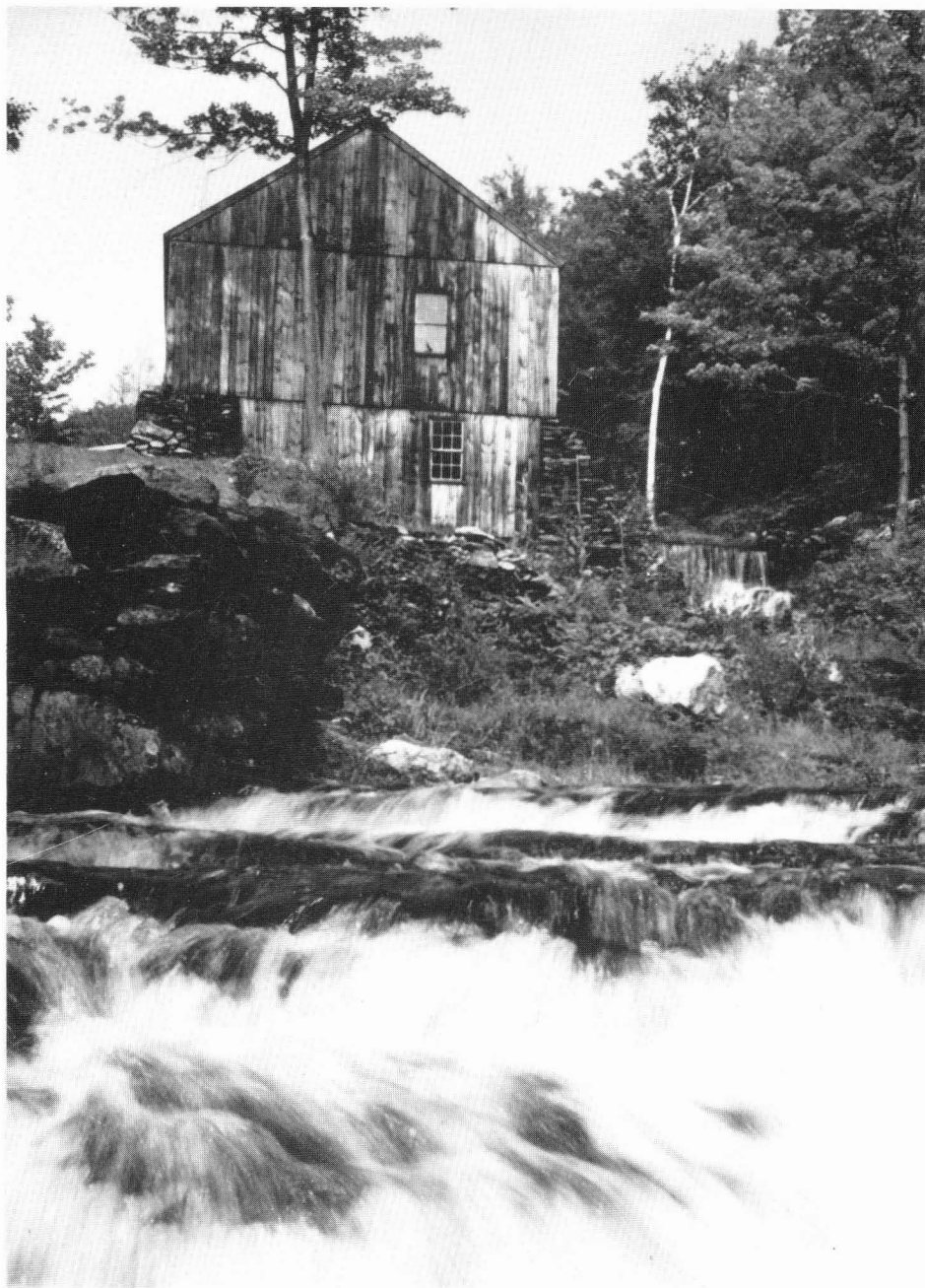


# TOWN OF PAXTON



*"The Mill at Moore State Park"*

Photo by Michael P. Backunas  
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## 1996-1997 Annual Town Report

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
TOWN OFFICES  
TOWN OF PAXTON**



**Year Ending June 30, 1997**

## IN MEMORIAM

**LORNE TANNAHILL**

*Council On Aging Volunteer*

**ROBERT LAMOTTE**

*Board of Selectmen*

**GEORGE CAGAN**

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

**FREDERICK WARPULA**

*Police Department  
Collector*

**PHILIP DERBY**

*Council On Aging*

**GILBERT BERNIER**

*Department of Public Works  
Light Department*

**JAMES FARRINGTON**

*Paxton Seniors*

**GLADYS BERG**

*School Nurse*

## WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

John Ahern

Matthew Bassick

Gregory Bernier

Patrick Bessette

Roger Brunelle

Neil Collins

Robert Dateo

Mary Dunkerly

Kimberly Faucher

Mark Girouard

Carol Goodrich

Carrie Grinstead

Robert Hall

Ruth N. Hiller

Doris E. Huard

Michael Jennings

Zarvin J. Kasparian

Kathryn Kingsbury

Jason Leonard

Phillip Martin

Joseph W. McKay

Richard J. Pentland

Robert Pierce

Manass F. Price

Thomas Savage, Sr.

Barbara A. Scholl

Christopher Stone

Joel Szczepanek

Alvah Tracy

Chandler Wyman

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# TOWN OFFICERS

May 1997 – May 1998

## ELECTED

### Selectboard

David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman	1999
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman	1998
John E. Lucey, Clerk	2000

### Town Clerk

June T. Herron	2000
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### Treasurer

Joanne L. Savigniac	1999
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### Collector

Joanne L. Savigniac	1999
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### Moderator

Francis A. Ford	1999
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### Constables

Bernard J. Melican	1999
B. Peter Warren Jr.	1999

### Tree Warden

Patrick V. Smith	1999
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### Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Caroline C. Ely	1999
Melinda A. Johnson	2000

### Municipal Light Board

Michael J. Benoit, Chairman	1998
Warren P. Bock	2000
Ralph A. Kimball Jr., Vice Chairman	1999

### Assessors

Susan Corcoran	1999
Sherburne B. Rockwell III	1998
James R. Stone Jr., Chairman	2000

### Water Board

Charles J. Glassbrenner, Chairman	1998
Robert W. Thompson	1999
David Trulson	2000
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Charles J. Glassbrenner	

### Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll	2000
Judy A. Hatstat	1999
David Parent, Chairman	1998

### Planning Board

Christian S. Baehrecke	2000
Neil Bagdis	2002

Stephen P. Bik, Chairman	2001
Barry Feldman, Vice Chairman	1998
Gordon J. Szczepanek	1999

### Library Trustees

Joan Bedard	1998
Clement J. Gainty	2000
Debra M. Henderson, Chairman	1999
Charles L. Innis Jr.	1998
Diane Kennen	1999
Scott A. Martin	2000

### Recreation Commission

Denis M. Melican	1998
Sherburne B. Rockwell III, Vice Chair.	2001
Andrew Serrato	2002
Kenneth Wagoner, Chairman	2000

### Cemetery Commission

Ross E. Johnson	1998
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman	1999
Richard H. Sears	2000

## APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

### Secretary to Selectboard

Rita E. Palumbo
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### Town Services Coordinator, Disability Coordinator & Procurement Officer

Joanne F. Cabrera
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### Care of Clock

Alan M. Wentworth
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### Board of Appeals

Robert Callahan, ALT	2000
Richard Dowd, Chairman	1998
Frederick Goodrich, ALT	2000
Richard Grensavitch	2000
John Hurley	1998
Allen Rubin, Vice Chairman	2000
Kathleen Sears	1998

### Superintendent DPW

Paul H. Palumbo
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### Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett
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**Inspector of Wires**

Warren P. Lederer  
Patrick Fanning, Asst.

**Building Inspector**

Raymond Kauppila  
Mark A. Richardson, Asst.

**Worcester County Advisory Board**

Ronald E. Johnson

**Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control**

Patrick V. Smith

**Board of Registrars**

Ann Cunningham	1999
Jean McIntyre	1998

**Town Counsel**

Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

**Sexual Harassment Officer**

June T. Herron

**Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers**

Robert Brunelle  
Gino V. Gangai

**Town Accountant**

June T. Herron	1999
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**Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Brian Murphy, Fire Chief

**Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director**

Donald Cardinal, Director  
Paul H. Palumbo, Asst. Director

**Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden**

Brian Murphy

**Firefighters**

Rodolfo Acuna  
Michael Benoit, Lieut.  
Brian Cheney  
Jason Clarke  
Brian Clockedile  
Patrick Collins  
Jay Conte, Lieut.  
Thomas Ducharme  
Brian Faucher  
Richard Gaffney  
Todd Girouard  
Michael Goyette  
Kenneth Grensavitich  
Timothy Hackett

James Hansson  
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief  
Brian Killelea  
Robert Martin  
Glenn McGillicuddy  
Michael Mercadante  
Patrick Mullaney  
Brian Murphy, Chief  
James Olson  
Bryan Palumbo  
Timothy Pierce  
Charles Pingitore  
Michael Pingitore  
Michael Putnam, Lieut.  
James Quinn  
Gary Richards  
Patrick Robinson  
Michael Rowe  
Thomas Savage  
Raymond Savignac  
Michael Sears  
Orville Sheldon, Lieut.  
Matthew Stone  
Douglas Warren  
B. Peter Warren Jr.

**First Responders**

Michael Benoit, EMT  
Jay Conte, EMT  
Thomas Ducharme  
Richard Gaffney  
Todd Girouard  
Richard Jenkins  
Brian Murphy  
Timothy Pierce, EMT  
Charles Pingitore  
Michael Putnam  
Kevin Quinn  
Patrick Robinson  
Raymond Savignac

**Fire Inspector**

Thomas J. Cunningham

**Veteran's Grave Officer**

Timothy Hackett

**Police Department Chief**

Michael J. Ahearn

**Full Time Officers**

Eric R. Baldwin, Patrolman  
Robert B. DesRosiers, Sergeant  
Kevin B. Drolet, Patrolman  
William F. Lang, Patrolman  
William P. Reilly, Patrolman  
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman

**Part Time Officers**

David S. Ahlin  
 Brian J. Boulette  
 Todd R. Girouard  
 William P. Sampson  
 Patrick V. Smith  
 Mary Stone

**Conservation Commission**

Ingeborg Baehrecke	1998
Susan Barry	1998
Barbara Berka	1999
Robert Bertin, Vice Chairman	1999
Matthew Erskine, Associate	1999
Carol Harris	2000
Janice Stewart, Associate	2000
Robert Stewart, Chairman	2000
Rebecca Sullivan	1999

**Group Insurance Advisory Committee**

Gerald Bernier  
 Robert DesRosiers  
 Paul Palumbo  
 Janet Porter  
 Joanne Savignac  
 Gordon Szczepanek  
 Harold Smith, Chairman

**Agents for License Commission**

Michael Ahearn  
 Thomas Cunnigham

**Central Mass Regional Planning**

Christian S. Baehrecke

**Designer Selection Committee**

Peter Belsito	2000
Charles Scholl	2000
Caroline C. Ely	2000
Melinda Johnson, ALT	2000

**Wachusett Regional High School Facilities Advisory Committee**

David F. Jillette

**Personnel Advisory Board**

Clement Gainty  
 June T. Herron  
 Martha A. Layte, Co-Chairman  
 Joanne Moffett  
 Robert Wilby, Co-Chairman

**Communications Board**

Robert DesRosiers, Vice Chairman  
 Richard Bedard  
 Donald Cardinal  
 Charles Glassbrenner  
 Brian Murphy

Paul H. Palumbo  
 Harold Smith, Chairman

**Council On Aging**

George Abernathy	1998
Janice Ahearn	1999
Mary Bobola	1999
Ann Cunningham	1999
Gertrude Grenon	1998
Debra Grensavitch	1998
Jean McIntyre, Chairman	2000
Andrew Serrato	1998
Barbara Whitney, Vice Chairman	2000

**Historical Commission**

Edward Duane, Associate	1999
Jason Fanning, Co-Chairman	1999
Janice Fanning, Associate	1999
Laurie Gardner, Co-Chairman	2000
Donna MacLean	1999
Denis Melican	1999
Christine M. Reilly	1998

**Cultural Council**

Martha Akstin, Treasurer	2000
Louise Erskine	2000
Sheila Estabrook	2000
Judy Galbraith	1999
Joanne Kee	1999
Joanne Langer, Chairman	1999
MaryJo Moynihan	2000
Denise Sosnoff	2000
Jean Urbanowski	1999

**Cable Advisory Board**

Daniel Chen	2000
Mary Dunkerly	1999
Daniel Germain	1999
Deborah Magnuson	2000
Edward McTigue	1998
Nicholas Powlovich	1998
Scott A. Wilson	1998

**Housing Partnership Committee**

Virginia Kimball  
 Paul Leroux  
 Norman Peters  
 Kathleen Sears  
 Fr. John Thomas

