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FISCAL Report - Paxton, Mass.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Paxton



FOR THE

Year Ending June 30, 1975

In Memoriam

JOHN A. BLAIS
POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE

AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY
BOARD OF APPEALS

CHRISTINE SAVICKAS
ELECTION OFFICER

ALFRED A. SHEA
FINANCE COMMITTEE

DONALD W. SISTARE
POLICE CHIEF

RALPH W. WILBUR
PRINCIPAL, PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL

Cemetery Commission

SHANNON JACOBS	Term Expires 1975
CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1976
GEORGE E. CHAGNON	Term Expires 1977

Water Board

FREDERICK G. ANTELL	Term Expires 1975
FRAZIER P. COLON	Term Expires 1976
BRIAN C. MURPHY	Term Expires 1977

Library Trustees

ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1975
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1975
ELIZABETH O. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1976
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1976
GWEN L. HALL	Term Expires 1977
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1977

Planning Board

ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1975
JOHN D. ROMMEL	Term Expires 1976
BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1977
WILLIAM JARVIS	Term Expires 1975
ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1979

Board of Health

THOMAS P. LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1975
O. T. HOLLAND	Term Expires 1976
THOMAS M. BRALEY	Term Expires 1977

Recreation

HOWARD A. AUBERTIN	Term Expires 1975
WILLIAM C. JORDAN	Term Expires 1975
JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1977
ELINOR J. PENTLAND, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
MARIE E. LAWLER	Term Expires 1979

Wachusett Regional School Committee

JOHN E. HODGSON	Term Expires 1975
HOWARD W. MOORE	Term Expires 1978

Finance Board

RICHARD W. PECKITT, Chairman	Term Expires 1975
GRAHAM W.WADDILL	Term Expires 1975
JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1976
JAY SNELL	Term Expires 1976
CHARLES E. STONEHAM	Term Expires 1976
JOSEPH P. CANCELMO	Term Expires 1977
BARBARA EAST	Term Expires 1977
CHARLES W. MELLO, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1977

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Selectmen

CHARLES MELLO—Finance Committee	Term Expires 1975
JAMES MELLOR—Finance Committee	Term Expires 1975
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE—Assessors	Term Expires 1975
JOHN D. ROMMEL—Planning Board	Term Expires 1975

Appointed by the Moderator

ELIZABETH RICHARDS	Term Expires 1977
FRANK H. MICKEL	Term Expires 1975
LINWOOD ERSKINE	Term Expires 1976

Appointed by the Board of Health

Plumbing Inspector

ALBIN F. WRIGHT

Sanitary Inspector

JAMES A. LASHBROOK

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

FRANK URBANOVITCH
RAYMOND F. KIRWIN, ASST.

Burial Agent

YVONNE B. KARLE

Rubbish Collection

LEONARD P. MARTONE, BARRE, MA.

Appointed by the Selectmen

Board of Appeals

ROBERT F. DILLMAN	Term Expires 1975
TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS	Term Expires 1976
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST	Term Expires 1977
R. RAY SUMMA	Term Expires 1978
ALLEN RUBIN	Term Expires 1979
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS	Alternate
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST	Alternate

Care of Clock

ALAN M. WENTWORTH

Dog Officer

RAYMOND F. KIRWIN

Superintendent of Streets

ROBERT S. HANSSON

Town Secretary

YVONNE B. KARLE

Veteran's Agent

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

Inspector of Wires

WARREN P. LEDERER
AMBROSE TOWER, ASST.

Building Inspector

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING
DAVID LUDDEN, ASST.

Building Board of Appeals

ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1975
ROBERT SAPPER	Term Expires 1976
ROBERT BODYCOTT	Term Expires 1976
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1977

Town Pound Keeper

ALEXIS DAVID

Term Expires 1975

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

CURTIS J. LANCIANI

Term Expires 1976

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

WILLIAM O. WYLIE
GORDON M. RICHARDS
ROBERT F. DILLMAN

Board of Registrars

MARY A. KELLEY
VIOLA C. PRENTICE
DANIEL F. CRONIN

Term Expires 1975
Term Expires 1976
Term Expires 1977

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL
PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, JR., ASST.

Town Accountant

YVONNE B. KARLE

Term Expires 1977

Police Department

DAVID YOUNG—Chief
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY—School Traffic Officer

Regular Police Officers

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
JOHN N. KNIPE
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY

ROBERT T. SHEEHAN
RALPH B. BUTLAND
HAROLD L. SMITH

RAYMOND KIRWIN

Reserve Police

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

ROBERT B. LOVE

ROBERT BARTON

Special Police

RALPH J. PIETRO—Worcester Water Works
F. WYMAN ROGERS—Boynton Park
AMBROSE TOWER—School Grounds

CHARLES F. BRADY—Black Hill Road
 GERARD BERNIER—School Grounds
 JESSE E. MILLS—Road Construction
 ELEANOR RICHARDSON—School Crossing Guard
 CARMELLO BAZZANO—1974 Recreation Committee
 ALFRED MIGNEAULT—Construction
 DONALD PELLEY—Treasure Valley Scout Reservation
 ROBERT DILLMAN, JR.—Special Police Officer
 ROBERT WRENN—Construction and Regular Police Officer

Civil Defense

ROBERT HANSSON—Director
 GERARD A. BERNIER—Assistant Director

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN

Conservation Commission

ROBERT M. PAULSON	Term Expires 1975
DOUGLAS L. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1975
PETER W. SIEMEN, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
ROBERT FOWLER	Term Expires 1977
SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk	Term Expires 1977
GRACE H. FOWLER	Term Expires 1977
CATHARINE HODGSON	Term Expires 1977
HILTON CUNNINGHAM—Associate Member	
CHESTER L. JOHNSON—Associate Member	
FRAZER P. COLON—Associate Member	

Building Needs Study

RICHARD H. SEYMOUR	ALVAH TRACY
CHARLES MELLO	RICHARD DOWD
JOSEPH BIRD	

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	ROBERT S. HANSSON
CURTIS J. LANCIANI	VIOLA C. PRENTICE
MARY ANN MORIN	

School Needs Study Committee

JAMES HAYES	Term Expires 1975
MILTON SEBRING	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD A. LaPIERRE	Term Expires 1976
RICHARD SEYMOUR	Term Expires 1976
STUART ROBINSON	Term Expires 1977
MARGARET LOWE	Term Expires 1977
KAY STANNARD	Term Expires 1977

Agents for License Commissioners

WILLIAM O. WYLIE	HAROLD J. MULLANEY
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Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission

BETTY PETERSON	WILLIAM M. FOLEY, Alternate
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Advisory Committee for Master Plan

RICHARD G. CONNELL—Select Board

LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR.

ROBERT S. HANSSON—Superintendent of Streets

ROBERT FOWLER—Conservation Commission

ROBERT L. PRICE—Planning Board

at Large

JEROME F. MURPHY	STANLEY F. KACHNOWICZ
MRS. CAROLINE L. ISHAM	HOWARD A. AUBERTIN
MRS. ELIZABETH M. RICHARDS	

Personnel Advisory Board

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.	Term Expires 1978
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD G. CONNELL	Term Expires 1976
DAVID SJOSTEN	Term Expires 1977

Study Committee for Athletic Field Complex

FRAZER P. COLON—Rep. from Conservation Commission	
STANLEY L. MILLER	DAVID K. BEACH, JR.
HAROLD S. SACHS	CHARLES J. FOX
MRS. JOYCE G. AARONSON	

Historical Commission

ROBERT HALL	Term Expires 1975
MRS. ANN MELLO, Clerk	Term Expires 1975
MRS. PEGGY ERSKINE	Term Expires 1976
MRS. RUTH WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1976
HILTON CUNNINGHAM, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term Expires 1977
MRS. ETTA ROBINSON	Term Expires 1977

Historical Commission Associate Members

CAROL PRICE	JUNE HERRON
GEORGE McGOVERN	MIRIAM DEWEY

Energy Conservation Committee

CURTIS LANCIANI, Chairman	JOHN J. O'DAY, III
ROBERT HANSSON	SAMUEL J. STAITI
RONALD E. JOHNSON	

Communications Committee

REGINALD SMITH	ROBERT STEWART
LESLIE ROBINSON	BRIAN MURPHY
CURTIS LANCIANI	WILLIAM O. WYLIE
ROBERT HANSSON	

Bicentennial Committee

CATHARINE HODGSON—Chairman	
CAROL PRICE—Clerk	
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	JUNE HERRON
MELINDA JOHNSON	ANN MELLO
JANET STUTMAN	CEIL TANNER
SANFORD WRESCHINSKY	PHILIP DONAHUE
KATHRYN KINGSBURY	CHARLES BRADY

New Planning & Building Study Committee II

CHRISTIAN BAEHRECKE, Treas.	
JAMES HAYES, Chairman	
PHILIP McCARTHY	STUART ROBINSON
GAIL TRACY	

NOTICE: All resignations from any town office or committee, elected or appointed, should be made to the Town Clerk. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Vital Statistics - 1974

BIRTHS

January

- 6 Amy Joleen Henneberry, daughter to James R. and Reta A. Henneberry, 7 William Allen Drive.
- 28 Kristen Ann Niemela, daughter to John J. and Jane E. Niemela, 29 Crystal Street.

March

- 9 Sarah Azniv Krikorian, daughter to Garo and Lea S. Krikorian, 20 Pleasant Street.
- 19 Anthony Martin Belsito, son to Paul V. and Patricia F. Belsito, 8 Glen Ellen Road.

April

- 9 Leigh Ann Wyman, daughter to Donald G. and Kathaleen M. Wyman, 4 West Street.
- 10 Todd Channing Hatstat, son to Bruce John and Judy Ann Hatstat, 281 Pleasant Street.

May

- 29 Jonathan Rutherford Arms, son to Lowell V. and Bernice A. Arms, 10 Tanglewood Road.

June

- 3 Eric Scott Bjorklund, son to Ronald A. and Sandra J. Bjorklund, 12 Knollwood Road.
- 5 Jason Andrew Leonard, son to Paul E. and Rose Marie Leonard, 330 Pleasant Street.
- 8 Lisa Marie Fogg, daughter to Richard E. and Nancy E. Fogg, 5 Spring Drive.
- 13 Jocelyn Marie O'Connor, daughter to Kerry E. and Sheryl A. O'Connor, 3 Marshall Street.
- 15 Carol Ann Provo, daughter to Theodore L. and Eleanor T. Provo, 65 Pleasant Street.

June

- 26 Douglas Allen Warren, son to Bennie P. and Marguerite Anne Warren, 27 Hill Street.

July

- 31 Erica Lynn Simons, daughter to Keith F. and Deirdre L. Simons, 108 Holden Road.

August

- 20 Peter Paul Roberts, son to Paul A. and Bethea A. Roberts, 207 Grove Street.

September

- 4 Thomas John Hughes, son to John R. and Janet F. Hughes, 3 Franklin Street.
- 24 Shane Michael LaPrade, son to Charles R. and Jacqueline P. LaPrade, 350 Pleasant Street.
- 29 Rebecca Mary-Clare Graham, daughter to John E. and Geraldine J. Graham, 5 Ridgewood Road.

October

- 20 Marc Russel Weiner, son to Milton A. and Virginia P. Weiner, 34 Crowningshield Road.

November

- 7 Jennifer Ann Jones, daughter to George M. and Barbara L. Jones, 3 Ridgewood Road.
- 22 Noah Andrew Zamansky, son to Marshall J. and Lori T. Zamansky, 33 Crowningshield Road.

December

- 5 Sara Ellen Root, daughter to John C. and Susan E. Root, 404 Pleasant Street.
- 8 Jeremy Paul Wentworth, son to John D. and Jean M. Wentworth, 631 Pleasant Street.
- 9 Meredyth Dawn Juneau, daughter to Thomas V. and Sharon L. Juneau, 551 Pleasant Street.
- 11 Susan Mary McMenemy, daughter to Richard D. and Deborah E. McMenemy, 30 Lincoln Circle.

- 23 Derek Xavier Goparian, son to Gregory and Joyce L. Goparian,
Nanigian Road.
- 26 Alisha Sue Tomasino, daughter to Lawrence A. and Joan M.
Tomasino, 78 Asnebumskit Road.

MARRIAGES—1974**January**

- 5 Phillip E. Burgess of Paxton to Holly A. Johnson of West Boylston.
- 12 Christopher T. Martin of Worcester to Katherine D. Rittberg
of Paxton.

February

- 8 Paul Jameson of Holden to Betsy Lanciani of Paxton.
- 22 Richard C. Griffin of Paxton to Margaret Durkin of Worcester.

March

- 2 George C. Lamotte Jr. of Paxton to Lynne Murphy of Princeton.
- 30 Glenn S. Richards of Paxton to Kathleen A. Mortell of Paxton.

April

- 2 Lawrence H. Cournoyer of Paxton to Louise A. Green of Worcester.
- 6 John Robert Hughes of Paxton to Janet Grieco of Leicester.
- 27 Pierre R. Landry of Paxton to Jennifer L. Day of Worcester.

May

- 11 Richard L. Jenkins of Paxton to Donna M. Alexander of Rutland.
- 25 Philip X. Reid of Paxton to Gail Howe of Worcester.

June

- 8 William A. Saner of Groton, CT to Elizabeth A. Shea of Paxton.
- 9 George D. Burgess of Paxton to Margaret C. Hansen of Worcester.
- 13 Steven F. Parsons of Paxton to Patricia I. Phillips of Worcester.

- 15 John P. Kaczmarczyk of Woburn to Mary Jane Wilson of Paxton.
- 17 Graham Walker Waddill of Paxton to Michele Joy Plourde of Paxton.
- 22 Michael F. Moore of Worcester to Joyce A. Langevin of Paxton.
- 22 Russell J. Dadah Jr. of Worcester to Barbara J. Lindquist of Paxton.
- 23 Charles J. Fox of Paxton to Joan L. Croft of Northboro.
- 29 Bruce Michael Cosgrove of Paxton to Cynthia Ann Lawrence of West Boylston.

July

- 6 J. Paul Cavanaugh of Paxton to Jane Marie Groden of Paxton.
- 7 Elwood E. Williams of Paxton to Charlotte Taylor of Holden.
- 20 Robert W. Granger Jr. of Paxton to Darlene Ann Lindblad of Millbury.
- 20 Wilfred C. Mercier of Paxton to Beatrice White Jones of Grafton.
- 27 Rodney Smith Jenkins of Paxton to Celeste Buckley of Oakham.

August

- 17 Bruce J. Pennino of Paxton to Aline Bourbeau House of West Boylston.
- 17 John F. Ranta of Paxton to Diane C. Spindler of Rutland.
- 24 Paul H. Raymond Jr. of Rutland to Marian J. Colacchio of Paxton.
- 24 Richard B. Martin of Paxton to Jane Coleman of Montclair, N.J.
- 31 John F. Handler of Spencer to Priscilla K. Jenkins of Paxton.

