

**1976-77
Annual
Report**



MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Paxton



FOR THE
Year Ending June 30, 1977

Town Officers for May 1977
to May 1978

In Memoriam

Town Clerk
GEORGE C. MACDONALD
Treasurer
DAVID P. WINTERBURN
Town Collector
JUNE T. HEDGECOCK
Committee
WILLIAM O. WILKS and ROBERT T. McKEAN
JOSEPH A. BRYMOR

JOSEPH BIRD

Town Building Study Committee

JOHN D. MULLANEY
EDWARD L. SMITH, Chairman
EDWARD L. SAVICKAS, Clerk
Committee
CHRISTIAN S. BATHURST
ROBERT D. STYAGAK, Chairman
MICHAEL BEDARD
Town Engineer 1977
Town Engineer 1978
Town Engineer 1979
Town Engineer 1980

Town Officers for May 1977 to May 1978

Moderator

ROBERT H. HALL

Town Clerk

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Treasurer

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK

Town Collector

JUNE T. HERRON

Constables

WILLIAM O. WYLIE and ROBERT T. SHEEHAN

Tree Warden

RAYMOND A. SEYMOUR

Selectmen

HAROLD J. MULLANEY	Term Expires 1978
REGINALD J. SMITH, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS, Clerk	Term Expires 1980

Assessors

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1978
ERNEST C. SPRAGUE, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
RICHARD BEDARD	Term Expires 1980

School Committee

PHILIP C. McCARTHY	Term Expires 1978
KATHERINE KINGSBURY	Term Expires 1978
GAIL TRACY, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
BARBARA S. BERKA	Term Expires 1979
THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM, V. Chmn.	Term Expires 1980

Municipal Light Board

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1978
JOHN J. O'DAY	Term Expires 1979
THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1980

Cemetery Commission

BETTY PETERSON	Term Expires 1978
CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1979
KATHERINE STANNARD	Term Expires 1980

Water Board

ROBERT W. THOMPSON	Term Expires 1978
FRAZIER P. COLON	Term Expires 1979
CHARLES J. GLASSBRENNER	Term Expires 1980

Library Trustees

ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1978
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1978
JOSEPH SCHEINFELDT	Term Expires 1979
EDITH LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1979
GWEN L. HALL	Term Expires 1980
CHARLES I. INNIS, JR.	Term Expires 1980

Planning Board

WILLIAM JARVIS	Term Expires 1978
ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1979
KATHLEEN M. SEARS	Term Expires 1978
JOHN D. ROMMEL	Term Expires 1981
ZARVIN J. KASPARIAN	Term Expires 1982

Board of Health

JOHN J. FREY	Term Expires 1978
O. T. HOLLAND	Term Expires 1979
RONALD E. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1980

Recreation

ELINOR J. PENTLAND	Term Expires 1978
MARIE E. LAWLER	Term Expires 1979
PAUL ROBINSON	Term Expires 1980
WILLIAM C. JORDAN	Term Expires 1981
STEPHEN E. HAIR	Term Expires 1982

Wachusett Regional School Committee

JAMES F. HAYES	Term Expires 1978
HOWARD W. MOORE	Term Expires 1979

Appointed by the Moderator

Finance Board

RICHARD W. PECKITT	Term Expires 1978
MIRON C. MALBOEUF	Term Expires 1978
JAMES MELLOR	Term Expires 1978
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1979
JAY SNELL	Term Expires 1979
CHARLES E. STONEHAM	Term Expires 1979
BARBARA EAST (Mrs.)	Term Expires 1980
JOSEPH P. CANCELMO	Term Expires 1980
EUGENE O'ROURKE, JR.	Term Expires 1980

Capital Outlay

JAMES MELLOR, Finance Board
GERALD L. RYAN, Chairman
ERNEST SPRAGUE, Assessors
WILLIAM JARVIS, Planning Board
LINWOOD ERSKINE,

Appointed by the Board of Health

Plumbing Inspector

ZIG KOSLOWSKI, 393 Pleasant St., Leicester

Sanitary Inspector

JAMES A. LASHBROOK

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

FRANK URBANOVITCH

BRUCE CHENEY, Asst.

Burial Agent

YVONNE B. KARLE

Rubbish Collection

LEONARD P. MARTONE, Barre, MA

Appointed by the Selectmen

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

ANN M. MELLO

Term Expires 1978

Board of Appeals

LEONARD CHIRCHIGNO

Term Expires 1978

ALLEN RUBIN

Term Expires 1979

JAMES LAWSON

Term Expires 1980

TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS

Term Expires 1981

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

Term Expires 1982

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

Alternate

DONALD T. LUNDQUIST

Alternate

Care of Clock

ALAN M. WENTWORTH

Dog Officer

BRUCE CHENEY

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, Assistant

Building Inspector

ROLAND ANDERSON, Donnelly Road, Spencer

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

HAROLD L. SMITH

Term Expires 1979

Board of Registrars

PATRICIA RANTA

Term Expires 1978

JOSEPHINE BLOOD

Term Expires 1979

DANIEL F. CRONIN

Term Expires 1980

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, SR.

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

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

GORDON M. RICHARDS

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

Town Account

YVONNE B. KARLE Term Expires 1978

Civil Defense

ROBERT HANSSON, Dir. Term Expires 1978
GERARD BERNIER, Asst. Term Expires 1978

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON Term Expires 1978

Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN Term Expires 1978

Police Department

DAVID YOUNG—Chief and full time police officer
KENNETH W. HENDERSON—full time officer
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY—full time officer
and School Safety Officer

Regular Police Officers

RALPH B. BUTLAND WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
RAYMOND F. KIRWIN ROBERT F. SHEEHAN
ROBERT T. WRENN HAROLD L. SMITH
MICHAEL AHEARN ROBERT NANOF

Reserve Police Officer

ROBERT F. DILLMAN ROBERT B. LOVE

Special Police Officers

AMBROSE TOWER—Paxton Center School
GERARD BERNIER—Paxton Center School

Conservation

ROBERT M. PAULSON To Term Expires 1978
DOUGLAS L. JOHNSON Term Expires 1978
PETER SIEMEN Term Expires 1979

ROBERT STEWART	Term Expires 1979
SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk	Term Expires 1980
CATHERINE HODGSON	Term Expires 1980
JOHN CAVANAUGH	Associate Member

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	ROBERT S. HANSSON
VIOLA C. PRENTICE	MARY ANN MORIN
REGINALD SMITH	

School Needs Study Committee

JAMES HAYES	Term Expires 1978
MILTON SEBRING	Term Expires 1978
KATHRYN KINGSBURY	Term Expires 1979
WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term Expires 1979
STUART ROBINSON	Term Expires 1980
MARGARET LOWE	Term Expires 1980
KATHERINE STANNARD	Term Expires 1980

Agents for License Commissioners

WILLIAM O. WYLIE	ROBERT P. SHEEHAN
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Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission

ZARVIN KASPARIAN	WILLIAM JARVIS, Alternate
ALVAH TRACY, Rep. T.P.A.G.	

Advisory Committee for Master Plan

HAROLD J. MULLANEY—Select Board
JAY SNELL—Finance Board
ROBERT S. HANSSON—Superintendent of Streets
ROBERT PAULSON—Conservation Commission
ALVAH TRACY—Planning Board

At Large

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

Historical Commission

ELIZABETH KAILGREN	Term Expires 1978
MRS. PEGGY ERSKINE	Term Expires 1979
MRS. RUTH WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1979
GEORGE L. McGOVERN	Term Expires 1979
CATHERINE HODGSON	Term Expires 1980
MRS. ETTA ROBINSON	Term Expires 1980

Energy Conservation Committee

REGINALD J. SMITH	JOHN J. O'DAY, III
ROBERT HANSSON	SAMUEL STAITI
HAROLD MULLANEY	

Personnel Advisory Committee

RALPH KIMBALL	Term Expires 1978
GEORGE JONES	Term Expires 1978
EDWARD SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1979
MAURICE WEBB	Term Expires 1979
RICHARD CONNELL	Term Expires 1979
JOSEPH SCHEINFELD	Term Expires 1980
DAVID SJOSTEN	Term Expires 1980

Council on Aging

ROLAND HANSON	Term Expires 1978
TIMOTHY DOWD	Term Expires 1978
GERTRUDE GOULDING	Term Expires 1979
DENNIS DOWD	Term Expires 1979
LESTER LIER	Term Expires 1979
MRS. SHIRLEY BOHAKER	Term Expires 1980
AUGUSTUS OATLEY	Term Expires 1980

Communications Board

ROBERT DILLMAN, JR.	CHARLES GLASSBRENNER
HAROLD SMITH, Clerk	DAVID L. YOUNG
LESLIE ROBINSON, Chairman	ROBERT HANSON
ROBERT STEWART	

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.

..... Finance Schools Planning
..... Conservation Water Municipal Light
..... Health Recreation Town By-law
		Study Comm.
..... Election Counter		

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:

Please tear out this page and mail to the address on back.

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Stamp
Here**

**The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Paxton, Massachusetts 01612**

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Report of the Town Clerk

Vital Statistics – 1976

BIRTHS

January

- 17 Rondi Faith, daughter to Lawrence A. and Joan M. Tomasino, 78 Asnebumskit Road.
- 21 Joy Linda, daughter to Robert E. and Lydia S. St. Germaine, 502 Pleasant St.
- 22 Edwin Bryan McMullen, son to Edwin and Cynthia D. McMullen, 17 Indian Hill Road.
- 26 Patrick Lyra, son to John J. and Sharon M. O'Day, III, 200 Pleasant St.

February

- 21 Katherine Jefferds, daughter to Robert A. and Eileen M. Prior, 280 Pleasant St.
- 21 Mark Warren, son to Warren J. and Diane J. Lederer, 441 Marshall St.

March

- 3 Trevor Wray Holger, son to Douglas L. and Beverly A. Johnson, 6 Colony Lane.
- 9 Nicole Andrea, daughter to Milton A. and Virginia P. Weiner, 34 Crowningshield Road.

April

- 20 Melissa Mary, daughter to Michael and Brenda M. Strickland, 56 Grove St.
- 29 Darlene Marie, daughter to Paul R. and Marsha R. Roberts, 6 Orchard Dr.

May

- 9 Ara Richard, son to Malcolm O. and Rose A. Asadoorian, 40 Lancelot Dr.

- 13 Heather Elizabeth, daughter to Irving B. and Judith A. Barrows, Jr., 2 Streeter Road.
- 16 Richard Joseph, son to Richard D. and Debra S. Grensavitch, 88 Laurel St.
- 17 Kathryn Lena, daughter to Henry R. and Diane H. Kennen, 242 Pleasant St.

June

- 2 Kristin Ann, daughter to Neil F. and Shirley A. Collins, 12 Glen Ellen Road.
- 2 Chad Allen, son to Don A. and Deana C. Bredthauer, 1 Meadowbrook Dr.
- 11 Michael John, son to John L. and Linda S. Higgins, 391 Grove St.

July

- 26 Lindsay Caroline, daughter to John L. and Janet Elisabeth Slabich, 6 Oakwood Road.
- 31 Richard Henry, son to Richard H. and Marilyn L. Brierly, 3 Bel Arbor Dr.
- 23 Anne Dorothy, daughter to Dennis M. and Julianne Harney, 11 Tanglewood Rd.

August

- 12 Melissa Lynn, daughter to Glenn S. and Kathleen A. Richards, 250 Richards Ave.
- 31 Abigail Cleveland, daughter to Benjamin P. and Barbara D. Lorge, 2 Holden Road.

September

- 3 Micah Alan, son to Ronald B. and Sharon P. Luftig, 9 Forestdale Rd.
- 7 Timothy Michael, son to Thomas R. and Claudia P. Holland, 150 Suomi St.
- 17 Kara Lynn, daughter to John J. and Jane E. Niemela, 29 Crystal St.

- 18 Michael J., son to Daniel G. and Kathleen M. Dawson, 4 Lincoln Circle.
- 20 Heather Amy, daughter to Robert S. and Dian M. Lamotte, Jr., 302 Richards Avenue.
- 26 Timothy Earl Warren, son to Timothy G. and Kathleen R. Hackett, 543 Pleasant St.
- 30 Kate Elizabeth, daughter to Mark G. and Cynthia L. Ahearn, 140 Marshall St.

October

- 17 Brian Anthony, son to Robert A. and Carol A. Goyette, 5 Nanigian Road.

November

- 15 Mary-Beth, daughter to Gerald F. and Ellen M. Wamback, 4 Elizabeth Lane.

December

- 2 Nicole Renee, daughter to Lawrence H. and Louise A. Cournoyer, 400 Grove St.
- 2 Donald Jeffrey, son to Domenic R. and Judith A., 30 Lancelot Drive.
- 2 Jessica Lee, daughter to Ronald P. and Judith Ann Olson, 9 Boynton Pkwy.
- 25 Todd Anthony, son to Anthony P. and Nancy L. Sinke-wich, 13 Briarcliff Lane.

Marriages — 1976

January

- 4 David W. Bush of Holden to Denise M. Ludden of Paxton.

February

- 7 Richard D. Gensavitch of Paxton to Debra S. St. George of Worcester.
14 Stephen Millette of Paxton to Judy Kitsmiller of Paxton.
14 Stephen T. Roselund of Paxton to Yvette Gonzalez of Worcester.
10 Don Becker of Paxton and Karin Saame of Germany.

March

- 12 John Lemuel Higgins of Worcester to Linda Susan Campbell of Paxton.
27 James H. Robert of Leicester to Holly M. Griffin of Paxton.

April

- 23 James F. Hunt of Worcester to Nancy L. Girouard of Paxton.
4 Joseph Z. Sailba of Paxton to Janice C. Damato of Paxton.

May

- 1 William H. Burke of Paxton to Margaret A. Mahoney of Worcester.
8 David Walter Drohan of Princeton to Karen Marie Barber of Paxton.
16 John Farnham Blair of Paxton to Sally I. Karle Adkins of Paxton.
22 Steven J. Marona of Paxton to Donna Macklin of Worcester.
28 George R. Hair of Paxton to Susan D. Blanchette of Worcester.

June

- 6 Brian Peter Casey of Shrewsbury to Patricia Marie Iandoli of Paxton.
- 12 Dennis Harry May of Bloomingdale, N.J. to Karen Ann Bird of Paxton.
- 26 Paul Joseph Ballotte of Holden to Frances Elizabeth Guy Taylor of Paxton.
- 26 Charles Cathrall Wyand, Jr. of Dalton to Susan Elizabeth Kidwell of Paxton.
- 26 Paul M. Erickson of Paxton to Kathleen Droogan of Clinton.

