

TOWN OF PAXTON



1983-1984 ANNUAL REPORT

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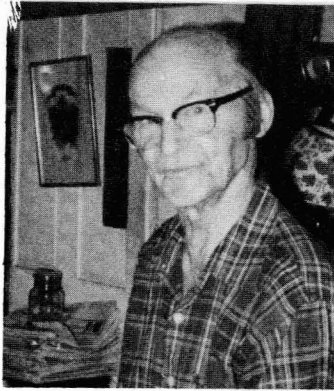
Town Officers

Town of Paxton



Year Ending June 30, 1984

In Memoriam



Robert C. Harrington

Died December 19, 1983

Served 35 years as Paxton Light
Commissioner



Glen Bogren

Died November 1, 1983

Fireman Dispatcher



Marion Maccabee Jenson

Died February 19, 1984

She was Treasurer, Tax Collector,
Clerk of the Board of Assessors, Clerk
of Cemetery Commission, Clerk of
Water Commissioners, and Clerk of
Board of Appeals.

Edward Tamulevich

Died December 24, 1983

Chairman former Paxton
Board of Public Assistance.

John D Rommel

Died November 2, 1983

Member of Planning Board &
Board of Appeals.

With Thanks for Past Service

Mary Kelley

Wachusett Regional
School Committee

G. Donald Fenton

Library Trustees

Winslow Myers

Arts Council Committee

Sister Dorilda Flynn

Council on Aging

Barbara Brigham

Historical Commission
Conservation Committee

Dealton J. Smith

Finance Board

John Bauer

Council on Aging

William E Lindquist

Veteran's Agent

James Mellor

Finance Board

Doris Migneault

Council on Aging

Robert Fowler

Personnel Advisory
Committee

William F. Jones

Finance Board

Town Officers for May 1984 to May 1985

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECT BOARD

Christian S. Baehrecke 1985,
Chairman
Thomas J. Cunningham 1986,
Vice-Chairman
John E. Lucey 1987,
Clerk

TOWN CLERK

June T. Herron 1985

TREASURER

David P. Fitzpatrick 1987

TOWN COLLECTOR

June T. Herron 1987

MODERATOR

Robert J. Hall 1985

CONSTABLES

Willaim O. Wylie 1987
Robert P. Sheehan 1987

TREE WARDEN

Patrick V. Smith 1985

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip C. McCarthy 1987,
Chairman
Barbara C. Lorge 1985,
Vice Chairman
Daniel J. Lucey 1985,
Secretary
Judith A. Mancini 1986
Barbara N. Scarbeau 1987

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eugene O'Rourke 1985
Daniel J. Lucey 1987

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

James V. Graham 1987,
Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell 1985
John B. Jacobs 1986,
Secretary

ASSESSORS

James R. Stone, Jr. 1985,
Chairman
Susan Corcoran 1987
Michael R. Biscotti, 1986

WATER BOARD

Charles J. Scholl 1985,
Chairman
Charles J. Glassbrenner 1986
Robert W. Thompson 1987

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ronald E. Johnson 1986,
Chairman
Orace T. Holland 1985
Dr. Lewis James Jr. 1987

PLANNING BOARD

Kathleen Sears 1985
Charles Mello 1986
Zarvin J. Kasparian 1987
Stephen P. Bik 1988,
Chairman
Richard J. Pentland 1989

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ralph A. Kimball, Jr. 1985,
Chairman
Edith M. LaVigne 1985
Gwen L. Hall 1986
Charles L. Innis, Jr. 1986
Alice E. Nelson 1987
Howard W. Moore 1987

RECREATION

Claudia P. Holland 1985
David Braley 1986,
Chairman
Denis Melican 1987
Maureen T. Anderson 1988
Francis P. Eident 1989

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Caroline L. Rice 1985,
Chairman
Katherine L. Stannard 1986
Betty Peterson 1987

Appointed by the Selectmen

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE SELECTMEN

Barbara Scholl

BOARD OF APPEALS

David L. Bennett 1985
Timotheos Thoutsis 1986
Frederick H. Fricka 1987
Allen Rubin 1988
Robert F. Dillman 1989
Melanie A. Valinski, Alt. 1985
Sherburne B. Rockwell,
Alt. 1986

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

Paul Valinski

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Warren P. Lederer

ASST. WIRING INSPECTOR

Ambrose Tower

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Charles Collins

ASST. BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ambrose Tower

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF INSPECT PEST CONTROL

Patrick Smith

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Frances Bigwood 1985
Jean McIntyre 1986
Ann Cunningham 1987

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, Sr.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Yvonne B. Karle 1987

CIVIL DEFENSE

William Foley, Director

Robert S. Hansson, Asst.

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William Foley, Director

Robert S. Hansson, Asst.

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST
FIRE WARDEN**

Brian Murphy

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed by Fire Chief

David Ahlin

Leonard Anderson

David Beach

Richard Bedard

Stephen Bedard

John Benoit, Lieutenant

Michael Benoit

Peter Bogren

Jay Conte, Lieutenant

Robert Desrosiers

Christopher Devico

Thomas Ducharme

James Early

Brian Faucher

James Hansson

Richard Jenkins, Lieutenant

Michael Kimball

William Lang

William Lawler, Deputy

Robert Mortell

Brian Murphy, Chief

Timothy Pierce

Michael Putnam

Gary Richards

Herbert Robinson, Jr.

Patrick Robinson

Chester Rossier

Raymond Savignac

Michael Sears

Orville Sheldon, Lieutenant

Philip Sheridan

David Smith

Joanne Smith Hawkins

Kevin Sullivan

Peter Warren

Matthew Wilde

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

Frank Neiber

Mrs. Helen T. Sheehan

Harold Smith

Patrick Smith

Paul W. Valinski

Raymond Kirwin

William Lang

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Gerard Bernier

Paxton Center School

Charles J. Collins

Building Inspector

CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE

Cynthia Ahearn

Paul Andrews

Cathy Flynn

John Pennace, Chairman

Milton Sebring

CONSERVATION

Robert Stewart 1985

Mary Harney 1985

Catherine Hodgson 1986

Jean Rommel 1986

Charles Innis 1987

Janice Stewart 1987

Vincent McIntyre 1987

**GROUP INSURANCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gwen Hall

Robert S. Hansson

Robert P. Sheehan

Harold Smith

Mary Bogren

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

Gail Tracy 1985

Carolyn Stone 1985

Etta E. Robinson 1986

Ruth B. Wentworth 1986

Joseph W. Seremeth 1987

Gail Kimball 1987

Dennis Melican 1987

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Harold Mullaney 1985

Herbert Riddle, 1986,

Chairman

Frederick H. Fricka 1987

Frederick Goodrich 1987

John E. Graham 1987

COMMUNICATION BOARD

William Foley

Charles Glassbrenner

Robert S. Hansson

Brian Murphy

Robert P. Sheehan

Harold Smith

Robert Stewart

COUNCIL ON AGING

Philip Derby 1985
 Rita E. Palumbo 1985
 Kenneth Rogers 1985
 Helen Boschert 1985
 Gail Tracy 1986
 Leslie E. Robinson 1986
 J. Arden Woodall 1986,
 Chairman
 Evelyn Lawler 1986
 Sanford Wreschinsky 1987
 Everett L. Lupien 1987
 Henry J. Lamarche 1987

ARTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Arlene Sjosten 1985
 Gloria Smith 1985
 Joseph Sage 1986
 Barbara Wreschinsky 1987
 Martha Varnum 1987

ELECTION OFFICERS**Republicans**

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

Democrats

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

*Officials Appointed by Moderator***FINANCE BOARD**

Charles E. Stoneham 1985,
 Chairman
 Joseph W. McKay 1985,
 Vice Chairman
 Chester Johnson 1985
 William A. Dado 1986
 John Hodgson 1986
 Herbert Riddle 1986
 Allan S. Dunkerly 1987
 Arnold E. Fay, Jr. 1987
 Harold J. Mullaney 1987

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Finance Board, Harold Mullaney
 Finance Board, Herbert Riddle
 Planning Board, Kathleen Sears
 Assessors, Susan Corcoran
 Members at Large
 David L. Bennett, 1987
 Thomas P. LaVigne, 1985
 Richard G. Connell, 1986
Appointed by the Board of Health

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Zig Koslowski
 392 Pleasant St.,
 Leicester

ASSISTANT

Lawrence St. Martin
 83 Willow St., Leicester

SANITARY INSPECTOR

James A. Lashbrook

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
& SLAUGHTERING**

Frank Urbanovitch
 Robert J. Mortell

BURIAL AGENT

Yvonne B. Karle

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Leonard P. Martone,
 Barre, Ma.

To All Boards, Committees and Officers

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

Report of the Town Clerk Vital Statistics

January 1, 1983 -
 June 30, 1984

**BIRTHS
1983****January**

29 Babak, daughter to Alireza and Fatemeh
 Ziabakhah-Motejaded, 6 Grove St.

February

3 Stephanie Marie, daughter to Charles Steven
 and Susan Marie Panagiotou, 11 Walnut St.

15 Ian Michael, son to Thomas Howard and
 Dorothy Ann Trask, 11 Crestwood Rd.

March

2 Seth Hudson, son to Daniel Joseph and
 Deborah Dockins Delorey, 209 Pleasant St.

4 Marie Juliette, daughter to Raymond Jacques
 and Joanne Lovejoy Savignac, 63 Marshall St.

6 Matthew William, son to Frederick Guy and
 Dorothy Louise Timm, 32 Lincoln Circle.

12 Ashley Ann, daughter to Stephen Joseph and Cynthia Ann Granger, 1 Thistledown Lane.

13 Justin Robert, son to Robert David and Pamela Ruth Brunelle, 46 Pleasant St.

27 Tara Marie, daughter to William Franklin and Theresa Marie Lang, 604 Pleasant St.

29 David Evan Pratter, son to Melvin Richard and Margo Lee Pratter, 35 Crowningshield Dr.

April

23 Erin Louise, daughter to Robert John and Pamela Sue Mortell, 65 Streeter Road.

May

5 David Gimson, son to William George and Amy Archibald Notte, 15 Streeter Rd.

19 Barret Cory, son to Heinz Jurgen and Carol Ann Ring, 211 Grove St.

19 Jenna Kathryn, daughter to David Jerome and Nancy Ann Hill, 355 Marshall St.

24 Sarah Elizabeth, daughter to Jeffrey Lawson and Elizabeth Vance Conrad, 16 Grove St.

31 Jennifer Catherine, daughter to John Paul Jr. and Maureen Glowik, 11 Crocker Hill Dr.

June

22 Betsy, daughter to David Prouty and Leona Catherine Sherman, 2 Pine St.

29 Kimberly Brooke, daughter to Richard John and Leslie Jane Pentland, 1 Iron Forge Rd.

July

4 David John, son to David George and Jean Ann Parent, 9 Cutler Rd.

27 Michael David, son to David Ralph and Shirley Alice Hughes, 124 Richards Ave.

August

25 Richard Adam, son to Steven Allen and Denise Judith Sosnoff, 2 Jefferson Dr.

September

6 Shaun Andrew, son to Ronald Charles and Lydean Ann Howe, 44 West St.

27 Abbey Elizabeth, daughter to Michael John and Margaret Ahearn, 130 Marshall St.

October

9 Suzanne Marie, daughter to Michael Ralph Jr. and Luz Socorro Biscotti 2 Orchard Dr.

30 Michael James, son to James Henry and Holly Miriam Robert, 350 Richards Ave.

November

15 Allison Marie, daughter to John Frederick and Jayne Marie Mullen, 441 Marshall St.

15 Jonathan, son to John Aram and Anita Mae Bezdegian, 19 Cutler Rd.

16 Christopher Joseph, son to Ronald Hariah and Alina Orazula Chand 61 Camp St.

December

24 Caitlin Noel, daughter to Neil Douglas and Lisa Meredith McDonough, 112 Richards Ave.

1984

January

8 Brenna McEvilly, daughter to James Michael and Nora Ruchala, 36 Pleasant St.

23 Stephen Daniel, son to Arnold Benson Jr. & Janice Anne Childs, 188 Grove St.

February

16 Zaki, son to Zaki and Dziadzan Hmaydani, 33 Forestdale Rd.

March

29 Rachel Elizabeth, daughter to Craig Lawrence and Marjory Ann Masterman, 332 Pleasant St.

April

24 Brian Thomas, son to Francis Henry Jr. and Debra Margaret Henderson, 1 Meadowbrook Dr.

May

1 Erik James, son to James Leonard Jr. & Margaret Ernst, 31 Crystal St.

7 Derek James, son to James Edward and Margaret Barbara Ushkurnis, 384 Grove St.

9 Adam, son to Samuel Norman and Christine Veronica Knipe, 827 Pleasant St.

14 Morgan Harley, daughter to Howard Alan and Marianne Jean Gewandter, 50 Camp St.

20 Renee Marie, daughter to David James and Vivian Jane Sobaleski, 16 Knollwood Road.

June

8 Kelly Ann, daughter to Timothy Jay and Lynn Marie Howard, 115 Marshall St.

MARRIAGES

1983

March

- 1 Steven E. Knipe of Spencer to Donna M. Lang of Paxton

April

- 30 Scott J. Faucher of Paxton to Lauri Pierce of Paxton.

May

- 6 Patrick Gagnon of Paxton to Theresa Maloney of Paxton

- 14 Walter J. Peterson of Worcester to Deborah A. Fitts of Paxton

June

- 4 Curt Alan Cutting of Paxton to Donna Marie Austin of Paxton

- 18 Bruce Gordon Hohorst of New Jersey to Deborah Ann Dillman of Paxton.

July

- 30 Joseph W. Seremeth of Paxton to Nancy C. Fox of Spencer

September

- 10 Douglas Y. Knepper of Worcester to Deborah Eddy Miller of Paxton

October

- 9 Eugene J. Genese Jr. of Worcester to Nancy E. Goff of Paxton

1984

March

- 16 Peter Allen Norton of Virginia to Cheryl Ann Benicaso of Virginia

April

- 7 Jay J. Conte of Paxton to Julia A. Pentland of Paxton

- 8 Curtis John Lanciani of Littleton to Josephine E. Hiscox Blood of Paxton

- 28 Allen W. Dillaire of Worcester to Kathleen Bernier of Paxton

- 28 William John Grigaitis of Paxton to Lisa Frances Leveillee of Paxton

June

- 2 Richard Edmund Hawkins of Princeton to Joanne Joy Smith of Paxton

- 9 Steve Peter Hooten of Rutland to Lisa Marie Germain of Paxton

- 16 Kyle Kumler Tong of New Jersey to Deborah Ellen Varnum of Paxton

- 23 Robert J. White of Paxton to Rose-Marie Leonard of Paxton

Deaths

1983

February

- 18 Earl C. Ackley, 9 Ridgewood Road 75
27 Robert A. Lavoie, 16 Forestdale Road 47

March

- 29 Edwin Joseph Borezo, 525 Pleasant St. 55

May

- 23 Eva R. Dube, 5 Center Drive 89
29 Sarah H. Kazarian, 3 Monticello Drive 83

June

- 5 Elizabeth M. Krus, 16 Dunanderry Way 86
17 Marguerite M. Pepper, 11 Briarcliff Lane 84
28 George H. Perkins, 75 South St. 77

July

- 25 Vera C. Larson, 14 Eagle Lane 62

August

- 14 Inez H. Craig, 218 Richards Ave. 87
25 William J. McCarthy, 213 Grove St. 70
27 Oskar E. Lasberg, 6 Woodland Drive 99
27 Francis M. Whitney, 4 Grove St. 55

September

- 7 John J. Groden, 16 Eagle Lane 80

November

- 1 James H. Brooks Jr., 171 Richards Ave. 69
1 Glen R. Bogren, 556 Pleasant St. 18
2 John D. Rommel Jr., 8 Crocker Hill Drive 67

- 17 Rev. Edmund Murray Gannon, 10 Richards Ave. 62
- 21 Doris R. Jollette, 55 Crystal St. 83

December

- 19 Robert C. Harrington, 1039 Pleasant St. 86
- 24 Edward G. Tamulevich, 11 Woodland Drive 59

1984

January

- 11 George A. Settergren, 113 Pine Acres 64

February

- 8 Grace F. Fowler, 6 Squantum Rd. 66
- 11 Viena Marie Aho, 4 Indian Hill Road 69
- 19 Marion E. Jensen, 366 Pleasant St. 79

March

- 12 Mary E. Gorman, 4 Bel Arbor Drive 88
- 23 William J. Sefton, 111, 45 Richards Ave. 56

April

- 8 Alice O. Ballard, 391 Grove St. 76
- 12 William E. Donovan, 8 Crestwood Rd. 85
- 30 Joseph J. Zuma, 7 Elizabeth Lane 74

May

- 25 Anthony Sinkewich, 307 Pleasant St. 72

DOG LICENSES ISSUED July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984

Male	234
Female	41
Spayed Female	247
Kennel \$10	2
Kennel \$50	1
	525
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,369.75

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984

Total number of licenses issued	169
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$1,970.50

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held at the Paxton Center School Sept. 12, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Counters appointed were: Sanford Wreschinsky, Richard Bedard.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$215.34 to cover the over draft on Account 105.3. Emergency Medical Compensation.

