

TOWN OF PAXTON



1982 - 1983 ANNUAL REPORT

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COVER PICTURE

Officers of Council on Aging

1st row left to right - John Bauer, Chairman, Helen Boschert, Treasurer, Kenneth Rogers.

Back row left to right - Gail Tracy, Philip Derby, Doris Migneault, Vice Chairman.

Absent, Sister Dorilda Flynn

Annual Reports

Town Officers

Town of Paxton



Year Ending June 30, 1983



A retirement dinner celebration was held for George & Madeline McGovern on June 26, 1983 at Anna Maria College. George McGovern has served as Town Clerk for 23 years.

George McGovern received a certificate from Governor Dukakis which proclaimed June 26, 1983 as George McGovern Day.

Standing left to right: June Herron, Present Town Clerk; George McGovern, Leslie Robinson, Town Clerk from 1945 to 1960, Etta Robinson, served as Town Clerk from 1944 to 1945. Her husband served as Town Clerk for 39 years prior to 1944; and Robert Hall, Town Moderator.

In Memorium



Francis M. Whitney, Sgt.

Died August 27, 1983

Full Time Officer since 1971

He was previously a part-time officer
from 1959 to 1971.



Philip V. Donohue

Died March 4, 1983

Selectman from 1978 - 1983

Chairman from 1980 - 1983

"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

Mary Ann Morin
Board of Appeals
Group Insurance
Advisory Committee

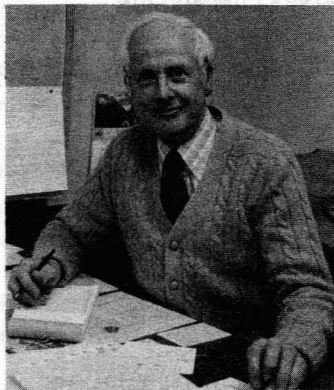
Gerard Bernier
Civil Defense

Christian S. Baehrecke
Group Insurance
Advisory Committee

June Bessette
Council on Aging

Mary Derby
Election Officer

Edward J. Boschert
Selectmen



George McGovern

Served as Town Clerk for 23 yrs.

Madeline McGovern
Asst. Town Clerk

Susan Corcoran
Conservation

Lucille Tanner
Historical Commission
Arts Council Committee

Sybille E. Wolf
Recreation

Robert Becker
Capital Outlay

Thomas F. Cummings
Municipal Lt. Board

Town Officers for May 1983 to May 1984

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD

John E. Lucey 1984, Chairman
Christian S. Baehrecke 1985,
Vice Chairman
Thomas J. Cunningham 1986,
Clerk

TOWN CLERK

June T. Herron 1984

TREASURER

David P. Fitzpatrick 1984

TOWN COLLECTOR

June T. Herron 1984

MODERATOR

Robert J. Hall 1984

CONSTABLES

William O. Wylie 1984
Robert P. Sheehan 1984

TREE WARDEN

Patrick V. Smith 1984

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip C. McCarthy 1984,
Chairman
Barbara N. Scarbeau 1984,
Vice Chairman
Barbara C. Lorge 1985
Daniel J. Lucey 1985
Judith A. Mancini 1986,
Secretary

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eugene O'Rourke 1985
Mary A. Kelley 1985

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

James V. Graham 1984,
Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell 1985
John B. Jacobs 1986, Secretary

ASSESSORS

James R. Stone, Jr. 1985,
Chairman
Susan Corcoran 1984
Michael R. Biscotti 1986

WATER BOARD

Robert W. Thompson 1984
Charles J. Scholl 1985,
Chairman
Charles J. Glassbrenner 1986

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Lewis James, Jr. 1984,
Chairman
Orace T. Holland 1985
Ronald E. Johnson 1986

PLANNING BOARD

Richard J. Pentland 1984
Kathleen Sears 1985
Charles Mello 1986
Zarvin J. Kasparian 1987
Stephen P. Bik 1988, Chairman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Alice E. Nelson 1984, Clerk
G. Donald Fenton 1984
Ralph A. Kimball, Jr. 1985,
Chairman
Edith M. LaVigne 1985,
Vice Chairman
Gwen L. Hall 1986
Charles L. Innis, Jr. 1986

RECREATION

John McDonald 1984
Claudia P. Holland 1985,
Chairman
David Braley 1986
Denis Melican 1987
Maureen T. Anderson 1988

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Betty Peterson 1984
Caroline L. Rice 1985, Chairman
Katherine L. Stannard 1986

Appointed by the Selectmen

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SELECTMEN

Barbara Scholl

BOARD OF APPEALS

Sherburne B. Rockwell 1984,
Chairman
David L. Bennett 1985
Timotheos Thoutsis 1986
Fred Fricka 1987

Allen Rubin 1988
Robert F. Dillman, Alt. 1984
William E. Lindquist, Alt. 1985

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. WIRING INSPECTOR

Ambrose Tower

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Charles Collins

ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ambrose Tower

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Patrick Smith

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Sister Dorilda Flynn 1984
Frances Bigwood 1985
Jean McIntyre 1986

TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Jr.

ASSOCIATE TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Sr.

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK & FIELD DRIVERS & FENCE VIEWERS

William O. Wylie
Robert F. Dillman

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Yvonne B. Karle 1984

CIVIL DEFENSE

William Foley, Director
Robert Hansson, Asst.

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brian Murphy

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed by Fire Chief

Engine 1

Jay Conte, Lieutenant
M. Wilde
R. Bedard
L. Anderson
T. Pierce
C. Devico
R. Sears
M. Sears
C. Rossier
J. Hansson

Squad 1

John Benoit, Lieutenant
R. Savignac
S. Bedard
G. Richards
T. Ducharme
W. Grigaitis
J. Fisher
R. Sheehan
R. Butland

Engine 2

Richard Jenkins, Lieutenant
W. Lang
P. Warren
D. Ahlin
R. Mortell
P. Bogren
B. Faucher
P. Smith
N. Sullivan
S. Cusson

Engine 3

Orville Sheldon, Lieutenant
H. Robinson, Jr.
D. Beach
K. Sullivan
J. Smith
M. Benoit
M. Putnam
P. Sheridan
R. Desrosiers

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER

Donald G. Wyman

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Robert P. Sheehan

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Robert F. Dillman, Jr., Sgt.
Robert J. Mortell

PART TIME OFFICERS

Ralph B. Butland
Frederick Hughes
William E. Lindquist
Robert Love
Kevin McDonald
Robert J. Mortell
Frank Neiber
Mrs. Helen T. Sheehan
Harold Smith
Patrick Smith
Paul W. Valinski
Raymond Kirwin

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Gerard Bernier
Ambrose Tower
Paxton Center School

CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE

Milton Sebring
John Pennace, Chairman
Cathy Flynn
Paul Andrews
Cynthia Ahearn

CONSERVATION

Charles Innis 1984
Janice Stewart 1984
Robert Stewart 1985
Barbara Brigham 1985
Vincent McIntyre 1984
Catherine Hodgson 1986
Jean Rommel 1986

GROUP INSURANCE**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gwen Hall
Robert S. Hansson
Robert Sheehan
Harold Smith

INSURANCE ADVISOR

James D. Smith

AGENTS FOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

William O. Wylie
Robert P. Sheehan

CENTRAL MASS.**REGIONAL PLANNING**

Charles Mello, Rep.
Edward V. McTigue, Alt.
Kathleen Sears, Rep. T.P.A.G.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Joseph W. Seremeth 1984,
Chairman
Barbara Brigham 1985
Gail Kimball 1984
Dennis Melican 1984
Gail Tracy 1985
Etta E. Robinson 1986
Ruth B. Wentworth 1986

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frederick H. Fricka 1984,
Chairman
John E. Graham 1984
Robert Fowler 1984
Harold Mullaney 1985
Herbert Riddle 1986

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

William Foley
Charles Glassbrenner
Robert Stewart
Robert Sheehan
Brian Murphy
Robert Hansson
Harold Smith

COUNCIL ON AGING

John Bauer 1984, Chairman
Doris Migneault 1984
Kenneth Rogers 1985
Philip Derby 1985
Helen Boschert 1985
Sister Dorilda Flynn 1986
Gail Tracy 1986

ARTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Arlene Sjosten 1985
Gloria Smith 1985
Winslow Myers 1985, Chairman
Joseph Sage 1986

ELECTION OFFICERS**Republicans**

Charlotte Thalín, Warden
Augustus W. Oatley,
Deputy Inspector
Marie Cavanaugh, Inspector
June Herron, Deputy Inspector

Democrats

Madeline McGovern, Clerk
 Mary Barry, Deputy Inspector
 Christine Dozois, Inspector

Appointed by the Board of Health**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Zig Koslowski
 392 Pleasant St., Leicester

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
AND SLAUGHTERING**

Frank Urbanovitch
 Robert J. Mortell

Officials Appointed by Moderator**FINANCE BOARD**

Dealton J. Smith 1984
 James Mellor 1984, Chairman
 Jeremy Brown 1984,
 Vice Chairman
 Charles E. Stoneham 1985
 Joseph W. McKay 1985
 Chester Johnson 1985
 William A. Dado 1986
 John Hodgson 1986
 William F. Jones 1986

ASSISTANT

Lawrence St. Martin
 83 Willow St., Leicester

BURIAL AGENT

Yvonne B. Karle

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Leonard P. Martone, Barre, Ma.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

James A. Lashbrook

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 the By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting February 7, 1938).

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Finance Board, James Mellor
 Finance Board, Joseph W. McKay
 Planning Board, Kathleen Sears
 Assessors, Michael Biscoti

Members at Large

Thomas P. LaVigne 1985
 Richard G. Connell 1986
 David L. Bennett 1984

Report of the Town Clerk Vital Statistics - 1982

BIRTHS**January**

- 7 Anthony James, son to James Joseph and Kathleen Palmieri, 353 Marshall St.
- 9 Gino, son to Gino Valentino and Paula Gangai, 8 Indian Hill Road.

February

- 9 Christopher Stephen, son to Joseph Stephen and Polly O'Coin, 11 Shanandoah Drive.

March

- 11 Phoebe Augusta, daughter to Steven William and Ansley Davidson Siter, 488 Marshall St.
- 24 Kirstin Elizabeth, daughter to Dennis Paul and Karen Elizabeth Hays, 20 Pleasant St.
- 29 Michael John II, son to Michael John and Margaret Ahearn, 120 Marshall St.

April

- 14 Maya, daughter to Baltej Singh and Indira Maini, 33 Lancelot Drive.
- 26 Alexander Nihal, son to Ronald Harish and Aline Orszula Chand, 61 Champ St.

May

- 28 Ross Elias, son to Edward Charles and Susan Ann Atamian, 4 Woodland Drive.
- 29 Kristen Ann, daughter to Stephen Edward and Sue Ann Lindquist, 15 Tanglewood Road.

June

- 7 Victoria Dara, daughter to Robert Steven and Ronna Merle Litvak, 35 Lancelot Drive.
- 12 Justin Donald, son to David Walter and Karen Marie Drohan, 17 Forestdale Road.
- 23 Jeb Steven, son to Steven and Ruth Ann Penka, Sunset Lane - Anna Maria College.
- 28 Brandon Spencer, son to Sherburne Battles and Sharon Lee Rockwell, 186 West St.

July

- 9 Julie Meredith, daughter to Don Paul and Lynda Mae Deprez, 2 Ridgewood Road.
- 13 Jessie Marie, daughter to William Chester and Kathleen Doherty Ivanowski, 306 Grove St.

August

- 4 Jonathan Andrew, son to Paul Frank and Cheryl Joy Philips, 9 Forestdale Road.
- 18 Jessica Lynne, daughter to Kevin Michael and Rita Ethel Palumbo, 105 Suomi St.
- 29 Anthony Michael, son to Paul Henry and Rita Ethel Palumbo, 105 Suomi St.

- 30 Pamela Jean, daughter to Thomas Anthony and Patricia Ann Sullivan, 14 Burtenmar Circle

September

- 6 Son to A. Douglas and Patricia Ann Haddad, 40 Crowningshield Drive
- 22 Megan, daughter to Samuel Norman and Christine Veronica Knipe, 827 Pleasant St.
- 28 Raul Simpson, son to Seguado Raul and Kathleen Marie Quesada, 504 Pleasant St.

October

- 1 Laura Georgette Helen, daughter to John Rodgers and Margaret Mary Pennace, 2 Knollwood Road.
- 10 Allen David, son to David Koucheng and Yvonne Yi-Hwa Wu, 4 Boynton Pkwy.

December

- 13 Bonnie Jeanne, daughter to Kevin Michael and Lisa Ellen McDonald, 184 Grove St.

