

# TOWN OF PAXTON



1980 - 1981 ANNUAL REPORT

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Jaws of Life in Action.

# **Annual Reports**

## **Town Officers**

### **Town of Paxton**



**Year Ending June 30, 1981**

*"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*



**James Lawson**  
Board of Appeals



**John D. Rommel**  
Planning Board



**Howard W. Moore**  
Wachusett Regional  
School Committee



**Dorothy M. Ungerer**  
Recreation



**Robert S. Lamotte**  
Board of Selectmen



**Pamela G. McDonald**  
Exec. Sec. to the Selectmen



**Timothy Dowd**  
Council on Aging



**Herbert Carlson**  
Fire Dept.

**James F. Hayes** Wachusett Regional School Committee

**Frank Ranta** Conservation

**Patricia Ranta** Board of Registrars



# Town Officers for May 1981 to May 1982

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### SELECT BOARD

Philip V. Donohue 1982, Chm.  
Edward J. Boschert 1983, V. Chm.  
John E. Lucey 1984, Clerk

### TOWN CLERK

George L. McGovern 1982

### TREASURER

David P. Fitzpatrick 1984

### TOWN COLLECTOR

June T. Herron 1984

### MODERATOR

Robert J. Hall 1982

### CONSTABLES

William O. Wylie 1984  
Robert P. Sheehan 1984

### TREE WARDEN

Raymond A. Seymour 1982

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Barbara C. Lorge 1982  
Daniel J. Lucey 1982  
Harry Kasparian 1983  
Philip C. McCarthy 1984, Chm.  
Barbara N. Scarbeau 1984

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary A. Kelley 1982  
John F. Mullen II 1984

### MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr. 1982, Chm.  
Thomas F. Cummings 1983  
James V. Graham 1984

### ASSESSORS

James R. Stone, Jr. 1982  
Richard Bedard 1983  
Christian S. Baehrecke 1984, Chm.

### WATER BOARD

Charles J. Schoil 1982, Chm.  
Charles J. Glassbrenner 1983  
Robert W. Thompson 1984

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Orace T. Holland 1982, Chm.  
Ronald E. Johnson 1983  
Dr. Lewis James, Jr. 1984

### PLANNING BOARD

Zarvin J. Kasparian 1982  
Stephen Bik 1983, Chm.  
Richard J. Pentland 1984  
Kathleen Sears 1985  
Charles W. Mello 1986

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ralph A. Kimball, Jr. 1982, Chm.  
Edith M. Lavigne 1982  
Gwen L. Hall 1983  
Charles I. Innis, Jr. 1983  
Alice E. Nelson 1984  
G. Donald Fenton 1984

### RECREATION

Denis Melican 1982  
Sybille E. Wolf 1983  
John McDonald 1984, Chm.  
Claudia P. Holland 1985  
Ann M. Mello 1986

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

Caroline L. Rice 1982, Chm.  
Katherine L. Standard 1983  
Betty Peterson 1984

*Appointed by the Selectmen*

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SELECTMEN

Barbara Scholl

### BOARD OF APPEALS

William E. Lindquist 1982  
Robert F. Dillman 1983, Chm.  
Sherburne B. Rockwell 1984  
David L. Bennett 1985  
Timotheos Thoutsis 1986  
Fred Fricka, Assoc. 1982  
Allen Rubin, Assoc. 1983  
Mary Ann Morin 1984

### 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

Ambrose Tower  
10 Summer St., Spencer

### ASST. BLDG. INSPECTOR

Roland Anderson  
Donnelly Rd., Spencer

### LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Harold L. Smith

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Josephine Blood 1982  
Jean McIntyre 1983  
Sister Dorilda Flynn, 1984

### TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Jr.

### ASSOCIATE TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Sr.

### MEASURER OF WOOD AND PARK & FIELD DRIVERS & FENCE VIEWERS

William O. Wylie  
Gordon M. Richards  
Robert F. Dillman

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Yvonne B. Karle 1983

### CIVIL DEFENSE

William Foley, Dir.

Robert Hansson, Asst.  
Gerard Bernier, Asst.

#### **FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Brian Murphy

#### **PAXTON FIRE DEPT. —**

*Appointed by Fire Chief*

David S. Ahlin  
Leonard Anderson  
David Beach  
John Benoit - Lieutenant  
Michael Benoit  
Richard Bedard  
Stephen T. Bedard  
Peter Bogren  
Ralph Butland  
Jay Conte  
Christopher DeVico  
Thomas Ducharme  
Paul Denubila  
Robert F. Dillman, Jr. - Lieutenant  
Michael Fulginiti  
William J. Grigaitis  
Richard Jenkins - Lieutenant  
William Lawler - Dep. Chief  
Everett Lupien  
Robert Mortell  
Brian C. Murphy - Chief  
Tomothy D. Pierce  
Michael Putnam  
Gary Richards  
Herbert Robinson, Jr.  
Paul Robinson  
Donald Rossier  
Gerald Ryan  
Raymond J. Savignac, Jr.  
Michael Sears  
Richard Sears  
Robert Sheehan  
Philip Sheridan  
Orville Sheldon - Lieutenant  
Patrick Smith  
Kevin Sullivan  
Cornelius Sullivan  
Peter Warren  
Matthew Wilde

#### **VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER**

Donald G. Wyman

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF**

Robert P. Sheehan

#### **FULL TIME OFFICERS**

Francis M. Whitney, SGT.  
Robert F. Dillman, Jr., SGT.

#### **PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

William E. Lindquist  
Ralph B. Butland  
Robert Wrenn  
Kevin McDonald  
Patrick Smith  
Frank Neiber  
Paul W. Valinski  
Frederick Hughes

#### **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Ambrose Tower  
Gerard Bernier,  
Paxton Center School

#### **CONSERVATION**

Robert Stewart, Chairman 1982  
Barbara A. Brigham 1982  
Catherine Hodgson 1983  
Susan Corcoran, Clerk 1983  
Jean Rommel 1983  
Charles Innis 1984  
Janice Stewart 1984  
Peter Siemen, Asso.

#### **GROUP INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Christian S. Baehrecke  
Gwen Hall  
Robert S. Hansson  
Mary Ann Morin

#### **AGENTS FOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

William O. Wylie  
Robert P. Sheehan

#### **CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING**

Richard J. Pentland, Rep.  
Edward V. McTigue, Alt.  
Zarvin J. Kasparian, Rep. T.P.A.G.

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Ruth Wentworth 1982  
George McGovern 1982  
Gail Tracy 1982  
Lucille Tanner 1983

Etta Robinson 1983  
Barbara Brigham 1983  
Joseph W. Seremeth 1984, Chm.  
Gail Kimball 1984  
Denis Melican 1984

#### **PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Richard Connell 1982  
Harold Mullaney 1983  
Frederick H. Fricka 1984, Chm.  
John E. Graham 1984  
Robert Fowler 1984

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Robert Lamotte 1982  
George Knipe 1982  
June Bessette 1983  
Philip Derby 1983  
John Bauer 1984, Chm.  
Sister Dorilda Flynn 1983  
Rev. Thomas O'Brien 1984  
Rev. Donald Whitcomb 1984  
Doris Migneault 1984  
Paula Aijala 1983

#### **COMMUNICATIONS BOARD**

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

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER COMMITTEE**

Robert I. Becker, Chm.  
Gertrude Rem Goulding  
Kathleen Sears  
Philip Derby  
Augustus Oatley  
John Bauer  
George Knipe  
Philip McCarthy  
Paula Aijala  
Ambrose Tower

#### **ARTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

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

**TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Robert Fowler, Chm.  
Armand Casavant  
George Kelley  
Pamela McDonald  
Harold Mullaney  
Richard Peckit  
George Krikorian, Assoc.

**CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE**

Donald Cardinal  
John Pennace, Chm.  
Charles Glassbrenner  
Dick Bedard  
Robert Lamotte  
Armand Casavant

**GYPSY MOTH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Joseph Seremeth, Chm.  
Henry Kennen, III  
Denis Melican  
Joanne Roy

**ELECTION OFFICERS****Republicans**

Charlotte Thalin, Warden  
Augustus W. Oatley, Deputy

Marie Cavanaugh, Inspector  
June Herron, Deputy Inspector

**Democrats**

Madeline McGovern, Clerk  
Mary Barry, Deputy Clerk  
Mary Derby, Inspector  
Susan Erickson, Deputy Inspector

*Officials Appointed by Moderator*

**FINANCE BOARD**

Margaret R. Lowe 1982  
Robert I. Becker 1982  
Charles E. Stoneham 1982  
Eugene O'Rourke 1983, Chm.  
John Hodgson 1983  
William F. Jones 1983  
DeAlton J. Smith 1984  
James Mellor 1984  
Jeremy Brown 1984

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

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

**MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Thomas P. LaVigne  
Gerald L. Ryan

*Appointed by the Board of Health*

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Zig Koslowski  
392 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

## 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).

# Report of the Town Clerk Vital Statistics - 1980

## Births

### January

- 11 Elaine Denise, daughter to Lawrence H. and Louise A. Cournoyer, 400 Grove Street.
- 25 Brian Paul, son to Dennis M. and Julianne Harney, 11 Tanglewood Road.

### February

- 2 Jacqueline Elizabeth, daughter to Anthony J. and Susan E. Penny, 28 Holden Road.
- 6 Jessica Ann, daughter to Jared J. and Ruth Ann Golen, 2A Colony Lane.

### March

- 6 Brenda Lee, daughter to Kevin M. and Deanna L. Seymour, 500 Richards Ave.
- 8 Adam Scott, son to Michael G. and Robin B. Markarian, 23 Pleasant Street.
- 19 Elizabeth Louise, daughter to Arthur W. and Elaine R. Hall Jr., 24 Spring Drive.
- 24 John Thomas, son to Thomas A. and Barbara J. Koehler, 9 Forestdale Road.

### April

- 1 Timothy Andrew, son to Lawrence E. and Dorothy L. Franciscus, 32 Lincoln Circle.
- 13 Stephanie Nichole, son to John P. and Theresa V. Alden, 5 Old Lantern Circle.
- 14 Ian Paul, son to Dennis P. and Karen E. Hays, 20 Pleasant Street.

### May

- 12 Heidi Roberta, daughter to Robert A. and Jody Hakala, Pond Street.
- 28 Kathryn Ann, daughter to Kevin and Carolyn E. Killelea, 43 Keep Ave.
- 23 Shawn Patrick, son to Robert L. and Mary E. Tuttle, 43 West St.

## June

- 2 Cristina, daughter to Richard J. and Debra A. Norton, 318 Pleasant Street.
- 18 Meredith Edwina, daughter to Edwin and Cynthia D. McMullen, 17 Indian Hill Road.

## July

- 2 Erin Tara, daughter to Dennis M. and Geraldine F. Collins, 3 Jefferson Drive.
- 10 Jonathan Philip, son to Robert H. and Susan E. Coughlin, 6 Grove Street.
- 21 Melissa Margaret, daughter to Jeremy J. and Susan M. Brown, 6 Colony Lane.
- 21 Glenna Elizabeth, daughter to Jeremy J. and Susan M. Brown, 6 Colony Lane.

## August

- 2 Anne Catherine, daughter to Paul J. and Noreen M. Early, 4 Ledyard Road.
- 28 Jennifer, daughter to Edward L. and Caroline F. Marsh, 172 Suomi Street.

## September

- 5 Christopher Paul, son to Christopher T. and Katharine D. Martin, 23 Hill Street.
- 19 Julie-Anna, daughter to Richard Lewis and Donna M. Jenkins, 131 Davis Hill Road.

## October

- 4 Breinne Frances, daughter to Thomas P. and Eileen M. Jordan, 7 Tanglewood Road.
- 9 Kate Elizabeth, daughter to Thomas R. and Claudia P. Holland, 150 Suomi Street.
- 29 Ryan Edward, son to John Anthony and Barbara A. Ahern, 15 Grove St.

## November

- 4 Betsy Lynn, daughter to Mark G. and Cynthia L. Ahearn, 140 Marshall Street.
- 25 Amy Sue, daughter to Robert J. and Pamela S. Mortell, 667 Pleasant Street.

## December

- 29 Jon David, son to Thomas C. and Ruth A. Hiller, 6 Lincoln Circle.

## Marriages

### January

- 12 Davis A. Casey of Worcester to Susan R. Jones of Paxton.

### February

- 9 Stephen David Pesce of Worcester to Karen Lynn Seymour of Paxton.



- 12 Paul H. Palumbo of Worcester to Rita E. Stockbridge of Paxton.
- 17 Sean P. Kelley of Paxton to Judith P. Solvin of Spencer.

#### April

- 19 Heinz Jurgen Ring of Paxton to Carol Ann Elie of Worcester.
- 26 Richard D. Cobb of Rutland to Donna M. Grenon of Paxton.

#### May

- 3 Robert David Burnelle of Worcester to Pamela Ruth Burt of Paxton.
- 17 Jon Scott Hanson of Paxton to Karen Elizabeth Holland of Paxton.

#### June

- 7 Robert John Mortell of Paxton to Pamela Sue Cross of Oakham.
- 7 David Valanzola of Paxton to Rhonda Dauphinais of No. Grafton.

#### July

- 12 Harry I. Spencer, III of Rutland to Nancy J. Estabrook of Paxton.
- 19 John Arthur Medine of Holden to Cecily Anne Karle of Paxton.
- 23 Steven E. Krintzman of Paxton to Wendy H. Feinstein of Worcester.