Unanimous vote. 9/10 vote needed.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted to transfer to account 101.1, Police wages, and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 Insurance Proceeds payable to the Town to cover the cost of extended sick leave.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of purchasing Public Utility Mapping for the Town Departments.

Unanimous Vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 71 Section 71F of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts establishing separate accounts for non-resident students' tuition in certain cities and towns); or act in any way thereon.

Paxton School Committee asked that No Action Be Taken.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to pay the Paxton Congregational Church for use of their hall during fiscal year 1982-83.

Unanimous vote. 9/10 vote needed.

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 rehabilitate the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool circulation system, i.e. a pump, piping, and labor for installation costs; or act in any way thereon.

Recreation Commission asked that NO Action Be Taken.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted to appropriate \$132.00 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$45,300 to be added to the Paxton School Committee 1983-84 budget for the purpose of funding negotiated contracts and effectuating raise increases for school employees.

Motion Carried. Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40 Section 4G and further to amend any Town By-Law requiring a bedding process for contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials of \$2,000 or more by substituitng in its place the requirement of a bidding process for such contracts of \$4,000 or more; or act in any way thereon.

Paxton School Committee asked that No Action Be Taken.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted to authorize the Paxton School Committee to use \$9,291 Insurance Proceeds payable as a result of fire loss damage at the site of the cafeteria kitchen n the Paxton Center School, for the purpose of replacing kitchen equipment and making necessary repairs; any portion of such proceeds which are not needed for such purpose to be placed in the General Treasury.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. It was voted to raise and appropriate \$30.00 to pay a bill of a previous year.

Unanimous vote. 9/10 vote needed.

ARTICLE 12. It was voted to amend Paxton By-Law, Section 3.24, as follows: All uses currently permitted by right and designated by the letter Y in business districts shall hereafter be allowed only by special permit in the business district and be designated by the letters SP, except for Section 3.24 (6) in the business district which shall continue to be permitted by right and be designated by the letter Y;.

2/3 vote needed. 115 in favor, 57 opposed.

ARTICLE 13. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700 for the removal of 31 trees affected by the Gypsy Moth invasion of 1981-82.

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 14.It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to replace 16 trees removed as a result of the Gypsy Moth invasion of 1981-82.

Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 15. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$151,600 from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

Voted to adjourn the meeting at: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
June T. Herron, Town Clerk
Robert J. Hall, Moderator

Report of the Annual Town Meeting

Held May 14, 1984 at Anna Maria College

Moderator, Robert J. Hall, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He declared a quorum present. Tellers were: Ronald Belanger and Richard Bedard.

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, 1984, 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 to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift from Chester J. and Mary I. Witkowski, a surface water drainage easement 20 feet wide being a strip of land abutting and westerly of the entire easterly boundary of the premises on Holden Road conveyed to said Witkowski by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds and to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Stabilization Fund or other available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for such acquisition, or act in any way thereon.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate \$11,850 to purchase a new four-wheel drive pick-up truck and plow for the Highway Department and to sell or trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1978 Ford pick-up truck.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$17,429 for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 289 of the Acts of 1983.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of extending the 12" water main on Pleasant St. from its present terminus above Howe's Fruit Stand a distance of approximately 370' to terminate at the junction of Camp and Mower Streets.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 40 Section 4G and further amend any Town ByLaws requiring a bidding process for contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials of \$2,000 or more by substituting in its place the requirement of a bidding process for such contracts of \$4,000 or more.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted that the Town Hall accept the sum of \$16,036.90 or such other sum as may be received under Chapter 286, of the Acts of 1982, a Water Systems Rehabilitation Grant and place the same in the General Fund.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,091, or any other sum, received from the Commonwealth for library use to the Library State Aid Account.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9. It was voted that the Town accept from the Paxton Little League and others, etc., an equipment/refreshment stand to be located on Town property near Pleasant St., adjacent to the soccer/football field on the pool side.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted that the Town transfer from Overlay Surplus, \$6,000 for a new circulating pump and a new inground and above-ground piping system for the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool for the Recreation Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,900 to purchase a new police cruiser for the Police Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100, for the repointing and dampproofing of the exterior masonry surfaces at the Fire Station.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the purchase and installation of a replacement two-way radio in Rescue Truck.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the required upgrading of the self-contained breathing equipment and addition of personal distress alarms.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money approved for street lights and income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to 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 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.

Approved by a majority.

ARTICLE 16. It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate from funds approved under Article 11 of the June 19, 1982 Town Meeting, the sum of \$6,000 to secure preparation of plans and specifications for reroofing at the site of the Center School.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 17. It was voted that the Town transfer and appropriate from funds approved under Article 11 of the June 19, 1982 Town Meeting, the sum of \$4,500 to secure preparation of plans and specification for the purpose of replacing the boiler at the site of the Paxton Center School.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take \$23,000 from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 20. It was voted to bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

Selectman, John E. Lucey	3 years
Town Clerk, June T. Herron	1 year
Treasurer, David P. Fitzpatrick	3 years
Town Collector, June T. Herron	3 years
Moderator, Robert J. Hall	1 year
2 Constables, William O. Wylie -	
Robert T. Sheehan	3 years
Tree Warden, Patrick V. Smith	1 year
2 School Committee, Philip C. McCarthy	
- Barbara C. Scarbeau	3 years
Municipal Light Board,	
James Graham	3 years
Assessor, Susan P. Corcoran	3 years
Water Board, Robert W. Thompson	3 years
Board of Health,	
Dr. Lewis James, Jr.	3 years
Planning Board, Richard J. Pentland	5 years
2 Library Trustees,	
Alice E. Nelson-Howard W. Moore	3 years
Recreation, Francis P. Eident	5 years
Cemetery Commission, Betty Peterson	3 years
Wachusett School Committee,	
Daniel J. Lucey	3 years

Town Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

June T. Herron, Town Clerk of Paxton
Robert J. Hall, Moderator

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The past fiscal year has been a very busy time for us. While our official meeting times are on the 2nd and last Thursday evenings of every month, we held numerous special meetings initially, for the then new selectmen, to become better acquainted with all town officials and later to address the many pending issues with due deliberation.

Our first responsibility is with the committees and officials who, appointed by the Selectmen, report to us on a regular basis, such as the chiefs of highways, fire and police or our Dog Officer, Building Inspector among others. We are pleased about the leadership in all areas and know of the continual effort for efficient operation and good service. We will inquire into all special situations which come to our attention. We have made it our policy that any petition to the Board of Selectmen must be in writing and that all matters will be acted upon promptly.

COOPERATION

The selectmen wish to work with all town officials and we feel that there must be open lines of communication for all citizens with all parts of town government. Toward this goal every board, committee or town office has a liaison person on the Board of Selectmen who may be contacted at any time with any special or urgent concerns. A typical example of the past year has been our support for the Municipal Light Commissioners in the difficulties of increasing power costs. We have met with this board and the Manager regularly, we were pleased with their informative public hearing last December and we are working with them on the better understanding of Paxton's power supply through MMWEC or any alternatives.

APPOINTMENTS

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Selectmen make appointments to many full and part-time positions. Similarly appointment are made during the year as vacancies occur. We were pleased to know of a number of new volunteers for some of the boards and committees. Nevertheless, we wish to urge more Paxton citizens to get involved and to advise us as to special interest of service. A form in this Town Report may be used for this purpose. Better government can only happen as we are willing to contribute a bit more for it.

We were saddened by the untimely death of Sgt. Fran Whitney, who gave many years of dedicated service to Paxton. Bob Mortell was appointed as our new full-time police officer. Due to the increasing work load on the Council on Aging and the many services which it can provide for our senior citizens, we increased this board to eleven members. We are pleased about the progress at our Senior Center which during the past year became a luncheon meal site.

FISCAL MATTERS

Our responsibilities in this area are the most time consuming. Even without the restraints of Proposition 2½, we wish to be good stewards in all areas of public expenditures. To this end the selectmen worked very closely with the Finance Committee in identifying the narrow limits of available funding, setting of budget goals, prioritizing of expenditures and scrutinizing all requests. The Board of Selectmen is directly responsible to the Finance Committee for all departmental budgets under our executive control as the Finance Committee is charged to make recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting. We wish to express a special thank-you to J. Mellor whor for many years has expertly chaired our Finance Committee.

Initially we were terribly concerned about the documented \$100,000 shortfall facing Paxton under Prop 2½ budgeting, but new legislation of Chapter 641 passed by the Legislature in December gave us substantial relief, as it benefited all communitites which had not taxed to the maximum allowable in recent years. Nevertheless, tight fiscal restraints are remaining which may require override referenda in the future in order to meet essential services. This Board of Selectmen has stated that it will not vote favorably on any override proposition unless all facts and figures are fully explained and the need for extraordinary budgeting has been clearly demonstrated.

Early last year the work of the Capital Outlay Committee was reactivated and its findings provided valuable guidance for the budget process starting in November. While we are pleased about Paxton's decreasing debt (the last Center School construction will be paid off during the current fiscal year) we are concerned about the conditions of some of our physical assets, the adequacy of their maintenance, and their utilization and functional value. Our swimming pond (unfortunately inoperative this summer), the White Building and even our Town Hall fit this concern. The equipment of our highway department, largely acquired during the rapid-growth years in the sixties and early seventies, is getting more expensive to keep well maintained. We are aware of space needs for improved performance of several departments and we know of required physical improvements to meet certain state and federal mandates. But above all, we feel strongly that there is a responsibility to maintain our town facilities and the equipment properly. We have studied and continue to review the problems and we will have recommendations for town meetings in the near future which will require major borrowing for capital improvements.

Our fiscal responsibility was extended to the Worcester County Advisory Board where John Lucey served as a budget subcommittee chairman. The recommendations of this subcommittee saved in excess of one hundred thousand dollars on the county budget which is supported by assessment to the local tax rate. Locally we are controlling costs by advertising and bidding for needed supplies and services wherever possible. As an example, such solicitation for Paxton's insurances resulted in substantial savings over expenditures in previous years. With our final authorization of all payment warrants, the selectmen scrutinize most carefully every town expenditure.

PERMITS, LICENSES AND FEES

Special permits and licenses were granted upon examination of all circumstances. We were particularly pleased with the new development of the former Paxton Inn. We wish all establishments a full measure of success.

Government through many part-time officials, administering frequently complex local and state statutes, requires excellent cooperation among all parties. The selectmen continue to work on possible improvements in this area.

The Board formulized the rules for liquor licenses and special permits. In some instances we restructured chargeable fees in a more equitable manner.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Among the pending projects are the road improvements at the intersection of Routes 122 and 56 at Asnebumskit Road. With engineering and environmental impact studies completed by the State, we hope for the construction phase during the coming year.

After having received three initial applications for Cable Television service we regretted to get only one final proposal. As it was apparent during the December public hearing. Greater Media's plan for Paxton was too limited in coverage and its extension policy not affordable. For these reasons all applications were rejected at this time. We have recharged the Cable TV Advisory Committee to study the state of the art and report to us in the fall.

Paxton's zoning was called discriminatory by the State and in violation of Executive Order 215 when we applied for funding for water improvements. With not only this grant, but assistance on many projects at stake, the selectmen in conjunction with the Planning Board made a commitment to review the basis of our zoning and develop an affordable housing policy. This pledge released the funding. Presently Central Mass Regional Planning, to whom Paxton is a contributory member, assists us in determining our physical limitations (soil, water, sewerage, roads etc.) and defining improvements in zoning with due environmental consideration.

In closing the selectmen want to express their thanks and appreciation to all town officials who have assisted us in so many ways and whenever called. We are proud to be a part of this team where service to our community is first.

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

Report of the Board of Assessors

New construction, alterations and additions increased the total value of Paxton's taxable property \$700,050.00 as of January 1, 1983. However, abatements and devaluations amounting to \$1,193,510.00, due to overvaluations accrued to various properties during the 1982 Valuation Update, were approved and processed by the Board of Assessors, resulting in a *net decrease* of \$493,460.00 in the total valuation.

This decrease in valuation, combined with an increase of \$48,511.00 in the tax levy for FY1984, created a tax rate of \$18.80, an increase of \$.65 over the previous fiscal year.

The following tables show comparative statistics for the last three years regarding the tax rate recap, and exemptions and abatements granted on Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes.

The magnitude of the Assessors' job has reached the point where an additional 1000 work hours per year will be needed to properly administer and complete the required work on a timely basis. Therefore, on January 1, 1985, *for the second half of FY1985*, the Board will reorganize and increase its work hours to the following:

Administrative Assessor	600 hours
Assessor/Clerk	400 hours
Assessor/Member	100 hours
	1100 hours

For FY1986 the above hours will be doubled for each position.

James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman
Susan P. Corcoran
Michael R. Biscotti, Jr.