September

- 7 Robert C. Harmon of Paxton to Karol J. Carlson of Paxton.
- 14 James William LaRoche of Holden to Susan Alice Saarinen of Paxton.

October

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November

- 16 George B. Karle of Paxton to Patricia L. Shafer of Paxton.
30 Kenneth R. Seymour of Paxton to Patricia A. Phelan of Worcester.
30 Kenneth A. L'Abbe of Shrewsbury to Janet L. Edmond of Paxton.

December

- 14 Brian Ross Ford of Worcester to Jacqueline Irene Raymond of Paxton.

DEATHS—1974

January

- 19 George F. Leonard, 6 Monticello Drive 61 years
28 John Henry Miller, 312 Pleasant Street 55 years

February

- 12 Lawrence A. Girouard, 662 Pleasant Street 67 years
27 Louise F. Lysik, 160 West Street 76 years

March

- 3 William J. Plitnick, 7 Birch Street 93 years
13 Gayle S. Fox, 112 Richards Avenue 35 years
27 William Gurwitz, 21 Crowningshield Road 59 years
31 Sherman John Norton, 318 Pleasant Street 64 years

April

- 4 Walenty Gorczyca, 68 West Street 89 years
9 Ralph W. Wilbur, 6 Whitney Drive 68 years
15 Angeline Carter, 370 Richards Avenue 87 years
19 Mabel K. Burke, 1050 Main Street, Worcester 73 years
29 John J. Callan, 17 Cutler Road 84 years

May

12 Agnes H. Barbadoro, 9 Meadowbrook Drive 67 years

June

2 Katherine McCarthy Melican, 6 Holbrook Lane 60 years

26 John A. Blais, 11 Bel Arbor Drive 69 years

July

18 Christopher Beauregard, 189 West Street 2 years

August

16 John E. McGovern, 34 Highland Street 71 years

27 Alfred A. Shea, 13 Mower Street 60 years

September

5 Donald W. Sistare, 735 Pleasant Street 70 years

27 Augustus Paul Mullaney, 1 Glen Ellen Road 77 years

27 Kenneth F. Getchell, 13 Grove Street 17 years

October

14 Constance Leonard, 6 Monticello Drive 57 years

29 Marc Russel Weiner, 34 Crowningshield Drive 9 days

November

25 Azniv Zakarian, 30 Camp Street 80 years

December

25 Perley Moore, 25 Holden Road 74 years

29 Alice G. Rittberg, 2 Orchard Drive 96 years

TO ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Committee Organization

All committees and boards of the Town shall meet and organize thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure so to file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with the Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of this By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting - February 7, 1938)

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED 1974

Male	133
Female	31
Spayed Female	113
\$10 Kennel	4
\$50 Kennel	1
Total Licenses Issued	282
Paid to Treasurer	\$905.65

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued 1974

Total number of licenses issued	213
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1771.00

The 1975 Census counts as taken during April have been accepted by the State Census Director and the return showed a town population of 3684.

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk

At the close of voter registration on April 15, 1975, the number of registered voters in the Town of Paxton was 2191.

George L. McGovern
Clerk of Board of Registrars

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held May 6, 1974

The business meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by the moderator, Robert J. Hall. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Meeting was held at Anna Maria College. Tellers appointed were: Frank Ranta, Leslie Robinson, Jean McIntyre, Richard Bedard, George Karle and John B. Jacobs.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise by taxation and appropriation, including appropriation from the Revenue Sharing Fund Account, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974 and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (See Budget)

Article 2. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,900 (Item 834 of Budget) to pay the proper charges of a surety company for acting as surety on bonds required of Town Officials and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town appoint the Recreation Commission to have charge of the July 4th observance.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$848 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Account 776 entitled, 'Recreation Events', to offset the Budget request.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$419 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,399 received from the State for Library use to the Library account.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town vote the money voted for street lights and income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal period, be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town provide vacation and sick pay to full time employees of the Highway, Water and Police Department.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,087 from the Highway Rentals Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the Town's Highway equipment.

Articles 2 thru 11 were taken up collectively and voted unanimously.

Article 12. To see if the Town will transfer the amount requested for the Water Department Budget from Surplus to the Water Department Account.

Passed over. Motion carried.

Article 13. It was voted that the Town cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,138, to meet the Town's share of the cost of Highway Maintenance and Construction and that in addition, the sum of \$25,157 be borrowed to meet the State share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

2/3 vote required. Unanimous vote.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain for highway purposes a parcel of land owned by Hyman Rabinow.

Motion Lost.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town transfer from the account of Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973 the sum of \$16,200 to purchase a new dump truck for the Highway Department, the present 1965 International Dump truck to be traded in against the purchase price.

Motion carried.

Article 16. It was voted that the Town transfer from the account of Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973, the sum of \$15,025 to be used by the Highway Department to continue a repaving program using Type I mix on Chapter 90 and Chapter 81 highways in Paxton.

Unanimous vote.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town transfer from the account of Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, the sum of \$18,735 for expenditure by the Highway Department under General Laws Chapter 90, Section 34, on sections of Cutler Road and Camp Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for engineering fees for the design of a one million gallon standpipe and authorize the preparation of contract documents.

Unanimous vote.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for extending the water main on South Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 20. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700 to hire a year-round, part-time Recreation Director to coordinate all recreation activities, programs and facilities.

Motion carried.

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,200 for support of Little League Baseball, etc.

Motion lost.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$950 to install a valve and strainer in the intake line of the circulating pump at the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool.

Unanimous vote.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,600 to enclose the Wentworth Pool.

Passed over.

Article 24. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 for a sweeper attachment for the tractor.

Motion carried.

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for an artesian well to supply the Wentworth Pool.

Passed over.

Article 26. It was voted that the Town ratify, confirm and approve the action of the Recreation Commission in accepting gifts of materials for the new skating rink.

Unanimous vote.

Article 27. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$873 to purchase a new tractor mower for the Cemetery Department, the present tractor mower to be traded in against the purchase price.

Motion carried.

Article 28. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,300 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police cruiser-ambulance.

Unanimous vote.

Article 29. It was voted that the Town adopt the following By-Law:

1. For the purpose of preserving peace and good order, no person shall have any intoxicating liquor in his possession in any park, dance hall, or other public place in this Town unless pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 138, a license or permit shall have been issued with respect to such place.
2. Any person violating this By-Law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50).

Motion carried

Article 30. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Bicentennial Committee for purposes of planning and directing Bicentennial activities for the Town of Paxton.

Unanimous vote

Article 31. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$100 for the Bicentennial Committee to expend for the planning and directing of its Bicentennial celebrations.

Unanimous vote

Article 32. It was voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board to issue revenue bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, under Chapter 164A of the General Laws, in the amount of \$340,000 for the town's share of project costs of the electric power facility known as Boston Edison's Pilgrim No. 2.

Unanimous vote. Article requires 2/3 vote.

Article 33. It was voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board to issue revenue bonds, and notes in anticipation thereof, under Chapter 164A of the General Laws, in the amount of \$97,000 for the town's share of project costs of the electric power facility known as Northeast Utilities' Millstone Unit No. 3.

Unanimous vote. Article required 2/3 vote.

Article 34. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Communications Committee to consist of not more than 7 members, including one representative from each of the following Town Departments: Fire, Highway, Light, Police and Water. This committee to be responsible for the further study of a Central Communication Dispatch Center.

Motion carried.

Article 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to set up and operate a Central Communication Dispatch Center.

Pass over this article.

Article 36. It was voted that the Town authorize the officers of the Fire Department to purchase a new 1,000 g.p.m. pumper and to dispose of the present Engine No. 3, and that for this purpose the sum of \$37,053 be raised and appropriated by borrowing under General Laws Chapter 44 and any other enabling acts.

Unanimous vote. 2/3 vote required.

Article 37. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to improve and equip the kitchen of the Paxton Center School and authorize the School Planning and Building Committee to expend this sum.

Motion carried.

Article 38. To see if the Town will authorize the School Planning and Building Committee to contract for plans for the Building of an athletic facility consisting of a baseball field, a football field, etc.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 39. It was voted that the Town appoint a School Planning and Building Committee to consist of five members, including two to be designated by the School Needs Study Committee and one other to be designated by the other four, to study and contract for plans to construct and equip an addition of up to six new rooms to the Center School and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for said purpose.

Unanimous vote.

Article 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

Voted to pass over.

Article 41. To see if the Town will authorize the assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 42. To bring into the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

The following Town Officials were voted in at the Annual Town Election held May 13, 1974.

Moderator, Robert J. Hall	1 year
Town Clerk, George L. McGovern	1 year
Treasurer, David P. Fitzpatrick	1 year
Town Collector, Frederick T. Warpula (Res. 5-31-74)	1 year
Constable, Harold J. Mullaney	1 year
Constable, William O. Wylie	1 year
Tree Warden, Curtis J. Lanciani	1 year
Selectman, Herbert M. Varnum	3 years
Assessor, Richard G. Bedard	3 years
School Committee, Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr.	3 years
School Committee, Gail J. Tracy	2 years
School Committee, Philip C. McCarthy	1 year
Municipal Light Board, Thomas F. Cummings	3 years
Cemetery Commission, George E. Chagnon	3 years
Water Board, Brian C. Murphy	3 years
Water Board, Frazier P. Colon	2 years
Library Trustee, Laurens C. Seelye	3 years
Library Trustee, Gwen L. Hall	3 years
Planning Board, Alvah W. Tracy	5 years

Board of Health, Thomas M. Braley	3 years
Board of Health, Orace T. Holland	2 years
Recreation, Marie E. Lawler	5 years
Recreation, Elinor J. Pentland	4 years

Question -

Shall certain provisions of Chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town,

Yes 618 No 250 Blanks 262

The polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 1974, at the Paxton Center School.

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern, Town Clerk of Paxton

(Articles 1 thru 15 were taken up at the Annual Town Meeting held May 6, 1974. A motion was made and voted to take up articles 37, 38 and 39 'articles pertaining to the school' and the school budget items be taken up at the Special Town Meeting being held May 20, 1974. Motion to adjourn to Monday, May 20 was made at 11:00 p.m. Articles 16 thru 41 were taken up at the adjourned meeting held Monday, May 20, 1974.)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held September 9, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum was present.

Article 1. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money (\$9,936.) to furnish and install a Keep Safe fence around the Herbert F. Wentworth Memorial Pool.

Motion lost.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,300. to set up a Central Communications Dispatch Center.

Motion was made and seconded to table this article until next Town meeting.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town accept the work on the multi-purpose athletic field performed free of charge to the Town of Paxton by the National Guard Engineers; said facility to be completed and funded by the Paxton Lions Club and that the Recreation Commission shall be responsible for mowing the grass.

Recommended by the Finance Board.
Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,000. to install a perimeter drainage system for the Richards Memorial Library to correct a cellar water leakage problem.

Recommended by Finance Board.
Unanimous vote.

Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. (Easements for Land for Standpipe)

Motion made to pass over these articles.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$805.70 to pay certain charges for transportation for educational purposes incurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974.

Finance Board recommends this article.
Unanimous vote.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town transfer the amount of \$117,000. from available funds to decrease the tax rate for the current year.

Unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held September 30, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed were Eugene A. O'Rourke and Christian S. Baehrecke.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate by transfer from available fund \$7,620.00 for the purpose of providing safety at the Herbert F. Wentworth Memorial Pool and to authorize the Recreation Commission to take such action as may be necessary to furnish and install a Keep-Safe Fence with suitable gates around said pool.

Motion carried.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town appropriate from available funds the sum of \$16,632.00 for the establishment and operation of a Central Communications Dispatch Center to be located in the Paxton Fire Station, the Communications Center to be operated under the jurisdiction of the Communications Board which shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The members appointed shall be as follows: One member representing the Light Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., Water Dept. and Public Works and two members at large.

Motion carried.

Article 3. The Town voted in favor of all of the following proposals, namely:

A. To approve the filing with the General Court of a petition for such legislation as may be necessary to permit the use of a small portion of land in the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission for (1) the Construction and maintenance of a standpipe and (2) the installation and maintenance of a pipe-line connecting said standpipe to the Town water system.

B. To raise and appropriate \$243,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a Concrete Standpipe, to authorize the Water Board to make contracts for such construction and the engineering and legal costs thereof, such appropriation to be subject to the enactment of enabling legislation, and that said sum be provided by borrowing under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

C. That the Town raise and appropriate \$66,000.00 for the laying of 12 inch Water mains with valves, piping, instrumentation and other fittings and connecting the same to the Town water system, that the Water Board be authorized to make contracts to accomplish said purposes with all engineering and legal costs thereof, such appropriation to be subject to the enactment of enabling legislation and that said sum be provided by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100. from available funds to pay for the legal costs in the acquisition of a right-of-way easement from Asnebumskit Road (see Plan Book 232, Plan 87 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds) to land of the Town under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, such right-of-way to be 30 feet wide, more or less, and running a distance of approximately 627 feet on land now or formerly of Paul E. Flynn and Eileen V. Flynn abutting the northwesterly line of said Flynn land and abutting the southeasterly line of land now or formerly of James V. Graham and Marilyn E. Graham.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or Eminent Domain, a right-of-way easement in and to a parcel of land, 30 feet wide, more or less, and running a distance of approximately 627 feet on land now or formerly of Paul E. Flynn and Eileen B. Flynn abutting the northwesterly line of said Flynn land and abutting the southeasterly line of land now or formerly of James V. Graham and Marilyn E. Graham; and to determine whether such easement shall be placed within the jurisdiction of the Water Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town appropriate from available funds the sum of \$100. to pay for the legal costs in the acquisition of an easement for pipeline purposes in a parcel of land owned by Lewis R. Fogg, Jr. and Jeanette F. Fogg on the easterly side of Knollwood Road, 20 feet wide within Lot 3, hereinafter defined, and abutting the northwesterly line of Lot 4; both lots shown on Section K, on 'Plan of Lots in Paxton, Massachusetts' recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 216, Plan 9.

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or Eminent Domain, an easement for pipeline purposes in a parcel of land owned by Lewis R. Fogg, Jr. and Jeanette F. Fogg on the easterly side of Knollwood Road, 20 Feet wide within Lot 3, hereinafter defined, and abutting the northwesterly line of Lot 4; both lots shown on Section K, on 'Plan of Lots in Paxton, Massachusetts' recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 216, Plan 9; and to determine whether such easement shall be placed within the jurisdiction of the Water Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. The Town of Paxton voted not to be a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority established in accordance with Chapter 161B of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

I, George L. McGovern, being the duly elected Clerk of the Town of Paxton, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Town meeting held September 30, 1974.

