

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON



YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1999

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID EVERLETH

JANICE FANNING

CLEMENT GAINY

PHILIP C. MCCARTHY

FRANK W. NIEBER

ASTA S. PIKE

KATHLEEN F. SMITH

LILLA SPONGBERG

ARTHUR J. TAYLOR



WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR
THEIR PAST SERVICE



Mark Baker

Richard Bedard Sr.

Stephen P. Bik

Edith Bishop

Marie Cavanaugh

Brian Clockedile

Susan Corcoran

Judy Galbraith

Howard A. Gewandter

Timothy E. Hackett

Pamela Herlong

Ross E. Johnson

Lois Kahn

Raymond Kauppila

Joanne Kee

Diane Kennen

Ralph Kimball

Martha Layte

George McGovern

Joseph McKay

Joanne Moffatt

Richard Morrow

MaryJo Moynihan

Scott Pare

Norman Peters

Charles Pingetore

James Quinn

Lisa Sloate

Jay Snell

Frederick Sosnoff

Robert Thompson

Julie White

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TOWN OFFICERS May 1998 – May 1999

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

David F. Jillette, Clerk	2002
Ronald E. Johnson, Vice Chairman	2001
John E. Lucey, Chairman	2000

Town Clerk

June T. Herron	2000
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Treasurer

Joanne L. Savignac	2002
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Collector

Joanne L. Savignac	2002
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Moderator

Francis A. Ford	2002
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Constables

Bernard J. Melican	2002
B. Peter Warren, Jr.	2002

Tree Warden

Patrick V. Smith	2002
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Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Melinda A. Johnson	2000
Jeffrey A. Wentzell	2002

Municipal Light Board

Michael J. Benoit, Chairman	2002
Thomas Savage, Sr.	2001
Michael S. Zalansky, Vice Chairman	2000

Assessors

Doris E. Huard	2002
Robert E. Paulsen, Jr.	2001
James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman	2000

Water Board

Scott Runstrom, Co-Chairman	2001
John F. Malone	2002
David Trulson, Co-Chairman	2000
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Scott Runstrom	

Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll, Chairman	2000
Judy A. Hatstat	2002
David Parent, Vice Chairman	2001

Planning Board

Christian Baehrecke, Chairman	2000
Neil Bagdis, Clerk	2002
David Bennett	2001
Zarvin Kasparian	2003
Gordon J. Szczepanek, Vice Chairman	2004

Library Trustees

Joan Bedard, Chairman	2001
Charles L. Innis, Jr.	2001
Scott A. Martin	2000
John F. McDonald	2002
Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	2002
Dennis Osborn	2000

Recreation Commission

Jonathan Ely	2003
June F. Lucivero	2002
John Glowik	2001
Andrew Serrato, Chairman	2002
Kenneth Wagoner	2000

Cemetery Commission

Edwin L. Hammerberg	2001
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman	2002
Richard H. Sears	2000

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Secretary to Selectboard, Procurement Officer & Disability Coordinator

Rita E. Palumbo

Town Services Coordinator

Joanne F. Cabrera

Care of Clock

Alan M. Wentworth

Board of Appeals

Robert Callahan	2000
Richard Dowd, ALT	2001
Frederick Goodrich, ALT	2000
Richard Grensavitch, Clerk	2000
John Hurley	2001
Allen Rubin, Chairman	2000
Kathleen Sears, Vice Chairman	2001
Nancy Stangle, ALT	2002

Superintendent DPW

Paul H. Palumbo

Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett

Veteran's Grave Officer

Timothy Hackett

Inspector of Wires

Warren P. Lederer
Patrick Fanning, Assistant

Building Commissioner

Richard Trifero
Harry Johnson, Local Inspector

Worcester County Advisory Board

David F. Jillette

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Patrick V. Smith

Board of Registrars

Annette Aubertin	2000
Ella Beach	2002
Jean McIntyre	2001

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 2002

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Brian Murphy, Fire Chief

Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director

Paul H. Palumbo, Director
Edward Asselin, Asst. Director

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Brian Murphy

Police Department Chief

Michael J. Ahearn

Full Time Officers

Robert B. Desrosiers, Sergeant
Kevin B. Drolet, Patrolman
Todd Girouard, Patrolman
William F. Lang, Patrolman
William P. Reilly, Patrolman
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman

Part Time Officers

David S. Ahlin
Brian J. Boulette
Anthony J. Gigliotti
Todd LaPorte
Patrick O'Donoghue
William P. Sampson
Mary Stone

Conservation Commission

Ingeborg Baehrecke	2001
Susan Barry	2001
Barbara Berka	2002
Robert Bertin, Vice Chairman	2002
Matthew Erskine, Associate	2002
Carol Harris	2000
Janice Stewart, Associate	2000
Robert Stewart, Chairman	2000
Rebecca Sullivan	2002

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

Robert Desrosiers
Diane Dillman
Sarah Mello
Paul Palumbo
Janet Porter
Joanne Savignac
Gordon Szczepanek

Agents for License Commission

Michael Ahearn
Thomas Cunningham

Central Mass Regional Planning

Christian S. Baehrecke

Designer Selection Committee

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

Wachusett Regional High School Facilities Advisory Committee

David F. Jillette

Personnel Advisory Board

Edwin L. Hammerberg
June T. Herron
Lisa Hugo
Paul Sullivan
Robert Wilby, Chairman

Communications Board

Charles Bolster, Chairman
Robert Desrosiers
Diane Dillman
Brian Murphy
Paul H. Palumbo
Rosemary Warren, Vice Chairman

Council On Aging

Janice Ahearn	2002
Mary Bobola	2002
Gertrude Grenon	2001
Jean McIntyre, Chairman	2000
Rueben O'Janne	2001
Pamela Provo	2002
Susan Serrato	2001
Harold Smith	2000
Barbara Whitney, Vice Chairman	2000

Historical Commission

Edward Duane, Associate	2000
Jason Fanning, Chairman	2002
Laurie Gardner	2000
Francis Henderson, Associate	2001
Donna MacLean	2002
Denis Melican	2002
Christine M. Reilly	2001

Cultural Council

Martha Akstin, Treasurer	2000
Louise Erskine	2000
Sheila Estabrook	2000
Linda Howard	2002
Geraldine Graham	2002
Joanne Langer, Chairman	2002
Denise Sosnoff	2000
Jean Urbanowski	2002

Cable Advisory Board

Daniel Chen, Co-Chairman	2000
Daniel Germain	2002
Deborah Magnuson	2000
Edward McTigue	2001
Nicholas Powlovich	2001
Scott A. Wilson, Co-Chairman	2001

Housing Partnership Committee

Virginia Kimball
Rita Palumbo
Kathleen Sears
Rosemary Warren

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee

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

Paxton Center School Building Committee

John Anderson
 Paul (Peter) Belsito
 Robin Carroll
 Thomas Cunningham
 Caroline Ely
 Julie Jacobson
 Melinda Johnson, ALT
 Kevin Quinn, Chairman

Election Officers

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

Safety Committee

Michael Ahearn, Police Chief
 Brian Murphy, Fire Chief
 Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent DPW
 Diane Dillman, Manager PEL

Public Safety Building Study Committee

Michael Ahearn
 Elaine Bafaro, Chairman
 Charles Bolster
 Brian Murphy
 David Warren

White Building Study Committee

Drew Howard
 Christine Reilly
 Rosemary Warren

Sewer Study Committee

Arthur Croteau
 Dennis Gorman, Chairman
 Rodney Jenkins
 Henry Stidsen

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**Firefighters**

Rodolfo Acuna
 Michael Benoit, Lieut.
 Brian Cheney
 Jason Clarke
 Jay Conte, Lieut.
 Thomas Ducharme
 Brian Faucher
 Richard Gaffney
 Michael Goyette
 Kenneth Grensavitch
 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

Michael Pingitore
 Michael Putnam.
 Kevin Quinn
 Gary Richards
 Patrick Robinson
 Michael Rowe
 Thomas Savage, Jr.
 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
 Richard Jenkins
 Brian Murphy
 James Olson
 Timothy Pierce, EMT
 Kevin Quinn
 Patrick Robinson
 Thomas Savage, Jr.
 Raymond Savignac

Fire Inspector

Thomas J. Cunningham

APPOINTED BY PLANNING BOARD**Ad Hoc Committee to the Planning Board**

Members of the Current Planning Board
 Barbara Berka, Conservation Commission
 Dory Huard, Board of Assessors
 John Lucey, Board of Selectmen
 David Parent, Board of Health
 Michael Putnam, Department of Public Works
 Kathleen Sears, Board of Appeals

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**Finance Board**

Lucille DiLeo	2001
Christian de Marcken	2001
Louise Erskine	2000
Robert Jacobson	2000
James J. Lang	2002
Evelyn Lawler	2002
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman	2002
Pamela Sagarian	2001
Peter Schur	2000

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH**Plumbing Inspector**

Dennis Harney
 John P. Dolan, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector

Wayne Curran
 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

Carol Clark

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, 1998 – June 30, 1999

BIRTHS 1998

May

- 23 Skylar Whitney, daughter to Kimberly Sue Hull and Richard Scott Wolfe, 15 Maple Street

June

- 4 Paige Marie, daughter to Jamie Ann Biziewski and Thomas Paul Rembiszewski, 31 Forestdale Road

- 11 Benjamin David, son to Danielle Richstone and David Alan Ayotte, 44 Brooks Road

- 12 Emily Elizabeth, daughter to Eileen Ann Crutcher and Daniel Toomey, 4 Elizabeth Lane

July

- 2 Katlynne Marie, daughter to Leigh-Ann Wyman and Michael Thomas Wyman, 699 Pleasant Street

- 28 William Eric, son to Debra Jeanne Pepper and Eric Robert Peterson, 20 Forestdale Road

August

- 5 Nicholas Gregory, son to Janet Ann Moulton and Gregory William Nanis, 454 Grove Street

- 15 Amelia Elise, daughter to Laurie Anne Yurkinas and Patrick Timothy Moran, 376 Grove Street

September

- 24 Erica Lynn, daughter to Leslie Ann Wincek and Andrew Eric Johansson, 22 Red Oak Street

- 30 Meghan Alice, daughter to Karen Marie Lambert and Michael Francis Murphy, 23 Lancelot Drive

October

- 8 Anthony Roland, son to Amy Lee Dickinson and Anthony Harold Coccio, Jr., 17 Red Oak Street

- 17 Michael James, son to Kathleen Marie Oatley and Michael Rolf Putnam, 18 Briarcliff Lane

- 20 Jamie Cavanaugh, daughter to Lisa Michelle Emond and Harry Matthew Sloate, Jr., 17 Forestdale Road

- 23 Julie Anne, daughter to Janine Hughes and Gary Hal Goldberg, 15 Cutler Road

November

- 20 Sarah Barbara, daughter to Kerri Ann Girouard and Dennis John Vanasse, 810 Pleasant Street

December

- 29 Celia Duprey, daughter to Michelle Lee Duprey and Byron Demetriou Cancelmo, 15 Pleasant Street

- 30 Charles Olan III, son to Bobbie Yvonne Bethune and Charles Olan Kingsbury, Jr., 7 Jefferson Drive

1999

January

- 20 Hallie Anne, daughter to Marybeth Stagon and Jeffrey Everett Brown, 390 Marshall Street

- 26 Ryan Daniel, son to Andrea Graves and Justin Richard Thackeray, 8 Streeter Road

- 27 Ethan Edison, son to Cindy Alice Starkey and Michael Jerome Foley, 8 Ridgewood Road