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES	FY82	% Inc.	FY83	% Inc.	FY84	% Inc.
Appropriations to be raised	\$2,154,973.53	(2%)	\$2,247,857.73	4%	2,329,861.34	3.6%
Appropriation from avail. funds	121,600.00		154,458.75		126,110.00	
Offset Items	5,527.00		5,074.00		4,942.00	
Retirement	50,250.00		59,408.00		67,221.00	
State Tax & Assessments	26,755.46		27,134.21		23,673.00	
County Tax & Assessments	78,446.39		72,740.55		76,354.00	
Overlay	76,559.62		75,492.00		49,492.81	
Deficits Prior Years	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Gross Amount to be raised	2,514,112.00	5%	2,642,165.24	5%	2,677,654.15	1.3%
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS						
Local Aid & Agency Fund	502,862.55		506,453.96		546,415.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	75,000.00		85,000.00		75,000.00	
Water Department	61,900.00		58,000.00		60,000.00	
Other Local Receipts	75,630.00		102,615.00		56,380.00	
Avail. Funds (except following)	57,100.00		90,458.75		83,110.00	
Avail. Funds - Revenue Sharing	64,500.00		64,000.00		43,000.00	
Avail Funds - Free Cash	114,840.00		122,000.00		151,600.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	951,832.55	5%	1,028,527.71	8%	1,015,505.00	(1.3%)
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,562,279.45	(2%)	1,613,637.53	3%	1,662,149.15	3.0%
VALUATIONS						
Real Estate	71,198,260.00		88,241,449.00		87,726,939.00	
Personal Property	630,680.00		664,200.00		685,250.00	
Total	71,828,940.00	1%	88,905,649.00	24%	88,412,189.00	.6%
TAX RATE*	21.75	(3%)	18.15	(17%)	18.80	3.5%

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

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

	FY82		FY83		FY 84	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	No.	Amount
EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:						
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	1	448.18	2	691.95	2	725.72
17: Widows	2	350.00	2	350.00	0	0.00
22: Veterans	60	11,375.00	61	11,375.00	59	11,375.00
37: Blind	2	875.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
41: Elderly	21	10,465.45	24	11,869.03	19	9,399.31
TOTAL	86	23,513.63	89	24,285.98	80	21,500.03
ABATEMENTS:						
Real Estate	11	1,888.49	70	13,224.49	16	4,919.61
Personal Property	2	26.10	0	0.00	1	37.60
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	430	9,457.94	328	5,157.19	263	6,342.21
TOTAL	443	11,372.53	398	18,381.68	280	11,299.42
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:						
Bills Processed	3,381	106,651.17	3,797	132,775.51	3,403	147,618.57
Dollar Value Less Abatements		97,193.23		127,618.32		136,319.15

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals held two hearings in the year 1984F. 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, Tel: 753-2803.

Sherburne B. Rockwell, Chairman
Timotheos Thoutsis
David Bennett
Frederick Fricka
Allen Rubin
Robert Dillman
William Lindquist

Report of the Building Inspector

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

New Homes	11
Pools, Sheds & Decks	6
Solar	2
Additions & Demolitions	13
Stoves	12
Offices	2
Stores	5
Greenhouse	1
Yearly Inspections	11

For forms and information Call Town Secretary
Town Hall, 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Collins Jr.
Home Telephone: 756-9708
Office Hours 2nd and Last Thursday
of each month, Town Hall, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Report of the Cemetery Commission

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

1 grave lot available by special permission.

As of July 1, 1984

Opening Graves - \$150.00

Weekends - \$200.00

Cremation Burials

Weekdays - \$50.00

Weekends - \$75.00

Infant Burials

Weekdays - \$75.00

Weekends - \$100.00

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

We wish to thank Mr. Edward H. Duane of 27 West Street for his extensive research on vet's lots in Center Cemetery. The Cemetery Commission is working with the Building Needs Committee of the Paxton Congregational Church in reference to a proposed addition to the rear of the Church which will include cemetery land.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Isham Rice, Chairperson
Kay Stannard
Betty Peterson

Report of the Communications Board

November 1, 1984 marks the 10th anniversary of the Communications Center. Since the dispatch center was formed it has proven time and time again how invaluable it is to the people of Paxton.

I would like to take this opportunity as Chairman of the Communications Board to thank all the dispatchers for a job well done and to thank the other members of the Board for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Smith, Chairman

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). Several projects in town have been within the Commission's jurisdiction, hearings have been held, and the projects are proceeding in compliance with Department of Environmental Quality Engineering regulations.

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. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, except in summer, as necessary.

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

Report of the Arts Council Committee

The Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council distributes money to the town twice yearly. These funds come from a portion of the megabucks proceeds. The grants for Paxton in 1984 were as follows: January \$781. and in July \$789.

In January two projects were approved - Richards Memorial Library program for children \$200. and Daniel Pierce, Paxton Photography Project \$300. The remaining \$271. was held over for the next distribution period.

In July the following received grants, - The Little Theater Stage Co. \$250.; Worcester County Poetry Assoc. (for a library program) \$250.; Play Presentation by Mary Dunkerly \$125.; Daniel Pierce Photographer \$200. Total awarded \$835. The remaining \$225. will be held until the January distribution.

Applications for the next distribution must be recieved by the Paxton Arts Council by November 1, 1984.

Martha C. Varnum, Chairman
Arlene Sjosten
Gloria Smith
Joseph Sage
Barbara Wreschensky

Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report of the Dog Officer for the fiscal year 1983 - 1984.

206 -Dog Complaints Handled

- 11 -Dog Bites
- 11 -Dogs Placed Under Quarantine
- 17 Dogs Brought to the Worcester Animal Rescue League
- 47 -Dogs Picked up and Returned to Owners
- 38 -Miscellaneous Calls Concerning - Cats, Geese, Birds, Coyotes, Snakes, horses, Skunks, Deers, etc.
- 3 -Cats injured by cars
- 6 -Cats killed by cars
- 9 -Dogs injured by cars
- 5 -Dogs killed by cars
- 67 -Dogs reported lost
- 40 -Lost Dogs Found
 - 3 -Dogs Placed in New Homes
 - 3 -Dogs found injured
 - 7 -Dogs destroyed
 - 1 -Dog found dead
- 15 -Calls pertaining to Dog Safety
- 2 -Dogs Rescued

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 indentify 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

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Mortell
Dog Officer

Report of the Municipal Light Board

Dear Customer:

This is a brief summary of the activity of your Light Department for the year 1984.

Backup Transformer

The new backup transformer was tested on September 5, 1984 and is now ready for service. The transformer was installed at a total cost of \$153,300. A savings of approximately \$75,000 was realized because the installation was done by our own Light Department.

Capacitors

Three banks of capacitors were installed on our system to improve voltage and reduce line losses. These capacitors have cut our transmission losses in half, resulting in a savings of approximately 5% of our total power.

Conversion to 13.8 KV

The conversion of our distribution lines from 4.8 to 13.8 KV is continuing along Pleasant Street to upgrade our system and further reduce our line losses.

MMWEC Weekly Studies Program

MMWEC conducts a weekly studies program which redirects and sells surplus power to other systems resulting in an average savings for the department of \$870 monthly for the last 18 months.

Computer Installation

Installation of the office computer has substantially improved office functions resulting in a saving of part-time labor salaries of approximately \$4000.

Computer time has also been offered to other town departments.

Health Benefits

The Light Department has assumed the responsibility for payment of health and accident insurance premiums for employees of the Light Department, relieving the Town of this expense.

Operating Summary

As you can see from the following operating summary your department is operating on a much sounder financial basis than the previous year as a result of the rate increase earlier in the year.

PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PROFIT OR LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1982

	1983	1982
Income	1,426,405	1,192,958
Operating Expenses:		
Purchased Power	1,122,681	934,784
Other Operating Expenses	280,522	257,576
Total Operating Expenses	1,403,203	1,192,360
Total Operating Income	23,202	598
Excess of Other Income Over Other Expenses*	22,905	52,548
Net Income	46,107	53,146

(*Net of interest earned from savings accounts minus interest paid on long-term obligations)

For those interested in more financial details, it may be found in the following financial statements for your Municipal Light Department for the years ended December 31, 1983 and 1982.

Paxton Light Commission
James V. Graham, Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell Jr., V. Chairman
John B. Jacobs, Secretary

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined the balance sheet of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts - Municipal Light Department - as of December 31, 1983 and 1982, 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 necessary 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, 1983 and 1982, 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, CPA

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1983 and 1982**

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS				LIABILITIES AND EARNED SURPLUS			
	1983	1982	Increase (Decrease)		1983	1982	Increase (Decrease)
UTILITY PLANT				SURPLUS			
Total Electric Distribution Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	\$728,028	\$591,574	\$136,454	206 Loans repayment	\$187,500	\$162,500	\$25,000
Total Electric General Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	88,946	89,036	(90)	208 Unappropriated earned surplus (Per Exhibit B)	939,274	880,992	58,282
107 Construction in progress	-0-	141,507	(141,507)	Total Surplus	<u>1,126,774</u>	<u>1,043,492</u>	<u>83,282</u>
Total Utility Plant	<u>816,974</u>	<u>822,117</u>	<u>(5,143)</u>	LIABILITIES			
FUND ACCOUNTS				LONG-TERM DEBT (Note F)			
126 Depreciation fund	174,262	85,733	88,529	231 Notes Payable	37,500	62,500	(25,000)
128 Construction fund	2,315	72,684	(70,369)	CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
Total Fund Accounts	<u>176,577</u>	<u>158,417</u>	<u>18,160</u>	231 Notes payable - current portion	25,000	25,000	-0-
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS				232 Accounts payable	152,120	80,859	71,261
131 Operating Cash	231,133	136,000	95,133	235 Customer deposits	10,102	7,977	2,125
132 Consumer's meter deposits	10,102	7,977	2,125	237 Accrued interest	1,843	3,134	(1,291)
135 Working funds	200	200	-0-	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>189,065</u>	<u>116,970</u>	<u>72,095</u>
142 Customer accounts receivable	85,807	53,000	32,807	CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
143 Other accounts receivable (Note C)	16,228	144	16,084	271 Contribution in aid of construction	-0-	31,588	(31,588)
151 Materials and supplies	45,915	47,930	(2,015)	Total Liabilities	<u>226,565</u>	<u>211,058</u>	<u>15,507</u>
165 Prepayments	42,895	24,314	18,581	DEFERRED DEBITS			
Total Current and Accrued Assets	<u>432,280</u>	<u>269,565</u>	<u>162,715</u>	253 Other deferred credits (Note H)	76,943	-0-	76,943
DEFERRED DEBITS				Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>\$1,430,282</u>	<u>\$1,254,550</u>	<u>\$175,732</u>
185 Other deferred debits (Note B)	4,451	4,451	-0-				
Total Assets	<u>\$1,430,282</u>	<u>\$1,254,550</u>	<u>\$175,732</u>				

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COST OF UTILITY PLANT AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

	Cost 1-1-83	Net Cost Property Added	Net Cost Property Disposed Of	Cost 12-31-83	Accrued Depreciation 1-1-83	Current Depreciation	Reversed Depreciation	Accrued Depreciation 12-31-83	Book Value 12-31-83
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	151		54,618	22,855	1,361		24,216	30,402
362 Station equipment	393,949	146,075		540,024	160,414	11,818		172,232	367,792
364 Poles, towers and fixtures	139,752	11,114	(1,208)	149,658	103,336	4,193	(1,208)	106,321	43,337
365 Overhead conductors and devices	275,975	14,794	(1,256)	289,513	185,274	33,786	(1,256)	217,804	71,709
366 Underground conduits	11,619	-0-	-0-	11,619	1,418	349	-0-	1,767	9,852
367 Underground conductors and devices	81,666	1,966		83,632	32,217	2,450		34,667	48,965
368 Line transformers	155,662	16,737	(2,075)	170,324	83,657	4,670	(2,075)	86,252	84,072
369 Services	94,499	7,532	(3,842)	98,189	64,209	2,835	(3,842)	63,202	34,987
370 Meters	45,992	2,447	(400)	48,039	35,133	1,840	(400)	36,573	11,466
373 Street lighting and signal systems	73,555	1,882	(253)	75,184	47,368	2,942	(253)	50,057	25,127
Total Distribution Plant	1,327,455	202,698	(9,034)	1,521,119	735,881	66,244	(9,034)	793,091	728,028
GENERAL PLANT:									
390 Structures and improvements	62,583	144	-0-	62,727	27,961	1,252	-0-	29,213	33,514
391 Office furniture and equipment	20,156	8,027		28,183	4,740	1,008		5,748	22,435
392 Transportation equipment	68,528	10		68,538	43,356	4,003		47,359	21,179
394 Tools, shop and garage equipment	21,896	974		22,870	11,787	2,189		13,976	8,894
395 Laboratory equipment	946	-0-		946	531	38		569	377
397 Communication equipment	7,781	23		7,804	4,479	778		5,257	2,547
398 Miscellaneous equipment	1,222	-0-		1,222	1,222	-0-		1,222	-0-
Total General Plant	183,112	9,178	-0-	192,290	94,076	9,268	-0-	103,344	88,946
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE ELECTRIC	\$1,510,567	\$211,876	\$(9,034)	\$1,713,409	\$829,957	\$75,512	\$(9,034)	\$896,435	\$816,974

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EARNED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

	1983	1982	Increase (Decrease)	1983	1982
OPERATING INCOME:					
400 Operating revenues (Per Schedule B-1)	\$1,426,405	\$1,192,958	\$233,447	100.00%	100.00%
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
401 Operating expense (Per Schedule B-2)	1,297,853	1,084,783	213,070	90.99%	90.93%
402 Maintenance expense (Per Schedule B-2)	29,838	33,721	(3,883)	2.09%	2.83%
403 Depreciation	75,512	73,856	1,656	5.29%	6.19%
Total Operating Expenses	1,403,203	1,192,360	210,843	98.37%	99.95%
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	<u>23,202</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>22,604</u>	<u>1.63%</u>	<u>.05%</u>
OTHER INCOME					
418 Merchandise and jobbing	429	3,495	(3,066)		
419 Interest income	26,559	54,819	(28,260)		
Total Other Income	26,988	58,314	(31,326)		
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$50,190</u>	<u>\$58,912</u>	<u>\$(8,722)</u>		
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME DEDUCTIONS					
427 Interest on bonds and notes	\$2,975	\$5,510	\$(2,535)		
431 Other interest expense	1,108	256	852		
Total Miscellaneous Income Deductions	4,083	5,766	(1,683)		
NET INCOME	<u>46,107</u>	<u>53,146</u>	<u>(7,039)</u>		
EARNED SURPLUS					
208 Unappropriated earned surplus (at beginning of year)	880,992	774,183	106,809		
433 Balance transferred from income	46,107	53,146	(7,039)		
434 Miscellaneous credits to surplus (Note D)	37,175	78,663	(41,488)		
Total Credits	964,274	905,992	58,282		
DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNED SURPLUS					
435 Miscellaneous debits to surplus (Note E)	25,000	25,000	-0-		
208 UNAPPROPRIATED EARNED SURPLUS (at end of year)	<u>\$939,274</u>	<u>\$880,992</u>	<u>\$58,282</u>		

**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	
	1983	1982	Increase (Decrease)	1983	1982	Increase (Decrease)	1983	1982
SALES OF ELECTRICITY								
440 Residential sales	\$728,867	\$614,490	\$114,377	\$7,753,706	7,736,959	\$16,747	\$0.09400	\$0.07942
442 Commercial and industrial sales - electric heat	629,580	520,893	108,687	6,861,079	6,832,743	28,336	0.09176	0.07623
445 Private area lighting	3,553	3,943	(390)	59,753	59,753	-0-	0.05946	0.06599
Total Private Consumers	<u>1,362,000</u>	<u>1,139,326</u>	<u>222,674</u>	<u>14,674,538</u>	<u>14,629,455</u>	<u>45,083</u>	<u>0.09281</u>	<u>0.07788</u>
444 Municipal Sales								
Street lighting	14,267	13,143	1,124	274,356	273,000	1,356	0.05200	0.04814
Municipal buildings	39,276	30,421	8,855	402,590	380,890	21,700	0.09756	0.07987
TOTAL MUNICIPAL SALES	<u>53,543</u>	<u>43,564</u>	<u>9,979</u>	<u>676,946</u>	<u>653,890</u>	<u>23,056</u>	<u>0.07909</u>	<u>0.06662</u>
447 Sales For Resale	<u>4,347</u>	<u>1,953</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>59,481</u>	<u>23,280</u>	<u>36,201</u>	<u>0.07308</u>	<u>0.08389</u>
456 Other Electric Revenue	<u>6,515</u>	<u>8,115</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Electric Operating Revenues (To Exhibit B)	<u>\$1,426,405</u>	<u>\$1,192,958</u>	<u>\$233,447</u>	<u>\$15,410,965</u>	<u>15,306,625</u>	<u>104,340</u>	<u>\$0.09256</u>	<u>\$0.07794</u>

