

# TOWN OF PAXTON



Tornado Damage  
August 10, 1979

## 1979 - 1980 ANNUAL REPORT

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# *Annual Reports*

## *Town Officers*

### *Town of Paxton*



*Year Ending June 30, 1980*

# *“Select Good Men to Administer the Affairs of the Town.”*

quote from Massachusetts Colonial Procedures  
for Administration of Town Affairs

*With Thanks for Past Service*



**Nancy A. Smith**  
Board of Selectmen



**Edward J. Savickas**  
Board of Selectmen



**Barbara S. Berka**  
Paxton School Committee



**Thomas J. Cunningham**  
Paxton School Committee



**Gertrude Rem Goulding**  
Council on Aging



**Gus Oatley**  
Council on Aging



**Albert E. Hall (Deceased)**  
Physician

**Paul Robinson**  
**Robert Benedict**  
Recreation Commission

**Bernard Conte**  
**John J. O'Day, III**  
Municipal Light Board

**Dr. John Frey**  
Board of Health

**Milton Sebring**  
**R. Norman Peters**  
Finance Committee



**Leslie E. Robinson**

photo by Bill Barry, T&G

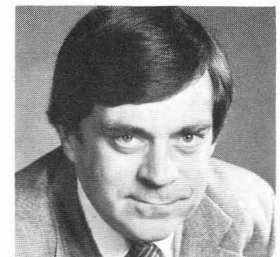
Fire Chief, retiring June 30, 1980  
Member of Fire Dept. 38 years, 1942  
Appointed Chief 1953  
Charter member of Paxton Fire Fighters Assoc., 15 years  
Construction of new Fire Station, 1963  
Transition from Volunteer to Paid-on-call Dept., 1967  
Director of Paxton Emergency Medical Program, 1978  
Communications Board member since inception in 1974  
Town Clerk, 1945-1960



**Raymond H. Kimball**  
Fire Fighter



**Gordon Richards**  
Fire Fighter



**David Sjosten**  
Personnel Advisory Board

**Dennis Dowd**  
**James Farrington**  
**Roland Hanson**  
Council on Aging

**Leonard Chirghigno**  
Board of Appeals

**Catherine Hodgson**  
Historical Commission

**Kenneth Seymour**, Fire Fighter  
**Robert Nanof**, Patrolman



# **Town Officers**

## **for May 1980 to May 1981**

### *Elected Officials*

#### **SELECT BOARD**

Nancy A. Smith (resigned) 1981  
Philip V. Donohue 1982  
Edward J. Boschert 1983

#### **TOWN CLERK**

George L. McGovern

#### **TREASURER**

David P. Fitzpatrick

#### **TOWN COLLECTOR**

June T. Herron

#### **MODERATOR**

Robert H. Hall

#### **CONSTABLES**

William O. Wylie  
Robert P. Sheehan

#### **TREE WARDEN**

Raymond A. Seymour

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Philip C. McCarthy 1981  
Barbara N. Scarbeau 1981  
Barbara C. Lorge 1982  
Daniel J. Lucey 1982  
Harry Kasparian 1983

#### **WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

James F. Hayes 1981  
Howard W. Moore 1982

#### **MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

James V. Graham 1981  
Sherburne B. Rockwell 1982  
Thomas F. Cummings 1983

#### **ASSESSORS**

Christian S. Baehrecke 1981  
James R. Stone, Jr. 1982  
Richard Bedard 1983

#### **WATER BOARD**

Robert W. Thompson 1981  
Charles J. Scholl 1982  
Charles J. Glassbrenner 1983

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Dr. Lewis James Jr. 1981  
Orace T. Holland 1982  
Ronald E. Johnson 1983

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

John D. Rommel 1981  
Zarvin J. Kasparian 1982  
Stephen Bik 1983  
Richard J. Pentland 1984  
Kathleen M. Sears 1985

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Alice E. Nelson 1981  
G. Donald Fenton 1981  
Ralph A. Kimball, Jr. 1982  
Edith M. Lavigne 1982  
Gwen L. Hall 1983  
Charles I. Innis, Jr. 1983

#### **RECREATION**

Dorothy M. Ungerer 1981  
Denis Melican 1982  
Sybille E. Wolf 1983  
John McDonald 1984  
Claudia P. Holland 1985

#### **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Betty Peterson 1981  
Caroline L. Rice 1982  
Katherine L. Stannard 1983

#### *Appointed Officials*

#### *Appointed by the Moderator*

#### **FINANCE BOARD**

DeAlton J. Smith 1981  
James Mellor 1981  
Paul Bannon 1981  
Margaret R. Lowe 1982  
Robert I. Becker 1982  
Charles E. Stoneham 1982

Eugene O'Rourke 1983  
John Hodgson 1983  
William F. Jones 1983

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Finance Board, James Mellor  
Finance Board, Robert Becker  
Planning Board, Kathleen M. Sears  
Assessors, Christian S. Baehrecke

#### **3 MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Linwood Erskine  
Thomas P. LaVigne  
Gerald L. Ryan

#### *Appointed by the Board of Health*

#### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Zig Koslowski  
393 Pleasant St., Leicester  
ASSISTANT

Lawrence St. Martin,  
83 Willow St. Leicester

#### **SANITARY INSPECTOR**

James A. Lashbrook

#### **INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING**

Frank Urbanovitch  
Robert J. Mortell

#### **BURIAL AGENT**

Yvonne B. Karle

#### **RUBBISH COLLECTION**

Leonard P. Martone, Barre, MA

#### *Appointed by the Selectmen*

#### **EXEC. SEC. TO THE SELECTMEN**

Pamela G. McDonald 1981

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Timotheos Thoutsis 1981  
William E. Lindquist 1982  
Robert F. Dillman 1983

Sherburne B. Rockwell 1984  
David L. Bennett 1985  
James Lawson, Assoc. 1981  
Fred Fricka, Assoc. 1982  
Allen Rubin, Assoc. 1983

CARE OF CLOCK  
Alan M. Wentworth

DOG OFFICER  
Robert J. Mortell

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS  
Robert S. Hansson

TOWN SECRETARY  
Yvonne B. Karle

VETERAN'S AGENT  
William E. Lindquist

INSPECTOR OF WIRES  
Warren P. Lederer

ASST. INSPECTOR OF WIRES  
Ambrose Tower

BUILDING INSPECTOR  
Roland Anderson, Donnelly Rd.,  
Spencer

ASST. BLDG. INSPECTOR  
Ambrose Tower

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT of  
INSECT PEST CONTROL  
Harold L. Smith

BOARD OF REGISTRARS  
Patricia Ranta 1981  
Josephine Blood 1982  
Jean McIntyre 1983

TOWN COUNSEL  
Paul Revere O'Connell, Jr.

ASSOCIATE 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 ACCOUNTANT  
Yvonne B. Karle 1983

CIVIL DEFENSE  
William Foley, Dir. 1981  
Robert Hansson, Asst. 1981  
Gerard Bernier, Asst. 1981

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST  
FIRE WARDEN  
Brian Murphy 1981

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER  
Donald G. Wyman 1981

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF  
Robert P. Sheehan

FULL TIME OFFICERS  
Robert F. Dillman, Jr.  
Francis M. Whitney

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS  
William E. Lindquist  
Ralph B. Butland  
Robert Wrenn  
Kevin McDonald  
Patrick V. Smith  
Frank Nieber  
Paul W. Valinski

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS  
Harold L. Smith  
Raymond E. Kirwin  
Robert B. Love  
Robert F. Dillman

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS  
Ambrose Tower,  
Paxton Center School  
Gerard Bernier,  
Paxton Center School

CONSERVATION  
Charles Innis 1981  
Frank Ranta 1981  
Barbara A. Brigham 1982  
Robert Stewart, Chairman 1982  
Catherine Hodgson 1983  
Susan Corcoran, Clerk 1983  
Jean Rommel 1983  
Janice Stewart, Associate Member  
Peter Siemen, Associate Member

GROUP INSURANCE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Christian S. Baehrecke  
Gwen Hall  
Philip V. Donohue  
Robert S. Hansson  
Mary Ann Morin

AGENTS FOR LICENSE  
COMMISSIONERS  
William O. Wylie  
Robert P. Sheehan

CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Richard J. Pentland, Representative  
Edward V. McTigue, Alternate,  
Zarvin J. Kasparinian, Rep. T.P.A.G.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Joseph W. Seremeth 1981  
Peggy Erskine 1982  
Ruth Wentworth 1982  
George L. McGovern 1982  
Lucille Tanner 1983  
Etta Robinson 1983

ENERGY CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
Allen Rubin, Chairman  
Philip V. Donohue  
Edward J. Boschert  
Raymond J. Savignac  
Gertrude Goulding  
John J. O'Day, III  
Robert Hansson  
Robert W. Smith  
Richard L. Jenkins  
Ernest L. Leveillee

PERSONNEL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
Frederick H. Fricka 1981  
John E. Graham 1981  
James Lawson 1981  
William Jarvis 1982  
Richard Connell 1982  
Edward Boschert 1982  
Douglas Szper 1983  
Philip V. Donohue 1983

COUNCIL ON AGING  
John Bauer 1981  
Timothy Dowd 1981  
Robert Lamotte 1982  
George Knipe 1982  
June Bessette 1983  
Edward Boschert 1983

#### COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Charles Glassbrenner, Clerk  
Robert Stewart, Chairman  
Robert Dillman, Jr.  
Robert Sheehan  
Brian Murphy  
Robert Hansson  
Harold Smith

#### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER COMMITTEE

Roland Anderson  
Robert I. Becker  
Gertrude Rem Goulding  
Kathleen Sears  
Ronald Johnson  
Augustus Oatley  
Timothy Dowd  
Philip McCarthy  
Edward J. Boschert

#### ARTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Arlene Sjosten, Chairman 1982  
Theresa Jarvis 1982  
Judith Russell 1982  
Gloria Smith 1982  
Lucille Tanner 1982  
Ruth Wentworth 1982

# *Report of the Town Clerk*

## *Vital Statistics - 1979*

### BIRTHS

#### January

- 3 Andrea, daughter to A. Douglas & Patricia A. Haddad, 40 Crowningshield Drive.
- 25 Patrick Michael, son to Paul F. and Ann M. Bergin, 80 Pleasant Street.
- 29 Loren Elsbeth, daughter to Douglas A. and Margaret M. Szper, 13 Crestwood Road.

#### February

- 7 Tracey Ann, daughter to Thomas A. and Patricia A. Sullivan, 14 Burtenmar Circle.
- 15 Melina, daughter to Edward V. and Jane E. McTigue, 20 Knollwood Road.
- 20 Anthony Joseph, son to Richard J. and Brenda J. Luzzo, 35 Nanigian Road.

#### March

- 18 Arjun Singh, son to Baltej S. and Indira Maini, 33 Lancelot Dr.

#### April

- 15 Andrew John, son to William Andrew and Judith M. Dado, 15 Crestwood Road.
- 23 Nicole Joyce, daughter to Gary M. Arvanigian and Janis C. Arvanigian, 10 Lincoln Circle.
- 24 Jonathan David, son to Barry A. and Valerie D. Cortis, 31 Crystal Street.

#### June

- 4 Eli Adam, son to Richard L. and Doris E. Huard, South Street.
- 23 Amy Elizabeth, daughter to John L. and Janet E. Slabich, 6 Oakwood Road.
- 25 Brian Bruce, son to Bruce B. and Elaine B. Cheney, 286 Grove St.

#### August

- 9 Megan Elizabeth, daughter to William L. and Margaret C. Jarvis, 5 Bel Arbor.
- 11 Liza Jill, daughter to John B. and June F. Lucivero, 1 Nipmuc Rd.
- 21 Joshua, son to Philip M. and Shirley M. Katz, 10 William Allen Drive.
- 29 Emily Elizabeth, daughter to David E. and Kathy J. Clarke, 378 Grove St.

- 29 Melissa Robyn, daughter to Milton A. and Virginia P. Weiner, 34 Crowningshield Drive.

#### September

- 26 Jeffrey Arthur, son to Lawrence H. and Ruth E. Wentzell, Davis Hill Road.

#### October

- 11 Julie Marie, daughter to Patrick R. and June A. Besette, 17 Shanandoah Dr.
- 15 Bethany Lynn, daughter to Francis Patrick and Janice Marie Fanning, 837 Pleasant St.
- 16 Kenneth John, son to Richard D. and Debra S. Grensavitch, 88 Laurel Street.
- 26 Michael Archibald, William G. and Amy Notte, 15 Streeter Road.

#### November

- 9 Christopher Michael, son to Dennis M. and Bettina M. Cullina, 15 Nipmuc Road.
- 30 Alicia Ann, daughter to Sherburne B. and Sharon Lee Rockwell, III 186 West Street.

#### December

- 5 Kelly Marie, daughter to Thomas J. and Mary Elizabeth Savage Sr. 5 Indian Hill Road.

### MARRIAGES

#### February

- 2 Michael A. Ducharme of Paxton to Janice A. Wright of Barre.
- 23 John J. Hayes of Paxton to Florence T. Lynch of Worcester.

#### March

- 7 Bruce W. Wilson of Paxton to Rita G. Grenon of Whitinsville.

#### April

- 6 Richard Patrick Gibbons of Auburn to Pamela Jane MacDonald of Paxton.
- 21 Christopher Ginnane of Macungie, PA to Dawn Robinson of Paxton.

May

5 Samuel N. Knipe of Paxton to Christine V. Guerry of Worcester.

5 Steven Eric Stutman of Paxton to Nancy Ellen Foster of Worcester.

12 J. Mark Swan of Paxton to Suzanne C. Howard of Paxton.

12 Joseph E. Dufresne of Auburn to Mary Ann Hinson of Shrewsbury.

June

2 John D. Martin of Grafton to Susan Cooney of Paxton.

14 Charles G. Tanner, III of Paxton to Sandra Green of Shrewsbury.

23 Earle Winslow Rice of Paxton to Caroline Lacey Isham of Paxton.

23 Peter Sage of Paxton to Debra Ann Lindquist of Paxton.

23 Russell J. Huard of Paxton to Margaret H. Blake of Paxton.

July

7 Gary P. Sundstrom of Paxton to Roberta McClutchy of Weymouth.

7 Wayne M. McMahon of Paxton to Peggy L. Calcia of Princeton.

14 Allan William McKinstry, Jr. of W. Upton to Linda Jeanne Wilder of Paxton

18. Peter H. Church of Paxton to Priscilla C. Knapp of Paxton.

27 Joseph Francis Norton of Paxton to Cathleen Ann Toomey of Holden.

August

4 Richard H. Morrill of Paxton to Lucie A. Debatis of Holden.

12 Paul P. Carboni of Milford to Janet Kowaleski of Paxton.

18 Peter Charles Robarts of Wolfeboro, N.H. to Patricia Anne Zimmer of Paxton.

18 Miles Mooney of Worcester to Dorothy M. Morgan of Worcester.

25 Matthew Larson Staples of Amherst, N.H. to Dale Ellen Bennett of Holden.

25 Burton Ira Orland of Westborough to Carole Topol of Westborough.

26 David Roger Gliewe of Mahopac, N.Y. to Cathy Jane Wildfeuer of Paxton.

September

2 Mitchell Roy Mondino of Boston to Tara Brigid Kelley of Boston.

15 Leonard Gagliardi of West Brookfield to Jeanne Russell of Paxton.

21 Neil Kelleher of Worcester to Carolann Breton of Paxton.

22 Kenneth A. Gamache of Paxton to Diane L. Storm of Rutland.

22 Dennis James Fuller of Newton Highlands to Deborah Ann Willette of Needham.

#### October

6 Pasquale J. Luzzo, Jr. of Paxton to Judith A. Lambert of Worcester.

6 James R. Bancroft of W. Boylston to Christine E. Wallen of Paxton.

12 Kevin M. McDonald of Paxton to Lisa E. Tasse of Worcester.

13 Kenneth Schofield, Jr. of Paxton to Cheryl R. Taylor of Rutland.

27 Harold J. MacQueston Jr. of Paxton to Carole L. Beaumont of Stockbridge.

#### November

2 William J. Morrow of Paxton to Kimberlee Ann Kallio of Paxton.

23 Walter D. Wilde Jr. of Paxton to Jean C. Shea of Holden.

### DEATHS

#### January

22 Charles W. Clarkson,  
46 Pleasant Street 78 years

#### February

4 Marjanthi P. Thamel,  
27 Mower St. 83 years

8 Victor P. DiDomenico M.D.,  
20 Lincoln St. 60 years

15 Cecile A. Marchant,  
83 Davis Hill Rd. 72 years

#### March

3 Elizabeth B. Hight,  
11 Crocker Hill Dr. 67 years

10 Jennie M. Manavian, 61 Grove St. 82 years

27 William C. McCarthy, 3 Eagle Ln. 76 years

#### April

5 Norman A. Gaboriault,  
11 Holden Rd. 64 years

20 John Kevin Flynn,  
100 Asnebumskit Rd. 32 years



# To All Boards, Committees and Officers

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 to so 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)

May		
1	Sidney Goulding, 309 Pleasant St.	68 years
4	John P. Oberg, Jr., 4 Briarcliff Ln.	47 years
June		
17	Raymond P. Goretti, 20 Old Lantern Circle	51 years
23	Michael L. Franciscus, 32 Lincoln Circle	10 months
27	Marcella Sviklas, 11 Woodland Dr.	89 years
July		
8	Madeline Hughes, 57 Richards Ave.	84 years
22	Richard F. Regan, 207 West St.	73 years
28	William P. Senkavitch, 19 Cutler Rd.	63 years
August		
4	Herman S. McEachern, 94 Pleasant St.	79 years
10	John K. White, 45 Waushacum St., Oakdale	10 years
September		
10	Eino J. Kortas, 52 Streeter Rd.	71 years
October		
24	Thomas J. Greaney, 116 Holden St.	62 years
30	Esther V. Hemingway, 8 Lawrence St.	82 years
31	Helen M. Rice, 6 Indian Hill Rd.	85 years
November		
24	Rita M. O'Day, 420 Pleasant St.	67 years
29	Ruth Potter Rossier, 50 Maple St.	83 years
December		
29	Francis C. Bertrand, 370 Pleasant St.	63 years

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1979

Male	202
Female	40
Spayed Female	223
Kennel \$10	3
Kennel \$25	1
Total licenses issued	468
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,433.15

## HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1979

Total number of licenses issued	192
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game	\$1,466.30

# ***Report of the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Paxton Held on September 17, 1979 at the Paxton Center School***

The meeting opened at 8:10 P.M. Moderator declared there was a quorum present.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town authorize the consolidation of line items 283A, Salary - Officers; and 283, Compensation - Patrolmen; as approved by the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 1979.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds, the sum of \$400.00, to purchase a factory rebuilt radar set for the Police Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,058.00 to pay the charges from the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution District for the disposal of septic waste.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted that the Town appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$1,877.00 to

purchase a copy machine for use by Town Departments to replace the present 3M 209 copy machine which will be traded in towards price of the new machine.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,837.00 said sum resulting from the award of the Arbitrator in the matter of arbitration between the Paxton Teachers' Association and the Paxton School Committee, said amount to be added to School - 79F held over balance.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$4975.00 to cover the cost of storm damage resulting from the August 10, 1979 tornado.

Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern  
Town Clerk of Paxton

# ***Report of the Annual Town Meeting Held May 5, 1980 at the Anna Maria College***

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. Moderator Robert J. Hall declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed by the moderator were: Richard Bedard and Orace Holland.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town see what sums of money the Town will raise by taxation and appropriate 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, 1980, and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (see Budget) During the fiscal year, transfers between line items within Departments may be made upon approval of the Finance Committee.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, the sum being \$362.52.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,389.75 received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover 75% of the cost of Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage for full-time employees of the Town of Paxton.

Voted to pass over.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town raise and

appropriate the sum of \$7480 to cover 60% of the cost of Blue Cross/Blue Shield for full-time employees of the Town of Paxton; and to provide vacation holiday, and sick leave pay to full-time employees, other than school employees, (See Schedule in Town Warrant)

Motion Passed.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$24,794 (1980 and 1981 allocation), for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under Chapter 480, Acts of 1979.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted that the Town appropriated the sum of \$2,772. to purchase a new snow plow for the Highway Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town accept the sum of \$20,256.00 to be used either to reduce the tax rate or to be put into General Funds, this reimbursement is from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for damages resulting from the tornado of August 10, 1979.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7450 to purchase and equip a new Police Department cruiser.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted that the Town accept a gift of \$4,000.00, to be placed in a Fund Account by the Treasurer for the purpose of purchasing a Jaws of Life Tool, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to increase the Fund to the amount needed for said purchase.

Motion passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00, or any other sum, to replace Fire Engine -2; or act in any way thereon.

Passed over this article.

ARTICLE 12. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of extending the Water Main on Marshall Street.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000.00, or any other sum, for the purpose of further extending the Water Main on Marshall Street; or act in any way thereon.

This article was tabled.

ARTICLE 14. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,932.00 for the purpose of making energy saving improvements to the Town Hall.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850.00 to install area lighting for the Town Field for football and soccer and for Illig Pond for ice skating.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1275.00 to provide school crossing guard services.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with investigation with the Leicester Board of Selectmen for the reconstruction of Rt. 56, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for engineering and environmental impact studies; or act in any way thereon.

Passed over.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Committee to investigate the acquisition of a Senior Citizens Center, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to finance investigation of the acquisition of a Senior Citizens Center.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted that the Town accept a Grant from the State in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated to the Council on Aging to be used to support rental/leasing of a van and a general health clinic.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 20. It was voted that the Town increase the term of office of the Town Treasurer from one year to three years.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 21. It was voted that the Town increase the term of office of the Town Collector from one year to three years.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 22. It was voted that the Town accept a bequest of \$4,000.00 from the Estate of Dr. Mary Nanigian from which the Interest Income generated shall be used for the Care of Lots in Mooreland Cemetery.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 23. 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, 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.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 24. It was vote that the Town appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 25. It was voted that the Town vote the money voted for street lights and income from the sales of the electricity to the private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or from municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the next succeeding 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 expense of the plant, including out-of-state travel of employees where necessary, as defined in General Laws, Chapter 164, Section 57, for the next succeeding 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 26. It was voted to transfer a sum of \$868.25 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Account 776. Recreation Events, to offset the budget request.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 27. It was voted that the Town hear the report of the Pool Study Committee, said study voted by the Town at the May 1979 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following section; or act in any way thereon.

Motion lost.

ARTICLE 29. 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 30. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to use \$110,000 in free cash for the purpose of reducing the amount to be assessed as taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980 and to retain \$16,062 in the free cash account; also, to increase the appropriations limit established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by \$105,599 so that the appropriations limit as so increased is \$1,666,688; and to increase the levy limit established by such law by \$73,886 so that the levy limit as so increased is \$1,726,688.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 31. To bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the Following Town Officers:

Moderator

Robert J. Hall

Town Clerk  
Treasurer  
Town Collector  
Constables  
Constables  
Tree Warden  
Selectman  
Assessor  
School Committee (3 yrs.)  
School Committee (2 yrs.)  
Municipal Light Board (3 yrs.)  
Municipal Light Board (2 yrs.)  
Municipal Light Board (1 yr.)  
Cemetery  
Water Board  
Library Trustees  
Library Trustees  
Planning Board  
Board of Health  
Recreation (5 yrs.)  
Recreation (1 yr.)

#### Question

"Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 258 of the General Laws which provides that the Town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?"

Voted - yes.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern, Town Clerk

Moderator, Robert J. Hall

George L. McGovern  
David P. Fitzpatrick  
June T. Herron  
Robert P. Sheehan  
William O. Wylie  
Raymond A. Seymour  
Edward J. Boschert  
Richard G. Bedard  
Harry Kasparian  
Barbara C. Lorge  
Thomas F. Cummings  
Sherburne B. Rockwell  
James Graham  
Katherine L. Stannard  
Charles J. Glassbrenner  
Gwen L. Hall  
Charles L. Innis Jr.  
Kathleen M. Sears  
Ronald E. Johnson  
Claudia P. Holland  
Dorothy M. Ungerer

# *Report of the Board of Selectmen*

The Select Board indeed would be remiss if it did not commence this report with a statement of thanks to the many conscientious elected and appointed Town officials and Town employees who have maintained the high level of performance which is necessary to assure the success of the many varied aspects of Town affairs. Hence the dedication of this report "Select good men to administer the affairs of the town," a quote from Massachusetts Colonial Procedures for Administration of Town Affairs.

## *Tornado*

The mini tornado which struck Paxton at 5 P.M. on August 10, 1979 brought out the highest level of response from Town employees, Town officials, and Town residents. Fortunately, no injuries or fatalities resulted to Townspeople, however damage to private and public property was extensive in the limited path of the storm which first struck Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp. The path of the storm included Rockland St., Nanigian Rd., Brigham Rd., Davis Rd., Pleasant St., Richards Ave., Streeter Rd., and Grove St., disappearing at Camp Pike. All Townspeople reacted with deepest regret to the death of two Scouts at Treasure Valley.

Selectmen established an Emergency Storm Recovery Center which operated in responding to problems and in coordinating cleanup operations. Utility outages and highway blockages were minimized by the quick and tireless action of the Tree Warden, Municipal Light, Highway Department, Police, Civil Defense, Communications Center, and Fire Department personnel who worked around the clock in inclement weather to restore normal conditions and allay fears of Townspeople. The Select Board sincerely thanks these people and innumerable others who did an outstanding job. A letter from Selectmen to the Telegram & Gazette is reproduced on the next page as a fitting tribute to all who helped.

Through the joint efforts of the Selectmen's office, State Representative Henry Grenier, Senator Robert Wetmore, and Governor King storm damage reimbursement in the amount of \$20,543.69 was received from the state. The lessons learned from the tornado resulted in expansion of the Civil Defense organization and an ongoing investigation into a positive warning system for the Town for potential severe weather conditions.

## *Fire Chief*

A new Fire Chief, former Deputy Chief Brian Murphy, was appointed to replace retiring Chief Les Robinson, who has faithfully served the Town for 38 years.

## *Budget*

Zero based budgeting was instituted to assist in meeting

tax cap requirements. Replacing the incremental system used in the past (percentage increases over previous budgets), zero based budgeting requires starting from \$0 and justifying all expenditures, not just the incremental increase. Budgets generally were within the caps prescribed with the exception of the school budgets. Joint purchasing of supplies with neighboring towns resulted in savings on office supplies. Moderate winter weather saw savings in labor (plowing), salt and sand expenditures.

Monthly reports from department heads kept Selectmen informed, and the Paxton Dispatch provided a means for Selectmen to keep the Town informed of important Town affairs.

## *Energy Conservation*

Energy saving steps in reducing Town Hall operating hours resulted in fuel savings, and energy conservation modifications were voted by the Town to further reduce fuel consumption. Wood stove inspections were on the increase and helped in the gross collections by the Building Inspector of \$3787. Anna Maria College generously offered space for the relocation of Townspeople who might experience heating problems. The Selectmen wish to thank all those who cooperated in the various aspects of energy conservation.

## *Personnel*

Personnel matters were given more attention with increased activity of the Personnel Advisory Board who recommended sound sick leave, health insurance and evaluation procedures to the Select Board.

During the past year, one position was filled at Anna Maria College under the CETA program (Comprehensive Employment Training Agency). Townspeople have participated in the CETA training programs.

The Emergency Responder system continues to operate with excellent results. A drive for public donation of funds for a Jaws of Life unit was successful mainly due to the efforts of Mrs. Melanie Valinski and Mr. Frank Nieber, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

A sadness touched Paxton with the passing of Dr. Albert Hall, the Town physician, who had served Paxton so faithfully for many years. Dr. Jeffrey B. Burl has assumed the practice.

A start was made in the auctioning of tax title properties and will continue this year.

3 year terms were voted for the Town Treasurer and Town Collector.

Rt. 56 reconstruction was investigated with the state, but approval of funding was denied.

Insurance coverage for fire and police was increased.



### ***Revenue Sharing***

Revenue sharing hearings were held for the first time and resulted in sound input from several Town committees and individuals.

Townpeople are urged to attend Selectmen's meetings or review minutes of meetings available in the Town Hall. Volunteers are needed for many Town appointments, and we urge those with time and interest to come forward.

Mr. Edward Savickas and Mrs. Nancy Smith left the

Select Board during the year, and their valuable wisdom of Town affairs and sound decisions will be sorely missed. Mr. Ed Boschert was elected to the Board and brings with him many years of valuable experience in Town affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip V. Donohue, Chairman  
Edward J. Boschert, V. Chmn., Clerk

### ***Paxton Selectmen Appreciate Tornado Help***

To the Editor:

The tornado that struck Paxton August 10 created a critical potential for danger to life and property for citizens of the Paxton area.

Much credit is due to those dedicated Paxton town employees who spent long hours for several days and nights in removing safety hazards, restoring power, clearing broken tree limbs and providing assistance and information to concerned townspeople.

The instant positive reaction by the selectmen of Leicester and Rutland in providing equipment and opening dumps for disposal of debris solved a difficult problem for Paxton and was most appreciated.

Pat Fulginiti and the Paxton Inn personnel remained open beyond normal hours to feed emergency crews. The volunteer efforts of the Paxton Ecumencial Program for Youth and the 4-H Camp in Spencer were most helpful, as was the immediate offer to help of Boy Scout Troop 125 in Rochdale.

We wish to thank Gov. King and the state Departments of Public Works, Environmental Engineering and Civil Defense for their positive response to requests for assistance.

State Rep. Grenier made himself completely available to the town during this critical period in confirming to state agencies the need for aid. His continuing efforts, along with those of Sen. Robert Wetmore, in introducing legislation to pay the costs of restoring safety and order are deeply appreciated.

Mr. Reynolds of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was helpful in aiding farmers to assess their crop damage.

The Worcester Telegram and the Evening Gazette and Radio Station WTAG also helped greatly.

Times of crisis bring out the best responses in people, and all of the above certainly proved this after the recent tornado in Paxton.

**PHILIP V. DONOHUE**

For the Board of Selectmen, Paxton

## ***Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals***

During the past year the Paxton Zoning Board of Appeals held two (2) public hearings at the Town Hall to consider appeals for Special Permits.

Copies of the minutes of these hearings are filed as public record with the Town Clerk.

Application for a petition and information concerning

the procedure may be obtained from the Town Secretary, Town Hall, 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Lawson, Chairman  
Paxton Zoning Board of Appeals

# ***Report of the Board of Assessors***

The last twelve months were a time of change for the Assessors of the Town and many changes, most of them state-mandated, are facing them in the coming year. Your assessors appreciate the fact that, by the timely authorization by the Town for revaluation, they are now operating with a real estate assessment system which will enable them to keep valuations equitable and up to date while meeting the demands for classification and complex reporting. The guiding principle always has been and always will be: "Fairness and equality in assessments of all properties throughout the Town."

## ***1978 Revaluation***

Revaluation voted at the 1978 Annual Town Meeting was completed by the appraisal firm of McGee & Magane during 1979. All taxpayers were notified concerning the status of full-market valuation of their properties as of January 1, 1979, ten years since Paxton's previous revaluation. During the same decade, assessment changes and new properties had been priced at the 1969 cost level, because the manual system did not allow for valuation changes throughout the Town. As the result of inflation, the average property valuation in Paxton had dropped to 52 percent of full-market value by the beginning of last year. Detailed appraisals for revaluation increased Paxton's taxable real-estate property from \$33 million in the previous year to \$63.5 million as of the beginning of 1979. The first bills based on this valuation and corresponding to a tax rate of \$23.00 per thousand resulting from your Town meeting actions and State aid and assessments for fiscal year 1979 were mailed in November. Subsequently, the assessors acted on about 120 abatement requests out of more than 1600 parcels of which only six remain unresolved awaiting a formal hearing of the Appellate Tax Board.

## ***Computerized Assessment and Billing System***

Your assessors are pleased with the current computerized assessment and billing system. It is based on the physical parameters of each property for which the valuation is computed on the replacement cost less depreciation as related to real estate sales in Paxton. Therefore your property valuation was close to fair-market value as of the beginning of last year. With all pertinent information on every property computerized, we are now able to analyze the ongoing sales and update valuations fairly.

## ***Classification***

Paxton's revaluation was judged by the State Department of Revenue as uniform and consistent with full-market value. Therefore, the Town was ordered in August 1979, together with 17 other Massachusetts towns, to implement the provisions of Chapter 580, the

initial legislation under the State's constitutional amendment of Classification. Classification allows taxation of property classes, such as residential, open land, commercial or industrial, at different rates. Classification does little for a homogeneous community, which as in the case of our Town is nearly 90 percent residential. It was designed for cities and towns with a large mix of different classes, particularly commercial and industrial. In the fall of 1979, Paxton joined a successful class-action suit of the majority of towns mandated to implement Chapter 580 against the Department of Revenue asking for a delay of one year. The reworking of all property valuations due to this legislation would have caused an excessive delay in the tax billing and the additional expense of borrowing in order to cover the cost of Town government. In November Chapter 580 was repealed by the General Court due to the many weaknesses in this legislation.

## ***Classification under Chapter 797***

Classification still remains a constitutional requirement and Chapter 797 is the improved legislation which Paxton has been ordered to implement together with over 200 other communities in the Commonwealth. Chapter 797 establishes a complex system to compute different tax rates for residential property, open land and for commercial, industrial and personal properties, but it also allows local decision on the part of the Board of Assessors and the Selectmen. Assessors and Selectmen may vote the option to tax all properties equally. Inasmuch as the higher tax rate for the few commercial properties in Paxton would be a heavy burden on them and because their small percentage in comparison to the other property values would mean negligible tax relief to residential tax payers, Paxton's Selectmen and Assessors have decided to have a single tax rate for all properties throughout the Town.

