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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **TOWN OF PAXTON**



Year Ending June 30, 2000



IN MEMORIAM

*Ralph Butland*

*Francis Eident*

*William Fulginiti*

*Paul Tionan*

WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

*Barbara Berka*

*Kevin Drolet*

*Edward Duane*

*Sheila Estabrook*

*Laurie Gardner*

*Anthony Gigliotti*

*Todd Girouard*

*Melinda Johnson*

*John Lucey*

*Glenn McGillicuddy*

*Sarah Mello*

*Patrick O'Donoghue*

*Harold Slovin*

*Denise Sosnoff*

*Naney Stangle*

# TOWN OFFICERS

## May 1999 - May 2000

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### Selectboard

Richard G. Bedard, Clerk	2003
David F. Jillette, Vice Chair	2002
Ronald E. Johnson, Chair	2001

#### Town Clerk

June T. Herron	2003
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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

Rosemary S. Warren	2003
Jeffrey A. Wentzell	2002

#### Municipal Light Board

Michael J. Benoit, Chair	2002
Thomas Savage, Sr.	2001
Michael S. Zalansky, Vice Chair	2003

#### Assessors

Doris E. Huard	2002
Robert E. Paulsen, Jr.	2001
James R. Stone Jr., Chair	2003

#### Water Board

Scott Runstrom, Co-Chair	2001
John F. Malone	2002
David J. Trulson, Co-Chair	2003
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Scott Runstrom	

#### Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll	2003
Judy A. Hatstat	2002
David Parent, Chairman	2001

#### Planning Board

Christian S. Baehrecke, Chair	2005
Neil Bagdis	2002
David Bennett	2001
Zarvin Kasparian	2003
Gordon J. Szczepanek, Vice Chair	2004

#### Library Trustees

Joan Bedard, Chair	2001
Charles L. Innis Jr.	2001
Scott A. Martin	2003
John F. McDonald	2002

Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	2002
Dennis M. Osborn	2003

#### Recreation Commission

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

#### Cemetery Commission

Edwin L. Hammerberg	2001
Yvonne B. Karle, Chair	2002
Richard H. Sears	2003

### APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

#### Secretary to Selectboard, Disability Coordinator & Procurement Officer

Rita E. Palumbo
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#### Town Services Coordinator

Nancy Wilby
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#### Town Accountant

June T. Herron	2002
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#### Board of Appeals

Robert Callahan, ALT	2003
Richard Dowd, ALT	2001
Frederick Goodrich	2002
Richard Grensavitch	2003
John Hurley	2001
Allen Rubin, Chair	2003
Kathleen Sears, Vice Chair	2001

#### Superintendent DPW

Paul H. Palumbo
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#### Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett
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#### Veteran's Grave Officer

Timothy Hackett
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#### Inspector of Wires

Warren P. Lederer
Patrick Fanning, Asst.

#### Building Commissioner

Richard Trifero
Harry Johnson, Local Inspector

#### Worcester County Advisory Board

Ronald E. Johnson
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#### Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Patrick V. Smith
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#### Board of Registrars

Annette Aubertin	2003
Ella Beach	2002
Jean McIntyre	2001

**Town Counsel**

Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

**Sexual Harassment Officers**

Stephen Carey

Ann Marie Stoica, Alternate

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

Robert Brunelle

Gino V. Gangai

**Care of Clock**

Alan M. Wentworth

**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**

Hans C. Carlson, Patrolman

Robert B. DesRosiers, Sergeant

Mark J. Chase, Patrolman

William F. Lang, Patrolman

Todd Laporte, Patrolman

William P. Reilly, Patrolman

Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman

**Part Time Officers**

David S. Ahlin

William Beaudry

Brian J. Boulette

David Keller

William P. Sampson

Mary Stone

**Conservation Commission**

Ingeborg Baehrecke 2001

Susan Barry 2001

Robert Bertin, Vice Chair 2002

Matthew Erskine, Associate 2002

Carol Harris 2003

Ansley S. Siter, Associate 2001

Janice Stewart, Associate 2003

Robert Stewart, Chair 2003

Rebecca Sullivan 2002

**Group Insurance Advisory Committee**

Robert DesRosiers

Diane Dillman

Paul Palumbo

Janet Porter

Diane Rucci

Joanne Savignac

Harold Smith

**Agents for License Commission**

Michael Ahearn

Thomas Cunnigham

**Central Mass Regional Planning**

Christian S. Baehrecke

Neil Bagdis, Alternate

**Designer Selection Committee**

Paul (Peter) Belsito

Rita Palumbo

Charles Scholl

Richard Trifero

Michael Ahearn, Ex-officio

Richard Bedard, Ex-officio

Brian Murphy, Ex-officio

Paul Palumbo, Ex-officio

Rosemary Warren, Ex-officio

**Personnel Advisory Board**

Stephen Carey

Edwin L. Hammerberg

June T. Herron

Lisa Hugo, Co-Chair

Ann Marie Stoica

Paul Sullivan

Robert Wilby, Co-Chair

**Communications Board**

Charles Bolster

Robert DesRosiers, Chair

Diane Dillman

Brian Murphy

Paul H. Palumbo

**Council On Aging**

Janice Ahearn 2002

Mary Bobola 2002

Ann Cunningham 2003

Gertrude Grenon 2001

Doris E. Huard 2003

Jean McIntyre, Chair 2003

Reuben O'Janne 2001

Susan Serrato 2001

Harold Smith 2002

**Historical Commission**

Susan Coomey 2001

Edward Duane, Associate 2000

Jason Fanning, Chair 2002

Laurie A. Gardner 2000

Francis Henderson, Associate 2001

Donna MacLean 2002

Denis Melican 2002

Christine Reilly 2001

**Cultural Council**

Martha Akstin, 2003



Susan Bassick	2003
Geraldine Graham	2002
Linda Howard	2002
Joanne Kee	2003
Joanne Langer, Chair	2002
Michele Nelson	2003
Jean Urbanowski	2002

**Cable Advisory Board**

Daniel Chen, Co-Chair	2003
Daniel Germain	2002
Deborah Magnuson	2003
Edward McTigue	2001
Nicholas Powlovich	2001
Scott A. Wilson, Co-Chair	2001

**Housing Partnership Committee**

Virginia Kimball  
Rita Palumbo  
Kathleen Sears, Chair  
James Stone  
Rosemary Warren  
Doris Huard, Associate  
Melinda Johnson, Associate  
Kevin Killelea, Associate  
Paul Robinson, Associate  
Gordon Szczepanek, Associate

**Anna Maria Scholarship Committee**

Richard G. Bedard  
Debra M. Henderson, Chair  
Melinda A. Johnson

**Paxton Center School Building Committee**

John Anderson  
Paul [Peter] Belsito  
Robin Carroll  
Thomas Cunningham  
Julie Jacobson  
Caroline Ely  
Kevin Quinn, Chairman