MARRIAGES**February**

- 20 Clifford L. Smith 111 of New York to Rebecca T. Miller of Paxton
- 20 Edward Michael Horniak of Worcester to Nancy Ann Dunn of Paxton

April

- 24 Frederick Guy Timm of Paxton to Dorothy L. Franciscus of Paxton

May

- 1 Peter W. Dumas of Worcester to Heidi A. Roberts of Paxton
- 22 Joseph Peter Ahearn of Paxton to Linda Mae Fitch of Worcester

June

- 26 Robert Malcolm Hadden of Texas to Elizabeth Ann Shea of Paxton

July

- 11 William F. McGovern of Paxton to Elaine S. Medoff of Worcester

August

- 15 John A. Scholl of Paxton to Sherry L. Sampson of Princeton
- 28 Rae B. Parks of Paxton to Stephanie M. Rossi of Worcester

September

- 18 Robert Lulu of Paxton to Suzanne Urbanovitch of Paxton

October

- 1 William F. Lang of Paxton to Theresa M. Benicaso of Paxton
- 3 Bruce Conrad Stewart of Paxton to Linda Susan Young of So. Yarmouth
- 22 Randy Olds of Webster to Pamela O'Connor of Paxton

November

- 19 Mohammed Kamel Abo-Al-Saoud of Paxton to Jamita Mauri Royal of Ohio

DEATHS

Years

January

16 Richard Ulrich Edmond, 6 Burtenmar Cir. 63

February

1 Rev. Francis E. Dowd, Anna Maria College 70
5 Ethel W. Styffe, 361 Pleasant St. 84
14 Helen B. Pitcher, 16 Maple St. 71
27 Jerome F. Murphy, 59 Grove St. 69

March

18 David M. Ungerer, 7 Shanandoah Drive 15

April

4 Rose marie M. Urbanovitch, 924 Pleasant St. 51
7 Joyce M. Sheridan, 9 Tanglewood Rd. 55
8 Alphonse J. Czajkowski Jr., 27 Keep Ave. 41
11 Pearl K. Rigell, 11 Briarcliff Lane 85

May

7 Leonard B. Saarinen, 61 West St. 55
12 Joseph P. Denuhila, 62 Streeter Rd. 65
29 Jason J. Laraia, 9 William Allen Drive 16
29 Theodore Louis Provo 111, 365 Pleasant St. 17
29 Phillip J. Wesley, 3 Marshall St. 17

June

1 Elizabeth J. Lawler, 282 Pleasant St. 92
5 Audrey Queen, 12 Arrowhead Drive 54
12 Richard F. Sheridan, 9 Tanglewood Rd. 69
29 Sarah Ann Wrenn, 3 Holbrook Lane 94
30 Edward F. Smith, 33 Crystal St. 37

July

3 John D. Witt, 177 Grove St. 57
6 Mary Latvis, 184 Grove St. 89
21 Dennis J. Dowd, 672 Pleasant St. 79

August

5 Albina C. Lamarche, 16 Pleasant St. 82
31 Francis J.W.W. Wheeler, 15 Pleasant St. 78

September

14 George G. Carlson, 28 Crystal St. 72
16 Anthony Michael Palumbo, 105 Suomi St. 18 Days

October

11 Myron E. Tracht, 18 Old Lantern Circle 54

November

6 Arthur Ovila Gamache, 55 Grove St. 64
15 Joseph Roland Daniel Ally, 62 Holden Rd. 73
17 Edith L. Mortell, 11 Glen Ellen Rd. 50
30 S. Alma Malkasian, 76 Maple St. 70

December

5 Darryl J. Clarke, 378 Grove St. 13
13 Grace M. Smith, Paxton 90
18 Theodore J. Marnalse, 25 Holden Rd. 61

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1982

Male	227
Female	34
Spayed Female	238
Kennel \$10	1
Kennel \$25	1
Kennel \$50	1
	<hr/> 502
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,318.75

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1982

Total number of licenses issued	183
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$2,023.00

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held at the Paxton Center School November 1, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Moderator Robert H. Hall declared a quorum was present.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town will transfer the amount of \$632.00 from the Librarian Salary account #601.2 to Library, other Compensations #601.3 to correct a typographical error on the June 19, 1982 Town Meeting Warrant.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money \$154.00 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$10,417.00, for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 732 of the Acts of 1981.

Unanimous vote. 2/3 vote required.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$17,628.00, for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1982.

Unanimous vote. 2/3 vote required.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$122,000.00 from

available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to defray expenses for professional services required to the Assessors Office, or act in any way thereon.

Passed over.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. McGovern, Town Clerk
Robert J. Hall, Moderator

Report of the Annual Town Meeting Held May 2, 1983 at Anna Maria College

Moderator, Robert J. Hall, called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

He declared a quorum present. Tellers were: John Jacobs and George Knipe.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town 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, 1983, 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 transfer from the Stabilization Fund and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 to replace three overhead doors and provide automatic door openers at the fire station.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of further extending the Water Main on Marshall Street.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund and appropriate the sum of \$8,450 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser for the Police Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund and appropriate the sum of \$2,860 to purchase jointly with Holden Police, a teletype terminal for the Police Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement in connection therewith.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town transfer from Overlay Surplus and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to purchase a reconditioned street sweeper for the Highway Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to sealcoat the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool for the Recreation Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund and appropriate the sum of \$1,360 to purchase and install a float for the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool for the Recreation Department.

Motion Lost.

ARTICLE 9. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,881.00 received from the Commonwealth for library use to the Library State Aid Account.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. It was voted that Town vote to appropriate the money approved 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, for the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the 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 13. It was voted that the Town vote to appropriate a grant received from the State in the amount of \$2,500 for renovation work on the White School for the Council on Aging.

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 14. It was voted that the Town vote to appropriate a grant received from the State in the amount of \$477 for chairs for the Council on Aging.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Passed over.

ARTICLE 16. To bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

Moderator (1 year)	Robert J. Hall
Town Clerk (1 year)	June T. Herron
Tree Warden (1 year)	Patrick V. Smith
Selectmen (3 years)	Thomas J. Cunningham
Selectmen (2 years)	Christian S. Baehrecke
Assessor (3 years)	Michael R. Biscotti
Assessor (1 year)	Susan Corcoran
School Committee (3 years)	Judith A. Mancini
Municipal Light Board (3 years)	John B. Jacobs
2 Library Trustees (3 years)	Gwen L. Hall and Charles L. Innis
Cemetery Commisison (3 yrs)	Katherine L. Stannard
Water Board (3 years)	Charles J. Glassbrenner
Planning Board (5 years)	Stephen P. Bik
Board of Health (3 years)	Ronald E. Johnson
Recreation Commission (5 years)	Maureen T. Anderson

Town Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern, Town Clerk of Paxton
Robert J. Hall, Moderator

Report of the Board of Selectmen

DESPITE A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE Select-Board, Paxton Government continued to operate effectively and efficiently. The strength of any community lies in its people and a sincere debt of gratitude is extended to all those able and concerned citizens who are the true Government and Paxton's most valued asset. The members of the Board of Selectmen are privileged and proud to be part of a very efficient team that will continue to serve our community.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

It was with a great sense of loss that we mourned the passing of Chairman of the Select-Board, Philip V. Donohue, on March 4, 1983. We also recognize Edward J. Boshert's devotion to the service of his beloved town. The Board welcomes Christian S. Baehrecke and Thomas J. Cunningham to its ranks as knowledgeable and hard working members. Other changes in which the SelectBoard took part were the appointment of Michael Biscotti Jr. and Susan Corcoran as Assessors to replace retiring Richard Bedard and Christian S. Baehrecke; the appointment of Judith Mancini to the School Committee to replace retiring Henry Kasparian, and the appointment of Charles Collins to Building Inspector to replace retiring Ambrose Towers.

TAXES AND AUDITS

The Office of Main Hurdman, conducted an Audit of all Town finances in compliance with both State and Federal Revenue requirements. Although some minor items were noted (and have since been addressed) the Auditors in general were very pleased with the way the Town handled its financial affairs and made special note of June Herron, Town Collector, as performing well above her counter parts in other towns.

The value of all town properties, set by our Assessors, was reviewed and approved by the State. Because the State choose to review in excess of sixty percent of all cities and towns in the State in this particular year, the process was slow and necessitated the town using estimated Tax Bills to collect the first half payment. Because inflation has resulted in an overall higher value of the properties in Paxton, the Tax rate was dropped to \$18.15 per \$1,000.00 of valuation. Your town government is working hard to maintain a high caliber of service while keeping cost within the intent of Proposition 2½.

COST SAVING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Selectmen salute the various Department Heads for their efforts in shopping for the best values to provide the maximum benefit for each of your Tax dollars. The Town purchased a used Dog Van to enable the more efficient operation of that Department.

The Board also placed all the Town's Insurance needs out to bid with the assistance of our Insurance Advisor James Smith. The resulting bids should save Paxton thousands of dollars over the next three years. In an effort to save Town Employees money on their Health costs, the Board investigated and made available a choice of the Central Mass. Health Plan along with the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan. The Central Mass Health Plan has since saved premium dollars for a number of our Town Employees.

STARTING THE BALL ROLLING

The Board initiated action on items that will have long range effects on our Town. First we have petitioned the State Government to correct the intersection of Routes 122 and 56 at Asnebumskit Road. This intersection has been the scene of many traffic fatalities over the years and it is a high priority on the Board of Selectmen to see to it that the State makes it as safe as possible.

The Board of Selectmen has received three applications to provide Paxton with Cable Television Services. The Board is proceeding with all due deliberation to insure that if Cable Television is in the best interest of Paxton that our citizens will receive the maximum services at a minimum cost. The Board will hold a Public Hearing in the near future to solicit opinions from its citizens.

At the request of our Fire and Police Department and in cooperation with the Planning Board, The Electric Light Dept. and the Building Inspector, a review of the house numbers in the Town will be conducted. A major campaign will follow the study to encourage house numbers to be in sequence and easily readable in a Fire, Medical or Police emergency.

The effort of Philip Donohue in conjunction with the Council on Aging has culminated in the establishment of two rooms in the White School Building as the Paxton Senior Citizens Center. The Council on Aging in cooperation with the Department of Elderly Affairs has established a Hot Meals program in Paxton three days a week and will be working toward home delivery of meals to elderly citizens in the future.

OTHER SELECTBOARD MATTERS

As an alternative to Halloween Trick or Treating after the national Tynol scare the Board of Selectmen in cooperation with St. Columba Parish conducted a highly successful Halloween Party.

On June 26th the Board of Selectmen joined the citizens of Paxton in honoring George and Toots McGovern for their long and valued service

to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen also has represented the Town of Paxton at Regional, County and State meetings through out the year.

John E. Lucey, Chairman

Christian Baehrecke, Vice Chairman

Thomas J. Cunningham, Clerk

Report of the Board of Assessors

The arduous task of updating Paxton's property assessments to the full and fair market value as of January 1, 1982, as required under Chapter 797 - 1979, was completed and certification of the values by the Commissioner of Revenue was received in March 1983.

Under Chapter 79 enacted in April 1983, amending Chapter 797 - 1979, Paxton will be required to update values again in 1985 and be recertified for fiscal year 1986.

Total valuation of Paxton's taxable property as of January 1, 1982 rose to \$88,905,649. an increase of 23.8% over the previous year.

The \$17,076,709. increase in valuation, coupled with level funding by most of the town depart-

ments for their fiscal 1983 budgets, caused a decrease of \$3.60 in the tax rate to \$18.15 per \$1,000. valuation for fiscal year 1983.

The following tables show the comparative statistics for the last three years regarding the tax rate recap, exemptions, and abatements granted on real estate taxes and motor vehicles.

Since the State mandated revaluation and classification of property, assessing has become demanding, time consuming, difficult work. The magnitude of the job will require, in the near future, a full time assessor in order to properly administer and complete the required work on a timely basis.

James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman

Susan P. Corcoran

Michael R. Biscotti, Jr.

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES	FY81	FY82	FY83
Appropriations to be raised	\$2,203,951.80	\$2,154,973.53	\$2,247,857.73
Percent of increase over prior year	11 percent	(-2 percent)	4 percent
Appropriation from avail. funds	65,913.20	121,600.00	154,458.75
Offset Items	5,771.00	5,527.00	5,074.00
Retirement	43,842.00	50,250.00	59,408.00
State Tax & Assessments	27,890.82	26,755.46	27,134.21
County Tax & Assessments	83,270.28	78,446.39	72,740.55
Overlay	69,933.98	76,559.62	75,492.00
Deficits Prior Years	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Amount to be raised	2,500,573.08	2,514,112.00	2,642,165.24
Percent increase over prior year	7 percent	5 percent	5 percent
Deduct from Gross Amount			
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			
Local Aid & Agency Fund	403,948.77	502,862.55	506,453.96
Motor Vehicle Excise	218,394.67	75,000.00	85,000.00
Water Department	55,000.00	61,900.00	58,000.00
Other Local Receipts	46,750.00	75,630.00	102,615.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	136,356.77	57,100.00	90,458.75
Avail. Funds - Revenue Sharing	39,556.43	64,500.00	64,000.00
Avail. Funds - Free Cash	0.00	114,840.00	122,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	900,006.64	951,832.55	1,028,527.71
Percent increase/decrease over prior year	5 percent	5 percent	8 percent
Expenditures less Estimated receipts equals			
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,600,566.44	1,562,279.45	1,613,637.53

VALUATIONS

Real Estate	70,554,900.00	71,198,260.00	88,241,449.00
Personal Property	581,385.00	630,680.00	664,200.00
Total	71,136,285.00	71,828,940.00	88,905,649.00
Percent increase over prior year	11 percent	1 percent	24 percent
TAX RATE*	22.50	21.75	18.15

*Net Amount to be raised divided by total valuation (in thousands) equals tax rate.

Percent increase/decrease over prior year	(2 percent)	(3 percent)	(17 percent)
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TABLE II
EXEMPTIONS, ABATEMENTS, VEHICLE EXCISE

	FY81		FY82		FY83	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:						
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	2	815.25	1	448.18	2	691.95
17: Widows	0	0.00	2	350.00	2	350.00
22: Veterans	63	11,900.00	60	11,375.00	61	11,375.00
37: Blind	4	1,750.00	2	875.00	0	0.00
41: Elderly	25	11,981.50	21	10,465.45	24	11,869.03
TOTAL	94	26,446.75	86	23,513.63	89	24,285.98
ABATEMENTS:						
Real Estate	60	17,541.37	11	1,888.49	70	13,224.49
Personal Property	5	89.62	2	26.10	0	0.00
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	443	14,658.61	430	9,457.94	328	5,157.19
TOTAL	508	32,289.60	443	11,372.53	398	18,381.68
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:						
Bills Processed	3,439	126,329.63	3,381	106,651.17	3,797	132,775.51
Dollar Value Less Abatements		111,671.02		97,193.23		127,618.32

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals held two hearings in the year 1983F. The petitions were granted. Copies of the minutes and decisions are on file with the Town Clerk as public record.