- 26 Don Robert Becker of Paxton to Corrine Gail Pomeroy of E. Brookfield.

#### September

- 6 Anthony H. DelSignore of Milford to Alice L. Kachnowicz of Paxton.
- 13 Michael J. Ahearn of Paxton to Margaret Smith of Paxton.
- 20 Thomas Kevin Meagher of Rutland to Evelyn Louise Morrow of Paxton.

#### October

- 11 Kurt Warms of Paxton to Deborah Bedard of Paxton.
- 11 Scott J. Alix of Paxton to Susan Marie Potter of Uxbridge.
- 18 Conrad Philip Johnson Jr. of Rutland to Bonnie J. Jensen of Paxton.
- 18 Thomas Warren Miller of Charlton to Susan Ann David of Paxton.
- 25 Gary P. Lederer of Paxton to Susan L. Cross of Paxton.

#### November

- 9 Jeffrey B. DuPaul of Rutland to Mary Jean Cusson of Paxton.

#### December

- 26 David R. Hughes of Nebraska to Shirley Nelson of Paxton.

### Deaths

#### January

- |    |                                      | Years |
|----|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 11 | Lillian A. Sistare, 735 Pleasant St. | 75    |
| 31 | Albert E. Hall, 8 Walbridge Road     | 64    |
| 24 | Esther Hamblin, 619 Pleasant St.     | 67    |

#### February

- |    |                                  |    |
|----|----------------------------------|----|
| 12 | James R. Putnam, 34 Maple Street | 19 |
| 19 | Edward Duprey, 662 Pleasant St.  | 85 |

#### March

- |    |                                       |    |
|----|---------------------------------------|----|
| 1  | Marie E. Daniels, 5 Pine St.          | 45 |
| 19 | Walter Joseph Regnier, 3 Nipmuc Road  | 42 |
| 29 | Meri K. Annala, 51 Suomi Street       | 76 |
| 30 | Clarence Labarge, 636 Pleasant Street | 71 |

#### April

- |    |  |    |
|----|--|----|
| 3  | Ann Nichols, 235 Pleasant Street         | 96 |
| 7  | Joseph P. Tinsley, 12 Meadowbrook Road   | 73 |
| 14 | Stephanie N. Alden, 5 Old Lantern Circle |    |

#### May

- |    |  |    |
|----|--|----|
| 19 | Ernest J. Leveillee Sr., 180 Richards Ave. | 62 |
| 22 | Wanda Olszewski, 504 Pleasant Street       | 88 |

#### July

- |    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| 19 | Matthew Anthony Cattaneo,<br>13 Dunanderry Road | 21 |
|----|---|----|

#### August

- |    |                                       |    |
|----|---------------------------------------|----|
| 9  | Elizabeth M. Rossier, 50 Maple Street | 60 |
| 13 | Stella E. DeNubila, 62 Streeter Road  | 57 |

#### September

- |    |                                      |    |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| 23 | Earle W. Rice, M.D., 75 Maple Street | 56 |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|

#### November

- |   |                                     |    |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Robert A. Hughes, 10 Crystal Street | 62 |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|

#### December

- |   |  |    |
|---|--|----|
| 5 | Agavne G. Sogegian, 5 Monticello Drive | 91 |
|---|--|----|

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1980

Male	187
Female	30
Spayed Female	204
Kennel \$10	1
Kennel \$25	1
Kennel \$50	1
Total Licenses issued	424

Paid to Treasurer \$1,291.30

## HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1980

Total number of licenses issued 186

Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife \$1,906.25

## Report of the Special Town Meeting Held October 4, 1980 at Paxton Center School

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Moderator Robert J. Hall declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were: Ronald T. Belanger, Donald M. Rossier, Gerald L. Ryan, and Alvah W. Tracy.

**ARTICLE 1.** It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$8,279.00 for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, such sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 570, Acts of 1980. (2/3 vote required).

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$14,970.00 for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, such sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 329, Acts of 1980. (2/3 vote required).

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 3.** It was voted that the Town accept a gift of a Jaws of Life Tool and related accessories and rescind its vote of May 5, 1980 to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for such equipment, the funds no longer being necessary.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$126.00 from Fiscal Year 1980 Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Fiscal Year 1981 Account 776, Recreation Events.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was voted that the Town accept Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1977 (an act permitting cities and towns to establish recreation and park self-supporting service revolving funds).

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was voted that the Selectboard appoint a study committee to consider improvements to the Recreation Area basketball/tennis court in order to increase its usefulness to the Townspeople

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was voted to accept Chapter 40, Section 8G, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (a Statute authorizing mutual police aid programs).

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 8.** It was voted that the Town establish an Arts Lottery Council in accordance with Chapter 790 of the Acts of 1979, to consist of at least five persons appointed by the Selectmen for two year terms, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be placed in an account for Arts Lottery Council Expenses.

**Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 9.** It was voted that the Town rescind its vote pursuant to Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting held May 5, 1980, and in place thereof vote to accept the sum of \$20,543.69 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursement for damages resulting from the tornado of August 10, 1979, and appropriate \$10,667.71 for the Municipal Light Plant to be expended with other funds appropriated to such Plant pursuant to Article 25 of the May 5, 1980 Town Meeting, and appropriate the balance to the general treasury.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 10.** It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$175,000 to purchase a new fire engine

with accessory equipment to replace Fire Engine #2 which will either be traded in towards the purchase price of the new engine or sold to the highest bidder. (2/3 vote required).

**Motion passed.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be added to the 1980-81 School Committee Budget - Instructional Account, for the purpose of reinstating a Guidance position eliminated by vote of the School Committee in April of 1980, and vote to increase the School Committee appropriations limit established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 by a total of \$21,357 so that the School Committee appropriations limit as increased will be \$1,007,812. (2/3 vote required).

**Motion lost.**

## Report of the Annual Town Meeting Held May 4, 1981 at the Anna Maria College

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Moderator, Robert J. Hall. Mr. Hall declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed were: Sanford Wreschinsky and Guerino Fraioli.

**ARTICLE 1.** It was voted to see what sums of money the Town would raise and appropriate, including appropriation from the Revenue Sharing Fund Account, the Stabilization Fund and other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, 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 recommend that the Great and General Court of Massachusetts not appropriate for Fiscal Year 1982 more Funds than it did for Fiscal Year 1981 for expenditures by the Commonwealth's departments and agencies; further, that the savings of approximately \$350,000,000 from the above cuts be redistributed to the cities and towns in the form of increased local aid.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 3.** It was voted that the Town appropriate

**ARTICLE 12.** It was voted that the Town clarify its vote of May 5, 1980 with respect to Free Cash by authorizing the Board of Assessors to use \$110,000.00 in free cash for the purpose of reducing the amount to be assessed as taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980 and retain \$6,792.00 in the free cash account. (2/3 vote required).

**Unanimous vote.**

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern

Town Clerk of Paxton

the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,853.00 received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was voted that the Town accept a Grant from the State in the amount of \$1,500 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 6.** It was voted that the Town amend the By-Laws by adding the following section:

Fringe Benefits for full time employees (other than school employees covered under separate bargaining contract) shall be as follows:

**I. Holidays:**

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
Washington's Birthday	Veterans Day
Patriot's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	

**II. Vacations:**

**Superintendent of Streets -- Chief of Police**

Period of Full-time Employment	Vacation Allowance (with pay)
UP to 2 full years	2 weeks
2 full years	3 weeks
15 full years	4 weeks
25 full years	5 weeks



**Other employees:****Period of Full-time****Employment**

1 full year  
2 full years  
15 full years  
20 full years  
30 full years

**Vacation Allowance****(with pay)**

1 week  
2 weeks  
3 weeks  
4 weeks  
5 weeks

No more than two weeks of vacation to be taken at one time without approval of the Superintendent of Streets or Chief of Police, and the Board of Selectmen.

**III. Sick Leave**

All personal injury/personal sickness leave to accrue up to 90 days only, to be accrued at the rate of 1 and 1/4 days per month up to 15 days per year until the maximum of 90 days has been reached. All employees who are sick longer than 2 days must have written verification from a doctor in order to collect for days not worked.

**IV. Health Insurance**

Town will pay 608% of premium for current Health Insurance Program.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote that if the revenues collected by the Municipal Light Department from July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982 exceed the Department's expense for the same period, such excess shall be used first to defray the Department's administrative costs incurred in connection with the Residential Conservation Service's home energy audits, and that any balance of the excess be transferred to the Department's construction fund.

**Motion lost.**

**ARTICLE 8.** It was voted that the Town vote the money voted for street lights and income from the sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or 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 as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 9.** It was voted that the Town recommend that the Massachusetts State Legislature exempt Paxton's Municipal Light Department from participating in the residential energy audit program.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 10.** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (which governs administration of Police Departments).

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 11.** It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on March 12, 1981 of Shanandoah Drive running southerly from approximately Station 22 on West Street for a distance of approximately 1,610 feet to and including a cul-de-sac as shown on "Westwood Heights" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated April 4, 1973, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 393, Plan 14: to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement therein for a public way purposes.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 12.** It was voted by the Town to accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on March 12, 1981 of Keep Avenue running northerly from cul-de-sac at station 8 + 10 for a distance of approximately 970 feet to and including a cul-de-sac as shown on a "Plan of Lots in Paxton, Mass., owned by William Gemme" drawn by Zachary W. Esper, dated October 15, 1975 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 421, Plan 121 together with a drainage easement between Lots 13 and 14 adjacent to Station 14 + 10 running north easterly as shown on said plan; to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement therein for a public way purposes.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 13.** It was voted that the Town appoint Paxton Post American Legion to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 14.** It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to establish a committee to investigate the need and make recommendations for cable television in the Town of Paxton.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 15.** It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to establish a committee to study the need for and make recommendations for the reorgani-



zation of the administrative functions of town government.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,461, or any other sum, to purchase equipment for the Police Department safety officer's use, said funds to be reimbursed by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, or act in any way thereon.

**Passed over.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,557, or any other sum, for repairs to wind and storm damage for the town hall, said funds to be reimbursed by insurer; or act in any way thereon.

**Passed over.**

**ARTICLE 18.** It was voted that the Town transfer from stabilization fund the sum of \$7,100, to purchase seven overhead garage doors for the town barn.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 19.** It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$8,000 to purchase or lease and equip a new Police Department cruiser.

**Majority vote - one no vote.**

**ARTICLE 20.** It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,000, for the purpose of further extending the Water Main on Marshall Street.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the amount of \$600, or any other sum, for the purpose of paying maintenance cost for meeting places for Senior Citizens; or act in any way thereon.

**Motion Lost.**

**ARTICLE 22.** It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$2,000, to seal-coat the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 23.** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 to provide school crossing guard services.

**Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the

Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

**Passed over.**

**ARTICLE 25.** 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, 1981, 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 26.** It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

**Unanimous vote.**

**ARTICLE 27.** It was voted that the Town hear a report from the Recreation Area Study Committee, said study voted by the Town at the October 4, 1980 Special Town Meeting.

**Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 28.** To bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

Moderator - Robert J. Hall - 1 year  
Town Clerk - George L. McGovern - 1 year  
Treasurer - David P. Fitzpatrick - 3 years  
Town Collector - June T. Herron - 3 years  
Constables - Robert P. Sheehan - 3 years  
Constables - William O. Wylie - 3 years  
Tree Warden - Raymond A. Seymour - 1 year  
Selectman - John E. Lucey - 3 years  
Assessor - Christian S. Baehrecke - 3 years  
School Committee - Philip C. McCarthy - 3 years  
School Committee - Barbara N. Scarbeau - 3 years  
Municipal Light Board - James V. Graham - 3 years  
Cemetery Commission - Betty C. Peterson - 3 years  
Water Board - Robert W. Thompson - 3 years  
Library Trustee - G. Donald Fenton - 3 years  
Library Trustee - Alice E. Nelson - 3 years  
Planning Board - Charles W. Mello - 5 years  
Board of Health - Lewis P. James, Jr., - 3 years  
Recreation Board - Ann M. Mello - 5 years  
Wachusett Regional School Committee - Mary A. Kelley - 3 years  
Wachusett Regional School Committee - John F. Mullen, II - 1 year

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

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00-

p.m. on Monday, May 11, 1981 at the Paxton Center School.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, seven days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place

of meeting aforesaid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern  
Town Clerk of Paxton

Moderator ..... Robert J. Hall

## Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Select Board wishes to thank the many conscientious elected and appointed officials and town employees whose high level of performance has assured the continuing operation of town government at a high level of accomplishment.

### BUDGETS

Financial uncertainty was the watchword during the period December 1, 1980 and June 30, 1981 as a result of the passage of state law Chapter 580 (prop. 2½) by voters of the commonwealth, who were seeking property tax relief. Excise tax receipts were immediately reduced, school committees lost their fiscal autonomy, and severe restrictions on budget growth were enacted. State aid to towns became a political football and up to the press-time of this report, Paxton's share was uncertain.

Paxton, fortunately, did not have to absorb reductions in budgets caused by prior years spendings but was limited to future budget growth and faces lower receipts from auto excise tax reductions.

