1963

Board of Public Welfare

RUTH B. McKINLEY

Term Expires 1961

EDWARD G. TAMULEVICH

Term Expires 1962

J. MACK JOHNSTON

Term Expires 1963

Assessors

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE

Term Expires 1961

FRED E. WATSON

Term Expires 1962

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term Expires 1963

School Committee

CHARLES C. CRAIG

Term Expires 1961

ROBERT J. HALL

Term Expires 1962

REGINALD J. SMITH

Term Expires 1963

Municipal Light Board

PAUL E. GARLOCK	Term Expires 1961
GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.	Term Expires 1962
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1963

Cemetery Commission

JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term Expires 1961
H. RENO KENNEN, Jr.	Term Expires 1962
NATHAN F. SHELDON	Term Expires 1963

Water Board

CHANNING H. WASHBURN	Term Expires 1961
NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term Expires 1962
HAROLD A. MARTIN	Term Expires 1963

Library Trustees

KATHERINE I. STANNARD	Term Expires 1961
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1961
CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN	Term Expires 1962
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1962
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term Expires 1963
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Term Expires 1963

Planning Board

VERNON P. WILSON	(Resigned) 1961
REUBEN O'JANNE	(Resigned) 1962
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1963
G. LEONARD TROTTIER	Term Expires 1964
DONALD C. ALEXANDER	Term Expires 1965

Board of Health

RAYMOND J. SAVIGNAC	Term Expires 1961
KATHARINE B. WILSON	Term Expires 1962
NORMAN C. DODGE	Term Expires 1963

Recreation Commission

RALPH W. WILBUR	Term Expires 1961
FRANK RANTA	Term Expires 1962
ELIZABETH B. SHELDON	Term Expires 1963

VIRGINIA B. FAY	Term Expires 1964
WALTER D. WILDE, Jr.	Term Expires 1965

Wachusett Regional School Committee

YVETTE A. CHILDS	Term Expires 1961
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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

ROBERT A. BRUCE	Term Expires 1961
MERVYN E. RICHARDS	(Resigned) 1961
REUBEN O'JANNE	Term Expires 1962
FRANCIS W. RYAN	Term Expires 1962
RAYMOND LEADBETTER	Term Expires 1963
VINCENT A. PIUCCI	Term Expires 1963

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.

Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering

SUMNER E. TAYLOR

Burial Agent

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

Board of Appeals

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term Expires 1961
LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, Jr.	Term Expires 1962
AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY	Term Expires 1963
BURTON E. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1964
ROBERT B. BURKE	Term Expires 1965
SAMUEL P. COOK	Alternate
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON	Alternate

Care of Clock

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Dog Officer

CARL H. JOHNSON

Superintendent of Streets

WALTER V. PIKE

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

GORDON M. RICHARDS

Sealer of Weights & Measures

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

**Measurers of Wood and Bark and
Field Drivers and Fence Viewers**

CHARLES C. CRAIG

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

GORDON M. RICHARDS

Board of Registrars

VIOLA PRENTICE

Term Expires 1961

DANIEL F. CRONIN

Term Expires 1962

GENEVA M. CROMPTON

Term Expires 1963

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL

Town Accountant

ETTA E. ROBINSON

Term Expires 1961

Police Department

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY — Chief

WILLIAM O. WYLIE — Sergeant

ROBERT I. BECKER

JOHN V. BLAVACKAS

JOHN N. KNIPE

JON C. MARDEN

HAROLD J. MULLANEY

FREDERICK T. WARPULA

GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.

Special Police

RITA A. ANDERSON (School Crossing)

MILDRED WARPULA (Alt. School Crossing)

WILLIAM L. ALLARD (Swimming Pool)

F. WYMAN ROGERS (Boynton Park)

HOWARD K. CRESWELL

RALPH B. BUTLAND

DOUGLAS ROBERTS

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

JOSEPH TIERNEY

ROBERT P. SHEEHAN

HUGH B. WYLIE

Civil Defense

DEANE O. HOWLAND, Director

PAUL E. GARLOCK, Asst. Director

Board of Fire Engineers

LESLIE E. ROBINSON, Chief

GEORGE G. KARLE

GORDON M. RICHARDS

GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.

RAYMOND H. KIMBALL

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES

Planning Board

DONALD W. KALLGREN (for Vernon P. Wilson)

O. FRANK BURBANK (for Reuben O'Janne)

Finance Committee

LYNN H. NICHOLSON (for Mervyn E. Richards)

Special Police

EUNICE ISBLE (School Crossing)

JOAN WAHLSTROM (School Crossing)

OLIVE JENKINS (School Crossing)

Board of Appeals

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS (for Samuel P. Cook)

Report of the Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

January

- 29 Betsy Nissen, daughter to Elizabeth and Robert Adell.

February

- 17 Willene, daughter to Mariana and Bruce Van Blair.

March

- 4 Lydia Alden, daughter to Priscilla and Corie Hale, Jr.
9 Bruce Alan, son so Ruth E. and Neal Churchill.
14 Linda Diane, daughter to Barbara and Lawrence W. Bartlett.
15 Deborah Ann, daughter to Beryl and Robert Dillman.
20 Cheryl Ann, daughter to Patricia L. and Girard Benicasco, Jr.

April

- 5 Cynthia Lynn, daughter to Myrtle and Richard Sayer.
7 Kirk Allan, son to Glenda and Allan Schultz.
13 Gregory Dobie, son to Debra and Chester Adamsky.
16 Karen, daughter to Marjorie and Alfred E. Belanger, Jr.
17 John Anthony, son to Barbara A. and Charles Scholl.

11

- 21 Nadine Joy, daughter to Joy and Richard Plante.
- 24 Edmund, son to Cynthia and Robert Burke.
- 30 Ronald Benson, son to Beverly and Ronald Henderson.

May

- 1 David Mark, son to Mary and John Donohue.
- 17 Betty Ann, daughter to Florence and James Emory Hooks.
- 23 Robert Elmer, son to Helena and Robert E. Clayton.
- 23 Patricia Lee, daughter to Emily and Roland Wight.
- 26 Scott O'Neill, son to Jean Mary and George Edward Fairbanks.
- 28 Marc William, son to Lois L. and Marcus J. Farrell.

June

- 4 Daniel James, son to Annette and Howard Aubertin.
- 10 Christine Gertrude, daughter to Gertrude and Francis Bertrand.
- 22 Jeffrey William, son to Yvonne M. and George Johnson.

July

- 11 Martha Lynn daughter to Yvonne and Richard Summa.

August

- 6 Richard Allen, son to Elizabeth and John Curry.
- 12 John Anthony, son to Rose Marie and Adam Urbanovitch.
- 20 Cynthia Elaine, daughter to Carol E. and Robert Price.

September

- 14 Todd Douglas, son to Mildred Sylvia and Andrew Dobson Hammond.

MARRIAGES

January

- 25 George Nanigian of Paxton and Joyce Patanaude of Worcester.

March

- 14 Francis J. W. Wheeler of Paxton and Marjorie E. French of Worcester.

April

- 23 Andre Lucien Lachance of Worcester and Bernadette Savignac of Paxton.

June

- 25 Arthur Lacroix of Spencer and Carol Ann Grensavitch of Paxton.

August

- 21 Edward Rossinow of Brooklyn and Rhoda Rabinow of Paxton.

September

- 10 Everett L. Lupien of Paxton and Lorraine A. Marin of Worcester.
 10 Joseph E. Kuszewski and Janet O. Anderson of Paxton.
 17 Roderick L. Lavallee, Jr. of Sutton and Janice V. Lamotte of Paxton.

November

- 11 Donald Putnam Whitney and Linda Maria Pearson of Paxton.
 26 Roland Veaudry, Jr. of Paxton and Judith H. Knight of Auburn.

DEATHS**January**

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|----------|
| 7 | William MacDougall | 42 years |
| 20 | James A. Matthews | 76 years |
| 21 | Maud D Leary | 85 years |

February

- | | | |
|----|---------------------|----------|
| 4 | Samuel Taipalus | 74 years |
| 8 | Frederick R. Difley | 79 years |
| 26 | Carrie Boucher | 82 years |

13

April

26 Parmelia Z. Young 75 years

August

4 Henry F O'Janne 76 years
13 Lauri Johnson 73 years

September

25 Denis E. Murphy 21 years
29 Nellie B. Bush 79 years

October

8 Marian H. Huntress 72 years
31 Bernard Ross Reardon 63 years

November

2 Wilfred L. Brodeur 78 years
16 Karen Belanger 7 months
16 Hilda M. Joensuu 73 years
29 Sister Mary Cecile of the Divine Heart S.S.A.
(Cecile Fontaine) 42 years

December

10 John F. Trum 76 years
10 Frank G. Roman 46 years
16 Robert F. McCauliff 43 years

LICENSES ISSUED IN 1960

135 Resident Citizen Fishing
106 Resident Citizen Hunting
65 Resident Citizen Sporting
22 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing
27 Resident Citizen Female Fishing
0 Resident Citizen Trapping
0 Non-Resident Fishing
4 Duplicate
7 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)
0 Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age Assist or Blind)
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$1,585.00

21 Archery Deer Stamps 1960	
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$21.00

Dog Licenses

116 Males	
28 Females	
73 Spayed	
5 Kennel	
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$527.50

Miscellaneous

1 Auctioneers License

Report of Voting at Annual Town Meeting

March 7, 1960

Article 1. Election of Town Officers. (844 ballots cast)

Article 2. Voting on the budget as presented by the Finance Committee with amendments from the floor.

Also under Article 2.

Moved and seconded that the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from the overlay surplus account to the Reserve Fund.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded Fire Dept. expenses be increased to \$2,400.00.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded under Schools Expenses to read \$136,360.00 instead of \$136,735.00.

Voted unanimously.

Moved and seconded to increase the Recreation expenses from \$2,645.00 to \$3,145.00.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to increase the Printing expense from \$650.00 to \$750.00.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Article 2 be accepted as amended.

Voted unanimously.

Article 3. Bonds required of Town Officials. Voted under Article 2.

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

Article 5. Voted to appoint the American Legion to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day. (Under Article 2.)

Article 6. Voted to give members of the Fire Department compensation for their services. (Under Article 2.)

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

Article 8. Voted to accept the Article as printed (Electric Light Dept. Expenses).

Article 9. Voted vacation and sick leave for Highway and Water Dept. employees (Under Article 2). \$1,300.00 for this item.

Article 10. Voted to transfer \$2,726.78 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Maintenance Fund.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,100.00 and transfer \$8,525.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance (Under Article 2).

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,800.00 and transfer \$3,600.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance (Under Article 2).

Article 13 Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00

and transfer \$7,500.00 for construction of West St. under Chapter 90 (Under Article 2).

Article 14. Voted to transfer the amount requested for the Water Dept. budget from surplus (Under Article 2).

Article 15. Voted to transfer \$400.00 from the Illig Fund to the Illig Property Maintenance Fund.

Article 16. Voted to authorize the Recreation Commission to raze or have razed the Illig house by October 1, 1960 and to transfer \$200.00 from the Illig Property Maintenance Fund account to defray any necessary expenses arising from said razing.

Article 17. Voted that the Water Commissioners be authorized to take by eminent domain all of the land abutting on Asnebumskit Pond, or any parcels of land as they may deem necessary in protecting the water supply of the town.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$82,000.00 to pay for the land, the acquisition of which was authorized under Article 17.

Voted to adjourn until Monday, March 14, 1960 at 7:30 P. M. in the School Auditorium.

Report of Voting at Adjournment of Annual Town Meeting

March 14 1960

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,5000.00 for the installation of five hydrants.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on West St. to Soumi St. South.

Article 21. Voted to pass over the Article, (extend the water main on West St. beyond Suomi St.)

Article 22. Moved and seconded to extend the water on Steeter Rd. from Richards Ave.

Motion lost. 110 in favor—105 opposed. 2/3 vote.

Article 23. Vote to raise and appropriate \$450.00 for Fire Dept. ladder.

Article 24. Voted to install additional street lights.

- 2 on Forestdale Rd.
- 2 on Glen Ellen Rd.
- 2 on Hill St.
- 1 on Cor. of Ledyard Rd. and Central Ave.
- 2 on Marshall St.
- 2 on Orchard Dr.
- 2 on Richards Ave.

Article 25. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

- Amendment No. 1—adopted as printed
- Amendment No. 2—adopted as printed
- Amendment No. 3—laid on the table
- Amendment No. 4—last paragraph adopted only
- Amendments No. 5—6 and 7 tabled.

Amendment No. 2 approved by Attorney General April 8, 1960.

Article 26. Voted Paxton Civic Asso. to have charge of the July 4th observance.

Article 27. Voted to appropriate \$22.00 to cover overdraft in Printing Account.

Article 28. Voted to appropriate \$1,500.00 to be used for land damage and legal expenses in connection with rebuilding West Street.

Article 29. Voted the Board of Cemetery Commissioners establish proper up-to-date regulations, and to rescind a vote of the Town at a Special Town Meeting on April 26, 1915.

Article 30. Voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 to improve the acoustics in the Paxton Center School Auditorium.

Article 31. Voted to appropriate \$500.00 to convert the

Home Economics Room in the Paxton Center School to a classroom.

Article 32. Voted to accept Section 11a of Chapter 85 of the General Laws (Registration of Bicycles).

Article 33. Voted that the annual salary for each member of the Municipal Light Board be \$75.00 per member.

Article 34. Moved and seconded to appropriate \$1,500.00 for shelving in Library.

Motion lost.

Article 35. Voted to transfer \$8,000.00 from surplus to reduce any increase in taxes.

Article 36. Voted to appropriate \$8,000.00 for purchase of truck and \$2,000.00 for truck maintenance.

Article 37. Voted to appropriate \$1,650.00 for installing new motor in the Town grader.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Town Clerk

Report of Voting at Special Town Meeting

September 9, 1960

Article 1. Voted to transfer \$80.00 from available funds for new flag.

Article 2. Voted to transfer \$375.00 from available funds to the Elections Account.

Article 3. Voted to transfer \$240.00 from surplus account and \$270.00 from the T. B. Hospital account to the Board of Health to be used for the Town Nurse account.

Article 4. Voted to amend Section 11 of the zoning By-Laws so as to provide for an extension of the "Business

A" zone to include all of the Maccabee land on the north-westerly side of West St.

101 in favor—19 opposed. 2/3 vote.