Applications for petitions and information concerning procedures may be obtained from the Town Secretary, Town Hall, 753-2803.

Robert F. Dillman, Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell, Clerk
Timotheos Thoutsis
William E. Lindquist
David L. Bennett
Frederick Fricka
Allen Rubin
Maryann Morin

Report of the Building Inspector

I want to thank all persons concerned for the cooperation I have received as your new Building Inspector.

New Homes	11
Pools, Sheds and Decks	10
Solar	4
Chimneys	6
Garages	2
Alterations, Additions and Demolations	16
Stoves	5
Yearly Inspections	4

For necessary forms call T. Secretary, Town Hall, 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Collins, Jr., Building Inspector
Home Telephone 756-9708; Office Hours 2nd and last Thursday of each month, Town Hall, 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Report of the Cemetery Commission

We are about to open another section in Mooreland cemetery and add two new streets; Juniper Ave. and Hemlock Ave. We continue to operate the Cemetery without financial assistance from the Town.

Charges - Including Perpetual Care

2 grave lots - \$200.00

4 grave lots - \$400.00

6 grave lots - \$600.00

Opening Graves - \$100.00

Weekends - \$150.00

Cremation Burials

Weekdays - \$40.00

Weekends - \$50.00

Infant Burials

Weekdays - \$55.00

Weekends - \$65.00

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

Caroline Isham Rice, Chairperson

Katherine Stannard

Betty Peterson

Cemetery Commission

Report of the Communications Board

Unless you have used the services of your communications center you probably have no idea of how valuable this service is to your town. One Sunday this Summer I witnessed how valuable our operators are that answer the phones 24 Hrs. a day, 365 days a year. A lady fainted in church during the service and within two minutes our towns emergency medical team began arriving at the church. I doubt that any town or city in the country could out-perform that kind of service. I wish to congratulate the operator that took that call, as well as all of our other operators, and of course the emergency Medical Team who re-

sponded with record speed. This is one of several types of calls your center takes care of for you each and every day in addition to Fire & Police. The lady is fine, thanks to everyone involved.

We often need operators for your Communications center and if you feel you have the qualifications to help us, we would be pleased to talk with you. The work is pleasant and at time quite exciting, and you even get paid. The most rewarding part of the work I feel is knowing that you are helping your friends and neighbors by rendering a most valuable service. I'm proud to have served you on the communications board since its beginning, and the past few, as chairman.

Robert L. Stewart, Chairman
Communications Board

Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission's principal activity during the past year has been to administer the Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40). There have been several inquiries about whether proposed projects would require hearings. These projects have either been outside the Commission's jurisdiction or have been postponed.

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has published revised regulations for

administering the Act which greatly clarify the types of areas and activities subject to regulation. Briefly, anyone planning to fill or alter land within 200 feet of a swamp, stream, or pond should contact the Commission to find out what the law requires.

Robert Stewart, Chairman
Charles Innis, Clerk
Catherine Hodgson
Jean Rommel
Janice Stewart
Barbara Brigham
Vincent McIntyre

Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report of the Dog Officer for the fiscal year 1982-1983.

- 210- Dog Complaints Handled
 - 5- Dog Bites
 - 5- Dogs Placed Under Quarantine
- 21- Dogs Brought to the Worcester Animal Rescue League
- 39- Dogs Picked up and Returned to Owners
- 41- Miscellaneous Calls Concerning - Cats, Raccoons, Cows, Horses, Skunks, etc.
 - 4- Cats injured by cars
 - 10- Cats killed by cars
 - 6- Dogs injured by cars
 - 10- Dogs killed by cars
 - 45- Dogs reported lost
 - 29- Dogs found
 - 5- Dogs Placed in New Homes
 - 4- Dogs injured

- 8- Dogs destroyed
- 2- Dogs found dead
- 10- 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 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

Robert Mortell
Dog Officer

Report of the Municipal Light Board

The following is the report from the manager of the Paxton Municipal Light Department.

1. We have completed the voltage change along Pleasant Street from the City Line to Asnebumskit road with the exceptions of Camp Street and Lincoln Circle.
2. The new IBM in-house computer is in operation for the billing system and except for some minor problems I am happy to report that everything is working very well.
3. The newly-added backup transformer at the Wentworth Substation on Marshall Street is completed and will be available for emergency use after some testing is completed this fall.

To bring everyone up to date on the newly installed transformer at the Wentworth Substation on Marshall Street, this transformer will be placed in service only if the present transformer fails. In the past we were getting our emergency electric service from Cooks Pond at Tatnuck Square if we had a problem with the transformer or if we had to shut down for maintenance.

We cannot continue to get emergency backup electric service from Massachusetts Electric at Cooks Pond because of the following reasons: shortage of capacity due to

the development of the Airport Industrial Park, low voltage, and reliability; also, there would have been a monthly penalty charge.

The installation of the transformer and all the construction at the Wentworth Substation was done by the Manager and members of the Paxton Light Department at a substantial savings to our rate payers. The following is a breakdown of the cost:

Construction, engineering, & material	\$ 48,300.00
Hevi-Duty 5/7 MVA Transofmer	105,000.00
TOTAL	\$153,300.00

The estimate of savings on work done by the Paxton Light Department is \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00.

4. There have been eleven additional homes added to the system since the first of the year.
5. John B. Jacobs was elected to the Board of Commissioners upon the retirement of Thomas F. Cummings who had served on the Commission since 1969.

The Light Commission and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully,

Harold L. Smith, Manager

Municipal Light Board

We have examined the balance sheet of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts - Municipal Light Department - as of December 31, 1982 and 1981, and the related statements of income and expense and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such other tests and auditing procedures as we considered neces-

sary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts - Municipal Light Department as of December 31, 1982 and 1981, and the results of its operations and changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Byron, Moilanen & Nelson, P.C.
Ronald E. Moilanen, C.P.A.

TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981

EXHIBIT C

	1982	1981
OPERATING CASH JANUARY 1,	\$ 118,283	\$ 12,391
SOURCE OF FUNDS:		
Net income from operations	53,146	137,783
Depreciation	73,856	71,966
Credits to surplus	78,663	2,999
Decrease in other deferred debits	4,553	34,713
Increase in accounts payable	-0-	85,067
Increase in accrued interest	90	45
Decrease in depreciation fund	76,373	-0-
Decrease in accounts receivable	21,302	-0-
Decrease in prepayments	4,140	-0-
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	<u>312,123</u>	<u>332,573</u>
CASH AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS	<u>430,406</u>	<u>344,964</u>
USE OF FUNDS:		
Increase in depreciation fund	-0-	64,824
Increase in customer accounts receivable	-0-	10,905
Increase in other accounts receivable	-0-	7,952
Increase in materials and supplies	1,873	15,409
Increase in prepayments	-0-	28,454
Net cost of property added to plant	41,469	40,763
Debits to surplus	25,000	58,181
Decrease in taxes accrued	-0-	193
Decrease in accounts payable	5,894	-0-
Decrease in appropriations for construction	2,457	-0-
Decrease in appropriations for construction repayments	7,090	-0-
Increase in construction in progress	141,507	-0-
Retirement of repaid bonds and notes	69,116	-0-
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS	<u>(294,406)</u>	<u>(226,681)</u>
NET INCREASE IN OPERATING CASH	<u>17,717</u>	<u>105,892</u>
OPERATING CASH DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 136,000</u>	<u>\$ 118,283</u>

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981**

ASSETS

	1982	1981	Increase (Decrease)
UTILITY PLANT:			
Total Electric Distribution Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	\$ 591,574	\$ 626,012	\$ (34,438)
Total Electric General Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	89,036	86,986	2,050
107 Construction in progress	141,507	-0-	141,507
Total Utility Plant	<u>822,117</u>	<u>712,998</u>	<u>109,119</u>
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation Fund	85,733	162,106	(76,373)
128 Construction fund	72,684	72,684	-0-
Total Fund Accounts	<u>158,417</u>	<u>234,790</u>	<u>(76,373)</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Operating cash	136,000	118,283	17,717
132 Consumer's meter deposits	7,977	8,222	(245)
135 Working funds	200	200	-0-
142 Customer accounts receivable	53,000	65,168	(12,168)
143 Other Accounts Receivable (Note C)	144	9,278	(9,134)
154 Materials and supplies	47,930	46,057	1,873
165 Prepayments	24,314	28,454	(4,140)
Total Current and Accrued Assets	<u>269,565</u>	<u>275,662</u>	<u>(6,097)</u>
DEFERRED DEBITS			
185 Other deferred debits (Note B)	4,451	9,004	(4,553)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,254,550</u>	<u>\$1,232,454</u>	<u>\$ 22,096</u>

LIABILITIES AND EARNED SURPLUS

	1982	1981	Increase (Decrease)
SURPLUS:			
201 Appropriations for construction	\$ -0-	\$ 2,457	\$ (2,457)
206 Loans repayment	162,500	206,616	(44,116)
207 Appropriations for construction repayments	-0-	7,090	(7,090)
208 Unappropriated earned surplus (Per Exhibit B)	880,992	774,183	106,809
Total Surplus	<u>1,043,492</u>	<u>990,346</u>	<u>53,146</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Long-Term Debt (Note F)			
231 Notes payable	62,500	87,500	(25,000)
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
231 Notes payable - current portion	25,000	25,000	-0-
232 Accounts payable	80,859	86,754	(5,895)
235 Customer deposits	7,977	8,222	(245)
237 Accrued interest	3,134	3,044	90
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>116,970</u>	<u>123,020</u>	<u>(6,050)</u>
CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contribution in aid of construction	31,588	31,588	-0-
Total Liabilities	<u>211,058</u>	<u>242,108</u>	<u>(31,050)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	<u>\$1,254,550</u>	<u>\$1,232,454</u>	<u>\$ 22,096</u>

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COST OF UTILITY PLANT AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981**

	Cost 1-1-82	Net Cost Property Added	Net Cost Property Disposed Of	Cost 12-31-82	Accrued Depreciation 1-1-82	Current Depreciation	Reversed Depreciation	Accrued Depreciation 12-31-82	Book Value 12-31-82
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE ELECTRIC:									
DISTRIBUTION PLANT:									
360 Land and land rights	\$ 319	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 319	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 319
361 Structures and improvements	54,467			54,467	21,493	1,362		22,855	31,612
362 Station equipment	393,949			393,949	148,596	11,818		160,414	233,535
364 Poles, towers and fixtures	134,628	7,422	2,298	139,752	101,595	4,039	2,298	103,336	36,416
365 Overhead conductors and devices	269,944	8,927	2,896	275,975	154,941	33,229	2,896	185,274	90,701
366 Underground conduits	11,619			11,619	1,069	349		1,418	10,201
367 Underground conductors and devices	79,850	1,816		81,666	29,821	2,396		32,217	49,449
368 Line transformers	153,119	4,703	2,160	155,662	81,223	4,594	2,160	83,657	72,005
369 Services	88,478	6,021		94,499	61,555	2,654		64,209	30,290
370 Meters	44,761	1,861	630	45,992	33,973	1,790	630	35,133	10,859
373 Street lighting and signal systems	73,909		354	73,555	44,766	2,956	354	47,368	26,187
Total Distribution Plant	1,305,043	30,750	8,338	1,327,455	679,032	65,187	8,338	735,881	591,574
GENERAL PLANT:									
390 Structures and improvements	62,369	214	-0-	62,583	26,714	1,247	-0-	27,961	34,622
391 Office furniture and equipment	11,050	9,106		20,156	4,187	553		4,740	15,416
392 Transportation equipment	68,528			68,528	39,353	4,003		43,356	25,172
394 Tools, shop and garage equipment	20,497	1,399		21,896	9,737	2,050		11,787	10,109
395 Laboratory equipment	946			946	493	38		531	415
397 Communication equipment	7,781			7,781	3,701	778		4,479	3,302
398 Miscellaneous equipment	1,222			1,222	1,222			1,222	-0-
Total General Plant	172,393	10,719	-0-	183,112	85,407	8,669	-0-	94,076	89,036
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE ELECTRIC	\$1,477,436	\$41,469	\$8,338	\$1,510,567	\$764,439	\$73,856	\$8,338	\$829,957	\$680,610

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EARNED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981**