February

- 7 Tyler Joseph, son to Karin Marie Thunberg and William Joseph Richard, 7 Holden Road

- 8 Ashley Lynn, daughter to Julia Christine Roach and Christopher James LeClair, 9 Davidson Road

- 22 Joeclyn Nicole, daughter to Verona-Jo Staal and Sean David Nace, 7 Grove Street

March

- 1 Matthew Robert, son to Lori Ann Langevin and Robert Kenneth Yard, 10 Suomi Street

- 8 Brandon Timothy, son to Theresa Marie Kitonis and Paul Ote Caldwell, 4 Turkey Hill Road

- 10 Jonathan Andres, son to Michelle Lopez and Genaro Efrain Luna, 78 West Street

29 Emma Lee, daughter to Alissa Beth Van Den Anrele and Charles Robert Nelsen, 2 Meadowbrook Drive

April

16 Theodore Giles, son to Pamela Christine Jalbert and Christopher Peter Provo, 365 Pleasant Street

20 Elektra, daughter to Rebecca Jean Wilkinson and Nicholas Katsonis, 255 Pleasant Street

25 Anthony Carl, son to Sheryl Ann Croteau and Paul Pasquale Lombardi, 3 Pierce Circle

May

11 Katelyn Suzanne, daughter to Susan Marjorie Ober and Brian Charles Lee, 26 Red Oak Street

15 Liam Tyler, son to Rebecca Mary-Clare Graham and Glenn Michael Sullivan, 12 Maple Street

15 Jacob Michael, son to Deborah Mary Paquette and John Martin McDonald, 549 Marshall Street

27 Rebecca Catherine, daughter to Ursula Allisun Lamoureux and Jeffrey Marc John, 11 Burtenmar Circle

June

1 Timothy James, son to Kathleen Mary Burns and Scot Graham Siemen, 672 Pleasant Street

30 Brett Michael, son to Tawnya Jean Wyne and William Newton Drumm

MARRIAGES

1998

June

13 David Allen Hernjak of Pennsylvania to Kathleen Theresa Sheary of Pennsylvania

21 Jason Alain Dulac of Paxton to Martia Myers Sands of Paxton

July

4 Joseph Thomas Scheinfeldt III of Paxton to Anne McCabe Heavey of Paxton

12 Martin Jeffrey Stetina of Pennsylvania to Tara Lynn Swift of Paxton

August

1 Steven A. Spofford of Paxton to Amy L. Desaulniers of Paxton

8 Scott Patrick Runstrom of Paxton to Catherine Mary McCourt of Paxton

16 Kenneth Douglas Moore of Paxton to Joni Marie Cogswell of Paxton

21 Alden Leon Latour Jr. of Paxton to Carolann Margaret Murray of Paxton

October

17 Arnold Rex Brown of Paxton to Pamela Ann Booden of Paxton

24 Keith Michael Lombardo of New York to Nicole Dana Zamansky of New York

November

14 Jeffrey Raymond Antkowiak of Paxton to Rachel Allyson Hall of Paxton

December

31 Michael C. Meloche of Paxton to Diahanna Sullivan of Paxton

1999

January

2 Gregory Charles Bradley of Oakham to Karin Emma Starkin of Paxton

February

6 Rodney Smith Jenkins of Paxton to Mary Ann Frederico of Paxton

April

15 Theodore Berberian, Jr. III to Cheri Monique Gardiner of Paxton

June

6 Robert Alan Helfenbein of Paxton to Cynthia Joan Amiot of Barre

DEATHS

1998

June

14 Ernest W. Posson, 64 Brigham Road 82

July

3 Lawrence F. Cavanaugh, 15 West Street 88

15 Gordon M. Richards, 11 Highland Street 73

August

26 Ruth E. Dee, 11 Burtenmar Circle 83

October

1 George Krikorian, 39 Camp Street 76

2 James R. Fuller, 8 Alrene Drive 60

7 Walter D. Wilde Jr., 117 West Street 72

7 Florence G. Rantala, 8 Briarcliff Lane 89

18 Gertrude F. Bertrand, 370 Pleasant Street 78

December

6 Asta S. Pike, 620 Pleasant Street 90

14 M. Elizabeth Richards, 11 Highland St. 74

28 J. Arden Woodall, 580 Pleasant Street 91

1999

February

9	Kathleen F. Smith, 4 Oakwood Road	73
13	Vahe V. Baljian, 16 Grove Street	79
21	Arthur J. Taylor, 6 Holden Road	61
24	Mary I. Dillon, 3 Center Drive	76

March

2	Saim Gocemen, 200 Pleasant Street	74
7	Philip Charles McCarthy, 2A Nipmuck Road	72
26	Thomas D. Early, 16 Monticello Drive	52
28	Janice M. Fanning, 837 Pleasant Street	50
30	Marguerite M. McCann, 6 Cutler Road	84

April

10	Ella L. Bloom, 80 Suomi Street	93
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May

5	Frank W. Nieber, 7 Rollingridge Lane	73
27	Srima I. Abeyaquanawardene, 1 Knollwood Road	66

June

20	Clement J. Gainty, Jr., 30 Holden Road	71
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DOG LICENSES ISSUED July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999

Male/Female	99
Neutered/Spayed	397
Total	496
Kennel License	4
Paid to Treasurer	\$2,976.00

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999

Number of Licenses Issued	139
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$3,642.25

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 Zecco Center at Anna Maria

College on Tuesday, the first day of September 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:20 P.M., WHEN MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance from Article 12 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting Article (replace shingles and storm windows on the Town Hall), and to appropriate such balance in the amount of \$3,110 to renovate and paint the interior of the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM UNEXPENDED BALANCE IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE 1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,110, AND TO APPROPRIATE THIS BALANCE TO RENOVATE AND PAINT THE INTERIOR OF THE TOWN HALL.

Chairman of the Selectboard, David Jillette explained that because the FREE CASH had not been certified at the time of this meeting, there was no way to fund ARTICLES 2,3,4,5.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 10A, providing for the purchase of insurance for dental expenses for Town employees; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Group Insurance Advisory Committee

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 3. 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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. 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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer within the Treasurer's Account #11145 the sum of \$2,500 from Account #5102A, Assistant to the Treasurer, (98FY monies approved at Annual Town Meeting May 5, 1997) to Account #5701 Equipment, for the purchase of computer hardware and/or software; or act in any way thereon

Article sponsored by: Town Treasurer

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held July 7, 1997 and Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting held May 5, 1997 and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow, a sum of money not in excess of \$200,000 for the construction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste or for making loans to residential property owners in the Town for such purposes, and to meet this

appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 29C and Chapter 111, Section 127B 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or other enabling authority, and, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and further, that the Treasurer and the Selectmen are each hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as they may find necessary or convenient in connection with obtaining the loan authorized by this vote, including all customary documents required by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. To determine whether this appropriation should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article sponsored by: Board of Health and Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and Selectboard recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY NOT IN EXCESS OF \$200,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS FOR THE SUBSURFACE DISPOSAL OF SANITARY WASTE OR FOR MAKING LOANS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TOWN FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a bylaw giving the Chief of Police authority over the school district to order changes in school bus stop locations deemed hazardous and an endangerment to the safety of the children boarding and exiting at school bus stop locations after an investigation by the Police Department.

Article sponsored by: Citizen Petition

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION BY ASKING THAT THE SELECTBOARD WRITE A LETTER THANKING THE WACHUSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR RESOLVING THE SCHOOL BUS SITUATION ON CRYSTAL STREET.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THIS ARTICLE AS AMENDED.

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 tenth day of August 1998.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.
FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR
JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT ELECTION

WORCESTER SS:

To the registered voters of the member towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling, constituting the Wachusett Regional School District:

You are hereby notified that an election will be conducted within the Wachusett Regional School District to act on the following Article:

To see if the District will approve the borrowing of \$2,500,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications and of other preliminary expenses relating to the construction of two (2) new District high schools by incurring debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under Section 16 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended, one high school for approximately 1300 students to be constructed at the existing site of the Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, with the existing Wachusett Regional High School to be abandoned, and one high school for approximately 800 students to be constructed at a site to be determined by the Wachusett Regional District School Committee in Princeton or Sterling.

DATE AND TIME OF ELECTION: December 15, 1998
12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF ELECTION MEETING: Paxton Center School

GIVEN under our hands this 16th day of November 1998.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
COMMITTEE

Susan H. Sullivan	Melinda A. Johnson
Lucy Banks	Duncan G. Leigh
Caroline C. Ely	Kelly J. Maxwell
Carol J. Esperti	Lorraine Neilan
Sherry A. Horeanopoulos	Paul James
Lisa A. Jenkins	Steven Penka
Norman J. Plourde	Elizabeth Pape

YES 41 NO 386 TOTAL VOTES CAST 427
Polls opened at 12:00 Noon and closed at 8:00 p.m.
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 first of March 1999 at 7:00 p.m., then there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M.,
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT (217
REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN). COUNTERS FOR
THE EVENING WERE JAY CONTE, ARTHUR CROTEAU,
THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, RICHARD GAFFNEY, ROBERT
PAULSON AND THOMAS SAVAGE, SR.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$340.00, or any other sum, to energize the streetlights on Red Oak Street, McCann Place, Hemlock Street and Pierce Circle; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Citizens Request
Finance Committee and Selectboard in Favor.

AMENDMENT: \$170.00

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF 170.00 TO ENERGIZE THE STREETLIGHTS ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED STREETS.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$550.00, or any other sum, to increase the Assistant Chief Dispatcher rate by \$.50 per hour as agreed; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Communications Board

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 a sum of money, to replace the Motorola dispatching console and related computer hardware; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Communications Board.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or any other sum, to replace the Police Department Protective Body Armor Vests which expire March 1999; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Chief of Police
Finance Committee and Selectboard in Favor.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO \$7,909.00.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$7,909.00 TO REPLACE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR VESTS, WHICH EXPIRE MARCH 1999.

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 \$144,712.; or any other sum, to be used for the construction of Town roads, the improvement of Town roads, State Aid/Consultant Design Agreements, or as requested by the Board of Selectmen, or for items permitted in Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1997, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1997; or act in any way thereon.

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$144,712 TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS, ETC. TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMM. OF MA UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE ACTS OF 1997.

Article 6. To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the purchase of the building located at 707 Pleasant Street or to purchase or lease the Paxton Inn located at 687

Pleasant Street (which will be used for Town offices and Senior Center) and report back to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in May 1999; or act in any way thereon.

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

ARTICLE AMENDED: TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OWNERS OF THE ABOVE PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING A PURCHASE OF LEASE PRICE, AND TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE TOWN AT THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to research the feasibility of joining a vocational school district and report back to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in May 1999; or act in any way thereon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of new equipment to maintain Town recreation property; or act in any way thereon

Article sponsored by: Recreation Commission
Finance Committee and Selectboard recommend disapproval.

2/3's NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000 FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,630.00 and to transfer \$2,870.44 from Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1997, to hire a full time Parks Director to maintain Town athletic fields, recreation areas, and equipment; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Recreation Commission
Finance Committee recommends disapproval, Selectboard in favor.

MOTION CARRIED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$3,630 AND TO TRANSFER THE BALANCE OF \$2870.44 FROM 11 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 1997 FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the asbestos abatement, legal fees and relocation of oil lines in order to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (said sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meetings held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996, Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 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 favorable vote on the Proposition 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion Election

under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Article sponsored by: Paxton School Building Committee

AMENDMENT: I move that the Town vote to BORROW and appropriate \$120,000 for the asbestos abatement and relocation of oil lines, including architectural, engineering and other costs incidental thereto, in order to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (such sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meeting held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996 and Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 1996) and to meet said appropriation to authorize said sum of money to be raised by borrowing in accordance with MA Gen. Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), (3A) and 21 or any other enabling authority including Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes therefore and this vote shall be contingent upon a favorable vote on the Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion election under Gen. Laws Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Finance Committee and Selectboard in Favor of amendment.