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

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

	1983			1982			Increase (Decrease)
	Total	Operation	Maintenance	Total	Operation	Maintenance	
POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSE							
555 Purchased power	\$1,122,681	\$1,122,681	\$-0-	\$934,784	\$934,784	\$-0-	\$187,897
557 Other expenses	64,019	64,019		37,928	37,928		26,091
Total Power Production Expense	<u>1,186,700</u>	<u>1,186,700</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>972,712</u>	<u>972,712</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>213,988</u>
DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES							
581 Operation labor	6,221	6,221	-0-	5,081	5,081	-0-	1,140
582 Operation supplies and expenses	680	680		840	840		(160)
585 Street Light Expense	166	166		-0-	-0-	-0-	166
588 Misc. distribution expense	4,856	4,856		2,025	2,025		2,831
590 Maintenance of structures	1,052		1,052	2,280		2,280	2,280
593 Maintenance of overhead lines	23,410		23,410	17,292		17,292	6,118
595 Maintenance of line transformers	-0-		-0-	9		9	(9)
596 Maintenance of street lights and signal systems	3,444		3,444	4,653		4,653	(1,209)
586 Maintenance of meters	917		917	100		100	817
598 Maintenance of misc. distribution plant	280		280	331		331	(51)
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>41,026</u>	<u>11,923</u>	<u>29,103</u>	<u>32,611</u>	<u>7,946</u>	<u>24,665</u>	<u>8,415</u>
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT EXPENSES							
902 Meter reading labor and expense	4,045	4,045	-0-	3,549	3,549	-0-	496
903 Accounting and collecting labor expense	35,034	35,034		29,116	29,116		5,918
904 Uncollectable accounts	129	129		2,176	2,176		(2,047)
Total Customer Account Expenses	<u>39,208</u>	<u>39,208</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>34,841</u>	<u>34,841</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,367</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES							
916 Miscellaneous sales expense	2,852	2,852	-0-	4,720	4,720	-0-	(1,868)
920 Admin. and general salaries	30,088	30,088		28,930	28,930		1,158
921 Office supplies and expenses	4,193	4,193		3,753	3,753		440
923 Outside services employed	10,576	10,576		15,093	15,093		(4,517)
924 Property insurance	6,944	6,944		7,136	7,136		(192)
925 Injuries and damages	2,650	2,650		5,068	5,068		(2,418)
926 Employees pensions and benefits	315	315		1,211	1,211		(896)
928 Regulatory commission expense	623	623		2,232	2,232		(1,609)
930 Miscellaneous general expense	1,781	1,781		1,141	1,141		640
932 Maintenance of general plant	735		735	9,056		9,056	(8,321)
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>60,757</u>	<u>60,022</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>69,284</u>	<u>9,056</u>	<u>(17,583)</u>
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses (To Exhibit B)	<u>\$1,327,691</u>	<u>\$1,297,853</u>	<u>\$29,838</u>	<u>\$1,118,504</u>	<u>\$1,084,783</u>	<u>\$33,721</u>	<u>\$209,187</u>

**TOWN OF PAXTON
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC ENERGY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

Schedule B-3

	Kilowatt Hours 1983	1982
Kilowatt Hours Sold:		
Private Consumers:		
Residential	7,753,706	7,736,959
Commercial and industrial	6,861,079	6,832,743
Private area lighting	59,753	59,753
Municipal Use:		
Street lighting	274,356	273,000
Lighting municipal building	402,590	380,890
Sale for Resale	59,481	23,280
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	<u>15,410,965</u>	<u>15,306,625</u>
Kilowatt Hours Used by Department		
In plant and offices	75,080	78,040
Total Kilowatt Hours Accounted For	<u>15,486,045</u>	<u>15,384,665</u>
Kilowatt Hours Purchased:		
Maine Yankee	1,645,233	1,299,031
Vermont Yankee	715,744	1,039,389
New England Power Company	-0-	-0-
Point Lepreau	5,320,558	-0-
Nepex	(1,127,080)	1,326,660
Mystic #7	-0-	1,180,890
Salem Harbor	7,383,085	8,173,078
Somerset #6	-0-	1,113,786
Stonybrook Intermediate	3,571,768	3,010,763
Massachusetts Electric	4,040	3,540
Other Sources	269,536	175,829
Total Kilowatt Hours Purchased	<u>17,782,884</u>	<u>17,322,966</u>
Total Kilowatt Hours Unaccounted For	<u>2,296,839</u>	<u>1,938,301</u>
Ratio of Unaccounted For Kilowatt Hours	<u>12.92%</u>	<u>11.19%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 and 1982
EXHIBIT C**

	1983	1982
Operating Cash January 1,	\$136,000	\$118,283
Source of Funds:		
Net income from operations	46,107	53,146
Depreciation	75,512	73,856
Credits to surplus	37,175	78,663
Decrease in other deferred debits	-0-	4,553
Increase in accounts payable	71,261	-0-
Increase in accrued interest	-0-	90
Increase in other deferred credits	76,943	-0-
Decrease in depreciation fund	-0-	76,373
Decrease in accounts receivable	-0-	21,302
Decrease in prepayments	-0-	4,140
Decrease in construction in process	141,507	-0-
Decrease in construction fund	70,369	-0-
Decrease in materials and supplies	2,015	-0-
Total Source of Funds	520,889	312,123
Cash Available for Operations	656,889	430,406
Use of Funds:		
Increase in depreciation fund	88,529	-0-
Increase in customer accounts receivable	32,807	-0-
Increase in other accounts receivable	16,084	-0-
Increase in materials and supplies	-0-	1,873
Increase in prepayments	18,581	-0-
Net cost of property added to plant	211,876	41,469
Debits to surplus	25,000	25,000
Decrease in interest accrued	1,291	-0-
Decrease in accounts payable	-0-	5,894
Decrease in appropriations for construction	-0-	2,457
Decrease in appropriations for construction repayments	-0-	7,090
Decrease in contributions in aid of construction	31,588	-0-
Increase in construction in progress	-0-	141,507
Retirement of repaid bonds and notes	-0-	69,116
Total Use of Funds	(425,756)	(294,406)
Net Increase in Operating Cash	95,133	17,717
Operating Cash December 31	\$231,133	\$136,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Light Department is subject to regulation by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) with respect to its rates and accounting. The Department's accounting policies conform with generally accepted accounting principles, as applied in the case of regulated public utilities, and are in accordance with the accounting requirements of the DPU. A description of the Department's significant accounting policies follows.

NOTE A. Accounting Policies:

Method of Presentation

The financial statements are presented on the accrual method of accounting in the order and classification prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Public Utilities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is at 5% cost of utility plant in use as of January 1, 1983 and 1982, exclusive of land and land rights, and was applied against appropriate accounts as authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Public Utilities.

NOTE B. Other Deferred Debits

Other deferred debits represents preliminary survey and investigation for the following projects:

	1983	1982
Operation of cable television for community by light department	\$4,451	\$4,451
Total	<u>\$4,451</u>	<u>\$4,451</u>

NOTE C. Other Accounts Receivable:

Other accounts receivable represents refunds due to the Town of Paxton Municipal Light Department on power costs.

NOTE D. Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus: Miscellaneous credits to surplus consists of the following items:

1.) Removal from the accounting records accounts which are inactive due to the completion of the project or the retirement of outstanding debt.

	1983	1982
a) Loans repayment (Account #206)	\$-0-	\$69,116
b) Appropriation for construction (Account #201)	-0-	2,457
c) Appropriation for construction repayments (Account #207)	-0-	7,090
d) Contribution in aid of construction (Account #271)	31,588	-0-
2.) Refunds of prior period expenses		
a) W-3 refund from N.E. Power for prior year	813	-0-
b) Workers comp audit credit for prior year	1,594	-0-
3.) Reclassification of downpayment on computer contract	3,180	-0-
Total	<u>\$37,175</u>	<u>\$78,663</u>

NOTE E. Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus:

Miscellaneous debits to surplus consists of the following:

	1983	1982
a) Appropriation of surplus for loans repayment (principal)	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

NOTE F. Long - Term Debt:

Long - term debt relates to the cost of placing in service the Marshall Street sub-station.

	1983	1982
a) 4.30% note dated September 15, 1975 due September 15, 1985. Payable annually @ \$12,500 original amount \$125,000. Balance @ December 31, 1983 and 1982	\$25,000	\$37,500
b) 5.25% note dated April 1, 1976 due April 1, 1986, payable annually @ \$12,500. Original amount \$125,000. Balance @ December 31, 1983 and 1982	37,500	50,000
Total	62,500	87,500
Less: Current portion	25,000	25,000
Long-Term Debt	<u>\$37,500</u>	<u>\$62,500</u>

NOTE G. Employee Pension:

The employee of the light plant participate in the Paxton Contributory Retirement System covering Paxton town employees. The Worcester County Retirement System determines the town's required contribution to the plan on pay as you go basis. The light plant has not been assessed by the town for its share of the pension costs, therefore, the liability if any, is undeterminable.

NOTE H. Other Deferred Credits:

On September 22, 1983, the Light Department received excess funds refunds from the Stonybrook-Intermediate and Stonybrook-Peaking Revenue funds. These refunds will benefit future periods, and therefore are being credited to purchased power expense on a monthly basis over a period of ten years.

NOTE I. Power Sales Agreements:

The Light Department of the Town of Paxton (the "Department") is a member of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company ("MMWEC"), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MMWEC is a coordinating and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members. MMWEC is authorized to purchase ownership interests and to issue revenue bonds to finance such generating units ("Projects"). MMWEC sells the capability of each of its Projects, to its members and others ("Participants") under power sales agreements. The power sales agreement for each Project requires each Participant to pay its share of MMWEC's costs related to the Project (exclusive of costs payable from the proceeds of MMWEC bonds), including debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the Project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund. In addition, MMWEC has entered into long term take or pay power purchase contracts for which it has corresponding resale agreements with certain of its members. The Project and power purchase contract amounts are payable solely from each Participant's electric system revenue and are required to be made whether or not the Project is completed, the unit is operating and notwithstanding the suspension or interruption of output of the Project.

As of December 31, 1983, the total estimated construction cost of MMWEC's Project's was \$1,314,436,000 of which the amount associated with the Department's power sales agreements was \$8,234,000. As of the same date, total construction expenditures amounted to \$505,798,000 which \$3,284,000 represented the amount attributable to the Department. It is estimated that \$1,844,590,000 principal amount of debt obligations will need to be issued by MMWEC to finance the Projects in its's program, and that amount, \$836,390,000 of debt is outstanding. The amount of each attributable to the power sales agreements of the Department is \$11,708,000 and \$5,516,000 respectively. On bonds which have been issued, the total debt service requirement through the year 2018 is \$2,743,503,000 of which \$17,942,000 is attributable to the Department. Interest payments which are intended to be funded from future bond proceeds will reduce the amount of the debt service requirements on the current bonds outstanding to \$2,444,658,000 con-currently reducing the Department's portion thereof, to \$15,986,000.

In addition MMWEC has expended \$204,924,000 and issued \$270,675,000 of bonds for Projects in operations, with total debt service of \$614,981,000. The Department's portion of the expenditures, bonds issued and debt service on these Projects is \$1,631,000, \$2,183,000 and \$5,065,000 respectively.

The Light Department of the Town of Paxton has entered into power purchase contracts or project power sales agreements with MMWEC. Under the above agreements the Department is required to make capacity and/or debt service payments to MMWEC. These amounts exclude operating and maintenance expenses and interest payments to be funded by future bond issues. The projected aggregate amount of such required payments at December 31, 1983 is as follows:

	Without Funding	With Funding
For years ended December 31, 1984	\$606,000	\$487,000
1985	1,007,000	493,000
1986	1,014,000	499,000
1987	982,000	679,000
1988	764,000	672,000
Later fiscal years	19,691,000	19,276,000
TOTAL	\$24,064,000	\$22,106,000

In addition the Department is also required to pay its share of the operation and maintenance costs of the units. The Department's total payments under the agreements were \$237,000 for the year ended December 31, 1983 and \$203,000 for the year ended December 31, 1982.

Report of the Paxton Fire Department

The total number of Emergency Responses this year was one-hundred -thirty (130) one less than last year. The number of structure fires declined 15 to 20%, but was offset by an increase in brush fires.

A fire in the Center School Kitchen pointed out the relatively few members who might be available during week days.

Another incident involved a car - truck accident resulting in the complex extrication of a trapped victim, control of a hazardous material spill, as well as protection from fire of the scene.

The successful resolution of these, and many other serious or threatening incidents, throughout the year, reflect the ability and courage of the Department Members and the quality of their training.

Joint drills with surrounding Towns continue to be held, to refine our procedures and operations.

Mutual Aid response assignments were updated to current equipment, and radio procedures revised. Because we border on two districts our new radios have both frequencies to communicate with either.

The State Fire Academy conducted a six hour course on Hazardous Material Incidents, a Search and Rescue Seminar was conducted by District Chief Goodale of the Worcester Fire Department, our Training Staff held two breathing equipment practical exercises. These were in addition to the required monthly recurring training session. Many members attended State Fire Academy courses in various part of the State, and two went to the New Hampshire Fire School at Meadowood for weekend courses.

The combination of a new burner, the new overhead front doors, and pedestrian doors contributed to a significant reduction in the heating cost for the Fire Station. Continued preventative maintenance is scheduled for the exterior masonry surfaces. After this is completed interior painting will be in order.

A total of four-hundred sixty-six (466) permits were issued this year, three-hundred eleven (311) for Open Burning, sixty-nine (69) for Oil Burning Equipment, seventy-four (74) Smoke Detector and twelve (12) for other activities such as blasting, model rocket, gun powder and bonfires. The permit granting process is as efficient as a part-time operation can be, and with the cooperation and understanding of applicants, little delay should be encountered.

New construction beyond the Municipal Water System has significantly increased, and with it the probability of fire increase. Several alternatives are being developed to provide reliable water supplies, including portable tanks, tankers, improved drafting sites, Mutual Aid Training as well as extensive Pre-Fire Planning and Drills. No single one of these solves the problem but the best balance for the particular area must be utilized. The intent of the Town toward long range expansion of its Water System will impact the time that these alternatives must apply.

The Department provided "public service" assistance to the "T" Ball, Minor, Little League, Soccer and Babe Ruth organizations, the local churches, at the Town swimming pool. To those individuals, organizations, Town Departments and Officials who have helped this Department during the year, I express my appreciation.

Candidates for membership are always welcome, and may contact me at the Fire Station on any Tuesday Evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Murphy, Chief
PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Report of the First Responder's Fire Department

The Paxton Fire Department First Responders answered sixty two calls for medical assistance this year. This represents a small increase from last year.

The first responders meet monthly for extra training and in the past year have benefited by programs put on by Himmer Ambulance instructors.

A.K.E.D. extrication device was added to our compliment of emergency equipment as a result of donations to the First Responders in memory of M Jack Sefton.

Firefighters comprising the first responder group as of July 1, 1984 are:

David Beach	Brian Murphy
Richard Bedard	Herb Robinson
Stephen Bedard	Rusty Savignac
John Benoit	Kevin Sullivan
Michael Benoit	Matt Wilde
Jay Conte	Robert Mortell
Richard Jenkins	

The regular meeting night is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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

Report of the Board of Health

During the past year the Board of Health negotiated a two year extension with L.P. Martone Inc. for the pick up of Rubbish and Garbage. Please keep in mind that the expense of this service increases yearly. Our contract is for removal of NORMAL HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AND GARBAGE. If you have lawn clippings or other items to dispose of, you must contract a removal service yourself.