**Anna Maria Scholarship Committee**

Debra M. Henderson, Chairman  
 Melinda A. Johnson  
 David F. Jillette

**Paxton Center School Building Committee**

John Anderson  
 Peter Belsito  
 Gerard Bernier  
 Robin Carroll  
 Thomas Cunningham  
 Caroline Ely  
 Kevin Quinn, Chairman

**Election Officers**

Charlotte Thalín, Warden REP  
 Marie Cavanaugh, Inspector REP  
 Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN  
 Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM  
 Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM  
 June T. Herron, Clerk UN  
 Susan Stone, ALT

**Safety Committee**

Michael Ahearn, Police Chief  
 Richard Morrow, Head Custodian PCS  
 Brian Murphy, Fire Chief  
 Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent DPW  
 Harold Smith, Manager PEL

**Grove Street Recreation Field Study Committee**

Thomas Carroll  
 Jonathan Ely  
 John Glowik  
 Daniel Massarelli  
 Neil McDonough

**APPOINTED BY MODERATOR****Finance Board**

Lucille DiLeo	1998
Christian deMarcken	1998
Howard Gewandter	1999
Robert Jacobson	2000
Evelyn Lawler	1999
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman	1999
Peter Schur	2000
Jay Snell, Vice Chairman	1998
Frederick Sosnoff	2000

**APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH****Plumbing Inspector**

Dennis Harney  
 John P. Dolan, Assistant

**Sanitary Inspector**

Joseph Mikielían  
 Richard M. Cox, Environmental Engineer

**Burial Agent**

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

**Animal Inspector**

Jean Parent

**Animal Control Officer**

B. Peter Warren Jr.

**Rubbish/Recycling Collection**

Browning Ferris Industries Inc.  
 P.O. Box 345  
 Auburn, MA 01501

**Recycling Study Committee**

Diane Dillman  
 George Friedman  
 Robert Herron, Chairman  
 Harold Slovin

**TO ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:**

All committees and Boards of the Town shall meet and organize thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure to so file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with the Board of Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of the By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting 02/07/38)

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## VITAL STATISTICS

July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1997

### BIRTHS

1996

#### July

- 3 Sarah Rose, daughter to Susan Marie Higgins and Michael William Coomey, 17 Keep Avenue
- 7 Courtney Marie, daughter to Karen Evelyn Lemay and Joseph Francis Germain, 790 Pleasant Street
- 22 Jillian Michelle, daughter to Linda Marie Johansson and Mark Andrew Coyle, 24 Red Oak Street

#### August

- 26 Gabrielle Marie, daughter to Marie Elaine Maglione and Edward Joseph Beauregard, 5 Hill Street

#### September

- 19 Trent Liam, son to Tawnya Jean Wyne and William Newton Drumm, 70 Rockland Road

#### October

- 24 Caroline Mary, daughter to Lisa Marie Dion and Michael John Akerson, 6 Whitney Drive
- 28 Ilena Angeline, daughter to Rebecca Jean Wilkinson and Nicholas Katsonis, 255 Pleasant Street

#### November

- 6 Andrew Joseph, son to Kathleen Marie Welsh and Glenn Robert Juchno, 11 Nanigian Road
- 18 Christopher Richard, son to Susan Patricia Sabatalo and Christopher Jon Chianese, 77 Grove Street

#### December

- 9 Madeline Therese, daughter to Elizabeth Thomann and Steven Francis Siraco, 316 Marshall Street
- 11 Daniel Joseph, son to Jean Ann Muthig and David George Parent, 12 Pond Street
- 30 Sean Richard, son to Eileen Ann Crutcher and Daniel Toomey, 4 Elizabeth Lane
- 31 Eileen Margaret, daughter to Deirdre Marie D'Arcy and Cornelius Shea, 10 Red Oak Street

1997

#### January

- 14 Eamon William Anthony, son to Cindy Lou Rinehart and Edward Anthony Gibbons, 14 Tanglewood Road
- 17 James William, son to Nicole Lee Granger and Mark David Reardon, 420 Grove Street
- 24 Charles John, son to Carol Joy Boucher and John Sumner Harwood, 155 Marshall Street

#### February

- 5 Mary Katherine, daughter to Kathleen Ann Ferguson and Paul Joseph Sullivan, 4 Woodland Drive
- 11 Sean Harry Richard, son to Andrea Graves and Justin Richard Thackeray, 8 Streeter Road
- 19 Elizabeth Bridget, daughter to Bronwyn Bridget Gage and John Michael Teixeira, 2 Pond Street
- 22 Hayley Catherine, daughter to Julie Joan Ruksnaitis and James Kevin White, 29 South Street
- 27 Artur Mikolaj, son to Alicja Kalichowicz and Jerzy Dariusz Bielecki, 17 Briarcliff Lane

#### March

- 1 Stergios, son to Effie Anifantis and Dimitrios Goritsas, 20 Pleasant Street
- 5 Matthew James, son to Maureen Elizabeth Dunlavy and George Alexander Abernathy, III, 8 Birchwood Road
- 23 Leighann Catherine, daughter to Maureen Ann Rose and John Aloysius Bowe, 21 Red Oak Street

#### April

- 8 Samuel James, son to Kathryn Ruth Mirick and James Joseph Kowaleski, 15 Briarcliff Lane
- 9 Carly Anne, daughter to Donna Rae Calkins and John Ernest Sansoucy, 13 Woodland Drive
- 25 Seth Alexander, son to Shayna Ruth Levy and Nathan Keith Fitzgerald, 306 Grove Street

**May**

- 10 Sarah Katrina, daughter to Sharon Anne O'Connor and Matthew James Bannister, 9 Tanglewood Road
- 19 Nicholas Anthony, son to Laura Ann Miskovsky and Joseph Scala, 8 Meadowbrook Drive
- 22 Zachary David, son to Lynn-Anne Nanigian and David Paul Handleman, 17 Nanigian Lane

**June**

- 3 Kathryn Mary, daughter to Kathleen Marie Oatley and Michael Rolf Putnam, 18 Briarcliff Lane
- 5 Brian John II, son to Colleen Ann Gearin and Brian John Boulette, 360 Marshall Street
- 27 Michael Kenneth, son to Lori Ann Langevin and Robert Kenneth Yard, 10 Suomi Street

**MARRAIGES****1996****July**

- 14 Gregory Alan Blondin of Worcester to Monica Mary Lucey of Paxton
- 27 Geoffrey Hardin Blome of Texas to Kerry Lynn Early of Texas

**August**

- 3 Brian P. Lawler of Paxton to Nicole S. Leroux of Paxton
- 30 Steven R. Savary of Missouri to Shannon Renee Laney of Missouri
- 31 Michael Thomas Bates of Paxton to Leigh-Ann Wyman of Paxton

**September**

- 21 Richard D. Porter Jr. of Ohio to Sonya Nicole Dooling of Ohio

**October**

- 12 Andrew Erik Johansson of Paxton to Leslie Ann Wincek of Paxton
- 13 Niron Carl Conrad Jr. of Paxton to Barbara Lillian Billingsley of Paxton

**December**

- 21 John Edward Burke of Paxton to Marguerite Marie Leroux of Paxton
- 21 Dennis Roger Benoit of Paxton to Sandy M. Fournier of Paxton

**1997****April**

- 19 Gregory Richard Bernier of Westford to April Sweetser Pinard of Westford
- 26 Gabriel Hernandez of Worcester to Casey Jean Nelson of Worcester

**May**

- 18 Robert James Vyskocil of Connecticut to Jacqueline Jean Carrelli of Connecticut
- 31 Patrick William McEvoy of Paxton to Tammy Rachel Provencal of Rhode Island

**June**

- 7 Peter Matthew Nygard of Maryland to Michele Theresa Dunlop of Maryland
- 8 David Scott Ahlin of Paxton to Annette Marie Joseph of Worcester

**DEATHS****1996****July**

- 1 Hartwell Griffin, 324 Richards Ave. 88
- 28 Arville S. Burt, 7 Ledyard Road 71

**August**

- 24 Marie Y. Plante, 9 Indian Hill Rd. 74

**September**

- 5 Regina H. Misiewicz, 354 Pleasant St. 74
- 22 Robert Kerr, 9 Holbrook Lane 39

**October**

- 4 Helen L. Hill, 3615 West Rogers Avenue, Tampa, Florida 61
- 21 Kenneth Allen Perkins, 64 South St. 33

**December**

- 1 Walter J. Fessenden, 180 Richards Ave. 87
- 1 Paul C. Sestito, 312 Pleasant Street 57
- 2 James A. Farrington, 2 Meadowbrook Dr. 88
- 4 Chester L. Mosher, 778 Pleasant St. 74
- 21 Gloria A. Pease, 50 Pleasant Street 68
- 27 Frederick T. Warpula, 145 West St. 75

1997

**January**

25 Marcel E. Ares, 109 Pleasant Street 73

**February**

19 Gordon A. Lockhart, 19 Holbrook Ln. 58

**March**

1 George L. Stone, 6 Center Drive 87

30 Chera-Lynn Brunelle, 46 Pleasant St. 17

**April**

17 Lorne W. Tannahill, 299 Richards Ave. 85

**May**

2 Philip Eugene Derby, 179 West Street 84

2 Mary C. Forkey, Pine Acres 78

3 Robert Alfred Grenon, 29 Crystal Street 71

15 Rachel J. Schlegel, 25 South Street 58

26 Eleanor F. Leveillee, 180 Richards Ave. 75

**HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES**

**July 1, 1996 – June 30, 1997**

Number of Licenses Issued 229  
Paid to Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife \$5,859.00

June Herron  
Town Clerk

**TOWN WARRANT**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**WORCESTER SS:**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby Directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to Meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Tuesday, the twelfth day of November 1996 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m., moderator declared a quorum present. Counters for the evening are Robert

Stewart, Larry Spongberg, Anne Malkasian, Rosemary Warren.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$4,586.00, or any other sum, to hire a full time dispatcher for the Communications Center, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board  
Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$3,704.00 TO HIRE A FULL TIME DISPATCHER FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$ , or any other sum, for the purpose of rebuilding our 1968 Austin-Western grader, to make it a safe and reliable piece of equipment; or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Superintendent  
Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REBUILDING OUR 1968 AUSTIN-WESTERN GRADER, TO MAKE IT A SAFE AND RELIABLE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to acquire the land and property located at 300A Grove St., Paxton, MA by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise and to see how said appropriation shall be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer or by any combination thereof, or act in any way relative thereto. (Book 3270, Page 140, 07/19/1950 - 9Acres +/-)

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to acquire the land and property located at 300C Grove St., Paxton, MA by purchase, eminent domain, gift, or otherwise and to see how said appropriation shall be raise by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer or by any combination thereof, or act in any way relative thereto. (Book 5986, Page 43, 01/01/1980 -13,548 sq. ft. +/-)

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.



**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction, equipment and furnishing of the addition to Paxton Center School and the remodeling, reconstruction or extraordinary repair to the Paxton Center School including architectural, engineering and other costs incidental and related thereto (said sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meeting held March 18, 1996 and Special Town Election held March 25, 1996, and to meet said appropriation to authorize said sum of money to be raised by borrowing in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), (3A) and (21) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority including Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, or act in any way thereon. The action authorized by this Article is contingent upon a favorable vote on the Debt Exclusion Election scheduled for November 16, 1996.

Article sponsored by: School Committee  
Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

A motion had been made and defeated to borrow the sum of \$1,000,000. for the above article.

2/3 Needed                      YES    149    NO    36  
MOTION PASSED TO BORROW THE SUM OF  
\$1,746,000. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIP-  
MENT AND FURNISHING OF THE ADDITION TO  
PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL AND THE  
REMOLDING,                      RECONSTRUCTION                      OR  
EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE PAXTON  
CENTER SCHOOL.

It was voted to take up Article 6 before Article 5.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$8,898.00, or any other sum, for professional surveying services for a property line survey on West Street and Pleasant Street; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM  
AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$8,898.00 FOR  
SURVEYING SERVICES FOR A PROPERTY LINE  
SURVEY ON WEST STREET AND PLEASANT  
STREET.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS  
WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of  
which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws,  
fourteen days at least before day set for holding said  
meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of October  
1996.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman  
Joseph W. McKay, Clerk

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Francis A. Ford  
Moderator

## TOWN WARRANT

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed  
to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are  
qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium  
of Paxton Center School on May 5, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., then  
there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see what sums of money the Town will  
raise and appropriate from 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, 1997, and especially for any and all of the  
items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way  
thereon.

Amendments:

14433	Waste Collection, decrease \$10,000.
	WRSD Vocational School Tuition, increase \$67,500.
Adjusted grand Total	\$5,574,204.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town of Paxton Will vote to  
raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or  
borrow and appropriate the sum of \$30,844.00; or any other  
sum, to increase the net school spending for the fiscal year  
1998; or act in any way thereon. **Contingent upon  
approval of override election.**

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District  
Committee.



Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$8000.00, or any other sum, to be used to purchase a copy machine to be used in the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Red Oak Street as a public way; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Two-thirds vote needed. UNANIMOUS TO ACCEPT PHASES I & II ONLY.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$117,500.00, for the purpose of acquiring and transferring title to the land and buildings located at 300A and 300B Grove Street, which are located in the Asnebumskit Watershed; or to act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval by borrowing.

Two-thirds vote needed. MOTION FAILED. YES, 83. NO, 52.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to close the unimproved section of Davis Hill Road, located past 140 Davis Hill Road to its intersection with Mill Street, said distance to be approximately .75 miles, abutting the Moore State Park property its entire length.

Petition sponsored by the Friends of Moore State Park. The Chairman of the Friends of Moore State Park will speak for the article.

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator to appoint a committee of nine people to review the structure of the present Town government, through its appointed and elected Boards, Commissions and Departments and the associated enabling General Laws and By-Laws to determine if the present structure should be uniformly modernized to provide the best possible government for the future. Said committee which would be composed of no more than five persons that hold or have held positions in any town government and no less than four persons that have never held a position with any town government would be instructed to report their findings at the next Regular Town Meeting.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$2,500.00 to research, compile and prepare for publication a listing of all Town By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws that have been adopted or rescinded if applicable, the wording of the by-laws as adopted or in the case of a General Law, a short synopsis of the law.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS A SUM OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED \$2500.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind all past Town By-Laws, regarding employee benefits and adopt the following as a By-Law of the Town:

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** (Effective January 1, 1998). This by-law governs the benefits of all employees who work in excess of 19.5 hours weekly on a continuous basis.

**I. VACATION AND HOLIDAYS:**

**A. VACATION POLICY:** Vacation pay shall be based on the employee's current base salary or normal weekly wage (for normal straight-time weekly hours) at the time the vacation is taken. For

the purpose of determining the service category, the vacation year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Vacation leave is earned on a monthly basis according to the following formula:

0-2 yrs. of service	0.5 days per month
2-5 yrs. of service	1.0 days per month
5-9 yrs. of service	1.5 days per month
10-19 yrs. of service	2.0 days per month
over 20 yrs. of service	2.5 days per month

In an effort to provide an employee with flexibility as to when they schedule vacation, we will allow paid vacation to be taken before it has actually been earned with the approval of Department Head. This provision is predicated on an expectation that the employee will earn his/her entire vacation allotment for that calendar year. An employee leaving our employment who had taken paid vacation that had not yet been earned will be required to pay back that portion which was unearned.

Other than peak periods, vacations are scheduled to fit each employee's personal plans as well as business needs. Peak periods are determined by the Department Head. No more than two weeks of vacation may be taken consecutively.

Accumulating Vacation Time: An employee may defer or carry over unused earned vacation days from the current calendar year to the following year, to a maximum of 15 days.

Illness During Vacation: If an employee becomes seriously ill or hospitalized during vacation, or if there is a death in the immediate family during vacation, the employee may reschedule vacation upon immediate notification of supervisor. (In the case of illness or injury, a physician's statement may be required.)

Effect of Termination or Retirement on Vacation: Upon termination of employment, the employee will be paid for any unused earned vacation.

Holidays During Vacation: Holidays observed by the Town that occur during vacation are counted as regular holidays, not as vacation time.

A. PAID HOLIDAYS: There are 11 paid holidays; M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7.

January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
February – Third Monday	President's Day
April – Third Monday	Patriot's Day
May – Fourth Monday	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September – First Monday	Labor Day
October – Second Monday	Columbus Day

November 11	Veteran's Day
November – Fourth Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

Employees who work on holidays shall be compensated in accordance with policies of the Selectmen.

## II. LEAVES:

A. SICK LEAVE: Allowance for employee "sick leave" is accrued at the rate of 1¼ days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 120 days. Unused sick leave will not be compensated at termination or retirement.

The Town reserves the right to request a physician's statement prior to paying any employee sick pay.

B. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE: Employees may receive up to three paid days of funeral leave following the death of an immediate family member. Immediate family member is defined as wife, husband, children, parents, siblings, or parents-in-law. In the case of a death of other family members (aunts, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles), one day off with pay will be allowed.

C. JURY LEAVE: An employee who is required to serve on jury duty and thus needs to be absent from regular duty may, upon application, be paid the difference between the compensation received from Jury Duty and his/her regular pay of the Department. If summoned to Jury Duty During vacation; the employee will be compensated as long as they are actively employed.

D. MILITARY LEAVE: An employee in the military reserve, shall be paid the difference between compensation received while on reserve duty and regular pay paid the employee by the Department. The payment by the Town shall be limited to a period not to exceed two (2) weeks in a twelve-month period and shall not include payment to members of the National Guard, who may be mobilized during an emergency in the Commonwealth.

E. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE: The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law designed to provide job protection and some benefit continuation to you if you need to take time off from work for the birth or adoption and care of a newborn or to handle serious illness in your family or your own medical problems. Eligible employees may take up to 13 work weeks of family and medical in any 12 month period. This is not a paid leave, but any available paid time off provided by the town may be taken to offset your family and

medical leave. Pregnancy is treated the same as a disability. The amount of time you receive as a disability benefit will not count as part of the 13 work week Family and Medical leave entitlement.

### III. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:

Where applicable, the Town or Department provides uniforms, protecting weather gear and safety gear.

Allowance for safety shoes in Department's where it is applicable is \$60.00 per year.

All other tools and equipment are provided.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article amended under "Employee Benefits" to govern the benefits of all employees who work in excess of 35 hours weekly, on a continuous basis. Under "1. VACATION AND HOLIDAYS" A. Vacation leave is earned on a monthly basis according to the following:

0-2 yrs. of service	0.5 days per month-not to exceed 5 days
2-5 yrs. of service	1.0 days per month-not to exceed 10 days
5-9 yrs. of service	1.5 days per month-not to exceed 15 days
10-19 yrs. service	2.0 days per month-not to exceed 20 days
over 20 yrs. service	2.5 days per month-not to exceed 25 days

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 1998 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for the fiscal year 1998 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 1997; or act in any way thereon.  
Balances in accounts as of 04/17/97:

Title V Septic System Repair Grants	\$41,538.99
Cheryl Noel, Deputy Collector Fees	\$ -0-
Library State Aid	\$ 10,859.73
Dog Fund for Library Use	\$430.10
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	\$7,698.33
State Art Council	\$2,124.67
Council On Aging, Formula Fund 1995-1996	\$1,209.20
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	\$1,942.62
Recycling Committee Composting Bins Account	\$649.80
School Building Rental Revolving Account	\$911.25
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement Dist.	\$58.19
Historical Commission Revolving Account	\$ 1,495.62
Cable TV, Greater Media	\$ 8,833.45

Comm. MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Acct. \$ -0-

Police Revolving Account	\$84.62
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	\$23,818.68
Police Grants & Gifts	\$5,082.45
Police Parking Tickets	\$140.00
<i>By State Law these have to be approved annually.</i>	

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

(According to Town Attorney, Recreation accounts do not need to be listed, they are controlled under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53D.)

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to hire a maintenance worker for the town athletic fields and recreation areas for six months of the year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Recreation Commission

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$4,925.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money to repair the drainage problem on the third base line of the Tivnan Little league field; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Recreation Commission

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$19,287.00, or any other sum, of the purchase of a four wheel drive half ton pick-up truck for the Public Works Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: D.P.W. Superintendent

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends approval from available funds.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$19,287.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$24,438.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a one ton pick-up truck and plow for the Public Works Department and sell or trade in against the purchase price thereof a 1991 three quarter ton pick-up; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: D.P.W. Superintendent  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval from available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$24,438.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00, or any other sum, for the replacement of seven (7) overhead garage doors at the Department of Public Works garage; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: D.P.W. Superintendent  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$145,419.00, or any other sum, for the construction of Town roads, the improvement of Town roads, the purchase of equipment, or as otherwise permitted under Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee Recommends approval by borrowing.

Two thirds needed. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$145,419.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$210,250.00 for the purpose of purchasing 1,150 radio-read water meters to upgrade the currently used system, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.

Two thirds needed. MOTION PASSED TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$210,250. YES, 91. NO, 43.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section of 53F1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of allowing the Town to adopt in future fiscal years an enterprise account; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Water Commissioners  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

MOTION PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$6,000.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a set of ram rescue tools for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$5,000.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$9,500.00, to design renovations for the White Building. In addition to repairs, renovations would include whatever is necessary to make the White Building completely handicap accessible, so



that it can be fully utilized by the Town; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$9,500 TO DESIGN RENOVATIONS FOR THE WHITE BUILDING.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$2,940.00, or any other sum, for the purpose of repairing the electrical system at the Dispatch Center; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$2,940.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to close the Town pool, remove the existing pool structure and construct a combination Babe Ruth Baseball field and soccer field using the existing pool complex and any remaining land from the existing Babe Ruth field adjacent to the Paxton Center School after construction of the approved school addition; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Petition  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS NON-BINDING REFERENDUM.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paving Brigham Road from Route 122 to #34 Brigham Road, install two (2) speed limit signs, and install streetlights, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Petition  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Generals Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article sponsored by: Board of Health  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE. SINCE ARTICLE DID NOT INCLUDE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT; THIS VOTE HAS NO LEGAL EFFECT. SEE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 7, 1997.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to put in the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
The sums available for this article would change depending on the votes of previous articles. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article and will make a recommendation as to the amount at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make it's recommendation at Town Meeting.  
The sums available for this article would change depending on the votes of previous articles. The Finance Committee is in favor of this article and will make a recommendation as to the amount at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$98,474 TO REDUCE THE TAX LEVY.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of

which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, seven days at least before day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph W. McKay, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. The Moderator declared a quorum present (300+). Tellers for the evening: Donna Jenkins, Francis Henderson, Gale Torgersen, and Kenneth Wagoner. Kevin Quinn gave an update on the Paxton Center School building project. Dr. Tutela spoke on the Wachusett Regional School District budget.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June T. Herron, Clerk

## **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to vote at:

**PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL**  
West Street

On Monday, the Twelfth Day of May, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the candidates for the following Town Offices:

Selectboard	John E. Lucey	Three Years
Town Clerk	June T. Herron	Three Years
Town Treasurer	Joanne L. Savignac	Two Years
Town Collector	Joanne L. Savignac	Two Years
W.R.S.D.C.	Melinda A. Johnson	Three Years
Mun. Light Board	Warren D. Bock	Three Years
Assessor	James R. Stone, Jr.	Three Years

Water Board	David L. Trulson	Three Years
Board of Health	Thomas B. Carroll	Three Years
Planning Board	Gordon J. Szczepanek	Two Years
Planning Board	Neil A. Bagdis	Five Years
Library Trustee	Clement J. Gainty	Three Years
Library Trustee	Scott A. Martin	Three Years
Recreation Comm.	Kenneth Wagoner	Three Years
Recreation Comm.	Andrew Serrato	Five Years
Cemetery Comm.	Richard H. Sears	Three Years

HEREIN FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of March 1997.

Board of Selectmen,  
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph W. McKay, Clerk

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast, 533.

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

## **TOWN WARRANT Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, the seventh of July 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, then there to act on the following article:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust a sum of money not to exceed \$200,000 at 0% interest rate, for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects, or take any action relative thereto.

Repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including, without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen recommend approval.  
Finance Committee will make their recommendation at the meeting.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of June 1997

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman  
John E. Lucey, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m., Moderator declared a quorum present. Both Finance Committee and Selectboard voted in favor of the above article.

Two thirds needed. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW A SUM OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000. FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST AT 0% INTEREST RATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

## **TOWN WARRANT Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, the eighth of September 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, then there to act on the following article:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Budget adopted at the Annual Town Meeting as Article 1 by changing the following line items:

14450	WATER BOARD	
5201	Worcester Water	\$150,000.00 (reduction of \$250,000.00 from \$400,000.00)
5202	Worcester Water Escrow	\$12,000.00 (New line item)
17752	TEMPORARY LOANS	\$180,000.00 (Reduction of \$92,000.00 from \$272,000.00)

or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen  
Selectmen recommend approval.  
Finance Committee recommends approval.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of August 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman  
John E. Lucey, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m., Moderator declared a quorum present. Both Finance Committee and Selectboard voted in favor of the above article.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJUST THE 1998 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The past year was a very busy year for your Board of Selectmen. We wish to thank all of the people serving the Town in elected or appointed positions, for their help in meeting the challenges constantly presented to us in

effectively operating the town government. As State and Federal rules and guidelines have changed during the year, these officials have met the task and completed almost impossible missions. A special mention should also be made of those that have left town government during the past year. Their work in the past has always served the Town well and we commend their dedication to the Town.

One of our goals this year was to make our town government even more accessible to the public. To this end we have adjusted the hours that the Town Hall is open for business by including evening hours on Mondays. We have purchased computers for the staff so that the Town's business can be more efficiently completed. The telephone system at Town Hall has been partially upgraded and we intend to further upgrade the system this year. Although our staff presently serves the public efficiently and professionally, they continue to take advantage of the various seminars and schooling offered to improve their skills.