MOTION CARRIED IN EXCESS OF 2/3 VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO NO VOTES.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the replacement windows and their installation on the pre-existing portion of the Paxton Center School, to renovate the front canopy and to pave the parking lot as part of the project to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (said sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meetings held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996 and Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 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 Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion Election under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Article sponsored by: Paxton School Building Committee

AMENDMENT: I move that the Town vote to BORROW and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 to pave the parking lot, including architectural, engineering and other costs incidental thereto, in order to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (such sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meeting held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996 and Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 1996) and to meet said appropriation to authorize said sum of money to be raised by borrowing in accordance with MA Gen. Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), (3A) and 21 or any other enabling authority including Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes therefore and this vote shall be contingent upon a favorable vote on the Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion election under Gen. Laws Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Finance Committee and Selectboard in Favor of amendment.

MOTION CARRIED IN EXCESS OF 2/3 VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO NO VOTES.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Media Center furnishings, a freezer, roof trim and landscaping as part of the project to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (said sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meetings held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996 and Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 1996) and to meet said appropriation to authorize said sum of money to be raised by borrowing in accordance with MA Gen. Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3), (3A) and (21), 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 Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion Election under the General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Article sponsored by: Paxton School Building Committee

AMENDMENT: I move that the Town vote to BORROW and appropriate the sum of \$96,809 for media center furnishings, a freezer, roof trim and landscaping, including architectural, engineering and other costs incidental thereto, in order to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School (said sum of money being in addition to the amount approved by the vote at the Special Town Meetings held March 18, 1996 and November 12, 1996 and Special Town Elections held March 25, 1996 and November 13, 1996) and to meet said appropriation to authorize said sum of money to be raised by borrowing in accordance with MA Gen. Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3), (3A) and (21), or any other enabling authority including Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, and this vote shall be contingent upon a favorable vote on the Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion Election under General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21c(k) scheduled for March 15, 1999.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval, Selectboard approval for the freezer and landscaping.

MOTION CARRIED IN EXCESS OF 2/3 VOTES IN FAVOR, TWO NO VOTES.

Article 13. Whereas, most Paxton houses are unable to pass Title V Cesspool/Septic System inspections upon transfer of title, and Whereas, Paxton ground is chiefly hard-packed clay; and Whereas, the cost of rebuilding or reconstituting said septic systems is very costly to homeowner; and Whereas, the resultant high septic system mounds constitute eyesores to the property; and Whereas, these essentially above ground systems, will sooner or later fail; the undersigned voters respectfully request the Town to do a sewer feasibility study and place the subject of town sewers on a warrant for a Special Town Meeting as soon as possible.

Article sponsored by Citizen Petition (Gerald Teran, Chairman)

AMENDMENT: It is requested that the Board of Selectmen appoint a Sewer Study Committee Consisting of 5 persons to act upon the petition and report back without delay.

Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO HAVE THE SELECTBOARD APPOINT A SEWER STUDY COMMITTEE CONSISTING

OF 5 PERSONS TO ACT UPON THE PETITION AND REPORT BACK WITHOUT DELAY.

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 Bylaws, 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 tenth day of March 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Jillette, Chairman
John E. Lucey, Vice-Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 P.M.
FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR
JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:
To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:
GREETINGS SS:

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 Elections to vote at:

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL
West Street

on Monday, the fifth of April 1999 from 10:00a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the following questions:

QUESTION 1. "Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance asbestos abatement and relocation of oil lines as part of the project to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School?"

YES 255 NO 224

QUESTION 2. "Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance replacement windows and their installation on the pre-existing portion of the Paxton Center School, to renovate the front canopy and to pave the parking lot as part of the project to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School?"

YES 227 NO 252

QUESTION 3. "Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance Media Center furnishings, a freezer, roof trim and landscaping as part of the project to construct an addition to and renovation of the Paxton Center School?"

YES 220 NO 259

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

GIVEN UNDER our hands this twenty ninth day of March, 1999.

POLLS OPENED AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLOSED AT 8:00 P.M.,
TOTAL VOTES CAST 479.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Jillette, Chairman
John E. Lucey, Vice Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, 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 May 3, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., then there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Grand Total \$6,148,357.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO FUND THE ABOVE BUDGET BY USING \$5,846,485 FROM TAX LEVY AND \$301,872 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen of Pierce Circle for a distance of 1,320 feet as shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 691, Plan 64 and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement thereon for public way purposes; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Owner Request
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO PASS OVER.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to contract for an independent review of the job descriptions and the wage and step grids currently being used by Town officials both elected and appointed and by all other Town employees (with the exception of those employed by the Paxton Center School) both full time and part time and including the Light Department employees provided the Light Department give it's consent to it and reimburse the general treasury of the Town for it's respective share of the contract, and a recommendation of what changes, if any, should be made in levels of compensation and the job descriptions of such individuals, and such study to be conducted

by Mass Municipal Association and supervised by an Ad hoc committee of five members to be appointed in unison by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Chairman of the Finance Committee and same to consist of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Finance Committee and three members appointed at large; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Personnel Advisory Board
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a "Littering By-law" as follows:

Section 1. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot or in a building, shall throw, deposit, drop, discharge or sweep onto a public way or other public place, and allow to remain there any refuse, filth or other rubbish unless it is thrown, deposited, dropped, discharged or swept into receptacle provided for the purpose of legal disposal.

Section 2. No person, whether in or upon a vehicle or on foot on a public way or other public place, shall throw, deposit, drop or discharge onto private property and allow to remain there any refuse, filth or other rubbish.

Section 3. Whoever violates the provisions of this Article shall be fined for each offense in accordance with the following schedule:

First Offense \$250.00
Subsequent Offense \$300.00

Section 4. For purposes of this Article the term:

(a) "Vehicle" shall include all motor vehicles licensed to operate on a public way, bicycles or any other device used to transport individuals.

(b) "First Offense" shall mean a single littering offense.

(c) "Subsequent Offense" shall mean a littering offense committed within two years of a First Offense.

Section 5. This by-law shall be enforced by the Police Department.

Or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Dennis Gorman, resident
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action because sponsor was not present.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds \$375.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of ten "Littering" signs to be placed at the Town entrances and exits and other heavily traveled ways; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Dennis Gorman, resident
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action because sponsor was not present.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2000 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for the fiscal year 2000 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 1999; or act in any way thereon. **BY STATE LAW THESE HAVE TO BE*

APPROVED ANNUALLY. Balances in accounts as of March 1, 1999:

WPAT TITLE V BETTERMENTS	\$63,974.70
TITLE V SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR	
REPAYMENTS & INTEREST	7,938.21
LIBRARY STATE AID	8,034.24
CONSERVATION WETLANDS PROTEC.	9,771.98
FUND, NOTICE OF INTENT	
STATE ART COUNCIL	2,986.50
COUNCIL ON AGING, FORMULA FUND	
	2,862.28
PROJECT WE CARE, ELDER AFFAIRS VAN	
ACCOUNT	10,163.71
RECYCLING COMMITTEE COMPOSTING	
BINS ACCOUNT	649.80
RECYCLING GRANT	2,952.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	-0-
UPPER BLACKSTONE WATER POLLUTION	
ABATEMENT DISTRICT	(145.81)
HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVOLVING	
ACCOUNT	1,305.62
GREATER MEDIA CABLE TV	16,500.43
POLICE PRIVATE DUTY REVOLVING	
ACCOUNT	1,404.31
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION	19,854.89
POLICE GRANTS & GIFTS	10,538.58
POLICE PARKING TICKETS	233.00
COMM. OF MA FISHERIES & WILDLIFE	
REVOLVING ACCOUNT	-0-
WORCESTER WATER ESCROW	12,000.00

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

Article 7. 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 pave the parking lot of the Paxton Senior Center; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Council on Aging
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend disapproval.

MOTION MADE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$7,500.
MOTION FAILED.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$109,270.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a 1999 or 2000 International truck with combination sander and dump body, snow wing, and liquid chloride tank for the Public Works Department (the price of \$109,270.00 includes the trade in value of a 1987 Mack truck against the purchase price thereof); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Superintendent
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

2/3'S NEEDED. MOTION PASSED TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$109,270.00.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and

appropriate the sum of \$8,830.00 or any other sum, for the construction of, improvements and repairs to the Paxton Police Station; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$8,830.00.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$27,310.00, or any other sum, to replace a 1994 Ford cruiser; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
2/3'S NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$27,310.00 AND TO AUCTION OFF THE 1994 FORD CRUISER.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1998 which if accepted, allows the Town to place a check-off on property tax or motor vehicle excise bills in order to seek contributions to a special fund to assist low income elderly and disabled persons meet their property tax obligations, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Council on Aging
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$125.00.

Article 12. To see if the voters of the member towns of the district will approve the borrowing of \$600,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District to remodel, reconstruct and make extraordinary repairs and additions to the Wachusett Regional High School, including all architectural, engineering and other costs included and related thereto, by incurring debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16n, as amended, and Section 15 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, and to that end the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Regional District School Committee, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor; and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into and execute all contracts necessary or material to such work.

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
2/3'S NEEDED. PAPER BALLOT VOTE AS REQUIRED BY WRSD AGREEMENT. BALLOTS COUNTED BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS. YES - 127; NO - 16; TOTAL VOTES CAST - 143.

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 \$6,000.00, or any other sum, to purchase a pair of defibrillators for the Fire Department First Responders, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$6,000.00.

Article 14. 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, to purchase a replacement for the cutter attachment to the Rescue "Jaws" system, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$6,000.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Building Needs Committee of five (5) members to study the Police Station and Fire Station/Communications Center relative to expansion and handicap requirements; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO DIRECT THE SELECTMEN TO APPOINT A PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE AND TO REPORT AT THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

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 \$16,750.00, or any other sum, to make repairs to the centracom dispatch console, upgrade two-way radio bases, adjust antenna locations to conform to FCC regulations and contract related technical support; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$16,750.00.

Article 17. 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
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 18. 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
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action.
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

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

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April, 1999.

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

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. The Moderator declared a quorum present (176 registered voters signed in).

A report was read by Joseph McKay, Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee (Copies of the report are available in the Selectmen's office). Kevin Quinn, Chairman of the Paxton Center School Building Committee read a progress report on the addition and renovations for the school.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 Tenth Day of May, 1999 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:

Moderator	Francis A. Ford	Three Years
Selectboard	David F. Jillette	Three Years
Treasurer	Joanne L. Savignac	Three Years
Collector	Joanne L. Savignac	Three Years
Constable	Bernard J. Melican	Three Years
Constable	B. Peter Warren, Jr.	Three Years
Tree Warden	Patrick V. Smith	Three Years
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	Jeffrey A. Wentzell	Three Years
Municipal Light Board	Michael S. Zalansky	One Year
Municipal Light Board	Michael J. Benoit	Three Years
Assessor	Doris E. Huard	Three Years
Water Board	John F. Malone	Three Years
Board of Health	Judy A. Hatstat	Three Years

Planning Board	Gordon J. Szczepanek	Five Years
Library Trustee	Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	Three Years
Library Trustee	John F. McDonald	Three Years
Recreation Commission	June F. Lucivero	Three Years
Cemetery Commission	Edwin L. Hammerberg	Two Years
Cemetery Commission	Yvonne B. Karle	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 April 1999.