## ***Property Classes***

The Classification Statute, Chapter 797, will require important changes in all future tax billing. The law requires the classification process of placing all properties into their appropriate categories of residential, open land, commercial or industrial, although the tax rates for all classes may be the same. Your next tax bill will show the categories in which the assessors have classified your property. This breakdown is largely academic because Paxton will have the same tax rate for all classes. Any property, which is not residential or open land, must be classified commercial (not to be confused with the "Commercial" designation of Paxton's zoning ordinance). Some properties may contain several different applicable classes.

## ***Changing Valuations***

The other important change of future tax bills due to Chapter 797 is the requirement of the law that all properties must be at full-market value before classification can be made. This has resulted in the demand of the Commissioner of the Department of

Revenue that Paxton factors all valuations by 1.09. In these highly inflationary times our full-market values of 1979 have dropped at least 9 percent in just one year. Therefore all valuations will be increased by 9 percent, which would reduce the tax rate by 9 percent, if everything else were unchanged. However, please note that classification and the factoring of your valuation does not increase your tax bill, the increase is mainly due to your vote for increased expenditures at the Town Meetings and decreasing State aid. While for most tax payers valuations have remained constant in the past, Chapter 797 demands full-market valuations which in times of inflation means an increase in your valuation every other year. Paxton is fortunate to have a computerized assessment and billing system which will be able to administer these changes fairly and equally.

#### ***Prospects for 1980 Taxes***

Paxton's real estate, along with all property in Massachusetts, remains overtaxed. The election promise of the present State administration for local tax relief in the amount of \$500 million has only amounted to \$157 million in two years. This year, Paxton's State aid will be \$387,837, or \$21,926 less than last year. Paxton's fiscal 81 tax recapitulation is not sufficiently advanced to predict an accurate rate at this time. The Assessors assisted Paxton's Finance Committee in their estimate of a projected tax rate for the May Town Meeting and the possibility of \$27.00 per thousand regrettably is a very substantial increase over last year. Please note that your first tax bill for Fiscal year 1981 is normally due and payable on or before November 1, 1980.

#### ***Recapitulations of Past Years***

Please examine Paxton's tax rate recapitulation summary of the last years and particularly the just past fiscal 1980 in Table I of this report. The gross amount to be raised by taxation 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. Table II of this report lists other important work of the assessors in the examination and granting of statutory exemptions and abatements on real estate and personal property as well as the processing of excise tax bills and motor vehicle rebates.

#### ***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 the Department of Revenue requires the reporting of:

1. Unregistered Motor Vehicles and Trailers
2. Snowmobiles
3. Motorboats and Motors

4. Livestock

5. Business Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.

It is the owner's responsibility to keep the inventory complete and current.

#### ***Motor Vehicle Excise Tax***

The major source of income to the Town, after real estate taxes and State reimbursements, is the motor vehicle excise tax. While the bills, with a few 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 Assessors to correct these immediately. Even though the corrected information is reported to the State, some errors still recur. The value of your automobile is set by the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue as a percentage of the Manufacturer's List Price based on the Year of Manufacture:

Year	Percent of List Price
Later part of year preceding 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 tax bill is paid or abated within 60 days from date of issue, your registration plates may be confiscated.	

#### ***Acknowledgments***

As evidenced by the many items of this report, the work of the Assessors is continually increasing. The Department of Revenue and its officials have been largely advisory to local assessors in the past, but recently they have become demanding. With the requirement of professionally trained assessors there seems to be much interest in state-run regionalized assessing districts. This would mean another loss of local autonomy! Your part-time assessors will continue to do the best possible job and express their thanks for your cooperation.

Special words of appreciation go to Ernie Sprague who, after 20 years as Town Assessor and 12 years as chairman of our board, retired last June. Many Paxton citizens have joined in expressing thanks for his faithful service and expertise. Everyone wishes Ernie the best of health and much happiness in his retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian S. Baehrecke, Chairman  
Richard G. Bedard  
James R. Stone, Jr.

**TABLE I**  
**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY76</b>	<b>FY77</b>	<b>FY78</b>	<b>FY79</b>	<b>FY80</b>
Appropriations to be raised	\$1,761,851.72	\$1877,023.73	\$1,905,767.63	\$1,930,667.07	\$1,981,112.00
Percent of increase over prior year	11 percent	7 percent	2 percent	1 percent	3 percent
Appropriation from avail. fds.	146,583.53	76,577.80	86,172.93	101,523.51	119,978.00
Offset Items	6,010.73	6,122.56	6,186.75	6,025.75	5,720.00
Retirement	25,599.98	33,521.60	31,688.30	33,368.51	37,665.00
State Tax & Assessments	24,376.49	22,199.46	21,167.99	24,024.16	25,581.42
County Tax & Assessments	90,368.04	99,733.10	100,985.39	50,424.53	87,814.49
Overlay	30,009.00	35,727.17	34,139.48	50,000.00	74,303.25
Deficits Prior Years	—	2,365.56	—	—	0.00
Gross Amount to be raised	2,084,799.49	2,153,270.84	2,186,108.47	2,196,033.53	2,332,174.16
Percent increase over prior year	8 percent	3 percent	2 percent	0 percent	6 percent
Deduct from Gross Amount					
<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>					
Local Aid & Agency Fund	465,750.39	426,366.43	337,726.07	342,878.18	409,763.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	137,667.25	164,265.61	150,623.23	164,972.38	154,999.90
Water Department	49,000.00	46,000.00	51,720.00	54,000.00	50,000.00
Other Local Receipts	29,250.00	45,546.05	41,070.00	29,335.00	29,986.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	70,930.33	39,577.66	42,807.97	56,195.50	120,710.10
Avail. Funds - Revenue Sharing	75,653.00	37,000.00	41,350.00	47,870.00	0.00
Avail. Funds - Free Cash	100,000.00	125,000.00	82,769.50	20,000.00	91,064.00
Total Estimated Receipts	928,251.17	888,755.75	748,066.77	715,251.06	856,523.00
Percent Increase/decrease over prior year	9 percent	(5 percent)	15 percent	(4 percent)	20 percent
Expenditures less Estimated receipts equals					
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	1,156,548.32	1,269,515.09	1,438,041.70	1,480,782.47	1,475,651.16
<b>VALUATIONS</b>					
Real Estate	30,884,274.00	31,330,990.00	32,061,640.00	33,033,021.00	63,568,750.00
Personal Property	586,428.50	606,450.00	621,126.00	621,126.00	589,992.50
Total	31,470,702.50	31,937,440.00	32,682,766.00	33,654,147.00	64,158,742.50
Percent increase over prior year	4 percent	1.5 percent	2.3 percent	3 percent	91 percent
<b>TAX RATE*</b>	36.75	39.75	44.00	44.00	23.00
*Net Amount to be raised divided by total valuation (in thousands) equals tax rate.					
Percent increase/decrease over prior year	4 percent	8 percent	11 percent	0 percent	(48 percent)

TABLE II

	FY76		FY77		FY78		FY79		FY80	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
<b>Exemptions Under Clause:</b>										
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	1	205.01	1	233.99	1	275.04	2	668.79	1	283.60
17: Widows	1	175.00	4	700.00	3	525.00	4	700.00	0	0.00
22: Veterans	69	14,133.95	65	13,734.17	68	14,583.50	70	15,486.56	65	12,250.00
37: Blind	1	437.50	2	875.00	2	875.00	3	1,312.50	3	1,312.50
41: Elderly	30	10,221.23	30	10,416.33	24	8,344.80	25	12,119.80	19	9,450.80
61A: Farm Land	4	764.40	4	826.80	5	981.20	5	981.20	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>25,937.09</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>26,786.29</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>25,584.54</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>31,268.85</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>23,296.90</b>
<b>Abatements:</b>										
Real Estate	13	9,517.21	21	2,788.46	31	1,890.37	34	3,595.71	50	6,647.82
Personal Property	42	795.82	9	214.10	20	251.63	18	494.71	4	46.20
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	589	24,755.96	481	17,736.62	622	26,426.71	515	22,197.56	495	24,737.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>35,068.99</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>20,739.18</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>28,568.71</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>26,287.98</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>31,431.74</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>										
<b>Excise Bills:</b>										
Number of Bills Processed	3576		3402		3327		3,683		3558	
Dollar Value of Bills		199,259.05		229,782.98		209,872.48		272,610.05		277,788.86
Dollar Value Less Abatements		174,503.09		212,046.36		183,445.77		250,412.49		253,051.14



# ***Report of the Building Inspector***

A total of 49 building permits were issued this fiscal year as follows:

New Homes	16
Garages	8
Additions-Porches-Pools-Sheds	25

A total of 83 Stove and Chimney permits were issued since July 1, 1979.

As Zoning agent for the town, it would be advisable to contact me if there are any questions regarding Zoning regulations needing clarification. By-Law books, Permit Forms and miscellaneous information are available at the Town Hall - 753-2803, Town Secretary.

My sincere thanks for all assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland K. Anderson  
Building Inspector

# ***Report of the Cemetery Commission***

The Cemetery Commission did not request an appropriation for Fiscal year 1980. Our interest income is sufficient to cover expenses for 1981F also.

## **CHARGES:**

2 Grave Lots	200.00
4 Grave Lots	400.00
6 Grave Lots	600.00

Perpetual care included

## **OPENING GRAVES:**

Weekdays	75.00
Weekends	100.00

## **INFANT BURIALS:**

Weekdays	35.00
Weekends	45.00

## **CREAMATION:**

Weekdays	25.00
Weekends	35.00

Residents and former residents of Paxton may purchase lots at the Town Hall from the Town Secretary, 753-2803.

A bequest of \$4000.00 was left by the Estate of Dr. Mary Nanigian. Interest to be used to place flowers on her and her brothers' graves on Memorial Day each year. The balance of interest is to be used for overall care of Mooreland Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline L. Isham Rice  
Katherine Stannard  
Betty Peterson  
Cemetery Commission

# ***Report of the Communications Board***

You can feel proud to have a Communications Center as well run and organized as you have in Paxton. Your Communications Center is available to you 24 Hrs. a day, 365 days a year (366 on leap year), to help you with assistance or information of any kind. The Center belongs to each of you, so if you think we can help, please call us. In addition to emergency needs such as Fire, Police or Ambulance, we can help you find a plumber, electrician, carpenter, doctor, nurse or whatever you may need.

Many of your neighbors have served you as dispatchers during the past five and one half years and we wish to thank each and everyone for their dedication and help to the Town of Paxton. We especially thank all who presently serve us at the center because it is the people who give of their time that make the Communications Center work.

If anyone is interested in being trained as a dispatcher, please stop in at the Center located in the Fire Station. It is a rewarding part-time job in that you would be performing a most valuable service to your Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stewart, Chairman  
Charles Glassbrenner, Clerk  
Robert Sheehan  
Leslie E. Robinson  
Robert S. Hansson  
Harold Smith

# ***Report of the Conservation Commission***

The Conservation Commission's principal activity during the past fiscal year has been to administer the Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40). There were several requests to determine the applicability of the law to a proposed activity in a given location, and one formal hearing was required. Two of these requests to determine the applicability of the law concerned proposed logging operations, and others were in regard to fill being placed in certain areas which might or might not be significant wetland areas.

In April, the Commission continued its annual observation of Arbor Day by distributing blue spruce seedlings to students in grades one through five at Paxton Center School. Each child was given a seedling and a set of planting instructions to take home.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stewart, Chairman  
Susan P. Corcoran, Clerk  
Catherine Hodgson  
Charles L. Innis  
Jean D. Rommel  
Frank Ranta

# ***Report of the Dog Officer***

The following is a report from the Dog Officer for the fiscal year 1979 through 1980.

- 282 Dog Complaints Handled
- 55 Dogs Reported Lost
- 12 Dogs Found
- 17 Dog Bites
- 15 Dogs placed under quarantine
- 61 Dogs picked up and returned to owners
- 33 Dogs brought to the Worcester animal Rescue League
- 6 Dogs killed by cars
- 9 Dogs injured by cars
- 1 Dog found dead
- 5 Dogs placed in new homes
- 57 Miscellaneous calls concerning cats, horses, rabbits, skunks, birds, chipmunks, racoons

27 Calls pertaining to Dog Safety

14 Dogs destroyed

1 Dog destroyed by Dog Officer

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 to the Town Clerk with the following information: Name of dog, breed, color and age. Male, \$3.00; Female, \$6.00; Spayed Female, \$3.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Mortell  
Dog Officer

# ***Report of the Electric Light Department***

As manager of the Paxton Light Department, it is my pleasure to report to the people of Paxton the activities of the past year.

1. Billing on a monthly basis seems to have made light bill payments more manageable for our customers.

2. The use of the Moped bicycle for reading meters is a proven gas saver; it is also a time saver.

3. Emergency repairs restored electric service to all residential customers within hours after the August 1979 tornado. The Light Department assisted other town departments for several weeks in the clean-up operations, and a chipping program was provided for the townspeople to aid in the disposal of their storm damaged trees, limbs and branches.

4. The voltage change has been completed in the delvopments and side streets off Pleasant Street near the Worcester line.

5. The old catholic church rectory was moved with minimal problems from Richards Ave., to its new location on Nanigian Road, thur preserving one of Paxton's more historic buildings.

We are having a problem reading some meters located inside homes. Anyone interested in having an outside reader installed should call the Light Department Office at 756-9508.

We would like to welcome Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr. and James V. Graham, two new members to the Light Commission.

The Commissioners and I extend our thanks to everyone for their support. Anyone having a problem, or wishing to meet with us concerning the light department, may attend our regular meetings which are held on the Tuesday before the last Thursday of every month.

And remember, "CONSERVE ENERGY - Don't be a Watt Waster!"

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Smith, Manager  
Commissioners:  
Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr., Chairman  
Thomas F. Cummings, Vice Chairman  
James V. Graham, Secretary

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
<b>Assets and Other Debits</b>			
Utility Plant			
Utility Plant - Electric	716,539.43	751,667.70	35,128.27
Total Utility Plant	716,539.43	751,667.70	35,128.27
<b>Fund Accounts</b>			
Depreciation Fund	41,598.01	50,426.70	8,828.69
Other Special Funds	21,229.81	21,229.81	
Total Funds	62,827.82	71,656.51	8,828.69
<b>Current and Accrued Assets</b>			
Cash	36,204.60	632.57	(35,572.03)
Special Deposits	775.00	5,146.37	4,371.37
Working Funds	200.00	200.00	
Customer Accounts Receivable	49,625.22	60,183.64	10,558.42
Other Accounts Receivable	1,326.31	1,326.31	
Materials and Supplies	31,966.72	32,910.98	944.26
Total Current and Accrued Assets	120,097.85	100,399.87	(19,697.98)
<b>Deferred Debits</b>			
Other Deferred Debits	1,408.39	4,153.81	2,745.42
Total Deferred Debits	1,408.39	4,153.81	2,745.42
Total Assets and Other Debits	900,873.49	927,877.89	27,004.40
<b>Liabilities and Other Credits</b>			
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Appropriations for Construction	2,456.64	2,456.64	
<b>Surplus</b>			
Loans Repayment	131,616.00	156,616.00	25,000.00
Appropriations for Construction Repayments	7,090.07	7,090.07	
Unappropriated Earned Surplus	533,270.27	558,486.08	25,215.81
Total Surplus	671,976.34	722,192.15	50,215.81

Long Term Debt			
Notes Payable	<u>187,500.00</u>	<u>162,500.00</u>	<u>(25,000.00)</u>
Total Bonds and Notes	187,500.00	162,500.00	(25,000.00)
Current and Accrued Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	3,577.90	1,236.41	( 2,341.49)
Customers' Deposits	775.00	5,146.37	4,371.37
Taxes Accrued		(241.29)	(241.29)
Interest Accrued	<u>2,999.37</u>	<u>2,999.27</u>	
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	7,352.27	9,140.86	1,788.59
Contributions in Aid of Construction			
Contributions in Aid of Construction	<u>31,588.24</u>	<u>31,588.24</u>	
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u>900,873.49</u>	<u>927,877.89</u>	<u>27,004.40</u>

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
UTILITY PLANT - ELECTRIC  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions, Adjustments, Transfers	Depreciation	Balance End of Year
Distribution Plant				
Land and Land Rights	319.27			319.27
Structures and Improvements	10,810.44	21,798.45	829.95	31,778.94
Station Equipment	288,566.05	117.91	11,814.96	276,869.00
Poles, Towers and Fixtures	15,139.92	12,435.79	3,120.38	24,455.33
Overhead Conductors & Devices	117,206.73	22,142.41	6,681.96	132,667.18
Underground Conduit	9,464.98	308.30	283.96	9,489.32
Underground Conductors & Dev.	44,542.89	525.71	2,001.74	43,066.86
Line Transformers	65,194.00	6,621.63	4,015.86	67,799.77
Services	28,307.34	2,590.32	2,419.98	28,477.68
Meters	7,986.98	1,299.80	1,117.60	8,169.18
Leased Prop. on Cust's Premises	3,092.03	139.00	119.42	3,111.61
Street Lighting & Signal System	<u>24,636.22</u>	<u>2,025.28</u>	<u>1,813.16</u>	<u>24,848.34</u>
Total Distribution Plant	615,266.85	70,004.60	34,218.97	651,052.48
General Plant				
Structures and Improvements	41,891.46		1,871.06	40,020.40
Office Furniture and Equipment	5,171.57	765.89	243.68	5,693.78
Transportation Equipment	40,721.64		2,055.84	38,665.80
Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	9,943.41	1,096.19	495.30	10,544.30
Laboratory Equipment	566.44		28.40	538.04
Communication Equipment	<u>2,978.06</u>	<u>2,371.00</u>	<u>196.16</u>	<u>5,152.90</u>
Total General Plant	<u>101,272.58</u>	<u>4,233.08</u>	<u>4,890.44</u>	<u>100,615.22</u>
Total Utility Plant Electric	<u>716,539.43</u>	<u>74,237.68</u>	<u>39,109.41</u>	<u>751,667.70</u>