Approved by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, October 11, 1960.

Article 5. Voted to transfer \$200.00 from available funds to the Police Patrolling account.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

Report of Voting at Special Town Meeting

November 21, 1960

Article 1. Voted to appoint a School Needs Study Committee to consist of the three School Committee members plus four members at large to be appointed by the Select Board.

Article 2. Voted to transfer \$700.00 from the Illig Fund to the Illig Maintenance account to complete the razing of the Illig house.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

Name & Address	Occupation
Wilson E. Ahlin, 9 Briarcliff Lane	Machinist
Rita A. Anderson, 635 Pleasant St.	At home
Robert S. Babb, 14 Spring Drive	Sterilizing Man
Arthur E. Baker, 30 Maple Ave.	Foreman
Harry L. Becker, 209 Pleasant St.	Salesman
Milton L. Cheney, 4 Elizabeth Lane	Motor Rebuilder
James Duncan, 16 Crestwood Road	Hair Dresser
P. William Forester, 3 Larchwood Road	Actuarial Asst.

Robert C. Harrington, 1038 Pleasant St.	Electrician
Helen M. Huggett, 672 Pleasant St.	At home
Zarvin J. Kasparian, 12 Eagle Lane	Statistician
Edna F. Kennen, 242 Pleasant St.	At home
Virginia M. Kimball, 643 Pleasant St.	At home
Evelyn I. LaBossiere, 8 Meadowbrook Drive	Office Worker
Milton P. Ladd, 24 Richards Ave.	Shipper
Irene McCauliff, 366 Pleasant St.	At home
Hazel E. McTighe, 227 Pleasant St.	At home
James J. Mellor, 1 Ridgewood Road	Underwriter
Dorothy M. Mills, 262 Richards Ave.	At home
Reuben H. O'Janne, Terrace Place	Farmer
Helen T. Parsons, 16 Orchard Drive	At home
Helen B. Pitcher, 16 Maple St.	At home
Robert H. Plimpton, 60 Streeter Road	Wire Worker
Irene H. Sluckis, 20 Pleasant St.	At home
Lilla C. Sponberg, 69 West St.	At home

Report of the Board of Assessors

Number of Polls assessed	648
Tax on each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$57.00

Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$6,425.00
Machinery	82,500.00
Live Stock	1,580.00
All other tangible Per .Prop.	4,750.00

Total of Assessed Personal Estate	\$95,255.00
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Assessed Real Estate

Land exclusive of buildings	\$484,500.00
Buildings exclusive of land	3,427,405.00

Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	\$3,911,905.00
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Total Value of Assessed Real and Per. Est.	\$4,007,160.00
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Taxes for State, County and Town purposes
including overlay

On Personal Property	\$5,429.54
On Real Estate	222,978.58
On Polls	1,296.00

Total Taxes Assessed \$229,704.12

Number of Livestock Assessed as Personal Property

Horses	17
Cows	291
Bulls	6
Heifers	74
Fowl	1,700
Sheep	11
All Other	8

Number of Livestock Assessed as Farm Animal Excise

Cows	286
Bulls and Beef	8
Heifers	70
Fowl	1,700
Cocks	20

Acres of land assessed 8,962a., 27,526 ft.
Dwellings assessed 659

RECAPITULATION

Town Appropriations	\$308,031.85
Appropriations taken from Available Funds	36,721.78
Debt and Interest Charges	39,040.00
Retirement Fund	2,732.69
State Parks and Reservations	618.10
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	516.16
County Tax	5,710.29
Tuberculosis Hosp. Assessment	5,574.08
Tuberculosis Hosp. Under-assess, for 1959	128.53
Overlay of Current Year	8,871.47
Gross amount to raised	<hr/> \$407,944.95

Estimated Receipts	\$132,838.27
Over-estimates of prev. year	680.78
Amounts taken from Available Funds	44,721.78
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	178,240.83
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$229,704.12

Report of the Building Inspector

To the Board of Selectmen:

Building permits for the following construction in Paxton were issued during the year 1960:

New Residences	36
Additions and Alterations to Residences	9
Private Garages and Alterations to Garages	5
Barns, Sheds and Stables and Add. to such	5
Business Bldgs. (Beauty Parlor and	
Radio Equip. House	2
Alterations to Business Properties	2
Demolition (Post Office)	1

Because of the inadequacy of our present Building Code, I share with others, again this year, the discomforts that go with houses that do not meet the expectations of good building practices. It is my hope before another year passes that with your help, we shall be able to control at least some of the commercialism which is largely responsible for similarity, as well as some inadequated engineering practices. It is a known fact in these changing times that the energy and efforts of the one in authority are in vain without laws.

I have discovered that being an agent for the safety of life and limb is a serious business, one which is not to be taken lightly, emotionally or in response to some sentimental promotional interest, no matter how appealing. We, who serve in this capacity, owe it to ourselves, as well as the public at large whom we are trying to protect, to make sure that our efforts do more than satisfy our own sense of well being.

The efforts of the departments with which I am associated have been focused on two main objects, namely, resident and residential developments. Now, a third has come into being, a commercial development. A certain amount of this expansion is possible and should be encouraged. However, because of our being adjacent to Worcester and our lack of sufficient appreciative territory to draw from, I see no major boom of this nature for our town.

However, as prosperity will invariably gain friends, some commercial expansion on a selective basis can do much to serve the Town as well as maintain these business neighbors as healthy units of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON,
Inspector of Buildings

Report of the Building By Law Committee

The Building By-Law Committee of five members was appointed by the Selectmen in 1959 to study and revise the Town Building By-Laws, as they were not adequate to provide the proper safe and sound building regulations or means by which the Building Inspector could enforce them.

The By-Law Committee appointed was:

Thomas F. Harney, Jr., Chairman
Fred Watson, Building Inspector
Harold Martin, Construction Supt.
Herbert Wentworth, Planning Board
Roy Wentworth, Wiring Inspector
Robert Bodycott, Builder
Linwood Erskine, Attorney

This committee held weekly meetings for a period extending over a year. We obtained many Building Codes from Cities and Town in the Commonwealth and including State Regulations. We selected only the items that would meet

the requirements of the Town of Paxton for residential construction and authority to the Inspector of Buildings for their proper enforcement.

We also set up a Building By-Law Board of Appeals to adjust any dispute that may arise over the interpretation of these By-Laws.

Any building other than residential will be subject to the Massachusetts State Regulations.

We are presenting these new Building By-Laws to the voters of the Town under an Article in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and request that they be considered and adopted as written.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.

Chairman

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

Receipts:

Lots sold and placed in perpetual Care	\$1,075.00	
Care of lots not in Perpetual Care	80.00	
Opening graves	405.00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		\$1,560.00
Income on Trust Funds	\$867.07	
Appropriation—1960	1,000.00	
Balance, Jan. 1, 1960	90.25	
		\$1,957.32

Payments:

Maintenance of Cemeteries including general care, opening graves and grass seed	\$696.11
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Repairs to power machines, gas and oil	46.85
New section opened and roads oiled	236.01
Supt., clerical, postage and supplies	239.02
Balance, Dec. 31, 1960	739.33
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	\$1,957.32

A new section was opened this year and some of the roads in Mooreland Cemetery were oiled.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. PEARSON,
Chairman
NATHAN F. SHELDON, Clerk
H. RENO KENNEN,
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Civil Defense Organization

March:—

"Home Preparedness Plan" meeting attended by Mrs. Leonard Morrison, Mrs. Richard Van Wyck and Mrs. Nathan Sheldon assisted by Mrs. Richard Berg. They visited forty Paxton homes, presented the program and left each a "Home Preparedness Kit."

April:—

Meeting in Fitchburg for briefing on "Operation Alert 1960" attended by former Paxton C. D. officers.

Paxton C. D. personnel were briefed on "Operation Alert 1960."

May:—

"Operation Alert 1960" May 3rd and 4th good participation by Paxton C. D. personnel.

Paxton Civil Defense rerated by Mr. Rossi, Director of Area III, non eligible for surplus property, rating 79.

June:—

Paxton Civil Defense meeting conducted by Police Chief Oatley and Fire Chief Robinson, film of New England Power Company's Atomic Electric Power Plant at Rowe, Mass. was shown.

September:—

Hurricane Donna alert received from Area III headquarters at 7:50 a.m. Paxton Civil Defense center was adequately covered from 9 a.m. to 9:10 p.m. Radio reception on Civil Defense network good. Reporting of storm progress good. Emergency precautions taken by fire, police, highway and electric light departments, medical aid available.

Civil Defense meeting conducted by Alden Jacobson and William Foley, discussion of radio active fallout and demonstration of Geiger Counter equipment.

October:—

Director attended two day Industrial Plant Protection course at Topsfield, Mass.

November:—

Communications drill with Area III D and Area III.

Trip to Surplus Stores Depot at Townsend, Mass.

December:—

Radiological drill with Area III D and Area III. Mailed copies of "Radioactive Fallout and You" together with card "Make Preparedness a Part of Your Life" to all homes in Paxton. Paxton Civil Defense Operations Plan approved by Area III.

DEANE O. HOWLAND, Director

Report of the Dog Officer

Dog complaints (22)

Dogs claimed by owners (4)
 Dog bites (8)
 Dogs killed (1)
 Dogs destroyed (16)
 Fowl killed by dogs (4)
 Notices mailed out (80)

All dogs on assessors list have been licensed for the year 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON, Dog Officer

DOG BITES

Owner	Date	Miles	Hours
Mr. Getchell	May 19, 1960	0	0
Mr. Hammer	May 29, 1960	10	1½
Mr. Trum	June 21, 1960	3	1
Mr. Butland	Aug. 29, 1960	0	0
Mr. Watson	Sept. 2, 1960	0	0
Mr. Hyland	Sept. 5, 1960	0	0
Mr. Butland	Sept. 15, 1960	0	0
Mr. Rochette	Oct. 31, 1960	9	1

COMPLAINTS

Name	Date	Miles	Hours
Mr. Richards	Feb. 13, 1960	5	1½
Mrs. Taylor	Feb. 17, 1960	0	0
Mr. Boucher	Mar. 12, 1960	10	2
Mrs. Leadbetter	Mar. 23, 1960	5	1½
Mrs. Johnson	Mar. 24, 1960	10	1
Mrs. Hanson	Mar. 26, 1960	10	1
Mrs. Davis	Mar. 29, 1960	10	1
Mrs. LaMotte	Apr. 8, 1960	1½	1
State Police, Holden	Apr. 9, 1960	20	11½
Mr. Grensavitch	Apr. 11, 1960	2	1
Mr. Lupian	Apr. 11, 1960	2	1
Mr. Trum	Apr. 16, 1960	21½	21½
Mrs. Karney	July 16, 1960	7	11½

Mr. Barry	Aug. 3, 1960	15	11½
Mr. Engel	Aug. 10, 1960	10	11½
Mrs. Robinson	Sept. 10, 1960	0	0
Mrs. Ranta	Sept. 15, 1960	0	0
Mr. Sjoberg	Oct. 30, 1960	5	2
Mr. Lupian	Oct. 30, 1960	2	1
Mrs. Greenslit	Oct. 31, 1960	9	2
Mrs. Rochette	Nov. 7, 1960	9	11½
Mrs. Greenslit	Nov. 9, 1960	9	1
Mrs. Gamache	Nov. 9, 1960	9	1
DOGS CLAIMED by OWNERS		4	
DOGS KILLED		1	
DOGS DESTROYED		16	
Notices mailed out		80	

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON

Report of the Fire Department

Board of Engineers

There were 24 calls answered in 1960 as follows:

- 7 Grass
- 3 Automobile
- 3 Dump
- 3 Rubbish (outdoors)
- 2 Appliance
- 2 Building
- 2 Wash gasoline from road.
- 1 Hay baler
- 1 Investigation

The town was fortunate again in 1960 to have a low property loss figure even though two buildings were consumed.

During 1960 some of the following projects were completed:

Increased insurance coverage for members;

Purchase and mounting on Engine No. 1 of a 55 ft. 3 section extension ladder;

Construction and installation of an improved alarm location signboard;

Purchase and installation of a complete set of new tires for Engine No. 1.

4 members took part in a training course at the New Hampshire Fire School at Meadowood Fire Dept. in Rindge, N. H.

The Board wishes to thank the townspeople for their cooperation during the spring forest fire season.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Report of the Board of Health

The following diseases were reported during the year 1960:

- 9 Dog Bites
- 10 Mumps
- 1 Chicken Pox
- 7 Measles
- 1 German Measles
- 9 Scarlet Fever
- 1 Hepatitis
- 1 Mule bite
- 1 Horse bite
- 4 Septic throat
- 1 Pulmonary T.B.

We repeat our request to all parents and guardians to PLEASE report all communicable diseases to the local board of health as required by State law.

The following licenses were issued:

- 6 Milk and Cream
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Kindergarten School
- 2 Recreational Camps

The following appointments were made:

Thomas F. Harney, Jr., Plumbing and Sanitary Inspector
 Sumner E. Taylor, Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
 George L. McGovern, Burial Agent

The Board meets the first Thursday of each month, and the townspeople should feel free to call at any time for assistance. The cooperation of the Town Officials, residents, and the District Health Office throughout the past year has been appreciated.

Mrs. Gladys Berg has been named to fill the position of Public Health and School Nurse. At present she is operating on a half day basis. When the work load demands it she will be put on full time.

People wishing advice or information regarding the operation of the Nursing service should contact a member of the advisory board. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Arrangements have been made so that combustibles which can not be burnt in home incinerators can now be brought to the Town dump where they will be burnt by the Street department.

Mr. Thomas Harney, Jr. has been named Sanitarian. His duties will be to inspect all establishments serving food and liquor, and inspecting health menaces and nuisances.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. RAYMOND J. SAVIGNAC,
Chairman
KATHARINE B. WILSON, Clerk
NORMAN C. DODGE

Report of the Public Health Nurse

In order to expand health services to the town, a nurse was hired in September, on a part-time basis, spending two hours daily at the school, where her office is located, and two hour for PH work.

During the school year, the following clinics were held:

3 Diphtheria immunization	99 immunized
1 Vaccination	7 vaccinated
1 Pre-school registration	58 registered

A Dental Hygiene clinic was also held under auspices of the state, and the children in the first three grades had their teeth examined. Notices were sent to the parents if any dental work was considered necessary. A film on dental hygiene was also shown.