Attest:

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

LIST OF JURORS

Name	Address
Leslie M. Ackley	9 Ridgewood Road
Marion F. Anderson	124 Holden Road
Antonette A. Cournoyer	400 Grove Street
Kenneth A. Cutting	14 Grove Street
Evelyn M. DesRosiers	7 Indian Hill Road
Timothy J. Dowd	7 Orchard Drive
Gerald L. Dubrule	1 Merry Lane
Margaret A. Erskine	495 Richards Avenue
Norman A. Gaboriault	11 Holden Road
Anthony Galantino	22 Burtenmar Circle
Estelle A. Gemme	5 Center Drive
Ernest F. Grimley	3 Mower Street
Phylis T. Hammar	14 Ridgewood Road
Bruce J. Hatstat	281 Pleasant Street
John A. Hyland	4 Johnnel Road
Malcolm Ingison	4 Richards Avenue
Stephen Jacobson	13 Tanglewood Road
Anna M. Johnson	11 Crystal Street
E. Beverly Johnson	14 Crestwood Road
Albert B. Larson	14 Eagle Lane
George O. Lilystrom	33 Streeter Road
Donald T. Lundquist	9 Ashwood Road
Alfred H. Marengo	63 Grove Street
Joseph Michniewicz	23 Knollwood Road
Charles A. Neggers	118 Pleasant Street
Eugene A. O'Rourke	8 Whitney Drive
Camille G. Perrone	535 Pleasant Street
Leonard S. Prue	17 Grove Street
Marilyn E. Sachs	44 Camp Street
Dorothy Shankle	18 Knollwood Road
Janice D. Stewart	Bumbo Brook Drive
Yvonne W. Summa	1 Crestwood Road
Ethel A. Sykes	76 Holden Road
Arthur B. Winter	35 Asnebumskit Road
John M. Witt	177 Grove Street

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This has been a period of transition, with the implementation of the new fiscal cycle change and the adjustments of the various Boards and Committees due to the changeover.

There have been some new faces in the Town Hall, including Mrs. June Herron, our new Tax Collector and Police Chief David Young.

We also have a new Communications Center, located at the Fire Station and staffed by many Townspeople.

In January, an old historical landmark, the Paxton Inn, closed. Since then, ownership has changed and local residents have purchased it. We all wish them luck in their enterprise.

Due to State Law, all purchases in town with an expenditure of over \$2,000., including gasoline, oil, equipment, etc., must be put out for bids.

During the year, two streets were laid out for acceptance by the Town; Lincoln Circle and Arrowhead Drive.

The Town was also involved in land taking in regards to the Mower Street and Pleasant Street intersection to improve the entrance to Camp Street for safety reasons.

The Water Board undertook the task of installing an additional standpipe on Asnebumskit Hill in order to improve the Town's supply of water and to increase the water pressure.

A new Committee was formed to study the Communications Center to see if the Town is receiving full value for the tax dollars spent.

The Select Board meets on the second and last Thursdays of each month. Additional meetings are also called for necessary items. Our special meetings are posted and the meetings are all open to the public and news media.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk
Paxton Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The expansion project in Mooreland Cemetery is completed. Street markers and trash baskets have been ordered for the new area. We also plan to extend the water pipes and install two water faucets and plant trees.

The posts have been removed along Richards Avenue at Mooreland Cemetery, and the old section limed and fertilized.

Prices of lots remain the same.

2 grave lots	\$200.00
4 grave lots	400.00
6 grave lots	600.00
opening graves	75.00
Cremation	25.00
Infants	35.00

Residents and former residents only may purchase lots in Mooreland Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline L. Isham
Shannon Jacobs
George Chagnon

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, 19 Plumbing Permits were issued and 39 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 154 fixtures were inspected as follows:

Water Closets	34
Sinks	12
Lavatories	39
Bath Tubs	14
Shower Baths	5
Clothes Washers	10
Water Heaters	16

Dishwashers	8
Roof Leaders	3
Urinals	4
Floor Drain	1
Shampoo sinks	4
Garbage Grinders	3
Bar Sink	1

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, 7 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 7 Inspections were made (3 of camping vehicles) with a total of 13 appliances inspected as follows:

Ranges	6
Room Heater	1
Water Heaters	2
Refrigerators	2
Light	1
Outside Pool Heater	1

Respectfully submitted,

Albin F. Wright
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Approval of a year round Recreation Director at the 1974 annual town meeting has enabled the Commission to offer more activities to a greater number of townspeople. Under the direction of Dr. Carmelo Bazzano, the participation in our programs has been as follows:

Adult physical fitness (60) at Paxton Center School
Youth basketball (25) at School
Downhill skiing (100) at Mt. Wachusett
Cross country skiing clinic (32) at School
Summer playground & swim classes (90)
Tennis instruction (29) at Anna Maria College
Senior Citizens group (20) at Churches

The ice skating rink was again installed at the school field but the weather did not allow for extensive use.

The Commission sponsored a July 4th cookout and special activities at the pool; both were successful due to the hot weather.

In the fall of 1974, a fence was erected around the pool; this allowed for greater control of the area. We appreciate the shrubs and seedlings planted along the fence this spring by the Paxton 4-H Club. We also thank the Water Board for the use of town water in our pool.

A newsletter was sent out in April to better inform the townspeople as to the activities of the Commission. We intend to make this a semi-annual mailing.

The basketball-volleyball court has been recently resurfaced allowing us to offer organized evening activities at that area for teenagers and adults.

The Commission actively solicits recommendations and participation in these programs. We appreciate the cooperation of all town departments and individuals who have made our year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jean Pentland, Chairman
Jean M. McIntyre, Sec-Treas.
Marie L. Lawler
Howard A. Aubertin
William C. Jordan, Jr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Your Board of Health continues to feel that subsurface sewage disposal systems are being installed well within the guidelines and spirit of both State and Local ordinances.

The Board thanks the townspeople for the cooperation that has been received and invites all Paxton homeowners to seek the advice of the Board in solving any septic system problems which might arise.

The Town continues to be well served by Wachusett Home Health care Agency. The areas of service include nursing care as well as therapy in many areas and home health care.

The Rubbish disposal contract came up for bid during the past year and was awarded to Leonard A. Martone Co., Inc. This is a continuation of our past relationship. The Board feels that the level of service which the Town has received will continue to be of the high quality we have become accustomed to. Public opinion seems to reinforce our feeling that we presently receive the most convenient and economical disposal system in the Commonwealth.

The Multi Vaccine clinics were offered to preschool and school age children of Paxton. The rabies vaccination Clinic for dogs was held in July and is available to towns people at nominal cost.

Our area of growing concern within the Town has been the increasing number of complaints in connection with the keeping of horses. It becomes increasingly evident that greater attention will have to be paid to existing guidelines by all concerned municipal departments.

Respectfully submitted,

PAXTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Thomas M. Braley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals was organized as follows for the year 1975
Fiscal:

Robert F. Dillman Jr., Chairman
46 Richards Avenue
Donald T. Lundquist, Clerk
9 Ashwood Road
Timotheos M. Thoutsis
6 William Allen Drive
Allen Rubin
5 Arrowhead Drive
William E. Lindquist
80 Suomi Street
R. Ray Summa
1 Crestwood Road
Edward Z. Savickas
12 Bel Arbor Drive

The following Appeals were heard:

Frank and Patricia Ranta,	yarn and needlecraft shop	Approved
Charles Brady	sign regulation variance	Refused
Orville Sheldon	garage - Lot lines. heard, but	withdrawn
C. Witkowski	withdrawn - not heard	withdrawn
Patricia Richards	Beauty Shop	Approved
Frank Trotto	Auto Body Shop	Approved
Peter Siemen	Lot line variance to build	
	a garage and breezeway	Approved

Respectfully submitted,

PAXTON BOARD OF APPEALS
Donald T. Lundquist, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

What can be said to our customers about power supplies, fuel charges, etc. that hasn't already been said or printed?

New England Power is still petitioning for rate increases, and the fuel costs haven't decreased.

The Light Department was disappointed in the vote at the last special Town Meeting tabling additional 'Revenue Bond Financing'. The Commissioners and the manager still believe that an opportunity for relief from increasing power costs was missed.

On the local front, work on the new 'Wentworth' 115KV sub-station is progressing nicely, with a tentative date of November 1, 1975 for going into operation. Home building is close to a standstill, just a few homes being built in diversified sections.

The Department wishes to thank Miriam Suomu for her many years of service, and to wish her the best of luck in all her undertakings.

Two parttime office workers have joined the Department, they are Mildred Warpula and Elizabeth Nanof. Office hours are still 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the Light Commissioners meet the last Tuesday before the last Thursday of each month at the Light Department Operation Center, 578 Pleasant Street.

Please drop in anytime you feel that we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis J. Lanciani, Mgr.
Robert C. Harrington, Chairman
Daniel F. Galdauckas, Clerk
Thomas F. Cummings, Third Member

We hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1974, as per the Department of Public Utilities Report:

Statement of Income and Expenses

Income:

Metered Sales to Consumers:

Rate A Private Consumers	\$294,343
Rate B Small Com. Con.	17,883
Rate C Large Com. Con.	86,093
Rate D Electric Heating	114,018
Street Lighting	10,180
Municipal Lighting-Bldgs.	10,265
Power for Municipal Purposes	4,258
Resale to Other Utilities	904
Area Lighting-Private	2,758

\$540,702

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	\$419,129
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,239
Maintenance Transformers	72
Street Lighting Expense	1,110
Meter Reading Expense	2,317
Accounting Expense	8,986
Mgr. & Light Board Salaries	15,647

Office Supplies & Expenses	2,809	
Mgr. & Light Board Expenses	1,857	
Rent	50	
Outside Services	523	
Overhead Line Expense	32,323	
Depreciation	42,076	
Insurance	1,911	
Maint. Underground Cond.	419	
Injuries & Damages	578	
Interest	838	
Uncollectable	205	
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		\$533,089
Operating Income		<hr/>
Other Income		7,613
		1,460
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Total Income for year 1974		\$ 9,079

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1974

ASSETS

	Additions	12/31/74 Depr. Val.
Land		319
Substa. Struc. & Improvements	28,173	47,030
Substa. Equip.	52	31,355
New Building		53,050
Poles & Fixtures	4,353	14,835
Overhead Conductors	26,770	95,219
Line Transformers	2,250	64,086
House Services	4,248	33,069
Consumer Meters	1,263	11,446
Street Light Equip.	2,574	26,042
Office Equip.		4,956
Cost on Transp. Equip.		22,518
Tools, Shop & garage Equip.	954	8,772
Comm. Equip.		3,283
Underground Cond.	118	41,599
Total Add. in 1974	70,755	
Total Depr. Value		457,579
Accounts Receivable		39,403
Materials & Supplies		20,242
Petty Cash		100
Depreciation Funds		23,308
Prel. Survey		1,597
Total Assets		\$542,229

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	20,000
Appropriated for Construction	2,457
Notes paid off in prior years by Light Dept.	49,116
Appropriated for Const. Repayment	7,090
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1974	46,731
Earnings of this & prior years invested in new plant & other assets	397,010
Contributions in Aid of Construction	23,903
Interest Accrued	335
	<hr/> 546,642
Deferred Credits	-4,413
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Total Liabilities	\$542,229

ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT

	Debit	Credit
Balance from Previous Years		\$397,931
Plus current year profit		9,079
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Accumulated Profit December 31, 1974		\$407,010

Respectfully submitted,

Paxton Light Department
 Curtis Lanciani, Mgr.
 Robert C. Harrington, Chairman
 Daniel F. Galdauckas, Clerk
 Thomas F. Cummings, Third Member

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

On December 31, 1974, William O. Wylie retired as Chief of Police, with David L. Young assuming that position as of January 1, 1975.

Since assuming the position of Chief of Police, my primary task has been two-fold, increased coverage in the residential areas and in the area of traffic law enforcement. Some success has been achieved in both areas as indicated by statistics that show a proportional decrease in the number of house-breaks for the first six months of 1975 and an increase in the number of motor vehicle law violations cited by members of the department during the same period.

A new system of records keeping has been implemented, which facilitates keeping of reports of incidents investigated, accidents investigated and other police matters. This system simplifies filing of reports, has a cross reference provision and allows for a more detailed and accurate account of incidents investigated by the Paxton Police Department. The variety of incidents that are summarized in the year end reports are a reflection of the efficiency of this system.

As in the past, this department has worked with the Paxton Center School administration in the area of safety for the children of Paxton. One of the major areas covered was that of child molesting and the prevention of same. In the latter part of the school year just completed a 'Block Mothers' program was introduced in the Town of Paxton. In conjunction with this, the children at Paxton Center School had an assembly to educate them to the dangers of getting too friendly with strangers. The assemblies were met with much enthusiasm by all of the children. This program will be run again in the fall, when school resumes. I wish to thank Mrs. Carol Laraia and Mrs. Dorothy Ungerer, the two women who put a considerable amount of time into the 'Block Mothers' program to enable it to become a success. At the present time we have 78 'Block Mothers' and are looking for more.

A new law has been passed that will, in the near future, alter the ambulance service that is now provided by this department. As of July 1, 1975, the type of vehicle we now use to transport persons to hospitals will be outlawed. The law covering care and transportation of injured and ill persons is very involved and because of its far reaching impact upon the residents of this Town, I have requested that the Select-Board appoint a committee to study this new law and for them to recommend

a way for Paxton to implement it. This board has been appointed and they will be required to make a report to the Select-Board some time in early January, 1976.

The department has monthly meeting where changes in laws, operational and procedural matters and department rules and regulations are discussed and up-dated. This is an important part of the continuous training that law-enforcement personnel must undergo.

I wish to thank the other town departments for their help and use of their facilities, which have resulted in a savings in the operational cost of running our cruisers.

My thanks also go to the residents of Paxton for the support and encouragement given to me since I assumed the position of Chief of Police.

David L. Young
Chief of Police
Paxton Police Department

Police Department Activity for 1974-75

	Calendar 1974	Jan. 1 to June 30, 1975
Calls for service	***	628
Ambulance transfers	36	18
Vacant homes checked	268	101
Breaking-Entering Homes	29	7
Breaking-Entering Business	***	1
Larceny	4	6
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	***	12
Vandalism	***	11
Missing Persons	***	5
Auto thefts	4	3
Stolen Autos Rec. in Paxton	10	18
Murder	***	1
Rape	***	1
Arrest: Adult	18	11
Juvenile	***	3
Accidents Investigated		
Property Damage	26	37
Personal Injury	11	5
Citations for violation of motor vehicle laws; (499)		580

Reports for Insurance Cos.		
Accidents	14	15
Investigations	17	4
Licenses Issued:		
FID Cards	37	154
License to Carry Firearms	52	62
Total turned over Town:	\$795.75	\$1,117.75

*** Either not recorded or unavailable

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Towns People;

The following report is for work projects completed from January 1, 1974 through May 27, 1975:

The Tree Department planted 2000 seedlings on various town properties. The spring of 1974 planting was done by Tree Department employees, the 1975 spring planting was done by The Future Farmers of America Club at Wachusett High School.