Another of our goals was to review the present structure of our town's government with a view towards making it more streamlined and less costly. As a result of the Town Meeting's wishes, we have appointed (along with the Moderator) a committee to review the present structure of town government. They will report back to the Town their views on how our government should be constituted in the future. We appointed an Insurance Study Committee to review the present insurance coverage now purchased by the Town. We hired the Paxton Youth Sports Committee, Inc. to develop new playing fields for the Town. We have asked the Personnel Board to review the benefits offered to Town Employees and to recommend changes if needed. We also asked them to produce a benefits handbook for the employees.

The offices at Town Hall are now overcrowded and the building is not handicap accessible to the upper floors. We have been informed that because of the Town Hall's design, it is not a good candidate for future expansion. With the approval of the Town Meeting, we have commissioned a study of the White Building which could result in improving the quarters now used by the Senior Citizens and the Historical Commission. Hopefully, it will also result in reasonable plans for developing the basement and second floors for use as additional offices for the town government.

Several other projects of note were initiated by various Town Departments this year. The reconstruction of Grove Street was approved by Federal and State highway agencies. The scheduled funds for the project have been approved by the Legislature. Construction of the water pumping facility and interconnection with Worcester's water system is near completion. The underground oil tanks at the Center School were replaced in preparation for the construction of new classrooms and renovations to the school building. New equipment was purchased by the

Highway Department. A front-end loader and compressor were purchased with funds from grants that were obtained from the State so that the purchases will not impact our tax rate.

On the down side, this year was the year of litigation. The Town has been forced to expend a large amount of funds to defend itself from several lawsuits and threats of lawsuits. To date, our Town Counsel has been successful in his efforts in defending the Town from these suits. Also this year the Wachusett Regional School Department was ordered by the State Board of Education to absorb the cost of vocational schooling for the region. It also ruled that the Town would be responsible for the Town's share of the cost in future years. If we do not see a subsequent reduction in our assessment from the Region, this will result in additional tax burden.

As always, your Board of Selectmen stands ready to serve you and keep your town government responsive without being intrusive. We realize that our decisions will not always be popular with all people, but we pledge that they will always be made with the best interest of the Town foremost in our minds.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman  
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman  
John E. Lucey, Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

During the past year, the Town of Paxton moved closer to resolving three of its long term needs: expansion of our elementary school, meeting Federal requirements in regard to the quality of our drinking water and building much needed athletic fields.

At special town meetings held in 1996, a total of \$6,500,000 was voted for the construction and equipping of additional classrooms at Paxton Center School to relieve overcrowded conditions. Unfortunately, the bids received in July 1997, were higher than anticipated and rather than effect a dramatic reduction in the scope of the project, the Building Committee opted to re-bid the project later this year. It is anticipated that the building project will still be substantially completed by September 1999.

The Town of Paxton has entered into an agreement to purchase filtered water from the City of Worcester. The Town is in the process of building and equipping a pumping station to bring the water into our distribution system. It is anticipated that we shall be drawing filtered water from Worcester prior to the end of the year.



A project to construct new recreation fields on a 17-acre town owned site across from Anna Maria College is underway. The completed project, estimated at \$300,000, will include a Babe Ruth field and three soccer fields. The project is being financed with private funds at no cost to the Town.

A projected increase in the student population at Wachusett Regional High School will result in another major capital project for the School District. A Building Committee has been appointed to begin the process of developing a comprehensive building plan to solve the existing and future needs of the High School. Even with state aid, the cost of this project will have a significant impact on the future finances of Paxton and other District towns.

The other long-term need involves the potential repair or replacement of our town pool, an issue which remains unresolved at this time.

The Finance Committee is still cognizant of the need to build up our Stabilization Fund so that monies will be available in future years to reduce the impact of major capital expenditures. We shall continue to work with the various town boards, departments and committees to balance the needs of the town and the District to a spending level that the Town can afford.

Your Finance Committee,

Lucille DiLeo  
Christian W. deMarcken  
Howard A. Gewandter  
Robert Jacobson  
Evelyn W. Lawler, Secretary  
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman  
Peter Schur  
Jay Snell, Vice-Chairman  
Frederick Sosnoff

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Three public hearings were held this past year by the Zoning Board of Appeals. All three hearings were for Special Permits, and all were approved by the Board.

Th Board of Appeals would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mr. George Cagan, a valuable member of our Board, who passed away recently. Mr. Cagan was always ready with relevant and sharp questions for petitioners. He will be missed by the Board members and his shoes will be hard to fill.

The Board of Appeals meets whenever there is an application completed for a variance, special permit, or appeal. Anyone wishing to pick up an application form may do so at the Town Services Coordinator's office in the Town Hall, Monday 12 - 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8 - 4 p.m., and Friday 8 - 1 p.m. or call the Town Services Coordinator at (508) 753-2803. The fee for the application is \$150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Dowd, Chairman

Allen Rubin, Vice-Chairman  
Richard D. Grensavitch  
John F. Hurley, Jr.  
Kathleen M. Sears  
Frederick G. Goodrich, Alternate  
Robert J. Callahan, Alternate

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all persons concerned for the cooperation you have given me this past year. The following is a list of permits I issued for FY 1997:

*New Homes	10	*Sheds	6
*Additions	10	*Decks	4
*Alteration/Renovation	7	*Pools: Above ground	1
*1 Car Garage	2	In ground	4
*2 Car Garage	3	*Sun Rooms	1
*Carports	2	*Concrete Pad	1
*Porch	2	*Demolish	5
*Permit Renewal	2	*Tents	1
*Occupancy	15		
Total Number of Permits Issued			76
Total Revenue from Permits Issued			\$6,707.00

Building Permit applications are available at the Town Hall. The Building Inspector's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond V. Kauppila  
Building Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

As of January 1, 1996, for fiscal year 1997, the total valuation of Paxton's taxable property was \$233,450,907, a net increase of \$2,977,642, 1.29%.

New construction, additions, and alterations increased the valuation by \$3,948,439. Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessors amounted to \$155,600. Relisting and other adjustments decreased the valuation an additional \$815,197.

James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman  
Susan B. Corcoran  
Sherburne B. Rockwell, III

The Assessors office is open 9 a.m. - 12 Noon, Monday through Thursday. The Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# TABLE 1

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES:	FY97	% INC.	FY96	% INC.	FY95
Appropriations to be raised	\$4,878,505.00		\$4,485,722.00		\$4,414,417.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$139,686.00		\$90,857.00		\$72,900.00
Offset Items	\$6,242.00		\$17,997.00		\$5,287.00
Retirement	\$94,929.00		\$82,387.00		\$77,504.00
State Tax & Assessments	\$38,416.00		\$43,321.00		\$46,651.00
Tax Title	\$2,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Overlay	\$94,718.50		\$33,243.16		\$40,943.58
Deficits Prior Years	\$5,984.52		\$0.00		\$208.38
Final Court Judgements	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Gross Amount to Be Raised	\$5,260,481.02	10.5%	\$4,758,527.16	2.2%	\$4,657,910.96
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$383,225.00		\$348,474.00		\$344,169.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$346,000.00		\$340,000.00		\$269,000.00
Water Department	\$152,000.00		\$161,000.00		\$154,000.00
Other Local Receipts	\$222,000.00		\$167,000.00		\$133,000.00
Available Funds - Revenue Sharing	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$414,686.00		\$130,884.00		\$224,369.00
Available Funds - Other	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$1,517,911.00	32.3%	\$1,147,358.00	2.0%	\$1,124,538.00
Net Amount to Be Raised	\$3,742,570.02	3.6%	\$3,611,169.16	2.2%	\$3,533,372.96
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$3,819,226.00	3.3%	\$3,696,189.00	4.0%	\$3,555,548.00
VALUATIONS:					
Real Estate	\$230,134,700.00		\$227,192,300.00		\$224,369,000.00
Personal Property	\$3,316,207.00		\$3,280,965.00		\$2,978,840.00
Total Taxable Property	\$233,450,907.00	1.3%	\$230,473,265.00	1.3%	\$227,347,840.00
TAX RATES:					
Residential	\$16.10	2.3%	\$15.74	0.9%	\$15.60
Open Space	\$12.88		\$12.60		\$12.48
Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property	\$16.03		\$15.67		\$15.52

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

	FY97		FY96		FY95	
EXEMPTIONS:	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	6	\$1,050.00	5	\$875.00	5	\$875.00
Caluse 22: Veterans	40	\$6,825.00	39	\$6,825.00	43	\$7,525.00
Clause 37: Blind	8	\$3,500.00	7	\$3,062.50	7	\$3,062.50
Clause 41: Elderly	16	\$8,000.00	18	\$9,000.00	18	\$9,000.00
Clause 41A Deferred Taxes	1	\$1,153.47	1	\$1,116.50		
Clause 42	1	\$3,152.38				
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$23,680.85</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$20,879.00</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$20,462.50</b>
<b>ABATEMENTS:</b>						
Real Estate	14	\$5,457.90	10	\$9,113.77	30	\$7,377.24
Personal Property	1	\$160.30	1	\$156.70	5	\$283.52
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	167	\$8,889.66	223	\$10,719.17	275	\$16,389.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>\$14,507.86</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>\$19,989.64</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$24,050.49</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:</b>						
Bills Processed	4078	\$375,478.75	3974	\$347,527.74	4029	\$355,726.24
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$366,589.09		\$336,808.57		\$339,336.51

**TABLE III**  
**PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION**

	FY97	FY96	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	%
Residential	\$217,919,100.00	\$215,018,600.00	\$2,900,500.00	1.3%
Open Space	\$4,730,900.00	\$5,015,700.00	(\$284,800.00)	-5.7%
Commercial	\$5,400,200.00	\$5,445,000.00	(\$44,800.00)	-0.8%
Industrial	\$2,084,500.00	\$1,713,000.00	\$371,500.00	21.7%
Personal Property	\$3,316,207.00	\$3,280,965.00	\$35,242.00	1.1%
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>	<b>\$233,450,907.00</b>	<b>\$230,473,265.00</b>	<b>\$2,977,642.00</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Exempt Property</b>	<b>\$27,101,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,792,900.00</b>	<b>\$308,100.00</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$260,551,907.00</b>	<b>\$257,266,165.00</b>	<b>\$3,285,742.00</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

## REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Producers Bill Murwin and Daniel Chen made a bit of WPAX-TV history by taping *and* editing Paxton Center School's 1997 Graduation ceremony on the same night! The June 18<sup>th</sup> edit, was comprised mainly of dissolving between two running camcorder tapes (while recording on a third deck), and included opening and closing title sequences which took two hours. Bill and Dan spent five hours straight on the program. Scott Wilson also ~~tacked~~ on a two minute "Decorations" segment before the premiere. Scott and Tom Savage, Sr. were part of the set-up/take down crew for the event.

Nick Powlovich is glad to report that the Paxton Center School addition project will include wiring – SVHS, BNC, headsets and audio in the cafeteria and gym. The "Teachers' Lounge" will be the Cable Advisory's Command Post, which will be more user-friendly for taping school events and/or live cable-casts.

Long time Committee Chairman, Tom Savage, Sr., has stepped down, as has long time member and co-chairman, Ron Johnson. The Committee says "THANKS" to both for their years of service, support and guidance. We welcomed two new members: Mary Dunkerly (whose productions include "Worcester Historical Museum" and "The Emperor's New Clothes") and Dan Germain (a recently certified producer).

WPAX has 24 hour on screen (Ch. 12) weather info, with "Audio Journal" reading service and a video "Bulletin Board" (Ch. 13) with music from WSRS radio. WPAX-TV is located in the Town Hall, 697 Pleasant Street, (508) 753-3323.

Daniel Chen  
Mary Dunkerly  
Daniel Germain  
Deborah Magnuson  
Edward McTigue  
Nicholas Powlovich  
Scott A. Wilson

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Effective July 1, 1997, the cost for cemetery lots and grave openings are as follows:

### CEMETERY LOTS:

2 Grave Lot	\$ 400.00
3 Grave Lot	600.00
4 Grave Lot	800.00
6 Grave Lot	1,200.00

*1 Grave Lot available by special permission.*

### OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	300.00
Weekends	450.00
Holidays	450.00

### CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
Weekends	250.00
Holidays	300.00

### INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	100.00
Weekends	150.00
Holidays	150.00

Lots are available to all town residents and former residents, and may be purchased at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk or Town Services Coordinator. Please call 753-2803. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Cemetery Commission  
Ross E. Johnson  
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman  
Richard H. Sears

## REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The Paxton Communications Board is happy to report the activity for the previous year for the Dispatch Center. The Enhanced 911 System that was installed in March of 1996 has been a great asset to the Town of Paxton.

The Communications Board continues to look for ways to improve the Dispatch Center. With the approval at the previous Town Meeting, we were able to hire another full-time dispatcher, which has greatly improved the continuity with the department.