In November 1980, in anticipation of excise tax losses the selectmen asked each town budget unit to immediately limit spending to essentials to reflect savings to make up for reduced revenue expectations. Final financial reports for the year show that, in most cases, pro rata reductions requested by the select-board were realized. The sincere thanks of the select-board goes to all those administrators of funds who economized to reach the savings goal of \$50,000.

### TOWN MEETING

The town meeting voted a 1981-82 budget within chapter 580 limitations with no major service cuts. Lay offs were limited to schools, partially attributable to reduced enrollment.

Expenses were reduced to a minimum in all departments.

Heating fuel costs were reduced by energy saving methods and \$225.00 was saved by limiting town halls

opening hours.

Vehicle fuel costs were reduced, by combining all requirements into a single bid for the first time, which resulted in considerable dollar savings from competitive bidding.

### COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

Selectmen, seeking further economies and improved services, established a committee to study the need for reorganization of the administrative functions of town government.

Committees to (1) study the need for cable T.V. service, and (2) to make recommendations for insect and gypsy moth control were established.

### FIRE AND RESPONDERS

A new fire engine was approved for purchase at a special town meeting on October 4, 1981.

An untimely fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrington. The jaws of life equipment was put into operation by Fire and Responder teams. Town employees and townspeople are to be highly commended for their concern and generosity in publicly over subscribing the Jaws fund and for assisting the Harringtons in the aftermath of the fire. Harold Smith and Melanie Valinski are to be particularly thanked.

### FLOOD CONTROL INSURANCE

Flood control insurance was established by selectmen to assist townspeople in securing mortgages for properties in flood plain areas.

An Arts Council was established to plan projects to be funded by profits from state arts lottery. Unfortunately no profits were realized this year.

### CENSUS

The national census was completed and showed Paxton with a population of 3,766 and 1,159 residential housing units.

The Personnel Board provided valuable help to the select board in establishing procedures to advertise all town job vacancies, in evaluating procedures and in recommending wage increases.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging was reorganized and a sub

committee is seeking to find a permanent meeting place for senior citizens.

Bus service for senior citizens was established on a weekly basis to Worcester locations by Board initiatives.

Two new street sites were accepted by the town; Shenandoah Drive and Keep Street extension.

The Board is grateful to former selectmen and other town officials who responded with recommendations to a request from the Selectmen for advice on proposition 2½ problem areas and other matters.

### **BOARD CHANGES**

Mr. Robert Lamotte left the Board of Selectmen after filling a vacancy for seven months. His devotion to duty, his balanced advice, and his valuable experience in town affairs will be sorely missed. Mr. John Lucey was elected to a full three year term without opposition. Mrs. Pamela McDonald left the boards position as Executive Secretary and is to be com-

mended for her outstanding service. Mrs. Barbara Scholl is the new executive secretary.

The Selectboard representing Paxton participated in the following activities; Airport Master Planning Advisory Committee, Worcester County budget review, CETA Advisory Board, Regional Waste Disposal Advisory Board, and Worcester County Selectmen's Association. The Selectboards Legislative Liaison met monthly with our state legislators.

The Board sincerely appreciates the positive responses and support received from State Representative Henry Grenier State Senator Robert Wetmore and Congressman Edward P. Boland on the many requests made to their offices on matters affecting Paxton.

Philip V. Donohue, Chm.

Edward J. Boschert, V. Chm.

Robert S. Lamotte, Clerk

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

During the past year the Paxton Zoning Board of Appeals has held two (2) public hearings at the Town Hall.

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

Applications for petition and information concerning procedure may be obtained from the Town

Secretary, Town Hall, 753-2803.

Paxton Board of Appeals

Robert F. Dillman, Chairman

Timotheos Thoutsis

William E. Lindquist

Sherburne B. Rockwell Jr.

David L. Bennett

James Lawson, Assoc.

Frederick Fricka, Assoc.

Allen Rubin, Assoc.

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

While there have been many changes in the assessment administration for the taxation of real estate during the last two years, still further adjustments in valuations will be required during the coming months. Revaluation of all properties was completed in 1979. In 1980 Paxton was ordered by the State to classify all properties in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 797. This classification also necessitated a valuation increase of nine percent. At present the Assessors have initiated a comprehensive analysis of real estate sales of the last two years which will be the basis for adjustments in valuations consistent with the pressures of our inflationary economy. We must keep assessments close to full market value in order to meet the rigid requirements of state certification. Consistent during all this change is our guiding principle

that there must be fairness and equality in assessment of all properties throughout the Town.

### **COMPUTERIZED ASSESSMENT AND BILLING SYSTEM**

The Assessors are pleased with the performance of the computerized assessment and billing system which we have used during the last two years. The program of McGee & Magane of Wilmington, Mass. is particularly well suited for the smaller community and has been called one of the best in the State. 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, our properties were taxed on full and fair market values in 1979. With all pertinent information on every property computerized, we are able to analyze the on-going sales and to update valuations fairly.



## CLASSIFICATION UNDER CHAPTER 797

Paxton was in the initial group of 200 Massachusetts communities which were ordered by the Department of Revenue to classify properties under the constitutional requirements of Chapter 797 in 1980. This law establishes a complex system to compute different tax rates for residential properties, open land, and for commercial, industrial and personal properties, but it also allows assessors and selectmen to vote the option to tax all properties at the same rate. Paxton's Selectmen and Assessors decided to have a single rate. Your Assessors continue to improve the classification process in order to make it a useful tool in the valuation process.

## STATE CERTIFICATION IN 1982

Chapter 797 demands State certification of full market valuation every other year, or again in 1982. The Department of Revenue wrote us on March 16, 1981, that "it is unlikely that the application of a uniform percentage factor to all assessments will allow you to satisfy the Commissioner's standards with respect to equity . . . , however, continuous maintenance of property information and sales analysis will very likely permit reassessment of property." To this end, we have instituted a very detailed and comprehensive sales review, which will result in reassessments of all properties by January 1, 1982. The new valuations will be reflected in the November 1982 tax billing. As long as inflation persists, changing valuations every other year will be the pattern for future real estate taxation.

## PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE TAXES

Table I at the end of this report lists last year's tax rate recapitulation together with comparable data for the two preceding years. Particularly noteworthy is the decreasing tax rate after revaluation (FY1980) and again last year due to the increase in valuations. Proposition 2½ limits the increase in expenditures for Paxton to 2½% of the total of the preceding year. Proposition 2½ has also reduced the Town's receipts from motor vehicle excises by 62% by changing this excise tax from \$66 to \$25 per thousand. Nevertheless, we hope that the relatively small increase in local expenditures will largely be offset by the increase in valuation which this year will be due to the growth of real estate in Paxton such as new homes, property improvements and land subdivisions. With up-dated valuations in 1982, in addition to such normal growth, the Assessors expect reduction of the tax rate in FY1983.

However, this does not necessarily mean a lower bill for the individual tax payer because a higher property value times a lower rate may still result in a larger tax bill. This will be true particularly if State aid and reimbursements to local communities and assessments of outside government agencies do not live up to the mandate of Proposition 2½ at the State level.

## 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 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

Even though the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax no longer produces the amount of income for the Town that it did before Proposition 2½, it is still the second largest source of revenue. The bills are prepared by the Commonwealth, yet the monies collected remain with the Town. The value of your automobile is set by the Commissioner 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.

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



**TABLE I  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY**

EXPENDITURES	FY79	FY80	FY81
Appropriations to be raised	\$1,930,667.07	\$1,981,112.00	\$2,203,951.80
Percent of increase over prior year	1 percent	3 percent	11 percent
Appropriation from avail. fds.	101,523.51	119,978.00	65,913.20
Offset Items	6,025.75	5,720.00	5,771.00
Retirement	33,368.51	37,665.00	43,842.00
State Tax & Assessments	24,024.16	25,581.42	27,890.82
County Tax & Assessments	50,424.53	87,814.49	83,270.28
Overlay	50,000.00	74,303.25	69,933.98
Deficits Prior Years	— 0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Amount to be raised	2,196,033.53	2,332,174.16	2,500,573.08
Percent increase over prior year	0 percent	6 percent	7 percent
Deduct from Gross Amount			
<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>			
Local Aid & Agency Fund	342,878.18	409,763.00	403,948.77
Motor Vehicle Excise	164,972.38	154,999.90	218,394.67
Water Department	54,000.00	50,000.00	55,000.00
Other Local Receipts	29,335.00	29,986.00	46,750.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	56,195.50	120,710.10	136,356.77
Avail. Funs - Revenue Sharing	47,870.00	0.00	39,556.43
Avail. Funds - Free Cash	20,000.00	91,064.00	0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	715,251.06	856,523.00	900,006.64
Percent Increase/decrease over prior year	(4 percent)	20 percent	5 percent
Expenditures less Estimated receipts equals			
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	1,480,782.47	1,475,651.16	1,600,566.44
<b>VALUATIONS</b>			
Real Estate	33,033,021.00	63,568,750.00	70,554,900.00
Personal Property	621,126.00	589,992.50	581,385.00
Total	33,654,147.00	64,158,742.50	71,136,285.00
Percent increase over prior year	3 percent	91 percent	11 percent
<b>TAX RATE*</b>	44.00	23.00	22.50
*Net Amount to be raised divided by total valuation (in thousands) equals tax rate.			
Percent increase/decrease over prior year	0 percent	(48 percent)	2 percent)

**TABLE II  
EXEMPTIONS, ABATEMENTS, VEHICLE EXCISE**

	FY79		FY80		FY81	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
<b>EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:</b>						
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	2	668.79	1	283.60	2	815.25
17: Widows	4	700.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
22: Veterans	70	15,486.56	65	12,250.00	63	11,900.00
37: Blind	3	1,312.50	3	1,312.50	4	1,750.00
41: Elderly	25	12,119.80	19	9,450.80	25	11,981.50
TOTAL	104	30,287.65	88	23,296.90	94	26,446.75
<b>ABATEMENTS:</b>						
Real Estate	39	4,576.91	50	6,647.82	60	17,541.37
Personal Property	18	494.71	4	46.20	5	89.62
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	515	22,197.56	495	24,737.72	443	14,658.61
TOTAL	572	27,269.18	549	31,431.74	508	32,289.60
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:</b>						
Number of Bills Processed	3,683		3,558		3,439	
Dollar Value of Bills		272,610.05		277,788.86		126,329.63
Dollar Value Less Abatements		250,412.49		253,051.14		111,671.02

## Report of the Building Inspector

A total of 58 building permits were issued this fiscal year as follows:

New Homes	11
Solar Panels	6

Swimming Pools	11
Additions - Porches - Decks - Garages	30

A total of 20 stove and chimney permits were issued. My sincere thanks for all the assistance this past year.

Ambrose R. Tower  
Building Inspector

## Report of the Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission did not request an appropriation for Fiscal year 1981. Interest income is sufficient to cover expenses for 1982 F. also.

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

Charges:	
2 Grave lots 200.00	6 Grave lots 600.00
4 Grave lots 400.00	Perpetual care included.
Opening Graves:	
Weekdays 100.00	Weekends 150.00

Infant Burials	
Weekdays 55.00	Weekends 65.00
Cremation Burials	
Weekdays 40.00	Weekends 50.00

Because labor is not always available, the Commission prefers to avoid weekend burials, however exceptions can be made. Refer to Article 6 - Rules and Regulations (available at Town Hall).

The Cemetery Commissioners have instructed the Town Treasurer to transfer \$1,000.00 from Cemetery interest income to offset miscellaneous expenses now carried by the town.

Caroline L. Isham Rice  
Katherine Stannard  
Betty Peterson  
Cemetery Commission

## Communications Board Report

This is your communications center and we are happy to serve you in any way possible. If you are in need of help or information of any kind, we stand ready to help you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

As chairman, I am very proud of all the dedicated people who have served you through the years, and all of our current people, especially our Chief Dis-

patcher, who sees that the phones are covered 24 hours a day for you.

Although we have many operators who have been with us for years, we often have openings for more part time operators. If you are interested in joining our staff, we invite your call for further details.

The Communications Board meets on the 3rd Wed. of each month and the meetings are open to anyone at 7:30 p.m.

Robert L. Stewart, Chairman

## Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission's principal activity during the past year had been to administer the Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40). There have been several inquiries about whether or not a proposed project would require a hearing, but none of these proposed activities were carried out. The Commission also cooperates with the Worcester Water Bureau

to see that all construction in its watershed areas complies with the terms of Chapter 131, Section 40.

A severely restricted budget has prevented the Commission from undertaking any special projects this year.

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

## Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report of the Dog Officer for the fiscal year of 1980 - 1981.

### 263 - Dog Complaints Handled

- 10 - Dog Bites
- 9 - Dogs Placed Under Quarantine
- 19 - Dogs Brought to the Worcester Animal Rescue League
- 58 - Dogs Picked up and Returned to Owners
- 51 - Miscellaneous Calls Concerning - Cats, Horses, Rabbits, Skunks, Birds, Chipmunks, Raccoons, etc.
- 14 - Cats Killed by Cars
- 11 - Dogs Killed by Cars
- 13 - Dogs Hit by Cars
- 52 - Dogs Reported Lost
- 31 - Dogs Found
- 15 - Dogs Placed in New Homes
- 8 - Dogs Injured

- 9 - Dogs Destroyed
- 12 - Calls Pertaining to Dog Safety

All dogs three months or older must be licensed. Not only is it a law, but a very important responsibility to your dog. If your dog should get loose, lost, injured or killed it is often the only way to identify the owner of the dog.