The whole nation, including President Kennedy, is very much concerned with the poor physical condition of our youth, therefore we at Paxton School decided to do something about it. A program of daily calisthenics was instituted, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Fay, trained physical education instructor, who volunteered her services, and with the approval of the Superintendent, Dr. Charles Bowlby. Children in all eight grades are required to participate unless some physical impairment deters. A written note from the child's physician is required for exclusion.

Physical Exams (Dr. Washburn)	75
Audio-visual tests (individual)	257
Nurse-Pupil Conferences	73
Nurse-Teacher Conferences	36
School Visits	19
Conferences & Meetings attended	19

Total PH visits	39
TB contact	6
Post-Partum	1

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS M. BERG, RN
Public Health Nurse

LIBRARY REPORT—1960

Circulation:

Adult fiction	5,241	
Adult non-fiction	1,478	
Adult magazines	775	
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Juvenile fiction	6,395	
Juvenile non-fiction	2,247	
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Total Circulation		16,136

Volumes Purchased:

Adult and Youth	356	
Juvenile	166	
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Total Volumes Purchased		522

During the year the Library added a new nine foot shelf which eased a congested area and set up a youth non-fiction center. A fifteen drawer sectional card catalog cabinet has been added which will serve for many years.

The number of subscribers to the Library now totals 634. New members are always welcome. Through study of the community we try to keep pace with progress and there is something here to interest every member of the family.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH F. CALHANE, Librarian

Report of the Richards Memorial Library

Income:

Town Appropriation 1960	
(includes \$500 for painting)	\$3,508.00
Dog Fund 1960	365.42
Income from Trust Funds 1960	1,095.50
Balance of Trust Funds 1959	430.73
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	\$5,399.65

Expenditures:

Salary, Librarian	\$1,200.00
Salary, Assistant Librarians	512.12
Salary, Janitor	560.00
Salary, Clerk	50.00
Summer School, Librarian	175.00
Books and Magazines	1,442.71
Lights	58.76
Water	20.00
Fuel	274.14
Repairs and Equipment	789.69
Librarian's Supplies	124.85
Rebinding	11.82
Miscellaneous	64.62
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	\$5,283.71
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Balance	\$115.94

The sum of \$271.95 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

The Library Trustees again acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN,
Clerk

Report of the Electric Light Department

I hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Electric Light Department for the year Ending December 31, 1960.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income:

Metered sales to Private Consumers:

Rate A	\$74,576.25
Rate B	1,114.51
Rate C	16,433.12
Sales to other Utilities	221.19
Municipal Revenues	6,045.07
Interest Income Depr. Fund	271.51
Miscellaneous Revenues	509.18

Total Income

\$99,170.93

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	\$65,081.37
Maint. Trans. and Dist. Lines	8,617.86
Maint. Consumers Meters	165.75
Oper. of Municipal St. Lamps	182.54
Commercial Salaries	575.25
Salaries of Municipal Lighting	
Board and Manager	7,145.93
General Office Sup. and Exp.	547.03
Rent	300.00
Insurance and Bonds	480.88
Trans. Expense	62.55
Depreciation	5,822.33
Misc. General Expese	222.07

Total Expense

\$89,203.56

Net Income for year

9,967.37

\$99,170.93

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

	Debits	Credits
Credit Balance at Beginning of Jan. 1960		\$103,300.88
Credit Balance Transferred from Income Account		9,967.37
Balance Carried Forward to Balance Sheet	\$113,268.25	
	\$113,268.25	\$113,268.25

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

	Additions	Depre. Val. 12/31/60
Land		\$311.67
Structures		0.00
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	5,556.62	56,406.32
Consumers Meters	869.18	10,630.64
Line Transformers	1,693.01	19,712.33
Street Lighting Equip.	1,455.01	12,736.49
Office Equipment		78.93
Transportation Equip.		5,395.45
Laboratory Equip.		84.19
Misc. Equip.		558.42
Total Additions in 1960	\$19,827.12	
(Paid from Plant Income and Depreciation Fund)		
Total Property owned by Dept. (Depreciated Value)		\$127,428.33
Construction Fund		\$3,324.15
Cash Operation		6,710.56
Consumers Deposits		305.29
Accounts Receivable		4,547.01
Material and Supplies		2,660.98
Depreciation Fund		1,012.24
Total Assets		\$145,988.56

LIABILITIES

Of the original amount appropriated by the town for construction of Plant the Dept. still owes	\$500.00
The Dept. owes consumers for their deposits	303.68
Accounts Payable	6,710.56
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Total owed by Dept.	\$7,563.42
Surplus of the Dept. in notes paid off in prev. years	19,116.00
Appropriations for Construction Repayment	6,090.03
Earning of this and prior years invested in new plant and other assets	113,268.25
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Total Liabilities and Assets	\$145,988.56

During the year the Light Dept. has added 25 new Meters and 82½ Kilowatt of new transformer capacity to the plant.

The Department has added 18,739 ft. of overhead line wire. It has built a new line into Forestdale Rd. and Cutler Rd. to serve new homes being built.

We have replaced many old poles found unsafe after inspection at a cost of \$1,479.51.

In September, your commission advertized for bids for three (3) 500 Kilowatt substation transformers and as a result of the bids submitted the order was placed with Queensboro Transformer Equip. Corp. of New York. We received these transformers Dec. 8 and connected them to the line Dec. 17. These transformers cost \$8,828. This gives the system a much safer reserve. These transformers are built so when a higher voltage is available they can be reconnected and still be used.

Your Commission is attempting to lease from the City of Worcester a plot of land on Asnebumskit Rd. near Pleasant St. in order for us to build a new, larger and higher voltage

substation that we may serve the town with more capacity as needed in the years to come as our present substation is now limited.

Total consumption of electricity in Paxton for 1960 was 3,912,000 Kilowatt hours which was approximately 10% above 1959, even with the fewer new homes being built.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Light Commission for their kind cooperation and to our personnel for their help in all our work.

Signed,

ROY M. WENTWORTH,
Manager

We hereby submit the manager's report for our department.

PAUL GARLOCK
GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.
ROBERT HARRINGTON
Electric Light Commission

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board submits thee following report:

Hearings held for developments and rezoning petitions 5

Hearings on new sub-division rules and regulations was held September 7, 1960. Adopted October 5, 1960.

Mr. Reuben O'Janne resigned because of other duties Mr. O. Frank Burbank was appointed to replace him.

Mr. Donald W. Kallgren was appointed to replace Mr. Vernon P. Wilson, who resigned due to other commitments.

The Capital Budget Program is being carried on by the Planning Board and Mr. Piucci and Mr. Ryan of the Finance

Board. The various Town Departments met with the above and discussed their needs in detail.

The Board has had a very busy and productive year, and hopes to continue serving the Town in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH,
Chairman
O. FRANK BURBANK, Clerk
G. LEONARD TROTTIER
DONALD C. ALEXANDER
DONALD W. KALLGREN

Report of the Inspector of Plumbing

Board of Health
Paxton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year January 1 to December 31, 1960.

Plumbing Permits Issued	41
Plumbing Inspections	120
Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	43
Sewage Disposal Inspections	149
Complaints of Faulty Sewage Conditions	14
Correct Faulty Sewage Conditions	14
Sub-Division Inspections	15
Cellar Drainage Inspections	26
Surface Drainage Inspections	5
Hose Stable Inspections	2
Smoke Nuisance Inspections	2
Eating Place Inspections	9
Occupancy Approvals Issued to Building Insp.	33
Swimming Pool Inspection	1

In some of my past reports, I have cautioned those who have septic tanks for sewage disposal to uncover the

cleanout panel located in the top of the tank and measure the accumulation of sludge in the bottom of the tank. If the depth of the sludge is equal to one third the depth of the tank, it is time to have the tank pumped out. Many of the faulty sewage conditions reported are caused by sludge overflowing from the tank into the effluent drains thereby plugging up the drainage field. This unnecessary and costly expenditure can be avoided by having the septic tank pumped out at least once every three years. Cesspools do not require pumping out until they have filled up to the bottom of the inlet piping. Your Plumbing Inspector is available and will be pleased to render his services when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr., R. S.
Inspector of Plumbing

Report of the Police Department

It is very gratifying to see the number of house-breaks diminish from 15 in 1959 to 4 in 1960. Every other Town in our district has had a decided increase in the category. We like to think in our case, it was the extra effort put into this by watching and checking of reported empty houses that kept the number of breaks down. Despite the accelerated program on motor vehicle violators, accidents have increased by 4 over 1959. The number of motor vehicle violations written up increased by 116 over 1959.

Car accidents	39
Pedestrian accidents	3
Bicycle accidents	1
Complaints received	388
Complaints requiring investigation	311
Arrests	20
Cases in court	20
Juveniles placed on probation	5
Motor vehicle violations sent to Registry	240
Parking tags issued	42
Defective equipment tags issued	81

Stolen cars reported	0
Stolen bicycles reported	1
Stolen bicycles recovered	1
House-breaks	4
House-breaks cleared	2
Houses checked through vacation period	37
Residents transported to hospital by cruiser	12
To Town Treasurer for accident reports	\$84.00
To Town Treasurer for bicycle registrations	\$15.50
To Town Treasurer for gun permits	\$20.00
Bicycles registered through Department	62

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY, Jr.
Chief of Police

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

For the year ending December 31, 1960

Lump sum appropriated for Charities and Old Age Assistance	\$11,288.00
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GENERAL RELIEF

Expended:

Paxton Settled Cases (not reimbursable)	
Aided by other cities and towns	\$55.73
Unsettled or State Cases (reimbursable by State)	
Aided in Town	21.63
Administration (Approx. 50% reimbursable)	
Postage and travel	17.72
Total expended, General Relief	\$95.08
Total expended, Dir. Sal. (Approx. 50% reimbursable)	527.99

Total expended, O. A. Assist.	8,358.94	
Total expended, Dis. Assist.	390.30	
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Total expenditure from Lump Sum Appro.		\$9,372.31
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Bal. Lump Sum Appro. Dec. 31, 1960		\$1,915.69

BOARD SALARIES

Appropriation, 1960		\$150.00
Expended, 1960		150.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1960		-----

FEDERAL FUNDS

(Available for Board Expenditures)

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$3,034.57	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	5,140.82	
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		\$8,175.39
Expended, 1960		2,941.15
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1960		\$5,234.24

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$339.08	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	932.27	
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		\$1,271.35
Expended, 1960:		
Director's Salary	\$345.40	
(Approx. 50% reimbursable)		
Admin. other than Salary	8.80	
(Approx. 50% reimbursable)		
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		\$354.20
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1960		\$917.15

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$325.95	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	0.00	
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		\$325.95
Expended, 1960		0.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1960		\$325.95

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, ADMR.

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$29.21	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	0.00	
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		\$29.21
Expended, 1960		\$21.80
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Balance, December 31, 1960		\$7.41

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$491.91	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	511.13	
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		\$1,003.04
Expended, 1960		264.40
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Balance, December 31, 1960		\$738.64

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMR.

Balance, January 1, 1960	\$107.34	
Federal Reimbursement, 1960	82.26	
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		\$189.60
Expended, other than salary, 1960 (Approx. 50% reimbursable)		34.33
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Balance, December 31, 1960		\$155.27

STATE FUNDS

(Not available for Board Expenditures)

Credited to Town Receipts:

State Share, O. A. Assist. granted	\$4,520.12
State Share, Dis.Assist. Adm.	47.69

\$4,567.81

REIMBURSEMENT FROM OTHER CITIES & TOWNS

(Not available for Board Expenditure)

i. e. Persons living in Paxton and aided by Paxton but having settlements elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

Credited to Town Receipts \$940.23

Respectfully submitted,

J.MacKENZIE JOHNSTON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 EDWARD G. TAMULEVICH,
 Third Member

Report of Charlton Home Farm Assoc.

For the year ended December 31, 1960

Assets

Cash on hand and in Bank	\$2,280.28
Deposits in Savings Bank	12,747.19
Personal property, Appraised value	5,421.00
Land and Building, Appraised value	20,000.00
Due from Towns	1,664.76
Prepaid Expenses	954.00

Total \$43,067.23

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities \$1,021.83

Equity:

Baance, December 31, 1959	\$39,474.79
Increase from revaluation of property	

and equipment		2,721.00	
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		\$42,195.79	
Gross income from all sources	\$23,640.84		
Less—Gross expenses	23,791.23	150.39	42,045.40
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Total			\$43,067.23

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD R. PERKINS, Pres.
 ROBERT A. DONAVAN,
 Sec. and Treas.
 RAYMOND L. GIROUARD,
 C. P. A.

Report of the Recreation Committee

The Paxton Recreation Committee held its organizational meeting on March 8, 1960. The three positions on our Committee, left vacant by the resignations of Mr. John Stansfield, Mr. Louis Childs, and Mr. Jerome Murphy were filled by newly elected Mrs. Nathan F. Sheldon, Mr. Walter D. Wilde, Jr., and Mr. Frank Ranta. Mr. Ralph W. Wilbur was elected Chairman and Mrs. Chapin Fay, Clerk. Mr. Robert J. Hall returned as the Delegate from the School Committee; but was subsequently replaced by Mr. Reginald J. Smith in August. Mr. Herbert F. Wentworth also returned as Planning Board Representative.

1960 was a complicated year for this Committee; and we are pleased to report that we accomplished what we set out to do.

However, let us take each segment individually:

PAXTON LITTLE LEAGUE. Our Little League enjoyed a very successful season. The Giants, under the able leadership of Robert Hughes, Manager and Lee Hansen, Coach emerged as undisputed champions by winning both halves. The All-Star team also participated, if rather unsuccessfully,

in the competition sponsored by their international parent organization. However, if this organization is to maintain its standards, it must be the recipient of whole-hearted cooperation from its member parents.

LASSIE LEAGUE: This group continued to grow and persevere under the fine coaching of Mrs. Wallace Connor. There was an enrollment of 22 girls, and they culminated their season by winning a two out of three series with the Heard St. School team in two straight games.

THE SWIMMING POOL: The Pool was officially open seven days a week this year from June 25th to August 28th. The hours were 12-6. Mr. William Allard returned as Director of Life Guards, assisted on weekends by Mrs. Wallace Connor. Mr. David Hammar was in charge on Mondays. The attendance at the pool averaged 60-70 per day, with a heavier load on weekends. Weekly water tests were conducted by Mr. Hiram W. Phillips of W. P. I. The condition of the water was far superior to previous years; but still leaves much to be desired.