July

- 3 Vincent N. D'Antonio of Marlboro to Ruth L. Emerson of Paxton.
- 17 Timothy J. Ahearn of Paxton to Donna L. MacKay of Holden.
- 24 Mark A. St. Thomas of Sterling Jct. to Ann Edmond of Paxton.
- 31 Thomas Edward Long of Springfield to Karen Joanne Carlson of Paxton.

August

- 6 Wayne A. Andersen of Worcester to Nancy A. Dunn of Paxton.
- 14 Peter F. Pombo of Oxford to Kristina M. Jamieson of Worcester.
- 28 Harlan B. Dunn 2nd. of Paxton to Susan E. Bateman of Aubusn.

September

- 11 Robert F. Hayes of Paxton to Debra R. Ludden of Paxton.
- 11 Arthur W. Hall, Jr. of Paxton to Elaine R. Johnson of Worcester.

- 18 David Alan Murdock of Holden to Lynn Janet Bandas of Paxton.
- 19 Timothy Berry Robinson of Hardwick to Mary Ellen Ranta of Paxton.

October

- 9 David E. Anderson of Paxton to Mary Boyd Easton of Paxton.
- 2 Stuart Everett Milner of Spencer to Sandra Lee Ahearn of Paxton.
- 6 Anthony J. Maio of Barre to Leona R. Vasseur of Paxton.
- 10 David Robert Millspaugh of Paxton to Debra Ann Valanzola of Paxton.
- 15 Lawrence Edward Franciscus of Paxton to Dorothy Louise O'Keefe of Paxton.
- 16 Herbert Heald Harris of Rutland to Donna May Pierce of Paxton.
- 22 Harvey C. Vasseur of Paxton to Marilyn M. Oatley of Cherry Valley.
- 31 Richard Frank Silvestris of Worcester to JoAnn McEachern of Paxton.

November

- 20 Frank Walter Nieber of Paxton to Dorothy Claire Conrad of Paxton.

December

- 14 Donald R. Marshall Jr. of Holden to Laurey A. Dubrule of Paxton.

Deaths—1976

January

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| 13 | Frederick J. Dunn, 6 Knollwood Road | 45 years |
| 26 | Enoch Nanigian, 20 Nanigian Lane | 63 years |
| 11 | Harlan B. Dunn, 66 Pleasant St. | 63 years |

February

20	Sumner Foskett, 102 Grove St.	53 years
22	Wilfred O. Faucher, 68 West St.	70 years

March

4	Etta Blaisdell, 246 Richards Ave.	85 years
29	Lloyd H. Pitcher, 16 Maple Street	65 years

April

18	John F. O'Donnell, 316 Marshall St.	72 years
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May

7	Helen Klingele, 105 Holden Road	71 years
26	William E. Hendricks, 8 Laurel St.	68 years
30	Douglas P. Schlegel, 25 South Street	19 years

June

15	Margery Ann Blais, 17 Cutler Road	52 years
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July

22	Ethel M. Ogilvie, 10 Holden Road	59 years
28	Orla B. Jensen, 366 Pleasant St.	82 years

August

4	Marcus Morton Butterfield Jr., 40 Streeter Rd.	88 years
22	Mae S. McPherson, 50 Streeter Rd.	65 years

September

4	John Harold Westling, 26 Crystal St.	69 years
4	Hilda Laine, 161 Soumi St.	92 years
4	Rose M. Costa, 5 Burtenmar Circle	62 years

November

18	Robert Wilfred Faucher, 41 West St.	50 years
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December

7	Xena V. Clark, 340 Pleasant St.	85 years
11	Mary C. Cape, 25 Cutler Road	73 years

To All Board, 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).

Dog Licenses Issued In 1976

Male	125
Female	24
Spayed Female	113
\$10 Kennel	6
\$25 Kennel	1
\$50 Kennel	0

Total Licenses Issued 269

Paid to Treasurer \$888.85

Hunting and Fishing Licenses**Issued In 1976**

Total number of licenses issued	196
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,609.25

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held November 1, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the moderator at 8:05 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum was present and voting.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town authorize its Selectmen (a) to submit an application for a public works grant in an amount not in excess of \$485,000.00 for the construction of water mains and appurtenances in Marshall Street, Camp Street, Mower Street, Maple Street, Church Street, and Pleasant Street under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (PL-94-369) and to appropriate any monies received in accordance with said application for said purposes, said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners; and (b) to authorize the Selectmen to submit an application for a Public Works Grant in an amount not in excess of \$40,000.00 for the construction of water mains and appurtenances in South Street under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (PH 94-369) and to appropriate any monies received in accordance with said application for said purposes, said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Voted unanimously to accept this article as amended.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town transfer from free cash and appropriate \$1,500.00 for engineering services to complete and submit an application for a public works grant for the construction of water mains and appurtenances under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (PL-96-369) and to appropriate any monies received in accordance with said application for said purposes, said funds to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners.

It was moved and seconded to consider articles 3 and 4 together. Voted.

It was moved and seconded to pass over articles 3 and 4. Voted unanimously.

Article 5. Moved and seconded to pass over article 5.
Voted unanimously.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held April 12, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Robert E. Hall at 8:08 p.m. Tellers appointed for the meeting were: Frazier E. Colon and Christopher V. Crowe. The meeting was held at the Paxton Center School.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,137.69 (being the amount received from the Treasurer of the United States under the Anti-Recreation Fiscal Assistance Act) to the Highway Wage Account for the Town fiscal year 1977.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town accept the sum of \$4,465.00 as an Agency under the Will of Anna M. Porter and to apply the same in the reduction of assessments to be made through the Wachusett Home Health Agency of the Holden District Hospital, Inc. for home nursing and health care services rendered to residents of the Town of Paxton.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,400.00 from available Recreation Commission funds to be expended for engineering and materials to repair the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town transfer \$13,000.00 from the income accumulated by the Trust under the Will of Ellis G. Richards for the benefit of the Richards Memorial Library to the Library Building Account to be expended by the Committee (appointed by the Selectmen in 1976 to work in conjunction with the Library Trustees) to study the expansion of Library facilities, to obtain complete architectural drawings including specifications and topographical plans and to solicit bids for the construction and expansion of such facilities.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Unanimous Vote.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town approve the recommendation of the Regional District School Committee to amend the Wachusett Regional School District agreement by striking out Section 1 in its entirety, and substituting therefor the Amendment entitled, "Section 1, Members of the Regional District School Committee" as proposed by vote of the Regional District School Committee passed on February 28, 1977.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion passed.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town approve the recommendation of the Regional District School Committee to amend the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by adding the Amendment entitled, "Section 15, Incurring of Indebtedness, Section 16, Capital Expenditures from Surplus Funds" as proposed by vote of the Regional District School Committee passed on February 28, 1977.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion passed.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town approve the recommendation of the Regional District School Committee to amend the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by striking out Section 8 in its entirety, and substituting therefor the Amendment entitled, "Section 8, Withdrawal of Member Towns" as proposed by vote of the Regional District School Committee passed on February 28, 1977.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. MCGOVERN
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held May 2, 1977

At the Paxton Center School

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by the Moderator, Robert J. Hall. Tellers appointed for the meeting were: Richard Sears and Patrick McMahon.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from free cash to the account of the Recreation Commission and authorize the Recreation Commission to spend the same for the purposes of sealing or otherwise improving the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool.

Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Annual Town Meeting

Held Monday, May 2, 1977

At the Paxton Center School

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Robert J. Hall. Tellers appointed were: Richard Sears and Patrick McMahon.

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, 1977 and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (see budget).

Unanimous vote.

It was voted that Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 were to be taken up collectively. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money (see budget) with which to pay the proper charges of a surety company for acting as surety on bonds required of Town Officials and authorize the Selectmen to approve 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, 1977, 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 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,399.13 received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town provide vacation and sick leave pay to full time employees of the Highway, Water and Police Department as printed in the Town Warrant.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$616.61 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town vote the money 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, the whole to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the plant (including out-of-state travel of employees where necessary) as defined in General Laws, Chapter 164, Section 57, for the current fiscal period and if this income shall exceed the expense for said period, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and be appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for appropriation to Account 776 entitled, "Recreation Events", to offset the budget request.

Unanimous vote.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town take the sum of \$4,350.00 from Revenue Sharing Funds to purchase a new Pick-up truck for the Highway Department and to trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1970 Chevrolet Pick-up truck.

Unanimous vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and equip a new station wagon cruiser ambulance, the said vehicle to replace the present 1975 Ford cruiser ambulance, 1975 Ford to be traded in towards purchase price of new vehicle.

Article passed over.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase by the Fire Dept. of a portable two-way radio complete with carrying case and battery charger.

Article passed over.

Article 14. It was voted that the Town spend from free cash the amount of \$269.50 to pay for clothing supplied to the Paxton Police Department in Fiscal 1975-76 and which have not yet been paid for.

Unanimous vote.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,800.00 from the 1965 school construction balance to the School Committee's 1976-77 Budget Maintenance Account for the purpose of defraying the cost of installing a passageway connector from the 1965 building.

Unanimous vote.

Article 16. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,550.00 from the 1965 School Construction balance to the School Committee's 1977-78 Budget Maintenance Account #4000 for the purpose of installing flood drains in the Science Room and flashing red lights adjacent to the fire alarm system in the 1965 building.

Unanimous vote.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be expended by the Town for an audit of the Town accounts (by the Division of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) or a private auditing firm.

75 in favor—61 opposed. Motion carried.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept by way of a gift a deed of conveyance from A. J. Sluckis Realty Corp. or its successor in title of a parcel of land containing 24,860 square feet of land more or less shown as Parcel A in Plan Book 359, Plan 112 at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and that the Recreation Commission shall have jurisdiction over such land.

Unanimous vote.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,341.37, and transfer the sum of \$3,658.63 from the 1975 Standpipe and Water Main Construction Account to extend the water mains on South Street and to extend the existing water main on Marshall Street from its current terminus approximately 350 feet southerly.

Unanimous vote.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 or any other sum for the payment of charges under contract authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4 for a separate appraisal of taxable property and the preparation of Assessors' maps.

Motion lost.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

Passed over.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$20,000.00 from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Unanimous vote.

Article 23. The following Town Officers were elected at the Annual Town Electin held May 9, 1977:

Moderator	Robert J. Hall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Collector	June Herron
Constable	William O. Wylie
Constable	Robert P. Sheehan
Tree Warden	Raymond Seymour
Selectmen	Edward Z. Savickas
Assessors	Richard Bedard
School Committee	Thomas J. Cunningham
Library	Gwen L. Hall

Library	Charles I. Innis Jr.
Municipal Light Board (3 yrs)	Thomas F. Cummings
Municipal Light Board (2 yrs)	John J. O'Day
Cemetery Commission	Katherine Stannard
Cemetery Commission	Betty Peterson
Water Board	Charles J. Glassbrenner
Planning Board	Zarvin J. Kasparian
Board of Health	Ronald E. Johnson
Recreation Commission (5 yrs)	Stephen Hair
Recreation Commission (3 yrs)	Paul Robinson
Wachusett Regional School Comm.	James Hayes

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held September 15, 1976

The meeting opened at 8:05 P.m. The moderator declared a quorum was present. No tellers were appointed.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town rescind its vote under Article 6 at the Special Town Meeting June 2, 1976 appropriating money for the Bicentennial Parade.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,348.36 and authorize the payment of the balance of premiums for insurance and bonds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town approve the payment of the balance, namely \$966.33 for the legal charges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, such payment to be from the appropriation to the legal account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town authorize the assessors to take \$105,000.00 from available funds, in addition to the sum of \$20,000.00 appropriated under Article 25 at the Annual Town Meeting May 3, 1976, such total of \$125,00.00 to be used to reduce the tax levy from the current fiscal year.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town:

1. Rescind its vote under Article 11 at the Annual Town Meeting May 3, 1976.
2. Transfer \$15,904.96 representing the balance of the Highway Rental Account to the Highway Expense Account to be ap-

plied to the purchase of a four-wheel drive loader for the highway department authorized under Article 13 at said Annual Town Meeting.

3. And that upon such application of \$15,904.96 to such purchase that the appropriation from tax revenue of \$33,273.00 under Article 13 at said Annual Town Meeting be reduced to \$17,368.04.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the cost of extra activities at the Paxton Center School; or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over this article.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk of Paxton

List of Jurors : 1977

Name	Address
Mrs. Leslie M. Ackley	9 Ridgewood Road
Howard Aubertine	10 Birchwood Road
Robert Benedict	4 Whitney Drive
Paul Bergin	90 Pleasant Street
Francis Bigwood	15 Glen Ellen Road
Doris Butland	1 Birch Street
Joseph P. Cancelmo Jr.	217 Grove Street
Antonette A. Cournoyer	400 Grove Street
Ms. Miriam Dahlstrom	1 Burtenmar Circle
Gerald Dubrule	1 Merry Lane
Jeanette Fogg	13 Knollwood Road

George Friedman	2 Cutler Road
Norman A. Gvoriault	11 Holden Road
Ronald Germain	442 Marshall Street
Bruce Hatstat	281 Pleasant Street
Mary T. Herman	2 Monticello Drive
Malcolm Ingison	4 Richards Avenue
William L. Jarvis	5 Bel Arbor Drive
Anna M. Johnson	11 Crystal Street
E. Beverly Johnson	14 Crestwood Road
Willis B. Kelley	27 Crystal Street
Loretta Krus	49 Camp Street
John Plourde	1 Colony Lane
Milton W. Sebring	12 Tanglewood Road
Ann L. Sefton	45 Richards Avenue
Dorothy Shankle	18 Knollwood Road
Michael Sleeper	18 Crowningshield Drive
Janice D. Stewart	Bumbo Brook Drive
Inge Stoneham	118 Holden Road
Edgar Swift	19 Burtenmar Circle
Ethel A. Sykes	76 Holden Road
Philip C. Van Leeuwen	77 Jefferson Drive
Albert Vuona	41 Camp Street
Arthur B. Winter	35 Asnebumskit Road

Selectmen's Report

In the past year through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen, Paxton received approximately \$30,000 in C.E.T.A. funds and employed eight people in this program. These people were utilized in brush pick-up programs in cooperation with the Municipal Light Dept., Common and Cemetery mowing, painting of the Fire Station and the Police Department garage area, and work at the School and Recreation area.

Mrs. Ann Mello, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen attended meetings with other Assistants, (secretaries), and Selectmen from area towns. Efforts are being made in

this area to group bid on supplies needed by the towns in an effort to reduce purchase price of these items.