	1982	1981	Increase (Decrease)	Ratio 1982	1981
OPERATING INCOME:					
400 Operating revenues (Per Schedule B-1)	\$1,192,958	\$1,150,641	\$ 42,317	100.00%	100.00%
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
401 Operating expense (Per Schedule B-2)	1,084,783	968,683	116,100	90.93%	84.19%
402 Maintenance expense (Per Schedule B-2)	33,721	29,679	4,042	2.83%	2.58%
403 Depreciation	73,856	71,966	1,890	6.19%	6.25%
Total Operating Expenses	1,192,360	1,070,328	122,032	99.95%	93.02%
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	598	80,313	(79,715)	.05%	6.98%
OTHER INCOME					
418 Merchandise and jobbing	3,495	97	3,398		
419 Interest income	54,819	68,699	(13,880)		
Total Other Income	58,314	68,796	(10,482)		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 58,912	\$ 149,109	(\$ 90,197)		
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME DEDUCTIONS					
427 Interest on bonds and notes	\$ 5,510	\$ 9,564	\$ (4,054)		
431 Other interest expense	256	1,762	(1,506)		
Total Miscellaneous Income Deductions	5,766	11,326	(5,560)		
NET INCOME	53,146	137,783	(84,637)		
EARNED SURPLUS					
208 Unappropriated earned surplus (at beginning of year)	774,183	691,582	82,601		
433 Balance transferred from income	53,146	137,783	(84,637)		
434 Miscellaneous credits to surplus (Note D)	78,663	2,999	75,664		
Total Credits	905,992	832,364	73,628		
DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNED SURPLUS					
435 Miscellaneous debits to surplus (Note E)	25,000	58,181	(33,181)		
208 UNAPPROPRIATED EARNED SURPLUS (at end of year)	\$ 880,992	\$ 774,183	\$106,809		

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981**

	Net Revenue			Kilowatt Hours Sold			Net Revenue Per Kilowatt Hour Sold	
	1982	1981	Increase (Decrease)	1982	1981	Increase (Decrease)	1982	1983
SALES OF ELECTRICITY								
440 Residential sales	\$ 614,490	\$ 585,641	\$28,849	7,736,959	7,586,352	150,607	\$0.07942	\$0.07719
442 Commercial and industrial sales - electric heat	520,893	505,169	15,724	6,832,743	6,787,144	45,599	0.07623	0.07443
445 Private area lighting	3,943	3,617	326	59,753	63,702	(3,949)	0.06599	0.05678
Total Private Consumers	<u>1,139,326</u>	<u>1,094,427</u>	<u>44,899</u>	<u>14,629,455</u>	<u>14,437,198</u>	<u>192,257</u>	<u>0.07788</u>	<u>0.07581</u>
444 Municipal Sales								
Street lighting	13,143	12,874	269	273,000	272,462	538	0.04814	0.04725
Municipal buildings	30,421	30,429	(8)	380,890	385,620	(4,730)	0.07987	0.07891
TOTAL MUNICIPAL SALES	<u>43,564</u>	<u>43,303</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>653,890</u>	<u>658,082</u>	<u>(4,192)</u>	<u>0.06662</u>	<u>0.06580</u>
447 Sales For Resale	<u>1,953</u>	<u>2,001</u>	<u>(48)</u>	<u>23,280</u>	<u>23,554</u>	<u>(274)</u>	<u>0.08389</u>	<u>0.08496</u>
456 Other Electric Revenue	<u>8,115</u>	<u>10,910</u>	<u>(2,795)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Electric Operating Revenues (To Exhibit B)	<u><u>\$1,192,958</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,150,641</u></u>	<u><u>\$42,317</u></u>	<u><u>15,306,625</u></u>	<u><u>15,118,834</u></u>	<u><u>187,791</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.07794</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.07611</u></u>

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND 1981**

	Total	1982 Operation	Maintenance	Total	1981 Operation	Maintenance	Increase (Decrease)
POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSE							
555 Purchased power	\$ 934,784	\$ 934,784	\$ -0-	\$872,244	\$872,244	\$ -0-	\$ 62,540
557 Other expenses	37,928	37,928		11,426	11,426		26,502
Total Power Production Expense	<u>972,712</u>	<u>972,712</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>883,670</u>	<u>883,670</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>89,042</u>
DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES							
581 Operation labor	5,081	5,081	-0-	2,624	2,624	-0-	2,457
582 Operation supplies and expenses	840	840		3,222	3,222		(2,382)
588 Misc. distribution expense	2,025	2,025		2,296	2,296		(271)
590 Maintenance of structures	2,280		2,280				2,280
593 Maintenance of overhead lines	17,292		17,292	20,677		20,677	(3,385)
595 Maintenance of line transformers	9		9	282		282	(273)
596 Maintenance of street lights and signal systems	4,653		4,653	3,086		3,086	1,567
597 Maintenance of meters	100		100	83		83	17
598 Maintenance of misc. distribution plant	331		331				331
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>32,611</u>	<u>7,946</u>	<u>24,665</u>	<u>32,270</u>	<u>8,142</u>	<u>24,128</u>	<u>341</u>
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT EXPENSES							
902 Meter reading labor and expense	3,549	3,549	-0-	3,986	3,986	-0-	(437)
903 Accounting and collecting labor expense	29,116	29,116		23,138	23,138		5,978
904 Uncollectable accounts	2,176	2,176					2,176
Total Customer Account Expenses	<u>34,841</u>	<u>34,841</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>27,124</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>7,717</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES							
916 Miscellaneous sales expense	4,720	4,720	-0-	7,561	7,561	-0-	(2,841)
920 Admin. and general salaries	28,930	28,930		26,035	26,035		2,895
921 Office supplies and expenses	3,753	3,753		2,582	2,582		1,171
923 Outside services employed	15,093	15,093		2,492	2,492		12,601
924 Property insurance	7,136	7,136		5,417	5,417		1,719
925 Injuries and damages	5,068	5,068		1,363	1,363		3,705
926 Employees pensions and benefits	1,211	1,211		59	59		1,152
928 Regulatory commission expense	2,232	2,232		3,009	3,009		(777)
930 Miscellaneous general expense	1,141	1,141		1,229	1,229		(88)
932 Maintenance of general plant	9,056		9,056	5,551		5,551	3,505
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>78,340</u>	<u>69,284</u>	<u>9,055</u>	<u>55,298</u>	<u>49,747</u>	<u>5,551</u>	<u>23,042</u>
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses (To Exhibit B)	<u>\$1,118,504</u>	<u>\$1,084,783</u>	<u>\$33,721</u>	<u>\$998,362</u>	<u>\$968,683</u>	<u>\$29,679</u>	<u>\$120,142</u>

Report of the Paxton Fire Department

The total number of Emergency Responses this year was 131, about the same as last year, 34 were fires in structures. A series of incendiary fires beginning in March resulted in an intense investigation by the Paxton Fire and Police Departments, with the State Fire Marshal, and concluded in an arrest early in July.

The new Alerting Pagers were put into service in September and it brought an end to an era, which began in 1928, where the siren on top of the Town Hall was first used to alert members for fires. The sirens will continue to be tested at 6:00 PM, however, they are no longer used for fires.

With the increased dependence on Mutual Aid, several joint drills were held during the year, with some of the surrounding towns, to familiarize each other with their equipment and operations. One of these drills was held in the center of Paxton this Spring.

The Fire Prevention Inspection Program has been completely revised with new forms, procedures, records and fees. A total of 136 Permit Inspections was made. Permit Income was slightly over \$1,300.

In addition to the monthly Department Drills sixteen members took Advanced Firefighting Training in classes held by the State Fire Academy

in other towns and the New Hampshire State Fire School. The four Lieutenants attended a Fire Officers twelve week course conducted by the State Academy. Many of the methods learned in these courses have been adopted in the Department. The knowledge acquired by this training will benefit the Town for the future. All these members attended on their own time and expense.

Immediate repairs had to be made to the roof over the Meeting Room, the drainage problems in the rear yard, and the radio in Engine 3 had to be replaced when the eighteen year old unit could no longer be repaired.

I continue to be concerned about the lack of easily visible house numbers and urge all residents to consider the problems we might experience in locating their number in the event of a Fire or Medical Emergency.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for membership in the Department should contact me at the Fire Station any Tuesday evening, new members are always welcome.

The assistance and cooperation of the townspeople, members, administration and other Town departments is acknowledged and has been appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Chief
Paxton Fire Department

Report of the First Responder's Fire Department

The Paxton Fire Department First Responder Group answered fifty three calls for medical assistance during the 1982-1983 year. This program is the vital link between the need for assistance and the arrival of an ambulance and subsequent transportation. These calls do not include response and action taken at motor vehicle accidents as these are considered fire calls.

During the year all members became re-certified in Advanced First Aid under the instruction

of Wayne Myers, an American Red Cross instructor. Further training is accident scene maintenance was provided by Corporal James Comerford of the Massachusetts State Police.

The following firefighters comprise the First Responder Group:

David Beach
Richard Bedard
Stephen Bedard
John Benoit
Jay Conte
Richard Jenkins

Robert Mortel
Brian Murphy
Herb Robinson
Rusty Savignac
Kevin Sullivan
Matt Wilde

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

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health wishes to report that all Paxton Children have been immunized in compliance with State Law. Clinics must be approved by the Board of Health and location decided by the Board. James A. Lashbrook is our Sanitary Inspector. Zigmond Kozlowski is our Gas and

Plumbing Inspector. Frank Urbanovitch is our Animal Inspector. Call the Town Secretary, Town Hall, 753-2803 for information concerning correct procedures to be followed to obtain necessary permits.

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

Report of the Highway Superintendent

With the assistance of State Chapter monies, good progress was made during the past fiscal year on our continual effort to improve the road surfaces. Sharing equipment such as trucks and bucket loaders with other Towns help to keep our expenses down and allows us to put more money into materials.

It was a relatively mild open winter with approximately seventy inches of snow and three or four good sized ice storms. With only a few sub-zero days the frost level did not go to depths to cause frozen water lines.

If you have had a problem with the Town

snow plows damaging the edge of your lawn, some people put up markers making it much easier for the driver to judge the edge of the road.

From time to time we have received complaints of water flowing into driveways from the Town streets. Although it is a building code regulation that a driveway permit be issued for a new home, it is equally important that the Highway Superintendent be contacted before resurfacing an existing driveway. Many times the approach at the street line is done incorrectly causing problems for the homeowner as well as the Highway Department.

Robert S. Hansson
Supt. of Streets and Water

1983 Jury List

Edward L. Buck, 40 Asnebumskit Rd., Manager
Vincent McIntyre, 11 Knollwood Rd., Telephone - Retired

Rosabla I. Labarge, 636 Pleasant St., Retired
Michael K. Aijala, 1 Mt. View Drive, Student
Samuel J. Staiti, 765 Pleasant St., President - Oil Co.
Joseph Crutcher, 1 Eugenia Lane, Mold Setup Person

Edward W. McDude, 774 Pleasant St., Student
A. Barbara Rogers, 8 Burtenmar Circle, Homemaker
Frances M. Delaney, 3 Crestwood Rd., Secretary
Ronald Germain, 442 Marshall St., Mechanic
Rose Urbanovitch, Davis Hill Rd., Housewife
Dorothy W. Rosseland, 130 Holden St., Teacher

Christopher Martin, 23 Hill St., Letter Carrier
Roberta A. Smith, 8 Streeter Rd., Housewife
Donald G. Marshall, 5 Forestdale Rd., Persident
Michael Fulginiti, 15 Indian Hill Rd., Real Estate Broker

Miriam Suomu, 96 Pleasant St., At Home
Heidi K. Marengo, 63 Grove St., Secretary
Donald Perry, 29 Forestdale Rd., Personnel Consultant

Marcia G. Farrar, 12 Burtenmar Circle, Coordinator
Hope A. Rubin, 5 Arrowhead Drive, Marketing Supervisor

Leslie Ann Williams, 57 Richards Ave., Student
John R. Roy, 7 Ashwood Rd., Student
Laurens C. Seelye, 15 Maple St., Manager - Retired

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Circulation 24,403
Interlibrary Loans..... 373
Volumes in collection 16,224
New Registrations..... 111

The Library Trustees conduct their board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Library Hours:

Summer	
Sunday - closed	Wednesday 1-5
Monday - closed	Thursday 1-5, 7-9
Tuesday 1-5, 7-9	Friday 1-5
Saturday - closed	
Winter	
Sunday - closed	Wednesday 9-12, 1-5
Monday - closed	Thursday 1-9
Tuesday 1-9	Friday 9-12, 1-5
Saturday 1-5	

The Staff and Trustees of the Library have focused on maintaining and improving the Library collection to meet the needs of the townspeople. Another focal point has been to fill the role as a center for activities.

The "Artist of the Month" has kept the display case busy for the whole year and there have been some interesting displays by townspeople. Call the library if you are interested.

The library continues to be used by the classes at the Center School and by various committees as a meeting place.

The monthly movies continue to be part of the library program and an "Evening Movie" is being instituted for older children and adults.

All this activity has resulted in an increase in circulation, Interlibrary Loans and registrations.

The library has maintained its children and adult programs throughout the past year. The Friends of the Library have remained an active organization. These "Friendly" volunteers have run a Story Hour, planted and cared for window boxes, cared for interior plants, landscaped the grounds, run the Book Fair and planned and assisted with various programs. The Friends budget also "rejuvenated" a room downstairs and painted the children's room. All of this help serves notice to those passing by and using the Library that this is a cared for facility.

There can be something for everyone - come and support your library!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Braley
Librarian

LIBRARY EXPENSE July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

SALARY ACCOUNT

Town Appropriation	19,895.00
Expenditures:	
Librarian	11,050.00
Others	8,804.50
Total	19,854.50

EXPENSE ACCOUNT - Income

Town Appropriation	6,425.00
Dog Fund	154.00
Interest from Investments	See Treasurer's Report

EXPENDITURES:

Petty Cash	50.00
Telephone	593.51
Water	32.00
Postage & Office Expense	497.33
Misc. & Travel	34.75
Maintenance Building & Grounds	424.36
Books & Magazines	6,259.14
Electric	1,396.20
Fuel	2,114.98
	11,402.27

STATE AID

Received July 1, 1982	1,881.00
Balance	1,521.12
Expenditures	1,759.17
	1,642.95

Report of the Planning Board

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, the Planning Board is continuing its work in up-dating the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Paxton.