The Clinics sponsored by the Board of Health will be advertised and held in the Paxton Center School nurses office. The Rabies Clinic will be advertised and held at the Paxton Municipal Light Building. Wachusett Home Health Care services Paxton citizens.

Maintenance of your septic system is most important. It should be cleaned every 2 to 3 years. This will extend the life of your system.

The Board of Health will continue to work with the Water Board to assure that the Reservoir is not endangered.

If you wish to keep Animals, check with the Board of Health for Rules and Regulation to obtain a Permit.

Information can be obtained at the Town Hall, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Town Secretary - Telephone 753-2803.

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

Report of the Highway Superintendent

Because of the high cost of complete street reconstruction, we have concentrated our money and efforts on installing drainage and resurfacing. Keeping the road bases well drained by the installation of subdrainage is probably the single most important ingredient in maintaining streets.

Mixing the oil, sand and stone at the Town Garage by the use of a pug mill and then laying the material on the road surfaces with a paver has proven to be a much more effective process of reshaping streets over the old method of mixing the material on the street and leveling with the grader. Better techniques coupled with sharing men and equipment with other Towns has helped us make the most of our budgets and achieve better results.

The winter was about normal with according to our records about eighty-seven inches of snow compared to seventy-one inches the year before. The half-dozen or more ice storms we had were our biggest headache, causing us to sand over and over.

Again we thank the residents for their usual patience during plowing and maintenance operations and we regret any road-side lawn damage we may have caused. In many areas the home owners have placed markers at the edge of their lawns which have helped us reduce this problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Hansson
Supt. of Streets

1984 Jury List

Ann Mello, 508 Pleasant St., Housewife
Paul Roberts, 207 Grove St., Engineer
Else Spell, 73 Grove St., Secretary
Gail Kimball, 55 Maple St., Housewife
Debra A. Granger, 9 Berkshire Dr., Teacher
Louis R. Fogg, 13 Knollwood Rd., Machinst
Neil Lesperance, 289 Grove St.,
Electrical Engineer
James Mellor, 1 Ridgewood Rd.,
2VP Group Dept.
Sandra J. Sansoucy, 252 Richards Ave.,
EEG Tech
Ann R. Brunelle, 11 Ledyard Rd., Tel Operator
Susan E. Penny, 28 Holden Rd., Housewife

Richard A. Harris, 2 Brooks Rd.,
Tech Supervisor
Veano E. Lilystrom, 9 Davidson Rd., Retired
Lempi Stone, 604 Pleasant St., Retired
Betty A. Collins, 13 Holbrook, Teacher
Nancy A. Hansson, 166 Richards Ave.,
Housewife
Ralph D. Smith, 13 Cutler Rd. Retired
John J. McKiernan Sr., 4 Burtenmar Circle,
Art Dept.
Lillian M Knipe, 8 Crystall St., Housewife
Lorraine A. Phoenix, 28 Grove St.,
Switch Board Operator
Pamela A. Brouillet, 34 Lancelot Rd.,
Self-employed
Briean L. Jensen, 635 Pleasant St.,
Printer

Alexis A. David, Davis Hill Rd., Farmer
 Karen E. Hays, 20 Pleasant St., Homemaker
 Herbert R. Wickberg, 25 Lincoln Circle,
 CPA
 Geraldine F. Collins, 3 Jefferson Dr.,
 Housewife
 Maureen C. Cox, 4 Berkshire Dr., Student
 Shirley A. Blunt, Nanigian Rd., At Home
 Cynthia G. Lang, 679 B. Pleasant St., Cashier
 Collen C. James, 120 Richards Ave., Housewife
 Warrell R. Bohaker, 6 Bel Arbor Dr., Retired
 Jennifer L. Wilder, 3 Forestdale Rd., Student
 Robert S. Pierce, 25 Forestdale Rd.,
 Electrician
 Rose Sogiagian, 5 Monticello Dr., Clerk
 Helene A. Cancelmo, 217 Grove St., Housewife
 Roberta C. White, 727 Pleasant St., Housewife
 Barry Feldman, 35 Asnebumskit Rd.,
 Mabel A. Babb, 14 Spring Dr., Retired
 Geraldine J. Graham, 60 Streeter Rd.,
 Housewife
 Peter A. Cross, 10 Briarcliff Lane, Truck Driver
 Leonard Anderson, 23 Cutler Rd., Student
 Charles O. Kingsbury, 9 Jefferson, Auditor
 Saimi Pouttu, 131 Suomi St., Housewife
 Dianne H. Kennen, 242 Pleasant, Teacher
 Edison B. Campbell, 391 Grove St., Toolmaker
 Elvira E. Lindberg, 14 Streeter Rd., Cashier
 Darlene M. Boudreau, 10 Holden Rd., Student
 Kathleen Hart, 7 Dunanderry Way, Student
 Elizabeth S. Cape, 25 Cutler Rd., Bookkeeper
 Miriam Leaflang, 10 Glen Ellen Rd., Retired
 Alice F. Jacobs, Meadowbrook Dr., Typist
 James H. Robert, 350 Richards Ave., Mechanic
 Norma S. McCarthy, 22 Indian Hill, Instructor
 Phyllis I. Mannela, 149 Grove St.,
 Dental Secretary
 David M. Banks, 36 Crowningshield,
 Self-employed
 James J. Toffling, Mill St., Forrester-
 Asst. Regional
 Arthur L. Coderre, 439 Pleasant St., Mechanic
 William C. LaPierre, 5 Cutler Rd., Student
 Anthony D. Pepe, 47 Camp St., Student
 Maureen S. Demarco, 1 Holbrook Lane,
 Housewife
 David K. Beach Jr., Birchwood Rd.,
 Manufacturer Rep.
 Mary E. Hayes, 21 Cutler Rd., Retired
 Olive Wylie, 351 Pleasant St., Housewife
 Richard D. Grenasavitch, 88 Laurel St.,
 Computer Operator
 Alan E. Stanhope, 274 Pleasant St.,
 Man. Engineer
 Steven E. Krintzman, 2 Iron Forge Rd.,
 Executive
 Robert J. Langevin, 57 Marshall St.,
 Janitor

Rose Yay Iaian, 2 Arrowhead Dr., Housewife
 Josephine R. Phoenix, 28 Grove St.,
 Secretary
 Elinor J. Pentland, 6 Arrowhead Dr.,
 Housewife
 Raymond A. Brackien, 22 Monticello Dr.,
 Lab Tech
 Clifford S. Duxbury, 4 Nipmuck Rd., Adv.
 Chester J. Lemanski, Jr., 11 Nipmuck Rd.,
 Factory worker
 John J. O'Day III, 200 Pleasant St.,
 Oil Co Owner
 Paul L. Alix Jr., 500 Pleasant St.,
 Electrician

Rolande P. Ekroth, 45 Camp St., Housewife
 Jay J. Conte, 735 Pleasant St., Insurance
 Jordon Lianides, 79 Laurel St., Claims Rep.
 Flore I. Flynn, Sunset Lane, Professor
 Debra Marshall, 5 Forestdale Rd., Clerk
 Susan E. Root, 404 Pleasant St., Homemaker
 Robert J. Hogan, 5 Mount View Dr.,
 Store Manager
 Elizabeth Lederman, 23 Old Lantern Circle,
 Housewife, RN
 Donald Wickman, 12 Indian Hill,
 Ins. Underwriter
 Joanne E. Wilson, 516 Pleasant St.,
 Housewife
 Carolyn E. Killelea, 43 Keep Ave.,
 Housewife
 George H. Nanigian, 17 Nanigian Lane
 Self-employed
 Harrison H. Prentice, 318 Grove St.,
 Self-employed
 Joan K. Buck, 40 Asnebumskit,
 Ceramist
 Richard McMenemy, 30 Lincoln Circle
 Plumber
 Betty J. Carrelli, 14 Briarcliff Lane
 Housewife
 Shirley Bannon, 220 Grove St., Secretary
 Susan M. Bassick, 65 Marshall St.
 Homemaker
 Katherine S. Jacobs, 18 Cutler Rd.,
 Retired

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Circulation	23,411
Interlibrary Loans	300
Volumes in collection	16,952
New Registrations	120

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 "Friends of the Library" organization is as active as in the past. A committee of "Friends", in order to conserve money, conducted a landscaping party - weeding, mulching, hoeing and planting. It was a worthwhile effort. Their treasury helps to pay for the programs, both children and adult that are presented throughout the year.

The Arts Lottery Council awarded the Library \$200 towards children's programming.

The Paxton Lions Club has donated a 16mm projector to the library. The children who enjoy the movie programs will benefit from this gift. We were using an old projector on loan from the Central Regional System.

The Polaroid Corporation donated two Sun Cameras to the Library for the purpose of loaning to the public.

Don Fenton, a trustee, resigned in February because he has moved from the area. He has been a trustee since 1969 and served as Clerk of the Works when the addition was being built. He will be missed as will Suzanne Crawford who resigned to pursue further schooling.

A thought to remember: memorial gifts can be donated to the Library. Richards Memorial Library has been the recipient of several of these in the past. It is a way to leave something to the Community which can benefit everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara M. Braley
Librarian

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board is pleased to announce the continuation of the Crowningshield area, and the new development on the Pleasant and Crowningshield corner.

Our major concern this past year has been the states recommendation to determine future use of Paxton land. At this time the Central Mass Regional board is supervising a survey of the town with grant support and a small expense. This procedure was necessary for the town to be eligible for much needed state funds.

Pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Law, the Planning board is continuing its work updating the Zoning By-Laws of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PAXTON PLANNING BOARD
Stephen Bik - Chairman
Zarvin Kasparian
Charles Mello
Richard Pentland - Clerk
Kathleen M. Sears

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984, 17 Plumbing Permits were issued and 26 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 134 fixtures were inspected.

During the same period 6 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 6 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 9 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

Your Police Department wishes to thank everyone who contributed to keeping Paxton a nice town to live in.

People are calling more frequently with tips about suspicious activity. This type of assistance is vital to combatting crime. Cooperation between the neighboring towns has also been very effective. \$2,145.13 was returned to the town from fines, permits, and reports.

The department wishes to thank the town officials and members of the departments for their help through out the year.

Calls for service	2276
Breaking and entering homes	6
Other Breaking and Entering attempts	18
M.V. citations issued	1935
Motor Vehicle accidents	91
Suspicious Incidents	217
Vacant House Checks (doors open)	7
Business Checks (doors open)	47
Vandalism	21
Arrests	107

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Sheehan
Chief of Police

Report of the Recreation Commission

The Paxton Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing an equal opportunity for all townspeople to participate in a wide variety of activities and events. It is very important that the town support and become aware of our programs. For our continued existence and success is contingent on being responsive to the interest and needs of our community.

The total staff in any organization determines the kind of programs the department offers. I believe we had a very strong, outgoing Commission and recreation staff, along with attractive facilities in a beautiful rural setting. Our job was to use our collective abilities to make the programs work well for us, as well as, our community.

My personal thanks to the Commission and those involved who helped, volunteered and participated in a very successful 1983 season.

The year began with our annual Gala Independence Day Celebration held on Saturday, July 2. A day long series of events centering around the town pool was enjoyed by approximately 500 persons. Trophies, ribbons and prizes were awarded to winners of such events as a 3-mile road race, cornhusking contest, a treasure hunt, egg toss, face painting, swim races and a East-West town "tug of war". An old fashion cookout and musical entertainment completed a day of sun, fun, food and recreation.

The summer recreation program ran for 5 weeks, July through August, from 9-12 at the Paxton Center School. There were 190 Paxton children in grades 1 through 8 who participated. Kindergarten recreation was a new addition to the summer program this year with 20 preschoolers attending two days a week. Activities included: arts and crafts, swim lessons, sports games and regularly scheduled field trips. The continued problems with our resurfaced pond (The Hebert Wentworth Pool) forced a close down for 2 weeks. After repair work was complete, swim lessons were made up with a happy ending. Approximately 8,000 attended the facility throughout the summer.

Fall and winter programs ran for 20 weeks (2 sessions) at the Paxton Center School. Youth and Adult Basketball, Youth and Adult Aerobic Gymnastics and Slimnastics and Adult Arts and Crafts were offered to Paxton Residents. 210 people took advantage of these programs.

The Mt. Wachusett downhill ski program, Paxton Recreation cross-country ski program, skating and sliding gave residents a variety of winter fun. The enthusiasm for down hill skiing (180 participants) and our excellent reputation at Mt. Wachusett has allowed us to expand our program to both Saturday and Sunday skiing for next year.

The winter "Family Snofest" was also expanded this year to include a New England Backpackers, Inc. sponsored cross-country race. Forty-three participants entered the 3-mile race throughout our scenic course. A bonfire, music refreshments, skating, sliding, trophies and prizes were available for 300 people who attended.

The Third Annual CMS Paxton Summer Solstice 10K road race was held in late June. An excellent crowd supported and cheered the runners throughout historic Paxton. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the participants. Paxton winners included first place overall John Slabich, second place Mike Milko, and third place Robbie LaVigne. For the women, first place went to Pamela DiRubio and second place to Mare Stone. Mens Masters winners was John Hyland, Junior female was Kim Faucher.

The Commission members during the year were Claudia Holland, Chairperson, Jack McDonald, David Braley, Denis Melican and Maureen Anderson.

Thank you,
Robert K. Winston
Superintendent of Recreation

Report of the Tree Warden

Some trees received a major booster shot to stay alive by deep-root feeding 10 trees in the town common. Approximately 300 lbs. of granular fertilizer was used.

20 trees received a dead wood pruning, 14 trees were removed, and 9 trees were planted.

5 streets were given a more visual look by lifting up some limbs and opening up two intersections.

2 calls were made during stormy weather for trees fallen across the road.

Thank you
Patrick Smith, Tree Warden

Report of the Insect Pest Control Sup't.

Due to disease and gypsy moths a total of 41 trees were removed. After removal, 16 trees were replaced. Most of the dead trees were coniferous and could not be utilized for wood burning.

Thank you,
Patrick V. Smith
Insect Pest Control Officer

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 117 names from the list.

New Totals:

2466	Registered Voters
482	Democratic
403	Republican
1581	Unenrolled

In order to exercise the voting franchise, any handicapped or disabled person who wishes to register and/or vote may call the Town Clerk's office for an appointment. A Registrar or the Town Clerk will go to the home to facilitate voting.

Board of Registrars:

Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman
Frances M. Bigwood
Ann F. Cunningham
June T. Herron, Clerk

Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The year 1983 - 1984 was a year of accomplishment for your Water Department. The Marshall Street water main was finally extended to Soumi Street and the connection made to complete the loop after 10 years of effort. A mutual assistance emergency water supply pact was signed with the Leicester Water Supply District. This agreement assures the town of a water supply in case of a catastrophic event to our own water source or pumping system. Additional maintenance work was performed on the Maple Street stand-pipe that included touch up painting and partial replacement of the concrete base and resealing the interface between the base and tank.

Another problem that was addressed, although not fully conquered, is the problem of the cost of the water system. Until the advent of Proposition 2½, it was thought prudent to cover a portion of the cost of the system with tax dollars rather than through water bills alone. Because of the constraints placed on the size of the tax bill by the referendum, it is now deemed more prudent to minimize the financial draw on the tax dollar by the water system. To this end, we modified the water rates beginning with the April 1983 bill to a \$.60/1000 gallon flat rate from the \$.58/1000 gallon with a decrease to \$.35/1000 gallon after 42,000 gallons. The base charge of \$16 for the connection and the first 12,000 gallons was not changed.