A great deal of roadside trimming was done on the west side of Town. Also, several large diseased elms were removed and new young shade maples planted in their place.

Because of a state law allowing burning in early spring, no chipping program was conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Lanciani
Tree Warden

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1974 to May 27, 1975

Payrolls	\$3,118.00
Outside hire	608.50
Tools & Repairs	849.92
Plantings	500.00

 \$5,076.42

Light Department Contribution:

133 hours @ \$8.00 per hour —	
Chipper & Dump Truck	1,064.00
38 hours @ \$6.00 per hour —	
Bucket & Truck	294.00
25 hours @ \$6.00 per hour —	
Digger Truck	150.00
18 hours @ \$2.00 per hour —	
Pick-up Truck	36.00
27 hours @ \$6.00 per hour —	
Line Truck	162.00

 \$1,706.00

Highway Department Contribution:

12 hours @ \$5.00 per hour —	
Dump Truck	60.00
4 hours @ \$8.00 per hour —	
Tractor	32.00
4 hours @ \$6.00 per hour —	
Loader	24.00

 116.00

Total expenditures for Tree Department

 \$6,898.42

Respectfully submitted,

 Curtis Lanciani,
 Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Use of printed materials	42,948
Central Regional interlibrary loans	794
Reference transactions	5,173
Use of AV materials	2,378
Volumes in collection	10,161
Magazines subscribed	56
Records and tapes	445
Volumes added (including gifts and paperbacks)	1,123
Number of registered borrowers	2,277

About a year ago, the Selectmen (who use the library and realize we are crowded and busy) met with the Trustees to suggest commencing plans for expansion. Drainage problems existed in the cellar, so the first move was to install drains around the outside of the building and one inside through the cellar floor. A new oil tank was buried outside and plans are under way to use resulting cellar space for a second de-humidified room for book storage. This should free approximately 630 sq. ft. underground for renovation to usable public space.

An architect has been consulted, especially about a possible second basement entrance.

The back entrance hall has just been replastered and is now waiting for paint.

There is land on the Maple Street side of the library for an addition, but the Trustees feel we should use the existing space in the cellar to full advantage before asking for funds for outside expansion.

We continue to make much use of Central Regional services. The weekly van now comes on Tuesday mornings, so any books to be returned on it must be in the library the previous weekend. Interlibrary loans, subject requests, film bookings and materials from the regional pool collection remain popular.

In the spring of 1974, I designed a brochure for the state Bureau of Library Extension describing the back-up services of the 3 regional systems. This was completed and printed at Boston Public Library.

In January 1975, our library was chosen (one of 21 libraries state-wide) for extensive questioning (20 pages!) and an interview by Don Buckholtz, of the Bureau, concerning evaluation of regional services. I attended a follow-up workshop on goals and objectives.

The Paxton 4H group working with Barbara Berka has loaned effective displays and posters on community glass recycling and facts about whales.

Helen Congdon, a former library assistant, has given freely of her time to help reorganize our pamphlet file material. We also hope to complete a picture file, possibly for copier use.

We want to thank the Paxton Light Department and many other friends for their continuing and generous gifts of memorial books and other titles.

State Aid was used for juvenile biographies and the purchase of 2 new encyclopedias. This allows 5 older encyclopedias to be used for circulation.

Several grades from Paxton Center School have made regular visits to our library in the good weather. We hope they will continue.

In April 1975, I attended a very interesting meeting in Middletown, Conn., held in a new children's library building featuring live pets on loan, theatre and puppet facilities and supervised craft-working projects.

One of the most exciting things to happen in 1975 was the forming of the FRIENDS OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY. By-laws were drawn and presented at a May organizational meeting. Officers and directors were elected and projects discussed. Townspeople are cordially invited to join by calling any of the following officers to volunteer help or suggestions.

Gail Kimball	president
Alma Nash	vice-president
Edith Lavigne	corresponding secretary
Arlene Sjosten	recording secretary
Ruth Guulbrandsen	treasurer
Jo Calabro	director
Jean Varum	director
Judy Russell	director

Window boxes have already been successfully installed, plans for a fall book sale have started, a community calendar to be installed in the library is underway, a story hour as part of the town summer recreational program is beginning and Judy Russell is calling for recruits to work on an appliqued Paxton theme quilt for the bicentennial. Her FRIENDS banner on display in the library should be an inspiration. We really welcome your INTEREST, IDEAS and ENTHUSIASM!

I am again most grateful to the staff, the Trustees, the maintenance people and Paxton citizens as a whole for their interest and dedication to making our library a real community effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola C. Prentice
Librarian

REPORT OF RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	11,189.00
Due to State Required	
Minimum Salary Increase	646.00
Total	<hr/> 11,835.00

Expenditures:

Librarian	5,859.00
Others	5,971.55
Total	<hr/> 11,830.55

Expense Account - Income:

Town Appropriation	4,130.00
Bal. of Income 1972	753.91
Interest from Investments	
July 1974 thru May 1975	1,542.88
Total	<hr/> 6,426.79

Expenditures:

Petty Cash	100.00
Telephone	215.98

Water & Lights	426.46
Office Supplies & Postage	476.73
Fuel	634.11
Maintenance - Building & Grounds	605.22
Books, Magazines & Records	3,738.44
Travel	37.00
Total	<hr/> 6,233.94

State Aid Account:

Balance June 30, 1974	2,615.46
Spent 1974 - 1975	2,257.91
Balance	<hr/> 357.55

Richards Trust Account:

Received 1974 - 1975
Distribution
Interest

Total Fund (See Treas. Report)

The sum of \$404.34 in Fine money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Nelson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The final section of West Street to the center of Town was finished in 1974 completing the reconstruction of that street from the Town Hall to about 300 feet short of the Spencer Town line. The road has a Type 1 surface as far as Suomi Street and an asphalt mix in place surface to the Spencer Line. Within the next few years, we intend to repave that section leaving the entire street with a Type 1 blacktop surface.

A 2½ inch surface of Type 1 blacktop was applied to about 3,000 feet of Richards Avenue, from Streeter Road northerly, using Chapter 1140 money from the State. The increased cost of labor and materials was reflected in comparing the cost of \$8.40 per ton in place on the

previous section four years ago to \$15.55 per ton in place this year.

Numerous Streets received asphalt seal coatings and a number of drainage problems were corrected as far as money would allow. Many drainage situations still exist and a continuing effort will be made to rectify more of these conditions this year.

Plans call for commencing the reconstruction of Maple Street this year and will be done in the present layout. Many townspeople have expressed concern for the trees on Maple Street, but with the exception of one or two smaller ones, none will be removed.

Again, we would like to express our appreciation for the cooperation of the Townspeople, particularly in keeping the streets clear of parked cars during snow plowing operations and we apologize for any damages to lawns caused by the plows. Many people have been marking the edge of their lawns with poles, which has proved to be a great help in minimizing this problem.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments on how the Highway Department may better serve the Community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Hansson, Supt. of Streets

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Dept. answered 83 calls for service during the past fiscal period. They were as follows:

- 7 Building
- 11 Motor vehicle
- 18 Grass and brush
- 11 Mutual aid
- 36 Miscellaneous

This number of calls is almost double the amount shown in last report of the department. The largest category is the miscellaneous and covers some of the following:

- search for lost children
- washdown gasoline at motor vehicle accidents

- rescue or attempts to rescue pets
- investigations
- false alarms
- small electrical fires
- bomb scare
- standby at station during power failure
- pump out cellars
- attempts to make skating rink
- burned suppers
- wetting down brush piles
- etc.

From the number of motor vehicle fires, it appears that Paxton along with other surrounding towns is a semi-disposal area for stolen vehicles.

The Central Communication Dispatch Center was put into operation during the time period that this report covers. It was through the facilities available at the Center that the Fire Dept. in cooperation with the Police Dept. were able to identify and put a stop to a source of false alarms.

There were 11 regular drill sessions held during the past fiscal year and several special drills for new men. The same type of drill instruction was given on an advanced phase as was started a year ago under the direction of Lieutenant Murphy and Deputy Chief Kimball.

The Fire Dept. will be taking receipt of the new Mack 1000 gpm pumper, authorized by the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, in a short while. This will entail a series of drill sessions also, in addition to the regular drills, to familiarize the firefighters with the operation of the vehicle and its equipment.

With great regret, the resignation of Deputy Robert L. Price was accepted this year. Bob served the Fire Dept. for 26 years and during this time was Chairman of the Fire Station Building Committee. I wish Bob the best of luck in his endeavors in service to Paxton and know that he will do an excellent job.

Respectfully submitted,

Lellie E. Robinson
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Paxton:

Priorities for the Water Board have been:

1. (a) Increase standpipe storage capacity.
(b) Reinforce existing water mains.
2. Additional source of water.
3. Additional water main extensions.

Approval of the standpipe and connecting water main was received at the special Town Meeting on September 30, 1974. Construction of the standpipe scheduled for completion in late September 1975.

The existing water mains in the Asnebumskit development have been reinforced by the addition of the connecting main.

Future sources of the additional water are still being studied as a supplement to the present source.

The policy of yearly water main extensions was continued on South Street with the installation of 600 feet on main and one hydrant.

We presently have approximately 129,400 feet of water main in the Town.

New Water Installations...22

Repairs..... 10

Respectfully submitted,

Frazier Colon
Brian Murphy
Robert Thompson

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

During the year, the Personnel Advisory Board assisted the Finance Committee by making wage and salary recommendations for inclusion in the 1975 Town Budget.

A study of fringe benefits was completed and a recommendation

made to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Central Communication Center since opening Nov. 1, 1975 is proving to be of great value to the town. Quick response to all departments in an emergency has been very effective. These emergencies are handled quickly and proficiently.

The increase in calls that the Communication Center receives has shown this Committee of the residents awareness of the Center and the need.

The Center also acts as a information bureau, giving general information and directing callers to the right department, whatever the case may be. The Center also aides travelers asking for directions or locating residences.

At present ther are 13 operators at the Center, working efficiently to give the town 24 hours service.

In the future the Communication Committee hopes to expand its operation. In some cases by the time this book goes to press some of these expansions will already be in effect.

The new Water Dept. water supply will be monitored. The new energy supply (Sub Station) will be monitored, also the Police Dept. mutual frequency. Home detecting devices Fire or Police will monitor throughout the Communication Center.

Anyone installing any alarm system in their home, contact the Police Chief or Fire Chief.

Increase in calls:

Nov. 1, 1974 to Jan. 23 per day
Jan. 1, 1975 to April 47 per day
April 1, 1975 to Aug. 77 per day

Respectively Submitted,

Curt Lanciani, Chairman

PAXTON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Bicentennial Committee met when necessary and planned the following programs for 1975-1976:

1. Entertainment for the Senior Citizens on May 14, 1975 showing town 1965 Bicentennial Parade film and slides;
2. 'Paxton's Past Revisited', May 16, 1975, showing slides of historical interest to the Town, and serving a buffet dinner. Proceeds will pay for duplication of pictures for the Richards Memorial Library;
3. 'Paxton's Past Revisited' - Bicentennial House Tour, colonial craft exhibit in each house, art sale and exhibit in the Congregational Church;
4. Publication of 'Paxton's Past Revisited', a booklet on houses built 1900. It is hoped that the sale of this booklet and House Tour tickets will pay for publication costs;
5. Coordination with Paxton Center School for a Bicentennial celebration, the date still to be decided;
6. Bicentennial Parade, June, 1976;
7. Patriots of Paxton Bicentennial Ball, October, 1976.

The Committee requested and was voted \$400.00 from 1976 appropriated funds; \$300.00 for one unit in the Parade; \$100.00 for operating expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Catharine Hodgson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was organized for the year 1974-1975 as follows:

Robert Price, Chairman

Betty Peterson, Clerk - Delegate to Central Mass. Regional
Commission

John Rommel, Jr. Delegate to Capital Outlay Committee

Alvah Tracy Representative to Transportation advisory
group and Building needs Committee.

The Board was fortunate to fill a vacancy with William Jarvis.

In cooperation with the Board of Assessors, a new microfilm record keeping system of plans recorded at the registry of deeds has been established.

There is no expense to the Town as the work is done by the court house staff and charged to the person recording the deed.

The major endeavor of the board in the past year has been a codification of the existing Paxton Zoning By Law, reorganizing its contents into a more easily understandable and amendable format. This work was done with the assistance of the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission.