Through the efforts of Mr. James Hayes and the Selectmen substantial savings were made in insurance premiums on town buildings and liabilities despite increases in insurance costs.

The Selectmen had the Police Office interior rebuilt to better utilize existing space. A sign identifying the location and hours of the Police Office will be erected in the near future.

We met with the Selectmen from the Wachusett Regional School District towns, State Representatives and Senators, and the Wachusett School Committee several times in the past year because of the suit brought by the League of Women Voters against the Towns.

Meetings were held with Selectmen and State Senators and Representatives from this area regarding the binding arbitration bill and the new mandatory ambulance law. We have consistently opposed State mandated programs without funding and without home rule.

Through the efforts of the Selectmen and the Building Inspector all outstanding fees for building permits issued prior to 1975 have been collected and no permit is now issued without the fee being paid at the time of issuance.

The Selectmen also joined the Worcester Area Metropolitan Council. This group has a cooperative effort at solving mutual problems of Worcester and its suburbs as its goal.

The Selectmen have also reactivated the Capital Outlay Committee. This committee has been working with the Selectmen and Finance Board to establish a long range plan for capital expenditures.

While we were not successful, the Town applied for Employment Development Act funds on two occasions.

All three Selectmen have now attended seminars on the office and duties of a Selectmen sponsored by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the people who served on Town boards or in other capacities for giving so much of their time this past year.

REGINALD J. SMITH, Chrm.
EDWARD Z. SANICKAS,
Clerk
HAROLD J. MULLANEY

Report of the Board of Assessors

Real Estate Valuations

The value of all property is determined as of January 1st of each year. This valuation is used to compute your tax bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1st with bills payable by November 1st and the following May 1st. All changes in property status, e.g., new construction, alterations, additions, etc. are noted as of January 1st of each year also.

As shown in TABLE I, the gross amount to be raised is reduced by amounts available from local receipts, State reimbursements (Cherry Sheet), Federal Revenue Sharing and accumulated free cash. The largest source of income among the local receipts is generated by the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and we refer you to our comments below concerning this tax. The gross amount, less the above mentioned receipts, produces the net amount which has to be raised by taxation on real and personal property.

The rate per \$1000 valuation for FY 77 is \$39.75, which represents an increase of 8% over the previous year, is due to a serious loss in reimbursements from the State and Federal Revenue funding as well as a shortage in other local receipts. These losses reflected the general difficulty in the overall economy which also appeared as a small increase in property valuation which fell below the 2% level for the first time since 1969. Fewer houses were built in Paxton in 1976 and other improvements in real estate were on a greatly limited scale.

Our summary also lists the major components of the FY 78 tax rate, which is held in abeyance until an early September 77 Town Meeting for the appropriation of free cash which still has to be certified by the State in July. However, a substantial increase in the tax rate is already indicated by the \$105,000 loss in Cherry Sheet reimbursements. The modest advancement of Paxton's tax base cannot offset the increasing expenditure on

the local level nor the higher amounts charged for County government. We see no improvement in the confiscatory dimensions of real estate taxation.

As in the past, we are assessing all properties on January 1st on the basis of 1969 valuations, when Paxton's real estate was last fully inventoried and equalized in value. We are noting all changes in property status such as new construction, alterations or general improvements in the area. Building permits, appeal decisions, and planning board rulings are basic referrals for our work. Any property owner or lessee is in violation of the law if he fails to report any contemplated changes in his property to the appropriate town official.

The 1969 valuation base becomes an increasing problem to the assessment administration of all properties at a fair and equal level. Paxton has been mandated by the Commissioner of Corporation and Taxation to bring assessments to full market value, which should not be done without careful study. The last Annual Town Meeting denied the assessors the funding for an overall property inventory and tax equalization program which could have been accomplished in 12 months. Therefore, we are proceeding on a more limited scale with available funds and within our budget on the study of land prices and the preparation of house models against which all Paxton properties will have to be measured within the next few years.

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

	1972	FY75	FY76	FY77	EST FY78
EXPENDITURES					
Appropriations to be raised	\$1,253,620.00	\$1,593,367.70	\$1,761,851.72	\$1,877,023.73	\$1,972,090.00
% increase over prior year	9%	17%	11%	7%	5%
Appropriations from avail. fds.	49,936.94	137,169.00	146,583.53	76,577.80	62,000.00
Offset Items	5,911.44	5,896.61	6,010.73	6,122.56	6,186.75
Retirement	15,704.63	22,471.31	25,599.98	33,521.60	31,688.30
State Tax & Assessments	7,685.32	23,597.65	24,376.49	22,199.46	21,167.99
County Tax & Assessments	34,453.99	97,670.58	90,368.04	99,733.10	107,190.71
Overlay	31,671.81	45,099.87	30,009.00	35,727.17	35,000.00
Revenue	—	—	—	2,365.56	—
Gross Amount to be raised	1,398,984.13	1,925,272.72	2,084,799.49	2,153,270.84	2,235,323.60
% increase over prior year	11%	27%	8%	3%	4%
Deduct from Gross Amount:					
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid & Agency Fund	245,541.29	412,889.14	465,750.39	426,366.43	321,208.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	110,510.85	122,891.22	137,667.25	164,265.61	152,000.00
Water Department	42,199.44	49,579.81	49,000.00	46,000.00	51,000.00
Other Local Receipts	23,255.52	13,945.55	29,250.00	45,546.05	32,000.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	49,936.94	78,769.00	70,930.33	39,577.66	17,500.00
Avail. Funds—Revenue Sharing	—	58,400.00	75,653.00	37,000.00	43,000.00
Avail. Funds—Free Cash	—	117,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00	?
Total Estimated Receipts	471,444.04	853,474.72	928,251.17	888,755.75	
% Increase/decrease over prior year	14%	90%	9%	(5%)	

Expenditures less Estimated Receipts equals NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	927,540.09	1,071,798.00	1,156,548.32	1,269,515.09	
VALUATIONS					
Real Estate	27,783,928.00	29,894,413.00	30,884,274.00	31,330,990.00	
Personal Property	323,375.00	296,995.00	586,428.50	606,450.00	
Total	28,107,303.00	30,191,408.00	31,470,702.50	31,937,440.00	32,650,000.00
% increase over prior year	2%	3%	4%	1.5%	2.2%
Net Amount to be raised divided by Total Valuation (in thousands) equals					
TAX RATE	33.00	35.50	36.75	39.75	
% increase/decrease over prior year	7%	(3%)	4%	8%	

Personal Property

The law requires a report of Personal Property from all persons by March 1st of each year. A form prepared by the Paxton Board of Assessors and approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, requires the reporting of:

1. Unregistered Motor Vehicles & Trailers
2. Snowmobiles
3. Motorboats and Motors
4. Livestock
5. Business Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

It is the owners responsibility to keep the inventory complete and current. New forms were mailed to all taxpayers in early 1977, to be returned by March 1st. The deadline for abatements on personal property is October 1, 1977.

Abatements & Exemptions

The data shown in Table II, outlines the breakdown and trend of exemptions and abatements during selected years during the 1970's.

Motor Vehicle Excise

The major source of income to the town, after real estate taxes and state reimbursements (Cherry Sheet), is the motor vehicle excise tax. While the bills, with many errors, are prepared by the Commonwealth, *the monies collected remain with the town.*

With regard to the errors, every effort is being made by the board to correct these immediately. Even though the corrected information is reported to the state, the errors seem to reoccur. We regret the inconvenience caused, but the situation is beyond our control.

The value of your automobile is set by the Tax Commissioner as a percentage of the *Manufacturer's List Price* based on the *Year of Manufacture*:

Year	Percent of List Price
Later part of year preceeding the designated year of manufacture	50%
Year of Manufacture	90%
Year after year of manufacture	60%
Next year	40%
Next year	20%
Next year and all succeeding years	10%

Unless the motor vehicle excise bill is paid or abated within 60 days from the date of issue, your registration plates may be confiscated.

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST C. SPRAGUE, Chrm.
 CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE
 RICHARD G. BEDARD

Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report from the Dog Officer for the year ending 1976.

30 strays picked up
 12 dog bites investigated
 388 dogs licensed
 423 calls pertaining to dogs

All dogs three months or older must be licensed. Dog licenses were due April 1. Licenses are available at the Town Hall or checks may be mailed with the following information: Name of Dog, breed, color and age.

Male — \$3.00
 Female — \$6.00
 Spayed Female — \$3.00

Respectfully submitted,
 BRUCE CHENEY
 Dog Officer

Report of the Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 78 incidents in the 1976-77 fiscal year. These were as follows:

- 8 Building
- 18 Grass & brush
- 7 Motor vehicle
- 12 Mutual aid
- 33 Miscellaneous

This represents approximately a 17% decrease from last year. While the number of mutual aid calls doubled, the decrease in the number of miscellaneous and motor vehicle calls more than offset this and reflects the overall lessening from last year.

Although there were 8 calls for buildings, the loss was very low since they were mostly for chimney fires, or smoke in the house from different causes that only required minimal Fire Department service.

In addition to the number of service calls, there were 8 drill sessions held on a one a month basis under the direction of Deputy Chief Kimball.

Also in addition to the above drills and service calls there were 10 weeks of 1st Responder training under the direction of Mr. Gordon Battye assisted by Mrs. Battye and Mr. Jack Hildreth, certified instructors. This training is required by law and includes Standard First Aid, CPR and vehicle extrication. The instructors enlisted the aid of two members of the Holden Fire Department to give the vehicle extrication segment of the course. They were Mr. Alex Belisle and Mr. Robert Leander and we were given an excellent night of instruction by these gentlemen. We are also indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Battye and Mr. Hildreth for their effort in fitting our department into their very busy schedules. Deputy Chief Kimball and firefighters Hardin, Kimball, Mortell, Savignac, Seymour, Sheldon, Neal Sullivan, Warren had perfect attendance at these training sessions.

On August 27, 1976, Mack Trucks delivered the new 1000 gpm pumper ordered in May of 1974. Firefighters trained on the operation of this unit in the succeeding months under the direction of Lieutenant Brian Murphy.

On May 4, 1977, the City of Worcester Fire Department was faced with its first general alarm fire in more than 40 years. They called for mutual aid from the surrounding communities. The new Mack pumper (Paxton Engine #3) was dispatched with a crew of Paxton firefighters and performed very capably at the Worcester fire.

The lifting of the ban on burning brush is still on a year to year basis. If the State decides to allow a burning period in 1978, advance notice will be given and permits can be obtained at the Dispatch Center at the Fire Station. The burning period was extended this year (1977) for longer than usual because of the damage done by the heavy snowstorms in March and May.

On January 28, 1977, a blizzard was forecast for this area. A crew of firefighters were called in to standby at the Fire Station for the night in case an emergency should arise. This was called off at 1:00 a.m. because the blizzard did not materialize. On March 22, 1977, a crew was again called for standby at the Fire Station because of a very heavy snowstorm. This crew was required to stay all night and during the storm was called out to investigate a report of electrical sparks and a possible fire in a structure on Pond Street. No service was needed.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON
Fire Chief

Report of the Recreation Commission

Your commission has spent this year seeking alternatives to the complete replacement of the Wentworth Pool. It was concluded that a reasonable alternative would be to try operating the pool as it was originally designed. Water would flow from Illig Pond through a filter into the pool and exit at the opposite end using a depression in the pool rim as an overflow. Culinan Engineering Company, Inc. studied the original plans and designed a water flow and filter system to fill the pool using Illig Pond as a reservoir. Although this may not be a final solution, it was felt that the comparative cost justified trying it.

We offer our sincere appreciation to those individuals who provided the skill and labor to make possible the re-opening of the Wentworth Pool this summer, and who have been so cooperative in helping us with our recreational endeavors throughout the year.

Although the pool was closed last summer, swimming instructions were provided by busing the participants to the Webster Square State Pool.

The Fourth of July was celebrated with a block dance, band concert, fire engine rides, and a family picnic in the Recreation area.

Our Recreation Director, Dr. Carmelo Bazzano, arranged for supervision and facilities, and directed the recreation programs sponsored by your commission during the year. These programs have provided Paxton citizens with instruction and the opportunity to participate in individual and team sports, physical fitness, water safety and supervised summer playground activities. Offered were, downhill and cross country skiing instructions, volleyball, basketball, softball, slimnastics, gymnastics, tennis, archery, and arts and crafts.

Your Recreation Commission exists to provide you with recreational opportunities. If you have questions, suggestions, answers, or are just curious about your commission, please attend our meetings. The time and place is posted at the Town Hall.

In closing, the Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jean M. McIntyre for her many years of service to the town as a member of the Commission. Her time and efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL S. ROBINSON, Chrmn.
MARIE E. LAWLER, Sec.
E. JEAN PENTLAND
WILLIAM C. JORDAN, JR.
STEPHEN E. HAIR

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library FY 1976-1977

Use of printed materials	27,407
Central Regional Interlibrary Loans	535
Reference transactions	2,345
Use of AV materials	1,277
Volumes in collection	10,612
Magazines subscribed	63
Records and tapes	470

Volumes added (including gifts and paperbacks)	838
Volumes given us by Central Regional	395
Number of registered borrowers	1,510

1976-1977 has been very busy for the Trustees and the Study and Building Committee. We visited seven nearby libraries that have renovated or constructed buildings. A library services questionnaire was included in your last town report. We are grateful for the suggestions received and the expressed approval of present services. Nearly everyone agreed on the need for more space.

We held seventeen meetings to finally determine to ask the town for an addition to the present structure, after looking carefully at several alternatives as suggested when we were originally approached by the Selectmen.

After helping as much as she is allowed as Director of Central Regional, Barbara Weaver recommended Mary Anna Tiens as a consultant with real experience. Ms. Tiens is currently the Director, Connecticut State Library, Southbridge, for fourteen years. She has been involved in planning and building several additions, including the one in Southbridge and a very innovative renovation in Middletown, Connecticut. She submitted a detailed program, using American Library Association standards, that would fill our needs to a projected population of 5,000. At the March town meeting, the town unanimously agreed to transfer \$13,000 plus the remainder of the committee's previous \$5,000 to prepare plans and specifications and obtain construction bids for an addition of approximately 2200 sq. ft. It was recommended to purchase adjacent land for parking and future planning. At present a basic floor plan is nearing agreement.

Our avid readers have requested so many Interlibrary loans that we are number seven out of seventy Regional libraries in this category. This shows our patrons like variety and lack of space prevents some of these subjects from being right on hand.