The following is the Communications Center activity for fiscal year 1997:

Police	10,619
Fire	842
Medical	152
Dispatch/General Info	2,378
911 Non-Emergency	87
Dept. Public Works	*314
Light Department	*226
Animal Control	384

Total Calls Received 15,002

\*Does not include calls made directly to that department.

Respectfully,

Communications Board:

Harold L. Smith, Chairman, Light Dept.  
Paul H. Palumbo, Dept. Public Works  
Robert B. DesRosiers, Police Dept.  
Brian C. Murphy, Fire Dept.  
Charles J. Glassbrenner, Water Board  
Donald G. Cardinal, Civil Defense,  
At Large Member  
Richard G. Bedard, At Large Member

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission met monthly during the past year, and devoted most of its time to hearings and paperwork relating to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission received and acted on nine Request for Determination, twenty Notice of Intent, and seven Certificate of Compliance. Over 60 sites were visited by one or more commissioners to evaluate the applicability of the Wetlands Protections Act, to evaluate wetland delineations, and to provide guidance to property owners. Several informal hearings were held and five Forest Cutting Plans were received.

One or more members of the Commission attended workshops on the Rivers Protection Bill, on storm-water management, and on sexual harassment. Also attended were meetings of the Planning Board, Selectboard and the Massachusetts Association of Conservation commissioners. At the Commission's Smith property, Commission members cleared trails and installed a sign at the entrance to the property.

Commission members are Inge Baehrecke, Susan Barry, Barbara Berka, Robert Bertin (Vice Chairman), Carol Harris, Robert Stewart (Chairman), and Janice Stewart. The Commission meets at the town Hall on the second Thursday of each month, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stewart, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The January 1, 1997 census includes 567 residents age 55-69 years old, 448 age 70+, and 1 resident 100 years old for a total of 1016 Seniors.

Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the White Building. Senior Center office hours are Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We do referrals on all human services such as housing, elder home care, health, legal, and podiatry clinics, and educational speakers. Our Intergenerational Program with students at the Paxton Center School is ongoing. All of these services are made possible due to the dedication of the many dependable and willing volunteers.

The S.H.I.N.E. Program (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) is available at our Senior Center. All appointments are private and confidential.

The Senior Center has an Adult Caregivers Group who meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month.

The Paxton Senior Van is in service Monday through Friday. It provides transportation for medical appointments, local shopping and banking, special events in the area, and lunch three times a week to the Senior Center. Mobility impaired residents of Paxton are provided medical transportation by SCM Elderbus, Inc.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman  
George Abernathy  
Janice Ahearn  
Mary Bobola  
Ann Cunningham  
Gertrude Grenon  
Debra Grensavitch  
Andrew Serrato  
Barbara Whitney, Vice Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was granted \$3,150 by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission for 1996-97. The same amount has been granted for 1997-98. The following programs were funded for the last fiscal year.

Free admission passes to the following museums through the Richards Memorial Library:

Higgins Armory  
Worcester Art Museum  
Boston Museum of Fine Arts  
Historic Deerfield Museum  
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum  
New England Science Center

With the Paxton Center School and the PTO:

Pass program tickets to the  
Boston Ballet "Nutcracker Suite"  
Worcester Art Museum Program

Grants were also made to the Paxton Council on Aging, Paxton Girl Scouts Council, and Audio Journal.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of these many programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Langer, Chairman  
Jean Urbanowski, Secretary  
Martha Akstin, Treasurer  
Louise Erskine  
Sheila Estabrook  
Judy Galbraith  
Carrie Grinstead  
Joanne Kee  
MaryJo Moynihan  
Denise Sosnoff

## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

During fiscal year 1996-97, over 272 various types of calls pertaining to dogs, and 112 various types of calls pertaining to other animals were handled.

All dogs and cats six months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The Dog Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center, and all calls will be returned as soon as possible.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind all residents that their dog should be restrained at all times. Any owner found in violation of the Dog By-Laws may be punished by a fine for each offense.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Peter Warren, Jr., Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The pattern of recent years in the number of emergency responses holds at just under 100, with motor vehicle accidents and automatic fire alarms making up the majority of these. While there were no major structure fires, there were several interior fires discovered and halted before they caused extensive damage. Anna Maria College represented a large portion of the automatic alarm responses, with both malicious false alarms as well as system malfunctions. In instances where the individuals can be identified, they have been billed and the town paid for the direct costs related to the response.

A recruit class of seven was graduated and they continue into more advanced training with dedication and a high degree of commitment. The delivery of the new Rescue and the training on the new Engine 1 has brought the entire department together in training and has achieved even higher levels of skill to both old and new members. In February, the Massachusetts Fire academy conducted a course in Structural Fire Hazards, before, during, and after fires. In April, the department assisted in a large-scale search and rescue exercise at the former prison camp in Rutland. This was conducted by the Department of Public Safety and involved a large number of public and private agencies.

Fire prevention activities included a highly successful Open House during Fire Prevention Week, demonstration and presentations at the school, and for Boy Scout groups.

Training mandates from state and federal agencies have existed for a number of years, but most recent strength test requirements by the State for all recruits after November 1997 will have a crippling effect on our ability to attract new members. We must attract an average of five recruits per year to overcome attrition. Passing a rigid state conducted strength test before appointment and a yearly re-test places a significant 'chilling' effect on potential candidates for positions which are more based on 'a desire to serve' than financial rewards. The strength testing and earlier adopted physical exam standards are going to substantially alter the nature and character of this and all call departments in the future.

I commend the residents of the community for keeping Paxton a very fire safe town and I express my appreciation to the members of the department, and their families, for providing dedicated and outstanding protective services.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Chief of Department

## REPORT OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders group of the Paxton Fire Department responded to 130 medical emergencies during the twelve months ending June 30, 1997. This number decreased slightly from the previous year.

During the past year the training emphasis of the First Responder team has been on auto extrication and CPR, and Defibrillator re-certification.



The members of the First Responder team during FY97 were as follows:

Michael Benoit, Lieut.	Chuck Pignatore, EMT
Jay Conte, Lieut., EMT	Mike Putnam, Lieut.
Thomas Ducharme	Brian Murphy, Chief
Richard Gaffney	Kevin Quinn
Patrick Robinson	Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
Rusty Savignac	Tom Savage
Tim Pierce, EMT-P	James Olson

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Fire Chief  
Michael J. Benoit, Lieutenant

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the Fiscal Year 1996-97 the Board of Health witnessed:

- 29 New Percolation Tests
- 42 Percolation tests for repairs of existing homes
- 12 Food Permits
- 71 Disposal Permits

Recycling: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that all communities will recycle. They feel our goal should be 50% of our total solid waste be recycled. Currently, we are recycling approximately 22% of our solid wastes. To achieve the Commonwealth's goals, all citizens **must recycle all recyclables from their waste stream!** To encourage recycling, the Board of Health discussed ideas such as a Town By-Law to mandate recycling, and a "Pay as you throw" type program. The Board would welcome any ideas or suggestions from the citizens of Paxton on this matter.

The Board of Health has received \$200,000 in a Loan Program from the Commonwealth to be used in the repairing of septic systems in the town. We will be lending this money to citizens of the town at a fixed rate of 5 percent (5%). To inquire about the Program, you can call Mr. Scott Kurposka at Central Massachusetts Regional Planning at (508) 756-7717. Applications for the program can be picked up at the Town Services Coordinator's office in Town Hall. To date the Board has secured a total of \$300,000 towards repairs and upgrades of septic systems at low cost interest rates for use by the citizens of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Parent, Chairman  
Thomas B. Carroll  
Judy A. Hatstat

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Paxton Historical Commission has continued in the past fiscal year to accomplish goals including cemetery inventory and home surveys which are recorded with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The commission has also preserved a number of old maps, pictures and historic documents which are on continuous display in the commission's resource room at the White Building. Open monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the White Building. Open houses have been held on different occasions as well as a walking tour of the town common and Center Cemetery. The public is always encouraged to attend these events to become more familiar with the town's history.

Members include Laurie Gardner, Jason Fanning, Chris Reilly, Donna MacClean, and Denis Melican. Associate members are Ed Duane and Janice Fanning.

Respectfully,

Laurie Gardner, Co-Chairman

## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Conversion of the distribution system was completed when the final section of Grove Street, from Pleasant to Maple, and the side streets off Grove were upgraded to 13.8 K. The old 4.8 K substation at Asnebumskit Road was dismantled and the site was completely decommissioned.

The entire town is now served at 8.0 K with the exception of Anna Maria College which is stepped down to 4.8 K at Grove Street. Conduit and primary extensions to serve the college have been installed for future upgrade capability and to serve subsidiary customers on Sunset Lane.

The Light Department converted the former Fire Department Engine 1, 1971 Ford for use as a chipper/dump truck. Underground cable was replaced in pipe on a remaining portion of Shanandoah Drive, replacing direct burial cable which was unreliable and subject to future failure.

Improvements at the Operations Center included replacement of the overhead garage doors, upgraded computer workstation, and purchase of a forklift hand truck for safer and easier materials handling.

As of October 1996, the Light Department has provided billing and collection service for the Paxton Water Department. This service is billed at approximate cost to the Water Department, saving the need for redundant

computer hardware, software, and data entry. Water Receipts are segregated from Light Department funds, and as always, all funds continue to be managed by the Town Treasurer.

The Light Commission continues to work and plan for future rate stability. Management is developing strategies to meet any state and federal requirements that may be imposed upon us to facilitate restructuring for open competition in the electric industry.

Customer service and quality power supply at the lowest possible cost remain our top priorities. During the calendar year 1996, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$10,600 in services and materials to benefit various departments of the Town of Paxton. This does not include any benefit derived from the addition of the Water Billing Services provided. We continue to seek ways to expand efficiencies for the benefit of residents and businesses in Paxton.

The Light Commission meets each month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome.

In an effort to save space and printing costs, the footnotes and supplemental report of our auditors have been omitted from the town report. Copies are available at the Light Department office which is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Smith, Manager

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners  
Paxton Municipal Light Department

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paxton Municipal Light Department of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1995 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and

significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Paxton Municipal Light Department and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and non-expendable trust funds in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Paxton Municipal Light Department of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of December 31, 1996 and 1995, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with general accepted accounting principles.

James F. Goulet & Associates, P.C.

FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE  
LIGHT DEPARTMENT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

As the 1997 Fiscal Year comes to a close, the Planning Board would like to report the following activity in subdivision development. The following subdivisions have been ongoing in town:

- Oaks at Sunderland, Inc., building off Brigham Road
- Paxton Ponds, building off Marshall Street
- Muir Farms, building off Nipmuc Road and Pleasant Street

As you may have heard, work has been started by Moss Development on the Kettlebrook Golf course off Marshall Street.

The Board has been busy with taking action on APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED (ANR) Lots throughout the fiscal year.

The Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard J. Pentland and Zarvin W. Kasparian for their years of service to the Town of Paxton on the Planning Board. We appreciate the knowledge they have shared with us and we will feel the loss of their involvement.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone desiring to be on the agenda for a meeting must submit their request, *in writing*, 48



hours prior to the meeting with the Town Services Coordinator at the Town Hall. If you have questions, the Town Services Coordinator can be reached at (508) 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Bik, Chairman  
Barry Feldman, Vice Chairman  
Christian S. Baehrecke  
Gordon Szczepanek  
Neil Bagdis

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for the cooperation you have given to me this past year. The following is a list of the gas and plumbing permits that I have issued for Fiscal Year 1997:

- Gas 43
- Plumbing 8

Total permits issued 51

Total revenue from permits issued: \$2,550

Anyone wishing to pick up a Gas/Plumbing permit application may do so at the Town Hall. The hours are Monday 12-8, Tuesday - Thursday 8-4, Friday 8-12. The fee for Gas/Plumbing permits is \$50.00. Please note that new and renovated property must be inspected by law for plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Harney, Plumbing Inspector

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal year 1997 has been a very positive year for our Police Department. Throughout the year our main objectives have been training and community policing.

Fields of training have included domestic assault intervention, community policing and public relations, officer safety, felony stops, accident investigation and reconstruction, and much more. Training provides the officer with the essential tools needed to handle the variety of calls encountered on a day to day basis.

As in the past, we have continued our commitment to community policing during fiscal year 1997. The Police Department sponsored the Halloween Spook Walk/D.A.R.E. Scare, a community involved event, which

attracted approximately 1,000 persons. Also during the past fiscal year several officers along with students from grades 5 through 8 enjoyed a trip to the Worcester Centrum for an Ice Cats game. The Defensive Tactics class held at the Civilian Police Academy in Holden was, again, a successful and well-attended event. The graduating class of our D.A.R.E. program enjoyed a field trip to Water Country in New Hampshire. The Police Department also sponsored and took part in Spree Day at Paxton Center School.

In addition, officers of this department have given talks on alcohol and drug abuse, violence, personal safety, bicycle safety, and school bus safety; and have assisted the Boy Scouts with Eagle Scout projects and merit badges.