All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of every year. Any dog you own must be licensed regardless of where or how the dog is kept. Failure to license your dog could result in a fine, impoundment or both.

Licenses are available at the Town Hall or checks may be mailed to the Town Clerk with the following information:

Name of Dog - Breed - Sex - Color and Age

Male - \$3.00 Female - \$6.00 Spayed Female \$3.00

Do yourself and, more important your dog a favor get a license.

Robert Mortell, Dog Officer

## Report of the Municipal Light Department

The following is a report of activity from the Light Department.

1. We are continuing to change the voltage on Pleasant Street and side streets from the city line.
2. The Light Department is going to purchase a second transformer for backup service at the Wentworth Substation.

3. The Light Department is looking into a new billing system for the office.

The Commission and I would like to 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.

Harold L. Smith, manager

Commission:

Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr., Chairman

Thomas F. Cummings, Vice chairman

James V. Graham, Secretary

### PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1980

#### ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

##### UTILITY PLANT

Utility Plant - Electric (pg. 5)

TOTAL UTILITY PLANT

##### FUND ACCOUNTS

Depreciation Fund

Other Special Funds

TOTAL FUNDS

Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
751,667.70	744,199.85	(7,467.85)
751,667.70	744,199.85	(7,467.85)
50,426.70	97,281.47	46,854.77
21,229.81	72,684.00	51,454.19
71,656.51	169,965.47	98,308.96

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
<b>CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS</b>			
Cash	632.57	12,392.19	11,759.62
Special Deposits	5,146.37	7,290.71	2,144.34
Working Funds	200.00	200.00	
Customer Accounts Receivable	60,183.64	54,262.46	(5,921.18)
Other Accounts Receivable	1,326.31	1,326.31	
Materials and Supplies	32,910.98	30,647.12	(2,263.86)
<b>TOTAL CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS</b>	<b>100,399.87</b>	<b>106,118.79</b>	<b>5,718.92</b>
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS</b>			
Other Deferred Debits (pg. 6)	4,153.81	43,716.97	39,563.16
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED DEBITS</b>	<b>4,153.81</b>	<b>43,716.97</b>	<b>39,563.16</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>	<b>927,877.89</b>	<b>1,064,001.08</b>	<b>136,123.19</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>			
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Appropriations for Construction	2,456.64	2,456.64	
<b>SURPLUS</b>			
Loans Repayment	156,616.00	181,616.00	25,000.00
Appropriations for Construction Repayments	7,090.07	7,090.07	
Unappropriated Earned Surplus (pg. 4)	558,486.08	691,581.78	133,095.70
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>722,192.15</b>	<b>880,287.85</b>	<b>158,095.70</b>
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>			
Notes Payable	162,500.00	137,500.00	(25,000.00)
<b>TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES</b>	<b>162,500.00</b>	<b>137,500.00</b>	<b>(25,000.00)</b>
<b>CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,236.41	1,685.62	449.21
Customers' Deposits	5,146.37	7,290.71	2,144.34
Taxes Accrued	(241.29)	192.65	433.94
Interest Accrued	2,999.37	2,999.37	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,140.86</b>	<b>12,168.35</b>	<b>3,027.49</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Contributions in Aid of Construction	31,588.24	31,588.24	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS</b>	<b>927,877.89</b>	<b>1,064,001.08</b>	<b>136,123.19</b>

Notes: Appropriation of Surplus \$25,000 - debt service payment.

## Report of the Municipal Light Commission

### Board Members:

Sherburne B. Rockwell  
James V. Graham  
Thomas Cummings  
Harold L. Smith

Chairman 799-4929  
Clerk 799-6525  
Third Member 752-0709  
Manager 755-8882



**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
UTILITY PLANT - ELECTRIC  
DECEMBER 31, 1980**

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions, Adjustments, Transfers	Depreciation	Balance End of Year
<b>DISTRIBUTION PLANT</b>				
Land and Land Rights	319.27			319.27
Structures and Improvements	31,778.94	3,939.79	2,473.17	33,245.56
Station Equipment	276,869.00		19,697.48	257,171.52
Poles, Towers and Fixtures	24,455.33	9,550.59	5,822.42	28,183.50
Overhead Conductors & Devices	132,667.18	16,499.68	12,243.74	136,923.12
Underground Conduit	9,489.32	100.00	488.67	9,100.65
Underground Conductors & Devices	43,066.86	8,586.08	3,362.50	48,290.44
Line Transformers	67,799.77	8,609.77	7,024.17	69,385.27
Services	28,477.68	3,858.58	4,162.82	28,173.44
Meters	8,169.18	2,979.90	1,927.65	9,221.43
Leased Prop. on Cust's Premises	3,111.61	11.03	205.97	2,916.67
Street Lighting & Signal System	24,848.34	4,779.47	3,123.20	26,504.61
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION PLANT</b>	<b>651,052.48</b>	<b>58,914.89</b>	<b>60,531.79</b>	<b>649,435.58</b>
<b>GENERAL PLANT</b>				
Structures and Improvements	40,020.40		3,118.44	36,901.96
Office Furniture and Equipment	5,693.78	2,077.00	444.43	7,326.35
Transportation Equipment	38,665.80		3,487.41	35,178.39
Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	10,544.30	344.50	880.31	10,008.49
Laboratory Equipment	538.04		47.32	490.72
Communication Equipment	5,152.90	90.00	384.54	4,858.36
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PLANT</b>	<b>100,615.22</b>	<b>2,511.50</b>	<b>8,362.45</b>	<b>94,764.27</b>
<b>TOTAL UTILITY PLANT ELECTRIC</b>	<b>751,667.70</b>	<b>61,426.39</b>	<b>68,894.24</b>	<b>744,199.85</b>

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES  
DECEMBER 31, 1980**

	Operating Revenues		Kilowatt-hours Sold	
	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
<b>SALE OF ELECTRICITY</b>				
Residential Sales	739,263.40	119,260.67	11,576,175	(620,452)
Commercial and Industrial Sales:				
Commercial	36,105.73	4,896.51	453,380	(1,296)
Industrial	160,977.22	33,939.65	2,343,900	61,270
Municipal Sales	40,855.56	2,964.10	670,468	(27,660)
Miscellaneous Electric Sales	3,895.75	509.50	63,312	(13,212)
<b>TOTAL SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS</b>	<b>981,097.66</b>	<b>161,570.43</b>	<b>15,107,235</b>	<b>(601,350)</b>
<b>SALES FOR RESALE</b>	<b>1,607.18</b>	<b>(1,528.92)</b>	<b>22,316</b>	<b>(113)</b>
<b>TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY*</b>	<b>982,704.84</b>	<b>160,041.51</b>	<b>15,129,551</b>	<b>(601,463)</b>
<b>OTHER OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Other Electric Revenues	6,050.95	(13,668.38)		
<b>TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>6,050.95</b>	<b>(13,668.38)</b>		
<b>TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>988,755.79</b>	<b>146,373.13</b>		

\* Includes revenues from application of fuel clauses

Total KWH to which applied 14,774,821

\$442,644.47

1979 Fuel clause revenue was  
based on

15,363,072 KWH

\$259,675.52

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES  
DECEMBER 31, 1980**

	Amount For Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
<b>POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSES</b>		
<b>OTHER POWER SUPPLY EXPENSES</b>		
Purchased Power	759,539.80	120,545.67
Other Expenses	11,934.81	6,140.37
<b>TOTAL OTHER POWER SUPPLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>771,474.61</b>	<b>126,686.04</b>
<b>TOTAL POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSES</b>	<b>771,474.61</b>	<b>126,686.04</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operation:</b>		
Operation Supervision and Engineering	377.00	(4,898.98)
Operation Labor	4,962.96	2,211.04
Operation Supplies and Expenses	3,132.04	2,761.09
Street Lighting and Signal System Expenses	795.55	41.57
Meter Expenses	35.65	(595.42)
Customer Installations Expenses		(11.40)
Miscellaneous Distribution Expenses	1,768.19	(297.86)
<b>TOTAL OPERATION</b>	<b>11,071.39</b>	<b>(789.96)</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>		
Maintenance of Structures and Equipment		(325.00)
Maintenance of Lines	11,381.64	(26,226.04)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	292.46	(661.55)
Maintenance of Street Lighting and Signal System	5,108.71	(255.26)
Maintenance of Meters	722.49	(235.99)
Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	63.75	(1,120.33)
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>17,569.05</b>	<b>(28,824.17)</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,640.44</b>	<b>(29,614.13)</b>
<b>CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operation:</b>		
Meter Reading Expenses	4,107.05	82.04
Customer Records and Collection Expenses	18,861.78	4,082.08
Uncollectible Accounts	571.03	(703.04)
<b>TOTAL CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSES</b>	<b>23,539.86</b>	<b>3,461.08</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operation:</b>		
Administrative and General Salaries	24,484.68	1,685.92
Office Supplies and Expenses	3,352.28	(408.39)
Outside Services Employed	2,694.56	(4,047.08)
Property Insurance	13,361.20	10,143.00
Injuries and Damages	2,128.99	1,247.29
Employee Pensions and Benefits	140.00	130.00
Regulatory Commission Expenses	3,282.91	722.15
Miscellaneous General Expenses	1,739.24	(971.21)
Renta		
Rents	75.00	(25.00)
<b>TOTAL OPERATION</b>	<b>51,258.86</b>	<b>8,476.68</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>		
Maintenance of General Plant	440.87	268.71
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>51,699.73</b>	<b>8,745.39</b>
<b>TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>875,354.64</b>	<b>109,278.38</b>

## SUMMARY OF ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Functional Classification	Operation	Maintenance	Total
Power Production Expenses			
Other Power Supply Expenses	771,474.61		771,474.61
TOTAL POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSES	771,474.61		771,474.61
Distribution Expenses	11,071.39	17,569.05	28,640.44
Customer Accounts Expenses	23,539.86		23,539.86
Administrative and General Expenses	51,258.86	440.87	51,699.73
TOTAL ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	857,344.72	18,009.92	875,354.64

Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues 95.50%

## Report of the Paxton Fire Department

The department responded to 149 requests for emergency service, an increase of 17% over the previous year. The largest increase was in the number of structure fires, primarily due to wood burning devices. The causes of these fires were evenly divided between installation defects and improper operation. For the protection of lives and property, I strongly urge all users to insure that they have their installations inspected by the Building Inspector and to check their smoke pipes and chimney flues monthly. All households should have at least one smoke detector, the most inexpensive form of life insurance available.

The number of grass and brush fires increased also, the result of a series of late night roadside fires in April and May. During the open burning season 311 permits were issued and the services of the department were required at only four that became out of control.

Residential fire detection systems which automatically dial the fire department must have my approval and cannot be allowed to repeatedly transmit false or accidental alarms. These constitute a nuisance, danger and expense for the department to verify.

The State Fire Marshal's office reported that during the calendar year 1980 just over \$42,000 in fire insurance claims were paid within the town. During the fiscal year the department responded to 24 fires in

structures that had a total assessed value of \$1,204,000.

Mrs. Melanie Valinski organized and led a citizen campaign to raise the money to purchase a "Jaws of Life" type tool for the department. With the support of a large number of individuals and organizations, over \$9,000 was raised and not only was the "Jaws" purchased but several items of other rescue equipment. On behalf of the Fire Department, I wish to thank Mrs. Valinski, her committee, and all who contributed for the gift of this valuable equipment.

- (1) Halligan pry tool
- (10) pairs Firecraft gloves
- (2) spring loaded prick punches
- (3) safety goggles
- (1) dewatering pump
- (4) masonry and metal blades for Rescue Saw
- (2) wood blades for Rescue Saw

Captain Herbert Carlson retires at the end of this year, after twenty five years with the department, we all wish him well and appreciate his service.

My first year as Chief has been successful in achieving many goals only due to the cooperation I have received from the fire fighters, the other town departments particularly the Light Department, and the citizens. With this continued cooperation we can advance the safety of the people and the property in Paxton.

Brian C. Murphy  
Chief of Department

## Report of the First Responder Group

The First Responder Company responded to 56 medical emergencies, an increase of 22 or 40% over last year.

In addition to regular inservice training, there were three special training programs. Doctor Jeffrey

Burl presented the topic "Evaluating Vital Signs" Captain Robert Dateo, Massachusetts State Police presented the topic "Medical Legal Incidents" and the Himmer Ambulance Paramedics gave an Orientation Program.

A Special Thank You to retired Fire Chief Les Robinson for an additional year of service to the First Resonders, with no cost to the town. "Thanks Les".

Members of the Paxton Fire Department First



Responder Group as of July 1, 1981 are:

David Beach  
Richard Bedard  
John Benoit  
Jay Conte

Robert Mortel  
Brian Murphy  
Herb Robinson  
Rusty Savignac

Richard Jenkins

Kevin Sullivan

John A. Benoit, Lieutenant  
Brian C. Murphy, Chief  
Paxton Fire Department

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## Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health met on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall and held several special meetings to consider the business within its jurisdiction.

In addition to routine matters, bids were requested and received for rubbish collection and the contract awarded to the Martone Trucking Co. of Barre. The Board continues to monitor developments within

the region concerning the recycling of trash for energy production.

A modest increase in fees for percolation tests and inspections was voted to cover rising costs.

The Board would remind residents that anyone desiring to keep farm or other animals beyond the usual number of household pets must apply to the Board for a permit to do so.