Midway through the year, Edith LaVigne was chosen Chairperson of the Trustees. Her warmth and enthusiasm are appreciated by everyone. One of her first projects will be to work out written policies for many phases of library service.

We are sorry Roger Varnum and Richard Bedard had to leave the committees for personal reasons. Charles Innis, Jr. has very efficiently guided the Study and building Committee in addition to his duties as a new member of the Trustees. The interest and attendance of all members of both groups has been exceptional.

We are grateful for book gifts from townspeople during the year. These include many for the book fair and especially the Childcraft Encyclopedia and a metric set from the Harold B. Crawford family.

In March and April, we tried our first "fine free period. This was well received and with good cooperation, books (especially some of the Regional pool collection) were returned that would have been expensive to replace. The latest Worcester Public Library and Regional rates for lost books are:

Hardcover:	
Adult non-fiction	\$16.00
fiction	8.00
juvenile	6.00
Paperback	
non-fiction	3.50
fiction	2.00
juvenile	2.00
Records	7.00

With these prices in mind, we were anxious to urge our state officials to pass the suggested increased State Aid to small libraries, bill #S1497. The Friends all wrote personal letters to legislators after their annual meeting. We have not yet heard the official outcome.

Kathy Robinson and I attended a series of reference workshops in Southbridge. As a result, our library received \$500.00 worth of reference books. These were funded through Title I, Library Services and Construction Act—1977, administered by Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension.

Kathy also took a course in selection of library materials at Worcester State College and has presented a summary of policies to the Trustees.

Helen Congdon has again volunteered mornings of much appreciated help. She has helped ready for processing some of the 395 books given to us by Regional. These are some we previously selected for use from the bookmobile. They were later discarded to us as a means of "weeding" Regional's space.

Dorothy Rosseland, Resource person of Young Years nursery school, had a display in our foyer for "Week of the Young Child".

We shall miss Claudia Hall as she leaves to attend college after graduation as a National Honor Society member from Wachusett.

We are glad Erin Kelley is attending college in Worcester and can still work with us part time. Nora Kelley was responsible for repainting and decorating our popular doll house.

I was asked to speak at Women's Club in February and took this opportunity to use and display some of our new audio-visual equipment. A film loop and cassette on modern libraries showed some of the services we can look forward to. The members were also interested in our library history and addition plans.

Evening Circle again requested a program of current book reviews in March. They were given in Jan Stewart's lovely home.

The friends of Richard Memorial Library have had a busy year also, starting with a very successful book fair—with children's specialties—in the fall. There are now 46 members in the group.

They still have their colorful Paxton quilt notepaper available at the library and places of business around town. The window boxes and fresh green Christmas decor brightened with calico and Dot and Tracy Braley's gay gingerbread church creation were much enjoyed. Monday story hours and craft sessions kept pre-school youngsters busy. A bookmark contest in three age categories resulted in attractive and original designs. Pick one up next time you are in the library.

Mrs. Reynolds has just put up a display from the fifth grade involving topics of their own selection chosen from three periods in United States history. Again we could use more space.

If everyone could see, as the committees have this past year, the exciting things happening in nearby libraries . . . children beginning to use media of the future . . . adults browsing in attractive surroundings . . . or both using efficiently arranged reference materials, they would be anxious to have Paxton join the progress.

I would like to express appreciation for all the support and all the hours given by the Trustees and Building Committee members in spite of many personal hardships. The Friends group, under Gail Kimball as president, has been great to work with and the staff has been very cooperative and patient working with difficulties.

The coming year will be a crucial one!

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE
Librarian

Report of the Richards Memorial Library

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	\$14,280.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	311.22

Expenditures:

Librarian	7,210.00	
Others	<u>7,381.22</u>	
Total		\$14,591.22

Expense Account—Income:

Town Appropriation	5,567.00	
Dog Fund	408.57	
Balance of Income 1975-1976	742.81	
Interest from Investments	<u>1,791.13</u>	
Total		8,509.51

Expenditures:

Petty Cash	100.00	
Telephone	259.34	
Water and Lights	526.33	
Office Supplies and Postage	553.89	
Fuel	854.67	
Maintenance—		
Buildings & Grounds	471.41	
Education	95.00	
Books, Magazines and Records	4,505.12	
Travel	<u>47.50</u>	
Total		7,413.26

State Aid Accounts:

Received July 1, 1976	1,399.13	
Balance	504.11	
Spent 1976-1977	<u>1,256.67</u>	
Balance		646.57

Richards Trust Accounts:

Received	
Distribution	
Interest	(See Treasurer's Report)
Total Fund	

The sum of \$293.00 in Fine money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GWEN L. HALL
Clerk

Report of the Electric Light Department

It is my pleasure, as manager of the Paxton Light Department, to report to the people of Paxton the activities of the Paxton Light Department for the previous year.

It has been a challenging, but rewarding, year and many changes have been made, the goal being to give the best electric service possible to Paxton. Some of the changes are listed below:

1. A voltage change from a 4800 Delta system to a 7960 WYE system for distribution has been started. This will give better voltage and will cut down on transmission and transformer losses.
2. New cable was strung the length of Grove Street for better voltage to that area.
3. A rate study has been made and new rates will go into effect July 1, 1977. The new rates have .012 of the fuel charge rolled in and also the interim power adjustment.

The two Spring snowstorms really tested the efficiency of the Light Department and I am sure most everyone will agree that the Department came through with flying colors. The broken limbs, trees and bushes have created quite a problem, but the Light Department Commissioners were happy to provide a chipping program for the Townspeople.

The Commissioners and I would like to thank everyone for their support, and wish to stress that anyone having a problem, or who would like to ask about something, please come to their meeting held the Tuesday before the last Thursday of the month.

Please keep the following motto in mind "CONSERVE ENERGY". Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SMITH, Man.

Commissioners:

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON,
Chairman

JOHN J. O'DAY, III, Clerk

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS,
Third Member

We hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending *December 31, 1976*, as per the Department of Public Utilities Report:

Statement of Income and Expenses

Income:

Metered Sales to Consumers:

Rate A Private Consumers	\$368,160
Rate B Small Com. Con.	26,726
Rate C Large Com. Con.	110,653

Rate D Electric Heating	141,131
Street Lighting	13,409
Municipal Lighting Bldgs.	15,737
Power for Municipal Purposes	5,912
Resale to Other Utilities	1,101
Area Lighting—Private	<u>3,217</u>

\$687,046

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchases	488,147
Regulatory Comm. Expense	2,783
Maintenance Transformers	13
Street Lighting Expense	2,800
Meter Reading Expense	1,864
Accounting Expense	12,479
Mgr. & Light Board Salaries	21,124
Office Supplies & Expenses	4,579
Mgr. & Light Board Expenses	1,378
Rent	50
Outside Services	2,097
Overhead Line Expense	31,707
Depreciation	60,153
Insurance	7,178
Maint. Underground Cond.	105
Injuries & Damage	1,535
Interest	7,860
Uncollectable	103
Other Power Expense	<u>891</u>

646,846

Operating Income	40,200
Other Income	<u>6,069</u>

Total Income for year 1976 \$46,269

General Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 1976

ASSETS

	12/31/76 Additions	Depr. Value
Land	— —	319
Substa Struc & Improvements	8,241	304,862
Substa Equip.	233	24,878
Structures	— —	46,814
Poles & Fixtures	2,549	11,726
Overhead Conductors	15,361	96,130
Line Transformers	5,242	61,249
House Services	— —	26,935
Consumer Meters	689	9,312
Street Light Equip.	3,759	24,961
Office Equip.	650	5,249
Cost of Trans. Equip.	19,802	35,496
Tools, Shop & Garage Equip.	882	8,664
Comm. Equip.	453	3,298
Underground Cond.	6,211	45,309
Total Add. in 1976	64,072	
Total Depr. Value		705,202
Accounts Receivable		53,922
Materials & Supplies		14,939
Petty Cash		100
Depreciation Funds		176,750
Deferred Debits		4,254
Const. Int.		18,710
Total Assets		973,877

LIABILITIES

Bonds	97,092
Notes Payable	237,500
Appropriated for Construction	7,090
Notes paid off in prior years by Light Dept.	69,116
Appropriated for Const. Repayment	2,457
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1976	71,632
Earnings of this & prior years invested in new plant & other assets	466,501
Contributions in aid of construction	23,903
Interest Accrued	2,999
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	978,290
Deferred Credits	<hr/> — 4,413
Total Liabilities	973,877

ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT

	Debit	Credit
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Balance from previous years		430,232
Plus current year profit		46,269
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Accumulated Profit Dec. 31, 1976		\$476,501

Report of the Planning Board

The organization of the Paxton Planning Board as of June 30, 1977 was as follows:

John D. Rommel, Jr.	Chairman
Zarvin J. Kasparian	Clerk, delegate Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission representative
Alvah Tracy	Transportation Planning Advisory Group representative
William Jarvis, III	Capital Outlay Committee
Katherine M. Sears	Alternate delegate, C.M.R.P.C.

The Planning Board takes this opportunity to report that, in its opinion, the condition of the Town of Paxton appears satisfactory from a planning viewpoint. During the past year, there has been increased activity in connection with the dividing of existing lots into two or more smaller lots. However, none of these cases required Planning Board approval as subdivisions under the Subdivision Control Laws of Massachusetts.

The Planning Board is working on a revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Paxton. Among other reasons, the recent passages of Chapter 808 of the General Laws of Massachusetts will require significant changes in Paxton's Zoning Bylaws in order to comply with the provisions of this new Chapter 808. Under this new chapter, it should be noted that Zoning Bylaws in effect on January 1, 1976 shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Laws in effect prior to January 1, 1976 until this new act is accepted by the Town of Paxton, provided that no less than June 30, 1978 all zoning ordinances and bylaws shall be brought into conformity with the provisions of this Chapter 808 and shall be governed

by this act thereafter. This means that the Town of Paxton and its Planning Board have the time period between now and June 30th of next year to revise its Zoning Bylaws and to accept the new Chapter 808 provisions. Otherwise on July 1, 1978 this new act will automatically become effective for the Town of Paxton. It is the Planning Board's hope and intention that such revision of the Zoning Bylaw will be ready for your consideration and approval at the 1978 Annual Town Meeting.

The Planning Board wishes to express appreciation to its former members Betty C. Peterson and Robert Price for their many years of valuable service to the Board and the Town of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

ZARVIN J. KASPARIAN,
Clerk
JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR.
Chairman
ALVAH TRACY
WILLIAM JARVIS, III
KATHERINE M. SEARS

Report of the Board of Health

The Paxton Board of Health held Swine Flu Clinics and serviced approximately 150 eligible persons. The Board wishes to thank the School Department, School Nurse, our volunteer Doctors and a group of Senior Citizens for their assistance.

The members of the Board wish to express their appreciation to Thomas Braley for his many years of dedicated service as a Board member and as Chairman.

As of July 1, 1977, the State Environmental Code Title V replaces Art. 11 of the Sanitary Code. Any person repairing or installing a Septic System will be advised of the proper procedure by the Sanitary Inspector or the Board of Health.

The Rubbish and Garbage removal contractor continues to give the Town excellent service.

The Board of Health has signed an agreement with the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District. This allows licensed truckers to dispose septage from the Town of Paxton in the District plant.

The Board of Health is considering initiating a training program to instruct Towns people in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Respectfully submitted,

O.T. HOLLAND, Chairman
DR. JOHN FREY
RONALD E. JOHNSON

Report of the Board of Registrars

At the close of voter registratin on May 9, 1977 the number of registered voters in the Town of Paxton was 2,382.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Clerk of the Board of Registrars

Report of the Communications Board

The Dispatch Center completed its second year of operation with the work force pretty intact. During this period, one dispatcher resigned and one has taken a leave of absence. There has been another addition to the service provided by the Center this year. Alarm units are now available at the center to monitor residences and public buildings. If anyone is interested, inquire at the Dispatch Center for information on who to contact. The Dispatch staff is still available for any clerical assistance that is within the scope for other town agencies.

The Dispatch Center now has a staff of 11 regular and 2 standby dispatchers. At various times in the coming year, as necessity dictates, notice will be published stating that applications will be received for new people to train as dispatchers.

The Dispatch Center and the dispatchers were given some pretty rugged tests during the year on several occasions. The Center functioned very well during these emergencies without a breakdown in the system. As an example; the Center handled a total of 290 telephone and radio transmissions in the 5 hour period between 6 P.M. and 11 P.M. on March 28, 1977 during the heavy snowstorm. Similar conditions occurred both before and after this period with the Center being able to operate very well due to the ability of the staff.

The Center may or may not experience the same type of emergencies in the coming year, but if they do the Board feels that they will be ably handled as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD D. SMITH
BRIAN C. MURPHY, Clerk
LESLIE E. ROBINSON,
Chairman

ROBERT STEWART
ROBERT HANSSON
DAVID L. YOUNG
ROBERT F. DILLMAN, JR.

Report of the Chief of Police

It is again a pleasure to report to the residents of Paxton the activities of the Paxton Police Department for the past year.

Again, as in past years, the Officers of the department have received In-Service Training in all aspects of law enforcement through our monthly meetings. In addition to this training, members of the department received 20 hours of instruction in motor vehicle operation laws as well as 26 hours of intensive first-aid training in CPR and other life sustaining and saving methods. The Full-Time Officers have attended one day seminar sessions conducted by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council in different areas related to the delivery of law enforcement services. Fire-arms training has been taken by members of the department and early this fall all Officers will be recertified in the area of fire-arms handling and safety.

As in past years, we have co-operated with the Administration of the Paxton Center School in the presentation of various safety programs within Paxton Center School. At the beginning of the just completed school year, State Law mandated that the school bus evacuation drills must be held twice a year. Due to the dedication to duty of our School Safety Officer, Francis Whitney, and with the co-operation of the administration, and the School Bus Contractor, Paxton Garage, Paxton conducted the first such drills to be held in this area.

The Town of Paxton again received First Place position in the annual survey conducted by the Central Mass. Chapter of the National Safety Council. Although the total number of accidents increased during the just completed fiscal period, 25 of those, or 38%, came during the inclement months of January, February and March.

The department investigated a total of 21 house breaks, of those six were attempted or unfounded after investigation, that

represents a total of 15 actual housebreaks for the twelve month period. We owe this reduction to increased awareness of the residents of Paxton and to the fact that they do not hesitate to call us when they see or hear anything out of the ordinary in their neighborhood. This is excellent co-operation which is not seen in all communities. Our thanks to all of you who called in the past year with such information, and we urge those who are hesitant to call, to please do so when they feel that they possess information that may be helpful to the Police Department.