We have continued to meet with the citizens of Paxton over diverse matters and appreciate the interest and assistance of our fellow townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,
Paxton Planning Board

Robert L. Price, Chairman
Betty C. Peterson
John D. Rommel, Jr.
Alvah W. Tracy
Wm. L. Jarvis III

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

1970 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$342.66	
Abated 1974-1975		<u>\$342.66</u>

1971 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$785.54	
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		\$638.60
Collected July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975		115.94
Outstanding June 30, 1975		<u>31.00</u>
	<u>\$785.54</u>	<u>\$785.54</u>

1971 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$1,733.94	
Collected July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975		\$12.38
Abated 1974 - 1975		<u>\$1,721.56</u>
	<u>\$1,733.94</u>	<u>\$1,733.94</u>

1972 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$3,207.52	
Collected Jan. 1, 1974 - June 30, 1974		\$1,066.15
Collected July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975		591.03
Outstanding June 30, 1975		<u>1,550.34</u>
	<u>\$3,207.52</u>	<u>\$3,207.52</u>

1972 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$9,518.52	
Committed 1974 - 1975	330.36	
Refunded 1974 - 1975	193.52	
Abated 1974 - 1975		\$2,881.48
Collected Jan. 1, 1974 - June 30, 1974		4,586.58
Collected July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975		2,540.79
Outstanding June 30, 1975		<u>33.50</u>
	<u>\$10,042.40</u>	<u>\$10,042.40</u>

1973 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$8.50	
Outstanding June 30, 1975		\$8.50

1973 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$706.30	
Refunded 1974-1975	57.23	
Abated 1974-1975		\$185.88
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		227.61
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		343.83
Outstanding June 30, 1975		6.21
	<u>\$763.53</u>	<u>\$763.53</u>

1973 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$68,848.25	
Refunded 1974-1975	404.07	
Abated 1974-1975		\$ 289.45
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		55,062.80
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		7,059.44
Outstanding June 30, 1975		6,840.63
	<u>\$69,252.32</u>	<u>\$69,252.32</u>

1973 Water Liens

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$196.69	
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		\$171.19
Outstanding June 30, 1975		25.50
	<u>\$196.69</u>	<u>\$196.69</u>

1973 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1974	\$34,329.91	
Committed 1974-1975	32,658.40	
Refunded 1974-1975	2,277.58	
Abated 1974-1975		\$15,876.11
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		31,893.55
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		17,682.13
Outstanding June 30, 1975		3,814.10
	<u>\$69,265.89</u>	<u>\$69,265.89</u>

1974 Transitional Personal Property

Committed 1974	\$5,423.04	
Refunded 1974-1975	9.90	
Abated 1974-1975		\$ 46.08
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		5,160.60
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		195.30
Outstanding June 30, 1975		30.96
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	\$5,432.94	\$5,432.94

1974 Transitional Forest Law

Committed 1974	\$105.12	
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		\$ 89.82
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		15.30
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	\$105.12	\$105.12

1974 Transitional Real Estate

Committed 1974	\$538,453.15	
Refunded 1974-1975	1,839.61	
Overpayments 1974-1975	12.95	
Abated 1974-1975		\$ 12,209.09
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		476,410.98
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		44,984.36
Outstanding June 30, 1975		6,701.28
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	\$540,305.71	\$540,305.71

1974 Transitional Water Liens

Committed 1974	\$316.20	
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		\$233.48
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		49.90
Outstanding June 30, 1975		32.82
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	\$316.20	\$316.20

1974 Motor Vehicle

Committed 1974-1975	\$170,137.60	
Refunded 1974-1975	3,837.02	
Abated 1974-1975		\$ 15,775.58
Collected Jan. 1, 1974-June 30, 1974		4,758.06

Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		138,193.64
Outstanding June 30, 1975		15,247.34
	<u>\$173,974.62</u>	<u>\$173,974.62</u>

1975 Fiscal Forest Law

Committed 1975	\$207.34	
Collected 1975		\$207.34

1975 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed 1975	\$880.08	
Collected 1975		\$871.58
Outstanding June 30, 1975		8.50
	<u>\$880.08</u>	<u>\$880.08</u>

1975 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed 1975	\$10,543.30	
Refunded 1975	14.86	
Abated 1975		\$ 111.50
Collected 1975		10,184.87
Outstanding June 30, 1975		261.79
	<u>\$10,558.16</u>	<u>\$10,558.16</u>

1975 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed 1975	\$1,069.98	
Collected 1975		\$ 577.06
Outstanding June 30, 1975		492.92
	<u>\$1,069.98</u>	<u>\$1,069.98</u>

1975 Motor Vehicle

Committed 1975	\$83,274.19	
Refunded 1975	219.70	
Abated 1975		\$ 3,470.67
Collected 1975		46,033.03
Outstanding June 30, 1975		33,990.19
	<u>\$83,493.89</u>	<u>\$83,493.89</u>

1975 Fiscal Real Estate

Committed 1974-1975	\$1,061,255.10	
Refunded 1974-1975	2,246.78	
Overpayments 1974-1975	3,984.91	
Abated 1974-1975		\$ 24,969.18
Collected July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975		980,971.90
Outstanding June 30, 1975		61,545.71
	<u>\$1,067,486.79</u>	<u>\$1,067,486.79</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS - 1975F

Personal property Taxes:

1973	343.83
1974-1	195.30
1975-F	10,184.87

Real Estate Taxes:

1971	115.94
1972	591.03
1973	7,059.44
1974 - 1	44,984.36
1975 - F	980,971.90

Farm Animal Excise Taxes:

1975-F	871.58
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Forest Law Land:

1974 - 1	15.30
1975 - F	207.34

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:

1971	12.38
1972	2,540.79
1973	17,682.13
1974	138,193.64
1975	46,033.03

Interest on Taxes:

3,784.52

Interest on Investments:

Treasurer	22,320.37
School Const.	228.31
Sc. Planning & Bldg.	31.02
Landtaking	23.39

State & County Aid to Highways:

State	9,456.69
Chap 81	1,800.00
1973	8,200.00
1974	15,200.00
1973	1,800.00

1974 Chap 825 Held for approp.	12,377.00
Gas Tax Disb. Fund	22,188.56
Misc. Reimbursements:	
Vet. Aid	1,202.12
Corp Tax & Public owned Land	13,016.26
Local Aid Fund	22,599.45
Lottery	11,199.41
Highway Machinery Rental	9,106.00
Aid to Schools:	
Ed. Adm. School Trans.	
Chap. 71 - 57 - A	23,390.53
Bldg. Assistance Chap 645	4,538.32
Construction Assist.	27,429.81
Aid to Schools Chap. 70	203,253.50
Spec Edu. 69 - 71	66,644.80
Spec Ed. Grant - Cities & Towns	13,565.00
School Title II	806.45
Ed. Occup G. L. Chap. 76 Tuition	6,446.00
Misc. School Income:	
Hazel Gay Award Fund	15.30
Bigelow School Book Fund	52.52
Telephone	3.66
Sale of Projects	124.60
School Lunch Program:	
Collections	27,245.43
Reimbursements	13,918.33
Library Interest Income	1,805.33
City Dog Fund	
Held for approp. to Library	1,571.41
State Aid	
Held for approp. to Library	1,399.13
Fines	410.34
Recreation - Held for approp.	3,729.50
Bicentennial Comm. revolving acct.	607.00
Paxton Municipal El. Lt. Dept.:	
Rates & Installations	604,081.07
Ref. to Dept.	690.01

Interest on Const. & Deprec.	1,287.51
Workmans Comp Pd. to Town	824.09
Mat. Debt Bldg. Pd to Town	10,000.00
Interest on Bldg. Pd. to Town	670.00

Water Dept.:

Rates	49,206.10
Installations & Repairs	1,776.64
Ins. Recovery	125.51
Worc. Water Resold	43.48
Water Liens	
1974	49.90
1975F	577.06

Cemetery:

Interest Income	2,229.74
Sale of Lots P/C	1,888.00
Opening Graves	860.00

Withholdings & Agencies:

Dog Licenses for Cty.	968.20
Federal Tax W/H	105,897.23
State Tax W/H	32,067.07
Teachers Retirement W/H	22,326.04
County Retirement	12,827.76
Blue Cross — Blue Shield W/H	13,570.87
Group Life W/H	530.18
Annuities W/H	5,791.38
Disability W/H	679.56
Blue Cross - Blue Shield D.P.	1,004.05
Group Life D.P.	23.04
Teachers Dues	2,420.00

Licenses, Permits & Misc.:

Selectmen	2,112.00
Bldg. Inspector	2,734.00
Planning Bd. Filing Fees	
& Sale of Bylaw	87.00
Bd. Appeals Hearing Fees	120.00
Bd. Health Sewage Const. & Repair	415.00
Gas & Plumbing Permits	343.50

Installers Permits	10.00
Animal Insp.	155.00
Wire Insp.	97.00
T. Clerk - permits	28.50
Conservation Hearings	50.00
Police Dept.:	
Accidents Reports	215.00
Fines	661.00
Weapons ID	1,482.00
Bicycle Reg.	16.75
Police Pd. Detail	8,516.50
% to Town	869.75
Loans:	
Ant. Highway Rev.	25,157.00
Ant. Water Standpipe Bond issue	309,000.00
Misc. Refunds	
Dog Exp. Ref.	2.10
Tractor Equipment	165.00
Police Bal. Held	166.15
Use of Copy Machine	20.40
Deposit-School	40.00
Selectmen overpayment	12.78
Recreation Ref.	9.80
Supplies purchased from School	3.50
Fire Dept. Ck. returned	83.40
Cty. Tax Refund	4,651.19
School Fire Claim	557.00
Highway Ref.	6.64
T. Hall Vandalism	675.00
Bldg. Damage	262.04
Outstanding cks. Treas.	127.36
Ins. Ref. Water Dept.	110.97
Ref. Vet. Aid	370.50
Ref. Ins. Retired Teachers	691.46
Reimb. for Broken Water Main	271.63
Treasurers Tailings	40.00
Balance Brought Forward	466,582.09
Total Received	3,034,244.41
Payments	2,880,357.81
Cash on Hand	620,468.69

PAYMENTS - 1975 Fiscal

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Moderator:		
101	Salary	35.00	
104	Expenses	8.50	
	Selectmen:		
111	Salaries	1,100.00	
112	Secretary	500.00	
114	Expenses		
	Office	310.05	
	Dues	251.50	
	Adv.	182.32	
	Meetings	32.00	
	Del. Reports	100.00	
	Misc.	137.13	1,013.00
115	Equipment	188.50	
	Easements	170.00	
	Town Accountant:		
122	Salary	1,650.00	
124	Expenses		
	Office	70.00	
	Dues	5.00	
	Reports	30.00	
	Equip. & Repair	45.00	150.00
	Town Treasurer:		
131	Salary	2,500.00	
134	Expenses		
	Office	359.80	
	Dues	62.00	
	Equip. & Repair	29.16	
	Date P. Bal. held	50.40	
138	D.P.	547.76	
	Collector:		
141	Salary	3,100.00	
144	Expenses		
	Office Expense	405.35	

	Postage	760.00	
	Filing Fees	47.00	
	Dues	17.00	1,229.35
145	Equipment	430.00	
	Town Secretary:		
152	Salary	5,000.00	
154	Expenses		
	Postage Machine	192.00	
	Copy Machine	608.00	800.00

ASSESSORS

161	Salaries	2,500.00	
162	Clerk	1,000.00	
164	Expenses		
	Mapping	180.00	
	Office	700.12	
	Dues	88.50	
	Photocopies and abstracts	177.84	
	Additional D.P.	79.10	1,225.56
168	Data P.	600.00	
	Finance Committee:		
172	Secretary	175.00	
173	Statistician	100.00	
174	Expenses		
	Office	6.60	
	Dues	45.00	
	Town Clerk:		
181	Salary	850.00	
182	Hire	301.00	
184	Expenses		
	Office	133.86	
	Dues	9.00	142.86
194	Legal	6,802.56	
	Election:		
204	Expenses		
	Counters	772.50	
	Recount	45.00	
	Office	173.57	

	Rental	35.00	
	Voting List	175.00	1,201.07
	Registrars:		
212	Compensation	105.00	
213	Clerk	150.00	
214	Expenses		
	Office	25.68	
	St. Listing	505.00	
	Census	430.00	960.68
	Planning Board:		
	Expenses Bal. held	15.84	
224	Expenses		
	Office	8.50	
	Dues	30.00	
	Meetings	8.00	
	Adv.	12.78	59.28
226	Printing Bylaw	114.00	
	Technical Assist.	680.00	
TOWN HALL			
232	Caretaker	1,700.00	
	Expenses Bal.held	1,014.98	
234	Expenses		
	Lights	437.31	
	Telephone	797.37	
	Fuel	1,318.56	
	Janitor Supplies	416.28	2,969.52
236	Town Hall Repairs		
	Painting	925.00	
	Lumber	65.95	
	Misc. repairs	192.04	1,182.99
244	Record Bldg.		
	Compensation	174.50	
	Office	144.65	319.15
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$43,144.56	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

282	Police Chief Salary	11,371.67	
	Deputy	500.00	11,871.67
283A	Full Time Officer	7,385.00	
283	Patrolling Expense	16,362.54	
	Police Paid detail	8,516.50	
	Expense Bal. held	369.25	
284	Expense		
	Office	228.13	
	Meetings and Dues	55.00	
	Telephone	738.58	
	Equip. Mt. & Oper.	6,781.83	
	Radio Maint.	329.60	
	Officers Exp.	478.15	
	Misc. supplies	240.16	
	Education and Training	30.00	8,881.45
285	Equipment	1,688.26	
286	School Crossing Guard	875.00	
287	Prisoners Fees	680.00	
288	Dispatcher	300.00	
	Police Cruiser Ambulance	4,463.00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

302	Fire Dept. Officers	2,000.00	
303	Firefighters	4,472.00	
304	Expenses		
	Sirens and Station Lights	550.99	
	Business phones	533.52	
	Janitor	600.00	
	Vehicle Maint. & Op.	1,058.19	
	Equip. Maint.	196.12	
	Station Heat	1,554.95	
	Water	27.60	
	Misc.	223.97	
	Station Maint.	312.81	
	Radio Maint.	223.85	5,282.00
305	Equipment	1,147.40	
309	Dispatcher	300.00	
310	Hose replacement	2,300.00	

	Communications Center		
	Expense and Operation		
	Compensation	14,487.50	
	Recording Device	400.00	
	Office Exp. and Supplies	487.37	
	Furnishings	172.94	
	Office Equip.	45.00	
	Const. of facility	341.66	
	Utilities	79.00	
	Telephone	462.81	
	Petty Cash	25.00	
	Misc. Parts	15.56	
	Rental - Compressor	16.00	16,532.84
	Building Insp.:		
322	Salary	1,325.00	
	Assist Bal. Held	156.50	
323	Assistant	159.20	
324	Expenses		
	Telephone	106.20	
	Office	35.13	
	Travel Exp.	336.84	478.17
	Board of Appeals:		
334	Expenses		
	Office and Adv.	106.28	
	Forestry:		
364	Dutch Elm	1,654.00	
374	Trees	1,966.16	
	Dog Officer:		
382	Salary	900.00	
384	Expenses		
	Care and custody and supplies	863.61	
	Rental	120.00	
	Travel Exp.	160.00	
	Equipment	38.45	1,182.06
	Civil Defense:		
394	Expense & Equipment	164.69	

Inspector of Wires:

402	Salary	350.00	
403	Assist.	50.00	
404	Expenses	51.50	

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS
AND PROPERTY

\$101,970.47

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health:

	Salary Bal. held	75.00	
441	Salary	150.00	
444	Expenses		
	Office	42.85	
	Misc.	61.90	104.75

Sanitary Inspector:

472	Salary	2,750.00	
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Plumbing & Gas Inspector:

482	Salary	391.00	
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Refuse Collection:

494	Contract	30,600.00	
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Inspector of Animals:

502	Salary	155.00	
503	Assist. Animal Insp.		
	Salary	50.00	

534	Wachusett Home Health Care Assessment	996.75	
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TOTAL HEALTH, SANITATION \$35,272.50

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

574	Chapter 81		
	Labor	587.76	
	Town Equipment	4.00	
	Materials	2,445.67	
	Outside Labor	350.00	
	Dues	22.00	3,409.43
584	Chapter 90 - Improvement		
	Labor	5,820.96	