**Election Officers**

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

**Safety Committee**

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

**Planning Board Ad Hoc Committee** (Appointed by Board of Selectmen)

Barbara Berka (Conservation)  
Doris Huard (Assessors)  
John Lucey (Selectmen)  
David Parent (Board of Health)  
Michael Putnam (DPW)  
Kathleen Sears (Board of Appeals)  
Richard Trifero (Building Commissioner)  
Peter Dawson (Legal Counsel)  
William Scanlan (Advisor - CMRPC)

**Worcester Airport Access Road Study Committee**  
(Representatives)

Robert Hogan  
Howard Moore  
Allen Rubin

**Public Safety Building Study Committee**

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

**White Building Study Committee**

Christian Baehrecke  
Drew Howard  
Julie Jacobson  
Christine Reilly  
Rosemary Warren

**Sewer Study Committee**

Arthur Croteau  
Dennis Gorman, Chair  
Rodney Jenkins  
Henry Stidsen

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

Lucille DiLeo, Chair	2001
Christian deMarcken	2001
Louise Erskine	2003
Robert Jacobson	2003
James Lang	2002
Evelyn Lawler	2002
Eugene A. O'Rourke	2002
Pamela Sagarian	2001
Peter Schur	2003

**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**

Central Mass Disposal  
13 Hardscrabble Road  
Auburn, MA 01501

**Recycling Study Committee**

Carol Clark  
Denis Crowley  
Diane Dillman  
George Friedman  
Robert Herron, Chair

**APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

**Firefighters**

Rodolfo Acuna  
Michael Benoit, Lieut.  
Brian Cheney  
Jason Clarke  
Jay Conte, Lieut.  
Thomas Ducharme  
Brian Faucher  
Richard Gaffney  
Joseph Germain  
Michael Goyette  
Kenneth Grensavitich  
James Hansson  
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief  
Brian Killelea  
Eric Locke  
Robert Martin  
Glenn McGillicuddy  
Michael Mercadante  
Patrick Mullaney  
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, Lieut., EMT  
Jason Clark  
Jay Conte, Lieut., EMT  
Thomas Ducharme  
Richard Gaffney, Lieut.  
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief  
Brian Murphy, Chief  
James Olson  
Timothy Pierce, EMT-Paramedic  
Michael Pingitore, EMT  
Kevin Quinn  
Patrick Robinson  
Thomas Savage, Jr., EMT  
Raymond Savignac

**Fire Inspector**

Thomas J. Cunningham

**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 Bylaw. (Annual Town Meeting 02/07/38)



**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
VITAL STATISTICS  
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000**

**BIRTHS**

**1999**

**JULY**

- 6 Rachael Clair, daughter to Pierre Bernard Farley and Jennifer Ann Smith, 443 Marshall Street
- 13 Anthony James, son to James Kevin White and Julie Joan Ruksnaitis, 29 South Street
- 25 Kailen Lynn, daughter to Joseph Thomas Comeau and Susan Lynn Shays, 5 Bel Arbor Drive

**AUGUST**

- 3 Raina, daughter to Dimitrios Goritsas and Effie Anifantis, 20 Pleasant Street
- 4 Elise Maura, daughter to Eldon Dexter Pond III and Martha Anne Looney, 418 Grove Street
- 11 Elizabeth Laura, daughter to Trent Edward Smith and Laura Beth Smaltz, 29 Nanigian Road
- 24 Jessica Rose, daughter to John Aloysius Bowe and Maureen Ann Rose, 21 Red Oak Street
- 30 Geordan Russell, son to Russell George Haddad and Lee-Ann Stefan Berthiaume, 6 Briarcliff Lane

**SEPTEMBER**

- 16 Clare Marie, daughter to Christopher Yoe Williams, Sr. and Janice Rene Muise, 899 Pleasant Street
- 21 Megan Rose, daughter to Stephen Richard Smith and Natalie Dawn Hackett, 24 Forestdale Road
- 21 Christopher Fernando, son to Carlos Bolivar Villamarin, Jr. and Mary Lilian Recalde, 14 Lincoln Circle

**NOVEMBER**

- 23 Sara Ann, daughter to William Patrick Shea and Cynthia Nash, 927 Pleasant Street
- 23 Sarah Nicole, daughter to Matthew Lee Berryman and Deborah Jeanne Mitchell, 310 Pleasant Street

**DECEMBER**

- 3 Jasmine Alexandra, daughter to Grahame Richard Hart and Victoria Wright, 281 Grove Street
- 10 Kelly Lee, daughter to Christopher Jon Chianese and Susan Patricia Sabatalo, 77 Grove Street
- 20 Sierra Alexis, daughter to Richard Scott Wolfe and Kimberly Sue Hull, 15 Maple Street
- 27 Edward Joseph, son to Edward Joseph Beauregard and Marie Elaine Maglione, 5 Hill Street

**2000**

**JANUARY**

- 4 Katherine Emily, daughter to Dennis John Vanasse and Kerri Ann Girouard, 810 Pleasant Street
- 11 Connor Francis, son to Mark David Bisnette and Erin Patricia Mulcahy, 86 Richards Avenue
- 28 Isabel Christine, daughter to Andrew James Jacobsen and Stacey Lynn Jacobsen, 79 Laurel Street

**FEBRUARY**

- 15 Anthony Burke, son to Cornelius Shea and Deirdre Marie D'Arcy, 10 Red Oak Street

- 25 Alexandra Maryn, daughter to Jeffrey Alan Rocha and Diane Carol Tinney, 3 Squantum Road

**MARCH**

- 6 Amanda Rose, daughter to Thomas Jerry Smith, Jr. and Audra Rachel Kodes, 1 Squantum Road
- 19 Matthew Robert, son James Smith Hansson and Kara Ann Demarski, 11 Suomi Street

**APRIL**

- 4 Hannah Marie, daughter to John Thomas Sedares and Patricia Marie Doku, 10 Pierce Circle
- 27 Dylan Kersey, daughter to Kenneth Douglas Moore and Joni Marie Cogswell, 13 Pond Street

**JUNE**

- 16 Thomas Russell, son to Michael Arthur Smith and Shannon Talley Morrison, 5 Colony Lane
- 21 Jared Eric, son to Eric Thomas Locke and Amy Louise Bernier, 266 Pleasant Street
- 25 Alison Marie, daughter to David Edward Roy and Elaina Marie Loiacano, 71 Streeter Road

**MARRIAGES**

**1999**

**JULY**

- 24 Daniel J. Fenner of Paxton to Jennifer Jan Hammerberg of Paxton
- 31 Mark A. Lemerise of Spencer to Donna M. Aucoin of Spencer