Lewis P. James, Jr., M.D., Chairperson  
Orace T. Holland  
Ronald E. Johnson

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## Report of the Highway Superintendent

Eleven hundred cubic yards of cold mix, representing about 16,500 gallons of asphalt, was applied and sealed mostly to main roads. Twelve other streets received seal coatings in fiscal 1981.

Approximately 2,300 feet of subdrain was installed on various streets and 60 feet of 30 inch arch culvert was put in place at the brook on Marshall Street near Hill. The old 36 inch culvert was removed, repaired and will be reused at the brook on Hill Street.

Our normal yearly maintenance work such as sweeping, catch basin cleaning, roadside mowing, etc. was all carried out on schedule.

The last section of Nanigian Road was subdrained, scarified, graveled, penetrated and sealed.

Although our annual maintenance budget has

remained virtually unchanged for the last four years, we have been able, so far, to maintain the roads in satisfactory condition despite rising costs. Another open winter saved much on overtime as well as wear and tear on trucks and plows.

With the aid of State Chapter money more cold mix applications are planned for this year. Rather than applying this material over the entire street, we intend to use it to level and smooth out rough spots in conjunction with seal coating to make the material go further. We are continually looking for ways to stretch our budget dollars in order to keep the streets in the best possible condition. We welcome any suggestions or comments pertaining to our highway efforts and again thank the residents for their cooperation throughout the year.

Robert S. Hansson  
Supt. of Streets

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## 1981 Jury List

Barbara F. Alden, 5 Old Lantern Circle, Homemaker  
Gilbert M. Bernier, 64 Pleasant St., Service Station Mechanic

Patrick J. Carroll, 182 Pleasant St., Truck Driver  
William H. Clancey, 3 Colony Lane, Dept. Mgr. - wire mill

Bertha W. Cosgrove, 15 Orchard Dr., Cosmetician  
Helen Wisner, 23 Camp St., Housewife

Ruth L. Cross, 10 Briarcliff Lane, Housewife  
Sally P. Fay, 15 Burtenmar Circle, Housewife & part-time nursery school aid  
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  
Maurice B. Monahan, 320 Pleasant St., Buyer  
Harold J. Mullaney, 24 Forestdale Rd., Personnel  
Melanie Ann Valinski, 20 Forestdale Rd., Housewife

Lester H. Pease, Jr., 50 Pleasant St., Industrial Engineer  
 Gilbert H. Potter, 891 Pleasant St., Truck Driver  
 Karen D. Putnam, 34 Maple St., Housewife, part-time cashier  
 Mary G. Ramstrom, 22 Lincoln Circle, Housewife

Caroline L. Isham Rice, 75 Maple St., Homemaker and volunteer  
 Ruth E. Shahinian, 17 Pleasant St., Housewife  
 Karl Harold Riddar, 12 Nipmuck Rd., Tour Escort  
 Leslie E. Robinson, 25 Maple St., Retired Foreman

## Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Circulation .....	23,827
Interlibrary Loans .....	382
Volumes in collection .....	15,189
New registrations this year .....	143
Use of Audio Visual Materials .....	1,534

The Library has continued its programs throughout this year. Cooking, hair & facial care, wood burning, a puppet show, story hour, a craft & hobby display, a "Kid's Collection" display, monthly movies and a jelly bean contest were some activities held. The Friends of Richards Memorial Library conducted a successful book fair. The money raised helped to finance some of these programs as well as a cookbook that was distributed at no cost to patrons.

The Library is the recipient of a grant allowing it

to purchase \$1,500 worth of non-fiction books. This Non-Fiction Collection Building Grant was the result of efforts of the Central Regional Library System. The grant will aid in strengthening the reference collection.

The Library Staff has continued efforts to involve and serve the community in library operations. Several classes from Paxton Center School utilized the reference sources at the library. There were displays of arts and crafts that are the results of interests of the townspeople. The bulletin board and community calendar are available for notices of events and town happenings. Again this year, in order to conserve energy, the Library was available to Town Boards for meetings on evenings that the Library was open.

The Staff, the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library look forward to the next year and will strive to serve the needs and varied interests of the community.

Barbara M. Braley  
 Librarian

### LIBRARY EXPENSE July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981

#### SALARY ACCOUNT

Town Appropriation	18,118.00
Expenditures:	
Librarian	9,500.00
Others	8,069.25
Total	17,569.25

#### EXPENSE ACCOUNT - Income

Town Appropriation	4,545.00
Interest from Investments	See Treasurer's Report

#### EXPENDITURES:

Petty Cash	30.00
Telephone	542.38
Water	32.00
Postage & Office Expense	499.08
Misc. & Travel	52.10
Maintenance Building & Grounds	518.95

Books & Magazines	6,420.68
Total	8,095.19

#### STATE AID

Received July 1, 1980	1,389.75
Balance	602.32
Expenditures	966.26
	1,025.81

#### 764 - C Electric

Appropriation	1,060.00
Transfer from Fuel	250.00
Expenditures	1,247.16
Balance	62.84

#### 764 - A Fuel

Appropriation	2,700.00
Expenditures	2,171.37
Balance	528.63
Transfer to Electric	250.00
Balance	278.63

## Report of the Planning Board

Charles W. Mello is a new member of the Planning Board.

John D. Rommel, Jr. chose not to run for reelection. The Planning Board welcomes Charles W. Mello

and wishes John a long and happy retirement.

The Planning Board is continuing its work on the rules and regulations of land in Paxton.

Feel free to call the Town Hall, Town Secretary with any questions you may have concerning the Zoning or the Subdivision Bylaws.

Richard Pentland, Clerk

## Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981, 26 Plumbing Permits were issued and 39 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 160 fixtures were inspected among which were three solar hot water

installations.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981, 5 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 5 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 7 appliances were inspected.

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

Zigmond Kozlowski  
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

## Report of the Police Department

In the past year the police department returned \$6,061.50 to the town as a result of traffic fines, permits, and disposal of surplus property.

There were 2 armed robberies in town, the first in many years.

The department has upgraded the training mandated by state and federal law and will continue to do so in the future.

The neighborhood crime watch program is progressing nicely. More people are calling about suspicious events and people than ever before. The importance of this cannot be overemphasized. Please call if your suspicions are aroused in any manner.

Increased traffic enforcement has resulted in fewer serious accidents and another year without a fatal accident.

The department wishes to thank the citizens, town

officials, and other departments for their support and pledges to do its utmost to help keep Paxton a nice place to live.

Robert P. Sheehan  
Chief of Police

Calls for service	1,584
Breaking & entering homes	14
Breaking & entering other	5
Auto thefts	2
Motor vehicles recovered	8
Vandalism	15
Missing persons	3
Armed robbery	2
Summons served	29
Arrests	19
Property damage accidents	69
Personal injury accidents	22
Medical assists	59
Business checks	7,840
Vacant homes checked	1,261

## Report of the Recreation Commission

The summer of 1980 was the most successful ever for the Wentworth Pool. Attendance has steadily increased over the last few years because proper maintenance and good in-house advice has resulted

in clear pool water throughout the summer. The Commission thanks the personnel of the Highway and Electric Light Departments for always responding whenever any problem arises.

The Paxton Recreation Commission continues to provide a varied program of interest to townspeople of all ages. The Summer Program for the youth of Paxton includes field trips, arts and crafts, swimming



lessons, and games. For adults and teenagers there is basketball at the school gymnasium. Ski instruction at Mt. Wachusett and gymnastics classes are planned for school-aged persons.

The July 4, 1980 Celebration was a big success. James DeNubila of 62 Streeter Road won the First Annual Paxton Road Race. The good weather, the good crowd, the music, food, contests and games combined to provide a holiday full of fun for everyone.

In order to increase the use of the new Football/Soccer Field and to improve skating at Illigs Pond, Area Lighting has been installed. Improvements at the Pool include: new picnic tables, shade umbrellas, lawn furniture, a horseshoe pit, flower and shrub plantings, and a fresh coat of paint on the buildings.

In October, Jim and Mary McEachern became

the new Recreation co-Superintendents. Their experience, skill, and hard work insures the continuing success of activities for Paxton.

The Recreation Commission holds open meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The interest and support of the townspeople determines the specific activities provided. Anyone who has any advice or helpful suggestions is invited to please contact Commission members and/or attend meetings.

Denis M. Melican, Chairman 80-81  
Sybille E. Wolf  
John F. McDonald, Jr.  
Claudia Holland  
Ann Mello

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## 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 77 names from the list.

New Totals:

2,482 Registered Voters  
501 Democratic  
444 Republican  
1,536 Unenrolled Voters

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

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## Report of the Tree Warden

Due to the heavy infestation of the gypsy moth, I will be unable to set up a trimming schedule this

year until we see how badly the trees were affected. Removal of trees may take priority over trimming.

Raymond Seymour  
Tree Warden

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## Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The Water Board has continued its policy of preventive maintenance this past year by having the main water pump and motor overhauled. As a result we have seen a 20% increase in the pumps efficiency from 4,000 to 5,000 gals. per KWH. Despite this increase we were forced to request additional funds of the Finance Committee to meet our electricity bill.

We are now in the process of replacing the troublesome chlorinators using monies appropriated at the last two town meetings. This move is expected to elim-

inate another expensive maintenance area.

The quantity of our water supply remains adequate.

The Commission wants to express their thanks to Bob Hansson, Superintendent, Frank Urbanovich, Foreman and Doris Urbanovich, Secretary to the Water Board for their support and assistance through the year.

STATISTICS  
Total Services 1,082  
New Service 1980 - 1981 16  
Total Gallons Pumped 81,450,000

Charles Glassbrenner  
Charles Scholl  
Robert Thompson

# Report of the Council on Aging

The Council on Aging has reorganized this past year and will follow guidelines set by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs.

Transportation services were provided for senior citizens on a bi-monthly basis and the annual Flu and

Pneumonia shot clinic was held in October. The council is continuing its work on establishing a Senior Citizen Center for Paxton residents.

Meetings are held in the Town Hall on the first and third Thursday of the month except July & August - 1st Thursday only.

June Bessett, Secretary

## Report of the Town Collector

### 1974 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$42.08	
Collected		\$42.08
	<u>\$42.08</u>	<u>\$42.08</u>

### 1975 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$ 2.75	
Collected		\$ 2.75
	<u>\$ 2.75</u>	<u>\$ 2.75</u>

### 1976 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$48.68	
Collected		\$48.68
	<u>\$48.68</u>	<u>\$48.68</u>

### 1977 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$685.86	
Abated		\$486.76
Collected		199.10
	<u>\$685.86</u>	<u>\$685.86</u>

### 1978 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$1,138.59	
Recommitted	52.80	
Abated		\$ 733.91
Collected		455.48
Outstanding 6/30/81		2.00
	<u>\$1,191.39</u>	<u>\$1,191.39</u>

### 1979 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$3,833.14	
Tax Title		\$1,100.00
Collected		2,733.14
	<u>\$3,833.14</u>	<u>\$3,833.14</u>

### 1979 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$27.60	
Tax Title		\$27.60
	<u>\$27.60</u>	<u>\$27.60</u>

### 1979 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$5,006.43	
Refunded	569.24	
Abated		\$2,125.56
Collected		2,983.15
Outstanding 6/30/81		466.96
	<u>\$5,575.67</u>	<u>\$5,575.67</u>

### 1980 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$137.25	
Collected		\$137.25
	<u>\$137.25</u>	<u>\$137.25</u>

### 1980 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$51.98	
Refunded	60.72	
Abated		\$79.12
Collected		33.58
	<u>\$112.70</u>	<u>\$112.70</u>

### 1980 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$74,098.57	
Refunded	3,981.53	
Abated		\$ 5,563.29
Tax Title		15,067.13
Collected		57,449.68
	<u>\$78,080.10</u>	<u>\$78,080.10</u>

### 1980 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$540.98	
Refunded	14.96	
Tax Title		\$182.35
Collected		373.59
	<u>\$555.94</u>	<u>\$555.94</u>

### 1980 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 7/1/80	\$33,690.13	
Committed	40,126.78	
Refunded	5,156.14	
Abated		\$ 8,483.88
Collected		66,617.51
Outstanding 6/30/81		3,871.66
	<u>\$78,973.05</u>	<u>\$78,973.05</u>

**1981 Fiscal Farm Excise**

Committed	\$1,754.62	
Collected		\$1,754.62
	<u>\$1,754.62</u>	<u>\$1,754.62</u>

**1981 Fiscal Personal Property**

Committed	\$13,081.18	
Refunded	10.50	
Abated		\$ 10.50
Collected		13,051.40
Outstanding 6/30/81		29.78
	<u>\$13,091.68</u>	<u>\$13,091.68</u>

**1981 Fiscal Real Estate**

Committed	\$1,587,485.26	
Refunded	3,776.68	
Abated		\$ 38,424.83
Tax Title		9,240.75
Collected		1,483,887.52
Outstanding 6/30/81		59,708.84
	<u>\$1,591,261.94</u>	<u>\$1,591,261.94</u>

**1981 Fiscal Water Liens**

Committed	\$2,509.32	
Collected		\$2,093.92
Outstanding 6/30/81		415.40
	<u>\$2,509.32</u>	<u>\$2,509.32</u>