To that end, the Planning Board has proposed an amendment of the Zoning By-laws, which would,

if enacted, affect the uses permitted without a Special Permit in the business district of the Town. A public hearing was held on May 12, 1983 at the Town Hall. The Town will vote on the proposed change at the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Pentland, Clerk

Report of the Plumbing Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983. 18 Plumbing Permits were issued and 20 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 143 fixtures were inspected.

During the same period 11 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 13 Gas Inspections were made.

A total of 18 appliances were inspected.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Zigmond Kozlowski
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Report of the Police Department

The police department has had a successful year in respect to crime reductions and public safety. Strict motor vehicle enforcement and the continued success of the neighborhood crime watch has resulted in making our town a safer place to live. Please advise us of traffic conditions that need attention as well as other suspicious incidents.

A rash of suspicious fires has been brought to a halt with the cooperation of the fire department and the state fire marshalls office.

Unfortunately, we had a bicycle fatality the first such in the history of the town to the best of my knowledge.

The department returned \$7,360 to the town from traffic fines, permits and reports.

Once again I wish to thank the citizens, town

officials and other departments for their continued and essential support.

Calls for Service	2,204
Breaking & entering Homes	7
Breaking & entering (other)	2
Auto thefts	1
Motor Vehicles recovered	5
Vandalism	12
Missing persons	2
Armed robbery	0
Summons served	29
Property damage accidents	59
Personal Injury accidents	21
Medical Assists	31
Business Checks	7,960
Vacant homes	1,325
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,779

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Sheehan, Chief

Report of the Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is pleased to report a most successful year. The year began with a July 4th celebration at the pool. Approximately 150 people attended. The first event which was the annual 3 mile road race was won by Mark Kimball. Music was provided by a disc jockey. Other events of the day included: swim races, face painting, egg toss contest, horse shoes, peanut hunt and fire truck rides. Prizes and ribbons were awarded to the winners. The day ended with an afternoon cookout. This year we added shish kabob and corn on the cob to our menu. Both were a huge success.

Our five week recreation program for children in grades 1-8 was well attended. There were 165 children participating in this program. Activities included: arts and crafts, swim lessons, sports, games and regularly scheduled field trips. This year children went to The Boston Aquarium, Riverside, Mt. Wachusett Animal Farm and Rocky Point. Once again the pool was well attended with 8,249 individual visits.

The fall and winter programs ran fifteen weeks each. They included: slimnastics (100 participants), gymnastics (60 participants), adult basketball (30 participants), and youth basketball (20 participants).

In November the Recreation Commission hired a new superintendent, Robert Winston. We

would like to express our thanks to Jim and Mary McEachern for a job well done. The downhill ski program was enhanced this year by the new developments at Mount Wachusett. 150 youngsters participated in this program which included a ski lesson and a lift ticket. Cross country skiing was available in Paxton with 15 people participating. Lights at Illigs Pond made evening skating possible. Although the ice was not perfect for Winter Carnival, everyone enjoyed the bonfire, music and refreshments. Coffee, hot chocolate, pop corn and donuts were available for the 200 people who attended.

The second annual Summer Salstice 10 kilometer road race was held on June 18th. Winner of the race was Peter Stanton with a time of 35:07. The first three Paxton finishers were Donald R. Wilson, Michael Reardon and John Slabich. The first Paxton woman to finish was Pamela DiRubio. The first juniors were Kim Faucher and Michael Milko. The first master from Paxton was John Hyland.

The Commission would like to thank Sybille Wolf for five years of service. Maureen Anderson will be her successor. Commission members for this year were: Sybille Wolf, Claudia Holland, David Braley, Dennis Melican and Jack McDonald, Chairman.

Prepared by Claudia Holland

Report of the Tree Warden

To the Townspeople of Paxton:

I'm pleased to report that our department did very well for the workload that was planned. Not only the work planned was accomplished but un-scheduled work was also taken care of. The winter added to un-scheduled work in the form of two ice storms and three days of high winds. Many tree limbs that were broken due to ice or wind damage along with many trees that fell were removed.

For the upcoming year, more intersections will be cleared of over hanging branches, widening narrow roadways where brush has overtaken its bounds, removal of dead or hazardous trees and the planting of new trees.

When traveling along your street or any of the town roads, please notify me if you notice a tree problem or have a question about any town trees.

Thank you

Patrick V. Smith, Tree Warden

Report of the Insect Pest Control Sup't.

Townspeople of Paxton:

This past year the destruction of the gypsy moth is starting to take its toll. Though relatively little destruction was seen the previous year of defoliation this was the year to see how many trees survived. I'm not happy to report that thru a survey of the town and various calls brought to my attention that we have thirty-one dead trees and many more showing signs of failing. Some trees that did show signs of failing, such as the town common were sprayed with a liquid fertilizer

to give them a "shot in the arm" to add vitalization. The funding does not allow for all town areas to be done so certain areas were picked, such as the town common. In the next year if we have substantial moisture the trees have a better chance of surviving. Remember not only to water your lawns but also the trees in front of your house no matter how big they are.

In the next year there will be more fertilizing both liquid and granular to save our trees.

Thank you

Patrick V. Smith
Superintendent Pest Control

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 109 names from the list.

New Totals:

2,417 Registered Voters
461 Democratic
404 Republican
1,552 Unenrolled

Board of Registrars

Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman
Sr. Dorilda Flynn, S.S.A.
Frances M. Bigwood
June T. Herron, Clerk

Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The demand for water continues to grow but our source and capacity to pump remain constant. In each of the last two years the maximum daily demand has equaled our capacity to pump, approximately 720,000 gallons in a twenty four hour period. Further the average daily demand has risen to 265,000 gallons during the past year. This represents a 20% increase in two years. The state has estimated that our reservoir has a safe yield of 300,000 gallons per day. Since the Asnebumskit pond is essentially spring fed it is difficult to know or estimate if, in fact, we are bumping against

the capacity of our system. We are fortunate in that all testing of our water supply continues positive with only a chlorine addition necessary before it enters our distribution system.

The purpose of all these data, is to impress everyone the necessity to conserve water where ever possible by fixing your leaky faucet, lowering the level in your water closed, and waiting one more day for rain before watering your lawn.

Statistics

Total Services	1,052
New Services 82-83	4
Gallons Pumped	97,259,000

Robert Thompson
Charles Glassbrenner
Charles Scholl, Chairman

Report of the Council on Aging

The Paxton Council on Aging has reached another milestone, with the completion of the renovation at the White School House to provide all of our Paxton Senior Citizens with a recreational center they can proudly call their own.

The parking lot is being used as a take off point for our by-monthly shopping trips; an easy access ramp is also provided as an added attraction. On the inside 2 classrooms have been converted and furnished. One is known as the P.V. Donohue Memorial Room, as a tribute to our late chairman of the Board of Selectmen. This room is used for related functions by the Council on Aging meetings, recreational activities and processing of Fuel assistance applications (2 Sessions, this past season) also, distributions of surplus government foods (3 sessions, this season) both worthy causes and appreciated by all recipients in need.

The second room has a fully equipped kitchen

where soon, a hot meal program will get underway for 60 year old citizens and older. On July 7th, in addition 2 new, on site restrooms for "grandpas" and "Grandmas" are provided, eliminating the drudgery of climbing stairs. A new heating system has been installed thru-out, adding all of the comforts of home to our center.

Needless to say, the renovation was made possible cost wise by the receipt of a grant from the Dept. of Elder Affairs Grant Proposals to the Council on Aging. Electrical and Plumbing installations were contracted to local firms. All other work was of a voluntary nature, donated by some Senior Citizens and members of the Council on Aging who worked tirelessly hand in hand to make this much needed necessity a reality.

It is certainly an attractive addition to our town of Paxton, something we feel can be proudly shared by all of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Bauer, Chairman COA

Report of the Capital Outlay Committee

This is in the nature of a preliminary report. It was preceded by a request to Town Departments to submit lists of capital needs. The table below has been drafted from the responses. The items are those submitted and show expenses by year, but without any financing costs. It should not be assumed that the Capital Outlay Committee necessarily recommends any item or its order in the table. During the next several months discussions will take place with departments to place proposed projects and costs on a firmer basis.

Note that existing debt is being retired year by year, so that the budget in Fiscal 1986 will no longer have to include the last Paxton Center School addition and in Fiscal 1987 the fire truck will be fully paid. Financing of new capital items can take place without relying so heavily on the Stabilization Fund, as we have done during the last two years. The committee recommends replenishing the Stabilization Fund so that this fund can serve its intended purpose more readily.

The "Future" column in the table has been used when known costs are to be covered after the sixth year or when a project is not yet clearly enough defined as to timing and/or financing to assign it to a fiscal period.

Routine increases in the levy limit and true increases in the tax base will allow more revenue in the order of \$50,000 each year. The Legislature has allotted additional local aid for Fiscal 1984. Hopefully, this will continue in future years. These sums will go mostly for operating costs.

In conjunction with the specific items represented below, other broader projects have been suggested. These call for further study before total costs and detail can be attached to them:

- Purchase of land adjoining Asnebumskit Pond
- New quarters for the Police Department
- Town Hall office space
- Historical District survey
- Water line replacement, Richard Avenue and Pleasant Street
- Future use of white school building
- Additional repairs to fire station

It should be noted that the Cemetery Commission plans some capital replacements, but expects to finance them from its own funds. A Master Plan was developed some years ago. It should again be reviewed.

To be included in the more comprehensive report to be prepared this next year will be information from any departments unable to respond initially. Department Heads have done a good job identifying capital needs associated with their areas of responsibility. They have allocated costs reasonably within their own departments. Nevertheless, so much money is involved the Town will

have to assign priorities carefully and decide how much it can afford to spend. Final decisions will be in the hands of Paxton's citizens. The Finance Committee is responsible for near term matters to be taken up at town meetings.

David L. Bennett
Michael R. Biscotti, Jr.
Richard G. Connell
Thomas P. LaVigne
Joseph W. McKay
James J. Mellor
Kathleen Sears

TABLE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

	TOTAL	FY85	FY86	FY87	FY88	FY89	FY90	FUTURE
EXISTING DEBT AS OF 6-30-83:								
Library Addition	\$128,250	\$ 25,500	\$24,500	\$23,500	\$22,500	\$16,500	\$15,750	\$
Concrete Standpipe	215,870	25,965	25,089	24,188	23,313	22,438	21,563	73,314
3rd School Addition	30,488	30,488	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Truck	127,321	46,675	42,097	38,549	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXISTING DEBT	\$501,929	\$128,628	\$91,686	\$86,237	\$45,813	\$38,938	\$37,313	\$73,314
CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENTS:								
Continuous Chlorine Monitor	4,000	4,000						
12 inch Water Main Extension, Pleasant Street to Camp Street	9,250	9,250						
Mower Street Water main Loop	32,145		32,145					
Paint Maple Street Water Tank	12,000		12,000					
Reinforce Camp Street Water Line	21,700			21,700				
Fire Hydrants, NEW and Relocated per Fire Dept.	30,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Replace 10 inch Water Line, Richards Ave. and Pleasant St.	280,000							280,000
New Police Cruisers	33,000			10,500	11,000		11,500	
New Police Radio (Mobile)	4,650	1,500	1,550	1,600				
New Police Radio (Base)	3,000					3,000		
New Radar	1,000		1,000					
Fire Hose Replacement	9,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Upgrade Breathing Equipment	3,000	3,000						
Replace Radio - Fire Engine 2	1,600	1,600						
Replace Springs - Fire Engine 3	1,500		1,500					
Construct Fire Chief's Office	2,500		2,500					
Replace Fire Station Emergency Power Unit	4,500			4,500				
Replace Rescue Truck	70,000				70,000			
Replace Treasurer's Check Printer	1,000						1,000	
Library Mini-Computer	4,000		4,000					
Replace 1978 Highway Dept. Pickup and Plow	10,000	10,000						
Replace 1977 Highway Dept. Pickup	7,500		7,500					
Replace Snow Plow	2,600		2,600					
Replace 1972 Dump Truck	35,000			35,000				
Replace Snow Plow	2,600			2,600				
Replace 1970 Backhoe-Loader	40,000				40,000			
Replace 1975 Dump Truck	35,000					35,000		
Replace 1954 Tractor	6,000						6,000	
Replace 1969 Road Grader	80,000							80,000
Historical District Survey	7,500							7,500
TOTAL PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$754,045	\$35,850	\$71,295	\$82,400	\$127,500	\$44,500	\$25,000	\$367,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,255,974	\$164,478	\$162,981	\$168,637	\$173,313	\$83,438	\$62,313	\$440,814

Report of the Town Collector

1977 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$13.20	
Collected		\$13.20
	<u>\$13.20</u>	<u>\$13.20</u>

1978 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$88.63	
Collected		\$88.63
	<u>\$88.63</u>	<u>\$88.63</u>

1979 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$192.58	
Refunded	17.80	
Abated		\$ 17.80
Collected		192.58
	<u>\$210.38</u>	<u>\$210.38</u>

1980 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$ 48.95	
Recommitted	212.86	
Abated		\$ 17.60
Collected		244.21
	<u>\$261.81</u>	<u>\$261.81</u>

1981 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$1,376.52	
Collected		\$1,376.52
	<u>\$1,376.52</u>	<u>\$1,376.52</u>

1981 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$16.00	
Collected		\$16.00
	<u>\$16.00</u>	<u>\$16.00</u>

1981 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$682.19	
Recommitted	2.00	
Refunded	31.83	
Abated		\$102.51
Collected		572.74
Outstanding June 30, 1983		40.77
	<u>\$716.02</u>	<u>\$716.02</u>