We are faced with the necessity of again modifying our rate structure in the near future because the true cost of operation of the Water Department is not being met by the semi-annual bills. It is difficult to discern from the line item report of the Town Accountant and Treasurer the true cost of the water system. A consolidated report is as follows.

PAXTON WATER DEPARTEMENT 1983-84

Income

Rates	\$64,339
Liens, Installations, Repairs	3,330
Chapter 286 Grant	<u>16,037</u>

\$83,706

Expenses

Maintenance & Operation	\$30,999
Water Main Extension	4,932
Highway Department Labor	17,886
Highway Department Equipment	<u>5,374</u>
	\$59,191

Maturing Debt

Principal	\$17,525
Interest	<u>9,316</u>
	\$26,841

\$86,032

Cost to Town

(\$2,226)

The final cost to the town was small because it was minimized by the State Chapter 286 Grant to help defray the costs for the Marshall Street loop, a one time event. Further, the 50% increase in electricity charges to over \$14,000, one-half of the operation budget voted each year in the annual town meeting, can only increase in the coming years. The Highway Department labor and equipment costs are incurred for reading the meters, flushing all lines and checking all valves semi-annually, repairs to the system and laying water main extensions. These costs are in the Highway Department budget and absorbed by them. The maturing debt is to cover the cost of the tank on Asnebumskit Hill which will be paid for in 1995.

The crux of the matter is that with our current rate structure we are looking at an approximately \$20,000 short fall in the years to come, providing our expenses remain relatively constant, and recent past history indicates that they should. This short fall must be addressed.

Paxton Water Board
Robert Thompson
Charles Glassbrenner
Charles Scholl, Chairman

Report of the Council on Aging

During the fiscal period July 1, 1983 through June 31, 1984 the Council on Aging (COA) became more involved in community out-reach. This demonstrated by a survey that was distributed to all senior citizens of Paxton. Out of approximately 580 surveys mailed to Paxton Citizens, over 280 completed forms were returned. Copies of this report can be made available upon request from council members.

Again this year, the COA has been responsible for the distribution of government surplus foods to all eligible residents of Paxton. This service was offered three times during the year at specifically scheduled times. Also, as an ongoing service, the COA members have assisted people in Paxton by helping them fill out and process applications for the fuel assistance program. As in the past, monthly bus trips were provided for the senior citizens' group to various Worcester shopping areas. The bus leaves the parking lot of the Senior Citizens' Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

In September, 1983, the Senior Citizens' Center was formally dedicated. The COA members sponsored and helped to organize an open house held at the 17 West Street site. Over 135 people attended this event. Without the help of many of Paxton's senior population and the support of several town businesses, this event would not have been as successful. The COA, through funds appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting, has and will continue to absorb the maintenance costs involved in running the Senior Citizens' Center. In addition, the Friends of the Council on Aging has been responsible for the purchasing of fire retardant curtains, a vacuum cleaner and several new folding chairs to enhance the "Center".

Report of the Capital Outlay Committee

Your committee met with all department heads and boards that have cooperated by submitting their capital needs through 1990. In addition the Committee visited the facilities occupied by the Police, Fire, Highway and Water Departments to evaluate future building needs. The town hall and "white building" were evaluated and a recommendation submitted to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen for further study in those areas.

As mentioned above, over 580 citizens make up Paxton's older population. Future projections indicate that many more citizens will be reaching this age group during the next ten years. In order to provide for the increased responsibility that will face the COA member in the future, four new members were added to the committee this year. This increased membership gives the "Council" a wider representation of individuals from the community to serve on this committee.

The overall purpose of the COA is ultimately to improve the quality of life for all present and future senior citizens of Paxton. While this may seem like a major undertaking, it is not impossible. Through the dedication of both past, present and future council members, this goal will become a reality. Our sincere thanks to John Bauer and Doris Migneault for their invaluable service and devotion to the COA.

It is the hope of the COA that the senior population will continue to enjoy and use this facility. The Senior Citizens' Center is currently open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The "Council" is meeting during the summer on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. This meeting time is subject to change when a new fall schedule is voted. All meetings are held at the Senior Citizens' Center, 17 West Street, Paxton.

A major difficulty exists in coordinating sound financial planning for all departments over a number of years with the limited funds available under the notorious Proposition 2½.

The final payment of school construction will be made in 1986, a fire truck in 1987 and the over all healthy debt situation of the town should allow for the scheduled purchase of major equipment and planned plant expansion over the next six years.

The Committee will continue to meet in the coming year to update the program. We urge all departments to submit up-dated proposals so they will not have to "go before the town" with any "surprise" requests.

David L. Bennett
Michael R. Biscotti, Jr.
Richard G. Connell

Thomas P. LaVigne
Joseph W. McKay
James J. Mellor
Kathleen Sears

Report of the Town Collector

1981 Fiscal & Prior Yrs. Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$ 40.77	
Recommitted	405.64	
Abated		\$ 15.22
Collected		431.19
	<u>\$446.41</u>	<u>\$446.41</u>

1982 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$2,164.17	
Tax Title		\$2,164.17
	<u>\$2,164.17</u>	<u>\$2,164.17</u>

1982 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$22.00	
Tax Title		\$32.00
	<u>\$32.00</u>	<u>\$32.00</u>

1982 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$ 810.68	
Committed	191.56	
Recommitted	38.14	
Refunded	272.65	
Abated		\$ 435.62
Collected		877.41
	<u>\$1,313.03</u>	<u>\$1,313.03</u>

1983 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$58.08	
Collected		\$58.08
	<u>\$58.08</u>	<u>\$58.08</u>

1983 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$121.00	
Collected		\$121.00
	<u>\$121.00</u>	<u>\$121.00</u>

1983 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$375.97	
Tax Title		\$ 32.00
Collected		343.97
	<u>\$375.97</u>	<u>\$375.97</u>

1983 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$18,346.84	
Committed	26,629.58	
Refunded	1,982.42	
Abated		\$ 3,990.93
Collected		42,448.11
Outstanding 6/30/84		519.80
	<u>\$46,958.84</u>	<u>\$46,958.84</u>

1983 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Outstanding 6/30/83	\$58,119.46	
Committed	693.33	
Refunded	511.96	
Tax Title		\$10,781.47
Abated		1,132.99
Collected		47,410.29
	<u>\$59,324.75</u>	<u>\$59,324.75</u>

1984 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$12,882.70	
Refunded	37.60	
Abated		\$ 37.60
Collected		12,882.70
	<u>\$12,920.30</u>	<u>\$12,920.30</u>

1984 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$1,633.00	
Collected		\$1,633.00
	<u>\$1,633.00</u>	<u>\$1,633.00</u>

1984 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$1,544.95	
Tax Title		\$ 97.70
Collected		1,143.15
Outstanding 6/30/84		304.10
	<u>\$1,544.95</u>	<u>\$1,544.95</u>

1984 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$120,353.65	
Refunded	289.67	
Abated		\$ 1,900.44
Collected		97,606.97
Outstanding 6/30/84		21,135.91
	<u>\$120,643.32</u>	<u>\$120,643.32</u>

1984 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Committed	\$ 1,657,333.72	
Refunded	5,553.84	
Abated		\$ 25,197.47
Tax Title		13,447.64
Computer Adjustment		0.01
Collected		1,575,932.73
Outstanding 6/30/84		48,309.71
	<u>\$1,662,887.56</u>	<u>\$1,662,887.56</u>

Interest Received During 1983 - 1984

Real Estate	\$6,857.05
Motor Vehicle	297.42
Personal Property	0.47
	<u>\$7,154.94</u>

Interest Received From Savings Account

\$1,162.74 Guaranty Bank

Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$64,338.74
Installation & Repairs	1,712.22
Worcester Water Used	130.52
	<u>\$66,181.48</u>

Electric Light Department Receipts

\$1,530,115.08

June T. Herron (Mrs.)
Town Collector

Report of the Town Accountant

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 1984 Fiscal. Certified Free Cash, \$230,846.00. Thank you all for the cooperation I have received over the past year.

Yvonne B. Karle
Town Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON TOWN ACCOUNTANT RECEIPTS

Taxes

Real Estate - 1984	1,575,932.73
Real Estate - 1983	47,410.29
Personal Prop. - 1984	12,882.70
Personal Prop. - 1983	58.08
Farm Animal - 1984	1,633.00
Farm Animal - 1983	121.00
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1984	97,606.97
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1983	42,448.11
Prior Years	1,308.60

Water Department

Rates	64,338.74
Inst. Repairs	1,712.22
Worc. Water Used	130.52
Water Liens - 1984	1,143.15
Water Liens - 1983	343.97

Municipal Light

Rates	1,530,115.08
Interest non operating cash	2,519.08
Interest operating cash	15,739.90
Refunds	198,348.71
Misc Sales	2,104.36
Interest on	
Depreciation and Construction	16,209.32
Meter Deposits	5,000.00

Tax Titles

Escrow	14,091.66
	(300.00)

Payroll Deductions & Direct Pay

Worcester County Retirement	24,333.29
Mass. Teachers Retirement	34,524.98
Employees B+	19,496.76
Direct Pay - Health &	
Group Life D.P.	1,661.89
Employees CMN	12,473.65
Employees Group Life	662.69

Annuities - Teachers	14,984.00
Disability	1034.00
IRA Account - other	200.00
Teachers Dues	2977.50
Police - wage Reimb.	1,600.00

Departmental

Board of Appeals	100.00
Building Inspection	4,261.27
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,900.00
Interest	6803.39
Opening Graves	1,470.00
Conservation	25.00
Fire Dept.	1,025.00
Board of Health	1,464.00
Upper Blackstone - Revolving Acct.	5,374.00

Library

Dog Fund to Library	132.00
Interest	6,507.46
Refunds to Interest Account	4.00
Fines	369.56

Highway

Snow plowing	972.00
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Planning Board

	106.00
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Police

Court Fines	12,675.00
Permits and Reports	877.63

Recreation

Revolving Account	4,318.82
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School

Bigelow - Bank Funds	147.14
Hazel Day - awards	41.84

Lunch Program

Collections	28,012.92
Federal Reimburs.	7,828.85
Mors. Reimb.	3,046.31
School Rental	40.72
Tuition	3,934.74
Refund School School Comm.	80.00
Ins. Reimbursement - Sommers	172.80
Telephone	2.68
Fire Loss Insurance	
School Insurance	10,158.51

Selectboard

Insurance Reimb.	33,279.26
Lease of Land	300.00
Licenses and Permits	6,445.00
Village Improvement Int.	500.00
Use of copy machine	52.40

Town Clerk

Day License for Cty	1,369.75
Streetlists	165.50

Town Collector

Real Estate Interest	6,857.05
M.V. Excise Interest	297.42
Certificates, M. Liens	780.00
Filing Fees & Adv.	201.00
Interest ap. Cash	1,162.74
Per Prop. Interest	.47

Town Treasurer

Tailings	80.33
Stabilization to Operating Cash	23,110.00
Tax Title Int.	1,093.43
Interest on Operating Cash	40,093.40

Wire Inspector

State Aid and Grants	831.00
Loss of Taxes	22,170.98
Veterans	1,299.60
School Chapt. 70	242,801.00
School Chapt. 645	15,051.76
Vocational Transportation	710.00
Transportation	22,341.00
Abated Taxes	5,606.17
Elections	96.30
Highway Maint. Const.	22,861.00
Chapt 329	22,737.00
Local Aid	128,140.00
Lottery	50,894.00
Library Aid	2,972.00
Elder Affairs	530.00
Elder Affairs	1,500.00
Water Grant R3-087	16,834.00
Arts Council	510.00

Temporary Loans

Highway	81,461.36
Tax Anticipation	300,000.00

Municipal Light

Maturing Debt	25,000.00
Interest	3,581.25

Total Receipts	4,930,414.76
Cash on Hand	
July 1-83	<u>803,435.76</u>
	5,733,850.52

**TOWN OF PAXTON
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Payments**

Refunds

1984 Real Est.	5,553.84
1983	511.96
1982	89.18
1984 Personal Property	37.60
1984 Motor Vehicle	
Excise	289.67
1983	1,982.42
Prior Years	272.65

Stabilization for Specific
Purposes

Treas Ref.	20,182.31
to Stabalitization	2,250.54
Reserved for appropriations	2,195,724.65

Payroll Deductions

Worcester Cyt Retirement	27,257.22
Mass. Teachers Retirement	40,937.51
Employees Ins. - B +	21,719.44
Employees - Ins.	
Direct Payments	645.09
Employees - CMH	14,304.90
Employees Group Ins.	753.11

Teachers Dues

Employees Disability	2977.50
Annuitig other	1,222.00
Annuities Teachers	200.00
	16,980.00

Assessments

County Retirement	67,221.00
County Tax	70,704.05
State Assessments	22,998.00

Encumbered Friends

	84,183.30
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Highway

Temporary Loans	64,179.20
Highway Chapt. 191	17,628.00
Chapt. 289	801.60
Chapt. 570	1,844.00
Chapt. 732	3,943.19
Special Allotment	6197.99

Highway Surplus sh 1

Exempt (Street Sweeper)	17,825.70
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Revolving Accounts

School Lunch	37,898.31
Upper Blackstone	
Waste	5,374.00
Recreation	5,204.33
Paxton Municipal Light	
Maturing Debt	25,000.00
Interest	3,581.25
School Adult Education	15.90
School Lunch Fire damage	9,057.33

Cty-State Aid on Grants

Library - State Aid	1,836.74
Arts Council	500.00
Elder Affairs	53.99
Elder Affairs	432.00
Elder Affairs	1,397.54

**Paxton Municipal Light
Meter Deposit**

	825.00
Expense & Operation	
Payroll	
Expense & Operation	1,590,617.46

Cemetery p/c	1,900.00	
Village Imp.	500.00	
Cemetery Interest or operation	6052.79	
Library Interest for operation	5,591.65	
Interest - direct payment	375.00	
School		
Hazel Gay Awards	30.00	
Dog Licenses for County	1,462.75	
Tax Anticipation Temp Loan	300,000.00	
Total Payments	4,709,123.66	
Cash on Hand	1,024,726.86	
	5,733,850.52	

TOWN OF PAXTON SUBSIDIARY LEDGER APPROPRIATION PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen		
3.1 Salary	1,175.00	
3.2 Adm. Sectry.	4,540.00	
3.4 Expense	1,241.56	
Mapping	1,293.88	8,250.00
Moderator		
9.1 Salary	35.00	
Expense	32.50	67.50
11.2 Finance Board	625.00	
11.4 Expense	90.49	715.49
15.4 Election Expense	692.50	692.50
17.1 Registrars Comp.	218.00	
17.2 Clerk	150.00	
17.3 Street Listing (Census)	500.00	
17.4 Expense	789.14	1,657.14
19.4 Town Reports	2,207.20	2,207.20
Town Acct.		
25.2 Salary	4,830.00	
25.4 Expense	411.64	5,241.64
Assessors		
29.1 Salary	3,400.00	
29.2 Clerk	3,350.00	
29.4 Expense	879.60	
29.8 Data Processing	4,819.24	12,448.74
Town Collector		
33.2 Salary	5,315.00	
33.4 Expense	1,877.87	7,192.87
Town Secretary		
34.2 Salary	6,090.00	
34.4 Expense	4,053.88	10,143.88
Town Treasurer		
35.1 Salary	5,475.00	
35.2 Assist Treas.	1,525.00	
35.4 Expense	888.40	
35.8 Data Processing	1,337.46	
35.9 Cert. of Notes	45.00	9,270.86