**1981 Motor Vehicle**

Committed	\$86,332.11	
Refunded	846.55	
Abated		\$ 2,828.50
Collected		73,027.21
Outstanding 6/30/81		11,322.95
	<u>\$87,178.66</u>	<u>\$87,178.66</u>

**Recap - Receivables**

1978 Motor Vehicle	\$ 2.00
1979 Motor Vehicle	466.96
1980 Motor Vehicle	3,871.66
1981 Fiscal Personal Property	29.78
1981 Fiscal Real Estate	59,708.84
1981 Fiscal Water Liens	415.40
1981 Motor Vehicle	11,322.95
	<u>\$75,817.59</u>

**Interest Received During 1980 - 1981**

Motor Vehicle	\$ 671.80
Farm Excise	9.33
Real Estate & Personal	8,305.99
	<u>\$8,987.12</u>

**Interest Received from Savings Account**

\$583.89 Guaranty Bank

June T. Herron  
Town Collector

## Report of the Town Accountant

### RECEIPTS 1981 F

**TAXES**

1981 Real Est. and Forest Law	1,483,887.52
1980	57,449.68
1979	2,733.14
1981 Personal Property	13,051.40
1980	33.58
1981 Farm Excise	1,754.62
1980	137.25

**GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS****FEDERAL AND STATE**

School Chap. 70	189,695.00
Building Assist	20,673.76
Title IV	1,478.00
Transportation	16,000.00
Outside Transportation	972.00
Special Education	22,861.00
Tuition State Words	5,569.00
Library - State Aid	1,853.00

Lottery	31,379.00
Elderly Chap. 41	3,102.29
Blind Chap. 59	262.50
Highway	38,914.00
Gas Tax	17,778.00
Local Aid	60,768.00
Refund for Public Land	23,010.17
Veterans Services	1,102.25

**COUNTY**

Dutch Elm	49.53
Loss of Taxes	1225.00

**PRIVILEGES**

1981 Motor Vehicle Excise	73,027.21
1980	66,617.51
1979	2,983.15
1978	455.48
1977	199.10
1976	48.68
1975	2.75
1974	42.08

**DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS****LIES, PERMITS, FEES, MISC.**

Selectmen	5,382.00
Reimb. for adv.	20.54
Board of Health	2,976.00
Building Insp.	3,271.90



Planning Board	39.00
Wire Insp.	88.00
T. Clerk	50.00
Misc. Sales	19.30
Board of Appeals	70.00
Highway Snow Plowing	684.00
Payroll Ref. (pd. by Workmen's Comp.)	986.16
Collector - Filing Fees	38.00
Adv.	24.14
Interest on Deposits	583.89
Interest on R. Est. prepay.	8,305.99
Interest on V. Vehicle	671.80
Interest on F. Animal	9.33
Treasurer - Tax Titles	26,259.86
Chgs., Int. Court Costs & Legal Fees	12,704.13
Interest on Op. Cash	67,455.45
Tailings	69.32
Police - Court Fines	4,847.50
Permits	664.00
Sale of Eq.	550.00
Fire Dept. Permits	211.00
Recreation Revolving Acct.	2,088.10
Use of Copy Machine	21.10
Vet Aid	
Lien Paid	5,295.00
Lien - State share	5,295.00

#### MISC. SCHOOL

Hazel Gay Awards	30.60
E. Bigelow Fund	59.76
Telephone Chgs.	29.78
Overpayment C. Mass	1.37
Tuition	1,682.85
Rental	20.00
Ch. returned	4.30
Salary Bks. Projects	152.45

#### SCHOOL LUNCH

Collections	31,191.81
Reimbursements	11,474.30

#### LIBRARY

Fines	511.50
Interest Income	7,433.31
Check Voided	25.94

#### PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT

Rates	1,135,619.14
Interest on Op. Cash	24,816.07
Dep. & Construction	92,470.76
Interest on Dep., Const.	12,294.06
Refunds	59,552.34
Tornado Reimb.	10,667.71
Sale of Scrap	1,247.48
Meter Deposits	2,898.56
Interest on Meter Dep.	258.94

#### PAXTON LIGHT MAT DEBT & INT.

Paid to Town	32,125.00
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#### WATER DEPT.

Rates	59,930.32
Inst. and Repairs	2,192.49
Worc. Water used	76.39
W. L. 1981	2,093.92
W. L. 1980	373.59

#### CEMETERY DEPT.

Sale of Lots P/C	1,000.00
Op. Graves	830.00
Interest Income	7,159.87

#### PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND AGENCIES

Dog Lic. Call. for Cty.	1,483.95
Fed Tax W/H	166,371.17
State Tax W/H	56,735.55
Teachers Retirement W/H	31,758.73
Cty. Retirement W/H	21,409.17
Health Ins. W/H	21,484.90
Group Ins. W/H	550.95
Annuities W/H	14,466.17
Disability Ins. W/H	1,196.23
Health Ins. D.P.	1,926.12
Group Ins. D.P.	13.38
Teachers Dues W/H	2,835.00

Tax Anticipation Loan	400,000.00
Anticipation of Reimb. Highway Loan	48,043.00
Total Receipts	4,549,295.07
Bal. brought forward	835,967.64
	<u>5,385,262.71</u>

#### PAYMENTS

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator Salary	35.00
Expense	29.00
Selectmen - Salary	993.08
Executive Sel. Secretary	3,803.38
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	42.81
Expense	1,553.22
Accountant - Salary	4,000.00
Expense	458.18
Treasurer	4,500.00
Hire	1,250.00
Expense	1,149.94
D. P. Bal. Bt. fwd.	141.02
Data Processing	1,312.67
Certification of Notes	50.00
Collections - Salary	4,350.00
Expense	1,631.44

Town Secretary Salary	4,975.00
Expense	1,334.02
Assessors Salary	3,000.00
Clerks	2,750.00
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	121.95
Expense	914.04
Data Processing	3,681.60
Classification	1,676.50
Finance Board Secretary	350.00
Statisian	200.00
Expense	60.00
Town Clerk - Salary	1,200.00
Hire	484.00
Record Keeping	73.00
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	9.00
Expense	234.89
Record Storage Bal. Bt. fwd.	72.00
Record Storage	173.61
Legal	8,908.85
Elections	1,494.96
Registrars Comp.	150.00
Clerk	165.00
Street Listing Bal. Bt. fwd.	50.00
Street Listing	500.00
Registrars Exp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	260.00
Registrars Expense	359.15
Planning Bd. Clerk	100.00
Expense	104.50
Printing Bal. Bt. fwd.	98.00
Town Hall Caretaker Bal. Bt. fwd.	138.00
Caretaker	1,928.30
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	168.17
Expense	1,512.53
Heating Fuel	2,958.79
Electricity	597.66
Repairs Bal. Bt. fwd.	94.81
Repairs	800.00
Energy Saving	2,978.55

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

##### POLICE

Comp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	2,733.08
Full Bal. Bt. fwd.	1,418.47
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	350.61
Prisoners Fees Bal. Bt. fwd.	180.00
Chief - Salary	17,500.00
Full Time Officers	26,471.00
Part Time Patrolmen	19,273.08
School Crossing Guard	1,273.00
Expense Operation	5,501.02
Vehicle Fuel	10,114.38
Equipment	2,461.00
Out of State Travel	150.00
Prisoners Fees	540.00
Police	7,450.00

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers Bal. Bt. fwd.	2,050.00
Firefighters Bal. Bt. fwd.	4,355.10
Expense & Operation Bal. Bt. fwd.	1,846.20
Equipment Bal. Held	586.50
Fire Dept. Officers	2,175.00
Fire Dept. firefighters	10,022.10
Expense & Operations	4,189.49
Heating Fuel	4,532.32
Vehicle Fuel	899.34
Electricity	1,244.74
Protective Gear	1,180.60
Equipment	2,184.78
Building Inspector - Salary	1,600.00
Expense	175.54
Board of Appeals Expense	60.60
Forestry - Moth	200.00
Dutch Elm	597.25
Tree Warden Bal. Bt. fwd.	375.00
Salary, Hire	1,515.25
Dog Officer - Salary	1,250.00
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	344.00
Expense & Operation	654.00
Civil Defense	8.04
Inspector of Wires	750.00
Hire	50.00
Expense & Operation	73.75

#### CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

Dispatchers Comp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	1,210.01
Dispatchers Comp.	29,402.40
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	502.44
Expense & Operation	1,568.95
Equipment	387.00
E. M. Comp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	2,300.00
E. M. Comp.	3,500.00
Expense	1,458.02

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

##### BOARD OF HEALTH

Board Salary	150.00
Expense	119.44
Upper Blackstone Sewage	1,262.00
Sanitary Inspector	3,225.00
Gas & Plumbing Insp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	85.00
Gas & Plumbing Insp.	323.00
Rubbish Collection	15,244.00
Insp. Animals Bal. Bt. fwd.	30.00
Insp. of Animal	130.00
Assist. Insp. Animals	25.00
Wachusett H. H. Care Bal. Bt. fwd.	556.00
Wachusett H. H. Care	2,391.25

#### PUBLIC SERVICES

Highway - Wage Bal. Bt. fwd.	600.00
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Highway Wage Acct.	47,821.41
Water	13,884.77
Vac, Sick Leave, Holidays	10,422.80
Snow	25,344.85
Highway Exp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	16,942.48
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSE</b>	
Town GARage	1,067.56
Street Sweeping	214.81
Catch Basin Cleaning	2,171.00
Signs, Posts	114.19
Salt	4,830.67
Sand, Gravel	9,462.30
Patch	2,264.30
Asphalt & Tar	15,490.29
Drainpipe	5,932.84
Equipment	11,021.89
General	1,246.59
Fuel Oil	2,654.04
Vehicle Fuel	10,814.79
Electricity	599.00
Town Common	239.34
Highway Snow Plow	2,772.00
Street Lights	13,736.90
Highway Chap. 480	24,793.80
Highway Chp. 570	3,624.20
Veteran's Services, Bal. Bt. fwd.	182.88
Veterans Services	500.00
Expenses	206.23
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	
Bal. Bt. fwd. - A	62,755.45
Bal. Bt. fwd. - B	3,441.89
<b>SCHOOL A</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
School Comm.	
Salaries	625.00
Secretary	374.50
Expense	1,817.19
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE</b>	
Salaries	14,885.37
Census	300.00
Supplies	945.87
Other Expense	959.95
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	
<b>PRINCIPALS OFFICE</b>	
Salaries	35,532.00
Supplies	488.51
Other Expense	966.35
<b>TEACHING</b>	
Teachers Salaries	431,510.53
Math Tutoring	1,833.80
Substitutes	5,792.00
Teachers Aids	12,440.63
Field Trips	899.00
Supplies	19,065.01
Other Expense	3,272.79

## SPECIAL SUBJECT TEACHERS

Salaries	29,905.44
Other Expense	165.00
Audidubon	890.00
Textbooks	1,978.92

## LIBRARY

Salaries	16,185.00
Clerical & SAPA Aid	3,141.08
Supplies & books	3,221.16
Other Expense	423.00
Audio Visual	318.00

## GUIDANCE - 70%

Salaries	13,414.00
Supplies	246.30
Other Expense	112.35

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

### HEALTH SERVICES

Nurse	6,749.00
Doctor	826.00
Supplies	312.24
Transportation	55,412.00
Vocational	2,023.00
Gas Ext. & Conting.	4,205.87
Late Bus	400.00

### FOOD SERVICES

Cafeteria Manager	3,910.00
Monitors	4,561.09

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Salaries	1,925.00
Programs	883.81
Transportation	527.60

### OPERATION, MAINT.

### CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Salaries	56,924.18
Supplies	3,607.62
Other Expense	650.00
Fuel	41,865.00

### UTILITIES

Lights	15,834.44
Telephone	2,182.37
Water	159.08
Telephone, Supts' Office	329.41

### MAINTENANCE

Grounds	6.81
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### BUILDINGS

General	3,102.82
Boiler Contract	2,650.00
Energy Conservation	2.78
Contingency	2,403.73
Equipment	1,477.85
Fixed Charges	338.95

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Evening Fees	114.15
Fixed Assets	2,500.29

### PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational	23,696.32
Evening Trade	665.50



Ck - voided returned to acct.	4.30
Total School Schedule A	<u>841,949.99</u>
<b>SCHOOL B</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	
<b>TEACHING</b>	
Salaries	26,909.00
Tutoring	833.18
Suplies	730.16
Guidance Salaries 30%	5,745.00
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	
Salaries	1,793.00
Clinical Evaluations	90.00
Other Expense	37.75
<b>OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	
Transportation	29,091.99
<b>PROGRAM WITH OTHER SCHOOLS</b>	
Tuition	9,200.00
Tuition	8,600.00
Total School Schedule B	<u>83,030.08</u>
School NC. Edu. Title IV	1,305.72
Wachusett Regional Assessment	432,366.01
School Lunch	41,929.09
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
Librarian	9,500.00
Library Other Comp.	8,069.25
Expense & Operation	10,759.28
Heating Fuel	2,171.37
Electricity	1,247.16
Library State Aid	1,121.42
Library Planning & Const.	1,472.97
Bi Cent. Gift	229.52
<b>RECREATION</b>	
Rec. Bal. Bt. fwd.	451.40
Exp. Bal. Bt. fwd.	1,178.72
Equipment Bal. Bt. fwd.	157.86
Events Bal. Bt. fwd.	520.00
H. Wentworth Pool Misc.	36.00
Recreation Compensation	6,395.50
Other Comp.	10,178.89
Expense & Operation	3,322.37
Vehicle Fuel	172.77
Electricity	401.58
Equipment	1,366.77
Events - Revolving Acct.	2,361.00
July 4th Bal. Bt. fwd.	406.20
July 4th	791.60
Memorial Day Bal. Bt. fwd.	215.00
Memorial Day	731.22