1982 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$54,860.23	
Computer Adjustment	0.01	
Collected		\$37,584.25
Tax Title		15,111.82
Outstanding June 30, 1983		2,164.17
	<u>\$54,860.24</u>	<u>\$54,860.24</u>

1982 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$1,553.39	
Collected		\$1,433.99
Tax Title		87.40
Outstanding June 30, 1983		32.00
	<u>\$1,553.39</u>	<u>\$1,553.39</u>

1982 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1982	\$ 6,964.22	
Recommitted	7.50	
Committed	27,269.59	
Refunded	1,487.64	
Abated		\$ 2,537.60
Collected		32,380.67
Outstanding June 30, 1983		810.68
	<u>\$35,728.95</u>	<u>\$35,728.95</u>

1983 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$12,054.74	
Collected		\$11,996.66
Outstanding June 30, 1983		58.08
	<u>\$12,054.74</u>	<u>\$12,054.74</u>

1983 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$1,412.70	
Collected		\$1,291.70
Outstanding June 30, 1983		121.00
	<u>\$1,412.70</u>	<u>\$1,412.70</u>

1983 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$1,549.01	
Collected		\$1,173.04
Outstanding June 30, 1983		375.97
	<u>\$1,549.01</u>	<u>\$1,549.01</u>

1983 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$104,982.90	
Recommitted	6.25	
Refunded	571.85	
Abated		\$ 2,656.45
Collected		84,557.71
Outstanding June 30, 1983		18,346.84
	<u>\$105,561.00</u>	<u>\$105,561.00</u>

1983 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Committed	\$1,601,451.91	
Refunded	11,399.51	
Abated		37,510.47
Tax Title		7,401.62
Collected		\$1,509,819.87
Outstanding June 30, 1983		58,119.46
	<u>\$1,612,851.42</u>	<u>\$1,612,851.42</u>

Interest Received During 1982 - 1983

Real Estate	\$5,844.72
Motor Vehicle	196.25
	<u>\$6,040.97</u>

Interest Received From Savings Account

\$449.40 Guaranty Bank

Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$57,669.99
Installation & Repairs	1,285.22
Worcester Water Used	34.65
	<u>\$58,989.86</u>

Electric Light Department Receipts

\$1,236,538.87

June T. Herron (Mrs.)

Town Collector

Report of the Town Accountant

To the Residents of Paxton:

In accordance with the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts, I respectfully submit to you the report of the Financial Condition of the Town of Paxton for the year 1983 Fiscal. Certified Free Cash, \$194,945.00. Thank you all for the co-operation I have received over the past year.

Yvonne B. Karle, Town Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON BALANCE SHEET 1983

ASSETS

Cash	803,435.76
Rev. Sharing	14,330.20
Stabilization Fund	122,341.53
Conservation Fund	10,760.76
Taxes - 1982	
Real Estate	2,164.17
Taxes 1983	
Personal Property	58.08
Real Estate	58,119.46
Farm Animal Excise - 1983	121.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Prior yrs.	40.77
1982	810.68
1983	18,346.84
Tax Titles & Possessions	
Tax Titles	17,254.74
Tax Title Possessions	1,901.91
Departmental	
Cemetery P/C	531.64
Water Rates	3,348.17
Water Misc.	35.81

Water Lien Charges

1983	375.97
Prior yrs.	32.00
Municipal Lt. Dept. Res. Call	23,122.38
Aid to Highway (State)	64,179.56
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accts.	
Emergency Medical Comp.	215.34
Payroll Deductions	
Retained	
Health Ins	118.29
Group Life	47.31
Assessments Underestimated	
County	5,650.34
Secp. Ed.	2,339.00
	<u>1,149,681.71</u>
Approp. Control	<u>2,279,516.00</u>
	<u>3,429,197.71</u>

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Payroll Deductions	
Mass Teachers Ret.	6,412.53
Cty. Retirement Ret.	2,923.93
Group Life	90.42
Central Mass Health	1,831.25
Central Mass Health	27.62
Disability Ins.	188.00
Annuities	2,396.00
Emp. Health B +	2,222.68
Guarantee Deposits	
Municipal Lot. (meter)	7,752.02
Water Dept.	50.00
Unexpendable Trusts	
Cemetery P/C	531.64
Agency Account	
County - Dog Lic.	161.25

Federal Grants	
School - Title	53.99
Title IV	.82
Revenue Sharing	14,330.20
State Grants	
Library	3,523.45
Elder Affairs	54.89
Highway - Chap.	
191	17,628.00
351	13.90
570	1,920.04
732	4,690.49
Special Allotment	6,198.00
County Reimb. (Dogs)	66.00
Gifts and Bequests	
Library	25.00
E. D. Bigelow - School	57.55
Hazel Gay - School awards	9.51
Revolving Accounts	
School Lunch	1,920.53
Bldg. Rental - School	385.00
Adult Ed.	114.32
Vandalism	120.00
Recreation	991.95
Enc. Approp. Balance	90,892.93
Conservation Fund	10,760.16
Stabilization Fund	122,341.53
Municipal Light Const & Deprec.	239,941.19
Overestimates	
State Assessments	6,349.66
Surplus Res. for ah & Exemp.	70,994.28
Prov. for ah & Exemp.	
1982	51,138.84
1983	37,850.65
Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Motor Vehicle Excise	19,198.29
Farm Animal Excise	121.00
Tax Title Rev.	19,156.65
Escrow T.T.	2,000.63
Water Dept.	3,791.41
Inst. & Repairs	.54
Municipal Lt.	23,122.38
Expendable Trusts	
Cemetery	17,015.38
Library	19,376.56
Tailings	839.89
Loan - Imp. Highway	
Antic of Rev. (State)	64,179.20
Unreserved Bal	255,667.92
School	
Held from Stabilization	16,000.00
Treas. to Ref. to Stabilization	2,250.54
	1,149,681.71
Approp. Control	2,279,516.00
	3,429,197.71

NET FUNDED FIXED DEBT

School	60,000.00
P. E. Lt.	75,000.00
Water - Standpipe	186,325.00
Library	130,000.00
Fire Truck	140,000.00
	591,325.00

TRUSTS AND INVESTMENTS

C. D. Boynton - Gen. Purp.	20,289.24
D. Russell Boynton Poor Fund	4,300.59
E. D. Bigelow School Bk	1,043.48
Past War Rehab.	3,299.68
Bigelow Village Imp.	1,805.44
Library Trust Funds	65,750.09
Cemetery P/C	68,011.80
	164,500.32

RECEIPTS - 1983F General Ledger

TAXES

Personal Prop. - 1983	11,996.66
Real Estate - 1983	1,509,819.87
Real Estate - 1982	37,584.25
Real Estate prior yrs.	1,376.52
Tax Title	14,748.18
Tax Title Escrow	2,000.63
M. V. Excise - 1983	84,557.71
M.V. Excise - 1982	32,396.10
M. V. prior yrs.	1,095.93
Farm Animal Excise 1983	1,291.70

Water Rates	57,669.99
Water Inst. Reapris	1,285.22
Worc. Water Used	34.65
Water Liens - 1983	1,173.04
Water Liens prior yrs.	1,449.99

Highway Temporary Loans	92,034.20
Special Allotment	6,198.00
State Reconstruction	22,861.00
State Aid to Highway	14,969.64
Snow Plowing	750.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Real Estate Int.	5,844.72
M. V. Interest	196.25
Int. on Operating Cash	449.40
Filing Fees and Adv.	86.00
Certificates of M. Liens	975.00

F. SECTRY

Use of Copy Machine	51.95
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TREASURER

Tax Title Int.	640.50
Interest on Operating Cash	42,043.46
Tailings	107.60

SELECTBOARD

Permits and Lic.	6,050.00
Sale of Land	300.00

T. CLERKS

Dogs for County Lic.	1,105.50
Permits	80.40
Sale of St. Lists	15.00

BD. OF APPEALS

Hearings	150.00
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PLANNING BOARD

Fees and Charges	84.00
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POLICE DEPT.

Reports and Fines	9,455.00
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FIRE DEPT.

Permits	1,300.00
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BLDG. INSP.

Permits	4,301.44
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GAS AND PLUMBING INSP.

Permits	420.00
Wire Insp.	650.00

SCHOOL

Use of Telephone	5.84
Vandalism	120.00
Adult Education	642.50
School Rental	25.00
Tuition	860.96

BD. OF HEALTH

Permits	1,043.00
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COUNCIL ON AGING

Refund	5.95
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LIBRARY

Fines	381.48
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CEMETERY

Opening Graves	1,590.00
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REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Recreation	3,583.49
Upper Blackstone Waste Disposal	1,243.00
School Lunch	36,835.61
Hazel Gay - School Awards	35.10
E. D. Bigelow, Book Fund	27.62
Cty. Reimb. - Dogs	220.00

STATE REIMBURSEMENTS & GRANTS

Loss of Taxes	21,550.60
Widows & others	175.00
Blind	175.00
Veterans Aid	3,090.28
Abatement of Taxes	4,259.63
Local Aid	147,574.00
Lottery	43,523.00
Gas Tax	21,835.00

SCHOOL

Construction Chap. 645	15,051.76
Aid Chap. 70	191,821.00
Transportation	20,876.00
Tuition	1,192.00
Vocational Transportation	621.00
Spec. Education	5,792.00

Elder Affairs

Elder Affairs	477.00
Elder Affairs	2,500.00

Library Aid

Library Aid	1,881.00
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INTEREST INCOME

Library	7,248.90
Reimb. from Friends of Library	2,500.00
Cemetery	6,205.37

REVENUE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Stabilization	50,458.75
Cemetery P/C - Nonexpendable	3,500.00

PAYROLL W/H

Fed Tax	81,783.55
State Tax	26,562.38
Cty. Retirement	23,875.16
Mass Teachers Retirement	33,038.96
Employees Health Ins. - Blue Cross	21,610.24
Direct pay & Retained	1,338.10
Central Mass Health	8,951.03
Direct Pay & Retained	148.83
Employees Group Life	642.77
Direct pay and Retained	0.00
Teachers Dues	3,010.00
Disability Ins.	1,222.00
Annuities	14,663.32

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPT.

Rates	1,236,653.87
Interest on Operating Cash	15,892.80
Refunds and Resale f Power	15,644.42
Interest on Meter Deposit	995.53
Sale of Junk	1,434.83
Interest on Depreciation and Construction	16,302.11
Meter Deposits	1,050.00
To Town from P. Municipal Lt. for payment of Mat Debt and Int.	29,762.50

Temp. Loan in Antic. of Taxes	400,000.00
	4,502,993.74
Balance Bt. fwd.	1,129,169.67
	5,632,163.41

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Interest	4,004.10
Grants	37,463.00
	41,467.10
Balance Bt. fwd.	36,863.10
	78,330.20

PAYMENTS - 1983F
General Ledger

Real Estate Ref. - 1983	11,399.51
M. Vehicle Ref. - 1983	571.85
M. Vehicle Ref. - 1982	1,487.64
M. Vehicle prior years	49.63
Water Inst. & Repairs Ref.	1.00
Reserve for Approp.	2,164,426.41
Payroll w/H	
Fed Tax	81,783.55
State Tax	26,562.38
Cty. Retirement	22,599.08
Mass. Teachers Retirement	30,864.75
Employees Ins. - BX	23,066.34
Direct pay & Retainer	1,374.89
Central Mass Health	7,119.71
Direct pay : Retained	121.28
Employee Group Life	630.17
Direct pay & Retained	47.31
Teachers Dues	3,010.00
Disability Ins.	1,128.00
Annuities	14,232.00

Cty. Tax Assessment	78,390.89
Cty. Retirement System	59,408.00
State Assesments	24,348.38
Encumbered Funds	101,411.60
Highway Temp. Loans	51,104.20
Highway Chap. 329	14,969.64
Chap. 351	17,424.10
Chap. 570	1,590.76
Chap. 732	16,143.51

Revolving Accts.	
School Lunch	37,817.14
Upper Blackstone Rev. Acct.	1,243.00
Recreation	4,188.67
Municipal Light Mat. Debt. Interest	29,762.50
Adult Education	580.83

School Title IV	1,224.00
Library State Aid	1,759.17
State Grant Elder Affairs	477.00
State Grant Elder Affairs	2,445.11

Temp. Loan in Antic. of Taxes	400,000.00
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Paxton Municipal Lt.	
Meter Deposit	950.00
Operating Cash	1,543,209.82

Cemetery P/C	3,500.00
Cemetery (Int. Income) Exp. & operation	3,785.13

Richards Memorial Lib. Int.	4,330.41
Library Int. Income - Exp. & operation	4,824.54
School E. D. Bigelow	181.29
Hazel Gay Awards	30.00

Receipt from Stabilization for Specific Purposes	32,208.21
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Dogs - Collected for Cty.	944.25
	4,828,727.65
Cash on Hand	803,435.76
	5,632,163.41

Federal Revenue Sharing	
Garbage, Rubbish Removal	64,000.00
Cash on Hand	14,330.20
	78,330.20

**APPROPRIATION SUBSIDIARY LEDGER
PAYMENTS 1983F**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

3.1 Salary	1,100.00
3.2 Adm. Sectry.	4,324.00
3.4 Expense	1,596.99
3.9 Audit	4,500.00

Moderator

9.1 Salary	35.00
9.4 Expense	40.00

Finance Board

11.2 Sectry.	595.00
11.4 Expense	91.18

Elections

15.4 Expense	1,382.54
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Registrars

17.1 Compensation	160.00
17.2 Clerk	176.00
17.3 Street List	500.00
17.4 Expense	662.21

19.4 Town Report	2,720.00
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Town Accountant

25.2 Salary	4,600.00
25.4 Expense	323.78

Assessors

29.1 Salary	3,240.00
29.2 Clerk	3,199.00
29.4 Expense	469.53
29.8 Data Processing & valuation update	2,554.22

Town Collector

33.2 Salary	5,062.00
33.4 Expense	1,489.93

Town Sectry.