RED CROSS SWIMMING CLASSES: These Classes are sponsored by the Sons of Paxton, under the supervisory instruction of Mrs. Louise Mitch of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Louis T. Hamblin is Chairman. They were held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from July 5th through August 11th. Attendance was approximately 170 daily. 55 participants received Red Cross Certificates, as follows: Beginners 23; Intermediate 17; Swimmers 8; Junior Life Saving 2; Senior Life Saving 2; Advanced Swimmers 1; Water Safety Aides 2.

RECREATION PROGRAM: This program, under the Directorship of Mr. William Allard and Mrs. Wallace Connor, was conducted on Wednesdays and Fridays from July 6th through August 12th. 20-25 children participated each day. As our juvenile population grows, this program is becoming increasingly important.

BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE: We invited 400 Southwest District Mohegan Council Boy Scouts to hold their Annual Spring Boy Scout Camporee on the Recreation Grounds.

They convened May 14th at the Pool at 8:00 a. m. and stayed two days and one night. The boys did an admirable job of clearing several campsites, helping our problem considerably.

COASTING AREA: There has been further development of the Coasting Area; and the Committee has made plans to have three flood lights installed for the purpose of making night coasting more enjoyable.

DRAINAGE: The Committee has solved the immediate drainage problems of the Recreation and Pool Areas, and has also repacked and sandbagged the dam at Illig Pond in an effort to raise the level of the water. We hope to have no further difficulties in these categories.

THE ROAD: This year, we completed the first stage of our Pool Development Program. This consisted of construction of a road, financed by Town Meeting Appropriated Funds to be known as "Nature Road"—which circles around the pool to the right of the Life Guard House, runs along close to the edge of the woods, and then cuts over behind the knoll toward Illig Pond. The purposes of this road are manifold. It will open up the entire pool for swimming; it will provide adequate parking space; and it will give entrance to Illig Pond for skating. We hope to eventually continue this road up to the Bonfire Area for parking at the Little League Field. This would eliminate the present road, thereby adding considerable space to the playing field at the School, while eradicating potential danger. We also have another purpose in mind. In 1965, Paxton will celebrate its 200 th Anniversary. The terrain adjacent to the Bonfire Area lends itself admirably to development of an amphitheater which would provide the Town of Paxton with a permanent place to hold all types of future celebrations. We hope to accomplish this development.

THE ILLIG HOUSE: The contract for the razing of the Illig House has been awarded to Raymond Kauppila. The site will be rough graded this winter; and in the Spring, the area will be loamed and seeded. Thus, a potential problem to the Town will be attractively resolved. It may be that the Town will decide to erect a suitable memorial on this spot to be dedicated at our 200th Anniversary.

THE FUTURE: After careful consideration, the Committee has come to the conclusion that the condition of the Pool must be rectified—for the following reasons:

1. The constantly increasing use of our Pool.
2. Continued disuse by those of our townspeople who are dissatisfied with present conditions.
3. The present-day recognition of the lack of safety afforded by dirt-bottom pools.

During the coming year, we intend to investigate fully, any and all possibilities for a thorough job of resurfacing. It appears now that asphalt is the best medium by which to attain the requisite level of water purity, safety and pleasure. Anticipating an overhaul in the near future, the Committee has drained the Pool and bulldozed the bottom—that tests of soil conditions may be made in the Spring. Your Committee will keep you informed of its progress. In the meantime, we hope to continue our Pool Development Program with the installation of long-overdue flush toilets.

It is with deep regret that we recognize the resignation of our Chairman Mr. Ralph Wilbur. He has been an ardent active member for 7 years, has served his community well, and we shall miss him. We would also like to thank Mr. Robert J. Hall for his contributions to our Committee during his term of representation from the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. WILBUR, Chairman
 WALTER D. WILDE, Jr.
 FRANK RANTA
 ELIZABETH B. SHELDON
 VIRGINIA B. FAY, Clerk
 HERBERT F. WENTWORTH
 ex-officio, Plan. Bd.
 REGINALD J. SMITH,
 ex-officio School Bd.

Report of the Highway Department

REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE—

APPROPRIATION \$5,400.00

WEST STREET

350 ft. 12 in. Perforated Pipe
 180 yds. Gravel Borrow
 2 Man Holes F&G
 1 D.I. w/Cover
 1680 gals. MC-3 ½ in. Native Stone and Sand Cover
 450 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
 750 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
 450 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
 1000 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
 200 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

MARSHALL STREET

280 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
 30 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

HOLDEN ROAD

1670 gals. MC-3 ½ in. Native Stone and Sand Cover
 670 gals. MC-3 Stone Cover

RESERVOIR DRIVE

1120 gals. MC-3 ½ in. Native Stone and Sand Cover
 450 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

RICHARDS AVENUE

6000 ft. of Shoulders were excavated and graded
 1400 ft. of Shoulders were excavated, gravelled and
 Type I
 600 ft. of Burm was put in around Common

REPORT ON CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—

WEST STREET, APPROPRIATION \$10,000.00

Clearing and Grubbing was done from Station 80+0 to
 Station 97+50.

9,000 Yds. was Excavated between Station 80+0 and 90+0 and used for Fill between Station 90+0 and Station 97+50.

4,500 Yds. of Fill from Spaulding was hauled and graded between Station 90+0 and 97+50.

REPORT ON CHAPTER 81—

APPROPRIATION \$11,625.00

MILL STREET

580 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

SPRING STREET

1010 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

SOUTH STREET

450 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

SUOMI STREET

1480 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

LAUREL STREET

1340 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

TERRACE PLACE

200 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

HILL STREET

730 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

WALBRIDGE ROAD

360 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

CRYSTAL STREET

700 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

O'CONNOR ROAD

100 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

SILVER SPRING ROAD

560 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

GROVE STREET

3110 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

STREETER ROAD

230 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

HIGHLAND STREET

350 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

COLONY LANE

240 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

WHITNEY DRIVE

500 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

CENTER DRIVE

230 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

BIRCHWOOD ROAD

280 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

ORCHARD DRIVE

560 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

CUTLER ROAD

450 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

ASHWOOD ROAD

310 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

LARCHWOOD ROAD

280 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

FORESTDALE ROAD

230 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

TANGLEWOOD ROAD

370 gals. MC-2-3

300 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

Brush was cut on all Town Roads.

All Drainage Structures and Water Ways were cleaned.

All Town Dirt and Gravel Roads were scraped and gravel patched.

All Hard Surface Roads were cleaned and patched.

Report of the Board of Selectmen

1960-1961

When the Board of Selectmen organized for the year 1960, it welcomed a new Selectman as the third member—David W. Braithwaite. However, his association and contribution to the Town was enjoyed for only five months when Dave accepted a promotion and increased business responsibilities, causing him to relocate in Donora, Pennsylvania.

The Selectmen operated as a two man board during the summer months when there is less activity but arranged for a special election in the Fall to obtain a new member.

On October 10th, Glidden B. Pierce was elected Selectman and once again, the Board had its complement of three members. This status was abruptly shattered on December 16th when the Town lost a dear friend, Chairman of the Board, Robert F. McCauliff, in the Brooklyn airplane crash.

Despite the organizational changes which occurred during the year, the Board held regular meetings and rendered special assistance on numerous occasions. In addition to routine business, the Selectmen held meetings with other Town officials on various matters, which are listed below.

January 7

Board of Health	To discuss Salk polio vaccine program
Finance Committee	To attend discussion of school budget proposal

January 14

Planning Board	To discuss problems in development areas
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March 18

Town Clerk	To discuss office space, equipment and job requirements
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April 1

Superintendent of
Streets and Mr. H.
Reno Kennen

To make plans for beautifying the
Town Common

Town Clerk

To further discuss office equipment
and voting arrangements for April
26 Primary Election

April 14

Chief of Police, Vet-
eran's Agent and Com-
mander of Legion Post

To discuss arrangements for Me-
morial Day exercises

May 25

Planning Board, Board
of Health, Building In-
spector, Plumbing In-
spector, Superintend-
ent of Streets and Mr.
Mirick, representing
Town Counsel

To discuss drainage problems in de-
velopment area

June 30

Board of Health

To discuss possibility of hiring a
public health nurse

August 11

Board of Water Com-
missioners

To obtain report on water problem
in Cutler Road area

August 25

Board of Health, School
Committee and Fi-
nance Committee

To discuss further the matter of a
public health nurse

October 13

Board of Health

To discuss operation of Town Dump

October 27

Board of Fire Engineers

To discuss possible sites for a new
fire station

November 4

Board of Fire Engineers, Finance Committee and Planning Board To discuss purchase of land for a new fire station

November 10

School Committee To discuss request for a School Needs Study Committee

During the year, two new alcoholic beverages licenses were issued. Much time and effort was expended in becoming familiar with the statutes governing such licenses, in obtaining specific procedures to be followed by the Board and by the applicants, and in being most careful to comply with all provisions of the law.

In May, the State Legislature amended the Act establishing procedures for Town, State and National elections. Again, the Select Board spent time in studying and interpreting the law in order to be capable of taking appropriate action. Election Officers were duly appointed and oriented in their duties.

The Selectmen are always eager to render their services and to assist anyone as much as is possible within the jurisdiction of the powers granted to Select Boards. A conscientious and continuous effort is made to uphold the precepts which lead to good Town government.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE E. MILLS, Chairman
GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, Clerk

Report of the Tax Collector

1957 Personal Property

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$286.19	
Collected, 1960		\$286.19
	<hr/> \$286.19	<hr/> \$286.19

1957 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$90.65	
Abated, 1960		\$90.65
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	\$90.65	\$90.65

1958 Personal Property

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$571.20	
Collected, 1960		\$291.20
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		280.00
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	\$571.20	\$571.20

1958 Real Estate

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$1,573.52	
Collected, 1960		\$453.52
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		\$1,120.00
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	\$1,573.52	\$1,573.52

1958 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$369.99	
Collected, 1960		\$266.55
Abated, 1960		80.84
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		22.60
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	\$369.99	\$369.99

1959 Personal Property

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$199.50	
Collected, 1960		\$5.70
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		193.80
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	\$199.50	\$199.50

1959 Real Estate

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$5,406.68	
Collected		\$4,567.85
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		838.83
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	\$5,406.68	\$5,406.68

1959 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$3,936.84	
Committed, 1960	3,567.18	
Refunded, 1960	166.30	
Collected, 1960		\$6,178.35
Abated, 1960		592.11
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		899.86
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	\$7,670.32	\$7,670.32

1960 Polls

Committed, 1960	\$1,296.00	
Refunded, 1960	6.00	
Collected, 1960		\$1,214.00
Abated, 1960		84.00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		4.00
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	\$1,302.00	\$1,302.00

1960 Personal Property

Committed, 1960	\$5,429.54	
Collected, 1960		\$5,184.44
Abated, 1960		37.05
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		208.05
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	\$5,429.54	\$5,429.54

1960 Farm Animal Excise

Committed 1960	\$229.83	
Collected 1960		\$207.83
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		22.00
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	\$229.83	\$229.83

1960 Real Estate

Committed 1960	\$222,978.58	
Committed-Omitted Asses.	367.85	
Refunded 1960	513.00	
Collected 1960		\$211,779.43
Abated 1960		6,087.60
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		5,992.20
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	\$223,859.23	\$223,859.23

1960 Motor Vehicle

Committe 1960	\$40,357.96	
Refunded 1960	625.19	
Collected 1960		\$33,780.24
Abated 1960		3,220.28
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		3,982.63
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	\$40,983.15	\$40,983.15

1959 Water Liens

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1960	\$68.40	
Collected 1960		\$31.86
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		36.54
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	\$68.40	\$68.40

1960 Water Liens

Committed 1960	\$170.91	
Collected 1960		\$80.48
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1960		90.43
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	\$170.91	\$170.91

Interest Payments to Treasurer

19577	\$22.05	
1958	69.19	
1959	72.21	
1960	25.60	
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Total		\$189.05

Poll Demands to Treasurer

1960	\$12.60
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Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Town Collector

Report of the Tree Warden

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1960.

Appropriations	\$650.00
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Expenditures:

Trimming and Removing Trees	\$650.00
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Respectfully submitted,

GORDON M. RICHARDS,
Tree Warden

Report of the Moth Superintendent

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1960.

Appropriations:

Moth	\$200.00
Dutch Elm	800.00

\$1,000.00

Expenditures:

Moth	\$200.00
Sampling, removing diseased Elms trimming and disposal	800.00

\$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON M. RICHARDS,
Dutch Elm and Moth Supt.