The Police Department is more than willing and ready, to visit any homes and business' to conduct a security inspection of your residence or establishment and to make recommendations and suggestions as to how to increase the security of your property.

The new radio system installed last year, has been a tremendous asset in improving inter-department communications with adjacent communities, and was a vital increase in our total communication package.

I wish to thank the other Town Department heads for their co-operation and assistance in the past year, and all the residents of Paxton who support our efforts to make Paxton the safest community in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. YOUNG,
Chief of Police

	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
Calls for Service	1412	1445
Ambulance Transfers	80	64
Breaking-Entering Homes	23	21
Breaking-Entering Business'	4	3
Larceny	27	24

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Larceny from Motor Vehicle	4	13
Vandalism	21	21
Missing Persons	7	5
Auto Thefts (Include Attempts)	18	14
Stolen Auto's Recovered in Paxton	23	14
Armed Robbery	1	0
Unarmed Robbery	1	0
Rape	0	1
Accidents Investigated:		
Property	41	34
Personal	22	32
Fatal	1	0
Vacant Houses Checked	369	712
Reports for Insurance Companies		
Accidents	28	35
Investigations	15	26
Licenses Issued		
FID	53	46
Licenses for Carrying Firearms	20	30
Summons Served	30	41

Citations for Violations of
MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS

Speeding	530
Traffic Lights	70
Passing in No Passing Lane	50
Stop Signs	117
Operating Under Influence	
of Alcoholic Beverages	10
Defective Equipment	17
No License or Registration In	17
Unregistered and Uninsured	26
No License or Registration	55
Possession	
Other	126

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

JUNE 30, 1977

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977, 24 Plumbing Permits were issued and 42 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 177 fixtures were inspected.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977, 5 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 5 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 7 gas appliances were inspected.

These above figures include the work of the late Albin F. Wright to Jan. 1, 1977 and then that of Alternates: John J. Reidy, Leo P. Jolly, Jr. and myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Zigmond Kozlowski
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The new one million gallon storage tank installed in 1975, on Asnebumskit has proven to be nearly trouble free. The storage tank installed in 1975 on Asnebumskit has proven to be nearly trouble free. The storage tank has kept the town water pressure at a safe level even during peak use times.

The Commissioners have purchased the required equipment and contracted with an Approved Water Testing Laboratory to place Paxton in compliance with the mandatory requirements of the SAFE Drinking Water Act of 1974.

The normal consumption of water in Paxton varies from a minimum of 150,000 gallons per day in the winter to a minimum of 595,000 gallons per day in the summer. Although there is no shortage of water in Paxton at the present time, it still remains

prudent that each of us respect the supply that we do have and to conserve it in whatever way we can. Water is today one of our most important commodities and yet remains the cheapest on the market to purchase. Let us keep it this way.

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

#8 Sprinkler System 1976-77

Number of services (1039)

Number of new installations (14)

Number of meter repairs (31)

Average use, gallons per service per day (193)

Respectfully submitted,

FRAZIER P. COLON, Chrmn.

ROBERT THOMPSON

CHARLES GLASSBRENNER

Report of the Building Inspector for Fiscal 1976-1977

Total Permits issued	53
New Homes	19
Additions & Alterations	11
Garages	9
Barns, Storage Sheds	4
Swimming Pools	5
Tennis Courts	1
Porches, Decks	4
Yearly Inspections (State required), various buildings	5

An average of three inspections were made for all permits issued. It should be noted that some time was involved for the interpretation of the Massachusetts State Building Codes.

My thanks to the various Departments for their help to me during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND K. ANDERSON
Building Inspector

Report of the Conservation Commission

This year, as in the past several years, a large part of the Commission's time and effort has been spent on the administration of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40). This law requires a land-owner to obtain a permit from the local Conservation Commission before beginning any project which involves altering a wetland. If there is any question about whether the site to be altered is a wetland, the Commission should be asked for a determination of the applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Beginning July 1, 1977, in addition to local approval, Army Corps of Engineers permits will be required for placing fill material in most streams and wetlands.

In observance of Arbor Day, the Commission again distributed Colorado blue spruce seedlings and planting instructions to the students in Grades 4 and 5 at the Paxton Center School.

During the year the Commission has cooperated in several ways with the Outdoor Education Committee at the School. In the spring, the Commission purchased several types of seedlings which will be planted in a nursery area and later used to beautify the courtyard and attract birds which feed on the fruit of these shrubs. The Commission also purchased some of the supplies which were used in Earth Week activities. The Commission will also be involved in the planning and development of outdoor classroom areas around Illig Pond and on the Conservation land.

The Commission has been investigating the use of conservation easements as a method of keeping certain areas as open space, of acquiring limited rights to certain areas, and possibly extending the trail system.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT PAULSON
DOUGLAS JOHNSON
JANICE STEWART, Asso.
JEAN ROMMEL, Asso.
CHARLES INNIS, Asso.

PETER SIEMEN, Chairman
SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk
ROBERT STEWART
CHESTER JOHNSON
CATHARINE HODGSON

Report of the Town Collector

1973 Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$8.50	
Collected		\$8.50
	<u>\$8.50</u>	<u>\$8.50</u>

1973 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$2.00	
Collected		\$2.00
	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>

1974 Transitional Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$10.80	
Outstanding June 30, 1977		\$10.80
	<u>\$10.80</u>	<u>\$10.80</u>

1974 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$476.03	
Recommitted	5.50	

\$135.30

346.23

\$481.53\$481.53**1975 Fiscal Farm Excise**

Outstanding July 1, 1976

\$8.50

Collected

\$8.50\$8.50\$8.50**1975 Fiscal Personal Property**

Outstanding July 1, 1976

\$10.65

Outstanding June 30, 1977

\$10.65

\$10.65

\$10.65

1975 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1976

\$281.44

Refunded

175.59

Data Processing Adjustment

.01

Collected

\$457.04\$457.04\$457.04**1975 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding July 1, 1976

\$3,241.81

Committed

6,298.92

Refunded

542.85

Abated

\$1,451.38

Collected

6,821.64

Outstanding June 30, 1977

1,810.56

\$10,083.58

\$10,083.58

1976 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1976

\$8.50

Collected

\$8.50\$8.50\$8.50

1976 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$109.16	
Refunded	1.84	
Abated		\$1.84
Collected		81.60
Outstanding June 30, 1977		27.56
	<u>\$111.00</u>	<u>\$111.00</u>

1976 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$539.40	
Collected		\$362.36
Tax Title		177.04
	<u>\$539.40</u>	<u>\$539.40</u>

1976 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$47,915.30	
Abated		\$175.00
Collected		26,479.87
Data Processing Adjustment		1.31
Tax Title		20,978.15
Outstanding June 30, 1977		280.97
	<u>\$47,915.30</u>	<u>\$47,915.30</u>

1976 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$50,163.29	
Committed	61,718.71	
Recommitted	23.10	
Refunded	3,371.79	
Abated		\$8,494.47
Collected		98,881.51
Outstanding June 30, 1977		7,900.91
	<u>\$115,276.89</u>	<u>\$115,276.89</u>

1977 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$914.38	
Collected		\$775.63
Outstanding June 30, 1977		138.75
	<u>\$914.38</u>	<u>\$914.38</u>

1977 Fiscal Forest Law

Committed	\$232.14	
Collected		\$215.25
Outstanding June 30, 1977		16.89
	<u>\$232.14</u>	<u>\$232.14</u>

1977 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$24,106.49	
Refunds	5.77	
Abated		\$203.56
Collected		23,556.12
Outstanding June 30, 1977		352.58
	<u>\$24,112.26</u>	<u>\$24,112.26</u>

1977 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$1,503.74	
Collected		\$980.50
Outstanding June 30, 1977		523.24
	<u>\$1,503.74</u>	<u>\$1,503.74</u>

1977 Fiscal Real Estate

Committed	\$1,245,176.46	
Refunded	3,815.85	
Abated		29,085.93
Collected		\$1,136,979.80
Outstanding June 30, 1977		82,926.58
	<u>\$1,248,992.31</u>	<u>\$1,248,992.31</u>

1977 Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$135,198.91	
Refunded	611.10	
Abated		\$7,710.73
Collected		80,542.29
Outstanding June 30, 1977		47,556.99
	<u>\$135,810.01</u>	<u>\$135,810.01</u>

Recap—Receivables

1974—Transitional Personal Property	\$ 10.80
1975—Fiscal Personal Property	10.65
1975—Motor Vehicle	1,810.56
1976—Fiscal Personal Property	27.56
1976—Fiscal Real Estate	280.97
1976—Motor Vehicle	7,900.91
1977—Fiscal Farm Excise	138.75
1977—Fiscal Forest Law	16.89
1977—Fiscal Personal Property	352.58
1977—Fiscal Water Liens	523.24
1977—Fiscal Real Estate	82,926.58
1977—Motor Vehicle	<u>47,556.99</u>
	\$141,556.48

Interest Received during 1976-1977

Real Estate	\$2,952.77
Motor Vehicle	194.97
Personal Property	4.99
Farm Excise	8.76
Forest Law	<u>0.48</u>
	\$3,161.97

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE T. HERRON,
Town Collector

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

Maple trees have been planted in our new section of Mooreland Cemetery. Trees that have been destroyed by weather in the other section will be replaced.

The Cemetery Commission did not request an appropriation for the fiscal year 1978. Our Interest Income is sufficient. Whether or not we will be able to continue being self sufficient will depend on economic conditions.

Updated rules and regulations are available from the Town Secretary in the Town Hall, daily 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Lots may be purchased, or any information concerning Mooreland or Center Cemeteries may be obtained.

Prices of Lots remain the same.

2 Graves	\$200.00
4	\$400.00
6	\$600.00
Opening	
Graves	\$ 75.00
Cremation	\$ 25.00
Infants	\$ 35.00

Only residents and former residents may purchase cemetery lots.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE ISHAM
GEORGE CHAGNON
KATHERINE STANNARD
Cemetery Commission

Report of the Board of Appeals

In Fiscal 1976-1977 the Zoning Board of Appeals held ten (10) public hearings in the Town Hall. Of those ten petitioners, one was withdrawn by the petitioner during the course of the hearing, eight were approved and one was denied by your Board.

Copies of the minutes of all of the aforesaid hearings are filed as a public record with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN RUBIN,
Chairman and Clerk
DONALD LUNDQUIST
ROBERT DILLMAN
WILLIAM LINDQUIST
T. THOUTSIS
JAMES LAWSON
LEONARD CHIRCHIGNO

Report of the Tree Warden

I am pleased to present my annual report of the Tree Warden Department.

Once again the Tree Department program was carried out to the best of our ability on the funds allotted to this department. As you know, we had two severe snowstorms which set our trimming program way back. Many areas done last year will have to be repeated. Our budget of \$2000. does not, by any means, cover the program we would like such as extensive trimming and replacing and planting of trees removed. Our plans for this year are trimming of Richards Avenue, Maple Street, and Streeter Road.

A survey from the State on dead maples to be removed was made. They found two on South Street, pole #5, Marshall Street, pole #70, Suomi Street, pole #13, Richards Avenue at Paxton Rutland line. Also Crestwood Street and one pine on Walbridge Road. We will proceed as far as our budget allows.

Payroll and outside hire	\$1500.00
Emergency fund from finance	
commission for storms	750.00
Expenditures	2098.75
Balance	151.25
 Equipment Account	 250.00
Expenditures	249.95
Balance	.05
 Expense account	 \$250.00
Expenditures	149.36
Balance	100.64

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. SEYMOUR,
Tree Warden

Town of Paxton Treasurer's Report

June 30, 1977

Operating Cash:

Balance July 1, 1976	\$ 482,016.50
Add-receipts for the year	3,026,378.31
Subtract-Disbursements for the year.	<u>3,100,066.42</u>
Balance June 30, 1977	<u>\$ 408,328.39</u>

Analysis of Operating Cash as of June 30, 1977:

Town checking and sav. accts.	\$ 286,297.97
Electric Light checking and savings accts.	91,360.50
Electric construction account	22,827.82
School construction balance	5,114.77
Land taking acct.	705.95
Performance bonds	1,944.19
Antirecession fiscal aid	<u>77.19</u>
	<u>\$ 408,328.39</u>

Non-Operating Account Balances June 30, 1977

Richard Memorial Library Trust	\$ 46,571.22
Library Trust Income Account	36,448.58
Library Trust Accounts (Bigelow)	19,116.51
Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	25,506.80
Cemetery Trust Funds	24,330.00
Village Improvement Fund	1,180.70
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	2,052.76
C. D. Boynton Trust Accounts	7,672.29
C.D. Boynton Income Accounts	6,667.13
Stabilization Fund	76,211.65
Income from War Bonds	2,157.87
Conservation Account	7,210.08
Bigelow School Book Trust Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	6,782.69
AT&T Stock—Library	216 Shares
AT&T Stock—Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

Outstanding Debt June 30, 1977

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
SCHOOL SEPT.	1980	\$24,000.00	\$1,170.00	\$25,170.00
Second Addition	1980	\$24,000.00	\$1,170.00	\$25,170.00
Third Addition	1995	240,000.00	31,200.00	271,200.00
WATER DEPT.				
1972 Main	1979	35,000.00	1,891.85	36,891.85
Plumbing Station	1979	4,000.00	96.00	4,096.00
1975 Concr. Stdpe.	1995	291,475.00	130,686.00	422,161.00
FIRE STATION	1979	8,000.00	224.00	8,224.00
ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.				
1975 Substation	1986	225,000.00	53,330.75	278,330.75
(which is to be paid from Electric Rev.; no taxation				
TOTALS		\$827,475.00	\$218,598.60	\$1,046,073.60

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK,
Town Treasurer

Report of the Town Accountant

Fiscal 1977

I respectfully submit my report as Town Accountant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

The Bureau of Accounts has certified "Free Cash" in the amount of 89,462.00 as of July 1, 1977.

I wish to express my thanks for the cooperation of Town Officials and Town Departments.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning Municipal Accounting procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE
Town Accountant

Receipts 1977F**TAX LEVIES**

Real Estate

1977	\$1,136,979.80
1976	26,479.87
1975	457.04

Personal Property

1977	23,556.12
1976	81.60

Farm Animal Excise

1977	775.63
1976	8.50
1975	8.50
1973	8.50

Forest Law Land

1977	215.25
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Tax Titles Redeemed	10,380.94
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Tax Title Water Liens	72.02
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Tax Title Interest and Charges	896.75
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Adv. Charges	36.00
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Motor Vehicle Excise

1977	80,542.20
1976	98,881.51
1975	6,821.64
1974	135.30
1973	2.00

Land Taking Escrow—Interest	34.89
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Personal Property—Interest	4.99
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Real Estate—Interest	2,952.77
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Motor Vehicle—Interest	194.97
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Farm Animal and Forest Law Interest	9.24
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Interest Earned—Treasurer	11,473.01
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Treasurer Tailings	.90
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State & County Aid to Highways:

Highway Machinery	928.50
State	19,562.99
County	4,254.81
County	1,800.00
Snow Plowing	1,722.00
Highway	11,123.58

Paxton Municipal Electric Light Dept.