Our Police Department is committed to providing and serving you with the most professional, well trained police officers our tax dollars provide.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997.

2	Abandoned Auto
7	Accident (Hit & Run)
13	Accident (Personal Injury)
66	Accident Property Damage
317	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
3	Assault
9	Breaking/Entering/Attempt
2	Breaking/Entering/Auto
5	Breaking/Entering (Residential)
250	Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted
67	Disturbance Calls
40	Disturbance (Loud Noise)
47	Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Orders
4113	General Police
25	Larceny
61	Lockouts/Auto/Home
139	Medical Emergencies
6	Mental Health/Section 12
9	Missing Persons
3117	Motor Vehicle Stop
3	Motor Vehicle Theft
40	Mutual Aid Area P.D.'s
25	O.U.I. Arrests
30	Open Door/Window
1378	Plate or License Status Inquiries
32	Property (Lost/Found)
3	Protective Custody
157	Public Service General
10	Rubbish/Dumping
4	Runaways
2	Sex Offenses
53	Soliciting
14	Summons
288	Suspicious Auto

80	Suspicious Incidents
109	Suspicious Persons
44	Telephone Complaints (Annoying/ Harassing)
4	Threats/Harassment (Criminal)
150	Traffic Safety Calls
2	Unattended Deaths
20	Vandalism
29	Warrant Activity
87	911 Silent/Hang Up/Abandoned

A total of \$32,348 has been generated and returned to the Town of Paxton as a result of report requests, parking tickets, permits, citations, and court prosecutions.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The snow season began with a 30" blizzard in December 1996 and ended with the Mega-blizzard on April Fool's Day that dumped 36". Last year turned out to be an extraordinarily heavy sand, salt, & liquid calcium material year because of all the small snow and ice storms. These storms also had a heavy impact on our overtime budget. The total snowfall for the season in Paxton was 104 inches. The use of liquid calcium has been a big help in freeing our roads of snow and ice much quicker. We will be adding another liquid calcium tank to our fleet of trucks to help keep up with the new developments.

Chapter 113 money has enabled us to purchase an air compressor, which is an invaluable piece of equipment for our department. We also replaced our payload, which is used on a daily basis, with the same chapter money. After considerable delays in obtaining parts, our 1968 Austin Wesson grader is back in service. Our new mechanic has been kept busy maintaining our equipment in top working order and is also servicing the Police Department vehicles, which help to keep our maintenance costs down.

We finished the drainage work on Walbridge Road and then paved the neighborhood including Cutler Road and Monticello Drive. Other paving completed was the entire Indian Hill development, Brigham Road (from Rte. 122), and part of Black Hill Road where we also installed drainage.

Mooreland Cemetery had 14 burials this past fiscal year.

The contract with the City of Worcester for the water connection has been signed. We have already completed construction of the water main and are awaiting the arrival of the new pump station to complete the tie-in, hopefully January 1998. We are currently working on the purchase of radio read water meters, replacing the meters currently used. The new meters will give accurate readings and help us to carefully monitor water usage. The town should be completely changed over by next spring. We are still waiting

for the Department of Environmental Protection's answer on ending the new water hook-up moratorium. Although we didn't have a drought this year, people are reminded that **NOT WATERING YOUR GARDENS AND LAWNS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6 AM AND 8 PM** is not a ban, but in the **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PAXTON WATER DEPARTMENT** and is in effect 365 days per year!

Thanks to the extra effort and teamwork of the Public Works employees, we have had a very productive and great year. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents of the Town of Paxton and hope to continually improve upon that relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

One of the bright spots in the past year for the Recreation Commission was the continued success of the Town pool. Not only has the pool set new attendance records, it was gratifying for us to see the pool's supporters at the May 1997 Town Meeting soundly defeat an ill-advised proposal calling for an athletic field to be built in its place. That Town Meeting vote should be seen as an indicator of the enormous contribution to the quality of life in Paxton that the pool has provided for the last forty-four years. We hope that this will always continue.

Under the leadership of our Director, Kathy Spoddick, the summer activities, pool programs, and other seasonal events ran extremely well. Kathy left us in September in anticipation of the birth of her second child. After a lengthy interview process, we were very pleased to appoint Bill Dado of Paxton as our new Recreation Director. We felt that Bill's experience as a Paxton homeowner and taxpayer, sports group president, and former Finance Committee member made him an excellent choice.

The good news about the pool's success and our new director is at least partially offset by some ominous and unforeseen developments. The Paxton Center School expansion into Recreation Commission land, the Selectboard's apparent belief that they have the management responsibility for the land that's left, and the ignoring of Recreation needs in terms of field development has led some Commission members to feel that we are a board without a mission. Perhaps in the future the Recreation Director would continue to organize programs and events, mediate the feuds between the adults in the various sports groups, and simply report to the Selectboard on a regular basis like other department heads.

We would be remiss in our duties if we didn't acknowledge the years of dedicated service to the town that Bob Dateo gave. Bob not only attended meetings faithfully, he was always an enthusiastic worker when it came time to rebuild bridges or improve the trails on Town property. In addition, his thorough research into the origins of the acquisition of the Smith Property next to the pool which was very helpful for the Selectboard appointed ad hoc Athletic Fields Committee to reach the same conclusions we reached. Thank you Bob.

Respectfully,

Christopher A. Stone, Chairman  
John Ahern  
Robert Dateo  
Denis M. Melican  
Sherburne B. Rockwell III

## REPORT OF THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee goals for FY97 were met as follows:

- In November and May, the semi-annual EARTHDAY collections were held in Holden where paint, appliances, tires, furniture, batteries, propane tanks, paper, plastics, bicycles, and scrap metals were collected in collaboration with other Wachusett towns.
- Button batteries and rechargeable Ni-Cad batteries continue to be collected at the Town Hall, Light Department, and at the Senior Center.
- The Recycling Committee joined the WHHP, Wachusett Household Hazardous Products Committee, a regional group that is searching for ways to safely dispose of toxic materials found around the home.
- A State grant for replacement recycling set-out bins was received and many of the bins have been distributed to those who requested one. The State also printed and mailed the 1997-1998 recycling schedule to all residents.
- BFI continued to collect the trash and recyclables with a minimal amount of schedule upset.

The Recycling Committee would like to thank THE LANDMARK of Holden, Richard Hafey of the TELEGRAM & GAZETTE, and the PAXTON LIONS CLUB and their PAXTONotes for helping us to pass information to town residents.

The Recycling Committee continues to work with the Board of Health to address the needs of Paxton residents in disposing of unwanted items.

The Recycling Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in, or with concerns about recycling is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Herron, Chairman  
Diane Dillman  
George Friedman  
Harold Slovin

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law.

<u>New Totals</u>	<u>September 16, 1997</u>
Republican	525
Democrat	582
Libertarian	3
Unenrolled	1498
Total	2608

Voting is held in the Cafeteria of the Paxton Center School which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is also accessible for Voter Registration.

In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk at 799-7347 for an appointment; the Registrars will go to a voter's home to facilitate voting.

Board of Registrars

Ann F. Cunningham, Chairman  
Gertrude Grenon  
Jean M. McIntyre  
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Library Hours Winter

Sunday	Closed	Wednesday	9-12, 1-5
Monday	Closed	Thursday	1-8
Tuesday	1-8	Friday	9-12, 1-5
	Saturday	10-4	

### Summer

Sunday	Closed	Wednesday	1-5
Monday	Closed	Thursday	1-5, 7-9
Tuesday	1-5, 7-9	Friday	1-5
	Saturday	Closed	

Trustees meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the library.

We had another record year with circulation increasing over 7% to 70,108. During the year we registered 402 new patrons, bringing us to a total of 2,355 registered patrons. Our collection now includes 27,563 materials; including books, videos, museum passes, games, CD's and a new collection of circulating CD-ROM's.

A new feature this year is our Homework Center. This is a multimedia computer, software and reference books purchased with a \$6,000 grant that is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of Library Services and Construction Act, a Federal Source of Library funding. The center is staffed by volunteer coaches 12 hours a week, but is available for use whenever the library is open.

Funds from the Paxton Cultural Council provided passes to New England Science Center, Higgins Armory, Worcester Art Museum, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Historic Deerfield. In addition, a contribution from the Friends along with patron donations was used to purchase a pass to Boston Museum of Science. All of these passes are available to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Porter, Librarian

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Upon its creation in March 1996, the School Building Committee, through its architect, Jordan O'Connor and Associates, began planning the renovation and expansion of Paxton Center School. The Committee delivered an application for State funding before the 1996 deadline of June 1. In July 1996 the project was approved for funding by the State. By expediting the process to secure approval for this project in 1996, the project was placed higher on the State Funding list, saving the Town substantial interest costs. Development of detailed construction plans then proceeded. During this process, the Committee determined that the project could not be constructed under the original budget. Additional funding from the Town was requested and approved at Town Meeting and in a Debt Exclusion Election in November 1996. The total project budget was revised to \$6.6 million, of which the State funds 66%. Plans and specifications for the project were completed, and the project bid in June 1997. Bidding was not competitive; only three bids were received from general contractors. As a result, the bid prices were unacceptable high and all bids were rejected by the

Committee. It is planned to re-bid the project in January 1998, when the construction market is more competitive.

Although the project is being re-bid, the scheduled dates of completion of the various phases remain largely unchanged; the new wing construction is anticipated to be delivered in Fall 1998, with the renovation taking place in several phases thereafter.

Plans for the School project are available for viewing in Town Hall. The School Building Committee invites citizens to attend any of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinn, Chairman  
Peter Belsito  
Gerard Bernier  
Patrick Bessette  
Robin Carroll  
Thomas Cunningham  
Caroline Ely

## **REPORT OF THE WATER BOARD**

In addition to the normal tasks of operation, the Water Department has been involved with three rather large projects this year.

First, it has entered into a contract with the City of Worcester to obtain treated water. This year we have been plagued by the lowest levels of water since the establishment of the Town reservoir. The agreement will insure an uninterrupted supply of water in the near future. Also the agreement with the City of Worcester will bring Paxton into compliance with State and Federal Statutes requiring a filtered water supply for our consumers.

Second, in order to obtain water from Worcester, the Town is constructing a new pumping station at the Worcester line on Pleasant Street. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of December 1997, at which time Paxton will begin to draw upon the Worcester source.

Lastly, the Water Department is in the process of purchasing new water meters for all our consumers and a system to radio read the meters from the street with no need to enter customer's property. Also, it will enable the Department to monitor water usage and control losses. The installation of these new meters will be completed by the end of 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Glassbrenner, Chairman  
Robert Thompson  
David Trulson, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

Permits issued to Paxton Light Department for temporary and permanent electricity:

Electricity	36
New Homes Completed	8
Additions and Miscellaneous	47
Total inspections and Re-inspections	125

Apply for permits with the Town Services Coordinator at the Town Hall where the fee schedule is available, or at 190 West Street.

Please be prepared to show an electrician's license for us to copy and an insurance certificate.

The Wiring Inspector may be reached at his home between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 754-6136.

All wiring, whether done by the home owner or a licensed electrician, requires by law, for an individual to apply for a permit and inspections in order to protect lives and/or property.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Lederer, Wiring Inspector



# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

### RECEIPTS

Taxes & Excises	\$4,094,619.51
Driveway Bonds Held	\$500.00
Water Department	\$180,505.75
Revolving Accounts:	
Fisheries & Wildlife	\$5,859.00
Police Parking Tickets	\$70.00
Police Private Duty	\$3,414.45
Police DARE Grants/Gifts	\$18,416.00
Upper Blackstone Water District	\$951.50
Recreation	\$49,495.63
Title V Septic Program	\$83,941.75
Cable TV	\$4,597.05
State Aid	\$334,202.00
Deputy Collector fees	\$3,086.00
Holden District Hospital Fund	\$30,183.00
Employee Withholdings	\$149,159.81
Highway Loans	\$299,181.50
Special Revenue Funds:	
Historical Commission	\$105.00
Conservation	\$1,762.50
Elder Affairs Formula Fund 95/96	\$2,636.00
Elder "Project We Care"	\$3,354.10
Arts Lottery	\$3,307.00
Library State Aid	\$12,247.03
Special Articles:	
Water Pumping Station Land	\$20,000.00
Fire Rescue Truck	\$120,000.00
Recreation Fields	\$4,908.30
Capital Projects Funds:	
PCS Renovations & Addition	\$230,000.00
Worcester Water Pumping Station	\$30,000.00
Local Receipts:	
General Government Fees	\$56,220.00
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	\$32,233.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$1,600.00
Collector/Treasurer Interest	\$45,129.79
Tax Title Interest	\$2,535.14
Tax Title Offset Charges	\$1,967.00
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,255.49
Interest on Real Estate & Personal Property	\$11,541.21
Interest on Water Accounts	\$1,739.99
Paxton Light Department	\$2,154,838.32
Paxton Electric Light Meter Deposits Received	\$3,030.00
Paxton Electric Light Interest	\$37,164.34
Offset to Appropriations	\$36,837.66
Trust Funds:	
Library Investment Income	\$5,718.65
V.E. Howland Investment Income	\$82.00
Cemetery Investment Income	\$9,408.77
Hazel Gay School Fund	\$50.00