Report of the Town Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1960	\$111,035.88	
Receipts—1960	589,136.85	\$700,172.73
		\$700,172.73
Payments—1960	585,891.75	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1960	114,280.98	
		\$700,172.73

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$8,000.00	
New School	340,000.00	
		\$348,000.00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1961

Water Bonds	Prin.	Int.
Due Feb. 1, 1961	\$2,000.00	\$160.00
Due Aug. 1, 1961		120.00
New School		
Due Apr. 1, 1961		\$5,440.00
Due Oct. 1, 1961	25,000.00	5,440.00
Totals	\$27,000.00	\$11,160.00

TRUST FUNDS

	Dog Fund		
	1960	Prin.	Int.
Lib. Tr. Funds	\$365.42	\$24,540.95	\$1,095.50
Cem. Tr. Funds		26,530.00	867.07
D. Russell Boynton Fund		1,000.00	48.28
E. D. Bigelow Sch. Fund		1,000.00	35.00
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund		1,000.00	44.94
		\$54,070.95	\$2,090.79

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Treasurer

C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	1960 Int.	Acct. Int.
People's Sav. Bank	\$2,700.00	\$111.28	\$564.02
Worc. 5c Sav. Bank	1,748.00	75.46	390.65
Worc. Cty. Inst. for Sa.v	1,600.00	69.12	359.15
Worc. Mech. Sav.	1,600.00	71.03	483.05
Totals	\$7,648.00	\$326.89	\$1,796.87

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MCCABEE,
Trustee**Report of the Town Accountant**

RECEIPTS—1960

General Revenue:

Taxes:

Levy of 1960

Polls	\$1,214.00
Personal	5,184.44
Real Estate	211,779.43

 \$218,177.87

Levy of 1959

Personal	5.70
Real Estate	4,562.15

 4,567.85

Levy of 1958

Personal	291.20
Real Estate	459.22

 750.42

Levy of 1957

Personal	286.19
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 286.19

From State:

Income Taxes	37,197.54	
Corporation Taxes Business	6,240.49	
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Licenses:

Liquor	3,230.00	
Permits	122.00	
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Grants and Gifts—State

School Transportation	18,193.20	
Vocational	128.85	
Old Age Meal Taxes	371.78	
School Construction	12,378.12	
School Superintendent	359.59	
	<hr/>	31,431.54

Grants—Federal

Old Age Assist.	5,140.82	
Old Age Admin.	932.27	
Disability Assist.	511.13	
Disability Admin.	82.26	
Temporary Aid	21.65	
	<hr/>	6,688.13

From County:

Dog Fund	365.42	
Dogs Destroyed	192.00	
		557.42

Total—General Revenue

\$309,249.45

Special Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy 1960	\$33,780.24	
Levy 1959	6,178.35	
Levy 1958	266.55	
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Farm Animal Excise:

Levy 1960

\$207.83

\$207.83

Total—Special Assessments

\$40,432.97

Commercial Revenue:

General Government:

Collectors—Demands \$12.60

Town Clerk—Dog Licenses 513.50

Town Hall—Rent 70.00

Illig Place—Rents 525.00

Police—Licenses and Bicycle Reg. 120.45

Civil Defense 8.25

Sealers—Fees 21.95

Court Fines 70.00

Selectmen—Building permits 346.00

Board of Appeals Hearings 145.00

Planning Board 30.00

Dutch Elm 77.40

\$1,940.15

Health:

Permits \$7.00

Inspection of Animals 25.00

Tuberculosis Hospital 598.44

Polio 256.30

Nurse 39.30

\$926.04

Highways:

State:

Chapter 81 \$8,130.10

Chapter 90 Construction 4,999.86

Snow 316.50

\$13,446.46

County:

Chapter 90 Construction \$2,499.93

\$2,499.93

Tractor Rentals	\$3,240.70	
Garage Rentals	300.00	
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		\$3,540.70
Public Assistance:		
State:		
Old Age Assistance	\$4,520.12	
Disability Assistance	47.69	
Veterans Services	1,309.78	
Old Age Assistance—Worcester	940.23	
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		\$6,817.82
Schools:		
Tuition—Blind child	\$775.00	
Rent of Hall	10.00	
Custodian Services	5.25	
Chapter 644	174.69	
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		\$964.94
School Lunch:		
Lunches	\$12,943.28	
Federal	4,362.68	
Rent—Equipment	8.44	
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		\$17,314.40
Library:		
Fines	\$247.05	
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		\$247.05
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Total—Commercial Revenue		\$47,697.49
Public Services:		
Elec. Light Dept:		
Rates	\$101,389.58	
Meter Guarantee	70.00	
Interest—Meter Fund	9.99	
Interest—Depreciation Fund	271.51	
Construction	500.00	
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		\$102,241.08

Water Department:

Rates	\$15,987.80
Liens	112.34
Installations	1,218.96

 \$17,319.10
Cemeteries:

Perpetual Care	\$1,075.00
Opening Graves	405.00
Care of Lots	80.00

 \$1,560.00
Total—Public Services

\$121,120.18

Interests:

On Taxes	\$189.05
On School Funds	35.00
On Library Funds	1,095.50
On Cemetery Perpetual Care	867.07

 \$2,186.62
Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$40,000.00
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 \$40,000.00
Total—Interest—Indebtedness

\$42,186.62

Agencies:

Withholding Taxes	\$19,706.45
Retirement Funds	3,327.85
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,123.22
Group Insurance	645.92
State Taxes	1,570.33

Total—Agencies

 \$27,373.77
Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$45.20
Schools—Insurance—etc.	442.92
Electric Light Insurance	332.64
Tree Dept. check	81.15
Old Age Check	34.60
Selectmen	5.00

Police	15.15	
Registrars	4.00	
Library	101.71	
Dog License Fees	14.00	
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		\$1,076.37
TOTAL—RECEIPTS		<hr/>
		\$589,136.85

PAYMENTS—1960

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator:

Salary	\$35.00	
Expenses—Dues—Travel	16.00	
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		\$51.00

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$900.00	
Clerical	250.00	
Printing—Postage	67.76	
Travel	108.25	
Dues	27.00	
Town Boundries	43.00	
Seminar	30.00	
Others	29.39	
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		\$1,455.40

Town Accountant:

Salary	\$500.00	
Supplies	17.24	
Postage	1.00	
Clerical	6.50	
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		\$524.74

Treasurer:

Salary	\$1,000.00	
Supplies—Postage	152.49	
Travel	66.56	
Meetings	6.00	

Dues	4.00
Safety Box	7.00
Repairs to Checkwriter	7.75

\$1,243.80

Collector:

Salary	\$1,000.00
Printing—Postage	181.45
Dues	4.00
Travel	18.00
Assistant	7.05
Typing	14.50

\$1,225.00

Assessors:

Salaries	\$900.00
Abstract	137.74
Printing—Postage	603.16
Travel	39.00
Clerical	350.00
Reports	229.60
Dues	9.00
Meetings	9.00
File and Supplies	52.50

\$2,330.00

Finance Committee:

Clerical	\$100.00
Dues	10.00
Postage	3.50
Printing	8.75

\$122.25

Legal:

Town Counsel	\$1,500.00
Extras	471.10

\$1,971.10

Town Clerk:

Salaries	\$200.00
Recording Statistics	41.00
Printing—Postage	116.24

Dues	11.50	
Mooring Safe	30.00	
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		\$398.30
Registrations:		
Salaries	\$100.00	
Street Listing	92.30	
Voting Lists	132.00	
Postage	4.00	
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		\$328.30
Elections:		
Tellers	\$707.85	
Ballots	94.74	
Amplifier	80.00	
Rent	20.00	
Others	19.31	
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		\$921.90
Board of Appeals:		
Printing	\$4.00	
Clerical	36.00	
Advertising	76.69	
Postage and Notices	8.62	
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		\$125.31
Planning Board:		
Dues	\$20.00	
Subscription	4.00	
Clerical	120.00	
Travel	60.00	
Printing and Micro-films	567.70	
Supplies and Typewriter	156.10	
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		\$927.80
Record Building:		
Shades	\$9.58	
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		\$9.58
Town Hall:		
Janitor	\$1,144.00	
Tel.	247.79	

Fuel	654.29
Lights	121.41
Janitor Supplies	71.73
Repairs	80.73
Water	20.00
Painting Offices	110.00
Fire Extinguishers	153.00
Furnishing Offices—Selectmen	170.00
Town Clerk	455.00
Plan. Bd.	415.45

\$3,643.40

Town Offices:

Furnishing	\$327.57
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\$327.57

Total—General Government

\$15,605.89

Protection—Persons and Property:

Police Department:

Patorlling	\$3,437.74
Rent	140.00
Cruiser—Maint.	496.12
Uniforms	146.75
Office Supplies	175.76
Radio Checkup	125.14
Telephone	255.05
Dues	10.00

\$4,786.56

School Traffic:

Employees	\$970.03
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\$970.03

School Traffic Lights:

Replacements	\$42.95
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\$42.95

Fire Dept.:

Engineers Salaries	\$600.00
Alarm	305.15

Siren	24.00	
Maintenance	997.97	
Gas and Oil	114.96	
Rents	564.00	
Insurance	228.83	
Dues	5.00	
Express	4.65	
Labor—Map	65.40	
Subscription	34.50	
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New Ladder	\$391.14	\$2,944.46
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		\$391.14
Tree Warden:		
Moth Dept.		
Labor	\$200.00	
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		\$200.00
Dutch Elm		
Labor	\$800.00	
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		\$800.00
Trees		
Labor and Removal	\$650.00	
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		\$650.00
Sealer:		
Salary	\$50.00	
Die	1.50	
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		\$51.50
Inspection:		
Buildings Sal	\$350.00	
Printing	27.75	
Building Code	3.75	
File	50.00	
Travel	218.50	
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		\$650.00

Dog Officer:		
Dogs Investigated	\$275.60	
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Civil Defense:		
Printing	\$103.91	
Travel	87.20	
Supplies	41.87	
Check—Equipment	31.84	
Radio Installation	198.90	
	<hr/>	\$463.72
Total Protection		<hr/> \$12,225.96
Health and Sanitation:		
Health:		
Salaries	\$150.00	
Clerical	67.00	
Tuberculosis	269.50	
Dump	1,020.00	
Postage	39.93	
Nurse	196.87	
Polio	193.22	
Badge	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,939.52
Inspector of Animals		
Salary	\$50.00	
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Inspector of Meat		
Salary	\$5.00	
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Collection of Garbage:		
Contract	\$3,129.96	
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Total—Health and Sanitation		\$5,124.48

Highways:

Chap. 81

Labor	\$5,085.20
Trucks	3,322.32
Materials	3,217.26

 \$11,624.78

Chap. 90 Maint.

Labor	\$1,763.46
Trucks	1,536.65
Materials	2,099.41

 \$5,399.52

Chap. 90 Const.

Labor	\$3,956.14
Trucks	5,661.50
Materials	150.00

 \$9,767.64

Chap. 718

Materials	\$12.37
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 \$12.37

Snow Removal

Labor	\$6,724.45
Trucks	4,370.86
Sand and Salt	404.63

 \$11,499.94

Municipal Garage

Fuel	\$427.27
Lights	104.65
Telephone	125.90
Supplies	91.35
Repairs	95.76

 \$844.93

Tractor Equipment

Traffic Lights	\$32.70
Repairs	817.11
Supplies	607.92

Tools	14.61	
Gas and Oil	923.37	
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		\$2,395.71
Vacation and Sick Leave		
Employees	\$1,142.40	
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		\$1,142.40
Grader		
New Motor	\$1,650.00	
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		\$1,650.00
New Truck		
Purchase	\$7,194.86	
Maintenance	635.86	
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		\$7,830.72
Surfacing Streets	\$1,999.46	
Maintenance	249.63	
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		\$2,249.09
Street Lights:		
Current	\$2,297.25	
School Traffic:		
Current	31.49	
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		\$2,328.74
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Total—Highways		\$56,745.84
Public Assistance:		
Public Welfare:		
Salaries	\$150.00	
Expenses	130.78	
Civil Service Employee	492.29	
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		\$773.07
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash Grants	\$10,389.81	
Admin.	354.20	
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		\$10,744.01

Medical Aid for Aged:
Cash Grants

\$910.28

\$910.28

Aid—Dep. Children:
Admin.

\$21.80

\$21.80

Disability Assistance:

Cash Grants

\$654.70

Admin.

34.33

\$689.03

Veterans Services:

Agent—Salary

\$150.00

Expense

60.01

Aid

3,418.34

\$3,628.35

Total—Public Assistance

\$16,766.54

Schools:

Committee—Salaries

\$375.00

Clerk

45.00

Supt. Salary

1,458.19

Clerks

1,111.74

Truant Officer

6.30

Census

80.90

Office Expense

1,145.59

Teachers—Salaries

80,500.21

Coaching

215.00

Books

2,752.99

Supplies

3,515.86

Library

436.55

Tuition—Special

540.63

Transportation

21,104.60

Janitor's Services

6,672.65

Fuel and Light

5,340.24

Maintenance of Building

3,177.11

New Equipment

1,341.22

Rent of Office

168.00

Graduation

33.80

Title III Misc.	502.54
Insurance	104.56
Health—Physician	200.00
Nurse	1,695.96
Supplies	165.65
Chap. 644	174.69

\$132,864.98

School:

Acoustics	\$1,000.00
Boiler—Conversion	4,350.00
Insurance—Repairs	260.75
Home Economic Room	489.43

\$6,100.18

School Cafeteria:

Payroll	\$6,540.89
Foods	10,222.97
Supplies	429.08
Express	118.41

\$17,311.35

Wachusett Regional High:

Assessment	\$58,074.85
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\$58,074.85

Library:

Librarian	\$1,200.00
Assistant	512.12
Janitor	560.00
Books	1,330.06
Periodicals	118.92
Fuel	275.92
Lights	52.34
Repairs	395.10
Furnishings	345.25
Care of Grounds	18.00
Janitor's Supplies	28.56
Water	20.00
Librarian Supplies	137.82
Express	1.82
Clerk	50.00

Library School	175.00	
Cash	40.00	
Others	22.80	
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		\$5,283.71
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Total—School and Library		\$219,635.07
Recreation:		
Common:		
Labor	\$421.48	
Truck	31.40	
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		\$452.88
Playground:		
Labor and Trucks	\$2,240.48	
Materials	1,137.11	
Lights	47.99	
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		\$3,425.58
Fourth of July:		
Prizes	\$135.00	
Band	150.00	
Bugle Corps	125.00	
Ponies	45.00	
Supplies	144.65	
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		\$599.65
Unclassified:		
Damages to Property	\$2,750.00	
Memorial Day	221.70	
Care of Town Clock	60.00	
Repairs	10.35	
Printing Reports	750.00	
Insurance	6,977.07	
Officers Bond	528.28	
Illig Place Maint.	293.21	
Illig Place Razing	519.00	
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		\$12,109.61
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Total—Recreation and Unclassified		\$16,587.72

Public Services:

Water Dept.:

Comimssioners	\$225.00
Superintendent	1,200.00
Clerk	200.00
Printing and Postage	158.25
Addressing	12.40
Survey—Legal	1,461.06
Labor	3,254.92
Trucks	459.00
Pipe and Fittings	1,787.08
Maintenance	996.78
Chlorine	86.40
Fuel and Lights	1,154.11

 \$10,995.00

Water Dept.:

Survey Expense	\$1,815.70
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 \$1,815.70

Water Dept.:

Extension—Suomi St.:

Labor	\$3,994.79
Trucks	19.50
Pipe and Fitting	412.75
Cold Patch	22.83

 \$4,449.87

Hydrants:

Purchased	\$1,500.00
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 \$1,500.00

Electric Light Dept.:

Commissioner	\$225.00
Manager	600.00
Clerical	575.25
Postage and Supplies	215.21
Printing	240.97
Travel	222.31
Telephone	57.68
Meter Deposit	67.40
Town—Refund on Loans	500.00