Rates	743,824.41
Power Refunds	13,248.23
Interest on Account Earned by Treasurer	4,592.87
Debt Retirement and Interest Paid to Town	36,718.75
Interest—E.L. Const. and Depreciation	2,342.23
Sales of Light Bulbs	4.00

Paxton Water Dept.

Rates	53,027.52
Installations and Repairs	1,939.44
Water Liens Collected	1,342.86
Worcester Water Used	19.48

Bicentennial Comm. Revolving Account

(Gift to Library of \$1,241.52)	2,336.75
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Bicentennial Parade	1,320.16
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Recreation Held for Appropriation	1,089.00
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T. Clerk—Dog Licenses for County	1,251.50
Federal Tax w/h	119,897.03
State Tax w/h	41,791.87
Teachers Retirement w/h	27,055.53
County Retirement w/h	16,320.08
Blue Cross-Blue Shield w/h	23,139.85
Group Life Ins. w/h	676.76
Annuities wh	8,399.55
Disability Ins. w/h	1,256.43
Blue Cross-Blue Shield D.P.	1,017.82
Group Life Ins. D.P.	21.04
Teachers Dues w/h	3,300.00

TOWN OF PAXTON

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Cemeteries	
Cemeteries P/C	2,356.66
Opening Graves	895.00
Interest Earned	2,833.72
Veteran Services	
Reimbursement	2,253.33
Dog Fund (County)	
Held for Approp. to Library	616.61
School	
Mass. School Bldg. Assistance	19,590.08
Chapter 70	183,877.50
Transit	357.82
School Needs—G.L. Chap 71.b	42,403.00
Special Needs	4,629.00
School Title Account—Library	1,004.49
N.D.E.A. Title Account	1,778.81
Chapter 71—Transportation	25,417.00
Outside Vocational Transportation	499.00
B3-School	61,292.51
D-High	11,123.58
High School Transit Development	22,861.18
School Misc.	
Hazel Gay Awards Fund	23.40
Book Fund (Bigelow)	52.50
Sale of Industrial Arts Project	470.20
Telephone Reimbursement	1.12
Interest of School Const. Balance	198.53
School Lunch Program	
Collections	22,203.61
State and Federal Reimbursements	17,988.36
State—Reimbursements	
Corporation and Taxation	1,883.95
Lottery	19,015.14
Gas Tax	12,308.88
Public Owned Lands	11,411.91

Census	956.75
Purchase of Radar (Police Dept.)	995.00
Fed-Anti-recession to T. Cash for Transfer	5,137.69
Library	
Interest Earned	2,145.37
Library State Aid, Held for Approp. to Library	1,399.13
Library Fines	293.00
Misc. Income	
Selectmen—Licenses and Permits	3,340.00
T. Clerk—Misc. Permits	75.50
T. Secretary—Use of Copy Machine	28.20
Building Inspector	3,342.02
Board of Appeals—Hearings	180.00
Police Department	
Accident Reports	355.00
Court Fines	682.00
I.D. and Weapon Permits	608.00
Planning Board Sale of Bylaws and Filing Fees	86.96
Board of Health	
Permits	1,041.50
Animal Inspection	100.00
Dog Officer—Sale of Dogs	6.00
Wire Inspector	54.00
Conservation Hearing	25.00
Insurance Claim—Amica	564.11
Fire Dept.—Sale of Fire Truck	1,100.00
Misc. Inspections	5.50
Telephone Comm.	3.40
Town Accountant—Ref.—Meeting Exp.	31.68
C.E.T.A. Reimbursement to Town for Ins.	224.01
Total Receipts	\$3,026,338.20
Cash Bal. bt. ford	482,016.50
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	\$3,508,354.70

Payments — 1977F

	Expended	Totals	Bal. of App. Held
Personal Property Taxes—Refunds			
1977	5.77		
1976	1.84		
Real Estate—Refunds			
1977	3,815.85		
1975	175.59		
Motor Vehicle—Refunds			
1977	611.10		
1976	3,371.79		
1975	542.85		
Water Dept.—Refund	25.00		
Bd. of Health—Refund	35.00	8,584.79	8,584.79
Withholding/Agencies/Assessments			
Dog Licenses for Cty.	172.55		
Federal Taxes w/h	119,897.03		
State Taxes w/h	41,791.87		
County Retirement w/h	17,566.34		
Mass. Teachers Retire w/h	30,058.02		

Emp. Ins.-Blue Cross			
Blue Shield w/h	25,360.55		
Emp. Ins. Retired & Retained	—107.97		
Emp. Group Ins. w/h	756.10		
Emp. Ins. Retire & Retained	—20.59		
Annuities w/h	9,295.39		
Teachers Dues w/h	3,300.00		
Disability Ins. w/h	1,376.83		
State Parks	13,202.96		
County Retire. System Assess.	33,521.6		
County Tax Assess.	98,848.70		
Group Ins. Ret. Teachers			
Assessment	2,210.46		
Auditing Assessment	19.44		
Motor Vehicle—Tax Bills-			
Assessment	503.70		
Central Mass. Air Pollution			
Assessment	269.16		
Cemetery	3,256.66		
Conservation Savings Acct.	2,000.00		
Hazel Gay Awards	20.00	\$403,298.80	\$403,298.80

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

101	Moderator Salary	35.00	35.00	
104	Expense	—	—	
111	Selectmen's Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	
112	Adm. Secretary Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	
114	Expense			
	Office	158.95		
	Dues, Meetings, Travel	301.75		
	Advertising	86.29		
	Legal Books	181.50	728.49	
115	Equipment	14.92	14.92	
122	Town Accountant Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	
124	Expense			
	Office, Binding, Typing	138.98		
	Dues, Meetings, Travel	196.73	335.71	23.29
Treasurer Expense				
	Bal. Held Over D.P.	98.02	98.02	
	Additional D.P. Treas. Ex.	14.88	14.88	
131	Treasurer Salary	2,750.00	2,750.00	
132	Treasurer Hire Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	

134	Expenses			
	Office	487.69		
	Dues Meetings & Travel	22.00		
	Equipment Repair	171.00	680.69	
137	Treasurer D.P.	1,079.18	1,079.18	130.50
141	Collector Salary	3,400.00	3,400.00	
144	Expense			
	Office and Postage	1,528.72		
	Filing Fees	45.75		
	Dues, Meetings & Travel	108.41	1,682.88	
152	Town Secretary Salary	5,350.00	5,350.00	
154	Expense			
	Stamp Meter & Contract	171.50		
	Supplies	6.17		
	3M Expense & Contract	951.20		
	Office Supplies	5.82	1,134.69	6.40
161	Assessors Salary	2,800.00	2,800.00	
162	Clerk Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	
164	Expense			
	Office	624.94		
	Dues, Meetings & Travel	134.75		
	Misc.	20.00		

	Photo Copies—Abstracts and Mapping	690.68	1,470.37
168	Data Processing, Assessors	701.75	701.75
169	Uniform Assessing Bal.	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Finance Committee		
172	Secretary Salary	200.00	200.00
173	Statistician Salary	200.00	200.00
174	Expense		
	Office	34.60	
	Dues	50.00	84.60
	Town Clerk Hire Bal Held	30.00	30.00
	Expense Bal. Held	63.39	63.39
181	Town Clerk, Salary	950.00	950.00
182	Town Clerk Hire Salary	390.00	390.00
184	Expense		
	Office	169.85	
	Dues	28.00	197.85
185	Record Storage	258.35	258.35
	Legal Bal. Held	966.33	966.33
194	Legal	4,505.51	4,505.51
	Elections Bal. Held	40.00	40.00

204	Elections			
	Counters, Expense	974.75		
	Office	157.44		
	Clerk Hire, Salary	77.50		
	Voting Lists	150.00	1,359.69	
212	Registrars Salary	105.00	105.00	
213	Registrars Clerk Salary	165.00	165.00	
214	Expense			
	Census	400.00		
	Office Exp.	142.23		
	Printing	405.00	927.23	
222	Planning Board Clerk	—	—	
224	Expense			
	Office	12.99		
	Dues	30.00		
	Bldg. Code	12.55	55.54	
226	Printing	200.00	200.00	12.00
232	Town Hall Caretaker Salary	1,760.00	1,760.00	
	Expense Bal. Held	53.58	53.58	
234	Expense			
	Lights	595.20		
	Telephone	1,004.14		

	Fuel	1,731.90		
	Supplies	.69		
	Ex ting. charged	3.00	3,334.93	265.07
236	Town Hall Repairs	227.23	227.23	472.77

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

\$48,570.81

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Department

282	Salary—Chief	13,000.00	13,000.00	
283A	Salary—Officers Full	18,225.45	18,225.45	
283	Patrolmen—Pt. Time	14,092.04	14,092.04	
284	Expense			
	Office Exp. Legal Pub.	347.53		
	Dues, Meeting & Travel	158.80		
	Telephones	879.69		
	Vehicle Maint. & Oper.	5,085.40		
	Radar & Radio Maint.	624.85		
	Officers Exp. & Equip.	1,383.18		
	Misc. Supplies	267.13	8,746.58	
285	Equipment	1,187.93	1,187.93	

286	Crossing Guard	890.00	890.00	
287	Prisoners Fees	510.00	510.00	
288	Training & Travel	195.00	195.00	
289	Radar—Reimbursed by State	995.00	995.00	
	Police Amb. Equipment. Bal. Held	20.69	20.69	
	Police Station Wagon	5,198.80	5,198.80	
Fire Department				
302	Officers—Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	
	Fire Fighters Bal. Held	782.50	782.50	
303	Firefighters—Salary	5,569.04	5,569.04	
303	Expense Bal. Held	57.29	57.29	
304	Expense			
	Utilities	1,289.41		
	Fuel	2,135.74		
	Vehicles—Maint & Oper.	1,012.93		
	Radio Maint.	518.93		
	Janitor Salary	600.00		
	Janitor Supplies—Bldg. Maint.	884.95	6,441.96	224.33
305	Fire Dept. Equipment	1,137.93	1,137.93	826.05
310	Hose Replacement	1,500.00	1,500.00	

322	Bldg Insp. Salary	807.85	807.85	
324	Expense			
	Office	50.00		
	Travel	171.72	221.72	
Board of Appeals				
	Expense Bal. Held	10.95	10.95	
334	Expense			
	Office	70.08		
	Dues	15.00		
	Adv.	135.06	220.14	
Forestry				
354	Moth Destruction	115.00	115.00	685.00
364	Dutch Elm Disease	1,313.50	1,313.50	699.73
Tree Warden				
372	Salary & Other Labor	2,098.75	2,098.75	
374	Expenses			
	Misc. Supplies	149.36	149.36	
375	Equipment	249.95	249.95	
382	Dog Officers—Salary	965.00	965.00	

	Expenses			
	Care & Custody	497.11	497.11	402.89
394	Civil Defense Bal. Held	64.25	64.25	386.87
402	Inspector of Wires—Salary	750.00	750.00	
	Salary Bal. Held	350.00	350.00	
403	Hire—Salary	50.00	50.00	
	Expense Bal. Held	24.00	24.00	
404	Expense	48.00	48.00	
Central Communications Dispatch				
412	Salary—Dispatchers	21,860.00	21,860.00	
414	Expense			
	Office	58.94		
	Telephones	878.32	937.26	127.74
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				\$111,083.05
441	Board of Health—Salary	150.00	150.00	
444	Expense	131.68	131.68	
472	Sanitary Insp.—Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	
482	Gas & Plumb. Insp.—Salary	382.50	382.50	

502	Animal Insp.—Salary	100.00	100.00	
503	Assistant	50.00	50.00	
534	Wachusett H H. Care Bal. Held	454.25	454.25	
534	Wachusett H H. Care	908.50	908.50	
	Gas & Plumb. Insp. Bal. Held	8.50	8.50	5,185.43
Total Health and Sanitation				\$5,185.43
Public Services				
601	Highway et al. Wage Acct.	32,217.48		
	Water	9,280.04		
	Wages, Sick Leave & Holiday	6,097.95		
	Snow	30,454.62		
	Recreation, Pool Repair	1,135.97	79,186.06	403.94
604	Expense			
	Town Garage	2,573.12		
	Street Sweeping	1,035.00		
	Catch Basin Clean.	1,173.00		
	Signs and Posts	243.57		
	Salt	5,611.13		
	Sand, Gravel & Stone	10,039.80		
	Patch	1,353.00		

	Asphalt and Tar	8,432.81		
	Drainage Pipe	3,941.76		
	Equipment Maint. & Oper.	16,716.16	53,736.84	
	General & Hired Equip.	2,617.49		2,803.91
606				250.00
607	Highway, Misc. Labor & Mat.			
	Highway	2,637.81		
	Recreation	459.90		
	Water	126.16		
	Materials	515.00	3,738.87	2,261.13
	Highway Chap. 765			
	Materials	19,368.38	19,368.38	88.62
	Highway Loader	33,273.00	33,273.00	
634	Street Lights	14,380.00	14,380.00	
	Easements	—	—	38.00
674	Land Taking			1,000.00
	Total Public Services			\$203,283.15
	Veterans Services			
722	Agents Salary	400.00	400.00	
724	Expense	147.78	147.78	102.22
726	Aid	1,474.55		147.78
	Medical	204.65	1,679.20	2,226.98

741	Paxton Center School—Bal. Held 76G	39,938.65	39,938.65
	Bal. Held 77F		
	School Committee	2,295.40	
	Supt's Office	14,833.05	
	Principal's Office	27,685.41	
	Teaching Salaries	443,942.83	
	Audubon & Field Trips	1,548.00	
	Supplies	15,562.52	
	Other Expenses	3,617.70	
	Textbooks	1,712.58	
	Library	11,882.35	
	Audio Visual	533.47	
	Guidance	3,079.96	
	Educational TV	—	
	Other School Services		
	Health Services	6,831.21	
	Transportation	34,394.44	
	Food Services	6,407.71	
	Student Activities	2,725.08	
	Operation & Maint.		
	Salaries	40,080.94	
	Supplies	3,201.16	
	Other Expenses	350.00	
	Heating Buildings	24,629.06	