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

Operating Revenues				
	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Sales of Electricity				
Residential Sales	414,425.36	25,604.45	12,196,627	705,564
Commercial and Industrial Sales:				
Commercial	23,320.06	1,219.56	454,676	30,880
Industrial	88,104.08	(745.44)	2,282,630	(69,180)
Municipal Sales	30,988.42	(304.56)	698,128	(140,222)
Miscellaneous Electric Sales	262,689.31	34,018.85	76,524	12,844
Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers	819,527.23	59,792.86	15,708,585	539,886
Sales for Resale	3,136.10	2,016.13	22,429	2,822
Total Sales of Electricity*	822,663.33	61,808.99	15,731,014	542,708
Other Operating Revenues				
Other Electric Revenues	19,719.33	(423.27)		
Total Other Operating Revenues	19,719.33	(423.27)		
Total Electric Operating Revenues	842,382.66	61,385.72		

\*Includes revenues from application of fuel clauses \$259,675.52  
Total KWH to which applied 15,363,072

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Power Production Expenses		
Other Power Supply Expenses		
Purchased Power	638,994.13	77,684.28
Other Expenses	5,794.44	1,847.06
Total Other Power Supply Expenses	644,788.57	79,531.33
Total Power Production Expenses	644,788.57	79,531.33
Distribution Expenses		
Operation:		
Operation Supervision and Engineering	5,275.98	5,275.98
Operation Labor	2,751.92	943.19
Operation supplies and Expenses	370.95	370.95
Street Lighting and Signal System Expenses	753.98	(981.07)
Meter Expenses	631.07	366.00
Customer Installations Expenses	11.40	11.40
Miscellaneous Distribution Expenses	2,066.05	540.77
Total Operation	11,861.35	6,527.22
Maintenance:		
Maint. of Structures and Equipment	325.00	6.50



**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES - CONTINUED  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Maint. of Lines	37,607.68	13,595.63
Maint. of Line Transformers	954.01	636.06
Maint. of Street Lighting and Signal System	5,363.97	2,971.14
Maint. of Meters	958.48	117.66
Maint. of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	1,184.08	1,009.85
Total Maintenance	<u>46,393.22</u>	<u>18,336.84</u>
Total Distribution Expenses	58,254.57	24,864.06
Customer Accounts Expenses		
Operation:		
Meter Reading Expenses	4,025.01	737.29
Customer Records and Collection Expenses	14,779.70	571.01
Uncollectible Accounts	1,274.07	255.96
Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses		(7.96)
Total Customer Accounts Expenses	<u>20,078.78</u>	<u>1,556.30</u>
Administrative and General Expenses		
Operation:		
Administrative and General Salaries	22,798.76	2,933.96
Office Supplies and Expenses	3,760.67	(31.27)
Outside Services Employed	6,741.64	(179.24)
Property Insurance	3,218.20	(2,447.73)
Injuries and Damages	881.70	(509.63)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	10.00	(590.00)
Regulatory Commission Expenses	2,560.76	(569.49)
Miscellaneous General Expenses	2,710.45	572.60
Rents	100.00	50.00
Total Operation	42,782.18	(769.80)
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of General Plant	172.16	(38.74)
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>42,954.34</u>	<u>(808.54)</u>
Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>766,076.26</u>	<u>105,143.15</u>

**Summary of Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses**

Functional Classification	Operation	Maintenance	Total
Power Production Expenses			
Other Power Supply Expenses	644,788.57		644,788.57
Total Power Production Expenses	644,788.57		644,788.57
Distribution Expenses	11,861.35	46,393.22	58,254.57
Customer Accounts Expenses	20,078.78		20,078.78
Administrative and General Expenses	42,782.18	172.16	42,954.34
Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>719,510.88</u>	<u>46,565.38</u>	<u>766,076.26</u>

Ratio of Operating Expenses to Operating Revenues 95.58%.

# ***Report of the Fire Department***

The Fire Dept. responded to the following incidents during the past fiscal year as follows:

- 9 Structure
  - 13 Grass & brush
    - 1 Sofa (thrown out by roadside and ignited)
  - 34 Automobile accidents
    - 1 Hose testing
    - 1 Lightning strike
    - 9 Mutual aid calls
    - 7 Automobile fires
  - 24 False alarms
  - 6 Cellar pumping calls
  - 3 Appliance
  - 10 Investigations (smoke in bldg. etc.)
    - 1 Stove pipe covering burned
    - 4 Chimney fires
    - 1 Plugged wood stove smokestack (metal)
    - 1 Automatic detector alarm
    - 1 Fill large air bottles
    - 1 Standby while a boiler was being started.
    - 1 Standby at Fire Station (Tornado watch)
- Added to the above are 10 monthly drill sessions and 4 First Aid refresher sessions.

On Feb. 3, 1980, one of the larger acreage fires in northern Worcester County occurred off Nanigian Rd. on Nanigian property. Approximately 12 - 14 acres burned over. A welcome and needed assist was furnished by the members of the Explorer Scout Post.

On Aug. 1, 1979, a lightning surge caused a portable television set to ignite in an upstairs bedroom at Dr. Williams' house on Richards Ave. Quick action by Dr. Williams prevented serious fire damage to the dwelling. Extensive smoke damage however occurred. Just before the Dept. was called to Dr. Williams, Henry Stidsen's home on Grove St. sustained a lightning strike. No fire but bricks were knocked from the chimney.

On Aug. 10, 1979, the Dept. was called to an automobile accident on Pleasant St. near the American Legion Post quarters. This was when we discovered that the thundershower which had just passed over town had spawned a tornado. The Rescue truck was sent to Treasure Valley Scout Camp later in the evening to assist with portable lighting and auxiliary power generation.

On Oct. 25, 1979, Eng. #1 was sent to Boynton Park area. Eng. #9 from Tatnuck was on the scene also. Persons unknown tried to burn 2 or 3 large evergreen trees by setting fire inside knotholes in the trunk of the trees. Fires extinguished and Worcester Parks Dept. notified.

In November, members of the Dept. went to Worcester Airport area for a drill on oil type fires. The drill was held in a remote area of the Airport property under the auspices of the Worcester Fire Dept. The drill was very instructive under the guidance of the Worcester Drill

Instructor and much valuable experience was gained by those present.

On Dec. 31, 1979, the Dept. responded to a fire in the dwelling at #6 Indian Hill Rd. Fire confined to living room area. Heavy smoke damage to rest of house.

On Feb. 14, 1980, the Dept. responded to a fire at the Paxton Coffee Shop. Fire confined to a small area of the outside wall.

One of the mutual aid calls was from the Leicester Fire Dept. Eng. #3 and a crew responded. Fire was in a large building in the center of Leicester across the street from the Police Station. Eng. #3 set in at an underground cistern on the Leicester common and supplied water to a pumper from Oxford. This occurred on March 8, 1980.

On April 24, 1980, the Dept. responded to a house fire at #79 Laurel St. Rutland was called for a truck to standby at our station while our trucks were busy at the fire. The Dept. made a good stop at this fire.

On June 15, 1980, a tornado watch for this area was sent out over the mutual aid network. Available firefighters were asked to report to the station to standby in case of trouble. Fortunately, none developed.

In February, 1980, a new organization of Fire Chiefs was formed. This includes Chiefs in the greater Worcester area. The purpose is to discuss mutual problems, pending legislation, and to exchange ideas not only among the group but also with similar groups at various times.

As of this report, the open burning season for burning brush will be Jan. 15, 1981 to April 15, 1981. If for some reason there is a change, the Communications Center will be notified.

Four firefighters are now certified or re-certified CPR Instructors. They are newly appointed Chief Brian Murphy, Lieutenant John Benoit, Lieutenant Orville Sheldon, and firefighter, Jay Conte. Members of the Dept. have been re-certified in CPR by these instructors. Members have also been re-certified in basic standard First Aid as a refresher under the guidance of Mr. Wayne Myers of Rutland, Mass.

Leslie E. Robinson  
Fire Chief

## ***Report of the Fire Department First Responder Group***

The first responder company responded to 34 medical emergencies. This did not include auto accidents which are handled by the entire fire department.

The company was privileged to have two Paxton physicians volunteer very valuable and stimulating lectures. Dr. Robert F. Williams presented the topic - Medical Emergency Care for Diabetic Related Emergencies, and Dr. Thomas Quirasima presented the topic Respiratory Related Problems in Infants and Children.

Additional training programs focused on drug related medical emergencies, the use of oxygen, transportation of injured and extraction.

All personnel were re-certified in Red Cross First Aid and in CPR Basic Life Support. Three members were re-certified as CPR Basic Life Support Instructors.

The members of our group taught the employees of the Paxton Inn a course in techniques of recognizing and treating incidents of choking.

John A. Benoit, Lieutenant

## *Report of the Board of Health*

During the year the Paxton Supermarket came under new management. All necessary permits were given by this Board and the market continues to operate meeting our standards.

Worcester Department of Public Health wrote to Paxton regarding fluoridation of Worcester water; your board answered them stating no objection to them fluoriding their water, this has no bearing on our water.

Dr. Lewis James was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frey who left Paxton during the year. The board will miss Dr. Frey but we are fortunate to have Dr. James to fill the position.

The Rubbish contract was extended to L. P. Martone for one year and we are very pleased to have Martone Co. with us for another year as his service has been excellent.

The board is considering Mosquito control for Paxton, but neither the State or this board has any definite plans at this time.

The process of Recycling has been used in Paxton at the Fire Barn. We are hoping that this service will be increased. Notification to the Town will be furnished if any arrangements are made.

Respectfully submitted  
Paxton Board of Health

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
O. T. Holland  
Dr. Lewis P. James, Jr.

## *Report of the Highway Superintendent*

Twenty-one of the seventy-nine streets in Paxton received surface treatments in the past year, some with oil and sand seal, others with cold mix leveling surfaces and some with leveling and seal. Most of these were side streets and roads in developments. This year more of our surface treatment efforts will be spent on the main roads such as Richards Avenue, Marshall Street, and Rockland Street.

About 1500 feet of drain pipe was installed and somewhat more is planned for fiscal '81. Proper drainage in wet areas is most essential. Without it, excessive frost heaves and surface cracking is a common occurrence.

Bond Issue money from the State under Chapter 480 will help us this season in compensating for price increases in all our highway materials. For the past three years these accounts have remained the same in an effort to hold our budget within the 4% tax cap limit.

The open winter was much appreciated. We plowed the streets only three times all season. This saved not only on our budget but cut down on the spring cleanup as well as wear and tear on the equipment.

We regret any edges of lawns that we may have damaged while plowing but when there are no old snow banks or markers to follow it is virtually impossible not to catch the edge of a lawn now and then.

As always, we welcome any suggestions or comments pertaining to our highway efforts and thank the residents of Paxton for their patience and cooperation throughout the year during road construction, maintenance, and snow plowing operations.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Hansson  
Superintendent of Streets

# 1980 Jury List

Barbara F. Alden, 5 Old Lantern Circle, Homemaker  
 Gilbert M. Bernier, 64 Pleasant St., Mechanic  
 George Cagan, 33 Camp St., Partner in CPA firm  
 Patrick J. Carroll, 182 Pleasant St., Truck Driver  
 William H. Clancey, 3 Colony Lane, Manager  
 Bertha W. Cosgrove, 15 Orchard Dr., Cosmetician  
 Joan Ruth Cox, 24 Cutler Rd., Secretary  
 Ruth L. Cross, 10 Briarcliff Ln., Homemaker  
 Sally P. Fay, 15 Burtenmar Circle, Homemaker  
 Robert E. Fisher, 18 Lincoln Circle, Sales Manager  
 Diane Goretti, 20 Old Lantern Circle, Store Manager  
 Barbara Hutchinson, 2 Merry Lane, Bookkeeper  
 Mary Lou Kusz, 3 Ridgewood Rd., Bookkeeper  
 Jean M. McIntyre, 11 Knollwood Rd.  
 Homemaker/Dispatcher  
 Maurice B. Monahan, 320 Pleasant St.,  
 Buyer/Photographer  
 Harold J. Mullaney, 24 Forestdale Rd., Administrator  
 Gloria M. O'Connor, 14 Monticello Dr., Salesgirl  
 Lester H. Pease, Jr., 50 Pleasant St., Industrial Engineer  
 Gilbert H. Potter, 891 Pleasant St., Truck Driver  
 Karen D. Putnam, 34 Maple St., Homemaker/Cashier  
 Mary G. Ramstrom, 22 Lincoln Circle, Homemaker  
 Caroline L. Isham Rice, 75 Maple St., Homemaker  
 M. Elizabeth Richards, 11 Highland St., Census worker  
 Karl Harold Riddar, 12 Nipmuck Rd., Tour Escort  
 Leslie E. Robinson, 25 Maple St., Retired Foreman  
 Kathleen M. Sears, Black Hill Rd., Artist  
 Ruth E. Shahinian, 17 Pleasant St., Homemaker  
 Alvah W. Tracy, 34 Holden Rd., Carpenter  
 Melanie Ann Valinski, 20 Forestdale Rd., Homemaker  
 Helen Wisner, 23 Camp St., Homemaker

## Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Circulation ..... 25,884  
 Central Regional Interlibrary Loans..... 439  
 Use of Av materials. .... 1,894  
 Volumes in collection. .... 14,014  
 New registrations this year. .... 151

The library has had an active year. This year has seen an increase in most of the items listed above. Circulation

overall has increased almost 20% over last year - new registrations by 16%.

Children's programs aimed at involvement in reading include the Summer Reading Club and Story Hour. Involvement in other forms included a Disney movie, The Gerwick Puppets and monthly movies.

Adult programing was introduced this year and these first attempts were well supported. The one night programs were conducted on the topics of gardening, cooking, herbs and canning.

In addition to several exhibits, the library was used by various committees as a meeting place in order to save fuel at the Town Hall.

The Book Mark contest and Craft Display activities were open to all ages. The winning entries in the Book Mark Contest were published and are available in the library.

There were several gifts given to the library this past year. The furniture grouping in the rear of the library has been completed - a gift of the Friends. Two childrens' tables arrived, one of which was purchased by the Paxton Women's Club. The outside book drop is a gift of the Friends and the Bicentennial Committee. The Puppet Theater was built by Frank Burbank.

The Friends of the Library have contributed and accomplished much. A Program Committee was formed and the library received their financial and personal support for the adult programs, story hour, Gerwick Puppets, and Disney movie. Other committees are: The Children's Room Committee, Story Hour Committee, Refreshment Committee, Book Fair Committee and the Interior and Exterior Decorating Committee.

The Central Regional System has been a great help to our library. We have made extensive use of the Print Shop and the Interlibrary Loan Department. The book marks and many posters were produced by the Print Shop.

Plans for next year now in process include the Book Fair, Story Hour, a visit by the Worcester County Extension Service and a co-sponsored Christmas program. We hope to continue to have the library an interesting place to visit - a place to obtain reading material, to study, to browse and to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Braley  
 Librarian

### SALARY ACCOUNT

Town Appropriation	16,950.00
Expenditures:	
Librarian	8,500.00
Others	7,454.30
Total	15,954.30

### EXPENSE ACCOUNT - Income

Town Appropriation	7,846.00
Dog Fund	304.86

Interest from Investments to May 30 1980	4,223.52
Total	12,374.38

#### EXPENDITURES:

Petty Cash	100.00
Telephone	585.91
Water & Lights	1,128.27
Postage & Office Expense	537.27
Fuel	2,252.31
Maintenance Building & Grounds	961.84
Education	5.00
Books & Magazines	5,836.95
Travel & Misc.	71.00
Records	245.49
Total	11,724.04

#### STATE AID

Received July 1, 1979	1,389.75
Balance	2,296.43
Expenditures	3,083.86
Balance	602.32

## *Report of the Planning Board*

John D. Rommel, Jr. stepped down as Chairman of the Planning Board, but will continue to serve as a board member. Stephen P. Bik was elected Chairman.

The Planning Board wishes to express to John Rommel its appreciation for his years of service to the Board and to the Town as Chairman.

The Planning Board is continuing its work on updating the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in Paxton. These rules and regulations are required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, and should be updated periodically.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Pentland  
Clerk

## *Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector*

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980, 32 Plumbing Permits were issued and 39 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 227 fixtures were inspected.