34.2 Salary	5,800.00
34.4 Expense	1,576.38

Town Treasurer

35.1 Salary	5,225.00
35.2 Hire	1,450.00
35.4 Expense	817.91
35.8 Data Processing	1,352.00
35.9 Certification of Loans	50.00

Town Clerk

39.1 Salary	1,300.00
39.2 Hire	521.00
39.3 Record Keeping	90.00
39.4 Expense	186.93
39.5 Record Storage	77.01

45.4 Legal	7,767.09
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Bd. of Appeals

61.4 Expense	23.40
63.2 Planning Bd.	100.00
63.4 Expense	24.80

Town Hall Caretaker

65.2 Salary	2,342.00
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Town Hall

65.4 Expense	6,194.45
65.6 Repairs	204.00

75.3 Unemployment Security	2,747.00
77.4 Employees Ins.	48,433.07
82.4 Ins. and Bonds	47,933.43
83.4 Ins. Deductible	100.00

Town Clock

84.2 Salary	60.00
84.4 Expense	41.76
86.4 Central Regional Planning	564.30
87.4 Capital Outlay Comm.	0.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	173,802.91
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept.

101.1 Salaries and Compensation	75,987.50
101.4 Expense	16,398.50
101.6 Out of State Travel	200.00
101.7 Prisoners Fees	690.00
Art. 5 School Crossing Guard	1,398.40

Fire Dept.

103.2 Salaries and Compensation	13,445.02
103.4 Expense	18,401.65
103.5 Equipment	989.88
103.6 Protective Gear	899.70
103.7 Hose Replacement	1,500.00

Emergency Medical

105.3 Compensation	4,517.44
105.4 Expense	1,478.76
105.6 Ambulance Contract	6,500.00

Forestry		
109.4	Moth	294.00
110.4	Dutch Elm	795.55
Bldg. Insp.		
113.2	Salary	1,850.00
113.4	Expense	98.77
Gas and Plumbing Insp.		
117.2	Salary	275.50
Wire Insp.		
121.2	Salary	810.00
121.3	Hire	20.00
121.4	Expense	76.00
Civil Defense		
131.4	Expense	40.82
Dog Officer		
133.2	Salary	1,350.00
133.4	Expense	671.90
Tree Warden		
193.2	Salary and Hire	2,463.00
193.5	Equipment	96.55
Communications		
194.2	Dispatchers Compensation	34,404.30
194.4	Expense	1,290.86
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		186,944.10
SCHOOLS		
200 A Paxton Center School		
1000	Adm.	20,594.43
2000	Instruction	597,614.66
3000	Other School Services	54,965.40
4000	Operation and Maint.	138,716.16
5000	Fixed Charges	677.07
6000	Community Serv.	600.82
7000	Acq. & Fixed Assets	7,454.30
8000		
9000	Programs with other Schools	22,613.00
		843,235.84
B		
1000	Adm	
2000	Instruction	48,891.24
3000	Other School Services	16,864.95
9000	Programs with other Schools	16,512.00
		82,268.19

Wachusett Regional School	
Assessment	452,481.73
TOTAL SCHOOLS	1,377,985.76

PUBLIC SERVICES		
300.1	Highway & other Wage Acct.	114,389.87
300.4	Expense, Mt. Operation	60,999.36
307.4	Street Lights	12,833.33
391.1	Water Comm. Salary	225.00
391.3	Other Compensation & Water	3,069.00
391.4	Expenses - Maint and Op.	18,371.79
391.6	Water Quality	846.93
391.8	Pump Repair	2,079.36
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES		212,814.64

SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT		
401.1	Board of Health Comm. Sal	30.00
401.4	Expense	92.13
403.4	Garbage and Rubbish Removal	3,580.00
429.2	Sanitary Insp. Salary	3,485.00
430.2	Animal Insp. Salary	150.00
430.3	Assistant	50.00
481.4	Historical Comm.	0.00
487.2	Conservation Clerk	220.00
487.4	Expense	40.00
TOTAL SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT		7,647.13

HUMAN SERVICES		
503.4	Community Health, Assessment	2,759.30
531.4	Council on Aging	3,652.68
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TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		6,411.98

VETERANS SERVICES		
551.2	Veterans Agt. Salary	500.00
551.4	expense	106.19
551.6	Aid	3,566.08
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TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES		4,172.27

CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Library		
601.1	Librarian Salary	11,050.00
601.3	Other Compensation	8,804.50
601.4	Expense	6,577.73
621.2	Recreation Comp.	17,840.32
621.4	Expense	3,723.52
621.5	Equipment	150.00
643.4	Fourth of July	495.09
644.4	Memorial Day	276.50
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		48,917.66

DEBT SERVICE

701.1 Paxton Center School	30,000.00
701.2 Library	20,000.00
701.3 Water Standpipe	17,525.00
701.4 Fire Truck	35,000.00
TOTAL MATURING DEBT	102,525.00

INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS

721.1 Paxton Center School	2,437.50
721.2 Library	7,500.00
721.3 Water - Standpipe	10,192.50
721.4 Fire Truck	16,770.83
TOTAL INTEREST ON MAT. DEBT	36,900.83

Respectfully Submitted

Yvonne B. Karle

741.4 Temporary Loans	6,304.13
	<u>2,164,426.41</u>
Balance	<u>110,316.19</u>
	<u>2,274,742.60</u>

Budget	2,246,407.73
Art. 5	1,450.00
Transfers	26,884.87

Breakdown	
Expended	2,164,426.41
Unreserved S.R.	19,344.11
O.S.R. ab. Exemp.	294.49
O.D. Acct.	(215.34)
Enc. Balance	<u>90,892.93</u>
	<u>2,274,742.60</u>

Town Treasurer's Report

Year Ended June 30, 1983

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INTEREST INCOME

	INTEREST EARNED DURING YEARS ENDED	
	June 30, 1982	June 30, 1983
Town Operating Funds	\$ 75,330.06	\$ 42,598.49
Electric Operating Funds	33,999.14	18,138.45
Electric Depreciation Fund	30,827.75	13,843.77
Stabilization	17,506.96	10,979.81
Cemetery Trusts	6,781.55	5,910.85
Library Trusts	7,248.63	5,985.30
Revenue Sharing	6,142.82	4,004.10
Miscellaneous Trusts	2,291.83	1,732.25
SUB-TOTAL	180,128.74	103,193.02
Less - Interest Cost of Short Term Loans	(3,088.83)	(5,304.13)
Net Investment Income	\$177,039.91	\$97,888.89

OPERATING CASH

Balance July 1, 1982	\$1,129,169.67
Add-Receipts for the year	4,502,993.74
Subtract-Payments for the year	4,828,727.65
Balance June 30, 1983	<u>\$ 803,435.76</u>

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING CASH

JUNE 30, 1983

Town Operating Funds Invested in Mass Municipal Depository Trust	\$628,701.18
Town Funds in Checking	(72,958.63)
Electric Funds in M.M.D.T.	88,673.27
Electric Funds in Checking	45.31
Electric Depreciation Funds in M.M.D.T.	158,974.63
TOTAL	<u>\$803,435.76</u>

OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 1983

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Addition	1985	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 61,950.00
Water Standpipe	1995	186,325.00	56,386.00	242,711.00
Library Addition	1990	130,000.00	24,750.00	154,750.00
Fire Truck	1986	140,000.00	35,515.27	175,515.27
Electric Substation				
(To be paid from Electric Revenue; not Taxation)	1986	75,000.00	7,162.00	82,162.00
Highway (To be reimbursed by State)	1984	64,179.20	3,529.86	67,709.06
TOTALS		<u>\$655,504.20</u>	<u>\$129,293.13</u>	<u>\$784,797.33</u>

NON-OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES

JUNE 30, 1983

Richards Memorial Library Trust	\$ 46,571.22
Other Library Trust Accounts	19,178.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	43,681.80
Cemetery Trust Accounts	24,330.00
Village Improvement Fund	1,805.44
D. Boynton Poor Fund	4,300.59
C. D. Boynton Fund	20,289.24
Stabilization Account	122,341.53
Income From War Bonds	3,299.68

Conservation Account	10,760.76
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,043.48
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	-0-
AT & T Stock - Library	216 Shares
AT & T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

Respectfully submitted
David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Treasurer

Report of the Paxton School Committee

The 1982-83 academic year, the third year of Proposition 2½, has been an extremely rewarding year. The one year, temporary appointments, of Mr. Charles Gruszka as Acting Principal and Mr. Richard Lane as Acting Head Teacher, set the tone for many interesting and innovative educational practices. Their accomplishments, and our confidence in their ability, can best be illustrated by the permanent appointment of both men to their respective positions.

- A new discipline system has enhanced the learning environment and created a student conduct which has received many and varied compliments; the basic program has been requested by other school systems.
- The Computer Program has been expanded with the purchase of more computers, disc drives, printers and auxillary equipment.
- Staff development continues in the designated priority areas.
- Many extra curricular projects have been initiated and directed by the staff.
- Steady progress continues on the implementation of the recommendations of the School Audit Report.
- Parent Teachers Organization continues to expand its supplemental educational programs beyond all reasonable expectations. Outstanding performance.
- Nature's Classroom programs are expanding and continue to be very successful.
- Voluntary child identification program, fingerprinting, implemented with support of the Police Department and Lions Club.

- All basic educational programs maintained within the Proposition 2½ framework.
- School enrollment continues to decline as projected.
- ***Estimated** per pupil cost for 1983-84 is \$2,920; this is a 6.7% increase over 1982-83. (*Final cost not available until completion of contract negotiations with The Paxton Teachers' Association which will be effective September, 1983).
- Two long term dedicated teachers requested and were granted early retirement. "Congratulations and thank you" are in order for Miss Evelyn Bass and Mrs. Mary Donahue.
- The Committee accepted, with regret, the resignation of Committeeman Mr. H. Kasprian in October, 1982. We welcomed the new Committee member Mrs. J. Mancini.
- Very positive and results oriented planning of the educational programs to reinforce, strengthen and extend the students learning.

We are very optimistic that this past year has set the stage for accelerated learning opportunities based on the enthusiasm of the Superintendent's Office, Administrators and Staff. Team teaching will be introduced in the Junior High beginning this fall.

Your Town Government, especially the Finance Committee and Selectboard have continued to guide and support our requests. We are confident that Paxton residents will continue to demand and support Educational Excellence: The Paxton School Committee Goal.

P. McCarthy, Chairman
B. Scarbeau, Vice Chairman
J. Mancini, Secretary
B. Lorge
D. Lucey

Paxton School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip McCarthy - Chairman	Term Expires 1984
Barbara Scarbeau - Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1984
Judith Mancini - Secretary	Term Expires 1986
Daniel Lucey	Term Expires 1985
Barbara Lorge	Term Expires 1985

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
Dianne Master	Administrative Secretary
Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting Secretary
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting Secretary
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting Secretary
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Cathleen Bradshaw	Receptionist/Clerk Typist

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Charles T. Gruszka	Acting Principal
Mary Donahue	English VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	Science VI-VIII
Lois Kahn	Social Studies VI-VIII
Margaret C. Reynolds	Reading VI-VIII
Marguerite A. Rydant	Math VI-VIII
Patricia A. Wadsworth	English VI-VIII
Paul A. Zendzian	Science VI-VIII
Victoria K. Copp	V
Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Mary L. Bogren	IV
Richard M. Lane	IV
Ginger Urbanovitch	III
Jeanne K. Couture	II/III
Claire Reavey	II
Evelyn M. Bass (Retired 8/31/82)	I

Nancy Oakes	I
Janice E. Laperle	I
Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Constance Garvey Marr	Librarian
Gertrude R. Healy	French/Spanish
Barbara Marks	Art
Maryann O. Morin	Guidance
Kathleen M. Oatley	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
David F. Hebert	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman	Learning Disabilities
Claudia Aitken	Learning Disabilities
Patricia Belsito	Teacher/Math Tutor
Sylvia V. Caswell	Gifted and Talented

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	Consultant
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Richard Morrow	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Acting Assistant Head Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract

ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1982

Grade		Grade	
K	27	IX	40
I	29	X	55
II	36	XI	64
III	33	XII	86
IV	49		
V	46		
VI	40		
VII	46		
VIII	58		
TOTAL	364	TOTAL	245

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

No Report Submitted.