Utilities	15,862.45		
Maintenance	15,339.54		
Fixed Charges	396.71		
Community Services	929.81		
Fixed Assets	5,374.71		
Programs with Others	10,537.75		
Title IV Ecology	3,092.01		
Total Schedule A		\$696,845.85	\$59,287.15

Instruction			
Teaching Salaries	16,978.85		
Supplies	653.40		
Equipment	166.74		
Other Expenses	93.00		
Guidance	9,150.16		
Psychological Serv.	2,037.81		
Other School Services			
Transportation	6,399.25		
Fixed Assets	293.94		
Programs with Others	22,393.93		
Total Schedule B		\$58,167.08	230.92

School			
	Paxton Center School		
	Title 3	1,511.16	1,511.16
	Title 2-4	321.64	321.64
Wachusett Regional High			
	Assessment	424,068.48	424,068.48
School Lunch Program			
	Paxton Center School		
	Payroll	18,486.88	
	Expense & Operation	24,093.69	42,580.57
Total Schools			\$1,263,433.43
Richards Memorial Library			
762	Salary—Librarian	7,210.00	7,210.00
763	Others—Salary	7,381.22	7,381.22
764	Expense		
	Petty Cash	122.00	
	Telephone	259.34	
	Utilities	526.33	
	Office Expense	531.89	
	Fuel	854.67	
	Maint.—Bldg. & Grounds	471.41	

Education	95.00		
Books & Magazines	4,505.12		
Travel	47.50	7,413.26	
Library Special Enrichment			
Grant	125.34	125.34	
Library State Aid	1,256.67	1,256.67	
Library—Study of Expansion Comm.			
Consultant	1,223.40		
Land Plan	500.00		
Secretary	93.00		
Office Expense	132.00		
Postage	145.34		
Field Trips	28.89	2,122.63	2,877.37
Total Richards Memorial Library			\$25,509.12
Recreation			
772 Salaries—Bal.Held	334.30	334.30	525.12
772 Salaries	7,180.92	7,180.92	525.12
774 Expense Bal. Held	411.20	411.20	
774 Expense			
Transportation	570.00		
Area Maint.	160.15		

	Supplies	224.62		
	Utilities	202.31		
	Equip. — Operation	26.14	1,183.22	591.20
775	Equipment	—	—	30.27
776	Events Bal. Held	118.75	118.75	
776	Events	1,668.75	1,668.75	
	Pool Repair	1,218.48	1,218.48	3,181.52
	Total Recreation			\$12,115.62
	Celebrations			
784	Fourth of July	595.58	595.58	
824	Memorial Day	479.05	479.05	
	Total Celebrations			\$1,074.63
	Unclassified			
814	Town Reports	2,393.60	2,393.60	
	Ins. and Bonds Bal. Held	7,957.00	7,957.00	
834	Ins. and Bonds	34,478.31	34,478.31	
844	Town Employees Ins.	25,823.32	25,823.32	
852	Town Clock — Salary	60.00	60.00	
854	Expenses	29.86	29.86	

Conservation			
872	Clerk	220.00	220.00
874	Expense		
	Office	107.99	30.71
904	Central Regional Planning	485.03	485.03
	Local Growth Policy	15.15	15.15
957	Council on Aging	2,058.56	2,058.56
	Bi-Cent. Revolving Acct.	2,139.32	2,139.32
			225.00
			1,241.52
			(Gift to
			Library)
	Sub-Committee Parade	140.00	140.00
Total Unclassified			\$75,908.14
Public Service Enterprises			
	Paxton Municipal Light Dept.		
	Commissioners	125.00	
	Manager	20,049.23	
	Labor	34,665.97	
	Clerks	13,542.44	
	Exp. and Oper.	627,013.37	
	Substation		
	Payment & Int. to Town	17,656.25	

Substation				
	Payment & Interest to Town	19,062.50	732,114.76	
Water Department				
961	Commission—Salary	225.00	225.00	
963	Other Compensation	2,325.00	2,325.00	
	Expense Bal. Held	23.06	23.06	
964	Expense & Operation			
	Office Exp. Post. Dues & Meetings	607.80		
	Utilities	5,716.51		
	Gas Serv. Rental	397.20		
	Chemicals	1,568.06		
	Maint. & Oper.	663.42		
	Pipe, Tubing, Valves, etc.	2,901.49		
	Meters, Meter Repair	1,475.70		
	Worc. Water Used	45.00		
	Testing, Engineering, Consult.	210.00	13,585.68	3,964.32
965	Water Quality Program			
	Consulting	1,450.00	1,450.00	335.00
	Water Consultant Eng. for			
	Application—Fed. Grant	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	Water Standpipe Project			
	Consulting	1,207.50		
	Completion of Project	13,022.44	14,229.94	3,658.63
	Water Extension	5,814.25	5,814.25	

Cemeteries			
974	Expense & Operation		
	Labor & Supervision	1,429.50	
	Supplies	347.29	
	Trees	300.00	2,076.79
Total Public Service Enterprise			\$773,344.48
Maturing Debt & Interest			
	Paxton Elect. Light Dept.		
	Building	12,500.00	
	Substation	12,500.00	
	Interest—Substation	5,156.25	
	Interest—Building	6,562.50	36,718.75
	Highway Temporary Loan	19,457.00	19,457.00
Maturing Rates and Bonds			
318	Fire Station	5,000.00	
748	Paxton Center School	38,000.00	
968	Water Department		
	Pumping Station	3,000.00	
	1972 Main-Pleasant St.	20,000.00	
	Standpipe	17,525.00	83,525.00
	Interest on Mat. Debt.	26,747.24	26,747.24
Total Maturing Debt and Interest			\$166,447.99

Total Payments
Cash on Hand

\$3,100,066.42
408,288.28

\$3,508,354.70

TOWN OF PAXTON

**TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET**

1977F

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Cash	\$408,288.28
Tax levies	
Personal Taxes	
77 F.	352.58
76 F.	27.56
75 F.	10.65
74 6 mo.	10.80
Real Estate Taxes	
77 F.	82,926.58
76 F.	280.97
Farm Animal Estate	
77 F.	138.75

RESERVES	
Treas. Tailings	240.49
Paxton M. Lt. Deprec. and Construction	113,928.92
Dog License for Cty.	1,084.60
Emp. Ins. retained	791.99
Emp. Group Ins. retained	46.62
Annuities retained	258.36
Appropriation Balances Held	84,864.32
Retained Bonds	2,650.14
OVERESTIMATES	
State Parks	739.61
Cty. Tax Assessment	884.40
State Assessment Spec. Ed.	3,887.00
Central Air Pollution	14.93

Forest Law Land		Revenues reserved until	
77 F.	16.89	Collected	142,399.50
Motor Vehicle Excise		Water Guarantee Deposit	50.00
77 F.	47,556.99	Water Standpipe Loan Bal.	3,658.63
76 F.	7,900.91	School Const. Loan Bal.	5,114.77
75 F.	1,810.56	School Rental—revolving Acct.	807.32
Tax Titles	29,138.42	School—766 Schedule B.	230.92
Tax Title Possessions	605.34	School N.D.E.A.	1,778.81
Paxton M. Lt. Dept.		School Title II	1,005.31
Rates	50,060.62	School Lunch	2,774.47
Water Dept.		E. Bigelow School Fund	377.15
Rates	4,011.52	Hazel Gay, Award Fund	7.41
Inst. & Repairs	76.32	Library, Dog Fund	
Worcester Water Used	28.30	held for Appropriation	616.61
Water Liens 77 F.	523.24	Library State Aid held for	
		Appropriation	1,399.13
		Library Int. Income	1,139.27
		Library State Aid	646.57
		Library from BiCen. Comm.	1,241.52
		Recreation Held for Approp.	2,388.76
		Cemetery Int. Income	5,271.60
Overlay 76 F.	1.84	Overlay Surplus Res.	38,584.06
Cemetery Accts. Rec.	531.64	Overlay 77 F.	6,437.68
		Overlay 75 F.	19,794.19
		Surplus Revenue	189,183.70
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	\$634,298.76		\$634,298.76

Appropriation (Revenue)		Appropriation Control	
Budget	\$1,917,540.00	Budget	\$1,917,540.00
Articles	16,341.37	Articles	16,341.37
E & D (to lower tax rate)	20,000.00	Revenue 78F	20,000.00
	\$1,953,881.37		1,953,881.37

REVENUE SHARING LEDGER

Cash	20,079.32	Rev. S. Revenue	13,384.00
		Interest Income	6,695.32
	20,079.32		20,079.32

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Articles		Appropriation Control	
	37,000.00		41,350.00
	4,350.00		
	41,350.00		41,350.00

ANTIRECESSION

Cash	77.19	Interest	77.19
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NET FUNDED AND FIXED DEBTS

June 30, 1977

\$827,475.00

Schools

\$264,000.00

Water Mains

35,000.00

Pumping Station

4,000.00

Fire Station

8,000.00

P.E.L. Substation

225,000.00

Water Standpipe

291,475.00

\$827,475.00

\$827,475.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENTS

June 30, 1977

\$259,486.27	D. R. Boynton Charity Fund	3,052.76
	E. D. Boynton School Fund	1,000.00
	Hazel G. Gay Awards	100.00
	E. D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,429.18
	G. E. Bigelow	505.15
	Richards Mem. Library Fund	1,168.87
	Richards Memorial Library	36,448.58
	E. D. Bigelow VIF	1,180.70
	Cemetery P/C	46,980.14
	Post War Rehabilitation	2,157.87
	Conservation	7,210.08
	Stabilization	75,842.30
	C. D. Boynton Gen. Purpose	14,339.42
	Richards Memorial Library Trust	46,571.22
\$259,486.27		\$259,486.27

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE KARLE
Town Accountant

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
Town of Paxton



FOR THE
Year Ending June 30, 1977

Report of the Paxton School Committee

June, 1977

The School Committee appointed a new principal to the Paxton Center School for 1976-77. Mr. Edmund Chmielewski was selected after careful review by the School Committee and Administration.

Teachers new to the Paxton Center School in 1976-77 are: Mrs. Sharon Gordon, Grade 2; Mrs. Betty Collins, Grade 3; Mrs. Claudia Aitken, Grade 5; Mr. David Hebert, Music. In February, because of a resignation, Mrs. Gertrude Healy was appointed French teacher.

A significant change that occurred in the primary grades was from combined second and third grade homerooms to self-contained homerooms for grades 1-3. The children are still grouped according to ability. Flexibility and individualization continue to be available to the students with the help of two transition/resource teachers.

The SAPA II Science Program was implemented in September. To insure the success of this K-6 program, workshops were provided for the teachers. Mr. Paul Scopa, Science Coordinator of K-6 in the Milton Public Schools and a SAPA II expert, conducted the workshops. Members of the School Committee also attended some of the workshops to become familiar with the program.

An Environmental Education Committee was formed in September. This consisted of teachers, a member of the Administration and resource people from the community. The immediate purposes of the committee are to familiarize the teachers with the Title III NDEA materials that were obtained, to show that the SAPA II program had many outdoor oriented activities, and to make the teachers more familiar with resources within the community. The objective of the committee is to increase environmental awareness in all subject areas in grades K-8.

The School Committee formally voted to implement metric as the primary language of measurement in the Paxton Center School by September, 1977. Workshops were offered to the teachers and residents to provide additional information and knowledge during the transition period.

The Committee has continued its work toward writing job descriptions for all positions at the school. The Superintendent presented job descriptions for approval by the Committee for the following positions: Recording Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Math Tutor, Library Clerk, Guidance Counselor (Grades 6-8), Guidance Counselor (Grades K-5), Communications Transition/Resource Teacher, Math Transition/Science Resource Teacher. The purpose of job descriptions is to provide a better understanding of what is expected of each employee in the overall learning and environment at the school. A recording secretary was hired for the first time by this Committee. This provides a more thorough review of the meetings and enables the committee secretary to participate as a working member.

The Student Council representatives presented two well prepared reports to the Committee this year. These provide us with a knowledge of their activities and a better understanding of their hopes and requests from the students' point of view. Their presentation demonstrated their able leadership qualities. One activity originated and carried out by the Student Council was a candy sale which raised money for the purchase of stainless steel lettering of the name of the school: PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL. Many junior high students participated in the candy sale. The junior high students also published a Junior High Yearbook and operated a school store.

The 1977 graduation ceremony marked the first time the Paxton Band (Grades 5-8) played without the assistance of musicians from other Union #64 towns. The Paxton Band did a fine job and looked very professional in their new red jackets.

School Committee members attended various school related meetings, conferences and workshops to help them carry

out their duties as representatives of the community. This year members attended the MASC Conference in Hyannis, Area IV meetings in Gardener and Worcester, and workshops at the University of Massachusetts, at the Regional Office of the Department of Education in West Boylston, and at Framingham. Additional responsibilities of members include representation on the Recreation Committee, the Citizens' Advisory Committee, the Union #64 Subcommittee on Curriculum, the Chapter 766 Advisory Committee, the School Safety Committee, the Wachusett School Committee and as negotiators in Collective Bargaining. At their May meeting the Committee voted to appoint a citizen from the community as their representative to the Wachusett School Committee. This is a practice which the other four Union #64 towns have adopted because of the heavy commitment of serving on two School Committees.

An energy Conservation Officer was appointed for the School. The head custodian was named to this responsibility. At the June meeting he presented his first report to the Committee on ways to conserve energy at the School.

The School Committee realizes that their first commitment is to the students. They are continually studying every resource available to the community that can further the educational process in the school. Many other areas of interest and concern from parents, students, the professional staff and the Administration are on a continual discussion basis. These include studying the advantages and disadvantages in various discipline methods, report card format, math program, foreign language program, Chapter 622, and testing methods. The Committee is taking into account the projected drop in school enrollment.

Because of the rising costs and unforeseen expenses, the School Committee is investigating methods of budgetary procedures. We are aware of the constant threat of loss of financial reimbursement from the State. Consequently the Committee needs a closer accounting of ways the budget is being spent. This is in conjunction with our present policy on budget implementation. Increases in the 4000 account (utilities) and the 9000

account (programs with other schools) made it difficult to balance the 1976-77 budget. Transfers from various accounts within the budget and Federal monies have provided the necessary funds to balance the budget. However, by transferring money from these accounts, some curriculum materials were not purchased.

The Committee, in cooperation with the local and District Administration, is establishing goals for the 1977-78 school year and for long term consideration. As in the past, all parents and citizens of the community are invited and encouraged to attend School Committee meetings so they will have a better understanding of their local school and be aware of the need for cooperation by everyone involved in the educational process.