During the fiscal year July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980, 2 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 2 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 3 appliances were inspected.

These figures include the work of the alternate Inspector, Lawrence St. Martin as well as myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Zigmond Kozlowski  
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

## *Report of the Police Department*

During the past year, the Police Department has continued to upgrade and expand the training necessary to meet the changing demands of our times. We will continue to do all that is possible to advance this program.

In the past year, Paxton was without a fatal motor vehicle accident while they were happening all around us. We feel that increased enforcement and cooperation from the Townspeople made this possible.

The neighborhood crime watch program is continuing and has been successful. We hope to have more participation in the coming year. The success rate in apprehending criminals is directly dependent on information given by alert neighbors. Please call whenever you see anything of a suspicious nature, no matter how unimportant you think it may be.

\$5,136.00 was returned to the Town in traffic fines and various permit fees.

Once again the Police Department wishes to thank the other departments and Town officials and the citizens of Paxton for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Sheehan  
Chief of Police

Calls for service	1523
Breaking & entering homes	15
Breaking & entering other	4
Auto thefts	4
Motor vehicles recovered	10
Vandalism	16
Missing persons	5
Assault & Battery	0
Summonses served	25
Arrests	18
Property damage accidents	73
Personal injury accidents	25
Medical assists	52



Licenses issued F.I.D.	30
Pistol permits	60
Motor vehicle violations	963

## *Report of the Recreation Committee*

The Recreation Commission provides a wide range of activities for both Paxton's youth and adults. Our six-week summer program has been very successful, combining field trips, swimming lessons, arts and crafts, and organized games. We also sponsored tennis lessons, jogging clinics, and a Bike Safety Roadeo.

During the winter months our activities included adult basketball at the Paxton Center School gymnasium, gymnastics for school children, dancing lessons, downhill skiing and lessons at Mt. Wachusett, and a house decorating contest at Christmas time. Because of the lack of snow last winter our winter programs of cross-country skiing and the Winter Carnival were cancelled. Slimnastics for women proved to be one of our most successful new activities.

The Herbert F. Wentworth Pool has been thoroughly cleaned, seal-coated, and painted. The water was tested every week last summer, and it tested perfectly each time. Attendance has been on the increase and we are pleased to be able to offer the pool at its best to the townspeople.

The unplayable condition of the town basketball court located next to the Little League ball field is a source of great concern to us. We are hopeful that we will be able to restore this valuable athletic facility, thereby encouraging healthy outdoor recreational activity.

The major maintenance of the pool and the entire recreational area could not possibly be accomplished within the budget without the time, effort, and skill of the Highway Department. We are also most appreciative and encouraged by the assistance and cooperation given by the members of the Police, Fire, and Light Departments. We would like to thank the Bernier family, Bob Mortell, Mark Wilde, Hank Stidsen, and many others for the help that they have given us during the past years. Thanks go to Paul Robinson for his outstanding service to the town as a Commission Member.

The Recreation Commission holds its meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Town Hall. We urge anyone who has any helpful suggestions or advice to please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis M. Melican, Chairman  
Sybille E. Wolf  
John F. McDonald, Jr.  
Claudia Holland  
Dorothy Ungerer

## *Report of the Pool Study Committee*

The Pool Study Committee held several meetings at the Herbert Wentworth Memorial Pool during the Fall of 1979 to inspect the facility and make recommendations.

We found that the water in the pool was clear and tested perfectly each week during the swimming season.

Members of the Recreation Commission made a list of the problems in connection with the pool's maintenance, and quality of material used to make repairs.

The biggest problem is the appearance of murky water in several areas of the pool. This condition is caused by discoloration around cracks in the cement at the bottom and sides of the pool. The cracks were made by springs that are located deep underneath the pool.

The Committee has been in contact with the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute to see if some of the students will make a project of suggesting ways to improve the esthetic appearance and to develop better maintenance methods.

The Committee also visited the State operated pool at Webster Square in Worcester. This pool is very attractive, but very expensive to build and maintain.

According to the Massachusetts State Supervisor, it would cost approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 to build a 75 ft. long pool. The cost of staffing the pool area would be \$1,700 per week, or \$18,700 for an eleven week swimming season. Filtering of water and other maintenance costs would be another \$25,000 per season.

A new pool for Paxton funded by State and Federal money would have low priority because of the above average income of the Town residents.

The Pool Study Committee recommends that the Town appropriate enough money to repair and paint the present pool each year and make minor improvements as becomes necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pool Study Committee  
Frederick H. Fricka, Chairman  
Charles Scholl  
Robert S. Hansson  
Barbara Lorge  
John McDonald  
John Reid  
James Ahearn



## *Report of the Board of Registrars*

The Board of Registrars held new voter registrations during the year as required by Law.

The Board also reviewed the voting list and after notifying each person by mail, removed 29 names from the list.

### **New Totals:**

2402 Registered Voters  
523 Democratic  
481 Republican  
1398 Unenrolled Voters

### **Board of Registrars**

Josephine Blood, Chairman  
Patricia Ranta  
Jean McIntyre  
George L. McGovern, Clerk

## *Report of the Tree Warden*

At this writing, trimming on Asnebumskit Rd. is being completed. Two dead maples at #3 Marshall St. and a maple at the Center School have been removed.

Work schedule for the coming year will include removal of a dead maple on Suomi St., completion of trimming on Davis Rd. and to begin trimming on Marshall St. from Leicester line on westerly side at the request of the Highway Dept. because of a hazardous ice situation in winter.

Due to the lightning storm on July 17th, a large limb had to be removed at the library. This tree is decayed and will be taken down.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Seymour  
Tree Warden

## *Report of the Water Board Commissioners*

During the past year a great deal of time and money has been spent on preventive maintenance and equipment repair. The old standpipe on Maple St. was blasted and painted inside and out. Much effort went into repairing the main chlorinator at the pump station. This coming year we will purchase a new, more modern unit that should be trouble free. In addition, this year the main pump taking water from the reservoir and pumping it into the distribution system will be overhauled. We expect this overhaul to increase the efficiency of the pump and reduce our monthly electrical bill which is our largest cost of operation.

Our water quality continues good with no coliform (organic matter) noted in any of the monthly samples taken during the past year. We have successfully weathered the T.C.E. (trichlorethylene) scare of the state. There is one section of the suspect pipe in our system, but it is in a high volume line leading to the Asnebumskit standpipe. A check of water from this line revealed no T.C.E.

Total Services	1073
New Installations	9
Meter and Valve Repairs	64

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Scholl, Chairman  
Charles Glassbrenner  
Robert Thompson

## *Report of the Town Collector*

<b>1973 Motor Vehicle</b>			
Recommitted	\$13.20		
Collected			\$13.20
	<u>\$13.20</u>		<u>\$13.20</u>
<b>1974 Motor Vehicle</b>			
Recommitted	\$1.37		
Collected			\$1.37
	<u>\$1.37</u>		<u>\$1.37</u>

1975 Motor Vehicle		
Recommitted	\$3.30	
Collected		\$3.30
	<u>\$3.30</u>	<u>\$3.30</u>

1976 Motor Vehicle		
Recommitted	\$63.05	
Collected		\$63.05
	<u>\$63.05</u>	<u>\$63.05</u>

1977 Motor Vehicle		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$1,660.37	
Abated		\$ 463.48
Collected		511.03
Outstanding 6/30/80		685.86
	<u>\$1,660.37</u>	<u>\$1,660.37</u>

1978 Motor Vehicle		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$5,679.03	
Committed	50.48	
Refunded	588.23	
Overpayment	3.30	
Abated		\$1,710.24
Collected		3,472.21
Outstanding 6/30/80		1,138.59
	<u>\$6,321.04</u>	<u>\$6,321.04</u>

1979 Fiscal Farm Excise		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$136.25	
Collected		\$136.25
	<u>\$136.25</u>	<u>\$136.25</u>

1979 Fiscal Personal Property		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$103.84	
Abated		\$ 24.20
Collected		79.64
	<u>\$103.84</u>	<u>\$103.84</u>

1979 Fiscal Forest Law		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$18.70	
Collected		\$18.70
	<u>\$18.70</u>	<u>\$18.70</u>

1979 Fiscal Real Estate		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$83,034.42	
Refunded	44.22	
Abated		\$ 97.68
Tax Title		10,714.44
Collected		68,433.38
Outstanding 6/30/80		3,833.14
	<u>\$83,078.64</u>	<u>\$83,078.64</u>

1979 Fiscal Water Liens		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$413.28	
Tax Title		\$100.85
Collected		284.83
Outstanding 6/30/80		27.60
	<u>\$413.28</u>	<u>\$413.28</u>

1979 Motor Vehicle		
Outstanding 7/1/79	\$65,280.79	
Committed	56,115.32	
Refunded	4,667.72	
Overpayment	10.38	
Abated		\$ 11,864.54
Collected		109,203.24
Outstanding 6/30/80		5,006.43
	<u>\$126,074.21</u>	<u>\$126,074.21</u>

1980 Fiscal Farm Excise		
Committed	\$1,085.52	
Collected		\$ 948.27
Outstanding 6/30/80		137.25
	<u>\$1,085.52</u>	<u>\$1,085.52</u>

1980 Fiscal Personal Property		
Comitted	\$13,569.84	
Abated		\$ 22.00
Collected		13,495.86
Outstanding 6/30/80		51.98
	<u>\$13,569.84</u>	<u>\$13,569.84</u>

1980 Fiscal Real Estate		
Committed	\$1,465,164.63	
Refunded	2,884.79	
Abated		\$ 29,580.50
Tax Title		23.00
Collected		1,364,347.35
Outstanding 6/30/80		74,098.57
	<u>\$1,468,049.42</u>	<u>\$1,468,049.42</u>

1980 Fiscal Water Liens		
Committed	\$3,197.51	
Collected		\$2,656.53
Outstanding 6/30/80		540.98
	<u>\$3,197.51</u>	<u>\$3,197.51</u>

1980 Fiscal Motor Vehicle		
Committed	\$221,633.87	
Refunded	991.25	
Abated		\$ 9,635.36
Collected		179,299.63
Outstanding 6/30/80		33,690.13
	<u>\$222,625.12</u>	<u>\$222,625.12</u>

### Recap — Receivables

1977 Motor Vehicle	\$ 685.86
1978 Motor Vehicle	1,138.59
1979 Fiscal Real Estate	3,833.14
1979 Fiscal Water Liens	27.60
1979 Motor Vehicle	5,006.43
1980 Fiscal Farm Excise	137.25
1980 Fiscal Personal Property	51.98
1980 Fiscal Real Estate	74,098.57
1980 Fiscal Water Liens	540.98
1980 Fiscal Motor Vehicle	33,690.13
	<u>\$119,210.53</u>

### Interest Received During 1979 - 1980

Motor Vehicle	\$ 384.55
Farm Excise	4.52
Personal Property	2.95
Real Estate	7,433.41
	<u>\$7,825.43</u>

Interest Received from Savings Account  
\$606.36 Guaranty Bank

## Report of the Town Accountant

To the Residents of Paxton:

In accordance with the Provisions of Chap. 41 Sect. 61 of the General Laws, I submit the report of the financial condition of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year 1980.

Thanks to the Town Officials, Board Members and Department Heads for their cooperation during the past year.

Due to the problems our country faces, we must work together to keep Paxton secure for us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Karle  
Town Accountant

### RECEIPTS

#### TAXES

Real Estate	
1980	1364347.35
1979	68433.38
Personal Property	
1980	13495.86
1979	79.64

#### Farm Excise

1980	948.27
1979	136.25
Forest Law	18.70
Tax Titles Redeemed	15987.99
T. T. Property Sold	50.00

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Selectmen	4113.10
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#### FINES

Court Fines	4315.00
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#### GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS FEDERAL & STATE FUNDS

School Chap. 70	188039.00
School Bldg. Assist.	19590.08
School Title Acct.	1553.00
School Transportation	22584.00
Library Aid	1389.75
Lottery	12074.00
Reimb. for Elderly	3846.75
Highway Reimb.	39162.00
Gas Tax	22861.00
Local Aid	75466.00
Loss of Taxes	11435.75
Tuition - State Wards	6855.00
Real Est. ob. - Widows	700.00
Real Est. ob. - Blind	262.50
Veterans Services	3376.12
Grant - Elderly	1500.00
Grant Tornado Damage (Held for approp.)	20543.69

#### COUNTY FUNDS

Dog Tax	362.52
Dutch Elm Control	69.77

#### PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise	
1980	179936.53
1979	109203.24
1979	2835.31
1977	511.03
1976	63.05
1975	3.30
1974	1.37
1973	13.20

#### DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

Bd. of Health	1854.50
Bldg. Insp.	3787.00
Animal Insp.	115.00
Call Filing Fees	18.00
Planning Board	61.68
Gas, Plumbing Insp.	161.50
Conservation	25.00
Wire Insp.	150.00
Town Clerk	43.00

Bd. Appeals	40.00
Assessors	4.00
Snow Plowing	276.00
Collector Interest	
Real Est.	7433.41
Motor Vehicle	384.55
Personal Prop.	2.95
Animal	4.52
Collector Bank Int.	606.36
Treas. Interest on MMOT	35503.22
Treas. Int. on T. T.	3332.24
Int. Land Taking	13.04
Treas. Trans. from Stab.	9978.31
Police Permits & Reports	821.00
Recreation	994.00

#### MISC. SCHOOL

Haxel Gay - Awards	30.00
E. Bigelow Book Fund	54.37
Adult E. Revolving	40.00
Telephone Charges	22.85
Conference Refund	10.00
School Rental	10.00
Treas. Tailing	143.00
Use of Copy Machine	13.90
Highway - Sale of Truck	3010.00
T. Clerk	14.00
Fire - Ins. Recovery	1444.37
Void Ck. - Vet. Aid	151.50
Void Ck. - Highway	53.70

#### LIBRARY

Fines	565.03
Interest Income	4454.02
Gift	25.00

#### PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT

Rates	974498.54
Refunds to operating Cash	12080.15
Int. on operating Cash	15793.19
Int. on Deprec. & Const.	9324.06
Meter Deposit	5320.00
Int. on Meter Deposit	182.30
Void Check	30.00

#### PAXTON MUN. LIGHT REIMBURSEMENTS TO TOWN

Maturing Debt. Int.	33293.75
Insurance Costs	4825.00

#### WATER DEPT.

Rates	54773.99
Inst. Repairs	1582.24
WL-1980	2656.53
1979	284.83
Worc. Water Used	82.69
Void Check	300.00
Ins. - Hydrant	680.34

#### CEMETERY DEPT.

Sale of Lots P/C	2000.00
Charges - Openings	585.00
Interest Income	2976.79

#### SCHOOL LUNCH

Collections	23171.38
Federal and State	19427.80

#### PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS — AGENCIES

Dog Lic. - Coll. for Cty.	1623.40
Fed. Tax W/H	153939.83
State Tax W/H	49950.58
Teachers Retirement	30999.08
County Retirement	19667.11
Emp. Ins. W/H	26779.27
Group Ins. W/H	668.09
Annuities W/H	13881.65
Disability Ins. W/H	1261.66
Teachers Dues W/H	2535.00
Direct Pay	
Emp. Ins.	1681.34
Tax Anti Loan	200000.00
Total Receipts	3938670.11
Bal. Brought Forward	586664.73
	<u>4525334.84</u>

#### PAYMENTS

Payments

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT MODERATOR

Approp. Salary	35.00	35.00
Approp. - Expense	30.00	<u>20.40</u>
Returned to E. & D.	9.60	

#### SELECTMEN

Approp. - Salary	1100.00	<u>1100.00</u>
Approp. Exec. Sectry.	3750.00	
Trans. from R.F.	76.91	
Salary		<u>3826.91</u>
Approp. Expense	9.50	
Trans. - Storm Damage	63.75	
Trans. - R.F.	100.00	
Balance Held	50.36	
Petty Cash		5.00
Office Exp.		238.87
Dues, Meetings - Travel		426.95
Adv.		134.94
Publ.		193.88
Misc. Storm Exp.		<u>63.95</u>
		1063.59

Tornado Acct. S.T.M. Approp.	4975.00	
Trans. R.F.	44.46	
Trans. to other Accts.	580.65	
Expended		<u>4438.81</u>
Acq. - Candlewood Deed	25.00	
Returned to E. & D.	25.00	