Town Clerk		
39.1 Salary	1,365.00	
39.2 Hire	233.72	
39.3 Record Keeping	90.00	
39.4 Expense	204.79	
39.5 Record Storage	11.25	1,904.76
45.4 Legal	7,848.94	7,848.94
Board of Appeals		
61.4 Expense	118.56	118.56
Planning Board		
63.2 Clerk	100.00	
63.4 Expense	20.00	120.00
Town Hall		
65.2 Caretaker	2,460.00	
65.4 Expense	5,521.34	
65.6 Repairs	904.00	8,885.34
77.4 Employees Ins.	56,071.30	56,071.30
82.4 Insurance Bonds	43,614.60	43,614.60
83.4 Ins. Deductible	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clock		
84.2 Salary	65.00	
84.4 Expense	16.68	81.68
86.4 Central Re. Pl.	564.30	564.30
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		178,097.74

Public Safety		
101.1 Police Wages	83,917.25	
101.3 School Cr. Guard	1,520.00	
101.4 Expense	16,595.24	
101.7 Prisoners Fees	850.00	102,882.49
103.1 Fire Dept officers	2,200.00	
103.2 Firefighters Comp.	12,302.70	
103.4 Expense	11,507.50	
103.5 Equipment	1,591.70	
103.6 Protective Gear	899.90	
103.7 Hose Replacement	1,488.50	29,990.30
Ambulance		
105.3 Compensation	4,375.80	
105.4 Expense	1,486.01	
105.6 Contract	6,500.00	12,361.81
Forestry		
109.4 Insects	2,617.69	2,617.69
Bldg. Insp.		
113.2 Compensation	2,500.00	
113.4 Expense	69.93	2,569.93
Gas and Plumbing Inspec.		
117.2 Compensation	266.00	266.00
Insp. of Wires		
121.2 Salary	810.00	
121.3 Assistant	50.00	
121.4 Expense	68.00	928.00
Dog Officer		
133.2 Salary	1,420.00	
133.4 Expense	852.33	2,272.33
Tree Warden		
193.2 Salary & Wire	478.00	
193.4 Expense	701.82	1,179.82
Communications		
194.2 Compensation	35,826.67	
194.4 Expense	1,857.35	
194.5 Equipment	250.00	37,934.02
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		193,002.39

Public Service			
300.1 Highway	53,367.86		
Water	18,127.31		
Voc. St. - Hall	11,669.48		
Snow	37,227.38		
Total Wages	120,392.03	120,392.03	
Highway			
300.4 Expenses			
T. Garage	760.25		
St. Sweeping	517.95		
Catch Basins	1,612.00		
Sign Posts	317.23		
Salt	6,889.93		
Sand Gravel	9,385.70		
Patch	1,201.09		
Asph. & Tar	22,115.04		
Drainage	4,259.35		
Eq. Mt. Op.	12,548.28		
General	52.50		
Heating Fuel	1,930.32		
Electricity	697.51		
V. Fuel	9,943.04		
Uniforms	1,910.40		
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXP.	74,140.59	74,140.59	
300.6 Town Common	50.00		
307.4 Street Lights	14,500.00	88,690.59	
Water Dept.			
391.1 Comm. Salary	225.00		
391.2 Other Comp.	3,223.00		
391.4 Expense	26,899.04		
391.6 Testing	652.00	30,999.04	
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE		240,081.65	
Sanitation and Environment			
Board of Health			
401.1 Comm. Salary	150.00		
401.4 Expenses	45.00		
403.4 Refuse Contract	31,338.00	31,533.00	
Sanitary Insp.			
429.2 Salary	3,660.00		
430.2 Animal Insp.	150.00		
430.3 Assistant	50.00	3,860.00	
Conservation			
487.2 Clerk	220.00		
487.4 Expense	60.00	280.00	
TOTAL SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT		35,673.00	

Human Service			
503.4 Home Health Care Asses.	3,229.25	3,229.35	
art.5 Rental Council on Aging	600.00		
531.4 Council on Aging	2,997.71	3,597.71	
Veterans			
551.2 Salary	525.00		
551.4 Expense	61.93	586.93	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		7,413.89	
Culture and Recreation			
Library			
601.1 Librarian	11,602.00		
601.3 Other Comp.	9,139.08		
601.4 Expense	6,671.24	27,412.32	
621.2 Recreation Compensation	19,945.56		
621.4 Expense	4,722.48		
art.7 Sealcoating Poal.	2,000.00	26,668.04	
643.4 Fourth of July	500.00	500.00	
644.4 Memorial Day	366.40	366.40	
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		54,946.76	
Debt Service			
701.1 Maturing Debt.	102,525.00		
721.1 Interest on MB	31,472.94		
741.4 Temp. Loan Int.	4,804.86	138,802.80	
Total		138,802.80	
Schools			
200 Paxton Center School			
A	830,215.54		
B	89,029.25		
art Late Bill	30.00	919,274.79	
201 Wachusett Regional	428,431.52	428,431.52	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		1,347,706.31	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM APPRIATIONS			
		2,195,724.54	
Closed:			
Encumbered Funds	93,881.37		
OSR ab. Exempt.	1,730.43		
Unrestricted Surp. Rec.	60,930.73		

**TOWN OF PAXTON
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
BALANCE SHEET — 1984F**

ASSETS

Cash

General	1,024,726.86
Revenue Sharing	19,389.91
Stabilization	111,940.96

Account Receivable

Real Estate - 1984	48,309.71
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Motor Vehicle Excise

1984	21,135.91
1983	519.80

Tax Liens

32,950.40

Tax Possessions

1,901.91

State Aid to Highways

35,204.20

Water Department

Rates	3,578.23
Water Liens	401.80

Paxton Municipal Electric

42,785.36

Cemtery p/c

531.64

Conservation Fund

11,830.63

1,355,207.32

Appropriation Control

Budget	2,384,995.36
Articles	28,050.00

Free Cash 23,000 - to
be applied to reduce
1985F Tax Rate

LIABILITIES

Fed. Revenue Sharing	19,389.91
Stabilization Revenue	111,940.96
Stabilization - Specific Purposes	
Police	2,860.00
School	16,000.00
Treas. - Ref. to Stabilization	67.69
Treas. Tailing	920.22
Water Guaranteed Deposit	50.00
Prov. for ab. Exemptions - 84	32,325.00
Surplus Reserve for ab. Exemptions	125,441.37
Employees Ins. Direct. pay	878.82
Employees Annuities w/n	400.00
State Assessments 83F	5,073.66
overs and shorts 84F	675.00
Encumbered Appropriation Balances	93,881.37
Highway (state aids) Temp. Loans	35,057.00
Revolving Accounts	
School Lunch	2,910.30
School Lunch - Fire Damage	1,101.18
Highway Chapt. 289	16,627.40
Recreation	106.44
School Rental	425.72
School Adult Ed.	98.42
School Vandalism	120.00

Title & State Grants

School Title	53.99
Library State Aid	4,659.21
Arts	10.00
Elder Affairs	102.46
Elder Affairs	98.00

Paxton Municipal Rates

Rates	42,785.36
Meter Deposit	11,927.02
Depreciation, Construction	172,373.60
Expense, Operation	241,986.58

Water Dept - Inst. Repairs	123.30
Deferred Revenue - water	3856.73

Cemetery - Uncollected	531.64
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Cemetery Interest	17,765.98
Library Interest	19,921.37
Library Gift	25.00
Ed. Bigelow Bank Fund	204.69
Hazel Gay Awards	21.35
Dog Lic for County	68.25
Conservation Fund Rec.	11,803.63

Deferred Revenue Accounts

Real Estate 84	48,309.71
Tax Title	34,852.31
Tax Escrow	1,700.63
Motor Vehicle	21,655.71
Surplus Rev. (Unrestricted Bal.)	253,993.34
	<u>1,355,207.32</u>

Appropriation Control Budget	2,384,995.36
Articles	28,050.00

Free Cash 23,000 to be
applied to reduce 1985F
Tax Rate.

**TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING**

Receipts - Grant plus Interest	48,059.71
Expenditures	
Rubbish Collection	43,000.00
Balance Brought Forward	14,330.20
Cash on Hand	19,389.91
	<u>62,389.91</u>
	<u>62,389.91</u>

Stabilization Fund

Receipts	12,709.43
Transfers	23,110.00
Balance Bt. Forward	122,341.53
Cash on Hand	111,940.96
	<u>135,050.96</u>
	<u>135,050.96</u>

*Refer to Treasurers Report

Outstanding Debt.

Invested Funds - Non operating Accounts

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Karle

Town Accountant

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1984

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INTEREST INCOME

INTEREST EARNED DURING YEARS ENDED

	June 30, 1983	June 30, 1984
Town Operating Funds	\$42,598.49	\$40,093.40
Electric Operating Funds	18,138.45	17,009.83
Electric Depreciation Funds	13,843.77	16,209.32
Stabilization	10,979.81	10,458.89
Cemetery Trusts	5,910.85	6,803.39
Library Trusts	5,985.30	4,473.42
Revenue Sharing	4,004.10	2,067.71
Miscellaneous Trusts	1,732.25	4,152.57
Sub-total	103,193.02	101,268.53
Less-Interest Cost of Short term Loans	(5,304.13)	(1275.00)
Net Investment Income	<u>\$97,888.89</u>	<u>\$99,993.53</u>

OPERATING CASH

Balance July 1, 1983	\$803,435.76
Add - Receipts for the Year	4,930,414.76
Subtract - Payments for the Year	4,709,123.66
Balance June 30, 1984	<u>\$1,024,726.86</u>

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING CASH JUNE 30, 1984

Town Operating Funds in Mass.	
Municipal Depository Trust	\$723,924.11
Town Funds in Checking	(125,484.45)
Electric Funds in MMDT	252,926.89
Electric Funds in Checking	65.33
Electric Depreciation Fund in MMDT	173,294.98
Total	<u>1,024,726.86</u>

OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 1984

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Addition	1985	\$ 30,000.00	487.50	30,487.50
Water Standpipe	1995	168,800.00	47,069.75	215,869.75
Library Addition	1990	110,000.00	18,250.00	128,250.00
Fire Truck	1986	105,000.00	21,320.83	126,320.83
Electric Substation				
(To be paid from Electric Revenue; not Taxation)	1986	50,000.00	3,580.75	53,580.75
Highway (To be reimbursed by State)	1985	35,057.00	2,351.10	37,408.10
TOTALS		<u>\$498,857.00</u>	<u>\$93,059.93</u>	<u>\$591,916.93</u>

NON OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES JUNE 30, 1984

Richards Memorial Library Trust	\$46,571.22
Other Library Trust Accounts	19,178.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Trust Accounts	69,911.80
Village Improvement Fund	1,476.12
D. Boynton Poor Fund	4,728.13
C.D. Boynton Fund	22,306.74
Stabilization Account	111,940.96
Income from War Bonds	3,627.69
Conservation Account	11,830.63
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00

Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	-0-
AT & T Stock - Library (after divestiture)	774 shares
AT & T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund (after divestiture)	6 shares
Hazel Goy Fund after divestiture)	\$270.00

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Treasurer

Report of the Paxton School Committee

The 1983-84 academic year, the fourth year of Proposition 2½, has been another success story. The educational programs have been strengthened and expanded. The National Test Scores of selected grades were grouped in the 90th percentile area; certainly, good criteria for evaluating progress.

- School wide writing program introduced. Inservice day workshops provided for faculty training, evaluation, follow-up. Completed a very successful first year. Program classified as a "Model Implementation".
- Elementary and Middle School "Code of Conduct" program continued to benefit the educational process; it was singled out and recognized as a "Model Program" by the Mass. Department of Education.
- Interdisciplinary team approach, initiated in grades 5-8, completed a very successful first year and will be continued.
- Several neighborhood "Coffee-And" parties, initiated by the P.T.O. and Principal, were held to allow parents to meet members of the school staff and ask questions.
- Natures Classroom Program expanded to include a Washington, D.C. trip for the eighth graders; ranked by students, faculty, chaperones as "top shelf".
- Budgeting, under Proposition 2½, was a town supported effort which allowed all existing educational programs to continue.
- The Center Scoop publication, a newsletter going home to parents, friends and available to town residents, won acknowledgement from the Mass. Department of Education.
- Several educational programs were developed focusing on the Moore State Park resource.
- Parent Teachers Organization continued to excell at raising money and contributing significant dollars to fund a multitude of activities, field trips and provide capital equipment for the computer and band programs.
- Identified two area requiring major capital expenditures in the next few years.

a.) New boiler: b.) New roofs on the
1957, 1965 buildings.

Money appropriated, Engineering Consultant hired to review both areas, write specifications, solicit bids and recommend corrective action.

- Committee working with the Selectboard to determine the best utilization of the "White School House" for the Town.
- Committee voted to change the traditional school calendar in the 1985-86 school year. The February and April vacations will be eliminated observing only the holidays during these two periods and having a single weeks vacation in March.
The traditional February and April vacations will be scheduled in 1985.
- The student enrollment held steady at 365 pupils as opposed to 364 pupils in 1982-83. Student teacher ratio is good.

The continued support of The Superintendent's Office, Administrators and Staff, have enhanced and accelerated the learning opportunities at Paxton Center School.

Your Town Government, especially The Selectboard and The Finance Committee, although hard task-matters, have provided good guidance, recommendations and support.

Your School Committee is committed to providing the best educational opportunities for your children and ask that you as parents and other residents of town get involved in the needs of your school community.

P. McCarthy
B. Scarbeau
B. Lorge
J. Mancini
D. Lucey

Paxton School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip McCarthy - Chairman	Term Expires 1987
Barbara Scarbeau - Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1987
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 (Resigned)	Business Manager
William C. Jordan	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 (Resigned)	Receptionist/Clerk
Cynthia O'Connor	Secretary/Typist

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Charles T. Gruszka	Principal
Mary Donahue (Retired)	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
Teresa M. Williamson	Science VI-VIII
Victoria K. Copp	English VI-VIII
Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Mary L. Bogren	V
Richard M. Lane	IV
Ginger Urbanoyitch	III

Jeanne K. Couture	II/III
Claire Reavey	II
Nancy Oakes	I
Janice E. Laperle	I
Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Constance Garvey Marr	Librarian
Gertrude R. Healy	Frech/Spanish
Barbara Marks	Art
Maryann O. Morin	Guidance
Kathleen M. Oatley	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
David F. Herbert	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, RN	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	Assistant Head Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract

ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1983

Grade		Grade	
K	34	IX	49
I	27	X	37
II	30	XI	55
III	40	XII	58
IV	36	TOTAL	199
V	53		
VI	52+1		
VII	44		
VIII	51		
TOTAL	367+1		

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

The aftershock of the severe criticisms that have been leveled at education these past few years, was still being felt as this Committee worked with the Administrative Staff to formulate policies, establish academic goals and meet our fiscal responsibilities in a spirit of cooperation with the citizens of the five member towns.

In the face of the most extreme financial constraints, it was not an easy task to hold the line on any further cuts. The Administration, the Faculty, Supporting Staff and especially the Students provided invaluable assistance in seeking every possible means of utilizing and expanding existing programs. These efforts were successful.

You, the people, responded in an overwhelming display of unity in providing the financial support so necessary to meeting our primary goal: public comprehensive high school. Your votes were not those of five individual towns, but those of a group of truly concerned citizens. Thanks to this concern, Wachusett Regional High School will be able to maintain its existing programs and replace texts and materials that are sorely needed.

Though quality education is increasingly costly, our futures are only as promising as the staff, programs, materials and environment for which we are willing to bear the burden. This Committee looks to the 1984-85 academic year with enthusiasm and hope. The future of Wachusett Regional High School is not at risk.