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

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast, 654.

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

REPORTS OF THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED BOARDS OF THE TOWN OF PAXTON

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen are elected by you to carry out the day to day business of our town and to enforce its by-laws. To carry out our duties, we rely on a host of dedicated town employees, volunteers and others elected directly by you. We are very grateful to have the assistance of these people and freely acknowledge that it is their efforts that make Paxton such a great town to live in.

This past year has seen many accomplishments in our town. We are excited about the new addition and renovations to our Center School. Your Board of Selectmen has been working very closely with the School Building Committee to bring you a school building that all of us can be very proud of. This was not an easy assignment for these volunteers, but their tireless efforts have served the town well. The School Building Committee has worked endless hours on your behalf and deserves a very warm and sincere "Thank You" from all of us.

Another group that has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" for the citizens of our town are the members of Paxton Youth Sports, Inc. These are the people that took an undeveloped parcel of town land, off Grove Street, and converted it into beautiful playing fields for our youth. And it was done at no cost in tax dollars to the citizens of Paxton. This spirit of involvement and dedication to the youngest members of our community is unprecedented in our region and an inspiration to all of us that have heard that apathy is rampant among us. Your Board of Selectmen are very thankful that we have these individuals of this caliber and dedication living in our town.

Last year in our annual report we expressed concern over the Council On Aging facilities in the White Building. We feel that our senior citizens deserve a comfortable, attractive, functional building in which to meet and enjoy a variety of activities. We have been advised, by means of an architectural study, that to bring the building to full utilization, with appropriate utilities and

in compliance with State standards would cost in excess of one million dollars. We explored the possibility of using the supermarket as an alternative to the White Building for these and other town purposes. But initial cost and necessary repairs along with a strong sentiment for preserving the White Building has refocused our attention back to the White Building. A small working committee will be formed to explore the availability of grants and alternative sources of funds to improve a building that is structurally sound but in much need of repairs.

Your Board of Selectmen is working with the Massachusetts Highway Department to rebuild, re-grade and resurface Grove Street from its start on Pleasant Street all the way to Sunset Lane and Anna Maria College. This is a major undertaking that will be funded by grant money from the state and federal governments. The reconstruction should make improved safety for vehicle traffic and will add sidewalks for this area, which is so popular for joggers and walkers.

In January of 1999 Paxton initiated a series of meetings open to all members of all the select boards in the five-town Wachusett region. These meetings are designed to be a forum for the exchange of ideas and local practices as well as an opportunity to explore areas of mutual assistance or mutual cooperation to reduce the costs of operating our respective towns. While these meetings are just getting underway they hold out a promise of bettering your government through cooperation with others.

The Board of Selectmen has also been working with your Planning Board to draft a Watershed Protection By-law to present to you for the protection of the Kettlebrook Reservoir which is now part of the Town's drinking water supply. We have combined to hold hearings and gather input from all the town departments and will continue by holding a public information and input meeting in the near future.

In a separate but related matter, with your Special Town Meeting approval, we have appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of installing sewers in our town. With the tougher requirements under Title V requirements, and households finding it necessary to reconstruct on-site systems, the timing is right for us to at least investigate the option and present it to you for your decision.

We will be exploring the feasibility of joining a regional vocational school system. The other four member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District have found it feasible to take such an action. Each community is different and we will make a recommendation at a future town meeting as to the advisability of joining such a district or not.

This past year we have initiated evening hours (Mondays) to make your town hall and town government more accessible to you. You are the people we are here to serve. All meetings of all boards and committees are open meetings; any interested citizen is welcome to attend. As stated above, our town government is comprised of citizens, just like you, who are willing to take some of their time to benefit the town in which we all live. We are grateful for those who serve and extend an open door and warm welcome for any who would like to join them.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Lucey, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the Finance Committee recommended and the voters passed a total budget of \$6,184,357 for fiscal year 2000. Although this represented an increase of \$406,105 over the prior year, most of the increase resulted from

the estimated cost of borrowing for the addition to Paxton Center School and an increase in the regional school budget assessment. Special articles totaling \$47,705 were also passed by the voters.

Included in the total budget voted was a 3% wage increase for town employees and special adjustments for selected employees. While we recognize the importance of adequately compensating those that work for the Town, the Finance Committee remains convinced that a more formalized process for evaluating positions and the performance of the people filling these positions must be adopted. The need for all Town boards and committees to be involved in a process with established guidelines for position and performance evaluation is essential to the effective management of employee and financial resources.

In June, a 20 year bond issue of \$7,150,000 was sold that covered borrowing for the addition to Paxton Center School and the new water pumping station located near the Worcester line. Even with 66% state reimbursement on the school portion of the borrowing, the Town now has a debt level higher than we have experienced in the past.

Although we continue to be able to accommodate most justifiable budget requests and provide an appropriate level of town services to our citizens, we must be ever mindful that our increased level of indebtedness and the need to recognize ongoing and future capital expenditures will continue to place an increasing strain on our revenue and taxing capacities.

The Finance Committee remains committed to presenting a balanced and responsible financial plan to the citizens each year, which meets the day to day needs of the town and recognizes the necessity to replace equipment, adequately maintain town buildings and provide for future capital needs. With the cooperation of our Town boards and committees and most importantly the participation of our citizens at Town Meetings, we should be able to continue to achieve our budgetary and financial objectives.

Your Finance Committee,
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

A number of Public Hearings were held during Fiscal 1999 pertaining to requests for variances, special permits, modifications and appeals. The following is a breakdown of the hearings held:

Special Permits:

- ❖ 12 Mount View Drive (Howard)
Home Business – Approved
- ❖ 99 Asnebumskit Road (Pinnacle Towers Inc.)
Tower – Withdrawn
- ❖ 182 Pleasant Street (Carroll)
Home Business – Denied
- ❖ 670 Pleasant Street (Kauppila)
Use Change – Cancelled
- ❖ 2 Pine Street (Rosa)
Home Business – Approved
- ❖ 300A Grove Street (Duvorney)
Kennel License – Denied
- ❖ 603 Pleasant Street (Tiebreaker Tennis)
Business – Approved
- ❖ 7 Meadowbrook Drive (Quinn)
Home Business – Approved
- ❖ 50 Sunset Lane (ARAMARK/Anna Maria College)
Catering – No permit required

Variances:

- ❖ Potomac Trail/Turkey Hill Road (Donlin)
Frontage – Withdrawn
- ❖ 9 Grove Street (Erickson)
Side Yard – Approved

Modifications:

- ❖ 687 Pleasant Street (Defeudis)
Paving Parking Lot – Approved

The Board of Appeals in conjunction with the Planning Board will be in the process of revising the Zoning By-laws throughout the upcoming fiscal year. We will be reviewing our current By-laws to find areas that may need revisions as well as including regulations for Adult Entertainment Zoning and Cell Towers, which are some of the hotter issues.

The Board of Appeals will now be meeting on a regular monthly basis. Their regular meeting schedule will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Anyone needing information or applications should come to Town Hall Mondays 12-8 p.m.; Tuesday – Thursday 8-4 p.m.; Friday 8-1 p.m. or call the Town Services Coordinator at (508) 753-2803. Please note that the fee for a Variance/Special Permit/Modification/Appeal application is \$150.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Rubin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

As of January 1, 1998, for fiscal year 1999, the total valuation of Paxton's taxable property was \$234,242,271., a net decrease of \$3,457,553, 1.5%.

New construction, additions, and alterations increased the valuation by \$4,225,912. Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessors amounted to \$201,800. Re-listing and other adjustments decreased the valuation an additional \$566,559. The Board received 29 abatement requests, 7 were processed. Of the 22 denied one has gone to Appellate Tax Court.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

As your Building Inspector, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks in having had the opportunity to serve you during this fiscal year. Additionally, I would like to thank the Town departments and boards for their cooperation during this past year. As of July 1999, I have retired as the Building Commissioner. The Selectboard has appointed Mr. Richard Trifero to the Building Commissioner position. Best wishes to all and thanks again to everyone who made the job an enjoyable one.

The following is a list of the permits that were issued for Fiscal Year 1999.

New Homes	15	Sheds	4
Additions	10	Decks	3
Alter/Renovation	5	Pools: Above ground	4
		In ground	3
1-Car Garage	1	Sun Rooms	1

2-Car Garage	5	Foundation	1
Basement Room	3	Demolish	2
Porch	3	Tents	1
Finish 2 nd Floor	2	Pumphouse	1
Greenhouse	1	Dormer	2
Permit Renewal	2	Commercial	1
Antennae/Dishes	2	Gazebo	2
Electrical Building	1	Field House	1
Snack Building	1	Sign	1
Barn	1	Occupancy	12

Total Number of Permits Issued 78
Total Revenue from Permits Issued \$10,610.00
Building Permit applications are available at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond V. Kauppila

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	1200.00

1 Grave Lot available by special permission.

OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	300.00
Weekends	450.00
Holidays	450.00

CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
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NO CREMATION BURIALS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS

INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	100.00
Weekends	150.00
Holidays	150.00

Lots are available to all current town residents and former residents. Cemetery lots may be purchased at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk at 799-7347 or the Town Services Coordinator at 753-2803. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Cemetery Commissioners
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The Paxton Communications Board is happy to report the activity for the previous year for the Dispatch Center. The Communications Board has been working with the Cable

Advisory Committee to enhance the Town's I-net system that was installed to network some of the municipal buildings computers several years ago. The article was passed at the Annual Town Meeting in May '98 and will hopefully be in operation by the year's end.

At our regular meeting on August 17, 1998 the Communications Board appointed Sarah Mello as the new Chief Dispatcher.

The following is the Communications Center activity for fiscal year 1998:

Police	15,060
Fire	998
Medical	142
Dispatch/General Information	38
911 Non-Emergency	128
Department of Public Works	*330
Light Department	*393
Animal Control	463

*Does not include calls made directly to that department.

Respectfully,
Harold L. Smith, Chairman, Light Dept.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Fiscal Year 1998-1999, the Conservation Commission met monthly plus two additional meetings devoting its time to ensuring compliance of local projects with the Wetlands Protection Act. During this time the Commission received:

- ❖ Twelve (12) Requests for Determination of Applicability
- ❖ Thirty-one (31) Notices of Intent

And the Commission issued:

- ❖ Twelve (12) Certificates of Compliance
- ❖ Three (3) Enforcement Orders

More than 150 site visits were made by one or more members. These visits include verifying wetland delineation, proper installation of hay bales and/or silt fences, proper execution of "Orders of Condition", checking for wetland violations and evaluating wetland replications.

Five members attended the Mass Conservation Commissioner's annual meeting at Holy Cross College this year. This conference is designed to provide Commission members with the latest regulatory and technical information and provide an opportunity for commission members to interact with State Regulatory personnel.

The Commission continues to meet at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month, the public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Stewart, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging provides a service to the residents of Paxton ages 55 and over. The Director is available for consultation and advice regarding referrals on all human services such as housing and legal issues. Podiatry, flu and pneumonia, legal and blood pressure clinics are regularly scheduled. Continuing services include SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) counseling, outreach, transportation and the nutrition program.

During the past year, there were many changes at the Paxton Council On Aging. In August of 1998 Rosemary Warren was appointed Director of the Council On Aging. In May of 1999 Frank Nieber, a long-time van driver and volunteer for the COA died. Frank was a committed member of our COA network and we will miss his generous care for the senior citizens of Paxton.

We would like to thank former COA Board members, Debra Grensavitch and George Abernathy who resigned this past year, for their service and dedication to Paxton senior citizens.