STATEMENT #1

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CONDITION June 30, 1983

	6/30/82	6/30/83
ASSETS (General Accounts)		
Cash (General, Investments, Petty Cash)	1,146,751.05	643,464.59
Accounts Receivable	-0-	-0-
Loans Authorized	3,359.57	3,359.57
	1,150,110.62	646,824.16
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	4,180,000.00	3,800,000.00
	5,330,110.62	4,446,824.16

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans	-0-	-0-
Payroll Withholdings	49,279.96	38,503.26
Tailings	605.14	605.14
Federal Grants	10,116.23	29,416.05
Cafeteria and Other		
Revolving Accounts	24,840.17	25,140.34
Accounts payable	190,331.00	250,738.00
Planning and Building Costs	178,662.33	12,538.63

APPROPRIATION

Loans Authorized and Unsued	3,359.57	3,359.57
Insurance Settlement	11,306.02	9,290.83

RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

Escrow Account	8,769.39	8,165.38
Contingency Maintenance Fund	54,450.50	60,718.65
Building Fund 1953 Project	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Surplus	608,086.00	198,044.00
	<u>1,150,110.62</u>	<u>646,824.16</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans, School Construction	4,180,000.00	3,800,000.00
	<u>5,330,110.62</u>	<u>4,446,824.16</u>

STATEMENT #2

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INCOME STATEMENT
12 Month Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983**

INCOME	6/30/82	6/30/83
Assessments from Member Towns	2,923,953.00	2,923,953.00
State Revenues (Exhibit A)	2,236,275.89	2,242,572.00
Other Revenues (Exhibit B)	484,506.44	696,012.00
Surplus Reduction Applied	350,000.00	200,000.00

Carryover Appropriations from Prior Fiscal Year (Exhibit C) 155,214.72 190,331.00
Reduced Appropriation -0- -25,000.00
Surplus Transfers for Unbudgeted Appropriations (Exhibit C) -0- -0-

GROSS INCOME

6,149,950.05 6,277,868.00

EXPENSES

Operating and Debt Service (Exhibit C) 5,574,203.12 5,851,475.00

NET INCOME

575,746.93 376,393.00

STATEMENT #3

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS
12 Month Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983**

BEGINNING SURPLUS 6/30/82 6/30/83
572,669.47 72,389.00

ADD:

Audit Classifications -0- -0-
Net Income (Statement #2) 575,746.93 376,393.00
1,148,416.40 448,782.00

LESS:

Carryover Appropriations from Current to Next Fiscal Year 190,331.54 250,738.00
Surplus Applied to Reduce Current Ending Fiscal Year's Assessments 350,000.00 -0-
Surplus Applied to Unbudgeted Appropriations -0- -0-
ENDING SURPLUS 608,084.86 198,044.00

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMPARISON

	Fiscal 1981-82	Fiscal 1982-83	Fiscal 1983-84 ⁽¹⁾
Administration	159,899	301,533	195,037
Instruction	2,622,161	2,494,658	2,921,637
Other School Services	577,225	533,752	548,562
Operation and Maintenance	605,496	600,218	613,307
Fixed Charges	316,870	370,043	382,566
Community Services	---	---	---
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	21,484	29,000	44,800
Special Education	566,862	594,550	738,211
Adult/Community Education	30,130	31,315	(2)
Vocational Education	133,309	143,056	102,683
Debt Retirement and Service	756,405	714,162	682,337.12
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>5,789,841</u>	<u>5,812,287</u>	<u>6,229,140.12</u>
% Change in Budget	+ 4.3%	+ 0.4%	+ 7.2%
Net Assessment to Member Towns	2,923,953	2,923,953	3,742,602 ⁽³⁾
% Change in Assessments	+ 8.4%	+ 0.0%	+ 28.0%

(1) As voted by Wachusett Regional School Committee 2/28/83 but not fully funded by Annual Town Meeting votes April and May 1983

(2) Revolving Account established.

(3) Only \$3,223,953 voted by Annual Town Meetings April and May 1983 (up 10.3%).

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

Paxton's public education program has continued, during 1982-83, at nearly the same program levels as in the past, and has enjoyed significant steps forward in several areas. Paxton could be considered lucky to have a declining student enrollment at both elementary and high school levels, so that property tax limitations have been accommodated by cutbacks in quantity, for the most part, rather than in quality. We should ask Paxton's citizens' understanding, however, of the fiscal problems of neighboring towns which must serve more students each year with less purchasing power. The following enrollment data may be of interest, even though the actual experience of 1982-83 falls 10% short of the projections of a year prior. Paxton's elementary and its high school public school enrollments both peaked in 1973-74. The projections show continued decline in the foreseeable future, barring some radical change in circumstances.

Paxton Public School Pupil Enrollment (per Mass. Dept. of Education study).

	PAST		Total
	Gr. K-8	Gr. 9-12	
1973-74	665	306	973
1974-75	643	314	958
1975-76	611	275	889
1976-77	589	305	896
1977-78	564	299	864
1978-79	533	293	830
1979-80	463	303	775
1980-81	420	297	718
1981-82	401	282	692
(1982-83)	365	237	614) ^o

	PROJECTED 12/82		Total*
	Gr. K-8	Gr. 9-12	
1982-83	393	270	672
1983-84	374	226	609
1984-85	368	205	582
1985-86	367	190	566
1986-87	353	187	549

* Totals include ungraded students.

^o Per local records.

We join with the Paxton School Committee in its enthusiasm for the progress made by the new principal and our staff over the past year. The national trend to conservatism is reflected here in Paxton, not only in the economics of Proposition 2½, but in the enthusiasm which a predominance of parents have registered for no-nonsense/consistent discipline at the Center School. We would contend that the rules have not changed, they have merely been put into print and widely distributed, and a major effort has been made to ensure that thirty teachers enforce them uniformly. We would want to be very clear that the discipline which we are working toward is not mean and nasty, it should be the same sort of discipline that a caring parent exercises in the home, with love, so as to train the young to be a human, socially responsible adult, and **also** to provide all of us, including the young, with the security and serenity that comes where everyone knows and follows the same set of rules. We should expect that there would be some differences of opinion as to what the rules should be, but we should expect that a single standard would exist at the school.

At Wachusett Regional High School, we have completed the 1979 additions, which make the school a fully equipped facility for 1,500 students. The faculty has been working for the past year-and-a-half on the self evaluation, preparatory to the visitation 2-5 October 83 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, our regional accreditation agency. This every-ten-year self evaluation and NEASC review process requires a great deal of work on the part of staff, and provides the "marching orders" for program redesign and improvement for the following ten years. Paxton Center School's voluntary self evaluation of 1981 followed this model, and continues to guide us in our year-to-year efforts toward program improvement there.

During the next year, we expect to be studying up to a dozen national reports on education, which are scheduled to be released. We feel that our conservative communities and their public schools have avoided many of the problems which the reports issued thus far have mentioned, but we expect to review them during the next two years for their implications locally.

Our business operations have benefitted from collaboration over the last two years. Wachusett has been an early participant in the New England Schools Insurance Collaborative, and has enjoyed a 5% reduction in premiums even as we added 50% to the insured property value. Union and Region have lowered man-hour and purchase costs of bidding by cooperative purchasing with

Leicester, Auburn, Oxford, Dudley-Charlton, Blackstone Valley Voc. Tech., and other south county school districts.

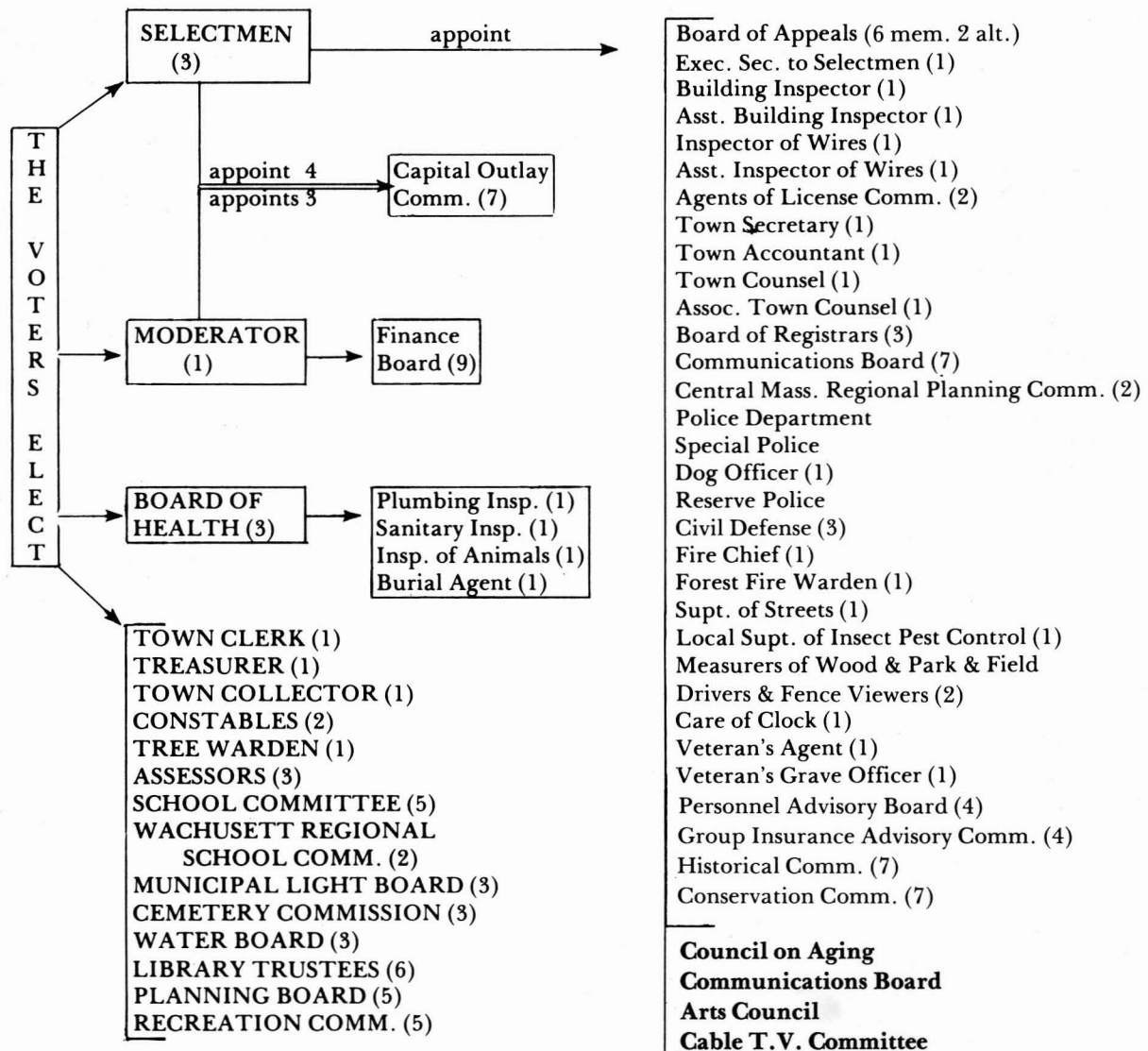
Your administrators invest some of their (your) time in state and national professional service trying to contribute our share to the larger public good, and benefitting as well from early information. Wachusett Assistant Principal Bernard Tremblay serves as past president on the executive board of the Mass. Secondary School Administrators Association. Wachusett Principal Harold Lane serves on the Commissioner's Task Force on Youth, Education and Employment. Assistant Superintendent Peter Farrelly serves on the Board of Directors of the Mass. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Superintendent Edward Yaglou serves on the Legislative Committee and as vice chairman of

the Regional Schools Task Group of the Mass. Association of School Superintendents, and on the Committee for the Advancement of School Administration of the American Association of School Administrators.

We continue to express appreciation, even delight, at the civility and dedication of the people with whom we work: school committees, local officials, finance committees, parents and citizens, our faculty and staff (who **have** accepted a heavier load with dedication and ingenuity under the fiscal limitations) and those occasionally frustrating, but always exuberant and inspiring, objects of our labors, the students.

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

The Structure of Paxton's Town Government



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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

791-6600

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

Town Secretary/Accountant/Burial Agent 753-2803/754-7638
Yvonne B. Karle (Home) 754-2054

Contact Town Secretary for —

Board of Health	Dr. Lewis James, Chairman.....	(Home)	798-8569
Building Inspector	Charles Collins.....	(Home)	756-9708
Conservation	Charles Innis.....	(Home)	753-4950
Planning Board	Steve Bik, Chairman.....	(Home)	791-1734
Recreation	Claudia Holland, Chairman.....	(Home)	755-4653
Sanitary Inspector	James Lashbrook, Jr.	(Home)	791-5346
Water Board	Charles J. Scholl, Chairman	(Home)	798-2934
Plumbing Inspector	Zig Koslowski, 392 Pleasant St., Leicester.....	(Home)	892-3495

Town Clerk/Collector 753-2803/754-7638

June T. Herron..... (Home) 757-3153

Assessors James R. Stone, Chairman 754-7638
Monday evening 7:30 to 10:00 (Home) 799-6631

Board of Selectmen - Secretary 9:00 to noon (Mon.-Fri.)..... 754-7638
Meets 2nd & last Thurs. 7:30 P.M.

John E. Lucey, Chairman	(Home)	757-4173
Christian Baehrecke, Vice-Chairman	(Home)	755-9009
Thomas Cunningham, Clerk	(Home)	798-3239

Dog Officer - Robert Mortell contact Dispatch 791-6600

Electric Light Dept., 578 Pleasant St..... 756-9508

Highway & Water Dept., 107 Holden Road 753-9077
if no answer..... contact Dispatch 791-6600

Council of Aging Senior Citizen Center..... 756-2833

John Bauer, Chairman (Home) 753-3238

Paxton Center School..... 798-8576

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

Wachusett Regional Superintendent's Office..... 829-6631

Paxton School Committee - Philip McCarthy, Chairman (Home) 752-2717

Meets 2nd Tues. evening Sept.-June at school

Wachusett Regional Committee

Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. evening at High School

Library, Richards Ave..... 754-0793

Trustees meet 1st Tues. evening 7:30 at Library

Library Hours	Winter	Summer
Mon.	Closed	Closed
Tues.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Weds.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Thurs.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Fri.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Sat.	1-5	Closed

Winter meetings could be rescheduled due to weather conditions or for heat conservation.