Dues	25.00
Subscription	12.00
Employees	17,570.56
Current	64,643.14
Tools	59.97
Street Lamps	34.51
Sub-Station	94.39
Meters-Transformers	2,578.88
Materials	6,321.11
Trucks—Maint.	730.08
Insurance	480.88
Gas and Oil	318.98
Express	17.21
Garage Rent	300.00
Compressor	59.50
Testing	101.30
Others	35.10

\$96,026.93

Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$156.00
Labor	817.03
Trucks	58.25
Tar	48.73
Gas	11.25
Clerical	80.00
Repairs to Equipment	46.73

\$1,217.99

Total—Public Services

\$116,005.49

Interest:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$386.66
School Bonds	11,680.00
Water Bonds	360.00

\$12,426.66

Certification of Notes

\$8.00

\$8.00

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$40,000.00	
School Bonds	25,000.00	
Water Bonds	2,000.00	
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Total—Interest and Indebtedness		\$79,434.66
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Agencies:

State Parks	\$787.79	
Auditing	516.16	
County Tax	5,732.71	
Tubercular Hospital	5,381.73	
Pension—Town Employees	2,732.69	
Withholding Taxes	19,706.45	
Retirement Funds	3,327.85	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,951.20	
Group Insurance	1,161.84	
County-Dog Licenses	527.50	
State Tax	1,544.63	
	<hr/>	\$45,370.55

Trust an dInvested Fund:

Cemetery Perpetual Care:		
Lots Sold	1,075.00	
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Total—Agencies—Trust Fund		\$46,445.55
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Refunds:

Taxes:

Polls	\$6.00	
Real Estate	513.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	791.49	
Insurance	5.06	
Building Permit	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,320.55

Total—Refunds		\$1,320.55
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Total Payments		\$585,891.75
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SUMMARY

RECEIPTS—1960

General Revenue	\$309,249.45
Special Assessments	40,432.97
Commercial Revenue:	
General Government	47,697.49
Public Service	121,120.18
Interest and Indebtedness	42,186.62
Agencies	27,373.77
Refunds	1,076.37

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$589,136.85
Cash Bal. Jan. 1, 1960	\$111,035.88
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	\$700,172.73

PAYMENTS

General Revenue	\$15,605.89
Protection	12,225.96
Health—Sanitation	5,124.48
Highways	56,745.84
Public Assistance	16,766.54
Schools and Library	219,635.07
Public Services	116,005.49
Recreation and Unclassified	16,581.72
Interest and Indebtedness	79,434.66
Agencies—Trust Funds	46,445.55
Refunds	1,320.55

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$585,891.75
Cash Bal. Dec. 31, 1960	\$114,280.98
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	\$700,172.73

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Town Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1960

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Highway Machinery Rentals	\$3,493.02
General	\$114,280.98	Electric Light:	
Accounts Receivable:		Depreciation	1,012.24
Taxes:		Meter Guarantee	305.29
Levy of 1960		Maintenance	15,538.56
Polls	4.00	Construction	3,324.15
Personal	208.05	Cemeteries:	
Real Estate	6,163.11	Account Receivable	388.00
Levy of 1959		Illig Place	
Personal	193.80	Rentals	714.56
Real Estate	844.53	Maintenance	106.79
Levy of 1958		Razing	381.00
Personal	280.00	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	59.27
Real Estate	1,114.30	Group Insurance	53.22
Farm Animal Excise		State Tax—Withheld	25.70
Levy of 1960	22.00	Revenues:	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Farm Animal Excise	22.00
Levy of 1960	3,902.33	Motor Vehicle Excise	5,162.38
Levy of 1959	1,192.25	Excess Sale of Land—Low Value	73.75
Levy of 1958	22.60	Tax Title Possessions	355.02
Tax Title Possessions	355.02	Aid to Highways	5,003.85

State		Electric Light	4,547.01
Highways Ch. 81	1,403.85	Water Dept.	760.41
Highways Ch. 90 Maint.	1,800.00	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,256.02
County Ch. 90 Maint.	1,800.00	Overlay 1960	2,662.82
State		1959	2,553.47
Old Age Assist. Acct. Rec.	.03	1958	2,144.772
Veteran Service	227.04	1957	286.19
Revenue Dept.	160.93	Loans Authorized—unissued	82,000.00
Electric Light Rates	4,547.01	Income & Appro. Accts. Res.	1,934.85
Water Department Rates	375.19	Federal Grants:	
Water Liens	126.97	O. A. Adm.	917.15
State Parks 1960 Underestim.	169.69	O. A. Aid	5,234.24
County Taxes 1960 Underest.	22.42	Aid Dep. Child. Adm.	7.41
Loans Authorized	82,000.00	Aid	325.95
		Dis. Asst. Adm.	155.27
		Aid	738.64
		School Cafeteria	22.56
		School Projects	221.74
		Library Income	217.65
		Water—Extensions	50.13
		Cemetery Income	739.33
		Surplus Revenue	77,421.74
TOTAL ASSETS	\$221,216.10	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$221,216.10

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$348,000.00	School Construction:	
		Inside Debt Limit	\$60,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit	280,000.00
		Water System	
		Outside Debt Limit	8,000.00
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	\$348,000.00		\$348,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Invested Funds:		In Custody of Treas.:	
		D. R. Boynton Charity	\$1,320.28
		E. D. Bigelow School	1,000.00
		Geo. E. Bigelow Library	500.00
		Richards Mem. iLibrary	1,668.87
		E. D. Bigelow Library	22,372.08
		E. D. Bigelow Village Imp.	1,267.90
		Dr. A. J. Howe	141.38
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	26,573.84
		Post War Rehabilitation	989.96
In custody of Treas.	\$55,834.31	In Custody of Trustee:	
In custody of Trustee	9,117.98	Charles D. Boynton Fund	9,117.98
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	\$64,952.29		\$64,952.29

Wachusett Regional School District

Treasurer's Report

A LOOK AHEAD

In the calendar year 1961 the Wachusett Regional School District will operate with a budget just short of one million dollars and with the projected growth in pupils and programs it seems certain that for calendar year 1962 the cost will exceed this figure by a substantial margin. In preparing the budget for 1961 the committee studied all proposals and was nearly "snowed" under with an avalanche of papers. While there were few cuts from the amounts recommended by the administration, the 1961 budget preparation certainly was attended by more private citizens than ever before. Every effort was made by the committee to see that leaders in the participating towns had the opportunity to be informed on what the committee appropriated. A serious cooperative effort by the administration and the committee looking toward the preparation of the 1962 budget promises further refinements.

The 1961 budget at \$945,340 is up \$206,177 or 27.9% over the 1960 budget. This increase is accounted for by an increase of \$95,762 or 17.3% in operating costs and \$110,415 or 50.2% increase in debt service. It is estimated that the school's population will be up between 8 and 10%.

As is usual, the largest share of the operating budget, \$504,500 or 77.8% is required for salaries. While this is an increase of 12.4% over the 1960 salary costs, 1960 salaries represented 81.3% of the total operating budget.

Originally, the amount assessed the member towns for the 1961 budget was \$774,355.58. After the books were closed for the year, the committee acted to transfer \$15,000 from Surplus to reduce operating costs assessments, and \$25,000 anticipated reimbursement for planning expenses to reduce debt service on the addition presently being constructed. An additional \$26,000 of this reimbursement will be invested in government securities and used to reduce the

1962 debt service assessment. Thus, the actual assessment to the member towns for the 1961 budget stands at \$734,355.58. We believe every effort will be made to operate the school as economically as possible keeping in mind our objective of a sound education for our teenagers.

WHAT HAPPENED

The remainder of this report deals with what happened in 1960 and follows the format of the previous report. It is our sincere desire to give the citizens of each town as much data as possible so that they may judge for themselves if the District is fulfilling the objective set out for it some ten years ago.

I. INCOME STATEMENT

There follows the actual receipts and expenditures for the past three years and those estimated for 1961:

RECEIPTS

Item	ACTUAL		ESTIMATED	
	1958	1959	1960	1961
Opening cash bal.	\$39,393.97	\$49,677.39	\$35,585.11	-----
Assessed towns	508,322.50	533,768.58	621,118.58	\$734,355.58
Tuitions	11,707.19	12,115.85	9,325.20	12,305.00
State reimb.	83,528.04	80,653.92	80,493.92	160,493.92
Fed. Grants	6,668.50	6,162.91	17,300.54	14,217.00
Misc. and rentals	2,181.45	2,160.15	*10,974.89	1,900.00
Cafeteria	48,386.30	50,069.38	54,849.43	----- (1)
Athletic Fund	3,608.10	4,524.70	3,428.78	----- (2, 3)
Adult Educ. fees	3,458.25	3,412.80	3,467.82	3,100.00
Sum. Sch. fees	-----	-----	2,300.00	4,000.00
Amts. withheld	-----	1,314.52	532.00	-----
Sale of bonds	-----	-----	1,000,600.00	-----
Matur. Gov't. bills	-----	-----	1,200,000.00	-----
Trans. Surplus	-----	-----	----- (4)	15,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$707,254.30	\$743,860.20	\$3,039,976.27	\$945,371.50

* Includes large insurance settlement on damage to boiler.

(1) To date no tax money has been used in cafeteria program.

(2, 3) In 1959 and 1960, \$1,000 was transferred to operating funds, thus reducing assessments.

(4) In 1960, \$10,000 was transferred to operating funds.

EXPENDITURES

Item	ACTUAL		ESTIMATED	
	1958	1959	1960	1961
General Control	\$8,178.36	\$11,346.58	\$13,572.20	\$15,242.00
Exp. of Instruct.	321,049.61	366,656.07	420,543.97	486,976.00
Oper. of Plant	56,979.87	53,019.26	54,367.03	65,320.00
Maintenance	9,507.11	18,891.81	11,300.28	10,600.00
Outlay	12,742.75	9,313.75	10,330.25	29,600.00
Aux. Agencies	22,284.84	22,366.38	26,757.93	40,591.00
Cafeteria	47,502.62	52,841.83	53,704.08	(1)
Athletic Fund	3,437.60	4,376.91	4,592.51	(2)
Adult Education	3,596.65	(3)	*96.00	(3)
Debt and Interest	172,297.50	169,462.50	184,127.50	297,042.50
Gov't. bills purch.	-----	-----	1,926,429.36	-----
New Bldg. Expenses	-----	-----	139,546.00	-----
Total Expended	\$657,576.91	\$708,275.09	\$2,845,367.11	\$945,371.50
Cash at close	49,677.39	35,585.11	(4) 194,609.16	-----
	\$707,254.30	\$743,860.20	\$3,039,976.27	\$945,371.50

* Refunds of fees, (1) and (2) See note under Receipts, (3) Charges now allocated regular accounts. (4) Oper. Cash \$59,948.63; Construction Fund Cash \$134,660.53.

II. BALANCE SHEET

There follows the balance sheets for the past three years, showing the financial condition of the District as of the year-end. Particular attention is called to the figure of \$14,181, "Profit from Government Bills". This amount has been realized to date by the District by the investment of the largest allowable portion of the unused bond issue for the new addition. This figure will be increased during 1961.

ASSETS

Item	12/31/58	12/31/59	12/31/60
Cash	\$49,677.39	\$35,585.11	\$194,609.16
Accts. Receivable:			
Holden	279,218.16	328,971.28	392,296.10
Paxton	51,766.59	58,074.85	64,357.58
Princeton	47,594.54	57,534.77	58,632.12
Rutland	70,270.79	78,877.28	94,943.34
Sterling	84,918.50	97,840.40	124,126.44
Tuition	30.00	361.02	5,254.76
Gov't. bills at cost	-----	-----	740,610.57
Misc. Rec.	-----	-----	1,221.57
Total	<u>\$583,475.97</u>	<u>\$657,064.71</u>	<u>\$1,676,051.54</u>

LIABILITIES

Item	12/31/58	12/31/59	12/31/60
Revolving Funds:			
Cafeteria	\$4,653.29	\$1,880.84	\$2,090.11
Athletic Fund	3,266.28	2,164.07	936.46
Federal Grants	2,274.88	3,745.00	-----
Revenue Reserved until Collected:			
Town Assess.	533,798.58	621,118.58	734,355.58
Departmental	-----	361.02	5,254.76
Tailing Account	22.17	22.17	22.17
Appropriation Bal.	-----	-----	-----
Non-revenue	-----	-----	-----

School Construct.	35.89	35.89	860,489.89
Witheld Amounts	-----	1,314.52	1,800.41
Int. on Bond Trans.	-----	-----	14,181.11
Premium on Bonds	-----	-----	600.00
*Surplus	39,424.88	26,422.62	56,321.09
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	\$583,475.97	\$657,064.71	\$1,676,051.54

*Surplus Account contained \$15,000 which was to be transferred as of 1/1/61 to operating and \$9,092.74 government grants which had been estimated as 1961 receipts.

III. BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

(As of December 31, 1960)

Net Funded Debt	\$2,605,000.00
Bonds dated 6/1/51 at 2.20%	
Payable \$5,000 yearly through 1971	55,000.00
Bonds dated 6/1/52 at 1.90%	
Payable \$75,000 yearly through 1972	900,000.00
Bonds dated 2/15/53 at 2.60%	
Payable \$50,000 yearly through 1973	650,000.00
Bonds dated 2/15/60 at 3.50%	
Payable \$100,000 yearly through 1971	1,000,000.00

IV. GROWTH OF DISTRICT

Pupils and Costs

The purpose of this section of the report is to give some measure of how the District costs and enrollment have grown and how the growth occurred by towns.

The first portion of the following tabulation shows that in four years the number of students increased by 18%. The second portion shows that during the same period the cost to the towns for their assessments increased 21.8%, including the cost of servicing the additional capital debt. These figures should not be used for any other measurement than that of assessment per pupil.