Programs and presentations during the past year included aerobics, Tai Chi, quilting, crafts, cards, health care issues, alternative housing options, Grandparent's Journal workshop, piano, organ and accordion sing-a-longs, Senior Coffee Social (sponsored by the Paxton Municipal Light Department), presentations on diet, herbs and vitamins and safety in the home. In addition, existing inter-generational programming was expanded to include a Senior Breakfast organized by the Paxton Center School Student Council and a clinical partnership program with the Fitchburg State College Student Nursing Program. Rosemary continues to work closely with the Council in researching and securing grants to enhance programming and upgrade the COA office.

We must thank the Friends of the Council On Aging for their continued support. During the past year, they organized many successful fundraisers which enabled them to purchase a new photocopier for the COA office, pay for the rugs to be cleaned at the Senior Center, fund the printing costs of the monthly newsletter and contribute money to the transportation fund.

We continually strive to provide services and information that will meet the needs of our growing senior population in Paxton. The council On Aging meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Senior Center/White Building at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was awarded \$3,300 by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission. Applications for grants are always due by October 15th. On November 12, 1998 we approved the following applications:

Paxton Center School - PASS award to Boston Ballet

Council On Aging - Spring musical

Richards Memorial Library - family passes to:

Higgins Armory, Worcester Art Museum, Ecotarium, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Historic Deerfield Museum, Discovery Museum of Acton

Montachusett Council of Girl Scouts -

❖ *Cadet Troop* - "H.M.S. Pinafore" at Foothills Theatre

❖ *Junior Troop* - "The Whiz" Central Mass Players

Audio Journal - "Voices: The Language of Art" for the visually impaired

Moore State Park - Fall Festival "Chuck & Mudd" concert

Paxton Historical Commission - Informational brochure with Town Landmarks

Rhonda Litwinowich - Grade 3 Art Classes "Native American Pottery"

An ongoing project is the taping of long-time Paxton residents for an oral history of our town.

On August 3, 1999, the Council received word from the Mass Cultural Commission that we are qualified to participate in the

new streamlining program of grant making activities. Our record of awards and a two hour training session led to this.

We accept with regrets the resignations of Judy Galbraith, Joanne Kee and Mary Jo Moynihan and thank them for their participation. New members appointed in May are Linda Howard and Sue Serrato.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Langer, Chairman

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

During fiscal year 1998-99, over 376 various types of calls pertaining to dog and 134 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 March 31st of each year.

The Dog Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 791-6600. 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. If you walk your dog on a public way or someone else's property and your dog makes a mess; think of other people who walk there. Please clean it up!

Respectfully submitted,
B. Peter Warren, Jr., Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

During the Fiscal Year 1998-99 the Board of Health witnessed:

Percolation Tests – New/Repair	86
Disposal Permits New Construction	31
Disposal Permits Repairs	60
Food Inspections	16
Complaints:	
Septic Complaints	5
Food Complaints	2
Water Complaints	1
Bus Fumes Complaints	1
Hot Tub Inspection	1
Pool Inspection	3

BOARD OF HEALTH held 13 public hearings throughout the fiscal year on septic variances. Other issues that were handled by the Board members were 1.) Signing of Local Upgrades on septic systems 2.) Signing of Accessory Use renewals 3.) Worked on Watershed Bylaw 4.) Vaccinated new firefighters/police officers for Hepatitis B 5.) Increased percolation and septic permit fees to \$100.00.

RECYCLING: On March 2, 1999 the Board of Health voted that all residents in Paxton MUST participate in the Mandatory Curbside Recycling Program. The Board has set aside funding to be used in the upcoming fiscal year to help insure that all residents participate in the program. Throwing recyclables away in the trash cost all of us money. **PLEASE NOTE** – Your Recycling Committee is always looking for volunteers!

TITLE V: The Board has been working with Central Mass Regional Planning Commission to administer the Title V Loan Program for septic repairs. This money is being loaned to eligible residents at a 5% interest rate with a payback period of 20 years. Applications are available in the Town Hall.

TOBACCO CONTROL: On March 2, 1999 the Board of Health voted to implement the Regulations concerning the sale and distribution of tobacco in Paxton, in conjunction with the Tobacco Alliance. These regulations pertain to the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Alliance will randomly administer compliance checks on vendors who sell tobacco products in Town.

ANIMAL REGULATIONS: On February 2, 1999 the Board of Health voted to amend the regulations relating to the exhibition raising or keeping of animals in Paxton. Copies of these regulations are available at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas B. Carroll, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Open meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building, Historical Commission Room.

The commission has made progress in many ongoing projects including:

- The residential town survey of houses built from 1851-1900.
- Restoration and cataloguing of historical artifacts and documents in the Commission's possession.
- Research and correspondence to inquiries concerning Paxton history from the general public.
- As necessary, Commission members have continued to interact with various Town committees and boards in various issues where there is an historical concern.

In the past year the Commission has also worked extensively on designing and publishing an informational mapped brochure of the Town's historical landmarks and other points of interest. We have taken advantage of an Arts Lottery Grant, which has helped make this project financially possible. Scheduled to be completed early next fiscal year, this brochure will be of use to newcomers, current residents, visitors and the like.

The Commission is grateful for continued donations of historical artifacts from current and former residents, town boards, the school and library. Steps are taken in preserving these items as budgeting allows. The Historical Commission room at the White Building houses these artifacts and are on continual display for public viewing by appointment.

Respectfully,
Jason Fanning, Chairman

Report of the Municipal Light Commission For the year ending December 31, 1998

This has been a year of changes for Paxton Light Department. Harold Smith retired as Light Department Manager in September 1998, and the Light Commission appointed Diane Dillman as his replacement. Harold worked for the Light Department for 34 years, serving the last 22 years as Manager. His accomplishments and dedication were honored at a retirement celebration that was well attended by public officials from other municipal utilities and many townspeople and friends from Paxton.

The Light Commission itself underwent significant change. Warren Bock and Ralph Kimball left the Board after six years and twelve years service respectively. Their commitment and effort over the years contributed to the success and stability of our

department operations. We thank them for their dedicated service to our community.

During 1998, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$22,000 in labor and materials to projects for the Town of Paxton. This was the value of non-reimbursed services that provided a direct benefit to the town. We installed and updated underground facilities for the Center School addition, contributed to the building of the Soccer Fields on Grove Street, and assisted the Water Department and Highway Department in various projects. We paint flagpoles, install radio towers, and update lighting. We provide for collection of fluorescent tubes and recyclable batteries.

PMLD continues to provide billing services to the Water Department at a reasonable cost. The dual billing saves postage, forms expense, meter reading expense, and clerical processing time. The arrangement has benefited both the Light Department and the Water Department.

The department installed 32 new house services during 1998. In addition we continued to upgrade open secondary wire to improve system reliability. We also continued our tree-trimming program to reduce outages caused by winter storms.

The employees of PMLD strive everyday to serve the people who make Paxton a pleasant place to live and work. We hope that our customers feel that the delivery of superior service is also a valued contribution to our community.

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. The Commission is dedicated to providing first rate customer service and top quality power supply at the lowest possible cost. If we can serve you better, please let us know how.

In an effort to save space and printing costs, the opinion, footnotes and supplemental report of our auditors have been omitted from the town report. The full report is available at the Light Department Office that is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane K. Dillman, Manager

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Balance Sheet - December 31, 1998 and 1997**

	1998	1997
Assets		
Electric Utility Plant		
Distribution Plant, at cost	\$2,543,057	2,467,780
General Plant, at cost	515,274	530,817
Total Electric Utility Plant	3,058,331	2,998,597
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,089,451)	(2,043,912)
Net Electric Utility Plant	968,880	954,685
Other Property and Investments		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Depreciation Fund	321,941	320,352
Current Assets		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Operating Fund	534,115	288,783
Customers' Meter Deposits	27,725	26,600
Petty Cash	200	200
Customer		

Accounts Receivable	148,833	140,051
Other		
Accounts Receivable	16,911	11,092
Materials and Supplies		
At average cost	84,897	102,803
Prepayments	647,845	631,438
Total Current Assets	1,460,526	1,200,967

Deferred Charges

Other Accounts Receivable	9,383	19,619
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Total Assets	2,760,730	\$2,495,623
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**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Balance Sheet - December 31, 1998 and 1997
Capitalization and Liabilities**

	1998	1997
Capitalization		
Unappropriated		
Retained Earnings	\$2,301,953	\$2,257,527
Contribution in Aid of Construction	137,518	137,518
Total Capitalization	2,439,471	2,395,045
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	276,346	58,778
Accrued Expenses	17,188	15,200
Customer Deposits	27,725	26,600
Total Current Liabilities	321,259	100,578
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$2,760,730	\$2,495,623

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Statements of Income
and Unappropriated Retained Earnings
For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997**

	1998	1997
Operating Income	\$2,204,500	\$2,226,655
Operating Expense		
Operations & Maintenance	2,133,901	2,123,792
Depreciation	89,948	117,783
Total Operating Expenses	2,223,849	2,241,575
Operating Income Loss	(\$19,349)	(\$14,920)
Other Income (Expense)		
Investment Income	68,169	63,118
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	552	2,424
Interest Expense	(4,946)	(1,734)
Total Other Income(Expense)	63,775	63,808
Net Income	\$44,426	\$48,888
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - Beginning of Year	2,257,527	2,208,639
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - End of Year	\$2,301,953	\$2,257,527

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997**

	1998	1997
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$44,426	\$48,888
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by Operating activities:		
Depreciation	89,948	117,783
Investment Income	(68,169)	(63,118)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Customer Deposits	(1,125)	(600)
Accounts Receivable	(8,782)	10,315
Accounts Receivable -- Other	4,418	10,896
Prepayments	(16,407)	11,225
Materials & Supplies	17,906	1,295
Increase (Decrease) In Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	217,568	(77,040)
Customer Deposits	1,125	600
Accrued Expenses	1,988	974
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$282,896</u>	<u>\$61,218</u>
Cash Flows from Capital And Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to Plant	(104,144)	(112,656)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Investment Income	68,169	63,118
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	246,921	11,680
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
-- Beginning of Year	609,135	597,455
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
-- End of Year	<u>\$856,056</u>	<u>\$609,135</u>
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 4,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,734</u>

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

As the 1999 Fiscal Year ends, the Planning Board would like to report the Forestdale Subdivision is still under development.

Kettlebrook Golf Course located off Marshall Street is open for business with nine holes being played and nine more being constructed by Moss Development.

The Board has again been extremely busy acting on APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED (ANR) lots throughout the year.

We have developed a checklist for use with ANR plans, as well as Preliminary and Definitive Subdivision applications. The DPW Superintendent is now using a written inspection form.

Chairman Christian Baehrecke has been working on a Watershed Bylaw with the help of CMRPC. The Town has received an extension on the implementation of this bylaw. Mr. Baehrecke was also instrumental in solidifying a contract with CMRPC for the purpose of revising the Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Rules and Regulations for the Town of Paxton. An ad hoc committee to the Planning Board, consisting of one member from each Town department and Town board as well as the Planning Board, will be working on addressing areas needing revisions.

The Board has updated the list of Accessory Use Apartments in the Town. These permits will be renewed every two years.

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

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all persons concerned for their cooperation this past year. The following is a list of the gas and plumbing permits that were issued for Fiscal Year 1999:

➤ Plumbing	49
➤ Gas	<u>16</u>

Total permits issued	65
Revenue for Plumbing:	\$3,050.00
Revenue for Gas:	\$ 800.00

Anyone wishing to pick up a Gas/Plumbing permit application may do so at the Town Hall. The applications are available outside the Town Services Coordinator's office. 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 1999 was a very active year with our community. Our police department continued its commitment in community policing that provided a "little extra" and helped promote a stronger relationship between the police department and the community in which it serves.