<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	
Town Report	2,529.59
Ins. and Bonds	45,900.15
Town Emp. Ins.	38,856.91
Town Clock	60.00
Expense	23.10
Central Reg. Planning	559.65
Field Lighting	2,730.18
Council on Aging	2,576.75
Grant Council on Aging	1,500.00
Unemployment Security	1,085.00
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	
<b>PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPT.</b>	
Expenses & Operation	1,211,968.17
Meter Deposits	1,499.96
<b>WATER DEPT.</b>	
Commissions Salary	225.00
Other Comp.	2,850.00
Expense Bal. Bt. fwd.	1,044.23
Expense & Operation	12,318.85
Electricity	8,989.69
Water Testing Bal. Bt. fwd.	48.00
Water Testing	1,188.70
Major Pump Repair	2,983.79
Chlorinator Replacement	1,995.00
Water Line Extension	9,972.96
<b>CEMETERIES</b>	2,212.00
<b>MATURING DEBT</b>	
School	30,000.00
Library	20,000.00
Water Stand pipe	17,525.00
Interst on Mat. Debt	28,271.12
Loan in Anti. of Taxes	400,000.00
Maturing Debt Int.	
Paxton El. Lt. Dept.	32,125.00
<b>AGENCY, TRUSTS, REFUNDS</b>	
<b>TAXES</b>	
1981 F - Per. Prop	10.50
1980 F - Per. Prop.	60.72
1981 F - Real Estate	3,776.68
1980 F - Real Estate	3,981.53
1981 - M. Vehicle	846.55
1980 - M. Vehicle	5,156.14
1979 - M. Vehicle	569.24
Ref. W.L.	14.96
Paxton Mun. Lt. share of	
tornado grant	10,667.71
Dog. Lic. for Cty.	1,483.95
Cemetery P/C	1,000.00
Hazel Gay Awards	40.00
Treas. Tailings	34.52

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

Fed. Tax.	166,371.17
State Tax	51,735.53
Cty. Retirement	23,223.97
Mass. Teachers Retirement	36,037.31
Emp. Health Ins.	24,278.37
Direct Pay. & Ins. Retained	1,103.34
Emp. Group Ins.	627.21
Direct Pay. Group Ins. Retained	.64
Annuities	16,017.05
Teachers Dues	2,835.00
Disability Ins.	1,352.26

**ASSESSMENTS**

State Parks. Rec.	18,099.66
Cty. Retirement System	43,842.00
Retirement Municipal Teachers	3,101.21
Cty. Assessment	76,957.35
M. V. Bills	556.65
Central Mass. Air Pol.	878.80

Total Payments	4,406,818.20
Cash Balance	978,444.51
	<u>5,385,262.71</u>

**NET FUNDED & FIXED DEBTS  
1981 F**

School	120,000.00
P. Mun. Ed. Lt.	125,000.00
Water Dept. Standpipe	221,375.00
Library	170,000.00
	<u>636,375.00</u>

**TRUSTS & INVESTMENTS  
1981 F**

D. Russell Boynton	2,779.54
Poor Fund	1,000.00
Edward D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00
Hazel Gay Stock Awards	100.00
Ed Bigelow Lib. Funds & George E. Bigelow	22,429.18
Richard M. Lib. Fund	46,571.22
E. D. Bigelow Oil Imp.	1,594.43
Cemetery P/C Nanigian	61,511.80
Post War Rehabilitation	2,914.06
Conservation	9,503.06
Chas. D. Boynton G.P.	17,772.05
Stabilization Fund	95,143.37
	<u>262,318.71</u>

**REVENUE SHARING****RECEIPTS**

Bal. Bt. fwd.	20,567.52
Receipts Grant	51,926.00
Interst	1,352.77
	<u>73,846.28</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Garbage, Rubbish Removal	33,056.00
Ambulance Service	6,500.00
Cash on Hand	34,290.28
	<u>73,846.28</u>

**REVENUE SHARING  
BALANCE SHEET**

Cash on hand	34,290.28
Revenue	34,290.28

# **Town of Paxton Report of Town Accountant Balance Sheet 1981F**

**ASSETS**

Cash	622,107.45
Paxton El. Lt.	165,349.25
Paxton El. Lt. Deprec.	182,873.18
Paxton El. Lt. Meter Deposits	8,114.63
Revenue Sharing	34,290.28

**LIABILITIES**

Payroll Deductions	
Emp. Ins. Retained	2,165.67
Emp. Group Ins. Retained	62.70
Annuities	572.00
Income from Trust Funds and Agencies	
E. D. Bigelow School Funds	155.98
Hazel Gay Awards	2.01
Library Int. Income	15,782.01
Cemetery Int. Income	10,069.73
Water Guarantee Dep.	50.00

Gifts, Grants	
Revenue Sharing	34,290.28
Library Gift	25.00
School Title Acct.	53.99
N.C. Edu. Title IV	177.68
To State	
Refunds - Vet. Aid - Lien	5,295.00
Tornado Grant	287.69
Accts. Held for Approp.	
Library State Aid	1,853.00
Cty. Dog Fund	.52
Revolving Accounts	
School Lunch	2,907.67
School use of Bldg.	30.00
School Adult Ed.	116.00
Library State Aid	1,026.45
Recreation Events	1,853.35
Paxton Lt. Deprec. Const.	348,222.43
Meter Deposits	8,114.63
Treasurers Tailings	354.48
Revenue Reserved for Collection	
M. V. Revenue	15,663.57
Tax Title Revenue	19,517.93
Paxton Lt. Revenue	70,977.45
Water Dept. Revenue	2,089.51
Overlays. Reserved for abatements	
1981	31,498.65
1980	39,058.34
1979	12,966.37
Overlay Surplus Reserve	38,759.10
Approp. Balances Held	68,198.71
Highway Chap. 570	4,654.80
Highway Chap. 329	14,970.00
Overestimates	
County Tax Assessment	740.86
State Parks	244.69
Ed. offset plus water Pol.	5,771.00
Special Education	4,210.00
Highway Loan - Reimb. Antic.	48,043.00
Loan Antic. - Fire Truck	175,000.00
Surplus Revenue	417,959.85
	<u>1,403,792.10</u>
Appropriation Control	
Budget	2,053,649.00
Articles	1,300.00
Voted to lower Tax Rate	50,000.00
Appropriation Control	
Revenue Sharing	64,500.00

## TAXES

Personal Property	
1980	29.78
Real Estate	
1981	59,708.84
M. V. Excise Taxes	
1981	11,322.95
1980	3,871.66
1979	466.96
1978	2.00
Tax Title	18,912.59
Tax Title Possessions	605.34
Paxton El. Lt.	
Rates and Installations	70,977.45
Water Dept.	
Rates	1,591.71
Installations and Repairs	82.40
Liens 81F	415.40
Underestimates	
Central Mass Air Pol 91F	27.33
State Aid to Highways	48,043.00
Loan Unissued Fire Truck	175,000.00
	<u>1,403,792.10</u>
Approp. - Control Budget	2,053,649.00
Articles	1,300.00
E & D to lower Taxes	50,000.00
Approp. - Rev. Sharing	64,500.00

## 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 1981.

Due to the problems that 2½ created, we are very fortunate to end the year in a very healthy financial condition with a certified "free cash" figure of \$310,78.00.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials, Board Members and Departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Yvonne B. Karle  
Town Accountant

# Town Treasurer's Report

## Year Ended June 30, 1981

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INTEREST INCOME

	Interest Earned During Years Ended:	
	June 30, 1980	June 30, 1981
Town Operating Funds	\$38,835.46	\$67,455.45
Stabilization Fund	9,499.22	13,124.44
Electric Operating Funds	15,793.19	24,816.07
Electric Depreciation Fund	9,324.06	12,294.06
Cemetery Trusts	3,071.50	7,159.87
Library Trusts	4,454.12	7,433.31
Miscellaneous Trusts	4,014.32	3,691.35
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>84,991.87</b>	<b>135,974.55</b>
Less - Interest Cost of Short Term Loans	(966.67)	(2,000.00)
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>\$84,025.20</b>	<b>\$133,974.55</b>
<b>OPERATING CASH</b>		
Balance July 1, 1980		\$ 835,967.64
Add - Receipts for the Year		4,549,298.62
Subtract - Payments for the Year		4,406,821.75
<b>Balance June 30, 1981</b>		<b>\$978,444.51</b>

### ANALYSIS OF OPERATING CASH JUNE 30, 1981

Town Operating Funds Invested in	
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	\$507,490.51
Town Cert. of Deposit - 18.625%	200,000.00
Town Funds in Checking	(85,383.06)
Electric Funds in M.M.D.T.	163,591.14
Electric Funds in Checking	1,758.11
Electric Depreciation Funds in M.M.D.T.	7,873.18
Electric Depreciation Funds in Cert. of Deposit - 18.625%	175,000.00
Meter Deposits Funds in Salaries	8,114.63
<b>TOTAL JUNE 30, 1981</b>	<b>\$978,444.51</b>

### NON-OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES JUNE 30, 1981

Richards Memorial Library Trust	\$46,571.22
Library Trust Accounts	19,178.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care Accounts	37,181.80
Village Improvement Fund	1,594.43
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	2,779.54
C. D. Boynton Trust Account	7,674.29
C. D. Boynton Income Account	10,097.76
Stabilization Account	95,143.37
Income From War Bonds	2,914.06
Conservation Accounts	9,503.06
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	1,760.28
A. T. & T. Stock - Library	216 Shares
A. T. & T. Stock - Hazel Gay Fund	6 shares

### OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 1981

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Addition	1985	\$120,000.00	\$7,800.00	\$127,800.00
Water Standpipe	1995	221,375.00	77,648.00	299,023.00
Library Addition	1990	170,000.00	40,750.00	210,750.00
Electric Substation	1986	125,000.00	17,868.25	142,868.25
(to be paid from Electric Revenue - Not Taxation)				
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$636,375.00</b>	<b>\$144,066.25</b>	<b>\$780,441.25</b>

David P. Fitzpatrick  
Town Treasurer



# Report of the Paxton School Committee

The 1980-81 academic year will long be remembered for the implementation of Proposition 2½ on January 1, 1981. Fiscal autonomy, a long cherished right of the School Committee, was lost; Town Government received the right to approve the **total** dollar budget of the Committee. The Committee retained the right for all internal line item allocations within the total dollars approved by the Town.

## OPERATING COSTS

1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
\$948,514	*\$979,951	\$958,524

\*Adjusted for estimated \$24,000 returned to the Town, at the Selectboard requested, due to constraints of Proposition 2½ implementation.

Your School Committee was able to meet the Educational Philosophy requirements for the Town of Paxton without any basic program reductions. The declining enrollment, good management practices and constraints of Proposition 2½ required extra ordinary scrutiny of each line item in the budget. Proposition 2½ impact was minimal.

Labor cost and Energy cost continue to move upward. Although the 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82 Operating costs are close to level, with an enrollment **decline** of 14.5%, our per pupil cost for this period has **increased** 18.2%

1981-82 is the third year of a three year contract negotiated with the Paxton Teachers Association. A 6.75% merit plus step increases plus longevity increases will be implemented in September, 1981.

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TREND AND PER PUPIL COST

Year	Students	Cost per Student
1974 - 75	640	\$1,101
1975 - 76	607	1,393*
1976 - 77	585	1,392
1977 - 78	557	1,575
1978 - 79	529	1,756
1979 - 80	456	2,080
1980 - 81	412	2,378
1981 - 82	**390	2,458

\* Supplementary building renovation costs of \$25,172 not included.

\*\*Projected

## SCHOOL EVALUATION

Your Committee authorized a School Evaluation, based upon the High School Accreditation concept, whereby a visiting team of eight evaluators visited the Paxton Center School for three days, May 3, 4, 5, 1981.

The significant results of the visitation teams report can be best summarized by the listing of COMMENDATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

## COMMENDATIONS

1. The staff and administration are commended for their dedication to teaching and their high commitment to having all students learn.
2. The teachers are commended for their genuine interest in continued professional growth and sincere commitment to the overall excellence of the Paxton Center School.
3. The staff is further commended for its capacity and willingness to adapt to changes over the past few years in administration and school committee, and to implementing newly established goals and priorities.
4. The staff is commended for its emphasis on basic skills and the successful development of a basic skills program, particularly in reading and mathematics.
5. The community of Paxton is commended for its commitment to quality education through providing resources that establish excellent class sizes and a superbly diverse program for a K-8 school of this size.
6. The school is commended for a highly flexible program that is able to meet the individual academic needs of students.
7. The behavior of students during the Committee's visit was exemplary, reflecting a respectful attitude toward learning and a general sense of decorum.
8. The School Committee is commended for the resources it provides to support after school activities. This is an appropriate way of building school and community spirit, and children's positive identification with the school.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The School Committee and administration should set priorities for change in such a way that it allows for gradual implementation.
2. If there is a well thought out and articulated program for teaching writing which includes sentences, paragraphs, stories, creative expression and essays, it was not apparent to the Visiting Committee. Such a program should be developed and utilized.
3. Despite a strong emphasis on basic skills there did not appear to be consistent efforts to intellectually stretch youngsters. We recommend more emphasis on understanding and applying skills and concepts rather than advancing children to higher grade level materials. We also recommend developing a greater variety of activities and materials that rely less on paper/

pencil worksheets.