Unemp. Comp. Trans. R.F.	535.00	<u>535.00</u>	Dues, Meetings, Travel	182.98	
Insurance Deductable	1000.00		Misc.	50.00	
Returned to E. & D.	1000.00		Eq. Maint.	28.50	
			Mapping - etc.	<u>330.00</u>	
TOWN ACCOUNTANT				1325.52	
Approp. - Salary	3750.00	<u>3750.00</u>	Approp. Data Processing	3135.00	
Approp. - Expense	350.00		Returned to E. & D.	35.20	
Returned to E. & D.	14.52		Expended	<u>3099.80</u>	
Office Exp.		107.63			
Dues, Meetings, Travel		<u>227.85</u>	FINANCE BOARD		
		335.48	Approp. - Sect. Salary	300.00	<u>300.00</u>
			Approp. Statistian	200.00	<u>200.00</u>
TREASURER			Approp. Expense	150.00	
Approp. - Salary	4250.00	<u>4250.00</u>	Returned to E. & D.	90.00	
Approp. - Hire	1150.00	<u>1150.00</u>	Office Exp.	<u>60.00</u>	
Approp. - Expense	740.00				
Returned to E. & D.	8.64		TOWN CLERK		
Office Exp.		539.41	Approp. Salary	1100.00	<u>1100.00</u>
Dues, Meetings, Travel		69.03	Approp. Hire	452.00	<u>452.00</u>
Tax Titles		<u>122.92</u>	Approp. Record Keeping	90.00	<u>90.00</u>
		731.36	Approp. T. C. Expense	200.00	
Approp. - D. P.	1300.00		Bal. Held	9.76	
Trans. R. F.	200.00		Office Exp.		105.98
Bal. Held	261.65		Dues		43.00
Expense		<u>1238.35</u>	Misc.		<u>41.26</u>
Approp. Cert. of Notes	50.00				190.24
Returned to E. & D.	35.00		Approp. Record Storage	210.00	
Expense		<u>15.00</u>	Bal. Held	74.75	
			Expended	<u>135.25</u>	
TOWN COLLECTOR					
Approp. - Salary	4050.00	<u>4050.00</u>	LEGAL		
Approp. - Expense	1700.00		Approp.	6500.00	
Bal. Held	113.88		Trans. from R. F.	223.52	
Office Exp.		1377.29	Charges	<u>6723.52</u>	
Dues, Meetings, Travel		140.83			
Filing Fees		<u>68.00</u>	ELECTIONS		
		1586.12	Approp.	965.00	
			Trans. from R. f.	43.28	
TOWN SECRETARY			Returned to E. & D.	.08	
Approp. - Salary	4650.00	<u>4650.00</u>	Clerical & Counters	<u>1008.20</u>	
Approp. - Expense	1535.00				
Returned to E. & D.	706.66		REGISTRARS		
Stamp Meter		171.00	Approp. Compensation	150.00	
Copy Machine		<u>657.34</u>	Expended	<u>150.00</u>	
		828.34	Approp. Clerk	165.00	
ASSESSOR			Expended	<u>165.00</u>	
Approp. - Salary	<u>2800.00</u>	<u>2800.00</u>	Approp. St. List	450.00	
Clerks	<u>2550.00</u>	<u>2550.00</u>	Trans. from R. F.	50.00	
Expense Bal. Held 79F	30.75		Bal. Held	50.00	
Returned to E. & D.	22.25		Expended	<u>450.00</u>	
Expended		<u>8.50</u>	Approp. Expense	575.00	
Approp. - Expense	1281.00		Bal. Held	264.76	
Bal. Held	155.48		Misc. Hire & Office Exp.	<u>310.24</u>	
Trans. from R. F.	200.00				
Office Exp.		463.94			
Pho-Prints etc.		270.10			

# PLANNING BOARD

Approp. - Clerk	100.00	
Expend		<u>100.00</u>
Approp. - Expense	200.00	
Returned to E. & D.	127.00	
Office Exp.		11.22
Dues		40.00
Maps		<u>21.78</u>
		73.00
Approp. - Printing	100.00	
Bal. Held	98.00	
Returned to E. & D.	2.00	

# TOWN HALL

Approp. Caretaker	1880.00	
Bal. Held	138.00	
Returned to E. & D.	220.60	
Expend		<u>1521.40</u>
Bal. Held Exp. 79F	69.76	
Returned to E. & D.	14.96	
Expend adv.		<u>54.80</u>
Approp. Expense	4762.00	
Trans. from Tornado Acct.	16.70	
Bal. Held	200.00	
Returned to E. & D.	118.34	
Telephones		744.62
Utilities		764.87
Fire Prev. Maint.		18.00
Fuel & Boiler Repair		2849.00
Janitor Supplies		<u>83.87</u>
		4460.36

# TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Approp.	800.00	
Bal. Held	110.15	
Misc. Repairs		<u>689.85</u>

# PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## POLICE CHIEF

Approp.	15250.00	
Salary		15250.00
Chief out of State Travel	125.00	<u>125.00</u>
Officers - Police		
Approp.	44179.00	
Trans. Tornado Acct.	125.00	
Bal. Held	3548.36	
Officers		<u>40755.64</u>
Police Expense	11056.00	
Trans. from Tornado Acct.	125.00	
Bal. Held	351.09	
Office Exp.		264.60
Telephones		672.23
Dues, Meetings & Travel		378.22
Equip. - Offices		1754.21
Veh. Maint. & Operation		6586.75
Radar & Radio Maint.		262.20
Misc. Supplies & Repairs		255.13

# Training & Physical

		656.57
		<u>10829.91</u>
Police Bal. Held 79F	31.51	<u>31.51</u>
Police Spec. Fuel Acct.		
Trans. from R. F.	2800.00	
Bal. Held	1526.71	
Fuel Chares		<u>1273.29</u>
Police Art. 21		
Approp.	209.87	
Repair on Crusier		<u>209.87</u>
Police Bal. Held		
Prisoners Fees	160.00	
Returned to E. & D.	80.00	
Expend		<u>80.00</u>
Rebuilt adar approp.	400.00	
Spec. Town Meeting		<u>400.00</u>
Police Prisoners Fees		
Approp. - Expended	600.00	<u>300.00</u>
Bal. Held	300.00	

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bal. Brought forwd. Firefghtrs. 79F	892.20	
Returned to E. & D.	1.90	
Salaries		<u>890.30</u>
Fire Dept. Officers Approp. Held	2050.00	
Fire Dept. Firefighters Approp.	6200.00	
Trans. from R. F.	1252.90	
Bal. Held	4473.90	
Expend		<u>2979.00</u>
Bal. Brought Forwd. Expense 79F	609.01	
Returned to E. & D.	13.09	
Expense		<u>595.92</u>
Fire Dept. 305C Bal Bt. Forwd. 79F	333.41	
Returned to E. & D.	2.00	
Equipment		<u>331.41</u>
Fire Dept. Expense		
Approp.	7735.00	
Trans. from R. F.	1646.20	
Bal. Held	1913.94	
Exp. & Operation		
Utilities & Telephone		927.14
Veh. Maint. Operation		896.16
Station Maint. & Operation		4364.23
Misc.		644.90
Education		411.88
Fire Prevention		88.75
Radio Repair		134.20
		<u>7467.26</u>
Fire Dept. Equip. 305	3500.00	
Bal. Held	586.50	
Returned to E & D.	1543.32	
Equipment		<u>1370.28</u>
Hose Replacement		
Approp.	1500.00	
Returned to E. & D.	4.00	
Hose		<u>1496.00</u>



Fire Dept. Portable Radios		
Approp. S.T.M.	3375.00	
Returned to E. & D.	31.00	
Expended		<u>3344.00</u>
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>		
Bal. Held	102.00	<u>102.00</u>
Approp.	1200.00	
Trans. from R. F.	150.00	
Trans. from R. F.	74.00	
Salary		<u>1424.00</u>
Expense		
Approp. Exp.	400.00	
Returned to E. & D.	169.62	
Office Exp.		81.64
Mileage		<u>148.74</u>
		230.38
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>		
Bal. Brought Forward 79F	20.00	
Returned to E. & D.	8.15	
Expended		<u>11.85</u>
Board of Appeals		
Approp. - Exp.	250.00	
Returned to E. & D.	175.85	
Office Exp.		14.00
Dues		20.00
Adv.		<u>40.15</u>
		74.15
<b>FORESTRY</b>		
Approp. Moth	200.00	
Returned to E. & D.	200.00	
<b>DUTCH ELM</b>		
Approp.	700.00	
Bal. Brought Forward 79F	80.49	
Reimb. - Cty.	69.77	
Returned to E. & D.	2.01	
Town Employees		472.50
Outside Labor		<u>375.75</u>
		848.25
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>		
Bal Held 79F	450.70	
Returned to E. & D.	81.83	
Expended		<u>368.87</u>
Approp.	1900.00	
Trans. from Tornado Acct.	250.00	
Bal. Held	469.28	
Labor		1637.62
Eq. & Maint.		<u>17.95</u>
		1680.72
Approp. - Equipment	100.00	
Returned to E. & D.	56.90	
Expended		<u>43.10</u>

<b>DOG OFFICER</b>		
Approp. - Salary	1060.00	<u>1060.00</u>
Approp. - Expense	850.00	
Bal. Held	598.44	
Truck		200.00
Equip.		27.20
Supplies		<u>24.36</u>
		251.56
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>		
Bal. Brought Forward	837.87	
Bal. Held	837.87	
<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRES</b>		
Approp.	750.00	<u>750.00</u>
Hire	50.00	50.00
Expense & Trans.	93.00	77.30
Bal. Held	15.70	
<b>CENTRAL DISPATCH</b>		
Approp. Salaries	27847.00	
Bal. Held	1391.73	
Expended		<u>26455.27</u>
Bal. Held 79F	64.99	
Expended		<u>64.99</u>
Approp. Expense	1550.00	
Bal. Held	517.12	
Office Exp.		50.50
Telephones		974.38
Maint.		<u>8.00</u>
		1032.88
Approp. Equipment	150.00	
Equipment		<u>150.00</u>
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b>		
Bal Brought Forward 79F	300.00	
Returned to E. & D.	192.00	
Expended		<u>108.00</u>
Approp. - Compensation	4100.00	
Bal. Held	2300.00	
Returned to E. & D.	1404.00	
Expended		<u>396.00</u>
Approp. Expense	4230.00	
Returned to E. & D.	22.24	
Equip. Supplies		510.41
Pagers		3626.00
Education		20.00
Radio Repair		<u>51.35</u>
		4207.76
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>		
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>		
Approp. Bd. Salary	150.00	
Expended		<u>150.00</u>
Approp. - Expense	300.00	
Returned to E. & D.	273.22	
Office Exp.		5.00
Town Maps		<u>21.78</u>

Approp. - Uper Blackston	800.00	
Spec. T. Meeting	1058.00	
Returned to E. & D.	775.00	
Expended		<u>1083.00</u>
Approp. - Son. Insp. Salary	3100.00	<u>3100.00</u>
Bal. Held 79F Gas & Pl. Insp.	1.00	<u>1.00</u>
Approp. Gas & Pl. Insp. Salary	500.00	
Bal. Held	100.00	
Returned to E. & D.	128.00	
Expended		<u>272.00</u>
Bal. Held 78F Animal Insp.	5.00	<u>5.00</u>
Approp. - Animal Insp.	150.00	
Bal. Held	30.00	
Expended		<u>120.00</u>
Approp. - Assist Animal Insp.	50.00	<u>50.00</u>

#### WACHUSETT HOME HEALTH

Approp.	2200.00	
Bal Held	556.00	
Returned to E. & D.	291.55	
Expended		<u>1352.45</u>

#### PUBLIC SERVICES

##### HIGHWAY & OTHER

Approp. - Wage Acct.	94380.00	
Returned to E. & D.	7312.90	
Bal. Held	600.00	
Highway		49702.62
Water		14587.68
Vac. & Sick Leave		10306.94
Snow		11796.02
General		<u>73.84</u>
		86467.10

#### ADJ. BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

##### HIGHWAY WAGE

Trans. from Surp. Rev.	300.00	<u>300.00</u>
Bal. Held 70F		
Highway Exp.	917.17	
Returned to E. & D.	430.40	
Town Garage		89.15
Exp. & Operation		<u>397.62</u>
		486.77

Approp. Highway Exp.	69350.00	
Trans. from R. F.	7000.00	
Bal. Held	17041.14	
Town Garagae		3412.83
Street Sweeping		136.00
Catch Basin Cleaning		1716.00
Signs & Posts		22.87
Salt		3508.83
Sand for Oil & Ice & Travel		7118.10
Patch		2248.95
Asphalt & Tar		17918.99
Drainpipe		5513.06
Equipment		16196.03
General Hire Equip.		<u>1517.20</u>
		59308.86

Bal. Held Highway Chap. 365	2202.11	
Returned to E. & D.	.12	
Expended		<u>2201.99</u>
Highway Truck Art. 13		
From Stabilization	9978.31	<u>9978.31</u>

#### TOWN COMMON

Approp.	250.00	
Returned to E. & D.	72.50	
Expended		<u>72.50</u>
Approp. - St. Lights	14230.00	<u>14230.00</u>

#### VETERANS SERVICES

##### VETERAN AGENT

Approp. Salary	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
Approp. Expense	250.00	
Bal. Held	182.88	
Returned to E. & D.	42.12	
Dues		<u>25.00</u>
Approp. Vet. Aid	4000.00	
Ck. Void Ret. to Acct.	151.50	
Returned to E. & D.	3545.50	
Aid		<u>606.00</u>

#### SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

School Brought Forwrd. 79F	49241.00	
S. T. Meeting	2837.00	
Returned to E. & D.	281.71	
Expended		<u>51796.29</u>

#### A

1000 Administration		
1100 School Committee		
School Com. Salaries		625.00
Secretary's Salary		147.00
School Com. Expense		1,368.98
1200 Superintendent's Office		
Salaries		15022.02
Census		300.00
Supplies		522.38
Other Expense		931.20
2000 Instruction		
2200 Principal's Office		
Salaries		31376.60
Supplies		334.48
Other Expense		593.50
2300 Teaching		
Teachers' Salaries		404,487.74
Math Tutoring		1,579.40
Gifted		70.00
Substitutes		9,376.80
Teachers Aids		13,063.18
Field Trips		914.00
Supplies		19,086.08
Other Expense		1,763.42
Special Subject Teachers		
Salaries		28,929.60
Other Expense		377.48
Audubon		1,275.00

2400 Textbooks	4,958.24	Approp. School - A	877237.00
2500 Library		Bal. Held	64339.75
Salaries	14,646.00		
Clerical & SAPA Aid	2,584.63		
Supplies and Books	3,505.05	B	
Other Expense	24.80	2000 Instruction	
2600 Audio Visual	373.85	2300 Teaching	
2700 Guidance - 70%		Salaries	25,950.00
Salaries	25,222.00	Tutoring	94.48
Supplies	846.94	Supplies	606.24
Other Expense	327.21	Other Expense	58.00
3000 Other School Services		2700 Guidance - 30%	
3200 Health Services		Salaries	10,815.00
Nurse	6,840.30	Supplies	220.75
Doctor	932.00	Other Expense	154.47
Supplies	241.52	2800 Psychological Services	
3370 Transportation		Salaries	1,788.00
Contract	47,160.00	Clinical Evaluations	319.50
Vocational	1,182.00	Supplies	0
Extensions & Contingency	2,179.11	Kindergarten Screening	0
Late Bus	0	Other Expense	13.26
3400 Food Services		3000 Other School Services	
Cafeteria Manager	3,819.00	3370 Transportation	12,360.01
Monitors & Cross. Guard	4,436.18	9000 Programs with Other Schools	10,908.51
3500 Student Activities		Schedule B Total	<u>63,360.22</u>
Salaries	2,205.00		
Programs	299.77	Approp. School - B	71277.00
Transportation	791.00	Bal. Held	7916.78
4000 Operation & Maintenance			
4110 Custodial Services		School Title - NDEA	
Salaries	52,601.83	Bal. Held	53.99
Supplies	3,459.50	School Title - NCS	1916.47
Other Expense	450.00	BAL. Held	5.40
4120 Fuel	36,266.56	Expended	<u>1911.07</u>
4130 Utilities		School - Adult Ed.	
Lights	14,118.92	Revolving Acct.	116.00
Telephone	2,025.01	Bal. Hled	116.00
Water	169.05		
Telephone, Supt.'s Office	0	Wachusett Reg. High	
4200 Maintenance		Assessment	
4210 Grounds	138.73	Approp.	364359.00
4220 Buildings		Expended	<u>364359.00</u>
General	4,014.87		
Boiler Contract	2,650.00	School Lunch	
Structural '63 Bldg.	5,638.89	Bal. Brought Forward	939.69
Energy Conservation	64.18	Receipts	42599.18
Contingency	2,688.29	Bal. Held	2170.65
4230 Equipment	964.13	Expended - Salaries	18932.32
5000 Fixed Charges	353.00	Expended - Exp. & Operation	<u>22435.90</u>
6000 Community Services			41368.22
Adult Education	0		
Custodial Evening Fees	112.98	LIBRARY	
7000 Fixed Assets	3,104.68	Approp. Librarian	8500.00
9000 Programs with other Schools		Salary	<u>8500.00</u>
Vocational	28,525.67	Approp. Others	8450.00
Evening Trade	832.50	Returned to E. & D.	995.70
Schedule A Total Expended	<u>812,897.25</u>	Salaries	<u>7454.30</u>