In the past year we provided our community with various programs. We primarily concentrated our extra efforts in community policing on our young residents. We opened our doors and provided the Cub Scouts with a meeting place, and conducted tours of the police station to these youths. Paxton Center School students used our parking lot for a fund raising event which included a car wash, bake sale and craft table. Our department created and sponsored a Youth Activities Center for the youths in grades 6-8 at Paxton Center School. Our 2nd

D.A.R.E. Scare was held in October drawing over 1,000 residents. We presented a safety seminar to pre-schoolers highlighting such topics as stranger danger, and what to do in an emergency situation. Child Identification Clinics were held at Paxton Center School for residents ranging in age from infant to 12 years. Police officers were on hand to distribute Big League Chew during the Little League's opening day parade. A Bicycle Safety Program was conducted for children ages 5-10 at Richards Memorial Library.

Our D.A.R.E. program continues to be very successful and positive with our young residents. On June 16th, certificates of completion were awarded to the 5th and 6th graders who successfully completed the program. The 5th grade graduating class was treated to a field trip to Water County in New Hampshire.

A local resident donated a van to the Paxton Police Department. With monies donated from our community, this van was transformed into our D.A.R.E. van. This project shows our continued commitment to the D.A.R.E. Program.

The police department has also been very active in lecturing and addressing college students relative to issues regarding safety, date rape, respect, and alcohol and drug abuse. These programs and other similar seminars and projects reflect our commitment to our community and our positive attitude to making Paxton a fine place to raise our families.

Our police department continues to keep our officers highly visible and well trained. During this fiscal year, officers attended monthly training meetings, which include training in CPR, First Aid, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Chemical Weapons, Domestic Abuse Response and Officer Safety. In addition, officers have attended specialized training that included Alcohol and Drug Detection, Emergency Response, Alcohol Breath Test Certification, Field Sobriety, Basic Fingerprint Classification and Radar Operation Certification.

In the upcoming year, in addition to our commitment to community policing, we will be concentrating some of our efforts towards awareness, prevention and response to school violence/terrorist acts. Other projects will include extra radar patrols, extra patrols relative to operators driving while under the influence of drugs and alcohol and motor vehicle theft protection program.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Abandoned Auto	1
Accident (Hit & Run)	5
Accident (Personal Injury)	16
Accident (Property Damage)	62
Alarm Burglar/Holdup	296
Assault	5
Breaking/Entering/Attempt	0
Breaking/Entering (Residential)	3
Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted	228
Disturbance Calls (General)	57
Disturbance (Loud Noise)	16
Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Orders	17
General Police	4672
House Checks	140
Larceny	34
Lockouts/Auto/Home	77
Medical Emergencies	162
Mental Health/Section 12	1
Missing Persons	8
Motor Vehicle Stop	2637
Motor Vehicle Theft	1

Mutual Aid Area P.D.'s	68
O.U.I. Arrests	9
Open Door/Window	24
Plate or License Status Inquiries	1281
Property (Lost/Found)	35
Protective Custody	0
Public Service General	311
Rubbish/Dumping	8
Runaways	1
Sex Offenses	1
Soliciting	146
Summons	17
Suspicious Auto	223
Suspicious Persons	69
Telephone Complaints (Annoying/Harassing)	12
Threats/Harassment	4
Traffic Safety	147
Unattended Deaths	0
Vandalism	21
Warrant Activity (General & Arrest)	4
911 Silent/Hang Up/Abandoned	104

A total of \$27,997.00 was generated and returned to the Town of Paxton as a result of report requests, parking tickets, permits, citations, and court prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Ahearn, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This year the D.P.W. has been busy maintaining Paxton roads, correcting drainage problems, maintaining the grounds at the Town Hall, Common and cemeteries. Our Water Systems Specialist has been busy installing the new radio-read water meters, which will eventually be in every home and business serviced by Town water.

Town departments come together. We all share the same cooperative goals, providing each other with help and/or services at no additional cost. Whether its providing an extra set of hands, providing our mechanic to work on another department's vehicle or being on the receiving end with help from another department, we all strive to make the Town's services run smoothly.

Our department is grateful for the mutual aid agreements we share with neighboring towns and the City of Worcester. We all benefit with these programs through the use of equipment and manpower we would ordinarily have to either purchase, rent or do without. Thank you!

Beavers have been creating many problems around Paxton. We find ourselves constantly on the defensive trying to keep drainpipes open and free of the debris that these animals deposit on a daily basis. Many areas are likely to be flooded out if we don't stay abreast of the situation.

This past year started off with a water main break on Route 122. Thanks to mutual aid from the City of Worcester we were able to quickly locate the problem. A private contractor had to be called in because our pump could not handle the water flow to do the repair.

We obtained the used 1,000 gallon self-contained fuel tank from the school, which will be used for diesel fuel storage for our trucks. This will replace the 500 gallon leased tank we currently use.

This last winter season was fairly mild, but with many icing situations. Having our entire fleet of trucks equipped with calcium chloride tanks has helped us tremendously to ensure public safety on our roadways.

Thanks to the Finance Committee, we have been able to resurface over 10 miles of roads since the re-instatement of our asphalt account. We were able to resurface Sunset Lane, Alrene Drive, Woodland Street and Berkshire Road with our asphalt account and a little State Chapter money. With 50 miles of roads in Town, we are on track and will continue to upgrade to provide for safe travel.

The leaf-recycling program, which is held at Mooreland Cemetery, was expanded to include the spring for the first time. Although the response wasn't as big, it should improve as time goes on.

Mooreland Cemetery was busy with eighteen burials this year.

We thank the residents for their continued support. We also strongly urge people to be conservation minded through the severe drought. Water is a valuable resource that we can't do without!

Respectfully submitted,
Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee goals for FY1999 were met in the following manner:

- The collection of trash and recyclables by BFI continues with few problems.
- A spring leaf drop-off was offered in addition to the usual fall drop-off at the Mooreland cemetery site.
- Button batteries and rechargeable Ni-cad batteries continue to be collected at the Town Hall, Paxton Light Department and the Senior Center.
- A DEP grant was received for 40 compost bins and the printing of our recycling schedules.
- In October and May, the Earthday collections were held in Holden and many Paxton residents took advantage of the opportunity to get rid of many items that are otherwise difficult to dispose of.

The Recycling Committee would like to thank THE LANDMARK of Holden, Richard Hafey of the TELEGRAM & GAZETE, the PAXTON LIONS CLUB and their PAXTONotes for helping to keep the residents of Paxton informed. We would also like to thank the BARRE SAVINGS BANK for sponsoring Paxton's E-CALL message (1-800-800-6881) and the Paxton Cable Committee for showing recycling videos every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Recycling Committee continues to work with the Board of Health to address the disposal needs of the residents of Paxton.

Any resident interested in or with concerns about recycling should check the Town Hall for meeting dates or contact one of the committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Herron, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New Totals July 23, 1999

Republican	438
Democrat	598
Libertarian	6
Unenrolled	1547
TOTAL	2589

Voting is held in 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
Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

We had a slight drop in circulation this year to a total of 77,043. While this is 1,744 below the previous year, it is still 10% higher than the year before. We now have 2914 registered patrons, a net increase of 273 patrons. Our collection now numbers 30,298 materials; including books, videos, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, games, CD's and CD-ROM's.

This was a year of losses for the staff and Trustees. Death claimed Kathleen Smith, a former employee and Clem Gainty, a guiding force and staunch supporter on the Board of Trustees for over a decade. In addition, Betsy Beth, our Children's Librarian for nearly five years retired and two members of the Board of Trustees, Diane Kennen and Debra Henderson, decided to leave the Board.

Funds from the Paxton Cultural Council provided passes to New England Science Center, Worcester Art Museum, the Discovery Museums, Higgins Armory, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and Historic Deerfield. The Friends have purchased passes to the Boston Museum of Science and Davis Farmland, and contributions from the donation jar have purchased passes to the Roger Williams Zoo, the Garden in the Woods, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, and Fruitlands Museums. All of these are available to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Porter, Librarian

REPORT OF THE WATER BOARD

In addition to the normal operations, the Water Department accomplished two major goals this year.

First, the Water Department installed new, more accurate, electronic water meters for all 1150 Paxton water customers. The installation of these new meters marks the completion of a three-year effort and is a major accomplishment for the water department. The new meters will help to reduce costs by allowing the department to better control losses, and reducing the time required to read meters. It will also assure customers of more accurate water billing.

Secondly, the Water Department completed three rounds of lead and copper testing on the tap water from a sample of homes in town. As expected, all of the test results looked good. The Water Department continues to supply Paxton customers with

high-quality, filtered water from the Worcester water filtration plant. This water was recently ranked the best in the State.

For more information about your water supply, visit the water filtration plant web site:

http://www.ci.worcester.ma.us/dpw/water_filtration/index.html

Finally, the Water Department began a comprehensive review of its water rates and billing procedures. Now that we have a year of experience with the new pumping station and the new meters have been installed, we can more accurately track water consumption, detect leaks, and budget resources. This has allowed the department to re-examine the current water rates, providing an opportunity to better serve our customers in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Runstrom, Co-Chairman

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

Permits issued for temporary and permanent electricity:

New Homes	23
New Commercial Building	1
Service Change	32
Security Systems	9
Wire Additions	16
Wire Oil Burner	4
Wire Sewer Pump	12
Wire Air Conditioner	2
Wire Dishwasher	2
Pools	5
TOTAL Inspections for FY99	106
TOTAL Revenue	\$3,170

Applications for wiring permits and fee schedules can be obtained at the Town Hall.

Your contractor must submit a copy of your electrician's license and a copy of your current certificate of insurance.

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 (508) 754-6136.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Lederer, Wiring Inspector

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1999

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Accounts		TOTALS
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Dept	
ASSETS						
Cash & Short Term Investments	3,334,656.57					3,334,656.57
Investments				420,949.60		420,949.60
Taxes Receivable - Real Estate, Liens, Personal Property	167,030.05					167,030.05
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	(23,515.53)					(23,515.53)
Taxes Receivable - Motor Vehicles All Years	19,912.10					19,912.10
Department Receivables - Water	32,361.95					32,361.95
- Paxton Light	117,088.54					117,088.54
Interfund Receivables		75,717.35	1,023,576.48	70,939.86		1,170,233.69
Amount To Be Provided For Long Term Debt					7,425,000.00	7,425,000.00
Due From Comm. of Massachusetts (Highway Loans)		145,519.00				145,519.00
TOTAL ASSETS	3,647,533.68	221,236.35	1,023,576.48	491,889.46	7,425,000.00	12,809,235.97
LIABILITIES						
Notes Payable - Short Term Water Meters	210,250.00					210,250.00
Warrants Payable - Encumbered Funds 99FY	128,957.84					128,957.84
Payroll Deductions	100.04					100.04
Other Liabilities	13,170.91			42,001.04		55,171.95
Interfund Payables	1,170,233.69					1,170,233.69
Deferred Revenues	312,877.11					312,877.11
Long Term Bonds & Notes Payable					7,425,000.00	7,425,000.00
Paxton Light Reserve For Meter Deposits	32,325.00					32,325.00
Temporary Highway Loans Due Bank		56,164.60				56,164.60
Tax Title	13,468.91					13,468.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,881,383.50	56,164.60	0.00	42,001.04	7,425,000.00	9,404,549.14
FUND BALANCES						
Reserved Trust Funds				396,953.88		396,953.88
Reserved Other		165,071.75				165,071.75
Reserved For Utility Operation, Depreciation & Construction	1,013,834.79					1,013,834.79
Continuing Appr. Designated for Future Years	115,553.85		1,023,576.48			1,139,130.33
Undesignated Fund Balance	636,761.54					636,761.54
Reserved For Stabilization				52,934.54		52,934.54
Reserved For Free Cash Tax Rate Reduction 2000F						0.00
Fund 2000F Budget						0.00
Reserved For Expenditures in Following Yrs. (Sp. Articles)						0.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,766,150.18	165,071.75	1,023,576.48	449,888.42	0.00	3,404,686.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	3,647,533.68	221,236.35	1,023,576.48	491,889.46	7,425,000.00	12,809,235.97