**AUGUST**

- 7 William J. Beaudry of Paxton to Shari L. Iverson of Paxton
- 28 Philip John Ayvasian of Paxton to Marisa Sue Macey of Paxton
- 28 Seth-Thomas Aitken of Pass Christian, MS to Jennifer Brown Seale of Paxton

**SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Martin Robert Bedard of Plano, TX to Caren Marie Burt of Plano, TX
- 9 Alexander Strachan of Paxton to Carol Jean Bacon of Paxton
- 11 Jeffrey Michael Tasca of Paxton to Roberley E. Haman of Paxton
- 11 Steven Robert Stewart of Paxton to Lynne Christine Wilson of Paxton

**OCTOBER**

- 16 Mark Joseph Leveillee of Leominster to Robyn Mary Goodrich of Leominster

**2000**

**MARCH**

- 4 David Dibiasio of Worcester to Natalie Ann Mello of Paxton

**MAY**

- 27 Todd Michael Laporte of Paxton to Christina Morales of Paxton

**JUNE**

- 5 Robert M. Marini of Sterling to Kimberly A. Hanlan of Paxton

- 9 Scott Albert Boucher of Rutland to Ayumi Yoshida of Rutland  
 24 Robert Schalze Lamotte, Jr. of Paxton to Joyce Dian Waskiewicz of Paxton

### DEATHS

JULY	1999	
6	Kent T. Robinson, 32 Lincoln Circle	80
8	Wilson E. Ahlin, 9 Briarcliff Lane	80
21	Marion L. Sheary, 8 Orchard Drive	96
AUGUST		
6	Ralph M. Raymond, 1 Monticello Drive	77
8	Lilla C. Sponberg, 69 West Street	80
30	Mary Fulginiti, 15 Indian Hill Road	66
OCTOBER		
16	Robert S. Roach, 584 Pleasant Street, Worcester	22
23	Victor P. Thamel, 27 Mower Street	88
26	Ralph B. Butland, 1 Birch Street	76
26	Mae Irene Marnalse, 25 Holden Road	75
NOVEMBER		
4	Kelly Ann Lacroix, 6 Keep Avenue	35
16	Clifford Darryl Morgan, 448 Grove Street	38
28	Steven R. Fulginiti, 15 Indian Hill Road	41
DECEMBER		
7	Shirley M. Warms, 27 Camp Street	64
27	Russell E. Anderson, 10 Whitney Drive	88
28	Anne Granger, 4 Meadowbrook Drive	81
JANUARY 2000		
30	Ceil Bell, 42 Crowningshield Drive	90
FEBRUARY		
4	John D. Carroll, 182 Pleasant Street	77
9	Linda S. Wylie, 4 Rollingridge Lane	44
18	Anita Benoit, 24 Monticello Drive	93
MARCH		
4	Francis P. Eident, 11 Forestdale Road	66
10	Alexandra Maryn Rocha, 3 Squantum Road	15 days
13	Harold W. Slovin, 46 Camp Street	80
APRIL		
7	Paul X. Tivnan, 15 Highland Street	84
MAY		
12	Margaret A. Dunn, 9 Crestwood Road	88

### DOG LICENSES ISSUED

July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

Male/Female	100
Neutered/Spayed	440
Total	540
Kennel License	4
Paid to General Fund	\$3,138.00

### HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

Number of Licenses Issued	174
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$4,205.75

## 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 of Anna Maria College on July 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. WITH 497 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY POSTED.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to support the request of Neil Kauppila that the zoning of 670 Pleasant Street, Paxton, Massachusetts be changed from Residential A to Business and the Selectboard, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 10, call a Special Town Meeting to vote on said zone change; or to act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Owner Request

Finance Committee recommends approval..

Board of Selectmen recommends disapproval.

2/3 NEEDED. YES: 322; NO: 148 MOTION CARRIED.

TOTAL VOTES CAST 470.  
THIS VOTE WAS CONDUCTED BY YES/NO BALLOTS AS REQUESTED BY VOTERS.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Village Improvement Trust Fund, the sum of \$400.00, or any other sum, for the cost of printing and mailing a sewer survey by the Sewer Study Committee; or to act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,498.00 to pay the net principal and interest due on the bonding for Paxton Center School and the Paxton Water Pumping Station, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by:

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, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.



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

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of June, 1999.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

### TOWN WARRANT

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Zecco Center for Performing Arts, Anna Maria College on Monday, the twentieth of December 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.  
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT [52 VOTERS] AND THE WARRANT DULY POSTED.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following easements for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right-of-way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements of the Roadway Reclamation and Reconstruction of Grove Street Project in the Town of Paxton. Copies of the plans showing the easement areas are on file in the Board of Selectmen's office.

- Permanent Easement; Map 19/Lot 73 - 14 Grove Street [22 sq.ft.] Kenneth A. & Patricia A. Cutting, owners
- Permanent Easement; Map 18/Lot 64 - 145 Grove Street (499 sq.ft.) Lisa L. Hugo, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 19/Lot 64 - 504 Grove Street [263 sq.ft.] William Mulcahy, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 19/Lot 69 - 12 Grove Street [19 sq.ft.] Kimberly A. Plourde, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 18/Lot 66A - Grove Street [993 sq.ft.] Town of Leicester, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 18/Lot 66A - Grove Street [773 sq.ft.] Town of Leicester, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 17/Lot 22 - Grove Street [57 sq.ft.] The Sisters of St. Ann, owner

- Permanent Easement; Map 17/Lot 22A - Grove Street [91 sq.ft.] Sister of St. Anne of Marlboro, owner
- Permanent Easement; Map 18/Lot 109 - 217 Grove Street [1123 sq.ft.] Joseph & Helene Cancelmo, owners

Further, that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels through all legal means, including donations, purchase or eminent domain. Further, to use Chapter 90 funds to defray any associated right-of way expenses with this project, or take any action thereon.

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

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO MOVE (1) THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE PERMANENT AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A SECURE AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN GROVE STREET, SUCH EASEMENTS SHALL ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS REGARDING THE ROADWAY RECLAMATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF GROVE STREET; (2) THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY ACQUIRE SUCH EASEMENTS THROUGH ALL LEGAL MEANS AND THAT THE COST OF THE SAME BE DEFRAYED THROUGH THE USE OF CHAPTER 90 MONIES; AND (3) THAT THE EASEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED ARE AS SET FORTH IN WARRANT ARTICLE NO. 1 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR MAP 18, LOT 109 AT 217 GROVE STREET CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1123 SQUARE FEET ON LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOSEPH AND HELENE CANCELMO.

2/3'S NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$47,839.16, 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 53 of the Acts of 1999, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1999; or act in any way thereon.

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

2/3's NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR AS PRINTED.