This Committee at this time wants to convey its appreciation to all the many people who have contributed their services, time and talents this school year. We are fortunate to have a hard working staff with many teachers who have given that "extra" to the children. We thank you for the opportunity of serving as your representatives and look forward with enthusiasm to continued cooperation in working toward the best educational atmosphere for the children of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL TRACY, Chairman
THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM,
Vice-Chairman
KATHRYN KINGSBURY,
Secretary
PHILIP McCARTHY
BARBARA BERKA

Paxton School Directory

1977

School Committee

Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr. Chairman	Term Expires 1977
Mr. Philip McCarthy, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Kathryn Kingsbury, Secretary	Term Expires 1978
Mrs. Gail J. Tracy	Term Expires 1979
Barbara Berka	Term Expires 1979

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. Barbara Eveleth	Secretary
Mrs. Catherine Geoffroy	Secretary
Mrs. Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting
Mrs. Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mrs. Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting
Mrs. Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist

Instructional Staff

Edmund J. Chmielewski	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 (resigned)	VI-VIII
Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VI-VIII
Paul A. Zendian	VI-VIII
Mrs. Thelma G. Heselbarth	V

Miss Judith A. Hodgen (resigned)	V
Mrs. Claudia J. Aitken*	V
Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V
Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr.	V
Judy Russell	Title I & Jr. High
Cynthia Quinn	French
Mrs. Mary L. Bogren	IV
Mary Larsen (resigned)	IV
Miss Janice E. Paperle	IV
Mrs. Ginger A. Kerbel	IV
Mrs. Jeanne K. Couture	III
Mrs. Claire A. Reavey (maternity leave)	III
Mrs. Betty Collins*	III
Mrs. Nancy Oakes	II
Mrs. Judith E. (Quinn) Marr	II
Mrs. Victoria K. Copp	II
Mrs. Sharon K. Gordon*	II
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Ann R. Matzell	I
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	K
Mrs. Helene MacLeod	Head-Teacher-Transition
Mrs. Judith T. Martin	Transition
Miss Constance Garvey	Librarianb
Mrs. Carol Lyons	Art
Mrs. Geraldine F. Collins (resigned)	French
Charles T. Gruszka	Guidance
Mrs. Sylvia Caswell	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
Mrs. Jennifer Weininger (resigned)	Music
David F. Hebert*	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman	Learning Disabilities
Betsy Rutter	Learning Disabilities Tutor

*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
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Robert Russell	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract
Ronald Ducharme	Part Time Custodian

ENROLLMENTS—OCTOBER 1, 1976

Grade	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	41	57	59	51	60	71	93	76	77	585
						IX	X	XI	XII	Total
						67	80	68	82	297

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

It is with a feeling of pride and a sense of great accomplishment that we review this fiscal year. Surely, it has been one of the most difficult for your Committee in recent years. There have been many adversities. Yet, we have been able to improve and expand several programs so that Wachusett has upheld those standards which have made it a fine comprehensive, secondary school. The dedicated efforts of the department heads and staff have produced notable improvements in all departments. These are all gratifying, especially the success of the Special Education Program.

Though we are continually aware that all of this is the responsibility of the Committee, the financial picture this year has made it a most difficult task. We continue to be plagued by overcrowding, and see no immediate solution in sight. The state is unable to offer the necessary assistance for building purposes. A special subcommittee was formed to further explore means of solving our space problems without state aid.

There was not a single budget item that did not feel the strain of inflation. However, the Committee was totally unified in arriving at a budget figure for Fiscal 1977-78 that shows no increase in assessment to the member towns. This was done without making any serious cutbacks, and, in fact, substantial improvements were made in numerous areas, particularly that of reading.

The five member-towns voted at Town Meetings to approve the equitable solution to the "One Man, One Vote" rule, and we are now awaiting legislative action and a final court decision.

Wachusett may be very proud of its administrative staff, its faculty, the many volunteers and supportive staff, but especially, the students themselves, whose spirit, enthusiasm and visible maturity year have made all of our efforts worthwhile. Any school can only be successful in so far as those it seeks to serve succeed.

The Wachusett Regional School District Committee will continue to endeavor to search for a reasonable and economical approach to its various problems, no matter what format it is to assume, so that a quality education continues to be provided to all member students.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. LELAND, Chrm.
ROBERT E. CHAPMAN
KENNETH M. CORBIN
JOHN P. DUFAULT
BURTON H. FISKE
JOHN H. GOEWY
JAMES F. HAYES

STUART L. JOHNSON
DENNIS E. JORDAN
DONALD F. KAMINSKI
KENNETH A. L'ABBE
PHILIP C. MCCARTHY
HOWARD W. MOORE
FRANK C. PIZZIFERRI

Wachusett Regional School District**Statement of Condition****June 30, 1977**

Assets	6/30/76	6/30/77
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Cash (Including savings accts.)	<u>367,656.67</u>	<u>560,026.46</u>
	<u>\$367,756.67</u>	<u>\$560,126.46</u>
Liabilities		
Payroll Withholding	\$ 6,019.41	\$31,338.09
Federal Grants	15,194.46	7,815.86
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	34,356.93	35,037.31
Accounts Payable (1)	<u>128,520.08</u>	<u>106,413.58</u>
	<u>\$184,090.88</u>	<u>\$180,604.84</u>
Reserve		
Contingency Maintenance	\$ 31,116.01	\$ 33,564.97
Building Fund	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserve for Gift	-0-	945.22
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Surplus	<u>142,245.47</u>	<u>334,707.12</u>
	<u>\$183,665.79</u>	<u>\$379,521.62</u>
	<u>\$367,756.67</u>	<u>\$560,126.46</u>

- (1) Composed of individual items previously approved for expenditure.

12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

Income

Assessments from Member Towns	\$2,732,400.00	
State and Federal Revenues	961,426.47	
Other Revenue	<u>146,591.11</u>	
		\$3,840,417.58

Transfer from Surplus

To Reduce Assessments	\$ 75,000.00	
To Cover Individual Unbudgeted		
To Cover Individual Unbudgeted		
Appropriations	<u>158,632.66</u>	
		\$233,632.66

Availability	\$4,074,050.24
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Expense

Operating Expense	<u>\$3,676,252.31</u>
Net Excess	<u>\$ 397,797.93</u>

Reconciliation of Surplus**June 30, 1977**

	12 months Ending 6/30/76	12 months Ending 6/30/77
Beginning Surplus	\$185,740.55	\$142,245.47
Add:		
Blue Cross Experience Rebate (Prior Period)	788.00	3,082.00
Audit Reclassifications	1,968.24	10,171.13
Budget Cut	25,000.00	-0-

Net Excess of Receipts		
Over Expenditures	176,327.84	397,797.93
Miscellaneous Payments	<u>1,084.66</u>	<u>189.51</u>
AVAILABILITY	\$398,009.29	\$553,486.04
Less:		
Expenditures Budgeted		
in Prior Period	\$128,520.08	\$106,413.58
Audit Reclassifications	1,058.62	3,854.83
Surplus Applied to		
Reduce Assessments	100,000.00	75,000.00
Surplus Applied to Ind.		
Unbudgeted Appropriations	24,500.00	31,000.00
Miscellaneous Payments	<u>1,685.12</u>	<u>2,510.51</u>
CLOSING SURPLUS	<u>\$142,245.47</u>	<u>\$334,707.12</u>

Report of the Superintendent

The School Committee Report speaks to the difficult *economy* and the careful scrutiny which school expenses are receiving from School and Finance Committees. That report also outlines progress on the *One Man, One Vote* issue, now in the Legislature, and following passage of the legislation, requiring a declaratory judgment by the Federal District Court. This judgment is expected to resolve the last questions registered by our bond counsel a legal specialist whose approval is required before the Regional District could borrow any funds for new construction.

The Principal's Report described the realities of our *space needs* for Physical Education and Athletes. Library and Cafeteria are also markedly inadequate for a student body of 1,500 to say nothing of the present enrollment of 2,000. No one can argue with the fond memories of successful athletics practiced on cow pastures and roadways in the 30's and 40's, but one

must ask if these athletic programs served 2,000 students. Wachusett has gone to much trouble and extra expense to use remote facilities for play or practices. But these are insufficient in quantity and quality to have the same percentage of our 2,000 students participating as they did in those most excellent of all institutions, the high schools of our youth.

Now I can hear those of you there saying "*2,000 is too big for a high school anyway,*" and I agree with you. But let us not use that reasoning simply to rationalize the refusal to expand our present Wachusett facilities to serve more than 1,000. Rather let us use that reasoning to plan for a *second school* for 500 to 800 students to be built in the early 80's. Let us look forward to the probability of transitional years of placing Grade 9 at Wachusett II and Grades 10 through 12 at Wachusett I until such time as the *second school* has become fully established and considered "equal" to the first. And after that, let us look forward to the breakdown of our region into two smaller regions.

Further on the subject of *regional school district organization*, while the citizens made it clear by their vote in November 1971 that they did not want to extend the region to include all Grades *K through 12*, I must periodically remind the people of the State's financial incentives toward regionalization. We estimate that the five towns would gain about \$1.5 million in additional State Aid to apply to the collective budget of about \$10 million if we went K through 12. This level of funding is expected to gradually diminish as time goes on, however the State Legislature has had an excellent record of financing school construction and regionalization incentives over the years.

In an attempt to provide better opportunities in *Vocational Education*, the Wachusett Regional School Committee has encouraged our participation in an area Occupational Education Collaborative, dependent upon a Federal Grant for the first year, and with the objective of providing vocational education at less cost than at the traditional regional vocational-technical school.

Your Superintendent has become convinced that "much of the action" on educational issues occurs at the State House and so has been devoting increasing amounts of time to following the annual tides of proposed bills, most of them appeals for dollar hand-outs or for guaranteed services by special interest groups. It appears that the *Legislature* has changed its ways within the past two years, and is now firmly resolved not to mandate additional programs unless it can genuinely finance them, not to over-regulate any further, and to govern best by governing least in many areas. The Legislature is still embarrassed by the Chapter 70 (general school aid) and Chapter 766 (special education aid) flim-flam; however many of us wait a bit skeptically to see whether the upcoming State budget proves to be balanced or not. I will continue to invest time on the legislative process and only wish we could have a few hundred citizens do likewise.

Our 5 year *accreditation* by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (compared to the standard 10 years) comes up for extension in 1978. We have made progress on some, but not all, of the recommendations of the 1973 Visiting Committee. We regret that we cannot make any predictions regarding our continued accreditation. 1976-77 has been a *good year* at Wachusett. *Student behavior and dress* have improved, thanks to a concerned faculty and a hard-working administrative team, but also due to a general change in society's attitude toward its youth. We think that the pendulum did not swing radically at Wachusett and so it does not have too far to swing back as the society comes to rejecting the heathenism which held sway under the banner of "self fulfillment." We think that "Your rights stop where mine begin" is an excellent guideline.

We have been saying for a long time that schools cannot do it all. May I suggest that if any of you out there would like your children to *learn to read* . . . shut off that T.V., converse at the dinner table, and read to your young children. In these days of "accountability", this schoolman cannot guarantee 100%. The socialization and education of children are shared functions. We should like to do the School's share in the best possible way

given the resources allocated. When we have a *partnership with the home* our joint results are generally far superior.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal Wachusett Regional High School

The 1976-77 school year at Wachusett was, in my opinion, highly successful. A new system of administrator-counselor relationships with each of the four classes resulted in a more personal approach to students. This, combined with high visibility on the part of the teaching staff in all aspects of school life, seemed to be the key ingredient to a pleasant and productive school year.

Individual honors continued to come to Wachusett students in the year just past, as in previous years. We placed more students in winning positions at the regional and state Science Fairs than any other school in the state, had three Merit Scholarship finalists and eleven students receiving National Merit Letters of Commendation, and had a regional Voice of Democracy finalist as well as many other individual honors. Our Music Department continued its quest for quality with our Concert Band adjudicated as one of the two best in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and receiving a "Superior A" rating in a New York State competition. The Political Science Club at the school took part in three very successful Model U. N. conferences in Worcester, Boston, and New York. The Boys' and Girls' Gymnastics Teams, in their first year of formal inter-scholastic competition established won-lost records that would be the envy of many established teams. And the Class of 1977

assumed the traditional mantle of leadership bestowed on every senior class and carried out its responsibilities in exemplary fashion.

The obvious risk of listing successes is that the listing will leave some out. This is particularly a problem when the honors are few. In our case the above listing is only the tip of the iceberg and I am sure that those who read this report and do not find their individual or organization's honor listed will understand the truly representative nature of this list.

This past year also marked the end of three truly illustrious and dedicated teaching careers at Wachusett. Retirement years lie ahead for Norman Rayner, Industrial Arts Chairperson, Elinor Erickson, head of our English Department, and Dorothy Hayman, long-time English teacher and advisor to the school newspaper. Each of these individuals has profoundly and positively affected countless lives over the years of their teaching careers. We, at Wachusett, will miss them, but we wish them well in the future.

While the above is a capsule impression of a very good year, I can not in conscience end this report to you without touching on an extremely important issue—the disgrace of Wachusett's physical education and athletic facilities. While growing from 850 students in the school's first year of operation to 1,968 students in 1976-77 and from eleven interscholastic athlete teams to the present thirty-three we have seen *no growth* in outdoor physical education/athletic facilities and only the construction of an undersized play area as far as inside space is concerned. Due to inadequate facilities we are not able to meet state standards for physical education, must play all soccer, winter track, spring track, tennis, and softball games away from the school, and short change both athlete and spectator as far as our overall program is concerned. In addition our field hockey field has never been regulation size, the football field has become a serious safety hazard, and, winter practices for nine interscholastic teams must stretch from two-thirty in the afternoon until well past nine-thirty p.m. in order that all teams

get floor time. I honestly believe that many of our young people are turned away and turned off from the healthy pursuit of athletic competition by our inadequate facilities! All of this is not to say that we should pursue athletics to the exclusion of academics! This has never been the policy at Wachusett and never will be! We should, however, face up to the responsibility for providing adequate facilities in all areas, and at the present time the number one priority here is the upgrading of physical education/athletic facilities. Hopefully the School Committee will be pursuing this aim in the near future and I urge all of you to support that building program.

I would close this report as I have all others written by me—with a sincere invitation to get to know your high school. We are here to serve you and stand ready to explain our programs and answer your questions and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LANE, JR.
Principal

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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Town Secretary—Town Accountant

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Town Collector

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.