	Town Equipment	736.00	
	Materials	369.73	6,926.69
594	Chapter 90 - Construction		
	Labor	6,070.64	
	Town Equipment	1,283.50	
	Outside Labor	2,080.00	
	Advertising	12.78	
	Material & Supplies	23,193.84	37,640.76
604	Street Repairs		
	Labor	4,354.57	
	Town Equipment	288.00	
	Materials	1,354.25	5,996.82
634	Street Lights	10,000.00	
	Town Garage Bal. held	28.29	
644	Town Garage		
	Lights	257.80	
	Fuel & Repair	872.18	
	Telephone	287.32	
	Typewriter	35.00	
	Mint. of Extinguishers	58.05	
	Misc. Supplies	16.58	1,526.93
	Tractor Equipment		
	Lights	110.32	
	Fuel	6,281.15	
	Pts. Supplies	4,799.71	
	Office Expense	14.73	
	Advertising	10.95	11,216.86
654	Snow Removal		
	Labor	14,551.92	
	Town Equipment	3,507.00	
	Blades	300.88	
	Sand & Chemicals	6,639.90	24,999.70
664	Vacation & Sick Leave	6,024.79	
684	Repair Private Ways		
	Labor	1,586.43	
	Town Equipment	369.00	
	Materials	3,040.27	4,995.70

694	Special Street Repair		
	Labor	3,309.13	
	Town Equipment	764.50	
	Materials	5,012.44	
	Private Owned Equipment	868.00	
	Legal	40.00	9,994.07
	Highway Dump Truck Purchase	16,200.00	
	Repairing Richards Ave.		
	Labor	1,571.78	
	Town Equipment	288.00	
	Materials	13,131.24	14,991.02
	Cutler Rd. & Camp Sts.		
	Labor	4,757.97	
	Town Equipment	695.50	
	Outside Equip.	911.94	
	Supplies	5,292.82	11,658.23
	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.	\$160,609.29	

VETERANS SERVICES

722	Agents Salary	350.00	
726	Aid	5,489.16	
	TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	\$5,839.16	

	School Special Town Meeting		
	Unpaid bills	805.70	
	School Balance held	2,176.96	
741	School Committee		
	Board Salaries	625.00	

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL

1000	ADMINISTRATION		
1100	School Committee	919.59	
1200	Supt's Office	13,327.34	
2000	INSTRUCTION		
2200	Principal's Office	26,913.63	
2300	Teaching Salaries	446,658.89	
	Supplies	13,004.95	
	Other Expense	3,630.36	
2400	Textbooks	1,331.26	

2500	Library	7,239.33	
2600	Audio Visual	647.79	
2700	Guidance	9,926.81	
2800	Psych. Services	1,260.69	
2900	Educational T. V.	0	
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
3200	Health Services	6,139.02	
3370	Transportation	43,539.64	
3400	Food Services	5,867.93	
3500	Student Activities	281.72	
4000	OPERATION & MAINT.		
4100	Salaries	36,703.43	
	Supplies	2,943.35	
	Other Expense	250.00	
	Heating Buildings	21,849.13	
	Utilities	12,559.26	
4200	Maintenance	20,392.60	
5000	FIXED CHARGES	433.59	
6000	COMMUNITY SERVICES	390.37	
7000	FIXED ASSETS	15,389.20	
9000	PROGRAMS WITH OTHERS	12,506.12	
TOTAL		\$704,106.00	
754	WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL - HIGH		
	Assessment	354,088.27	
	School Title II	770.54	
	E.D. Bigelow - School Fund	304.81	
	School Lunch Program		
	Labor	15,201.57	
	Food	26,222.90	
	Supplies	2,367.36	43,791.83
	Renovation White Bldg.		
	Contract	14,660.00	
	Contingencies	320.72	14,980.72
	Renovation - Kitchen		
	Adv.	18.25	
	Architect	316.91	

	Equip. - Repairs & Supplies	12,299.96	
	Concrete Work	350.00	12,985.12
	School Planning & Bldg. 0 - 6		
	Clerical	130.50	
	Hazel Gay Awards	20.00	
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$1,134,785.45	
	LIBRARY		
762	Librarian	5,859.00	
763	Other Compensation	5,971.55	
764	Expenses		
	Petty Cash	100.00	
	Telephone	215.98	
	Utilities	426.46	
	Office Supplies	476.73	
	Fuel	634.11	
	Maint. Bldg. & Grounds	605.22	
	Books Mag. & Records	3,738.44	
	Travel	37.00	6,233.94
	Library State Aid		
	Books Misc. repairs	2,257.91	
	Library Drain repairs	1,923.26	
	TOTAL LIBRARY	\$22,245.66	
	RECREATION		
772	Compensation	9,610.18	
774	Expense Bal. held		
	Sealcoating	1,050.00	
	Utilities	112.27	
	Maint. & Equip.	107.58	1,269.85
774	Expenses		
	Pool Chemicals	1,689.61	
	Maint. - Pool	350.68	
	Area	148.40	
	Supplies	561.08	
	Utilities	821.05	
	Equip. Operation	89.77	
	Guard Eq.	58.02	
	Badges	135.00	
	Eng.	60.00	3,913.61

775	Equipment	19.80
776	Events	2,751.00
	Director - Summer & Winter	1,700.00
	Valve - Strainer & Misc.	932.00
	Sweeper	424.00
	Chain Link Fence	6,394.52
TOTAL RECREATION		\$27,014.96

CELEBRATION & UNCLASSIFIED

	1776 BiCentennial Acct.		
	Activity	477.00	
	Art No. 31 Misc. Supplies	16.49	
782	July 4th Celebration	460.48	
814	Town Reports	551.25	
824	Memorial Day	234.05	
834	Insurance & Bonds	28,391.02	
844	Town Emp. Ins.	15,339.30	
852	Town Clock	30.00	
854	Expense	4.25	
864	Town Common Labor	220.41	
	Trim Equip.	4.00	
	Seeding, Lime, etc.	275.04	499.45
872	Conservation Clerk	200.00	
874	Expenses - Office	302.51	
904	Central Mass. Reg. Assessment	485.03	
924	Certification of Notes	17.00	
TOTAL CELEBRATION & UNCLASSIFIED		\$47,007.83	

PAXTONS MUNICIPAL ELECT.
I.T. DEPT.

Employees Salaries	62,956.08
Expense & Operation	532,800.90
Bldg. - Payment to Town	10,670.00

Commissioners	225.00	
TOTAL PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT	\$606,651.98	
WATER DEPT.		
963 Other Compensation	14,731.13	
964 Expenses		
Office Expense	470.26	
Gas Rental	408.64	
Chemicals	383.62	
Power	3,793.10	
Maint. & Operation	673.03	
Adv. & Legal Fees	94.63	
Testing	408.62	
Eng. Consultant Fees	250.00	
Worc. Water Used	41.40	6,523.30
Exp. Bal Held	1,040.12	
965 Stock, Misc. Supplies		
Meter Expense	2,120.06	
Misc. Stock, Supplies	4,879.85	6,999.91
South St. Extension	5,884.23	
Standpipe Eng.	5,000.00	
Standpipe Project	130,155.37	
CEMETERIES		
974 Expenses & Operation		
Labor	2,944.15	
T. Equip.	207.50	3,151.65
Cemetery -		
Expansion	1,099.86	
Tractor - Mower	873.00	
TOTAL OTHER ENTERPRISES	\$175,458.57	
MATURING NOTES & BONDS		
Schools	53,000.00	
Water Land Taking	5,000.00	
Water Mains	30,000.00	
Water Pump Station	3,000.00	
Fire Station	5,000.00	
Fire Truck	5,000.00	101,000.00

Int. Mat. Debt.	17,999.36	
Int. Temp. Loans	1,286.64	
Highway Loan & Reimb.	34,614.00	
Mat. Debt. Int. P.E. Lt. Bld.	10,670.00	
TOTAL MAT. DEBT & INT.	\$165,570.00	
Refunds		
P. Property 75F	52.90	
P. Property 74 - 6 Mo.	9.90	
P. Property 1973	21.90	84.70
Real Estate 74F	6,231.69	
Real Estate 74 - 6 Mo.	604.95	6,836.64
M.U. Refunds		
1975F	219.70	
1974	3,785.87	
1973	658.48	
1972	119.34	4,783.39
TOTAL TAX REFUNDS	\$11,704.73	
Agencies		
Dog. Lic. for Cty.	1,413.35	
Fed. Tax w/h	105,897.23	
State Tax w/h	32,261.03	
Cty Ret w/h	12,651.70	
Mass. Tea. Ret. w/h	22,883.42	
Blue C. - Blue Shield w/h	13,481.87	
Ins. D. P.	1,258.25	
Group Ins. w/h	522.00	
Ins. D. P.	77.18	
Annuities	6,031.38	
Teachers Dues w/h	2,420.00	
Disab. Ins. w/h	679.56	
Assessments & Misc.		
State Tax Assessment	142.48	
State Parks Recreation	16,249.78	
Cty. Tax	94,615.06	
Group Ins. Ret. Teachers	1,687.22	
Auditing	4,592.64	
M.V. Tax Bills	521.85	
Central Mass. Air Poll.	157.13	
Cty. Ret. System	22,471.31	
Group Ins. Elderly	103.12	

Cemetery P/C	1,888.00
Treasurer Tailings	35.00
A. Sluckis Retainer	1,042.09
TOTAL AGENCIES MISC.	\$343,082.65
Bal. Brt. Fd.	466,582.09
Receipts	3,034,244.41
Payments	2,880,357.81
Cash on Hand	\$620,468.69

LIABILITIES - 1975 Fiscal

GUARANTEE DEPOSITS

Subdivision Retainers	21,372.39
Water Department	50.00
P.E.L. Municipal Const. & Depreciation	20,663.16
Agency & Assessments	
Dog Licenses Coll. for Cty.	13.25
State Parks	160.59
Withholdings	
State - Tax W/H	2,771.00
Cty. Retirement W/H	1,147.34
Mass. Teachers Retirement W/H	1,795.93
Blue Cross - Blue Shield W/H	1,367.64
Emp. Group Ins W/H	62.18
Emp. Annuities W/H	370.00
Disability Ins W/H	56.63
Bonds & Loans Unissued	
Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.	637,000.00
Fire Truck	37,053.00
Reserve Accts & Misc. Balances Held	
Approp Balances Held	36,648.57
Water Standpipe Balance Held	178,844.63
Highway Held for Approp.	12,377.00
Recreation Held for Approp.	4,635.73
Cty. Dog Fund Held for Approp.	1,399.13
School Title II	37.77
School Title III	1,511.16
Library State Aid	357.55
Temp Loan Ant. of Bond issue	
Water Dept. Standpipe	309,000.00
Highway Ant. Reimb.	25,157.00
Loan Balances Held	10,114.77
School Const. Bal	1,229.92
Water pipeline	2,855.75
Trust Funds & Interest Income	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	272.13
Hazel Gay Award Fund	3.01
Cemetery Interest Income	1,509.48
Library Interest Income	455.30

Treasurer Tailings	5.00
Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept. rates & Installations	51,747.42
Non Revenue	
Highway Machinery Rentals	12,545.46
Overlay 18 Mo.	14,486.64
Overlay 1975F.	19,981.15
Overlay 1972	3,258.83
Overlay Surplus Reserve	22,887.75
Revenues	
M. V. Revenue	53,065.93
Departmental	788.30
T. T. Revenue	4,031.03
Farm Animal Revenue - 1973	8.50
Farm Animal Revenue - 1975F	8.50
Water Dept. Revenue	5,143.01
Surplus Revenue	309,580.05
	<u>\$1,809,400.99</u>
Town Meeting	1,660,736.01
Appropriation Control	12,554.33
Revenue	65,000.00
Loans Authorized & Unissued	
Highway Const. & Maint.	25,357.00
Special Town Meeting	
Appropriation Control	7,471.00
Loan Authorized & Unissued	
Paxton Municipal E. L.	50,000.00

ASSETS - 1975 Fiscal

Cash	620,468.69
Personal Property Taxes	
1975F	261.79
1974 - 6 Mo.	30.96
1973	6.21
Real Estate Taxes	
1975F	61,545.31
1974 - 6 Mo.	6,701.28
1973	6,840.63
1972	1,550.34
1971	31.00
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	
1975F	8.50
1973	8.50
Motor Vehicle Taxes	
1975	33,970.94
1974	15,247.34
1973	3,814.10
1972	33.55
Tax Titles	3,425.69
Tax Title Possessions	605.34
State Aid to Highways	4,257.00
(Chap 90 Improvement)	
County Aid to Highways	
1973 Chap 90 Maint	3,900.00
1975F Chap 90 Improvement	1,800.00
1975F Chap 90 Construction	3,900.00
Loans & Bonds issues Authorized	
Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.	637,000.00
Fire Truck	37,053.00
Water Dept. Standpipe	309,000.00
Water Dept. Rates	4,382.91
Inst. & Repairs	208.86
Water Liens	
1975F	492.92
1974 - 6 Mo.	32.82
1973	25.50

Central Mass. Air Pollution	17.16
Paxton Municipal El. Lt. Dept. Revenue	51,747.42
Misc. Cemetery P/C	788.30
Retired Persons Acct. Rec. Insurance Direct Pay	244.93
	\$1,809,400.99
Town Meeting	
Revenue - Budget	1,660,736.01
Articles	12,554.33
E & D	65,000.00
Loans Authorized	
Highway Ant. Rev.	25,357.00
Revenue - Special Town Meeting	7,471.00
Loans Authorized	
Paxton Municipal E. L.	50,000.00

NET FUNDED AND FIXED DEBTS

Fire Station	18,000.00
Fire Truck	5,000.00
P. E. L. Bldg.	10,000.00
Schools	355,000.00
Land Taking	2,000.00
Pump Station	10,000.00
Water Mains	85,000.00
	\$485,000.00

TRUST & INVESTMENTS

D. Russell Boynton	2,503.35
E. D. Bigelow	1,000.00
Hazel M. Gay	100.00
E. D. Bigelow Lib.	22,429.18
Geo. E. Bigelow	505.15
Richards Mem. Lib.	1,668.87
Richards Memorial Lib. Income Fund	23,296.68
E. D. Bigelow, V. I.	1,567.78
Cemetery P/C	42,192.15
Post War Rehab.	1,863.86

Conservation	1,263.72
Stabilization	61,151.84
Chas. Boynton G. P.	11,698.31
Richards Mem. Lib.	
Trust Fund	46,568.22
	\$217,809.11

REVENUE SHARING - 1975F

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Bal. Bt. Fd.	32,954.20	Int. Acct. Adm.	35.00
Receipts	39,731.57	Renov. School	40,500.00
Cash on Hand	\$32,150.77		

REVENUE SHARING - 1975F

BALANCE SHEET

Cash	32,150.77	Revenue	29,021.00
		Int. Income	3,129.77
	<u>32,150.77</u>		<u>32,150.77</u>
1976F Revenue	37,000.00	Approp. Control	37,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Karle
Town Accountant