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 Town By-Laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this first day of December 1999.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Paxton Center School, 19 West Street, Paxton on Saturday, the eighth of April 2000, at 1:30 P.M. in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following article:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:40 P.M. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT [285 REGISTERED VOTERS] AND WARRANT DULY POSTED.

Article 1. To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$1,560,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District to acquire by purchase a parcel of land which shall be used as an additional site for a high school facility and for architectural, engineering and other planning costs related to the remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs and/or additions to the Wachusett Regional High School or related to the construction of a new high school facility, and incurring debt by the issuance of bonds and notes under Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16, 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 and to act or do anything relative thereto; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Reg. School District Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.

THE COMMITTEE EXERCISED ITS OPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 15.3 OF THE AMENDED REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT TO HAVE THE BORROWING APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE

DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITH THE VOTE COUNT BY PRINTED YES/NO BALLOT.

MOTION PASSED - YES: 239 NO: 46

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 Town By-Laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March, 2000.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:50 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on May 1, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following easement for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right-of-way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements of the Roadway Reclamation and Reconstruction of Grove Street Project in the Town of Paxton. A copy of the plan showing the easement area is on file in the Board of Selectmen's office.

- Permanent Easement; Map 18/Lot 109 - 211 Grove Street, James Leland owner

Further, that the Selectmen may acquire this parcel through all legal means, including donation, purchase or eminent domain. Further, to use Chapter 90 funds to defray any associated right-of-way expenses with this project, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen  
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.



Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize line item transfers within the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget for the Assessors Department to pay outstanding bills for the Fiscal Year 2000 as follows:

- \$6,322.70 from Account #141-5102A Assistant Administrative Assessor Account to #141-5209 Valuation Update.
- \$2,000.00 from account #141-5102B Assistant Administrative Assessor Account to #141-5209 Valuation Update; or to act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Assessors

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR TO MAKE ABOVE TRANSFER WITHIN THE ASSESSORS BUDGET.

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 Town Bylaws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twelfth day of April 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

#### TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on May 1, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY POSTED. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING: THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, RICHARD BEDARD, ROBERT PAULSEN, GEORGE McGOVERN. 120 VOTERS SIGNED IN. MEETING RECESSED AT 7:05 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 7:11 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, 2000, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon. (Original Grand Total: \$6,700,744.).

Amendments:

Highway #14421-5103	Total \$249,707.
Waste Collection #14433-5700	Total \$200,000.
Recreation #16630-5102A	Total \$26,000.

GRAND TOTAL \$6,682,944.

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR AS AMENDED. \$6,536,556 FROM TAX LEVY; \$146,388 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH".

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500.00 or any other sum, for the Paxton Cultural Council and apply for an award from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Program; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Cultural Council

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$500.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$47,839.16; or any other sum, for the construction of Town roads, the improvement of Town roads, preliminary engineering including State-Aid/Consultant Design Agreements, right-of-way acquisition and for such other purposes as the Department may specifically authorize as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999 in compliance with Chapter 149, Section 44J and 26-27F; as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval by borrowing.

2/3's NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$47,839.16.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Watershed Protection Zone Bylaw; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend to take no action.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,317.00 or any other sum to purchase a storage shed [10'x16']; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Police Department

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.  
MOTION CARRIED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH" IN THE SUM OF \$1,317.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$28,435.00, or any other sum to purchase a new equipped cruiser to replace a 1995 vehicle; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Police Department

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$28,435.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$10,680.00 or any other sum to perform repairs to the Police Station located at 10 West Street, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Police Department

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.  
AMENDED AMOUNT \$7,885. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$7,885.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2001 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for the fiscal year 2001 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2000; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.] *Balances in accounts as of March 28, 2000.*

WPAT Title V Betterments	135,311.19
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Interest	29,452.32
Library State Aid	4,207.73
Special Library Aid	12,634.53
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	10,528.03
MA Arts Council	6296.55
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	1,392.90
Council On Aging, Service Incentive Grant	91.93
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	14,486.06
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	24.80
Recycling Grant	4,437.74
Town Clerk Fees	0.00
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	-433.81
Historical Commission Revolving Account	800.62
Charter Communications Cable TV	21,795.03
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	-3,272.49
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	16,640.72
Police Grants & Gifts	14,688.55
Police Parking Tickets	298.00
Comm. of MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	0.00

Article sponsored by Accountant

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR AS WRITTEN.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1 entitled Members of the Regional District School Committee of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as approved by the Regional District School Committee on March 13, 2000.

The amendment provides for weighted voting for members of the Regional District School Committee to comply with the doctrine of one person/one vote. The amendment provides for a constant committee of twenty (20) members and maintains the existing allocation of committee membership per town with the membership voting on a weighted basis. The amendment also provides for annual review of population changes with adjustments in the weighted vote of the member towns.

A copy of the amendment is on file with the office of the Town Clerk.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Article 10. 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 in favor.  
2/3'S NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Article 11. 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 recommends approval. Board of Selectmen recommends disapproval.

MAJORITY NEEDED. MOTION FAILED.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$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.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$55,200.00 or any other sum, to upgrade the twenty-six (26) self-contained breathing apparatus units and Personal Distress Alarms for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Fire Department

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.

2/3'S NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$55,200.

Article 14. 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 in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$50,000.

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

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 nineteenth day of April 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Lucey, Chairman

Ronald E. Johnson, Vice Chairman

David F. Jillette, Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June T. Herron, Town 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 eighth day of May, 2000

from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

Selectboard	Three Years	Richard Bedard
Town Clerk	Three Years	June T. Herron
Wachusett Regional	Three Years	Rosemary S.
School District		Warren
Committee		
Municipal Light	Three Years	Michael S. Zalansky
Board		
Assessor	Three Years	James R. Stone, Jr.
Water Board	Three Years	David L. Trulson
Board of Health	Three Years	Thomas B. Carroll
Planning Board	Five Years	Christian Baehrecke
Library Trustee	Three Years	Dennis M. Osborn
Library Trustee	Three Years	Scott A. Martin
Recreation	Three Years	Kenneth Wagoner
Commission		
Cemetery	Three Years	Richard H. Sears
Commission		

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 tenth day of April 2000.

John E. Lucey, Chairman

Ronald E. Johnson, Vice Chairman

David F. Jillette, Clerk

POLLS OPENED AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLOSED AT 8:00 P.M.  
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 420

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$1,560,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District to acquire by purchase a parcel of land which shall be used as an additional site for a high school facility and for architectural, engineering and other planning costs related to the construction of a new high school facility, and incurring debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, MGL Chapter 71, Section 16, 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 and to act or do anything relative thereto.