4. We recognize the need for structure in schooling but in some situations expectations for conformity in student behavior seemed unnecessarily stringent and may stifle students' normal spontaneity, dampen their enthusiasm for school, hinder their learning, and prevent their growing responsible for their own behavior. We recommend the staff and administration review the quantity and quality of rules with the aim of reducing rules to the most important elements needed to provide structure. We also suggest that older students have some voice in establishing behavioral expectations. Furthermore, we recommend that teachers individually, in a way that fits their style, devise ways of spending informal time with their students and provide opportunity for increased social interaction between students.
5. In their effort to teach independence teachers may appear to many students as unsupportive and unavailable. We recommend teachers reconsider how to establish a better balance between support and fostering academic independence.
6. The School Committee and administration should support and legitimize desired changes by providing resources. We recommend that additional help be provided to the school administration and that time be arranged for teachers to work together in order to develop their curriculum.
7. We recommend that the parents' organization take as a charge for the next two years bringing teachers and parents closer together in positive interaction.

The Committee is in full agreement with the report and recognizes that this independent, unbiased visiting Committee encapsulated and presented in report form for action previously highlighted concerns of the Committee. A superb accomplishment by the visiting Committee.

A prioritized implementation list and time table is being prepared by the Superintendent's Office for implementation starting in September, 1981. Many recommendations can be implemented at no additional cost.

### **TRANSPORTATION BID**

Every three years the transportation contract is up for renewal by competitive bidding. The 1981-82, 82-83, 83-84 period was bid based upon the success-

ful bus contractor's being able to park his buses overnight on the School property. This "parking" feature was ruled illegal by Town Counsel. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires competitive bidding for this type of contract. Since only the local contractor is allowed to park his buses in Paxton, based on existing by-laws which have been in existence for several decades, competitive bidding is non-existent due to the fact that one of the bid conditions is that the buses must be parked overnight in Paxton. It is the intention of the Committee, with Finance Board and Selectboard consent, to have a Town Meeting amend the Zoning By-Laws to permit overnight parking of school buses in the Town in order to correct an inequity which has been allowed to exist for several decades. The estimated extra cost to the Town of Paxton for the new three year contract covering Paxton Center School and W.R.H.S. is approaching \$30,000.

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

This area continues to receive high priority in our daily operations. The White Building is planned for closing, with the exception of the Library in the basement, for the 1981-82 academic year. Heating system modifications from hi-pressure to low pressure are being investigated for implementation with a 1.5 year payback.

The Superintendency, Principal, Professional and Supportive Staff, Students, Volunteers and Parents are to be congratulated for their help and understanding during the academic year, especially during Budget deliberations and the School Evaluation period. The Selectboard, Finance Board have provided guidance and direction which has been very beneficial.

The Paxton Center School is doing an excellent job in educating our children as evidenced by their high scores on National Testing Programs, comments by the visiting School Evaluation Team and tracked performance of the students high school. We can be proud of their achievements. We must not be complacent with our current performance; we must continue to improve. It is imperative that you support your Committee in achieving these results and also support their efforts to implement stringent controls to contain the rapidly escalating per pupil costs.

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

# Paxton School Directory

## 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
Peter Larratt	Business Manager
Shirley M. Bayer (Resigned)	Business Manager
Doris E. Sherblom	Secretary
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Virginia M. McCarthy (Resigned)	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Cathleen C. Bradshaw	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Gale Bassett (Resigned)	Secretary
Shirell Foster (Resigned)	Secretary

## INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Thomas Fowler-Finn	Principal
Mary M. Donahue	English VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	Science VI-VIII
Lois Kahn	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. Capp	V
Ginger Urbanovitch	V
Mary L. Bogren	IV
Richard M. Lane	IV
Janice E. Laperle	III
Gail Smith	III
Margaret Reynolds	II
Jeanne K. Couture	II
Linda Urbanovitch	II
Claudia Aitken (On Leave)	II

Judith E. Marr (Resigned)	II
Evelyn M. Bass	I
Nancy Oakes	I
Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr. (Resigned)	Transition
Constance Garvey Marr	Librarian
Carol Lyons (Resigned)	Art
Gertyrude R. Healy	French/Spanish
Charles T. Gruszka	Guidance
Maryann O. Morin (On Leave)	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 (On Leave)	Learning Disabilities
Virginia Brink	Learning Disabilities
Patricia Belsito	Math Tutor

## SUPPORTING STAFF

Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Melinda Johnson, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Jeffrey Burl	School Physician
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, 1980

Grade		Grade	
K	31	IX	65
I	31	X	84
II	48	XI	70
III	46	XII	68
IV	44		
V	45	TOTAL	287
VI	57		
VII	53		
VIII	57		
TOTAL	412		

## Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Establishing goals, defining policies and providing direction for implementation are all incumbent on the Wachusett Regional School District Committee. Difficult decisions were made last year and will continue to be made in 1981-1982, all affecting the quality of education.

Setting priorities to assure that our young people

receive the fullest education we as taxpayers are willing to provide is the primary objective. Helping them to meet the responsibilities and enjoy the benefits, academically and socially, individually and as contributing members of society is what education is all about.

Many of the programs that help in this development have been, out of necessity, severely curtailed. Critical decisions had to be made by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee. Cutting of the staff has impacted greatly on instruction, support operations, and extra-curricular activities, all of which are essential to providing our young people with a

meaningful education.

The completion of the facilities and fiscal planning are still the two key objectives for the coming year. With the support of each town, the students of our Wachusett Regional High School will receive a quality education enabling them to open many doors.

G. Wayne Stoddard, Chairman  
Richard J. Buckley  
Roy V. Bunting  
Burton H. Fiske

John H. Goewey  
David L. Johnson  
Stuart L. Johnson  
Mary A. Kelley  
James F. Leland  
John F. Mullen, II  
Ellis C. Paakkonen  
Ruth M. Stevens  
Clark H. Stuart

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

	6/30/80	6/30/81
<b>INCOME</b>		
Assessments from Member Towns	2,431,167.00	2,698,577.00
State Revenues (Exhibit A)	1,799,828.00	2,027,187.89
Other Revenues (Exhibit B)	268,993.02	653,690.30
Surplus Reduction Applied to Assessments	350,000.00	350,000.00
Carryover Appropriations from Prior Fiscal Year (Exhibit C)	148,692.86	151,568.91
Surplus Transfers for Unbudgeted Appropriations (Exhibit C)	—0—	76,923.78
<b>GROSS INCOME</b>	<b>4,998,680.88</b>	<b>5,957,947.88</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating and Debt Service (Exhibit C)	4,520,885.99	5,245,166.06
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>477,794.89</b>	<b>712,781.82</b>

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

	6/30/80	6/30/81
<b>Beginning Surplus</b>	<b>475,999.52</b>	<b>439,593.15</b>
<b>ADD:</b>		
Audit Reclassifications	4,043.67	171.00
Net Income (Statement #2)	477,794.89	712,781.82
Miscellaneous Income	4,760.92	2,262.00
<b>Available Surplus</b>	<b>962,599.00</b>	<b>1,154,807.97</b>
<b>LESS:</b>		
Carryover Appropriations from current to next fiscal year	151,568.91	155,214.72
Audit Reclassifications	—0—	—0—
Surplus Applied to Reduce Current ending Fiscal Year's Assessments	350,000.00	350,000.00
Surplus Applied to Unbudgeted Approp.	—0—	76,923.78
<b>Ending Surplus</b>	<b>439,593.15</b>	<b>572,669.47</b>

### WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CONDITION JUNE 30, 1981

	6/30/80	6/30/81
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>(General Accounts)</b>		
Cash (General, Investments, Petty Cash)	2,548,710.68	2,619,429.78
Accounts Receivable	2,200,000.00	—0—
Loans Authorized	—0—	3,359.57
	<u>4,748,710.68</u>	<u>2,622,789.35</u>
<b>(Debt Accounts)</b>		
Net Funded for Fixed Debt	—0—	4,570,000.00
	<u>4,748,710.68</u>	<u>7,192,789.35</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>		
<b>(General Accounts)</b>		
Temporary Loans	2,200,000.00	—0—
Payroll Withholdings	49,099.51	50,045.89
Tailings	4,621.71	4,704.94
Federal Grants	18,952.10	8,469.61
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	13,542.16	9,528.94
Accounts Payable (1)	151,568.91	155,214.72
Planning & Building Costs - Appropriation	1,821,007.75	1,742,520.10
Loans Authorized and Unissued	—0—	3,359.57
Insurance Settlement Reserved for Approp.	—0—	12,037.16
Escrow Account	—0—	8,196.89
Contingency Maintenance Fund	39,951.08	45,737.75
Building Fund - 1953 Project	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Surplus	439,593.15	572,669.47
	<u>4,748,710.68</u>	<u>2,622,789.35</u>
<b>(Debt Accounts)</b>		
Serial Loans, School Construction	—0—	4,570,000.00
	<u>4,748,710.68</u>	<u>7,192,789.35</u>

(1) Carryover funds from current ending fiscal year to be spent in next fiscal year.



# Report of the Superintendent Wachusett Regional School District and School Union No. 64

1980-81 has been a hectic year due to Proposition 2½, the preparation of three or four versions of the FY'82 budget in each of six school districts, the inevitable conflicts over staff layoffs (which will continue well into next year), the Holden Junior High School fire in August, 1980, and the three moves of that school's people and equipment, and the new construction at Wachusett (presently shut down for the second time due to labor disputes). But the year has not been without its good points as well. Town officials have worked more closely together in the attempt to sensibly comply with Proposition 2½. Savings have been made by curtailing services such as transportation. Paxton's principal, Thomas Fowler-Finn, has over the last three years earned the confidence of students, staff, and citizens, and developed a more closely-working organization which we feel confident will serve our elementary children well. The School Evaluations by our staff, followed by a volunteer outside visiting team is both encouraging in terms of what is being done at the Paxton Center School and challenging in terms of the recommendations for future improvement.

The Goals and Evaluation Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the six school committees, expects to commission a management survey of the Superintendent's Office by outside consultants during the coming year. It is our hope that the survey will recommend realignments and staffing levels to equip us to meet the additional workload and complexities of the 80's, and also will help school com-

mittees and administrators to achieve a realistic level of expectations of an office serving six separate school districts.

At this writing, we await the final figures on additional state aid to the five towns for FY'82. Wachusett has absorbed its share of the Proposition 2½ shortfall, taken five-towns overall. However, we suspect that there will be no workable means of exempting Wachusett's \$509,000 first debt service payment or of exceeding the towns' levy limitations in time to be included in the scheduling for September. It looks as if Wachusett will be swallowing that half million dollars from its operating budget. Wachusett **must** proceed with student scheduling the first week in August (we cannot schedule 1,850 students over the Labor Day weekend!).

Paxton has taxed within the limits of Proposition 2½. Declining enrollment at the elementary level, and Wachusett's being forced to cut more than Paxton's situation required due to far more severe limitations in two other towns, both of these factors have minimized the effect of Proposition 2½ here. However, in future years, a limitation of a 2½% increase per year in total town property taxes, in the face of 10+ % inflation, means a progressive cutting back on municipal services. The people in all five towns voted for Proposition 2½. We are committed to obeying their will. But we foresee significant year-to-year decreases in the level of services which town governments can render. FY'83 may make FY'82 seem easy!

We express our sincere appreciation for the interest and civility of school committees and the citizens, the many extra efforts of our staff, the invaluable services rendered by volunteers, and the helpfulness of our town officials, most of whom are practically volunteers.

Edward P. Yaglou, Superintendent  
William F. Carey, Assistant - School Union 64  
Peter Farrelly, Assistant - Union and Region

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMPARISON

	Fiscal 1979-80	Fiscal 1980-81	**Fiscal 1981-82
Administration	217,573	245,534	436,190
Instruction	2,451,537	2,716,032	2,190,700
Other School Services	520,967	550,006	408,961
Operation and Maintenance	442,645	505,284	430,346
Fixed Charges	268,223	257,257	323,201
Community Services	2,000	2,000	—0—
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	36,116	37,084	—0—
Special Education	480,989	591,480	528,949
Adult/Community Education	27,360	29,700	30,130
Vocational Education	165,973	174,807	125,821
Debt Retirement and Service	—0—	443,757	756,405
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>4,613,383</b>	<b>5,552,941</b>	<b>5,230,703</b>
% Change in Budget	+ 4.8%	+ 20.3%	-5.8%
Net Assessment to Member Towns	2,431,167	2,698,577	2,531,815
% Change in Assessments	+ 8.3%	+ 10.9%	-6.2%

\*\*Based on vote of town meeting.

## 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  
Tues. 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 & 3rd Thurs. morning, 9 except July & August, 1st Thurs. only

Planning Board ..... 753-2803 / 754-7638  
Meet 3rd 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 Mon. evening, 8:00

DOG OFFICER ..... 791-6600

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT., 578 Pleasant St., 9-4 ..... 756-9508  
Monthly meeting third Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Light Dep't.

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 Tues. 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.