OUTSTANDING DEBT

June 30, 1975

	Yr. of Mat.	Principal	Interest	Total
<u>School Dept.:</u>				
First Addition	1976	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 15,240.00
Second Addition	1980	40,000.00	3,250.00	43,250.00
Third Addition	1985	300,000.00	48,750.00	348,750.00
<u>Water Dept.:</u>				
1971 Main	1976	10,000.00	335.00	10,335.00
1972 Main	1979	75,000.00	6,746.67	81,746.67
Land Taking	1976	2,000.00	32.00	2,032.00
Pumping Station	1979	10,000.00	544.00	10,544.00
<u>Fire Dept.:</u>				
Station	1979	18,000.00	1,056.00	19,056.00
Truck	1976	5,000.00	409.10	5,409.10
<u>Electric Light Dept.:</u>				
Operations Bldg. (To be repaid from electric revenue; not taxation)	1976	10,000.00	335.00	10,335.00
		<u>\$485,000.00</u>	<u>\$61,697.77</u>	<u>\$546,697.77</u>

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT

June 30, 1975

Operating Cash:

Balance July 1, 1974	\$466,582.09
Add - Receipts for the Year	3,034,244.41
Subtract - Disbursements for the Year	(2,880,357.81)
Balance June 30, 1975	<u>\$620,468.69</u>

Analysis of Operating Cash:

Town Checking Accounts	\$ 16,494.67	
Town Savings Accounts	477,100.72	
Deposit in Transit	<u>74,722.98</u>	
Total Town Operating		\$568,318.37
Electric Light Operating		177.57
Electric Light Construction		20,485.59
School Construction Balance		10,114.77
Land Taking		397.20
Performance Bonds		<u>20,975.19</u>

Total Operating Cash June 30, 1975	<u>\$620,468.69</u>
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NON-OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES

June 30, 1975

Invested in 5% Certificate of Deposit:

Stabilization	\$ 67,401.40
Electric Light Construction	20,485.59
Income on War Bonds	2,041.03
Conservation	1,383.83
Library Trust Income	28,960.86
School Construction Balance	10,502.61
Cemetery Account	4,183.83

Total Certificate of Deposit	<u><u>\$134,959.15</u></u>
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AT&T Stock - Library (Shares)	216	
AT&T Stock - Hazel Gay (Shares)	6	
Library Trust		\$46,568.22
Cemetery - Perpetual Care Account		17,875.14
D. Boynton Poor Fund (Trust)		1,000.00
D. Boynton Poor Fund (Income Account)		1,696.48
Library (Bigelow) Trusts		19,054.26
Cemetery Trusts		24,330.00
C. D. Boynton Trusts		7,648.00
C. D. Boynton (Income Account)		5,012.15
Village Improvements (Bigelow)		1,661.90
Bigelow School Book Fund Trust		1,000.00
Revenue Sharing (Uncommitted)		1,694.23

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

Town of Paxton



FOR THE

Year Ending June 30, 1975

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

This is a complete report from the School Planning and Building Committee from its beginning in December of 1973 until June 1975.

In December of 1973 the Selectmen appointed a five member committee and charged them to carry out the directives of the September 24, 1973 and November 19, 1973 Special Town Meetings. Three specific directives were charged to this committee and the results of these charges were resolved by town vote and other action. These directives were as follows:

- I Obtain plans for a comprehensive athletic facility
- II Plan and renovate the kitchen at the Paxton Center School
- III Renovate the White School Building and install a Library on the ground floor of this building

The Committee held its first meeting on December 13, 1973. At this time the election of officers was held and the decision to acquire the services of a recording secretary was made. Meetings were held with the School Committee, Recreation Committee, Citizen's Advisory Committee, School Administration and Staff members to gain further information on various needs at the school.

It was unanimously voted by the Committee that the assistance of an architect would be beneficial for the preparation of detailed plans and specifications for the renovation of the White Building. Three firms submitted bids for their services. Lamoureux Associates Architectural Firm of Worcester, low bidder, was awarded the contract for this portion of work to be done.

At the May 6, 1974 Town Meeting, plans for a comprehensive athletic facility was defeated by the voters of Paxton. To our knowledge no further plans, regarding this facility, are currently being considered by the town.

With the help and assistance of the cafeteria manager and Lamoureux Associates the Committee was able to accomplish the desired plans for an efficient kitchen facility. The results can be observed by the systematic manner in which the school lunches are now prepared and served. The cost of this project was \$13,000.

The voters at the Special Town Meeting in November 1973 allocated \$42,000. for the renovation of the White School building. In order to

accomplish a more thorough restoration and due to the number of extra items added to the list for renovating, the Committee felt an additional \$15,000. was needed. At the May 6, 1974 Town Meeting the voters authorized the additional \$15,000. bringing the total cost for renovation to \$57,000. A portion of the \$57,000. figure provided a new space for a 1,500 sq. ft. Library in the White School building. Specifications were submitted for bid and Dalco Contracting Company of Lovell Street, Worcester was awarded the contract. Work began in early July and was substantially completed by the opening of school in September.

It is the opinion of the Committee that to have replaced a facility of this size with new construction would have been a far greater cost to the town. Even after State reimbursement, the cost to the town would have been a multiple expenditure.

An Open House was held by the PTO in September 1974. The towns-people had an opportunity to view the accomplishments of this project. Many favorable comments were made to the members of the committee by the visitors at the Open House.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to all the people of the town who gave their services in a variety of ways. On completion of the renovations the Committee felt and still feels that working together can bring about change and a better understanding of the needs. This demonstration of cooperation among the towns-people is appreciated by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Cunningham, Chairman
Christian S. Baehrecke, Vice Chairman
Raymond J. Savignac, Secretary
Henry B. Stidsen
Robert Russell

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the 1974-1975 school year many changes took place. The School Committee was increased from three to five members, monthly meetings were held throughout the summer, and in September our meetings were increased to two monthly. The school year began in September with Mr. Richard Lane, assistant principal, temporarily assuming the principal's duties from September to February. The School Committee expresses their appreciation to Mr. Lane for his competent execution of these duties for the five month period. Mr. Charles McManus returned in mid-February and assumed his position for the remainder of the school year.

Renovations of the White Building were substantially completed by the opening of school in September, thus providing the children and teachers with a safer and more pleasant learning environment. For the first time the public kindergarten was located in the school building complex, in a room of the 1963 addition, which was provided by the relocation of the school library. The kindergarten had previously been housed at St. Columa's hall. The renovations made possible a new area in the ground level of the white building for the school library. This newly created space provided an additional six hundred square feet to enhance the library facilities. The library sides program was very successful, enabling the teachers and the children to utilize the library facilities more effectively.

On May 23, 1974, an explosion in a science lab resulted in injuries to three students. A school safety advisory committee was formed to study and present specific recommendations on safety measures for accident prevention. Also, a traffic safety committee and school safety committee were officially established. We recognize the worthwhile programs and commitment of the members who have and are serving on all of these committees.

The School Committee and Administration have worked to hold the line on the budget but new legislation has placed additional burdens on the system. Continued increases in utility rates and additional maintenance personnel have made it difficult to stay within budget allotments. Provisions for conservation must be stressed in areas of the school's facilities for the next school year. Our custodial staff includes many capable people. It is appropriate at this time to express our thanks for the many extra duties they perform.

The State Mandate of Chapter 766, which considers all special needs of children, required an increase to our staff. A learning disabilities teacher and a full time guidance person were added. Much time and effort by these staff members have provided the necessary learning experience for children with special needs. The teaching staff, teachers' aides and monitors have performed their duties well this year. The children of Paxton are fortunate to have many competent people answering their educational needs.

The Cafeteria Manager and her staff have provided excellent meals and service to the students and staff members. Efficiency has been increased with the installation of new kitchen equipment. Through the cooperation of the cafeteria staff and the Paxton Lions Club, a program of monthly luncheons for senior citizens has been successfully implemented.

We wish to report the following innovations begun during the past year:

1. Increased communications between the school committee and the town committees: namely, the Recreation, Finance and Select Board.
2. The sponsorship of a program entitled Getting the Most From Your School Through School Community Collaboration was held in conjunction with the Citizen Resource Center in West Boylston. The meeting was held at Paxton Center School on January 6, 1975 and considered the need for change in our public school. We are grateful to Mr. William Densmore, of the State Board of Education and Citizens' Resource Center, for his leadership in this venture. Participating in the program were teachers, parents, citizens and school committee members. The Citizens' Advisory Committee has been charged to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the goals established at this meeting. A report on communications, which is one of the goals, has already been submitted by the Citizens' Advisory Committee.
3. The preparation of job descriptions for all the positions of administration and staff at Paxton Center School has been undertaken. To date the principal, assistant principal, head teacher and teaching librarian descriptions have been completed.
4. Six, three hour meetings were held between the School

Committee members and teachers to discuss concerns and issues aimed at establishing better understanding of needs.

5. A School HandBook, approved by the School Committee, was delivered to all the citizens of Paxton. The contribution of time and talent by many individuals and groups is recognized and appreciated.

It is unfortunately appropriate to report briefly on the grievance filed against the School Committee by the Paxton Teachers' Association. It is believed that this action was premature; if the School Committee had been informed of these issues and been given the opportunity to discuss them with the staff, this action would have been unnecessary.

The School Committee perceives the following to be of primary importance for our consideration for the coming year:

1. A continued and more open policy of communications among the school staff, administration, students, the school committee and the townspeople.
2. The development and implementation of appropriate curriculum relating to the needs of the students as assessed by rigorous evaluation of the present programs. This includes the basics of reading, writing and math.
3. The investigation of the causes of the present level of vandalism at the school and the development of a sound program for curbing further damage by creating a feeling of respect for self and others.
4. A continuing and consistent maintenance program for the present physical plant establishing building standards and goals that will prevent future major expenses for repair.
5. Begin a study of the evaluation process of the administrative and teaching staff, including the transitional programs.

The School Committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Paxton Center School and encourages and promotes citizen participation at these meetings. It is only by the combined efforts of all people in Paxton that we can make our school program most effective for the children of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Cunningham, Chairman
Philip C. McCarthy, Vice Chairman

Paula Aijala, Secretary
Gail Tracy

Kathryn Kingsbury

PAXTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1974

School Committee

Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 1977
Stuart A. Robinson, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1975
Mrs. Paula A. Aijala, Secretary	Term Expires 1976
Mrs. Gail J. Tracy	Term Expires 1976
Mr. Philip McCarthy	Term Expires 1975

Administrative Staff - Superintendent's Office

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
David L. Johnson	Business Manager
Mrs. Alice H. Sproule	Secretary
Retired June, 1974	
Mrs. Barbara A. Gaffney	Secretary
Mrs. Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting
Mrs. Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mrs. Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist
Mrs. Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting

Instructional Staff

Charles F. McManus	Principal
Richard M. Lane	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Mary M. Donahue	VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	VI-VIII
Mrs. Lois Kahn	VI-VIII
John J. Koski, Jr.	VI-VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	VI-VIII
Mrs. Marguerite A. Rydant	VI-VIII
Jerry E. Struzik	VI-VIII
Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VI-VIII
Paul A. Zendian	VI-VIII
Mrs. Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Miss Judith A. Hodgen	V
Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V

Mrs. Mary L. Bogren	IV
*Arthur J. Colella	IV
Miss Janice E. Laperle	IV
Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr.	IV
Mrs. Victoria K. Copp	II-III
Mrs. Jeanne K. Couture	II-III
Mrs. Ginger A. Kerbel	II-III
Mrs. Nancy H. Oakes	II-III
Miss Judith E. Quinn	II-III
Mrs. Claire A. Reavey	II-III
Mrs. Karen A. Ross (On Leave)	II-III
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	I
Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
Mrs. Ann R. Matzell	Kindergarten
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Head Teacher-Transition
Mrs. Judith T. Martin	Transition
Mrs. Mary F. Williams	Transition
Mrs. Carol Lyons	Art
Mrs. Geraldine F. Collins	French
*Charles T. Gruszka	Guidance
Mrs. Sylvia Caswell	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
*Mrs. Jennifer Weininger	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
*Robert P. Galante	Learning Disabilities
*New Teachers	

Supporting Staff

Mrs. Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Joyce McEachern, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Albert E. Hall	School Physician
Mrs. Priscilla A. Goodrow	Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Madeline M. Rafferty	Library Clerk
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Stephen S. Olson	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Custodian
Doreen Chagnon	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contractor

PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS - OCTOBER 1, 1974

Year of Birth	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969
	17	44	41	45	57	54

ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1974

Grade	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	53	56	57	72	87	77	77	75	86	640
						IX	X	XI	XII	Total
						72	84	68	75	299

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Condition

June 30, 1974

	12 Months Ending 12/31/72	18 Months Ending 6/30/74
Assets		
Petty Cash	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00
Cash	339,533.88	60,054.90
Accounts Receivable (Commonwealth of Mass.)	52,626.00	5,849.99
Short Term Investments	-----	500,000.00
	<u>\$392,313.88</u>	<u>\$570,058.89</u>
Liabilities		
Payroll Withholding	591.57	14,460.60
Short Term Loans	225,000.00	-----
Federal Grants	-----	12,546.48
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	11,562.92	32,444.85
Migrant Fund	65,830.81	168,755.90
Miscellaneous Accruals	680.38	1,227.00
	<u>\$303,665.68</u>	<u>\$229,434.83</u>
Reserve		
Contingency Maintenance Fund	28,678.33	28,678.33
Building Fund	-----	11,780.31
Reserve for Petty Cash	154.00	154.00
Surplus	59,815.87	300,011.42
	<u>\$ 88,648.20</u>	<u>\$340,624.06</u>
	<u>\$392,313.88</u>	<u>\$570,058.89</u>

Statement of Income and Expense
18 Months Ending June 30, 1974

Income

Assessments from Member Towns	\$3,677,298.00
State and Federal Revenues (Exhibit A Attached)	386,225.13
School Building Assistance Bureau	-----
Other Revenue (Exhibit B Attached)	135,876.22
Total	<u>\$4,199,399.35</u>

Expense

Operating Expense (Exhibit C Attached)	\$3,900,124.98
Debt Service	50,650.00
Total	<u>\$3,950,774.98</u>

Net Excess	\$ 248,624.37
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Reconciliation of Surplus

June 30, 1974

	<u>12 Months Ending 12/31/72</u>	<u>18 Months Ending 6/30/74</u>
Surplus at Beginning of Fiscal Period	\$160,981.36	\$ 59,969.87
Add:		
Blue Cross Experience Rebate	500.00	3,525.00
Miscellaneous Payments	946.51	568.58
Net Excess	<u>7,433.00</u>	<u>248,624.37</u>
Availability	\$169,860.87	\$312,687.82
Less:		
Auditor Reclassifications	-----	11,940.59
Miscellaneous Payments	66.00	735.81
Reserve for completion of 1970 alterations	1,825.00	-----
Applied to assessments	75,000.00	-----
Applied to salaries (wage freeze)	<u>33,000.00</u>	<u>-----</u>
Surplus at close of fiscal period	\$ 59,969.87	\$300,011.42