Number of Pupils

(As of October 1)

Town	1957	1958	1959	1960	Change from '57-'60	
					No.	%
District	969	1,047	1,095	1,145	176	18.2
Holden	535	563	594	624	89	16.6
Paxton	92	103	103	100	8	8.7
Princeton	88	89	98	87	—1	—1.1
Rutland	117	134	135	145	28	23.8
Sterling	137	158	165	189	52	38.0

Assessment Per Pupil

(Per Fiscal Year)

Town	1958	1959	1960	1961	Changes from '58-'61	
					No.	%
District	\$525	\$510	\$568	\$639	\$114	21.8
Holden	508	498	554	629	121	23.8
Paxton	520	503	564	643	123	23.9
Princeton	544	535	585	674	130	23.9
Rutland	547	524	584	654	107	19.6
Sterling	562	538	587	659	97	17.3

WILLIAM F. LIONETT,
District Treasurer

Report of the Water Commissioners

Outstanding, Jan. 1	1959	1960
Metered Water	\$298.91	\$250.68
Installations	10.48	270.24
Committed—		
Metered Water	\$14,544.90	\$15,557.17
Installations	2,171.48	1,691.91
Over-payment	.98	7.15
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	\$17,026.75	\$17,777.15

Collected—		
Metered Water	\$14,419.48	\$15,382.59
Installations	1,911.72	1,823.17
Abated—		
Metered Water	14.91	12.16
Over-payment—		
Metered Water	25.94	.98
Installations	.30	
Outstanding, Dec. 31		
Metered Water	250.68	241.21
Installations	270.24	146.13
Transferred to Water Lien Account	133.48	170.91
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	\$17,026.75	\$17,777.15

There were 28 new connections completed in 1960, bringing the total full paid installations to 584.

There were 2 hydrants installed:

- 1 on Suomi Street
- 1 on Forestdale Road

Water Extension added to the Town system this year were: 110 feet of 8" pipe on West Street and 1000 feet of 6" pipe on Suomi Street.

On the 16th September 1960 the land taking orders were served, and the Paxton Water Department became the owners of the land immediately surrounding Asnebumskit Pond. The land takings affected 11 owners and the Worcester Natural History Society and some 13 parcels of land. Up to date of this report, no settlements have been made.

During the year, a thorough survey of the entire water system was made by Municipal Services Inc. This survey includes the location of all gate valves and curb stops by means of both written description and charts.

Considerable time has been spent studying ways and means of improving the condition of water in certain water lines.

Regular maintenance and replacement of equipment has been carried out and the physical condition of the Department is excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING H. WASHBURN,
M.D., Chairman
NORMAN H. OSGOOD, Clerk
HAROLD A. MARTIN
Board of Water Commissioners

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN of PAXTON
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1960

Whitney Press, Paxton, Mass.

Report of the School Committee

The work of the school department involves the education and training of approximately 378 pupils, and the expenditure of a large percentage of the total amounts of money raised in Paxton by local taxation.

The school committee feels a very deep sense of responsibility in the discharge of its share of the duties required to successfully carry out such a program.

Our projected enrollment for 1961-1965 is based on the existing classes and the pre-school census. This shows that our enrollment is going to increase to over 400 in 1965. This does not take into consideration "move-ins", etc. Also, the pre-school census shows less people in Grade I in 1961-1962. We have found that the pre-school census may show only 46 to enter Grade I, but generally there is an additional 10 or more over and above the census. Grade I, in 1960, had 69 pupils. Using this as an indication it would appear that we are going to need three first grades. Actually the present first grade of 69 pupils is definitely not good. This could be split to three first grades of 23 pupils each.

Applying a 3% growth factor to our present enrollment we would have 388 pupils in 1961-1962, 400 in 1962-1963, 412 in 1963-1964, and 424 in 1964-1965. Using our past growth as an indicator, it would appear that a 3% growth is quite conservative. There was a 10% growth in the years 1959-1960 and 1960-1961.

To make provisions for this expanded enrollment the selectmen have appointed a "School Needs Study Group" consisting of the school committee and four members-at-large for the purpose of determining the proper course to pursue in providing additional classroom space for our elementary school. The school committee hopes that each voter will carefully study the following pages comprising the report of the department. A more intelligent voting of funds is greatly aided by a complete understanding of the financial report, and continued progress in instruction will be made

easier if each voter will take a more active part in the educational activities of the town.

The school committee has given considerable thought to the proposal of providing a special class for special education pupils. At the present time they are being transported to Holden where they attend the Dawson School on a tuition basis. This question arises as to how long Holden will be able to accommodate these pupils from the surrounding towns.

The town is very fortunate in having an excellent principal and a fine staff of sixteen teachers who display keen interest and hard work in giving the very best possible instruction.

The school committee meets once a month at 7:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the last Thursday of the month and welcomes all those interested in discussing school department problems. Other meetings are held when necessary.

In conclusion, the school committee wishes to thank the people of the town, our teachers, principal and superintendent for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past year and to express the hope for continued support in the next few difficult years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

REGINALD J. SMITH
ROBERT J. HALL, Secretary
CHARLES C. CRAIG, Chairman
Paxton School Committee

School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles C. Craig, Chairman	Term Expires 1961
Robert J. Hall, Secretary	Term Expires 1962
Reginald J. Smith	Term Expires 1963

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. Charles L. Bowlby	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant to the Superintendent
Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Secretary, School Union 24
Mrs. Thelma K. Coffin	Secretary, School Union 24
Mrs. Hazel A. Pillsbury	Secretary, School Union 24

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Charles F. McManus	Principal
Mrs. Nancy E. Gajary	Grade VII & VIII
Richard M. Lane	Grade VII & VIII
Miss Carol A. Proietti	Grade VII & VIII
Charles P. Ricardi	Grade VII & VIII
Mrs. Joy S. Morey	Grade VI
Mrs. Florence G. Morrissey	Grade VI
Mrs. Eleanor E. Brockway	Grade V
Mrs. Stina B. Long	Grade V
Miss Janice S. Klem	Grade IV
Mrs. Lydia B. Smith	Grade IV
Mrs. Eleanor K. Groden	Grade III
Miss Marianna C. Romano	Grade III
Miss Christine A. Romano	Grade II
Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan	Grade II
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	Grade I
Mrs. Jean D. Fryburg	Grade I
Miss Edythe V. Mansfield	Household Arts
Robert G. Lister, Jr.	Industrial Arts

SUPERVISORS

Miss Ruth Innes	Music
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
George N. Morris	Art
Miss Charlotte L. Crout	Art
Channing H. Washburn	School Physician
Mrs. Gladys Berg	School Nurse
Howard K. Cresswell	Head Custodian
Mrs. Mildred Warpula	Custodian
Augustus W. Oatley, Chief of Police	Attendance Officer
Mrs. Dorothy Cooper	Cafeteria Manager
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1960-1961

1st Quarter	Sept. 1, 1960—Nov. 3, 1960
2nd Quarter	Nov. 7, 1960—Jan. 20, 1961
3rd Quarter	Jan. 23, 1961—March 31, 1961
4th Quarter	April 3, 1961—June 23, 1961

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October 12, 1960—Columbus Day
Nov. 4, 1960—Teachers' Convention
Nov. 11, 1960—Veterans' Day
Nov. 23, 1960—Close at 12:30
Nov. 24, 25, 1961—Thanksgiving Recess
March 31, 1961—Good Friday
May 30, 1961—Memorial Day

SCHOOL VACATIONS

Dec. 26, 1960 to Jan. 3, 1961
Feb. 20, 1961 to Feb. 27, 1961
April 17, 1961 to April 24, 1961

ENROLLMENT

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Elem.	129	134	159	192	211	240
High School	-----	-----	-----	39	54	62
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	
Elem.	275	293	322	331	369	
High School	78	93	102	103	100	

GRADE ENROLL.—PAXTON ELEM. SCHOOL

September, 1960

	70	46	50	41	36	44	38	44
Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII

GRADE ENROLL.—WACHUSETT REG. HIGH SCHOOL

	24	30	22	24
Grades	IX	X	XI	XII

WORCESTER BOYS TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

James Groleau

CENSUS—October, 1960*

Age	Pre-School	Elementary	High School
Less than 1 yr.	28		
1	61		
2	54		
3	60		
4	59		
5	45	11	
6		62	
7		44	
8		52	
9		41	
10		37	
11		45	
12		34	
13		38	6
14		5	27
15		1	22

* Birth to 16 yrs. of age.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Paxton's school population has not yet placed the community under the pressure for additional school facilities being experienced in all other towns in the union. If the increase in pupils is scattered throughout the grades, additional facilities are not immediately needed. However, if the growth is concentrated so that additional sections of a grade will be needed, Paxton will face the need for expanded school facilities.

In view of recent advances in education and demands made upon the Junior High School grades, it would be very desirable for Paxton to investigate fully all possibilities, particularly concerning the development of a regional Junior High School with Rutland and Oakham. Such a school would be large enough to offer a rich program in shop, home-economics, science, and mathematics and by shifting grades seven and eight from the present Paxton School, would provide for growth in grades one through six. The solution to school

growth needs must be considered six to ten years in advance for successful planning.

While Paxton is not now involved in expenses of construction, it is most advisable to procede on an order plan for repairing and modernizing the old part of the school plant and keeping the new building in its present excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BOWLBY

Report of the Supervisor of French

The French program is now in the first half of its second year. The results at this writing are very satisfying.

In the fourth grade, the children become acquainted with the new sounds. The emphasis is on pronunciation for the conversational method is used without recourse to textbooks, reading, writing or grammar instructions. The topics treated are those with which the children are most familiar: the classroom and the school, the home and family, the playground, shopping, mealtime, etc. Visual aids are used as instructional material. We have, among others, posters and games, tape recorder, record player, doll house, flannel board, and work books. It is hoped that we will be able to have some films and film strips in the near future.

In the fifth grade, the emphasis is mainly on review and further development of the fourth grade material with the introduction of new topics as time permits. The children at this level are beginning to have a decided facility with the language.

In addition to the above, an attempt is made to correlate the study of French with other school subjects. The children are learning something of the culture of France, its songs and customs, and thus are broadening their attitudes towards other peoples in general.

In order that the program be effective, it will be necessary to provide for continuity through the establishment of French courses in the Junior High School and then a re-appraisal of the present High School courses that they may relate effectively to the studies that precede them.

At present, it is our intention to introduce reading, writing and some basic rules of grammar in the sixth grade.

It is most strongly recommended that the study of French be considered as an enrichment program and that, as of next year, a selection be made among the fifth and sixth grade pupils on the basis of achievement, interest and ability. In this manner, those who can most benefit from the study of French would continue. Those pupils who do not show language ability would consecrate this extra time to other areas in which they need help. It is suggested that this selection be made by the French supervisors in conjunction with the classroom teacher and the principal.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES S. COPPIN

Report of the Music Supervisor

The following is my annual report as the music supervisor of the Holden School Union No. 24.

In the elementary schools, the music is carried on by the teachers assisted by the bi-weekly visit to the music consultant. Singing and listening are the two areas upon which most stress is laid. With up to date music texts and the adequate record library which we have, this can be accomplished. Recordings of folk dances and square dances have helped the rhythmic activities.

Mr. Bowden, the instrumental instructor, meets the instrumental classes weekly. The children perform in groups of from one to three years' experience. The tonette program introduced last year in all the fourth grades of the

union has proven an aid to the music program and will be continued.

A Paxton-Rutland Band is in the process of organization. Transportation is provided weekly so that the pupils from both towns can meet jointly. Some of the Rutland and Paxton students combined with the Holden Jr. High Band at their respective graduation exercises.

The seventh and eighth grade glee club performed at a P.T.A. meeting and at the graduation exercises.

A fine representation of children from the schools of the entire union attended the Childrens' Concert as part of the Worcester Music Festival in October.

Because of the increased scope of the entire curriculum the position of music in the schools has been challenged in terms of available time.

I should like to thank my assistant Mr. Richard H. Bowden for his cooperation during the year and compliment him on the high standard of his work.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. INNES

Principal's Report

I am pleased to submit a report of the Paxton Center School for the year 1960. My personal tenure has covered only part of the year, September to December, but I shall endeavor to adequately cover the entire year in this report.

Mr. Ralph Huggett, whose resignation was accepted by the School Committee in June is to be commended for the excellent work which he accomplished as principal. After seven years of devoted service to this school, Mr. Huggett accepted a position with the Lexington, Massachusetts school system.

In addition to this change the following appointments were made:

Miss Christine A. Romano	Grade II
Miss Marianna C. Romano	Grade III
Mrs. Eleanor E. Brockway	Grade V
Miss Carol A. Proietti	Grade VII
Mrs. Nancy E. Gajary	Grade VIII
Miss Edythe Mansfield	Home Economics

On October 1, 1959 the enrollment was 344. On October 1, 1960 the enrollment was 372 an increase of more than 11%.

The reading program for grades 4, 5, and 6 has been departmentalized and pupils are now grouped according to their individual reading levels, rather than by grade. We anticipate that a general improvement in achievement will be in evidence when next we administer the standardized achievement tests.

Grades I through VIII now have two classes each. On the junior high level the addition of a second grade eight class has allowed for complete departmentalization. Faculty assignments in grades seven and eight are: Miss Proietti, English; Mr. Lane, Social Studies; Mrs. Gajary, Arithmetic; and Mr. Ricardi, Science. Additional emphasis is being given to mastery of subject matter as a result of this full departmentalization.

The school magazine, THE BUGLE, is now a monthly publication; pupils are writing essays in conjunction with a Worcester newspaper activity and several of them have already received prizes. Later in the year we expect that almost all of the pupils in these classes will receive prizes in the form of books.

We recognize the importance of a sound physical education program and have made some progress toward this goal. An intra-mural sports program, supervised by Mr. R. Lane, has been planned. A most successful football season, just completed, will be followed by football, then softball and volleyball in the spring.

A comparison of American youth with European boys and girls in the matter of physical fitness has caused considerable concern to American educators. We can report that a physical conditioning program is well under way at this school. Due to the efforts of Mrs. Virginia Fay we have a program of group calisthenics for the pupils in grades V to VIII. The boys and girls in these classes receive about fifty minutes per week of vigorous exercise. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Fay for volunteering her assistance for this program.

Good up-to-date textbooks are one of the many contributing factors to a sound educational program and much progress has been made in this area. The most recent acquisition of texts placed a new science book in the hands of every pupil in the school.

The excellent condition of the physical plant is a tribute to the custodian, Mr. Howard Cresswell and to the matron, Mrs. Mildred Warpula.

Twenty-seven pupils received diplomas in June. Members of the graduating class were:

Cheryl Anderson	Judith Masters
Robert Babb	Bernard Melican
Patricia Blavackas	Donald Miller
William Carney	Robert Myers
William Clancey	Brenda Payne
Daniel Cronin, Jr.	Wayne Pinkham
Marcia Daniels	John Richards
Karen George	Florence Robinson
Robert Girouard	Susan Smith
James Groleau	Bonnie Taylor
Stephen Hair	Dorothy Urbanovitch
Rosemary Kimball	Jean Warpula
Steven Marona	Leslie-Ann Wilson
Donald Wyman, Jr.	