E.D. Bigelow School Fund

\$54.19

Total Receipts

\$8,087,908.43

### DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes & Excise Refunds	\$16,439.75
Encumbered Funds	\$63,100.68
Worcester County Retirement System	\$67,658.00
County Tax	\$6,536.46
Tax Title	\$1,660.49
Revolving Accounts:	
Title V Septic Program	\$68,194.40
Dog Fund for Library Use	\$430.10
Fisheries & Wildlife	\$5,859.00
Police Private Duty	\$4,850.24
Police DARE Grants/Gifts	\$11,428.21
Police Special Grants/Gifts	\$6,474.30
Upper Blackstone Waste District	\$763.32
Cable TV	\$2,203.29
Recreation	\$49,161.09
Special Revenue Funds:	
Highway Loans	\$392,451.37
Historical Commission	\$534.00
Library State Aid	\$16,656.57
Elder Affairs Formula 95/96	\$1,739.30
Elder "Project We Care"	\$6,522.32
Arts Lottery	\$5,350.68
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	\$276.15
Deputy Collector Fees	\$3,086.00
Driveway Bonds Refunded	\$5,000.00
Local Receipts Refunded	\$323.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$1,625.00
Employee Withholdings	\$147,115.86
Paxton Light Department	\$2,211,403.09
Paxton Electric Light Meter Deposit Refunds	\$2,880.00
Special Articles:	
Fire Breathing Apparatur A9/96	\$6,000.00
Fire Rescue Truck A16/95	\$159,550.31
Fire Ground Ladders A8/96	\$4,911.00
Police Cruisers	\$25,460.85
Police Station Repairs A15/95	\$167.77
Police Winter Coats A4/94	\$250.00
Wentworth Pool Repairs A3/95	\$3,152.63
Recreation Fields A2/93	\$8,816.60
Voting Machine A5/96	\$168.96
Highway Spreader/Plow/Frames A24/96	\$38,950.00
Highway Barn Roof A23/96	\$9,400.00
Highway Grader Repairs A2/96	\$8,780.18
Davis Hill Road Repairs A3/96	\$6,500.00
Animal Control Officer A5/96	\$144.43
Property Survey Pleasant/West A6/96	\$8,000.00
Board of Health Hepatitis Shots A1/96	\$600.00

Capital Projects Funds:	
PCS Renovations & Addition	\$235,568.75
Worcester Water Pumping Station	\$33,559.57
Trust Funds:	
Stabilization	\$30,000.00
V.E. Howland Interest for Library Oper.	\$35.41
Library Investment Income	\$6,427.22
Cemetery Investment Income	\$8,360.89
Hazel Gay School Fund	\$50.00
Appropriations	\$4,603,832.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,298,411.10

## APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriations	Transfers/Receipts	Expended
Moderator	\$215.00		\$150.00
Selectboard	\$43,627.58		\$42,768.67
Town Services Coordinator	\$17,828.00		\$17,825.01
Finance Board	\$1,145.00		\$1,055.00
Town Accountant	\$17,275.00		\$17,275.00
Assessors	\$32,823.00		\$32,823.00
Town Treasurer	\$23,713.00		\$23,713.00
Town Collector	\$26,645.00		\$26,645.00
Legal	\$16,917.38		\$16,917.38
Personnel Board	\$100.00		\$100.00
Regional Planning Assessment	\$711.00		\$707.42
Town Clerk	\$8,469.50		\$8,469.50
Elections	\$3,293.00		\$3,221.00
Registrars	\$2,174.00		\$2,012.76
Conservation Committee	\$1,663.00		\$1,663.00
Planning Board	\$725.00		\$725.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,079.20		\$1,079.20
Public Property & Bldg. Maint.	\$19,850.93		\$18,983.34
Insurance & Bonds	\$65,000.00		\$45,175.00
Town Reports & Warrants	\$3,250.00		\$3,043.60
Town Clock	\$354.00		\$213.20
Police Department	\$366,159.00		\$347,750.03
Fire Department	\$92,493.00		\$92,152.05
Ambulance Service Contract	\$9,600.00		\$9,600.00
First Responders	\$16,569.00		\$16,468.48
Building Inspector	\$5,726.00		\$5,656.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$1,500.00		\$1,347.50
Electrical Inspector	\$2,815.00		\$2,812.60
Civil Defense	\$100.00		\$0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$5,161.00		\$5,158.79
Forestry	\$900.00		\$900.00
Tree Warden	\$3,736.00		\$3,736.00
Communications Center	\$96,838.93		\$96,830.89
Department of Public Works	\$430,419.77		\$430,410.36
Streetlighting	\$17,040.00		\$17,040.00
Refuse Collection/Recycling	\$175,000.00		\$159,712.05
Water Department	\$260,525.00		\$75,161.36

Board of Health	\$1,440.00	\$1,122.62
Sanitary Inspector	\$7,188.00	\$7,188.00
Inspector of Animals	\$400.00	\$400.00
Memorial Health Care	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Council on Aging	\$21,233.00	\$21,233.00
Veteran's Services	\$700.00	\$298.98
Library	\$87,142.62	\$87,142.62
Recreation	\$51,762.00	\$51,760.66
Historical Commission	\$160.00	\$160.00
Celebrations	\$1,925.00	\$1,252.63
Debt Service Principal & Int.	\$268,082.00	\$257,994.40
Employee Retirement &		
Health Insurance	\$163,836.98	\$149,066.23
Wachusett Reg. School Dist.	\$2,574,587.00	\$2,574,587.00
Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

TOTALS	\$5,001,897.89	\$4,733,007.33
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**TOWN OF PAXTON  
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1997**

ASSETS	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Accounts		TOTALS
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Dept	
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$1,566,451.75					\$1,566,451.75
Investments				\$394,466.85		\$394,466.85
Taxes Receivable - Real Estate, Liens, Personal Property	\$153,665.73					\$153,665.73
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	(\$3,632.21)					(\$3,632.21)
Taxes Receivable - Motor Vehicles All Years	\$18,155.53					\$18,155.53
Department Receivables - Water	\$10,052.65					\$10,052.65
- Paxton Light	\$261,288.61					\$261,288.61
Interfund Receivables		\$177,729.34	\$13,375.14	\$47,777.07		\$238,881.55
Amount To Be Provided For Long Term Debt					\$415,000.00	\$415,000.00
Due From Comm. of Massachusetts (Highway Loans)		\$76,823.40				\$76,823.40
TOTALS	\$2,005,982.06	\$254,552.74	\$13,375.14	\$442,243.92	\$415,000.00	\$3,131,153.86
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Temporary Notes Payable - Worc. Water & PCS Addition			\$260,000.00			\$260,000.00
Warrants Payable - Encumbered Funds 96F	\$54,092.57					\$54,092.57
Payroll Deductions	\$82.00					\$82.00
Other Liabilities	\$8,610.19					\$8,610.19
Interfund Payables	\$238,881.55					\$238,881.55
Deferred Revenues	\$436,105.14					\$436,105.14
Bonds & Notes Payable					\$415,000.00	\$415,000.00
Paxton Light Reserve For Meter Deposits	\$26,400.00					\$26,400.00
Temporary Highway Loans Due Bank		\$145,419.00				\$145,419.00
TOTALS	\$764,171.45	\$145,419.00	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$415,000.00	\$1,584,590.45
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Reserved Trust Funds				\$395,145.88		\$395,145.88
Reserved Other		\$109,133.74	(\$260,000.00)			(\$150,866.26)
Reserved For Utility Operation, Depreciation & Construction	\$580,065.19					\$580,065.19
Continuing Appropriations Designated For Future Years	\$39,130.61		\$13,375.14			\$52,505.75
Undesignated F/B - Stabilization	\$524,140.09					\$524,140.09
Reserve F/B For Stabilization				\$47,098.04		\$47,098.04
F/B Reserved For F/C Tax Rate Reduction 98F						\$0.00
Reserve For Abatements & Exemptions						\$0.00
TOTALS	\$1,143,335.89	\$109,133.74	(\$246,624.86)	\$442,243.92	\$0.00	\$1,448,088.69
TOTALS	\$2,005,982.06	\$254,552.74	\$13,375.14	\$442,243.92	\$415,000.00	\$ 3,131,153.86



# REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

## Prior Years Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$0.00	
Recommitted	\$339.69	
Collected		\$310.11
Abated		\$29.58
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$0.00	
	<u>\$339.69</u>	<u>\$339.69</u>

## 1995 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$3,751.15	
Committed	\$1,086.05	
Collected		\$1,965.01
Abated		\$5.00
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$2,867.19	
	<u>\$4,837.20</u>	<u>\$4,837.20</u>

## 1996 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$14,118.95	
Committed	\$49,703.54	
Refunded	\$2,881.56	
Collected		\$58,993.69
Abated		\$3,587.08
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$4,123.28	
	<u>\$66,704.05</u>	<u>\$66,704.05</u>

## 1997 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	\$324,339.52	
Refunded	\$2,643.43	
Collected		\$310,541.56
Abated		\$5,276.33
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$11,165.06	
	<u>\$326,982.95</u>	<u>\$326,982.95</u>

## 1997 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$7,503.55	
Collected		\$7,503.55
	<u>\$7,503.55</u>	<u>\$7,503.55</u>

## 1997 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	\$628.00	
Collected		\$628.00
	<u>\$628.00</u>	<u>\$628.00</u>

## 1997 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$0.00	
Committed	\$578.41	
Collected		\$578.41
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$0.00	
	<u>\$578.41</u>	<u>\$578.41</u>

## 1997 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$147.58	
Committed	\$3,715.87	
Collected		\$3,581.18
Tax Title		\$98.60
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$183.67	
	<u>\$3,863.45</u>	<u>\$3,863.45</u>

## 1995 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$21.25	
Collected		\$0.00
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$21.25	
	<u>\$21.25</u>	<u>\$21.25</u>

## 1996 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$283.95	
Collected		\$211.66
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$72.29	
	<u>\$283.95</u>	<u>\$283.95</u>

## 1997 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$53,158.81	
Refunded	\$436.55	
Collected		\$50,432.70
Abated		\$160.30
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$3,002.36	
	<u>\$53,595.36</u>	<u>\$53,595.36</u>

## 1995 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$2,928.43	
Collected		\$2,928.43
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$0.00	
	<u>\$2,928.43</u>	<u>\$2,928.43</u>

## 1996 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1996	\$59,914.15	
Refunded	\$34.00	
Collected		\$47,901.50
Tax Title		\$11,933.15
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$113.50	
	<u>\$59,948.15</u>	<u>\$59,948.15</u>

## 1997 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$3,689,411.24	
Refunded	\$10,304.74	
Collected		\$3,597,736.45
Abated		\$27,985.28
Deferred		\$1,153.47
Outstanding June 30, 1997	\$72,840.78	
	<u>\$3,699,715.98</u>	<u>\$3,699,715.98</u>

**1997 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts**

Interest Received on All Taxes	\$12,796.70
Interest Received From Collector's Acct.	\$3,464.30
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$1,739.99
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	\$3,175.00
Parking Fees	\$70.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$3,930.00
Return Check Fees	\$288.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$600.00
Water & Electric Lien Fees	\$1,150.00
Deputy Collector Fees	\$3,086.00

**Water Department Receipts**

Readings	\$176,368.12
Installation and Repairs	\$556.45

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Monday Evening 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Savignac

Town Collector

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

**Operating Cash**

Balance, July 1, 1996	\$1,776,954.42
Receipts for the Year	\$8,087,908.43
Payments for the Year	(\$8,298,411.10)
Balance, June 30, 1997	\$1,566,451.75

**Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 1997**

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	\$1,474,110.66
NOW Accounts	(\$72,258.01)
Money Market Accounts	\$164,599.10
Total	\$1,566,451.75

**Interest and Dividend Income**

Town Operating	\$41,665.49
Electric Depreciation	\$10,556.08
Cemetery	\$9,408.77
Library	\$5,800.65
Tax Title	\$2,535.14
Title V - Special Revenue	\$1,121.89
Other	\$1,476.19
Total	\$72,564.21

**Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 1997**

	Non-Spendable	Spendable
Richards Memorial Library:		
Trust (Book Value)	\$47,927.13	\$0.00
V. Howland Library Trust	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Other Library Trusts	\$19,178.87	\$0.00
Cemetery Trusts	\$167,893.44	\$0.00
Village Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$1,752.35
C. D. Boyton Poor Fund	\$1,000.00	\$9,401.63
C. D. Boyton Gen. Purpose	\$7,675.00	\$32,085.84
Stabilization	\$0.00	\$47,098.04
Income from WWII War Bonds	\$0.00	\$3,881.08
Conservation	\$0.00	\$26,285.57
Bigelow School Book Fund	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
AT&T Library Stock		
(Book Value)	\$6,426.00	\$0.00
Lucent Technology Library Stock		
(Book Value)	\$11,468.75	\$0.00
Hazel Gay Fund	\$393.15	\$0.00

# OUTSTANDING DEBT - JUNE 30, 1997

	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Roof Repair	2004	\$185,000.00	\$34,237.50	\$219,237.50
1994 Multi-Purpose	2000	\$180,000.00	\$14,341.50	\$194,341.50
Town Hall Land	1999	\$50,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$53,750.00
TOTALS		\$415,000.00	\$52,329.00	\$467,329.00

The above debt figures do not include \$210,250 which was voted for borrowing at the May 5, 1997 Annual Town Meeting or \$548,000 which was voted for borrowing at the May 20, 1996 Annual Town Meeting or \$4,750,000 for School Building Addition and Renovation which was voted for borrowing at the March 18, 1996 Special Town Meeting or \$1,746,000 for additional School Building Construction which was voted for borrowing at the Special Town Meeting of November 12, 1996 or \$160,000 for a Rescue Truck which was voted for borrowing at the June 12, 1995 Annual Town Meeting.

## TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE JULY 1, 1996	\$49,436.06	
COMMITTED 1997F	\$14,247.40	
TAX POSSESSION		\$3,393.48
COLLECTED		\$15,456.85
ABATED		\$359.39
OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1997		\$44,473.74
	<u>\$63,683.46</u>	<u>\$63,683.46</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Savignac  
Town Treasurer

# PAXTON PAYROLL

## TOWN HALL

Joanne Cabrera	\$7,920.00
Susan Carpenter	\$734.32
Thomas Carroll	\$100.00
Susan Corcoran	\$10,452.68
Ann Cunningham	\$103.00
Francis Ford	\$150.00
Charles Glassbrenner	\$225.00
Carol Goodrich	\$3,973.89
Dennis Harney	\$1,732.50
Judy Hatstat	\$100.00
June Herron	\$25,632.45
Doris Huard - Treasurer	\$7,138.23
Doris Huard - Collector	\$13,038.14
David Jillette	\$1,262.00
Ronald Johnson	\$1,536.00
Raymond Kauppila	\$5,208.00
Evelyn Lawler	\$940.00
Warren Lederer	\$2,665.00
Phyllis Lynch	\$1,120.00
John Lucey	\$210.36
Joseph McKay	\$1,051.64
Joseph Mikielian	\$7,188.00
Rita Palumbo	\$6,253.56
David Parent	\$100.00
Jean Parent	\$400.00
Maness Price, Jr.	\$150.00
Mark Richardson	\$60.00
Sherburne Rockwell, III	\$1,767.68
Joanne Savignac - Treasurer	\$9,034.74
Joanne Savignac - Collector	\$7,506.86
Kathleen Sears	\$873.64
Barbara Scholl	\$9,889.62
Victoria Smith	\$175.00
James Stone, Jr.	\$11,177.64
Robert Thompson	\$150.00
B. Peter Warren	\$4,326.00
Alan Wentworth	\$84.00
Scott Wilson	\$5,627.42

## LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	\$200.00
Warren Bock	\$200.00
Diane Dillman	\$36,356.13
Richard Johnson	\$46,620.83
Ralph Kimball, Jr.	\$200.00
Yvette Orel	\$26,275.76
Matthew Stone	\$24,649.94
Harold Smith	\$58,949.90
Gordon Szczepanek	\$47,009.45
Joseph Thompson	\$41,788.39

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Ryan Ahern	\$475.01
Carrie Aitken	\$459.75
David Auger, Jr.	\$640.00
Faye Blanchard	\$1,401.25
Joshua Bock	\$501.14
Lindsey Bovaird	\$829.88
Kelly Boyle	\$1,400.00
Chera-Lynn Brunelle	\$458.38
Sara Casten	\$586.00
Adrienne Chiavaroli	\$501.25
Kristin Collins	\$1,037.75
Ryan Curtis	\$641.62
William Dado	\$1,889.36
Julie Faneuf	\$2,366.32
Nathan Faneuf	\$387.13
Bethany Fanning	\$377.21
Joyce Gamache	\$5,359.85
Lindsay Graham	\$45.13
Jessica Hart	\$532.13
Francis Henderson, III	\$1,135.63
Erika Huard	\$1,173.21
Tamara Jung	\$575.00
Jill Kashuk	\$592.50
Kevin Keefe	\$3,607.95
Carolyn Kennen	\$1,952.50
Kristen Kennen	\$491.63
Leah Knipe	\$38.00
James Kusz	\$451.25
Kathlen Lock	\$1,196.75
Todd Lubarsky	\$1,827.00
Joseph Markiewicz	\$967.25
Jean McIntyre	\$1,113.00
Tara McRae	\$989.75
Robert Mercer, III	\$1,128.51
Kristina Newman	\$889.63
Meghan O'Connor	\$456.00
Yuisa Perez	\$33.25
Meggen Rayla	\$3,300.27
Alicia Rockwell	\$150.00
Kelly Savage	\$436.80
Megan Snyder	\$454.82
Kathleen Spodick	\$5,078.86
Brian Sullivan	\$627.50
Donna Tortorella	\$180.00
David Valardi	\$225.00
Christina Whitten	\$520.19
Ellen Wright	\$897.75
Eric Wright	\$561.25

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Rodolfo Acuna	\$585.28
Matthew Bassick	\$18.32
Michael Benoit	\$2,707.28
Gregory Bernier	\$36.64
Paul Cavanaugh	\$1,011.50
Brian Cheney	\$585.28
Jason Clarke	\$449.20
Brian Clockedile	\$337.04
Patrick Collins	\$299.56
Jay Conte	\$3,229.72
Thomas Cunningham	\$3,856.88
Thomas Ducharme	\$587.87
Brian Faucher	\$127.83
Richard Gaffney	\$1,220.78
Todd Girouard	\$225.77
Michael Goyette	\$770.16
Kenneth Grensavitch	\$1,038.60
Timothy Hackett	\$103.28
James Hansson	\$442.89
Richard Jenkins	\$5,494.95
Brian Killelea	\$82.72
Robert Martin	\$477.52
Glenn McGillicuddy	\$575.84
Michael Mercadante	\$557.00
Patrick Mullaney	\$291.80
Brian Murphy	\$8,819.75
James Olson	\$1,082.24
Timothy Pierce	\$688.47
Bryan Palumbo	\$556.96
Charles Pingitore	\$1,858.59
Michael Pingitore	\$566.40
Michael Putnam	\$3,457.23
Kevin Quinn	\$1,258.74
Patrick Robinson	\$584.97
Michael Rowe, Jr.	\$575.84
Thomas Savage	\$2,892.82
Raymond Savignac	\$1,646.47
Richard Sears	\$1,703.92
Orville Sheldon	\$647.80
Matthew Stone	\$234.32
Joel Szczepanek	\$45.80
Douglas Warren	\$233.75
Peter Warren	\$486.68

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

George Johnson	\$38,297.07
George Johnson, Jr.	\$174.00
Samuel Knipe	\$32,295.73
Bryan Palumbo	\$737.76
Paul Palumbo	\$42,161.41
Rita Palumbo	\$5,808.70
Charles Pingitore	\$26,870.58
Michael Putnam	\$34,398.68
Gary Richards	\$34,334.84
Jeffrey Richards	\$1,403.88
Steven Urbanovitch	\$32,318.64

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michael Ahearn	\$43,069.10
David Ahlin	\$6,243.43
Erik Baldwin	\$38,055.05
Brian Boulette	\$6,288.26
Robert DesRosiers	\$36,055.24
Kevin Drolet	\$29,661.95
Todd Girouard	\$10,249.92
Michael Jennings	\$8,092.80
Kathleen Killoran	\$15,551.71
William Lang	\$31,722.85
Phillip Martin	\$25,835.71
William Reilly	\$24,797.38
William Sampson	\$4,117.63
Mark Savasta	\$3,519.02
Patrick Smith	\$6,085.46
Mary Stone	\$5,029.73
Rosemary Warren	\$3,703.09

**LIBRARY**

Elizabeth Beth	\$20,780.60
Arnold Childs, Jr.	\$450.00
Eli Huard	\$1,626.14
Janet Porter	\$27,304.49
Kathleen Smith	\$3,393.89
Karen Sonju	\$493.50
Susan Sonju	\$6,629.34
Emily Towle	\$5,226.82
Kathleen Wedemeyer	\$853.58

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Scott Annunziata	\$795.11
Richard Appley	\$7,116.91
Renee Bacon	\$1,421.81
Charles Bolster, Jr.	\$408.78
Donald Brickman, Jr.	\$10,349.37
Andrew Dufrense	\$1,126.41
Kimberly Faucher	\$24,735.28
Gina Gremo	\$196.92
Kelly Griffin	\$13,935.15
Amy Gross	\$3,626.35
Timothy Howe	\$2,083.47
James Milanowski	\$262.57
Andrew Obuchowski, Jr.	\$5,232.69
Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	\$801.93
Matthew Saunders	\$14,590.84
Thomas Savage Jr.	\$2,611.77
Elizabeth Shannon	\$1,256.27
Mark Spencer	\$325.51

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Edith Bishop	\$1,736.74
Robert Callahan	\$1,888.50
Richard Dufresne	\$78.85
Stanley Miller	\$49.80
Frank Nieber	\$4,140.21
Doris Porter	\$10,526.60
Richard Sears	\$3,213.05

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

**DIAL "911"**

**Fire:** 756-1400

**Police:** 791-9296

**Medical:** 791-9296

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: 791-6600

**576 Pleasant Street**

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

**TOWN HALL OFFICES**, 697 Pleasant Street, Mon. 8am-8pm, Tues.-Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am-1pm

**Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Joanne Cabrera "JC" at 753-2803 for the following:**

- ❖ Board of Appeals – Richard J. Dowd, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...755-3839
- ❖ Board of Health – David Parent, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...799-9713  
Board of Health meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Building Inspector – Raymond Kauppila \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...753-2803  
Office hours at Town Hall – Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings
- ❖ Planning Board – Stephen P. Bik, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...753-2803  
Planning Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Sanitary Inspector – Joseph Mikielian \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...791-0093
- ❖ Plumbing Inspector – Dennis Harney \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...799-0392
- ❖ Wire Inspector – Warren Lederer \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...754-6136  
Call between 7:30-9:00 a.m., 5-9 p.m.
- ❖ Fire Inspector – Thomas Cunningham \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...798-3239
- Town Accountant & Town Clerk** – June T. Herron \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...799-7347
- Town Collector & Treasurer** – Joanne L. Savignac \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...799-7347
- Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-3:30 p.m., Mon. evening 5:30-8 p.m., Fri. 9-1 p.m.
- Assessors** – James R. Stone, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...799-7231
- Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-12 p.m. ~ Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen** – Secretary, Rita Palumbo
- Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...798-3606
- David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...757-9785
- John E. Lucey, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...757-4173
- Secretary's Hours – Mon. 8-3:30 p.m., Mon. evenings 5:30-8 p.m., Wed. 8:30-4 p.m., Fri. 8-1 p.m.
- Board of Selectmen meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- Department of Public Works** – Paul Palumbo, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...753-9077
- Office: 107 Holden Road, Open Mon.-Fri. 7-3:30 p.m.
- Water Board** – Charles Glassbrenner, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...754-3636
- Water Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the D.P.W.
- Paxton Municipal Light Department** – Harold Smith, Manager \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...756-9508
- Office: 578 Pleasant Street
- Light Commissioners meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Police Department** – Michael Ahearn, Police Chief \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...755-1104
- Office: 10 West Street (Business Only)
- Dog/Animal Control Officer** – B. Peter Warren \_\_\_\_\_ [Dispatch]...791-6600
- Recreation Commission** – Ken Wagoner, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...791-3192
- Council On Aging** – Senior Center: 17 West Street, Doris Porter, Director \_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...756-2833
- Jean McIntyre, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...799-5185
- Council On Aging meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building



**Conservation Commission** – Robert Stewart, Chairman\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...799-9848

➤ Conservation meets the second Thursday of each month

**Historical Commission** – Jason Fanning, Co-chairman\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...756-7894

Laurie Gardner, Co-chairman\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...757-0109

➤ Historical meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building

**Veterans' Agent** – Timothy Hackett\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...755-1477

**Paxton Center School** – John Locke, Principal\_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...798-8576

**Wachusett Regional High School** – Thomas Pandiscio, Principal\_\_\_\_\_ [Office]...829-6771

**Wachusett Regional School District Committee** – Caroline Ely\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...799-6272

Melinda Johnson\_\_\_\_\_ [Home]...798-3606

**Richards Memorial Library** – Richards Avenue, Janet Porter, Librarian\_\_\_\_\_ 754-0793

➤ Library Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month

➤ Hours:	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	1 – 8 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m., 7 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	9 – 12 p.m., 1 – 5 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m.
Thursday	1 – 8 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m., 7 – 9 p.m.
Friday	9 – 12 p.m., 1 – 5 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 – 4 p.m.	Closed