Library Expense		
Bal. Brought Forward	238.75	
Approp.	7846.00	
Dog Fund	304.86	
Trans. - Interest	2955.09	
Expense & Operation		<u>11344.70</u>
<b>LIBRARY STATE AID</b>		
Bal. Brought Forward	2296.43	
State Aid	1389.75	
Expended		<u>2928.06</u>
<b>LIBRARY PLANNING &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>		
Bal. Brought Forward	3866.40	
Bal. Held	1486.40	
Expended		<u>2380.00</u>
<b>LIBRARY BiCENT. GIFT</b>		
Bal. Brought Forward	654.52	
Bal. Held	229.52	
Expended		<u>425.00</u>
<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED</b>		
Recreation Salaries		
Approp.	15744.00	
Bal. Held	451.40	
Returned to E. & D.	723.40	
Supt.		3419.00
Staff Members		<u>11150.20</u>
		14569.20
Recreation Exp. Bal. Held	159.24	
Returned to E. & D.	16.24	
Expended		<u>143.00</u>
Recreation Expense		
Approp.	3760.00	
Bal. Held	1195.20	
Returned to E. & D.	28.43	
Expended		<u>2536.37</u>
Recreation Equip.		
Approp.	350.00	
Returned to E. & D.	16.45	
Bal. Held	200.00	
Expended		<u>133.55</u>
Bal. Brought Forward Equip.	63.07	
Returned to E. & D.	7.07	
Expended		<u>56.00</u>
Recreation Events		
Approp.	1523.00	
Trans. Art. 12	1477.00	
Bal. Held	2000.00	
Returned to E. & D.	207.00	
Summer & Winter Events		<u>793.00</u>
Bal. Brought Forward Pool	293.49	
Bal. Held	186.29	
Expended		<u>107.20</u>

Resurfacing Pool Art. 11		
Approp.	7000.00	
Returned to E. & D.	100.00	
Expended		<u>6900.00</u>
Memorial Day Bal. Held	256.20	
Returned to E. & D.	4.88	
Expended		<u>251.32</u>
July 4th - Bal. Held	42.49	
Returned to E. & D.	42.49	
Approp. July 4th	700.00	
Bal. Held	435.18	
Expended		<u>264.82</u>
Memorial Day		
Approp.	600.00	
Bal. Held	336.30	
Expended		<u>263.70</u>
Unclassified		
Approp. Town Reports	2500.00	
Trans R. F.	226.70	
Expended		<u>2726.70</u>
Town Reports		
Bal. Brought Forward	565.00	
Returned to E. & D.	.80	
Expended		<u>564.20</u>
Approp. Ins. and Bonds	49700.00	
Returned to E. & D.	6166.24	
Expended		<u>43533.76</u>
Approp. Town Emp. Ins.	30000.00	
Trans. R. F.	200.00	
Returned to E. & D.	109.83	
Expended		<u>30090.17</u>
Approp. Town Clock Salary	60.00	<u>60.00</u>
Approp Expense	30.00	
Returned to E. & D.	2.26	
Expended		<u>27.74</u>
Bal. Brought Forward Conservation	220.00	
Clerk Salary		<u>220.00</u>
Approp. Cons. Clerk	220.00	<u>220.00</u>
Approp. Cons. Expense	250.00	
Returned to E. & D.	132.00	
Expended		<u>118.00</u>
Approp Central Reg. Planning	560.00	
Returned to E. & D.	.35	
Assessment		<u>559.65</u>
Approp. Capital Outlay	50.00	
Returned to E. & D.	50.00	

**RESERVE FUND**

Trans from Overlay Surplus	25000.00
Transfers	13463.54
Returned to Overlay Surplus	11536.46

Approp. Council on Aging	2500.00
Art. 18	83.00
Returned to E. & D.	.84
Activities	2499.16
Janitor Serv.	83.00
	<u>2582.16</u>

Approp. Historical Comm.	25.00
Returned to E. & D.	25.00

Approp. - Personnel Adv.	25.00
Returned to E. & D.	25.00

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPT.**

Opening Balance	108710.36
Receipts	
Bal. Closed to Dep. & Const.	
Salaries	94502.22
Expenses	872700.47
	<u>967202.69</u>
Meter Deposit	<u>311.16</u>

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

Approp. Board Salary	225.00	<u>225.00</u>
Approp. Others Salary	2800.00	<u>2800.00</u>
Approp. Expense	20210.00	
Trans. from R. F.	555.00	
Bal. Held	2099.98	
Expense & Operation		<u>18665.02</u>
Approp. Water Quality	550.00	
Bal. Held	48.00	
Returned to E. & D.	44.00	
Expended		<u>458.00</u>

Approp. Eng. Services	500.00
Returned to E. & D.	500.00

Water Dept. Exp.	
Bal. Brought Forward	1225.00
Returned to E. & D.	885.00
Expended	<u>340.00</u>

Approp. Water Exit Art. 16	5000.00
Returned to E. & D.	.44
Extention	<u>4999.56</u>

Approp. Painting Standpipe	21500.00
Art. 17	
Returned to E. & D.	2630.00
Expended	<u>18870.00</u>

**CEMETERIES**

Trans. from Int.	3144.39
Exp. & Operation	<u>3144.39</u>

**MATURING NOTES & BONDS**

Approp.	75525.00
School	<u>38000.00</u>

Standpipe	17525.00
Library	<u>20000.00</u>
	75525.00

**Interest Notes & Bonds**

Approp.	31780.67
Returned to E. & D.	67.23
School	5492.50
Standpipe	12821.00
Library	10500.00
Temp. Loan	<u>2899.94</u>
	31713.44

Highway Loan	<u>38914.00</u>
Tax Anti Loan	<u>200000.00</u>

Paxton El. Lit Mat. Debt.	25000.00
And Int.	<u>8293.75</u>
	33293.75

**AGENCY, TRUSTS & REFUNDS**

Refunds	
Taxes	2929.01
M. Vehicle	6260.88
Water Rates	14.04
Dog Lic. for Cty.	1771.20
Cemetery P/S	2600.00
Estra Lond Taking	499.79
Hazel Gay Awards	30.00

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

Fed. Tax W/H	153939.83
State Tax W/H	49950.58
Cty. Retirement W/H	20151.80
Mass. Teachers Ret.	31961.20
Emp. Ins. W/H	27918.99
Direct Pay	1422.47
Emp. Group Life W/H	684.54
Direct Pay	18.24
Annuities W/H	13898.24
Teachers Dues W/H	2535.00
Disability Ins. W/H	1248.24
Treas. Tailings	7.25

**ASSESSMENTS**

State Parks	16590.98
Retirement Cty. Assessment	37665.00
Retirement - Mun Teachers	3721.64
Cty. Tax	71102.37
Auditing	333.00
M. V. Bills	500.40
Central Air Pollution	630.58

TOTAL PAYMENTS	3689367.20
CASH ON HAND	<u>835967.64</u>
	<u>4525334.84</u>

# REVENUE SHARING

## RECEIPTS

Grant	41892.00
Interest	1665.12
Total Receipts	42057.12
Bal. Brought Forward	28000.40
	<u>71557.52</u>

## PAYMENTS

Rubbish Collection	42000.00
Hale Rental	720.00
Emergency Medical	6500.00
Copy Machine	1770.00
Total Payments	50990.00
Cash on Hand	<u>20567.52</u>
	71557.52

# REVENUE SHARING BALANCE SHEET

Cash	<u>20567.52</u>	Revenue	<u>20567.52</u>
	1981	F	
Approp. Rev. Sharing	39556.00	Approp. Control Rev. Sharing	39556.00

## NET FUNDED - FIXED DEBTS

School	150000.00
P. E. & Lt.	150000.00
Standpipe	238900.00
Library	<u>190000.00</u>
	728900.00

## TRUSTS & INVESTMENTS

D. Russel Boynton	3576.40
Edward D. Bigelow School Fund	1000.00
Hazel Gay Awards	100.00
Edward & Bigelow Lib. Fund	22429.18
Geo. E. Bigelow	505.15
Richards Memorial Lib. Fund	1670.37
E. D. Bigelow V. Imp.	1504.12
Cemetery P/C	56511.80
Post War Rehabilitation	2749.04
Conservation	8964.88
Richards Memorial Lib. M. Trust	46571.22
Stabilization	82814.51
Chas. D. boynton G. P.	<u>16909.52</u>
	<u>245306.19</u>



# Town of Paxton

## Report of Town Accountant

### Balance Sheet 1980F

#### ASSETS

CASH	835967.64
REVENUE SHARING CASH	20567.52
TAXES	
Personal Property	
1980	51.98
Real Estate	
1980	74098.57
1979	3833.14
Farm Animal	
1980	137.25
M. V. Excise	
1980	33690.13
1979	5006.43
1978	1138.59
1977	685.86
Tax Title	21513.05
Tax Title Possessions	605.34
 PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT	
Rates & Installations	73382.70
 WATER DEPT.	
Rates	3323.43
Installations & Repairs	617.41
Liens 80F	540.98
Liens 79F	27.60
 CEMETERY P/C	531.64
 UNDERESTIMATES	
State Parks & Rec.	827.04
County Tax Assessment	5572.07
	<u>1082118.37</u>

#### LIABILITIES

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	
County Retirement	1814.80
Mass. Teachers Retirement	4278.58
Employees Ins.	2793.47
Ins. Direct Pay	1342.89
Employees Group Life	76.26
Group Ins. Direct Pay	49.96
Annuities	2122.88
Disability Ins.	156.03
 INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCIES	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	96.22
Hazel Gay Awards	11.41
Library - Interest	14467.74
Cemetery - Interest	5061.86
Water Guarantee Deposit	50.00
 GIFTS AND GRANTS	
Revenue Sharing	20567.52
School Title Acct.	5.40
School Title Acct.	53.99
Library Gift Fund	25.00
 ACCTS. HELD FOR APPROPRIATION	
School - use of Bldg.	10.00
Tornado Damage	20543.69
Cty. Dog Fund	362.52
Elderly - Grant	1500.00
Recreation - Events	994.25
Library State Aid	1389.75
 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS	
School Lunch	2170.65

Appropriation Control budget	2291388.00
Articles	75721.00
E. & D. to lower tax Rate	110000.00
<b>APPROPRIATION REVENUE SHARING</b>	<b>39556.00</b>

School Adult Educ.	116.00
Library Pl. & Bldg.	1486.40
Library State Aid	758.12
Library Bic. Gift	229.52
Recreation Repair Pool	186.29
Treasurers Tailings	319.68
Paxton Municipal Lt	
Deprec. & Const.	223523.04
Meter Deposits	6457.09

REVENUE RESERVED FOR COLLECTION

Departmental	531.64
M. Vehicle Revenue	40521.01
Tax Title Revenue	22118.39
Paxton Mun. Lt. Rev.	73382.70
Water Dept. Rev.	4509.42
Farm Animal Rev.	137.25

OVERLAY RESERVED FOR ALV.

1980	44700.75
1979	12966.37

OVERLAY SURPLUS RESERVE

53159.01

APPROP. BALANCES HELD

120336.49

OVERESTIMATED ACCTS.

County Hospital Assessment	3531.91
Central Air Poll.	105.86

REVENUE 1980F

Additional Comm. R. Est. 1980	3083.38
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SURPLUS REVENUE

390013.18

1082118.37

APPROPRIATION CONTROL

Budget	2291388.00
Articles	75721.00
Voted to Lower Tax Rate	110000.00

APPROP. CONTROL REV. SHARING

39556.00

# Town of Paxton

## Town Treasurer's Report

### Year Ended June 30, 1980

#### Comparative Statement of Interest Income

	Interest Earned During Years Ended:	
	June 30, 1979	June 30, 1980
Town Operating Funds	\$18,163.49	\$35,503.22
Stabilization Fund	4,662.86	9,499.22
Electric Operating Funds	11,792.51	15,793.19
Electric Depreciation Fund	5,854.97	9,324.06
Tax Title	5,348.73	3,332.24
Cemetery Trusts	3,505.57	3,071.50
Library Trusts	5,251.31	4,454.12
Miscellaneous Trusts	1,540.49	4,014.32
SUB-TOTAL	56,119.93	84,991.87
Less - Interest Cost of Short Term Loans	(2,000.00)	(966.67)
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>\$54,119.93</b>	<b>\$84,025.20</b>

#### Operating Cash

Balance July 1, 1979	\$ 586,664.73
Add - Receipts for the Year	3,938,670.11
Subtract - Payments for the Year	3,689,367.20
Balance June 30, 1980	<u>\$ 835,967.64</u>

#### Analysis of Operating Cash June 30, 1980

Town Operating Funds Invested in Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	\$626,167.70
Town Funds in Checking	(20,180.19)
Electric Funds in M.M.D.T.	143,384.10
Electric Funds in Checking	525.45
Electric Depreciation Funds in M.M.D.T.	79,613.49
Meter Deposit in Savings	6,457.09
<b>TOTAL JUNE 30, 1980</b>	<b><u>\$835,967.64</u></b>

#### Non Operating Account Balances June 30, 1980

Richards Memorial Library, Trust	\$46,571.22
Library Trust Accounts (Bigelow)	19,116.51
Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	32,181.80
Village Improvement Fund	1,504.12
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	2,576.40
C. D. Boynton Trust Accounts	7,674.29
C. D. Boynton Income Account	9,237.23
Stabilization Fund	82,018.93
Income from War Bonds	2,749.04
Conservation Account	8,964.88
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	- 0 -
A T & T Stock - Library	216 Shares
A T & T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

#### Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 1980

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Addition	1985	\$150,000.00	\$12,187.50	\$162,187.50
Water Standpipe	1995	238,900.00	89,593.00	328,493.00
Library Addition	1990	190,000.00	50,250.00	240,250.00
Electric Substation (To be paid from electric revenue not taxation)	1986	150,000.00	24,993.25	174,993.25
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b><u>\$728,900.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$177,023.75</u></b>	<b><u>\$905,923.75</u></b>

Respectfully submitted

David P. Fitzpatrick  
Town Treasurer

*Annual Reports*  
*of the*  
*School Department*  
*of the*  
*Town of Paxton*



*for the*  
*Year Ending June 30, 1980*

# Report of the Paxton School Committee

During the 1979-80 academic year, your school continued to strive to meet its goal of presenting a challenging educational program for all its students which would prepare each of them for further educational opportunities. The total cost of operating your school system continues to increase, especially in the areas of energy related costs. The approved 1980-81 School Budget exceeds the one million dollar mark for the first time.

## Total Costs

1979-80	1980-81	Increase	% Increase	% Energy Related	% Operating
\$948,514	\$1,003,951	\$55,437	5.84	2.10	3.74

Your Committee had long deliberations at budget time in order to review, evaluate and approve a realistic budget in view of declining enrollment. Recognizing that the major components of the budget are labor and energy related costs, semi-variables, major emphasis was placed in these areas.

An Energy Conservation Officer, Mr. Ambrose Tower, was appointed and has done an excellent job: Energy costs were reduced by over \$5,000 during the school year; recommended holding the Utilities budget for 1980-81 at the same level as 1979-80; developed Energy Saving Program with continued implementation through 1980-81.

Fuel Oil and Transportation Costs (gasoline) can only be contained by further constraints to existing policies and practices.

In the area of Labor Costs, your Committee approved the addition of one Second Grade Teacher for a one year period to meet a difficult transition year for a borderline class size promoted from Grade One. They also voted to drop one K-5 Guidance Position based on declining enrollment, thereby reducing the Guidance staffing positions from two to one for the school. (This position was reconsidered by the new Committee at their first meeting, May 13, 1980, and they voted to ask the Selectboard to hold a Special Town Meeting to fund the K-5 Guidance position for the 1980-81 school year.) School enrollment continues to drop and current inflationary costs continue to rise. Your Committee must continue to make the hard and unpopular decisions to place constraints on the existing peripheral services and review the need for such services.

## School Enrollment Trend

Year	Total Students	Decrease	% Decrease
1974-75	640	—	—
1975-76	607	33	5.4
1976-77	585	22	3.8
1977-78	557	28	5.0

1978-79	529	28	5.3
1979-80	456	73	16.0
*1980-81	416	40	9.6
*1981-82	392	24	6.1

## \*Projected

The Gifted Program, Computer-in-the-Classroom and Basic Skills Program all continued to progress during the year. The School Library has expanded its services and reports continued increases in book withdrawals. The School Handbook was reviewed, updated, reprinted and distributed under a charge to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Two in-service days were held for the teaching staff: a Glasser Workshop, Basic Skills Improvement Policy and Organizational Skills.

A new Cafeteria Manager was appointed in September, 1979 and she has won the "Excellence" award from both students and faculty during her first year. A first time, very successful "Artists in Residence" program was held this past year.

Mr. C. Gruszka, Guidance Counselor, won the co-honor of "Guidance Counselor of the Year for Massachusetts" award for his outstanding contribution in developing a guidance program for elementary schools. The Committee completed negotiations with the Paxton Teachers' Association for a three year contract:

Year	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Increase	6.75%	6.50%	6.75%

Your school, under the administration of the union superintendency and our principal, has had a very good year. The professional and supportive staff are aware of the economic climate, recognize change is inevitable, and continue their full support of the administration.