The American Legion Award was presented to: Daniel Cronin, Jr. and Rosemary Kimball. The Paxton Teachers Association Awards were given to: William Carney for Math and Science, and Dorothy Urbanovitch for Social Studies

and English. The Hazel Gay Award was presented to Donald Miller.

A successful school program requires that the school, home, and all segments of the community work together. On behalf of the faculty I want to express our appreciation for the cooperation and assistance which we have received from the administration, the school committee, and the Parent Teachers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. McMANUS

Report of the School Nurse

During the school year the following clinics were held:

3 Diphtheria Immunization	
99 immunized	
1 Vaccination	
7 vaccinated	
1 Pre-school registration	
58 new pupils registered	
Physical Exams by Dr. Channing Washburn	75
Audio-visual Tests (individual)	257
Nurse-pupil Conferences	73
Nurse-teacher Conferences	36
Conferences & Meetings attended	19
School Visits	19

A Dental Hygiene Clinic, under auspices of the state, was also held. The Children in the first 3 grades had their teeth examined, and parents were notified if any dental attention was considered necessary.

In order to expand the health services to the school, the nurse was hired in September on a part-time basis, to spend 2 hours daily at the school.

The whole nation, including President Kennedy, is very much concerned with the poor physical condition of our youth, therefore we at Paxton School decided to do something about it. A program of daily calisthenics was instituted, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Fay, trained Physical Education instructor, with approval of Superintendent Dr. Charles Bowlby. Children in all eight grades are required to participate, unless some physical impairment deters. A written note from the child's physician is required for exclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS M. BERG

Report of the Art Supervisor

During this year the art department has expanded along with the scope of the schools themselves. One new supervisor, Miss Charlotte Crout, was added to teach art in the first six grades of most of the schools of the union. This is her first teaching assignment and has been a fairly difficult one to adjust to, considering the many personal contacts which are part of the routine of supervision. However, Miss Crout is fitting into the system satisfactorily and is a credit to the art department and the schools.

The art work in the junior high grades of the other union towns is proceeding as satisfactorily as can be expected without adequate art equipment, materials, and space. As soon as sufficient shelving, cabinets, tables, and materials are available, the scope of the work in art can be brought up to the level of the best in the state, but not until.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. MORRIS

Wachusett Regional High School

GRADUATES — JUNE 1960

Betty Aho	Raymond Kimball
Gary Anderson	John Kortess
Andrew Bertrand	Barbara Larson
Joan Clancey	William O'Hearn
Janice Cooper	Carl Pearson
John Hammar	Roger Primeau
Joann Hanson	George Putnam
Bruce Hedquist	Joyce Robinson
Claudia Goulding	George Sheckleton
Brenda Johnson	Orville Sheldon
Marsha Kielinen	Phyllis Penttila
Susan Wentworth	

Wachusett Regional High School

District Committee

By election in the several towns, and by appointment of the various school committees, the Wachusett Regional School District Committee was comprised of the following:

Holden	Term Expires	Length of Term
Byron S. Davis, Chairman	March, 1963	3 years
William F. Lionett, Treasurer	March, 1962	3 years
Russell H. Gray	March, 1961	1 year
Paxton		
Robert J. Hall	March, 1961	1 year
Mrs. Yvette Childs	March, 1961	3 years
Princeton		
C. Wesley Dingman	March, 1963	3 years
David Krashes	March, 1961	1 year

Rutland

Herbert W. Burbank	March, 1962	3 years
Nelson M. Calkins, Jr., Secretary	March, 1961	1 year

Sterling

Mrs. Avis C. Bourne	March, 1961	3 years
F. Warren Kennedy, Jr.	March, 1961	1 year

During the year the committee held twenty-two regular meetings, seven special meetings and numerous sub-committee meetings on special phases of committee work. Bonds were approved and sold in April, 1960 to provide funds for the new building addition. Work on the new structure was started in September and is scheduled for completion by next September. The committee is gratified to note good progress to date and is scheduling classes in the new area for the beginning of the school year. Extra teachers and custodians will be hired.

A further change in the curriculum was made during the year. We are now providing home economics for girls taking a college course. We have also included funds in our 1961 budget to provide special classes for exceptional pupils. These classes will be oriented toward the slow learning group.

A modest increase in the salary schedule was approved during the year. This raised the minimum from \$4,000 to \$4,100 and other rates accordingly. This change was necessary to keep us competitive in attracting the best teachers.

The Joe Berg Science Seminar for gifted pupils, the adult education and summer school programs were continued.

Tuition for the summer school program was changed for the first time in order to help defray the cost of the program.

The school lunch program provides nourishing meals for students many of which could not otherwise afford good meals. This program is still operating in the black even though less government surplus food is available to us.

During the past year over 134,000 meals were served at a cost to the student of \$.25 per meal.

Your committee wishes to thank the administration, staff, pupils and parents for their cooperation in making ours a better school.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON M. CALKINS, Jr.,
Secretary

Principal's Report

ENROLLMENT

As had been predicted, our school population has continued to rise. January 1, 1961, showed an enrollment of 1,159, an increase of 45 over last year at the same time. Of these, Holden provided 620, Sterling 185, Rutland 141, Paxton 99, Princeton 88, Oakham 20, Berlin 2, Hudson, Sudbury, and West Boylston one each, and we have one exchange student from Japan. Class sizes this year are: Seniors 268, Juniors 262, Sophomores 298, Freshmen 330, and 1 Post-Graduate. There are 586 boys and 573 girls. Figures obtained from the elementary schools indicate next year's entering freshman class will number 428 which will give us a total enrollment figure of 1,318. If the new addition is not completed by the opening of school next year we shall have a considerable housing problem.

STAFF

To take care of the increased student enrollment it has been necessary to enlarge the faculty, also. We now have 2 Administrators, 3 Guidance Personnell, 63 Teachers, 1 Librarian, 1 Nurse, 4 Secretaries, 14 Cafeteria Workers, and 7 Custodians.

As usual, many changes have occurred amongst our personnel. Miss Doris Guertin has been added to the Guidance Department, and to replace her as a Physical Education Instructor we now have Mrs. Athunacia Gaynor.

Five members of the English Department left our staff: Dr. Luther Allison, Mrs. Jo McFarlane, Miss Frances Russell, Miss Rosa Simpson, and Ralph Wadsworth. Because of the increased enrollment, six teachers were needed to fill the complement of English Department. These are: Mrs. Katherine Bourne, Mrs. Elinor Erickson, Miss Elizabeth Mayotte, Clarence Morey, Miss Mary Renaud, and Mrs. Estelle Rettig.

Mrs. Barbara Myrick of the Commercial Department was replaced by Ronald Bouvier while Joseph Fraticelli took over the position formerly held by Charles Shiere in the same department.

In the Language Department, Mrs. Eileen Kinney gave up the teaching of Latin and Mrs. Roberta Grandone assumed these duties. An additional French Teacher was elected, P. Marc Tetreault.

Two vacancies occurred in the Mathematics Department. One was occasioned by the departure of James Fleming. He was replaced by Mrs. Barbara Rowell. One extra teacher, Mrs. Sheila Bachant, was added to this department.

In the Science Field, three vacancies occurred when Mrs. Janet Cheney, Peter Ligor, and Ronald Wilson left us. Their replacements are Miss Noreen Arnberg, Miss Jacqueline Bernard, and Lawrence McGrail.

An additional Social Studies teacher was needed and Miss Judith Grace was elected to fill this position.

CLASS OF 1960

The best available information concerning the 236 members of the Class of 1960, as of January, 1961, is as follows:

CLASS OF 1960

Graduates—236 Boys—118 Girls—118

	Boys		Girls		Total	%
	No.	State	No.	State		
Number attending:						
4-yr. colleges	50	20	29	11	79	33
2-yr. colleges	23	2	17	1	40	17
nursing schools			17		17	7
prep schools	2				2	1
Apprentice Programs	2				2	1
P. G.			1		1	1/2
Continuing education					141	59
Entering Armed Services					22	9
Working					63	27
Married, moved, unemployed, or unknown					10	4 1/2

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Four-Year Schools

Bates College	2	Nichols College	1
Boston University	1	Northeastern University	4
Bryant College	2	Ricker College	1
Carnegie Inst. of Tech.	1	Rhode Isl. School of Design	1
Chatham College	1	Salem College	1
Clark University	1	Sarah Lawrence College	1
Clarkson Col. of Tech.	1	Springfield College	1
Colby College	1	University of Maine	1
Emerson College	1	University of Mass.	11
Fitch. State Teach. Col.	2	University of Miami	1
Gordon College	3	University of New Zealand	1
Holy Cross College	1	U. S. Coast Guard Acad.	1
Ithaca College	1	West Virginia Wesleyan	1
Leslie College	1	William Penn College	1
Lowell Tech. Inst.	4	William Smith College	1
Marietta College	1	Wellesley College	1
Maine Maritime Academy	1	Wittenberg University	1
Mass. School of Art	1	Worc. Polytechnic Inst.	6
Mass. Col. of Pharmacy	1	Worc. State College	10
Merrimack College	1	Yale University	1
Nasson College	2		

Junior Colleges

Becker Junior College	7
Endicott Junior College	2
Boston Univ. Jr. College	1
Lasell Junior College	4
Marjorie Webber Jr. Col.	1
Worcester Junior College	10

Hospitals

Burbank Hospital	1
Hahnemann Hospital	3
Memorial Hospital	6
Peter Bent Brigham Hosp.	1
St. Vincent Hospital	3
Tampa General Hospital	1
Worcester City Hospital	2

Technical & Other Schools

Chamberlain Sch. of Retail.	1
Forsyth Dental School	1
Franklin Institute	1
Mass. Radio & Tel. Sch.	1
N.E. Sch. of Accounting	1
Salter Sec. School	1
Stockbridge Sch. of Agric.	3
Wentworth Institute	2
Worc. Art Museum	1
Worc. Indust. Trade Inst.	3

Scholarships were awarded to members of the class totaling \$32,650.00, as follows:

Gary Anderson	Merit Scholarship Corp	\$1,400 yr. \$5,600.00
Robert Asplund	McCracken Div. King's Mkt.	100.00
Carolyn Badger	Holden Woman's Club	100.00
Peter Bice	Westinghouse Scholarship	4,250.00
Sandra Boulanger	Rutland Nursing Club	50.00
Linda Bowen	Wachusett Teachers' Assoc.	200.00
	Webber Fiske Scholarship	100.00
	Holden Woman's Club	150.00
Joan Clancey	P.T.A. Scholarship	75.00
Janet Clough	Bates College	400.00
	Church Scholarship	50.00
	Holden Woman's Club	150.00
	Wachusett Teachers' Assoc.	200.00
	P.T.A. Scholarship	75.00
Sara Darby	Wachusett Teachers' Assoc.	\$100.00
	Federal Loan	\$500.00
Josephine Day	Sterling Woman's Club	50.00
Marcia Follansbee	Rutland P.T.A.	100.00
Claudia Goulding	Boston University	500.00
	Holden Players' Club	100.00

	Worc. Sec., National Council of Jewish Women	100.00
John Lonergan	Worc. Polytechnic Institute	500.00
Sharon McGuire	Chaffins Woman's Club	50.00
Nancy Moore	Chatham College	1,200.00
	Federal Loan	300.00
Wayne Myers	Rutland P.T.A.	100.00
Stephen Nelson	Chaffins Woman's Club	100.00
George Putnam	Paxton Woman's Club	100.00
Mary Rengo	Rutland P.T.A.	200.00
Ronald Rustigian	Norton Company	550.00
George Sheckleton	Union Scholarship	500.00
	Paxton Woman's Club	100.00
	NROTC	2,600.00 yr. 10,400.00
David Sjosten	Holden Players Club	100.00
Kenneth Taylor	Wachusett Teachers' Assoc.	100.00
	Chocksett Woman's Club	200.00
Phyllis Taylor	Rutland Nursing Club	50.00
John Waskiewicz	University of Miami	1,500.00 yr. 6,000.00
Susan Wentworth	Paxton P.T.A.	100.00
		<hr/> \$32,800.00

Other honors earned by the Class of 1960 were:

Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists:

Gary Anderson	Peter Bice
Lucy Chandler	

Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation:

Robert Asplund	Janet Clough
Josephine Day	Russell Johnson
John Lonergan	Henry Oliver
Paul Olson	Joan Hequembourg

Honorable Mention in Westinghouse Talent Search:

Gary Anderson	George Sheckleton
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National Honor Society Semi-Finalist:

Lucy Chandler

We are justly proud of these achievements.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Again this year we have a foreign exchange student in attendance. Retsu Miura from Kobe, Japan, is well-liked and seems to be fitting in well. For the first time, one of our students is attending school abroad. John Najemy is enrolled in senior high school classes at Guiseppe Parini Liceo Classico, Milano, Italy.

LIBRARY

The library continues to increase in size and in use. We are handicapped in that it is also used as a study hall. However, it is a valuable part of our school. As of June, 1960, the picture was as follows:

Volumes in Library:

Fiction	1,282
Non-fiction	
Reference	471
Teachers'	52
Other non-fiction	2,786
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	4,591
Withdrawals	30
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Total	4,561

* Number of books added September, 1959—June, 1960:

Fiction	83
Non-fiction	353
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Total	436

Periodicals:

Magazines (including 8 gift subscrip.)	60
Newspapers (daily)	2
Newspapers (Sunday)	1
Newspapers (weekly) (1 French)	2
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Total	65

Circulation :

	Fiction	Non-Fiction
September	197	240
October	208	244
November	237	281
December	228	210
January	310	412
February	215	300
March	240	464
April	155	392
May	163	299
June (Library closed June 8)	9	10
Total	1,962	2,852
Total fiction and non-fiction		4,814

ADDITION

Work on the long-awaited addition seems to be progressing satisfactorily. Foundations have been poured, the steel for the cafeteria and the new gymnasium has been erected and a good portion of the brick has been laid. A large part of the piping and electrical work has been completed. Barring unforeseen delays, the contractor feels that the building will be ready for the opening of school in September, 1961. We certainly hope so!

All in all, we are experiencing a very satisfactory year in spite of our crowded conditions. We are operating smoothly and the reputation of Wachusett Regional High School throughout New England, and elsewhere, is excellent. To all those who have assisted me so ably in achieving such a reputation, my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

NEAL T. SKILLINGS, Principal
Wachusett Regional High School

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