DATE AND TIME OF ELECTION:

JUNE 7, 2000 12:00 NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION OF ELECTION MEETINGS:

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL

GIVEN under our hands this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul R. Anderson	Lorraine Neilan
Mary Copeland	John Nunnari
Kenneth R. Fensin	Elizabeth Pape
Sherry A. Horeanopoulos	Steven Penka
Paul James	David Pierce
Lisa A. Jenkins	Norman J. Plourde
Melinda A. Johnson	Susan H. Sullivan
Sarah Jordan (not signed)	Cheryl A. Tausky-Hollocher
Duncan G. Leith	David Utter (not signed)
Kelly J. Maxwell	Jeffrey Wentzell

CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY THEREOF

POLLS OPENED AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSED AT 8:00 P.M.

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 940

YES: 695 NO: 242 BLANKS: 3

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

SPECIAL 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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to voted in Town Elections, to vote at:

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL  
WEST STREET

On Wednesday, June 7, 2000 from Noon to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

QUESTION:

"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 the purchase of a parcel of land which shall be used as an additional site for a high school facility and for architectural, engineering and other planning costs related to the construction of a new high school facility?"

YES: 623 NO: 315 BLANKS: 2

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

GIVEN under our hands this eighth day of May, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Lucey, Chairman

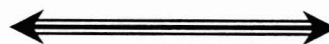
Ronald E. Johnson, Vice Chairman

David F. Jillette, Clerk

POLLS OPENED AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSED AT 8:00 P.M.

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 940

June T. Herron, Town Clerk



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

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Last year was once again a busy and productive year for the Town of Paxton. The Board of Selectmen lost an old friend when Chairman John Lucey chose not to return to the Board at the end of his elected term. The voters then wisely elected Richard Bedard as his replacement. His understanding and fairness are an asset to this Board.

We are happy to report the end of the legal disputes resulting from the construction of a sub-division off Brigham Road. The final lawsuit was concluded when the Worcester Superior Court granted a summary judgement in favor of the Town.

This year the Police Department patrolmen voted to unionize. Negotiations have been taking place for several months with Mirick O'Connell, our legal counsel, working on behalf of the Town. We are dedicated to producing a contract that is fair to the Town and the Union. We expect to finalize the wording and enter into the contract sometime in early November 2000. In other police news, through a generous anonymous gift, the police were able to obtain a new fully equipped patrol motorcycle. Its use will relieve some of the wear and tear on the department's other vehicles, while using less gasoline than an automobile.

Several new employees have joined the team of workers needed to keep our town government functioning. Nancy Wilby accepted the position of Town Services Coordinator, replacing Charles Bolster. Nancy's background in business and her knowledge of the Town will serve the Town well. Richard Trifero accepted the position of Building Commissioner following the retirement of Raymond Kauppila. Changes in state law regarding building codes and regulations mandated that the Town protect itself by hiring a proven professional. Mr. Trifero's background gives us that protection. He has already demonstrated that he is both tough and fair in his efforts to protect the Town and its residents.

Beavers were in the news this year. Changes in state trapping laws have resulted in a blossoming beaver population in our Town. Water backed up by beaver dams caused serious drainage problems for several residents and caused septic systems to fail, resulting in public health concerns. Acting in conjunction with State Wildlife Officials, this Board took the necessary action to relieve the public health concerns. New changes to the trapping laws should help to negate some beaver problems in the future.

Several projects are ongoing at this time. The Grove Street reconstruction and resurfacing project is still awaiting final approval and funding by the Massachusetts Highway Department. We expect the project to begin in early 2001. The Public Safety Building Study Committee has been reviewing the need for more space by the Police, Fire and Communications departments. When we receive the final report with their recommendations, we expect that we will come before the Town to request funding for new facilities. An Ad-hoc committee is in the process of reviewing the Subdivision Rules and Regulations and the Zoning Bylaws. We eagerly await their report and hope that it will lead to the updating of the hodge-podge Bylaws now in effect. "Are You Okay", a program that allows the Town to monitor the well-being of those residents that request the service, is now in the implementation stage. Finally, the proposed renovation and/or reconstruction of Wachusett Regional High School continues to be debated. The Board of Selectmen will continue to be proponents for the best possible educational opportunities for the children of Paxton.

A few of the projects completed this year included the installation of a new telephone system at the Town Hall. The new system was needed to handle the increased telephone traffic generated by our growing town. The exterior of the White Building was given a new coat of paint. The painting was completed at a minimum cost with the help of a painting crew from the Worcester County Jail. We increased the amount of the insurance coverage for death and disability for our on-call Fire Department members. The new limits will more fairly compensate them in the case of a disaster. The Grove Street playing fields were completed this year and are being utilized by many teams. We wish to once again thank all the people that worked so hard in seeing this project completed.

The Board of Selectmen sincerely thanks everyone for their understanding and support. We especially want to thank all the staff at the Town Hall and all the members of other Boards and Committees. Finally, we want to thank the people of Paxton for allowing us to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chair

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the voters passed a total budget of \$6,682,944 for Fiscal Year 2001. Although this represented an increase of \$534,587 over the prior year, most of the increase resulted from the estimated cost of borrowing for Paxton Center School and Water Pumping Station construction projects, an increase in the regional school budget assessment, town

insurance and waste disposal costs. Special articles totaling \$88,137 were also passed by the voters, one of which authorized the placement of \$50,000 in our Stabilization Fund, the first time we have been able to do this in several years.

Included in the total budget voted was a 3% wage increase for Town employees and special adjustments for selected employees. The Finance Committee continues to stress the importance of developing a more formalized process for evaluating Town positions and the performance of the people filling these positions. 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.

Although we continue to be able to accommodate most justifiable budget requests and provide an appropriate level of Town services for 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.

For the past several years, we have used virtually all of our available resources to balance the Town budget. At some point, budget growth will seriously challenge our revenue streams, particularly with major capital projects such as a new high school and the need for upgrading our Town facilities and equipment. Although the Finance Committee remains committed to presenting a balanced and responsible financial plan to the citizens each year, we are ever mindful of our obligation to seriously evaluate and prioritize requested expenditures in order to live within our available resources and maintain a spending level that our citizens can afford.

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

#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

During Fiscal Year 1999-2000, over 351 various types of calls pertaining to dogs and 126 various types of calls pertaining to other animals were handled.

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The wild animal population has increased in recent years, especially foxes, coyotes, raccoons, and bears. Please do not feed these wild animals or leave dog or cat food outside during September and October. Take down bird feeders that attract bears.

The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

In addition, I wish to take this opportunity to remind all residents that their dogs 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, clean it up! Think of the other people who live there too!

Respectfully submitted,  
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

In Fiscal Year 2000 the Board of Appeals entertained and heard the following:

- 6 Applications for Special Permits
- 1 Modification of a Special Permit
- 4 Applications for Variances

The Board granted 3 applications for Special Permits [2 were withdrawn; 1 was denied]; granted 1 Modification of a Special Permit; and granted 2 applications for Variances [2 other was denied].