Selective testing during the year has made us proud of our students' achievements; it has also pointed out the areas for further concentration. We feel that Paxton has an excellent school system, which can be substantiated by past graduates' achievements. We will continue to maintain and improve upon this system within the prevailing economic climate.

To our complete staff, student body and Superintendent's Office, we extend our thanks for your help and cooperation. To the Offices of Town Government and taxpayers of Paxton, we extend thanks for continued support and funding of our educational system.

Sincerely,  
Your School Committee

H. Kasparian      P. McCarthy  
B. Lorge          B. Scarbeau  
D. Lucey

# Paxton School

## Directory 1980

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip McCarthy - Chairman	Term Expires 1981
Barbara Scarbeau - Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1981
Daniel Lucey - Secretary	Term Expires 1982
Haroutune Kasparian	Term Expires 1983
Barbara Lorge	Term Expires 1982

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
Robert W. McEachern (Resigned)	Business Manager
Peter Larratt	Business Manager
Shirley M. Bayer	Secretary
Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Virginia M. McCarthy	Receptionist/Clerk Typist

### INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Thomas Fowler-Fin	Principal
Mary M. Donahue	English VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	Science VI - VIII
Lois Kahn	Social Studies VI - VIII
John J. Koski, Jr. (Resigned)	Social Studies VI - VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	Reading VI - VIII
Marguerite A. Johnson	Mathematics VI - VIII
Thelma G. Heselbarth	Mathematics VI - VIII
Patricia A. Wadsworth	English VI - VIII
Paul A. Zendzian	Science VI - VIII
Victoria K. Copp	V
Margaret Reynolds	V
Ginger Urbanovitch	V
Mary L. Bogren	IV
Richard M. Lane	IV
Janice E. Laperle	III
Claire A. Reavey (On Leave)	III
Gail Smith	III
Jeanne K. Couture	II
Claudia Aitken	II

Judith E. Marr (On Leave)	II
Evelyn M. Bass	I
Nancy Oakes	I
Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Judith Martin (Resigned)	Transition
Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr.	Transition
Constance Garvey Marr	Librarian
Carol Lyons	Art
Gertrude R. Healy	French/Spanish
Charles T. Gruszka	Guidance
Maryann O. Morin	Guidance
Sylvia Caswell	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music/Supervisor
David F. Hebert	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman	Learning Disabilities
Marsha Hickey	Learning Disabilities
Patricia Belsito	Math Tutor

### SUPPORTING STAFF

Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Joyce McEachern, R.N. (Resigned)	School Nurse
Melinda Johnson, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Albert E. Hall (Deceased)	School Physician
Priscilla A. Goodrow (Resigned)	Cafeteria Manager
Eileen M. McCorkle	Cafeteria Manager
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Richard Morrow	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Custodian
John Ahearn	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract

### ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1979

GRADE		GRADE	
K	29	IX	87
I	53	X	68
II	47	XI	72
III	47	XII	64
IV	44		
V	60	Total	291
VI	55		
VII	57		
VIII	74		
Total	466		



# *Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee*

The Wachusett Regional School District Committee experienced a very busy but fruitful year in 1979-80 making every possible effort to maintain the standards of excellence for which we all strive.

Ground has been broken and construction is underway on the new additions and alterations. When these are completed in the fall of 1981 we will have facilities to generously serve 1,500 students. As you know, our present buildings were designed for 1,100 students, and over the years have been stretched to accommodate as many as 2,000 youngsters. The new structures and changes will provide the school with better library facilities, additional cafeteria space, improved shop and Industrial Arts area and athletic facilities which will allow us to provide a truly competitive Physical Education Curriculum. This will be the culmination of many years' efforts on the part of numerous previous Committee members.

Parents, teachers, Committee members and, most important, students awaited the outcome of very trying contract negotiations. In the end we feel we arrived at an equitable agreement which recognized the spiraling inflation rate both from the point of view of the staff who

must try to stretch an income beyond its capabilities, and a citizenry whose taxes continue to be a heavy burden.

As in the past, our staff and administrators have extended themselves to the maximum in a continuing effort to ensure the highest quality of education for which our school is known. Wachusett Regional High School remains one of the outstanding comprehensive schools in the state.

The sum of our accomplishments, however, may be measured by our students. Their maturity, perseverance, loyalty and dedication have made every effort an honor.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Leland, Chairman

Richard J. Buckley

Roy V. Bunting

Burton H. Fiske

John H. Goewey

James F. Hayes

David L. Johnson

Stuart L. Johnson

Howard W. Moore

Ellis C. Paakkonen

Addison E. Redfield

Ruth M. Stevens

Clark H. Stuart

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CONDITION FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980

	<u>6/30/79</u>	<u>6/30/80</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash (Including Investments)	700,130.24	2,548,610.68
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Accounts Receivable (Planning Costs)	-0-	2,200,000.00
	<u>700,230.24</u>	<u>4,748,710.68</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payroll Withholdings	37,721.05	49,099.51
Temporary Loans	-0-	2,200,000.00
Federal Grants	2,187.09	18,952.10
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	2,621.12	13,542.16
Accounts Payable (1)	129,502.73	151,568.91
New England Merchants - Coupon Account	4,092.00	4,092.00
W.C.N.B. - Payroll Tailings Account	355.67	355.67
Mechanics - Accounts Payable Tailings	-0-	174.04
Planning and Building Costs - Appropriation	-0-	1,821,077.75
	<u>176,479.66</u>	<u>4,258,862.14</u>

# RESERVES

Contingency Maintenance Fund	37,446.75	39,951.08
Building Fund	10,204.31	10,204.31
Petty Cash Reserve	100.00	100.00
Surplus	<u>475,999.52</u>	<u>439,593.15</u>
	<u>523,750.58</u>	<u>489,848.54</u>
	<u>700,230.24</u>	<u>4,748,710.68</u>

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

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980

### INCOME

Assessments from Member Towns	2,431,167.00	
State Revenues	1,799,828.00	
Other Revenues	<u>268,993.02</u>	<u>4,499,988.02</u>

### TRANSFERS FROM SURPLUS

To Reduce Assessments FY 80	350,000.00	
Carryover Appropriations from FY79 to FY80	<u>148,692.86</u>	<u>498,692.86</u>

### TOTAL INCOME

4,998,680.88

### EXPENSE

Operating Expenses		<u>4,520,885.99</u>
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### NET INCOME

477,794.89

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980

	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/79	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/80
Beginning Surplus 7/1/79	454,832.94	475,999.52
ADD:		
Audit Reclassifications	500.00	4,043.67
Net Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	388,974.13	477,794.89
Miscellaneous Income	<u>8,440.01</u>	<u>4,760.92</u>
Available Surplus	852,747.08	962,599.00
LESS:		
Expenditures Budgeted in Prior Period	129,502.73	151,568.91
Audit Reclassifications	2,119.62	-0-
Surplus Applied to Reduce Assessments	215,000.00	350,000.00
Surplus Applied to Unbudgeted Appropriations	23,456.25	-0-
Miscellaneous Payments	<u>6,668.96</u>	<u>21,436.94</u>
ENDING SURPLUS 6/30/80	<u>475,999.52</u>	<u>439,593.15</u>

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET COMPARISON**

	Fiscal 1978-79	Fiscal 1979-80	Fiscal 1980-81
Administration	165,373	217,573	245,534
Instruction	2,433,053	2,451,537	2,716,032
Other School Services	471,054	520,967	550,006
Operation and Maintenance	419,075	442,645	505,284
Fixed Charges	234,567	268,223	257,257
Community Services	800	2,000	2,000
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	35,756	36,116	37,084
Trade Collaborative	3,000	-0-	-0-
Special Education	459,836	480,989	591,480
Adult/Community Education	24,800	27,360	29,700
Vocational Education	152,907	165,973	174,807
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	857,675
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<u><b>4,400,221</b></u>	<u><b>4,613,383</b></u>	<u><b>5,966,859</b></u>
% Change in budget	10%	+ 4.8%	+ 29.3%
Net Assessment to Member Towns	2,244,479	2,431,167	3,547,672
% Change in Assessments	-17.8%	+ 8.3%	+ 45.9%

## ***Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Superintendent***

The past year has witnessed two landmark events in the history of this regional district: good news and bad news. Construction has begun on a comprehensive plan to bring all aspects of our facilities, indoor and outdoor, up to the requirements of a comprehensive educational program for 1,500 students. (Our enrollment, now at 1,825, will shrink to around 1,500 by 1989.) The evidence of construction, even with the mess and inconvenience, has been an encouragement to the entire school family. On the other hand, we have experienced our first job action by our teaching staff and despite genuine efforts to mend the rift, it will take gigantic effort on everyone's part to avert the common experience of having this mark a decided downturn in the esteem which the communities afford their teachers and vice versa. I earnestly hope we can turn this "inevitable" trend around.

Civility, combined with the ability to openly and candidly disagree on issues and the dedication to support the majority decision which finally evolves, is a pearl of great price. I personally am amazed to have been able to survive eleven years working for six different school committees now numbering a total of 36 people, with an increasingly rapid rate of turnover. As an "outsider", I

particularly appreciate the five towns' tradition of civility. I have seen it not only at committee meetings, but in gasoline lines, at the sidestreet intersections with Holden's daily traffic jam . . . there is a general tradition of fair play, of honesty, of live-and-let-live that is not found in the larger cities and suburbs of my experience. I urge you to value this tradition. Cherish and nurture it! Once lost, it takes a disaster to restore it, and life without it is a continuing disaster.

As we mentioned last year, the combination of declining enrollments and inflation spell hard times for public education and public services in general in the years ahead. We agree that the time has come for limitations on government: limitations on taxation, limitation on expenses mandated by one level of government to another level or to the private citizen or business, and that the time is long overdue to restructure our tax system away from such overdependence on the property tax to finance local government services. I should express a preference for legislated limitations, which can be adjusted in light of experience on an annual basis, rather than constitutional amendments, which require four years to adjust if they produce unforeseen and

undesired results.

In the coming year, we will be studying, hopefully with the aid of outside consultants, the proper level of staffing required for your administration to properly deal with the many additional functions which have become requirements of all employers: employee contract negotiations and administration, compliance and backup reporting, participation in and appeal of decisions, management of energy as a scarce resource, and public information. And periodically I must at least remind the citizens in the five towns of state incentive aid which would have reimbursed us an additional \$2,056,750. last year if we had been regionalized into one K-12 system.

The clash between the need for cutting or avoiding costs and the increased demands on public employees is nicely described in an article by Tom Rush and Randy Read in the *Los Angeles Times*:

"Working for a government under constant budgetary pressure, they bear the brunt of every cutback. Either their job is at stake, or their job is to make the cuts, or they must accomplish their job despite the cuts, because we, the public, won't accept any reduction in services."

We are embarked on a more formal program of assessment of students' basic skills grades K-12. We expect to use these tests to inform students and parents as to where each student stands regarding achievement in a limited number of basic skills and to inform us school people where there may be gaps or areas of insufficient emphasis in our basic skills instruction, so that we may

shore up those weaknesses. While the program is another requirement of the State Board of Education, we are implementing it in a way and to the extent that it makes sense to us, and especially to the representative group of most dedicated teachers and principals who have formulated our testing program for the next few years. They and we express appreciation to the parents and students who have assisted them in this important work. Test results will be shared in greater detail with school committees and citizens. Recent test results show us that our school districts have remained on the right track.

Appreciation must be expressed: to the entire citizenry for the traditional civility mentioned above, the support of the annual operating budgets which exceeded the tax cap and the Wachusett construction, and the concern for the education of children; to town officials who have helped us figure out dozens of new requirements or problems; to our increasingly diverse staff - teachers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria, and clerical, and custodial staffs, principals and other administrators; to the increasing number of volunteers who provide the "extras", the one-to-one work with students, the message of support and concern from the community to the teachers and students; and to our students . . . the reason we all work together in the first place.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Yaglou,  
Superintendent of Schools  
for Wachusett Regional School District  
and for School Union No. 64.

# *Report of the Principal Wachusett Regional High School*

As this annual report is being written, construction of the various additions and renovations to Wachusett is well underway. I suspect that much that we do in the next year or two will be affected by this much-needed project. We expect that 1980-81 will see the need of great flexibility as we attempt to maintain the quality of education Wachusett is justly proud of while working around the inevitable construction problems. It is our pledge to you that the physical inconveniences caused by the construction will not be matched by any let-down in educational excellence.

We expect to have all construction and renovations complete sometime in the 1981-82 school year. We honestly feel that the facilities resulting from this building project will enable us to do a much better job of educating the young people of this region. The taxpayers of the region have supported us in our recommendation to bring the facilities up to a standard commensurate with the quality of education demanded of us, and it will be squarely up to us to carry through in the most important mandate — continued pursuit of educational excellence!

In the annual report of the Principal, it has become my style to both look ahead as well as to look back to the year just completed. During 1979-80 Wachusett entered its second quarter of a century of service to this regional school district. To say the very least it was an interesting year! Although the first half of the year was beset by labor problems it was, on balance, a most productive year for the school. From the student's point of view it was productive in many ways — the tradition of Homecoming became stronger, student government was out front on many issues affecting students, there was a successful outdoor graduation (albeit slightly damp), and honors continued to accrue to individual students indicative of the strong position educationally of the school. (e.g. eleven National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation; two Certificates of Merit; a Westinghouse Talent Search Honors Group winner; individual honors to musicians at the local, state, and national level; District III Championship in Girl's tennis and runner-up status in soccer; scholarship awards

totalling in the tens-of-thousands of dollars; national recognition to art students; and the list could go on and on.)

From the perspective of the staff, it was a difficult year but one that in the end was overcome by dedication, perseverance, and a continued pride in the school and its student body. The faculty continues to go well beyond the call of duty in support of student activities and continues to be one of the finest academically in any public high school. Several long-time Wachusett teachers chose to make this year their final one in education. Richard Lombard, credited by all with establishing the Music Education program at Wachusett as one of the very best in the state, left for private business. One of our finest foreign language teachers, Anne Bernier, long-time English teacher Estelle Davis, and the custodial staff's "Mr. Wachusett," Clarence Haskins, all retired at the conclusion of this school year. While all will be most difficult to replace, we hope to continue the tradition of hiring top quality educators.

As we once again look ahead to a new school year, we do so with positive expectations but also with the realization that much needs to be done. The Basic Skills movement will be instituted in grades K-8 in this coming year and Wachusett will assume an even more critical remedial function once the eighth grade results are reported. We need to face up to the ever changing demands of our society through curriculum design. We need to do our part to both conserve energy at the operational level of the school building and through energy education of our students. We need to critically examine our enrollment projections and relate them to the needs of staffing and curriculum design. We need to look — again critically — at the need for value clarification especially as it affects the health of our young people.

And finally - the bottom line is we need to zero in on the principal role of the American secondary school — the education of the adolescent population in the areas of reading, writing, and numeric skills! For when all is said and done, it is our success or failure in these areas upon which we should be judged.

Harold M. Lane, Jr.



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Fire 756-1400  
Police 791-9296  
Medical 791-9296

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

791-6600  
Open 24 hours/day to provide information and assistance to the residents of Paxton.

### TOWN HALL OFFICES, 697 Pleasant St., Mon. - Fri. 9-4

Accountant/Secretary.....753-2803/754-7638  
Mon. - Fri., 9-4

Assessors.....754-7638  
Mon. evening\*, 7:30-10

Board of Health.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 2nd Tues. evening\*, 7:30

Building Inspector.....753-2803/754-7638  
Thurs. evenings by appointment

Town Clerk.....753-2803  
Mon. morning 9-12, Thurs. evening 7:30-9:30

Town Collector.....753-2803/754-7638  
Wed., Fri. morning 9-12, Thurs. evening 7-9

Conservation Commission.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 2nd Thurs. evening as needed

Council on Aging.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 1st Thurs. morning, 9

Planning Board.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 1st Mon. evening\* 7:30-9:30

Police Department.....755-1104

Recreation Commission.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 2nd Mon. evening\*, 7:30

Selectboard.....754-7638  
Mon. - Fri. mornings, 9-12  
Meet 2nd & last Thurs. evening, 7:30

Water Board.....753-2803/754-7638  
Meet 2nd Thurs. evening, 7:30

DOG OFFICER.....791-6600

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT., 578 Pleasant St., 9-4.....756-9508

FIRE DEPARTMENT, 576 Pleasant St.....791-6600

HIGHWAY & WATER DEPARTMENTS, 107 Holden Rd., 7-3:30.....753-9077

LIBRARY, Richards Ave.....754-0793

Library Trustees meet 1st Mon. evening\*, 7:30

Library Hours:

	Winter	Summer
Mon.	closed	Closed
Tues.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Wed.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Thurs.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Fri.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Sat.	1-5	Closed

### SCHOOLS:

Paxton Center School, West Street.....798-8576

Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St., Holden.....829-6771

Wachusett Regional Superintendent's Office.....829-3537

Paxton School Committee

Meets 2nd Tues. evening, Sept. - June, 7:00, Center School

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. evening, 7:30, High School

\*Winter meetings may be rescheduled to conserve fuel.