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

RECEIPTS

Taxes & Excises	4,547,072.97	V.E. Howland Investment Income	114.09
Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes	7,150,000.00	Cemetery Investment Income	10,085.77
Driveway Bonds Held	7,000.00	Hazel Gay School Fund	20.50
Water Department	410,670.29	E.D. Bigelow School Fund	52.00
Revolving Accounts:		Performance Bonds Interest	2,686.73
Fisheries & Wildlife	3,642.25	Encumbered Funds	1,054.53
Police Parking Tickets	31.00		
Police Private Duty	7,227.70	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,310,057.98
Police DARE	10,370.48	DISBURSEMENTS	
Police Grants/Gifts	16,100.00	Taxes & Excise Refunds	12,995.09
Upper Blackstone Water District	162.00	Encumbered Funds	86,177.68
Recreation	24,098.46	Worcester County Retirement System	81,891.30
Title V Septic Program	59,291.00	Tax Title	1,791.85
Cable TV	6,075.29	Notes Payable - Water Meters	210,250.00
State Aid	475,234.00	Bond Anticipation Notes	7,044,000.00
Deputy Collector fees	2,053.00	Revolving Accounts:	
Town Clerk fees	1,708.05	Title V Septic Program	37,847.31
Employee Withholdings	166,141.97	Fisheries & Wildlife	3,642.25
Highway Loans	215,325.49	Police Private Duty	6,647.00
Special Revenue Funds:		Police DARE	17,781.50
Recycling Grant	2,888.00	Police Grants/Gifts	11,698.00
Conservation	1,818.75	Upper Blackstone Waste District	282.00
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,501.00	Cable TV	2,097.26
Elder "Project We Care"	5,737.50	Recycling Composting Bins	625.00
Local Cultural Council	3,574.55	Recreation	20,954.44
Library State Aid	6,454.39	Special Revenue Funds:	
Spec. Art.: Radio Read Water Meters	210,250.00	Highway Loans	285,868.43
Capital Projects Funds:		Library State Aid	7,361.87
PCS Renovations & Addition	6,819.12	Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,501.00
Local Receipts:		Elder "Project We Care"	868.68
General Government Fees	111,230.31	Local Cultural Council	2,840.74
Police Court Fees & RMV Collect.	28,060.00	Conservation Wetland Protect. Fund	870.15
Cemetery Perpetual Care	6,600.00	Deputy Collector Fees	2,053.00
Collector/Treasurer Interest	174,367.91	Town Clerk Fees	1,708.05
Tax Title Interest	1,841.37	Driveway Bonds Refunded	13,000.00
Tax Title Offset Charges	270.66	Local Receipts Refunded	1,091.78
Motor Vehicle Excise Interest	2,907.48	Cemetery Perpetual Care	6,600.00
Real Estate & Personal Property	9,306.18	Employee Withholdings	166,091.93
Water Accounts	3,711.59	Paxton Light Department	2,164,930.12
Paxton Light Department Billings	2,397,407.60	PEL Meter Deposit Refunds	2,650.00
PEL Offset Expenses	136,756.58	Special Articles:	
PEL Liens	91.50	Flag Pole Article 2/98	2,300.00
PELSale of Scrap	453.54	Fire Rescue Truck Article 16/95	440.00
PEL Meter Deposits	7,650.00	Police Body Armor Article 4/99	7,909.00
PEL Interest	40,710.20	Police Article 7/98	4,980.00
Offset to Appropriations	24,485.99	Police Cruiser Article 6/98	24,860.00
Trust Funds:		Police Signage 3/95	1,000.00
Library Investment Income	6,946.19	Wentworth Pool Repairs Article	515.00

Street Lights Article 1/99	170.00		Transfers/	Expended
Recreation Fields Article 2/93	1,792.02		Receipts	
Recreation Parks Director Article 9/99	2,500.00	Animal Control Officer	5,912.23	5,912.23
Radio Read Water Meters 17/97	23,564.74	Forestry	900.00	900.00
Highway Drain Lines Article 8/98	7,021.47	Tree Warden	4,969.00	4,908.00
Highway Barn Doors Article 9/98	9,145.00	Communications Center	109,583.93	104,044.03
Dispatch Center Article 3/98	10,521.18	Department of Public Works	457,675.66	457,073.00
Town Hall Interior Paint Article 1/98	3,107.94	Streetlighting	18,960.00	18,960.00
Board of Health Hepatitis Shots 1/96	50.00	Refuse Collection/Recycling	175,000.00	172,108.02
Performance Bonds	67,982.62	Water Department	491,584.67	489,160.45
PCS Renovations & Addition	3,833,694.02	Board of Health	1,894.10	1,893.85
Worcester Water Pump Station	34,379.56	Sanitary Inspector	7,717.00	7,717.00
Trust Funds:		Inspector of Animals	400.00	400.00
V.E. Howland Int. Library Operation	108.20	Memorial Health Care	1,500.00	1,500.00
Library Investment Income	3,873.29	Council on Aging	31,601.42	30,095.78
Cemetery Investment Income	9,517.27	Veteran's Services	805.00	320.00
Med Center of Central MA	17,756.25	Library	101,965.71	101,965.71
Appropriations	5,557,989.55	Recreation	81,891.04	81,891.04
		Historical Commission	395.00	350.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$19,823,293.54	Celebrations	2,028.35	1,071.74
		Debt Service Principal & Int.	443,418.00	440,876.07
APPROPRIATIONS	Transfers/	Employee Retire & Health Ins.	209,311.34	181,413.00
	Receipts	Wachusett Reg. School District	2,846,835.00	2,829,587.64
Moderator	215.00	Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00
Selectboard	36,905.00			
Town Services Coordinator	35,019.00	TOTAL	\$5,902,485.22	\$5,806,641.13
Finance Board	1,145.00			
Town Accountant	21,546.00			
Assessors	36,510.50			
Town Treasurer	24,105.62			
Town Collector	28,369.93			
Legal	18,190.03			
Personnel Board	348.00			
Reg. Planning Assessment	750.00			
Town Clerk	8,955.00			
Elections	8,532.79			
Registrars	2,183.00			
Conservation Committee	1,600.00			
Planning Board	1,582.19			
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,150.00			
Public Property & Bldg. Maint.	25,597.21			
Insurance & Bonds	60,395.00			
Town Reports & Warrants	3,200.00			
Town Clock	360.00			
Police Department	391,777.00			
Fire Department	106,875.00			
Ambulance Service Contract	9,600.00			
First Responders	21,100.00			
Building Inspector	6,825.00			
Plumbing Inspector	2,177.50			
Electrical Inspector	3,024.00			
Civil Defense	100.00			

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	0.00	
Recommitted	3,681.89	
Refunded	14.90	
Collected		3,696.79
Outstanding June 30, 1999		0.00
	<u>\$3,696.79</u>	<u>\$3,696.79</u>

1997 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	5,272.12	
Committed	46.84	
Refunded	177.92	
Collected		1,665.45
Abated		3,831.43
Outstanding June 30, 1999		0.00
	<u>\$5,496.88</u>	<u>\$5,496.88</u>

1998 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	10,744.47	
Committed	56,593.60	
Refunded	3,563.66	
Collected		60,520.19
Abated		4,942.06
Outstanding June 30, 1999		5,439.48
	<u>\$70,901.73</u>	<u>\$70,901.73</u>

1999 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	348,798.31	
Refunded	2,023.82	
Collected		327,651.44
Abated		8,698.07
Outstanding June 30, 1999		14,472.62
	<u>\$350,822.13</u>	<u>\$350,822.13</u>

1999 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	7,809.51	
Collected		7,809.51
	<u>\$7,809.51</u>	<u>\$7,809.51</u>

1999 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	615.00	
Collected		615.00
	<u>\$615.00</u>	<u>\$615.00</u>

1996 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	72.29	
Collected		72.29
Outstanding June 30, 1999		0.00
	<u>\$72.29</u>	<u>\$72.29</u>

1997 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	1,162.17	
Collected		80.15
Abated		128.24
Outstanding June 30, 1999		953.78
	<u>\$1,162.17</u>	<u>\$1,162.17</u>

1998 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	2,618.14	
Collected		418.25
Abated		46.55
Outstanding June 30, 1999		2,153.34
	<u>\$2,618.14</u>	<u>\$2,618.14</u>

1999 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	70,203.60	
Refunded	37.68	
Collected		64,762.71
Abated		32.18
Outstanding June 30, 1999		5,446.39
	<u>\$70,241.28</u>	<u>\$70,241.28</u>

1997 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	860.59	
Collected		860.59
Outstanding June 30, 1999		0.00
	<u>\$860.59</u>	<u>\$860.59</u>

1998 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1998	45,779.68	
Collected		41,532.61
Tax Title		4,247.07
Outstanding June 30, 1999		0.00
	<u>\$45,779.68</u>	<u>\$45,779.68</u>

1999 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	4,127,107.85	
Refunded	7,177.11	
Collected		4,022,957.67
Abated		30,480.42
Deferred		1,221.41
Tax Title		10,257.25
Outstanding June 30, 1999		69,368.21
	<u>\$4,134,284.96</u>	<u>\$4,134,284.96</u>

1999 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Rcv'd - All Taxes	12,213.66
Interest Rcv'd - Collector's Acct.	3,669.13
Interest Rcv'd - Water Receipts	3,711.59
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	6,575.00
Parking Fees	31.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	3,670.00
Return Check Fees	75.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	682.00
Deputy Collector Fees	2,053.00

Water Department Receipts

Readings	382,432.14
Installation and Repairs	28,238.15

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne L. Savignac, Town Collector

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ~ Monday Evening 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Operating Cash		Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 1999		
			Non-Spendable	Spendable
Balance, July 1, 1998	6,860,887.22	Richards Memorial Library:		
Receipts for the Year	16,310,057.98	Trust (Book Value)	47,927.13	0.00
Payments for the Year	(19,836,288.63)	V. Howland Library Trust	10,000.00	0.00
Balance, June 30, 1999	\$3,334,656.57	Other Library Trusts	19,313.08	0.00
Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 1999		Cemetery Trusts	190,669.61	0.00
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	3,135,244.67	Village Improvements	1,000.00	2,057.63
NOW Accounts	(76,750.87)	C. D. Boyton Poor Fund	1,000.00	10,554.45
Money Market Accounts	228,135.86	C. D. Boyton Gen. Purpose	7,675.00	36,490.54
Agency Accounts	48,026.91	Stabilization	0.00	52,934.54
Total	\$3,334,656.57	Income from WWII War Bonds	0.00	4,311.34
Interest and Dividend Income		Conservation	0.00	29,197.13
Town Operating	170,698.78	Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00	0.00
Electric Depreciation	18,743.52	AT&T Library Stock		
Agency Accounts	4,983.66	(Book Value)	4,627.36	0.00
HVAC Contingency	25.87	Lucent Technology Library Stock		
Library State Aid	109.26	(Book Value)	1,798.64	0.00
Cemetery	10,385.77	Hazel Gay Fund	393.15	0.00
Library	7,060.28			
Tax Title	1,841.37			
Title V - Special Revenue	2,029.32			
Other	1,056.53			
Total	\$216,934.36			
		Total	\$285,403.97	\$135,545.63