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Rubin, Chairman

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

As of January 1, 1999, for fiscal year 2000, the total valuation of Paxton's taxable property was \$237,903,362, a net increase of \$3,661,091, 1.6%.

New construction, additions and alterations increased the valuation by \$4,528,844.

Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessors amounted to \$85,500.

Re-listing and other adjustments decreased the valuation an additional \$782,253.

The Board received 9 abatements requests, 3 were processed. Of the 6 denied one went to Appellate Tax Court. The Appellate Tax Court judged in favor of the Assessors for both the 1998 & 1999 cases.

The Assessors office is open 9am - 12pm, Monday through Thursday.

The Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

James R. Stone, Jr., Chair

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

During the fiscal 1999-2000, the Sanitary Inspector handled the following:

Percolation Tests - New/Repair	44
Disposal Permits: New Construction	14
Disposal Permits: Repairs	25
Food Inspections	23
Complaints:	
• Septic Complaints	7
• Food Complaints	0



• Water Complaints	3
• Trash Complaints	1
Hot Tub Inspections	3
Pool Inspections	10

The BOARD OF HEALTH held 9 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) continued working on Watershed Bylaw; 4) vaccinated new firefighters/police officers for Hepatitis B; and 5) handled reportable disease matters.

RECYCLING: For the last nine years, Paxton residents have been recycling their trash. We have seen our tonnage of trash go down as the recycling tonnage has gone up. For the past three years, however, this cycle has changed with the trash tonnage rising and the recycling tonnage remaining constant. Residents who do not participate in the mandatory curbside recycling program cost us all added tax dollars. The Board welcomes any ideas or suggestions from the public for ways to increase participation in this most valuable program. PLEASE NOTE: Your Recycling Committee is always looking for volunteers!

TITLE V: The Board continues to work 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 up to 20 years. Applications are available in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Parent, Chair

#### CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

##### CEMETERY LOTS:

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

*1 Grave lot available by special permission.*

##### OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	300.00
Weekends	450.00
Holidays	450.00

##### CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
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**NO CREMATION BURIALS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!**

##### INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	100.00
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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 through the Town Clerk [799-7347, ext. 13]. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Yvonne B. Karle, Chair

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Fiscal Year 2000, the Conservation Commission met monthly and devoted most of its time to ensuring compliance of local projects with the Wetlands Protection Act. During this time the Commission received 7 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 17 Notices of Intent and 18 Requests for Certificates of Compliance. Additionally, 1 Enforcement Order was issued and more than 80 properties were visited by one or more Commission members. These visits were made to assess the applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act to particular projects, verify wetland delineations, check for wetland violations and monitor projects for compliance. Several members of the Commission attended workshops on Commission procedures or attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners.

The Commission continues to meet at the Town Hall on the Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Stewart, Chair

#### CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Paxton Cultural Council was again awarded \$3,300 by the State. We approved 12 applications to the following:

- Richards Memorial Library (7) for museum passes
- Council on Aging
- Friends of Moore State Park
- Wachusett Community Bank
- Paxton Center School program
- Audio Journal
- White Building Anniversary Fund.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, a \$500 warrant article was approved for the Cultural Council, which will be met by matching funds from the State. This money will be used for a special program at Paxton Center School in the fall of 2000.

Due to a new program instigated by the State, our local Council can now approve and finance the

applications sent to us. The money will be available when it arrives in January.

We want to thank Louise Erskine, Sheila Estabrook and Denise Sosnoff for their excellent service to this board over the past 6 years. Our new members are Sue Bassick and Mitzi Nelsen.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Langer, Chair

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

No event during the year could approach the import or impact of the tragedy in Worcester on December 3, 1999. Almost immediately after the initial request for mutual aid, it became apparent that this was no ordinary response. The activation of the Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan for our district sent a second Paxton unit to the apparatus staging area. As the magnitude of the tragedy unfolded, outpouring from all elements of our community added to those from throughout the world. I had the honor of receiving a substantial donation from the staff and students of the Center School and conveying it to the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Fund. Phone calls, cards, letters or people just stopping at our fire station expressed the grief for the victims and the gratitude for all the fire service. Paxton units responded again twice that week to requests for aid from Worcester, and members volunteered at the scene to assist in the search efforts.

December 9<sup>th</sup> was the Memorial Service. I said in my report later to the Selectmen that it was one of the most moving and memorable events of our lives. I had the honor of leading two dozen uniformed members of this department and joining with thirty thousand other firefighters and the President of the United States in a memorial tribute that had no equal.

My thanks go to all the individuals, companies and organizations who made our part in this possible. Special thanks go to the largest volunteer fire department in the Commonwealth, Swansea, who sent an engine and crew to our station throughout the day of the Memorial Service.

The department responded to one hundred and five emergency calls during the year. Two significant structure fires took place, both the result of wood burning heating devices. The requests for mutual aid continue to increase as the manpower limitation impacts all communities. Motor vehicle accident extrications increased as well.

Department training continues to stress the basic operations, however, we did sponsor a Massachusetts Fire Academy twelve-hour course on Incident Command. This is not only a standard operating procedure for all our emergency events, but now a requirement of the federal government for any

Hazardous Materials incident. Twenty members attended the four-night program. A local resident, Kenneth Carlson donated an ice rescue sled and winter training with it was held. Five members attended a Fire Academy twelve-hour course on ladders held in Rutland.

No new recruits entered the department this year and attrition has reduced the rolls to 34. Serious attention must be given to recruiting and retaining members so the increase demands upon all members of the department can be spread equitably.

The addition of a part-time clerk has greatly improved the administrative aspects of the Fire and First Responder operations. The severe space issues must be the next addressed. For the first time there is the possibility of federal assistance in the funding of major capital items. I feel it would be prudent to at least have plans on the shelf so application can be made for viable and demonstrated needs.

My thanks to the department members for their outstanding service, their families for sharing them with us, the community, its officials and departments for loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Chief of Department

### FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders of the Paxton Fire Department responded to 174 medical emergencies during FY 2000. These requests for service ranged from lacerated fingers to cardiac arrests. Fifteen years ago (FY 1985) the First Responders were called to respond to 47 medical emergencies. This increase in activity over the years has led to a limited response at certain times of the day and night. We are looking at different ways to solve this problem.

The First Responders placed into service two new defibrillators that were purchased this year. One of which was donated to the Town by a concerned citizen.

Training for the year consisted of continuing education for medical emergencies, auto extrication, CPR and defibrillator refreshers.