Exhibit A Schedule of State and Federal Revenues

18 Months Ending June 30, 1974

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Received</u>
Federal Funds	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 1,770.33
School Building Assistance Bureau	27,697.00	-----
Special Education		
Deaf and Blind	-----	1,765.00
Fed'l. Funding for Disadvantaged	-----	705.00
State Reimbursement	75,000.00	130,803.00
Transportation		
State Reimbursement	106,000.00	212,307.55
Tuitions		
State Wards	2,500.00	5,634.25
Vocational Ed.		
Home Arts and Agriculture	25,000.00	33,240.00
	<u>\$253,797.00</u>	<u>\$386,225.13</u>

Exhibit B Schedule of Other Revenue

18 Months Ending June 30, 1974

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Received</u>
Adult/Community Ed.	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 12,555.00
Athletic	5,500.00	9,462.41
Driver Ed. 'Behind The Wheel'		
Instruction	17,280.00	24,171.00
Field Trips	-----	317.00
Group Health/Life Ins. Premiums	33,000.00	37,369.17
Interest-Contingency Maint. Fund	-----	14,313.47
Interest-Short Term Investments	-----	5,588.87
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,600.00	7,263.29
Office Rental (Supt's Office)	5,800.00	2,900.00
School Rental	4,500.00	2,850.93
Tuitions:		
Child Study	-----	2,450.00
Regular School	11,025.00	16,390.08
Special Ed.	-----	245.00
	<u>\$ 87,905.00</u>	<u>\$135,876.22</u>

Exhibit C

Schedule of Operating Expense

18 Months Ending June 30, 1974

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1000 Administration	\$141,192.00	\$134,763.91
2000 Instruction	2,403,296.00	2,383,471.95
3000 Other School Services	526,602.00	521,748.00
4000 Operations	327,490.00	334,969.09
5000 Fixed Charges	134,189.00	130,036.04
6000 Community Service	2,400.00	2,008.50
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	71,285.00	49,412.42
Sub Total	3,606,454.00	3,556,409.91
Schedule B Special Ed.	281,276.00	274,308.13
Schedule C Adult/Community Ed.	9,900.00	* 13,284.15
Schedule E Vocational Ed.	70,720.00	56,122.79
Total Operating Expense	\$3,968,350.00	\$3,900,124.98
8000 Debt Service	50,650.00	50,650.00
Total Expense	\$4,019,000.00	\$3,950,774.98

*Received \$12,500.00 (Tuitions) as Offsetting Revenue)

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

1974 was a year of continuing progress for Wachusett. The major effort which we have made during the past three years to improve our career education operations began to show significant positive results. The CORE program, the Distributive Education program, the Graphic Arts program, and the Health Services program are all well on their way. We have made significant improvements in the Music Department and in other areas where our academic programs needed strengthening. In addition, we succeeded in adapting our already fine Special Education program to meet the demands of Chapter 766. In other departments, we consolidated the educational gains we had made in previous years and adjusted those programs where it was believed that changes would improve their effectiveness.

This progress was achieved in a badly overcrowded facility, by a dedicated team of teachers, administrators and supporting staff working with a fine student body. As a result Wachusett continues to provide an excellent educational opportunity to its students, at a cost to the taxpayers of our region which is close to the average cost for regional high schools throughout the state. We are therefore proud of our school's operations from both an educational and an economic viewpoint.

However, this pride is tempered by a deep concern about the coming year. Once again, the state has modified the operating ground rules to our economic disadvantage. In 1973 when the legislature required that all Massachusetts public schools shift their fiscal years to coincide with the school year, we temporarily had to operate on an eighteen month budget during which we received only a single twelve month reimbursement payment from the state. To soften that financial blow, the state allowed the schools to set up their salary payment schedule in such a way that the last two months of the yearly payroll could be paid during the subsequent summer and thus be included in the next fiscal year's budget. Our teaching staff willingly allowed their contract to be adjusted accordingly. Now, the state has rescinded permission to follow that procedure. As a result we are preparing a budget for the 1975-76 school year which includes approximately fourteen months of payroll which must be raised and paid during that twelve months. This state action produces a major unexpected and unwarranted increase in our payroll costs, which comes on top of the

large increases that inflation is causing in our normal operating costs.

Thus the budgeting process for next year is a very difficult and unhappy one. Whereas this 1974-75 school year we were able to operate on an assessment to the towns which showed no increase over the previous twelve month portion of the eighteen month budget; the coming year we face a large increase, even after paring the budget down to what we believe is a good tight one. This increase comes at a time when the State Department of Education leads us to believe that the state will not be able to fully fund our legal entitlements, and when our taxpayers are facing the dismal combination of recession and inflation.

Such economic pressures, combined with the complexities of collective bargaining and the problems of meeting the rapidly changing educational needs of our students, make the task of guiding your regional high school more and more difficult. It causes your Regional School Committee to be deeply concerned about the future of public education, the manner in which it is funded, and the way it meets the needs and expectations of its students and its supporting citizenry. To achieve acceptable solutions to these problems we need your help. So we once again enlist your support and understanding as we try to see Wachusett through these difficult times.

Thank you very much.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Howard A. Greis, Chairman (Holden)
John E. Hodgson, Vice-Chairman (Paxton)
Donald F. Kaminski, Secretary (Sterling)
Howard W. Moore, Treasurer (Paxton)
Robert E. Chapman, Jr. (Princeton)
George C. Corey (Rutland)
John P. Dufault (Holden)
Cynthia A. Eddy (Rutland)
Peter H. Horstmann (Holden)
Stuart L. Johnson (Sterling)
Kenneth H. Johnstone (Sterling)
James F. Leland (Princeton)
Philip C. McCarthy (Paxton)
Frank C. Pizziferri (Rutland)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

For the third year, our major problems remain the same: (1) facilities and their effect on accreditation, (2) vocational education, and (3) the financing of public education, including state tax reform.

Our facilities needs have been described repeatedly; they are qualitative rather than quantitative; they are needed to enable us to provide a school program for the students whom we now serve, not to increase the capacity of the school for additional students. Our five year accreditation runs through 1978. We feel that the provision of adequate core facilities is the last major item which concerned the evaluation team and which we have not yet corrected.

In the area of vocational education, we have again added three programs with the help of federal aid: ornamental horticulture, nurse's aide training and distributive education (retail sales and service). We have entered into a cooperative with the Worcester Vocational Schools offering technical courses three afternoons a week. Nevertheless, for four of the towns, we do not provide a full vocational school program.

Regarding the financing of public education, the legislature will be considering tax reform in the coming season. Each of us must make our feelings known regarding over-dependence upon the local property tax for school costs and regarding the state legislature's failure to meet its professed commitment to 'local control' as it dictates local actions, which increase the cost of doing the municipal business, without financing those increased costs.

The state legislatures and the courts are 'where the action is'. We must all first become more legally literate and then we must become more active in determining how legislation goes. The way to control legislative largesse is to lobby while the law is being considered or to propose legislation to amend the law which we disapprove. To vote 'no' on a town meeting article to appropriate funds necessary to implement the law causes local difficulties but does not attack the underlying problem.

Recent legislation, pending legislation, and court action will cause us to re-examine our five towns' organization of public education within the next few years. Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1974 is most significant. It provides general purpose state aid to regional school districts over and above that paid to the towns, and it ends the 65% school construction aid to 'depressed areas'. Instead, it includes strong financial

incentives for K-12 regionalization, offering in our case, approximately \$600,000. more aid for operating expenses per year if we were a K-12 regional district. It also gives 10% more school construction aid to K-12 regional districts.

Legislation has been proposed by the State Department of Education to abolish all superintendency unions in 1978. (A superintendency union is a device by which several towns hire the same superintendent and staff, and somehow divide those persons' time between those several towns). While this arrangement served well in the past, the advent of citizen participation, collective bargaining, etc. makes the management of any school district, no matter how small, a full-time job. This legislation stems from a recommendation of the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education and has, we understand, good chance for passage. It will force towns which are not ready to go it alone to seriously consider further regionalization.

On the third front, the area League of Women Voters is currently preparing a court case challenging the Wachusett Regional School District's failure to meet the one man - one vote standards in (1) the make-up of the school district committee, and (2) the one-town veto power over borrowing for school construction. While the veto has been the main source of contention over the years, the representation on the committee has caused us no particular grief. However, it is undoubtedly open to challenge. When the town having 7% of the population and paying 8% of the bills exercises 2/3 of the voting power on the committee as does the town having 50% of the population and paying 51% of the bills. Under the one-town veto, it is possible for a majority vote in a town comprising 8% of the constituency to veto the desires of the remaining towns for new school construction; that is, 4% could overrule 96%.

These are the big issues facing those who plan how things are going to happen, rather than waiting to see what will happen.

In our educational programs, described more fully by the Director of Secondary Education/Principal, we have had another most successful year. Our curriculum, despite some appearances, retains much of the conservative, and we are heartened to learn, for instance, that our academic students express themselves skillfully in writing. We are considering performance standards in the basics as a requisite for all graduates. Our teachers and students continue to devote countless hours voluntarily to dozens of extra-curricular activities. However, in all program areas, our staffs are becoming

somewhat discouraged in their efforts to make do until additional facilities are forthcoming. We face an imminent threat of fewer outside fields available for our use and at the same time we are required by law to provide equal opportunities for women in all phases of our operation. Let us expect cancellation of some athletic programs. Our volunteer program has increased immensely the number of citizens who participate in the education of our young people. We are convinced that we all benefit when the community comes into the school and the students go out into the community in the course of their secondary education.

We sincerely believe that our student body and staff deserve your continued interest and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Yaglou
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION/PRINCIPAL

This is the third report I have been called to make to the towns and the first as Director of Secondary Education/Principal at Wachusett. In October Mr. Neal T. Skillings, Principal since 1957, was named Principal Emeritus and the duties of Principal were vested in me. Previous to this appointment, in June of 1974, the long and dedicated career of Assistant Principal Martin F. White ended in his much deserved retirement. I know that I am joined by many of you in heartfelt thanks to Martin for his twenty years of service to Wachusett as teacher, Science Department Chairman and, for the past ten years, as First Assistant Principal. In August of 1974 we welcomed Mr. Robert Lavenburg of Pelham, New York, as the new Assistant Principal.

With the graduation of the Class of 1974, Wachusett has observed twenty commencement ceremonies. In many ways the most recent graduates reflect earlier classes with 62% of the class entering some kind of post-secondary formal education. Like earlier classes the amount of scholarships earned by members of this class - in excess of \$30,000 for the freshman year - is also similar to the accomplishments of previous graduates. Many of the graduates involved themselves in our 3-R internship program and in the work study program while in school and it is

our hope that this exposure might be a prelude to a satisfying future career. Continuing an earlier trend, eighty two of the 445 members of the Class of 1974 completed their graduation requirements in $3\frac{1}{2}$ years and an additional six of their classmates finished their high school work in three years. So in many ways the history of the Class of '74 was not unlike the nineteen classes that had preceded them. However, in several subtle ways, this latest class is unique, different and perhaps a harbinger of classes to come. The class marked a turning away from the rebelliousness of the past few years while exercising more responsibility for their own student government. Continuing to question unexplained tradition, the Class of 1974, for the most part, eschewed reasonableness and compromise. The uncertain economic climate and a scarcity of jobs for those finishing college has clearly left questions in the minds of the Class of 1974 about the pursuit of a purely classical college education. Perhaps more willing than classes of recent memory to accept reality, the class of 1974 continues to question our policies, our values and standards, while wrestling also with alternative solutions. We look to the members of the Class of '74 to achieve individual success and happiness in the field or career of their choice.

Wachusett's third decade may well prove to be its most difficult. Changing patterns of career expectations, continuing legal changes in such things as the age of majority, rapidly changing technology, and a constant pressure on curriculum to remain relevant will intensify in the decade ahead. As in the previous decades, Wachusett is fortunate to have a first-rate faculty, one that, along with proven teaching abilities and subject mastery, has always gone well beyond the extra-mile in 'making do' with a continuous space problem. Only through innovative changes such as the introduction of an added academic period, rapid expansion of out door physical education, and the utilization of practically every available space - including corridors, storage closets, and stage - has Wachusett been able to offer the quality of education that citizens of the five towns have come to expect. In the past five years, the English department has developed a totally elective program in grades 11 and 12 without adding a staff member because the department absorbed ten additional sections of English and an enrollment increase of better than 200 students! In the past five years we have seen the introduction of four vocational programs into the high school - child study, graphic arts, ornamental horticulture, and distributive education - all as a result of federal and state funding which paid at least the initial costs of the program. We are making progress in the art and music areas and have expanded physical edu-

cation electives without the addition of personnel except to offset enrollment increases. The mandate of both the 1964 and 1974 evaluations of Wachusett by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges was to improve the quality of education for the so-called 'general' student while maintaining the quality provided for the young person heading for post-secondary education. Programs such as work study, 3R, the occupational resource center, a vocational counselor, and the new 9th grade 'CORE' program, along with the previously mentioned vocational programs, have helped move us further along in meeting this mandate. But space and dollars have become harder and harder to come by for all programs.

My point in all of this is really quite simple - A dedicated staff, willing students, and a progressive administration have successfully coped with a severe space problem throughout the past decade but imagination and innovation also have spatial dimensions and it is my fear that without a much needed building program in the near future we will not be able to meet the needs of all of our students. This problem must be addressed by all who have a stake in the education of young people. With the economic picture less than bright and with continuing and legitimate demands on the tax dollar from other needed sectors of government, this is a difficult time to talk about a substantial capital expense program but in all honesty, as an educator I feel this to be a primary concern as we head into Wachusett's third decade of service to the regional community.

In conclusion, we at Wachusett continue to strive for the excellence of educational opportunity demanded by the citizenry of the five towns. We need and welcome your support, help, and critical concerns. Our new Volunteer program actively seeks to enlist your help in all aspects of the school's life. We are indeed committed to citizen involvement in every sense - political as well as educational, and stand ready to listen to your concerns as well as to voice ours.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold M. Lane, Jr.
Director of Secondary Education/
Principal

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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Town Secretary - Town Accountant	Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday 9:00 am to noon Thursday 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Town Collector	Weds. & Fri. 9:00 am to noon Thursday 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Gentlemen:

In the interests of good government, I am interested in contributing my services to the Town of Paxton. Please consider me as a potential appointee to a committee in one or more of the following areas.

<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal light
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Town By-law Study Comm.

Other _____

I understand that if there is no need for my services at the present time, my name will go on file until a future need arises.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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Paxton, Massachusetts 01612

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