OUTSTANDING DEBT - JUNE 30, 1999

	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Construction	2019	7,150,000.00	3,388,250.50	10,538,250.50
Rescue Truck	2005	90,000.00	16,537.50	106,537.50
School Roof Repair	2004	125,000.00	17,187.50	142,187.50
1994 Multi-Purpose	2000	60,000.00	1,593.50	61,593.50
TOTALS		\$7,425,000.00	\$3,423,569.00	\$10,848,569.00

The above debt figures do not include \$210,250 which was voted for borrowing at the May 5, 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE JULY 1, 1998	48,003.51
COMMITTED 1999F	16,033.06
TAX POSSESSIONS	1,221.76
COLLECTED	14,502.61
OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1999	48,312.20
	\$64,036.57
	\$64,036.57

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne L. Savignac, Treasurer

PAXTON PAYROLL**TOWN HALL**

Rosemary Buckley	2,937.06
Joanne Cabrera	26,601.97
Susan Carpenter	1,675.07
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Susan Corcoran	10,950.28
Wayne Curran	7,073.92
Francis Fanning	100.00
Cynthia Fernstrom	1,710.00
Francis Ford	150.00
Timothy Hackett	200.00
Dennis Harney	2,350.00
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	27,901.50
Doris Huard	312.44
David Jillette	1,536.00
Ronald Johnson	1,262.00
Raymond Kauppila	5,525.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Warren Lederer	2,724.00
John Lucey	1,262.00
Joseph Mikielian	643.00
Rita Palumbo	14,214.48
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	1,874.64
Scott Runstrom	150.00
Joanne Savignac - Treasurer	11,807.00
Joanne Savignac - Collector	21,927.00
Henry Stidsen, Jr.	1,692.30
James Stone, Jr.	11,857.64
Robert Thompson	187.50
David Trulson	187.50
B. Peter Warren	5,141.00
Alan Wentworth	90.00
Scott Wilson	6,503.37

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	22,045.40
Carolyn Brunelle	1,613.04
Arnold Childs, Jr.	1,735.20
Janet Porter	28,967.38
Jennifer Robideau	234.26
Karen Sonju	1,839.57
Susan Sonju	7,496.90
Emily Towle	1,922.17
Cathleen Verterame	6,854.10

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	50,871.45
David Ahlin	5,654.30
Brian Boulette	6,204.90

Robert DesRosiers	43,811.10
Kevin Drolet	38,969.93
Anthony Gigliotti	1,161.75
Todd Girouard	36,440.14
Kathleen Killoran	22,683.86
William Lang	34,029.66
Todd LaPorte	11,036.43
William Reilly	44,582.59
William Sampson	4,774.60
Mark Savasta	40,998.92
Patrick Smith	3,911.85

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Dzik	2,634.30
George Johnson	41,051.13
Adam Knipe	486.42
Samuel Knipe	32,599.68
Paul Palumbo	48,629.54
Rita Palumbo	9,124.23
Charles Pingitore	34,177.52
Michael Putnam	38,157.60
Shaun Quirk	2,674.80
Gary Richards	32,548.32
Steven Urbanovitch	33,517.08

COUNCIL ON AGING

Edith Bishop	3,698.04
Robert Callahan	5,702.32
Gino Gangai	64.02
Stanley Miller	282.56
Frank Nieber	4,076.62
Rosemary Warren	10,074.81

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	50.00
Susan Blackwood	15,680.00
Warren Bock	150.00
Diane Dillman	48,988.84
Donna Jenkins	72.00
Elizabeth Jenkins	954.00
Richard Johnson	48,446.24
Ralph Kimball, Jr.	200.00
Yvette Orel	28,863.10
Thomas Savage, Sr.	200.00
Matthew Stone	29,231.12
Harold Smith	27,363.04
Gordon Szczepanek	49,180.08
Joseph Thompson	44,262.52

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Ryan Ahern	543.00
Carrie Aitken	1,961.00
Kerry Barry	774.63
Erin Blanchard	588.00

Faye Blanchard	1,602.25	Samantha Cummings	3,987.90
Joshua Bock	24.00	Kenneth Grensavitch	4,086.64
Jessica Cabrera	594.00	Amy Gross	17,301.90
Nicole Capite	241.50	Rebecca Latino	1,899.49
Erik Carlson	485.63	Benjamin Massouh	719.15
John Carlson	426.65	Sarah Mello	24,855.95
Lia Carroll	833.00	Sean Miller	1,628.42
Janelle Chiavaroli	619.50	Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	3,988.34
Derek Cutting	603.76	Kyle Przystas	263.48
Sarah Dado	1,269.50	Kelly Robinson	6,141.68
William Dado	9,068.30	Matthew Saunders	23,112.45
James Deprez	666.00	Thomas Savage, Jr.	2,101.89
Julie Deprez	475.25	Steven Smith	345.33
Richard Freniere	678.00	Mark Spencer	62.96
Joyce Gamache	4,091.91	Natalie Tarkianen	1,738.55
Francis Henderson, III	847.50	FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Sara Howard	660.00	Rodolfo Acuna	2,244.62
Jeremy Johnson	509.25	Michael Benoit	4,406.79
Kristen Kennen	955.50	Brian Cheney	2,368.22
Kathryn Killelea	585.38	Jason Clarke	1,709.55
Megan Knipe	664.13	Jay Conte	9,601.34
James Kusz	642.00	Thomas Cunningham	4,650.65
Patrick LaChance	606.00	Thomas Ducharme	1,331.89
Chester Lamer III	2,320.50	Brian Faucher	225.40
Andrew Layte	556.51	Richard Gaffney	3,869.61
Rebecca Layte	546.00	Michael Goyette	893.74
Katherine MacKirdy	372.00	Kenneth Grensavitch	2,525.36
Ann Masterman	984.88	James Hansson	1,288.61
Erin McCracken	551.25	Richard Jenkins	8,396.78
Lindsay McCracken	540.76	Brian Killelea	40.08
Jean McIntyre	1,146.00	Robert Martin	802.25
Kathleen McKay	609.00	Glenn McGillicuddy	344.52
Stephanie McSherry	552.00	Michael Mercadante	128.52
Mary Norton	637.88	Patrick Mullaney	554.92
David Parent	504.00	Brian Murphy	9,971.00
Kevin Quirk	535.51	James Olson	1,297.81
Christine Reilly	1,666.00	Timothy Pierce	985.06
Meaghan Reynolds	572.25	Bryan Palumbo	1,474.46
Katherine Reynolds	974.50	Charles Pingitore	86.40
Peter Sage	559.13	Michael Pingitore	1,409.32
Michelle Salek	2,831.25	Michael Putnam	1,598.67
Kelly Savage	512.89	Kevin Quinn	2,368.30
Marie Savignac	530.26	Gary Richards	2,003.71
Mary Ann Stoica	543.38	Patrick Robinson	1,081.04
Beth Sullivan	540.75	Michael Rowe, Jr.	1,199.77
Pamela Sullivan	485.65	Thomas Savage, Jr.	3,612.10
Michael Ungerer	540.75	Raymond Savignac	1,721.74
Rachel Warren	609.00	Richard Sears	1,602.98
Sarah Weagle	556.51	Orville Sheldon	2,949.34
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER		Matthew Stone	819.86
Richard Appley	5,639.16	Douglas Warren	130.26
Suzanne Bassett	409.04	Peter Warren	1,328.83
Donald Brickman	687.44		

TABLE 1
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES:	FY99	% INC.	FY98	% INC.	FY97
Appropriations to be raised	\$5,526,408.00		\$5,146,548.00		\$4,878,505.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$296,294.00		\$194,848.00		\$139,686.00
Offset Items	\$6,135.00		\$6,198.00		\$6,242.00
Retirement	\$113,266.00		\$100,542.00		\$94,929.00
State Tax & Assessments	\$34,582.00		\$35,042.00		\$38,416.00
Tax Title	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00
Overlay	\$35,073.18		\$44,560.07		\$94,718.50
Deficits Prior Years	\$72.29		\$0.00		\$5,984.52
Final Court Judgements	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Gross Amount to Be Raised	\$6,016,830.47	8.7%	\$5,532,738.07	5.2%	\$5,260,481.02

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$482,232.00		\$430,573.00		\$383,225.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$395,000.00		\$372,000.00		\$346,000.00
Water Department	\$381,000.00		\$250,000.00		\$152,000.00
Other Local Receipts	\$265,844.00		\$207,300.00		\$222,000.00
Available Funds - Revenue Sharing	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$293,184.00		\$293,322.00		\$414,686.00
Available Funds - Other	\$3,110.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$1,820,370.00	17.2%	\$1,553,195.00	2.3%	\$1,517,911.00

Net Amount to Be Raised	\$4,196,460.47	5.5%	\$3,979,543.07	6.3%	\$3,742,570.02
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$4,408,748.00	10.7%	\$3,981,832.00	4.3%	\$3,819,226.00

VALUATIONS:					
Real Estate	\$230,371,900.00		\$226,762,000.00		\$230,134,700.00
Personal Property	\$3,870,371.00		\$4,022,718.00		\$3,316,207.00
Total Taxable Property	\$234,242,271.00	1.5%	\$230,784,718.00	-1.1%	\$233,450,907.00

TAX RATES:					
Residential	\$17.95	3.9%	\$17.28	7.3%	\$16.10
Open Space	\$16.15		\$15.55		\$12.88
Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property	\$17.92		\$17.24		\$16.03

TABLE II
EXEMPTIONS, ABATEMENTS, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	FY98	FY99	FY97	FY96
EXEMPTIONS:	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	0.00	0	0.00
Clause 17: Widows	7	1,225.00	8	1,400.00
Caluse 22: Veterans	40	10,000.00	39	9,750.00
Clause 37: Blind	5	2,187.50	6	2,625.00
Clause 41: Elderly	15	7,500.00	15	7,500.00
Clause 41A Defered Taxes	1	1,221.41	1	1,157.15
Clause 42	1	4,559.30	1	4,216.32
Total	69	\$26,693.21	70	\$26,648.47

ABATEMENTS:				
Real Estate	7	5,008.62	12	3,487.12
Personal Property	4	279.26	1	11.81
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	230	17,993.85	314	21,433.61
Total	241	\$23,281.73	327	\$24,932.54

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:				
Bills Processed	4115	\$409,093.14	4200	\$405,457.78
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$391,099.29		\$384,024.17

TABLE III
PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

	FY99	FY98	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	%
Residential	218,043,300.00	214,544,300.00	\$3,499,000.00	1.6%
Open Space	4,351,600.00	4,596,000.00	(\$244,400.00)	-5.3%
Commercial	5,475,400.00	5,279,900.00	\$195,500.00	3.7%
Industrial	2,501,600.00	2,341,800.00	\$159,800.00	6.8%
Personal Property	3,870,371.00	4,022,718.00	(\$152,347.00)	-3.8%
Total Taxable Property	\$234,242,271.00	\$230,784,718.00	\$3,457,553.00	1.5%
Exempt Property	\$27,641,400.00	\$28,159,200.00	(\$517,800.00)	-1.8%
Total Valuation	\$261,883,671.00	\$258,943,918.00	\$2,939,753.00	1.1%