James F. Leland, Chairman
 Richard J. Buckley
 Burton H. Fiske
 John H. Goewey
 David L. Johnson
 Stuart L. Johnson
 Daniel J. Lucey
 Eugene A. O'Rourke, Jr
 Ellis C. Paakkonen
 Ruth M. Stevens
 G. Wayne Stoddard
 Clark H. Stuart

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CONDITION JUNE 30, 1984

ASSETS GENERAL ACCOUNTS	6/30/83	6/30/84
Cash (General, Investments,		
Petty Cash,	643,464.59	344,408.91
Loans Authorized	3,359.57	3,359.57
	<u>4,446,824.16</u>	<u>3,767,768.48</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Payroll Withholdings	38,503.26	61,743.87
Tailings	605.14	605.14
Federal Grants	29,416.05	13,287.77
Cafe. & Other Revolving	24,840.17	47,491.99
Accounts Payable	250,738.00	150,521.00
Planning & Building Costs	12,538.63	-0-
APPROPRIATION		
Loans Authorized and unused	3,359.57	3,359.57
Insurance Settlement	9,290.83	9,290.83
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
Escrow Account	8,165.38	-0-
Contingency Maintenance Fund	60,718.65	61,000.00
Building Fund 1953 Project	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserved for Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Surplus	198,044.00	(9,836.00)
Debt Accounts	3,800,000.00	3,420,000.00
	<u>4,446,824.16</u>	<u>3,767,768.48</u>

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME STATEMENT 12 Month Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1984

INCOME	6/30/83	6/30/84
Assessments from		
Member Towns	2,923,953	3,052,955

State Revenues	2,242,572	2,539,966
Other Revenues	696,012	220,619
Surplus Reduction Applied	200,000	100,000
Carryover Appropriation		
From Fiscal Year	190,331	250,738
Reduced Appropriation	-25,000	-0-
Surplus Transfers for		
Unbudgeted Appropriations	-0-	97,000
Gross Income	<u>6,227,868</u>	<u>6,261,278</u>

EXPENSES		
Operating and Debt Service	5,851,475	6,121,637
NET INCOME	<u>376,393</u>	<u>139,641</u>

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS 12 Month Fiscal Year Year Ending June 30, 1984

BEGINNING SURPLUS	FY83	FY84
	72,389	198,044
ADD:		
Net Income (Statement #2)	376,393	139,641
	<u>448,782</u>	<u>337,685</u>
LESS		
Carryover Appropriations	250,738	150,521
From Current to Next Fiscal Year		
Surplus Applied to Reduce Current Ending Fiscal Year's Assessment	-0-	100,000
Surplus Applied to Unfunded Appropriations	-0-	97,000
ENDING SUPRLUS	<u>198,044</u>	<u>(9,836)</u>

	FY83 (Corrected)
BEGINNING SURPLUS	608,084.86
WRSC ACTIONS RE: FY'83 Budget	
ADD:	
Reduced Appropriations +	<u>158,233.00</u>
	<u>766,317.86</u>
LESS:	
Restored Appropriations	233,792.00
Reduced Assessments	200,000.00
Facilities Fund	186,905.00
State Aid "Constructively Received" in FY'82 -NOT Received -	<u>73,231.86</u>
NET BEGINNING SURPLUS	<u>72,389.00</u>

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

Anyone who has looked at public education at close range during 1983-84 must feel like a spectator at a tennis match. On the one hand, a spate of national reports urges *reform* in American public education...some at no or low cost, others at considerable cost. On the other hand, federal budget cutbacks and the State's Proposition 2½ are threatening to force annual *cutbacks* of school program. The same exists at the state level with the recommendations of the report by the Joint Legislative Committee on the one hand, and the unlikely prospect of necessary funding for their costs on the other. On the one hand the current swing toward *conservatism* urges the "old values" and tough discipline; but...on the other hand, attempts to require higher standards of academic performance and citizenship by individuals result in stormy protest and in appeals to laws which place *great* burdens upon the organization in its dealings with the individual, laws which have *not* been changed to reflect the new conservatism. On the one hand a more complex society and the information age require far *better* educated individuals while...on the other hand, fiscal limitations, coupled with a decreasing proportion of the electorate directly concerned with public education, result in a more *limited* curriculum, cutting the programs which used to hold onto the students who were not highly motivated toward academic pursuits by their families.

However, despite the frustrating tugs in opposite directions by public rhetoric on the subject of education, our local schools continue to earn their reputation for a solid education and opportunities for a wide variety of students to find in their public schools appropriate instruction, and *also* challenge and recognition in areas of special interest or talent. We are a conservative community. We did not swing so wildly to the excesses of the seventies; we have less way to swing back.

Education has become a political issue nation wide. We continue to reexamine our local practices in light of the national reports, but at the same time, must guard against increasing numbers of proposed "quick fixes".

We must warn the people that the predicted teacher shortage is with us in mathematics, science, industrial arts, and computer science. A recent Rand Corporation study states "new recruits to the profession are less academically qualified than those who are leaving. In addition, low salaries combined with a decline in intrinsic rewards are reducing the number of people who want to teach..." We are fortunate that our schools offer decent salaries (compared with *teachers* salaries in the state) and enjoy a reputation for being good places to teach.

In our Union/Region, we have completed curriculum revisions in language arts, reading and science. The Paxton elementary school is implementing these new curricula as well as continuing the last several years' concentration on writing skills, on spelling, on monitoring individual student progress in reading, and on reinforcing reading and language skills in the science and social studies areas. In 1984-85, we will complete the shift to interdisciplinary teaching teams for grades 5 through 8, giving all the teachers of a given group of children the opportunity to plan with each other and with the children's parents as a group for academic and social growth. We must register our enthusiasm and appreciation for these and many other accomplishments of the Paxton Center School staff this year, as already outlined in the School Committee Report.

We continue to study and debate the proper role of computers in the schools. We remain committed to the 3-R's for the elementary schools, and we teach those subjects with the *aid* of computers in grades K-5. In grades 6-12 we offer instruction about the computer itself. We feel that, in the 21st century, every citizen should be a computer operator, but not necessarily a computer repairman or programmer (comparable to an automobile operator but not necessarily an auto mechanic).

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges granted accreditation for another ten years to Wachusett Regional High School. The Association's report highlighted the quality and breadth of the educational program, the cooperative attitude of the academic departments, and individual staff members' contributions in developing new or adapted instructional programs. The report also highlighted the following concerns: curriculum continuity between the elementary and high schools, the calculation of rank-in-class and the course level designations, the library, maintenance of plant and equipment, and community information and involvement.

Wachusett is currently wrestling with the rapid change of student elections from the social studies and arts areas to foreign languages and laboratory sciences, resulting from the Massachusetts Board of Regents' increased requirements for state college admissions. While we welcome the move to more rigorous programs, there is a fiscal impact in that foreign language classes and science classes must be smaller than classes in social studies and other areas.

Proposition 2½ has changed, not only our municipal spending habits, but the very essence of government. When School Committees had fiscal autonomy to tell the citizens how much money had to be raised for the operation of the schools, the school committee was the sole authority and the sole responsible party for public education in the community. Under 2½, the citizens at the Town Meeting hold the ultimate authority. The Finance Committee and Selectmen advise the citizenry regarding the whole-town financial picture, and the citizens afford their advice a deserved respect. Selectmen were given new power in their vote prerequisite to a Proposition 2½ override. Meanwhile the School Committee appears to have more responsibility than authority for the scope of public education in the town. The School Committee retains authority for its priorities *within* the total number of dollars voted by the town for the schools. But citizens who demand restorations of cut programs now need to go to Town Meeting first, and to the School Committee second.

1983-84 has seen an unfortunate division between the Wachusett Regional School Committee and some Town Fathers in the debate over the Fiscal '84 Chapter 70 pass-through monies. The Wachusett Committee followed the written instructions of Deputy State Commissioner Edward Collins in his Information Release on the subject dated 10 August 1983. Three Towns' Selectmen followed the same person's differing oral interpretation given at a meeting held 10 November 1983. Paxton's Selectmen were supportive of Wachusett's proposed compromise, which we appreciate. While we would acknowledge that each side in the argument considered itself to be correct, the Wachusett Committee yielded to the votes of the Town Meetings in three of the five member towns, and considered it unwise to dissipate tax funds on a court resolution of the question. On 13 February 1984, the Wachusett School District Committee "went for broke" voting to allocate its already small reserves (1.6% of operating budget) to the fiscal '84 budget in order to ensure continuation of the spring sports and late bus programs as well as minimal book replacement and

equipment maintenance. Hard times have strained relationships within the branches of town government as they do within families. We are fortunate to be working with people of integrity and civility, and feel assured that we will jointly make the best of those hard times.

We urge the citizenry to support a public education system which serves all of the children of all of the people - not to retreat to a definition of "basics" which makes the schools become college preparatory only, causing other to drop out.

We urge the citizens to consider public education as a means to personal fulfillment *and* citizenship *and* economic growth - not exclusively the latter.

We urge parents to make education a high priority in the home, to read to your kids, and to talk *with* them, especially during at least one all-family meal a day. The home is still a primary educational institution.

Area business and industry has been generous to our public schools. As part of the Worcester Area School Business Partnerships, Jamesbury Corporation has been selected as partner for the six Wachusett area school districts. And we have made a modest beginning at Wachusett. Our schools have received grants from the Norton and Wyman Foundations and from Digital, for which we are most appreciative.

We must express appreciation to our staffs who have done more with less, and have retained their dedication to our children. The citizens have been supportive, although we need their help even more to convince their neighbors that a quality public education system is the most effective form of property value insurance. We must caution citizens and staffs that "resourcefulness" in raising alternate sources of funding has its limitations, not the least of which is the distraction from teaching and learning when administrators, teachers, and students spend their days hustling chance books, cookie sales, etc. A certain amount of "earning your own way" is a good thing, but education should still be the school's primary concern.

Paxton's volunteers, the P.T.O., the *Landmark*, Mass. Council for Arts & Humanities, Moore State Park and many other citizens have been *marvelous* in saving and adding important opportunities for students. We will miss Mrs. Sylvia Caswell's guidance of our gifted student program, which leaned heavily on citizen volunteers. And finally our students are a daily inspiration to each of us.

Edward P. Yaglou, Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey, Assistant, Union No. 64
Peter Farrelly, Assistant, Union/Region

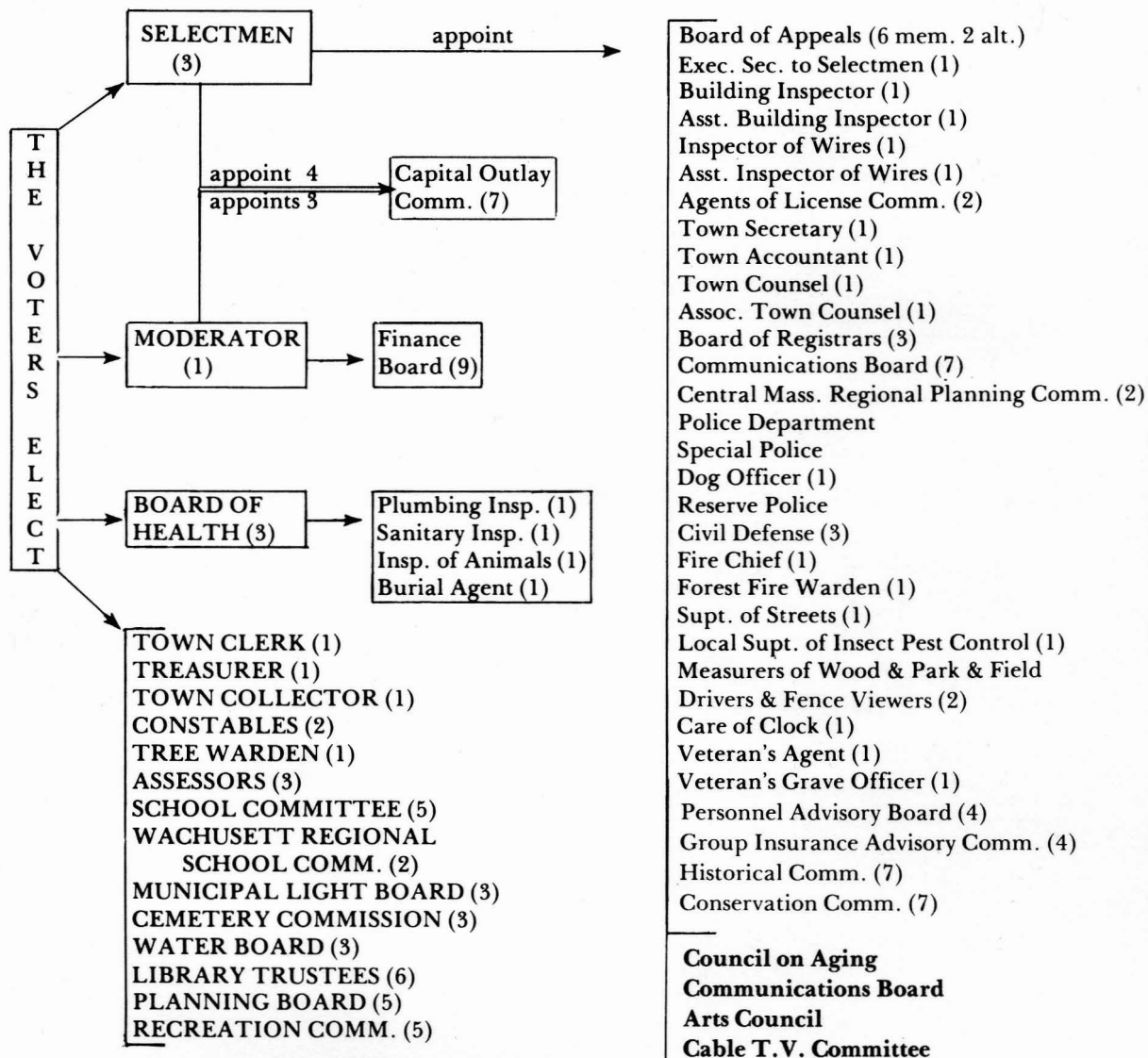
WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMPARISON

CODE	TITLE	FY 83	FY84	FY85
1000	Administration	301,533	183,737	249,495
2000	Instruction	2,494,658	2,876,637	2,957,537
3000	Other School Services	533,752	530,238	561,231
4000	Operation & Maintenance	600,218	566,600	733,935
5000	Fixed Charges	370,043	375,566	468,585
6000	Community Services	---	---	---
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	29,000	10,000	92,008
Sched. B	Special Education	594,550	735,462	885,993
Sched. C	Adult/Comm Education	31,315	(1)	(1)
Sched. E	Vocational Education	143,056	101,333	102,040
	Total Operating Budget	5,098,125	5,379,573	6,050,824
8000	Debt Retirement & Service	714,162	682,337	645,722
	Total Budget	5,812,287	6,061,910	6,696,546
	% Change in Budget	.4%	4.3%	10.5%
	Net Assessment to			
	Member Towns	2,293,953	3,052,955 (2)	3,713,164
	% Change in Assessments	.0	4.4%	21.6%

(1) Revolving Account Established

(2) \$3,223,953 Reduced by Chap. 70 Pass-Through of \$170,998 - 2/84

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	Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman	(Home)	798-3606
Building Inspector	Charles Collins	(Home)	756-9708
Conservation	Robert L. Stewart	(Home)	794-9848
Planning Board	Steve Bik, Chairman	(Home)	791-1734
Recreation	David R. Braley	(Home)	756-3670
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, Clerk (Home) 757-4173

Christian Baehrecke, Chairman (Home) 755-9009

Thomas Cunningham, Vice-Chairman (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

Arden J. Woodall, Chairman (Home) 752-1701

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.