Current members are:

Michael Benoit, Lieutenant	Jason Clarke
Jay Conte, Lieutenant-EMT	Thomas Ducharme
Richard Gaffney, Lieutenant	Brian Murphy, Chief
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief	James Olson
Tim Pierce, EMT-Paramedic	Michael Pingitore, EMT
Kevin Quinn	Patrick Robinson
Tom Savage, Jr., EMT	Rusty Savignac

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Chief

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission has completed and submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, its inventory documentation of homes in Town that were built during 1850-1920. These periodic inventory filings serve as crucial documentation tools used for purposes of future planning and as a necessary platform for argument should the Commonwealth wish to implement changes in road design or other landscape in Paxton. Subject to approval of this current inventory, the commission will begin work on the next inventory of homes in the upcoming year.

Another project completed during this fiscal year was the Paxton informational pamphlet written, designed and published by the Commission itself. With funding, in part, from an Arts Lottery grant, the members compiled historical points of interest, brief historic descriptions, and a location map. These brochures are circulated throughout Town and are also available via members.

The Commission hosted a successful open house and tour of the Common this past fall. Members led visitors from the Town Hall's basement, first and second floors, the Common, Center Cemetery and returned to the White Building to the Historical Commission resource room. A guest speaker from the Massachusetts Historical Commission was present for an open question and answer period as well.

Ongoing projects and future goals include artifact restoration as funds allow, efforts to save the White Building and its restoration and a community celebration for the White Building's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Continuous efforts are made to generate new members and associate members as well.

The Commission welcomes and encourages the public to attend its open meetings. General business meetings and open discussions are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the White Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason P. Fanning, Chair

### REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

[For the year ending December 31, 1999]

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 a valued contribution to our community. We have joined with the 39 other municipal electric departments under the branded banner of "localight" to bring attention to the benefits of a municipally-owned electric utility.

During 1999, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$6200 in direct labor and materials to projects for the Town of Paxton. We continue 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. Since the completion of installation of radio read meters for all water services was completed by the Water Department, customer service and billing questions have been dramatically decreased. The dual billing arrangement has benefited both the Light Department and the Water Department.

The department installed 17 new house services during 1999. 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 department is addressing rate stabilization issues and has provided some reduction in the cost of electricity over the past year. Our power cost adjustment dropped by 1/2 cent per KWH during 1999. This reduced the average (700 kWhs/month) residential bill by \$3.50 per month. We will continue to look for opportunities in the competitive energy markets which will bring additional savings to our ratepayers.

The Light Commission meets each month on the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome and customers with specific concerns can be accommodated in the meeting schedule. 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, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Dillman, Manager

Michael J. Benoit, Chair  
Paxton Light Commission

### Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Paxton Municipal Light Department of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

Except as discussed in the following paragraphs, we conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 10 to the financial statements, the Department records pension expense based on a formula determined by the Town of Paxton, whereas generally accepted accounting principles require the use of actuarial methods in determining annual pension expense and certain disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board relating to pensions have been omitted. The effect on the financial statements of not using actuarial methods has not been determined.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to determine the effects of not using actuarial methods in determining pension expense and the omission of certain pension plan disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board on the 1999 and 1998 financial statements. The financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Paxton Municipal Light Department as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Goulet, Salvadio & Associates, P.C.  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
April 11, 2000

**Paxton Municipal Light Department**  
**Balance Sheet - December 31, 1999 and 1998**

	1999	1998
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Electric Utility Plant</b>		
Distribution Plant, at cost	\$2,640,027	\$2,543,057
General Plant, at cost	<u>520,345</u>	<u>515,274</u>
Total Electric Utility Plant	3,160,372	3,058,331
Less: Accumulated		
Depreciation	<u>(2,232,046)</u>	<u>(2,089,451)</u>
Net Electric Utility Plant	<u>928,326</u>	<u>968,880</u>
<b>Other Property and Investments</b>		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Depreciation Fund	386,485	321,941
Investments	11,649	12,747

Rate Stabilization	<u>597,094</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Property and Investments	<u>995,228</u>	<u>334,688</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Operating Fund	420,474	534,115
Customers' Meter Deposits	37,275	27,725
Petty Cash	200	200
Customer Accounts		
Receivable	168,648	148,833
Other Accounts Receivable	30,844	16,911
Materials and Supplies		
At average cost	82,714	84,897
Purchased Power Working Capital	51,568	20,655
Prepayments	<u>439,507</u>	<u>614,443</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,231,230</u>	<u>1,447,779</u>
<b>Deferred Charges</b>		
Other Accounts Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>9,383</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$3,154,784</u>	<u>\$2,760,730</u>

**Balance Sheet - December 31, 1999 and 1998**

**Capitalization and Liabilities**

	1999	1998
<b>Capitalization</b>		
Unappropriated		
Retained Earnings	\$2,226,928	\$2,301,953
Contribution in Aid of Construction	<u>137,518</u>	<u>137,518</u>
Total Capitalization	<u>2,364,446</u>	<u>2,439,471</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	84,232	146,975
Accrued Expenses	17,528	17,188
Miscellaneous		
Deferred Liabilities	<u>54,209</u>	<u>129,371</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>155,969</u>	<u>293,534</u>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Rate Stabilization Reserve	597,094	0
Customer Deposits	<u>37,275</u>	<u>27,725</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>634,369</u>	<u>27,725</u>
<b>Total Capitalization and Liabilities</b>	<u>\$3,154,784</u>	<u>\$2,760,730</u>
<b>Statements of Income and Unappropriated Retained Earnings For the Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998</b>		
	1999	1998
<b>Operating Income</b>	<u>\$2,505,472</u>	<u>\$2,204,500</u>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Operations & Maintenance	2,334,192	2,133,901
Depreciation	<u>152,901</u>	<u>89,948</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,487,093</u>	<u>2,223,849</u>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<u>18,379</u>	<u>(\$19,349)</u>
<b>Other Income (Expense)</b>		
Investment Income	82,096	68,169
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	1,342	552
Interest Expense	<u>(1,906)</u>	<u>(4,946)</u>



Total Other Income(Expense)	81,532	63,775
Net Income	\$99,911	\$44,426
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - Beginning of Year	2,301,953	2,257,527
Appropriation to Rate Stabilization	(174,936)	0
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - End of Year	<u>\$2,226,928</u>	<u>\$2,301,953</u>

#### Statement of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

	1999	1998
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net Income	\$99,911	\$44,426
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by Operating activities:		
Depreciation	152,901	89,948
Investment Income	(82,096)	(68,169)
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
<b>(Increase) Decrease in Assets:</b>		
Accounts Receivable	(19,815)	(8,782)
Accounts Receivable --Other	(4,550)	4,418
Prepayments	(30,913)	(17,657)
Materials & Supplies	2,183	17,906
<b>Increase (Decrease) In liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable	(62,743)	30,483
Customer Deposits	9,550	1,125
Accrued Expenses	340	1,988
Miscellaneous Deferred Liabilities	(75,162)	187,085
Rate Stabilization Reserve	<u>422,158</u>	0
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$411,764</u>	<u>\$282,771</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital And Related Financing Activities:</b>		
Additions to Plant	(112,347)	(104,144)
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(112,347)</u>	<u>(104,144)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Investment Income	82,096	68,169
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	1,098	1,250
Increase in Rate Stabilization Fund	(422,158)	0
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>(338,964)</u>	<u>69,419</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<u>(39,547)</u>	<u>248,046</u>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		
- Beginning of Year	<u>635,735</u>	<u>635,735</u>
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>		
-- End of Year	<u>\$844,234</u>	<u>\$844,234</u>

#### Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:

The following accounts are considered to be cash or cash equivalents for the statement of cash flows:

Depreciation Cash	386,485	321,941
Operating Cash	420,474	534,115
Customer Deposits	<u>37,275</u>	<u>27,725</u>
	<u>\$844,234</u>	<u>\$883,781</u>
Cash Paid for Interest	<u>\$1,906</u>	<u>\$4,946</u>

#### PLANNING BOARD

The year ending June 30, 2000 has been very busy for the Planning Board and its Ad Hoc Committee. The latter was organized for the formulation of the new Paxton Zoning Bylaw which will be brought to a Public Hearing and subsequent Town meeting vote during FY2001. In addition to the members of the Planning Board, the Ad Hoc Committee consists of representatives of various Town committees and officials as follows: Barbara Berka (Conservation), Peter Dawson (Town Counsel), Dory Huard (Assessors), John Lucey (Selectmen), Dave Parent (Board of Health), Mike Putnam (DPW), Kay Sears (Board of Appeals) and Rick Triero (Building Commissioner). Professional guidance is provided by Bill Scanlan, Community Development Manager, Central Mass Regional Planning Commission. Planning Board members and the Ad Hoc Committee have met monthly since October '99.

Regular Planning Board business was usually scheduled for the second Monday of every month. In addition there have been four special meetings. The Board signed off on nine ANR applications (lots for which special approval is not required except for meeting sufficient size and frontage), extended time of completion of Paxton Ponds Subdivision to July 2001 and reviewed the preliminary plan of a 12-lot subdivision off the west end of Marshall Street. A number of our meetings dealt with poor drainage of a detention pond in the Forestdale Subdivision.

In August 1999, Steve Bik, Board Chairman resigned. We thank him for his many years of service and leadership. Dave Bennett was unanimously appointed by the Selectmen and Planning Board to fill his un-expired term.

The re-writing of the Paxton Zoning Bylaws introduces new or updated regulations on the following: Home Occupation/Business, Personal Service/Professional office, Adult Entertainment, Dog Kennels/Animal Control, Retirement Community, Flood Plain District, Communications Towers, Site Plan Approval, Upland Requirements, Rear Lots, Parking Restrictions, Bed & Breakfast Establishments and non-criminal

disposition of violations. There will be recommendations for increases in lot sizing. Concurrently with the work of the Ad-Hoc Committee, the Planning Board will update it's Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Prior to the Public Hearing and subsequent Town Meeting, there will be an Informational Meeting on all of these changes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian S. Baehrecke, Chair

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year 2000 was a very assiduous year for our police department. Calls for service continue to rise, which relates to increased service to our community. We have also noticed a dramatic increase in criminal related scams, which prey mostly on our senior citizens. Apprehending and convicting scam artists are difficult because of the fact that scam artists move throughout the country, never staying in one area for very long.

Public safety continues to be our priority. Increases in traffic flow, especially along Routes 122, 31 and 56, have been targeted for speeding violators and other motor vehicle offenses. Having our cruisers highly visible in these areas acts as a deterrent for speeders resulting in a decrease in speeding violations and motor vehicle accidents.

Our police department has also continued its efforts in community related projects. The Youth Activities Center has been a huge success. This past year we also offered VIN etching, part of the Watch Your Car Program, a federally funded program. As in the past, we continued with our D.A.R.E. program, bicycle safety program, Spree Day activities, and lectures on seat belt safety, alcohol and drug awareness, and scams. We have offered public safety programs to all age groups - from infants to the senior citizens - of our community.

Fiscal Year 2001 promises to be as productive. Public safety will continue to be our main objective focusing on radar and neighborhood patrols. We have several activities to look forward to including R.A.D. (Rape, Aggression, Defense) self defense programs, the Youth Activities Center, and the D.A.R.E. Scare.

Not only will we continue to provide the most professional law enforcement, but we'll also continue to support the many organizations of our community.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

1	Accident (Hit & Run)
9	Accident (Personal Injury)
62	Accident (Property Damage)

299	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
129	Arrests/Criminal
4	Assault
4	Breaking/Entering (Auto)
7	Breaking/Entering (Residential)
1442	Citations Issued
220	Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted
53	Disturbance (General)
12	Disturbance (Loud Noise)
27	Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Orders
147	Firearm Permits
4691	General Police
104	House Checks
25	Larceny
66	Lockouts (Auto/Home)
170	Medical Emergencies
3	Mental Health/Section 12
5	Missing Persons
1	Motor Vehicle Theft
63	Mutual Aid Area PD's
26	Open Door/Window
1393	Plate or License Status
20	Property (Lost/Found)
1	Protective Custody
614	Public Service General
2	Rubbish/Dumping
3	Runaway
1	Sex Offenses
96	Soliciting
15	Summons Service
195	Suspicious Auto
49	Suspicious Person
12	Telephone Complaints (Annoying/Harassing)
9	Threats/Harassment
176	Traffic Safety
2	Unattended Death
16	Vandalism
1	Warrant Activity (General & Arrest)
89	911 Silent/Hang-up/Abandoned

A total of \$30,804.15 has been generated and returned to the Town of Paxton as a result of report requests, permits, citations, and court prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael J. Ahearn, Chief of Police

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Our street re-surfacing schedule has fallen behind because of allocation reductions of Chapter 90 funds from the State. We were appropriated only 50% of our normal allocation. This will prohibit us from resurfacing streets that were on the schedule. We were able however, to resurface Suomi Street, and a portion of Brooks Road with Chapter 90 money.

Our yearly asphalt account enabled us to resurface Burtenmar Circle, Jefferson Drive, William Allen Drive, Briarcliff Lane, Franklin Street and Meadowbrook Drive.

The Grove Street Reconstruction project has been put on hold for a year, as were all State and Federally funded projects, due to cost over-runs at the "BIG DIG".

Beavers are the cause of a major problem that we face on a daily basis. A dam "let go" on Pond Street and washed out a section of the roadway. As a result, we had to install new drainage in that area. New drainage was also installed on parts of Brooks Road.

Mooreland Cemetery had fifteen burials during the year.

The water meter replacement project updating all meters to radio-read meters is at 100%. Leak detection and the new meters have brought our unaccounted water usage from 40% down to 6%. This drastic reduction will save money for the Town. I want to thank all water users for their co-operation in making a very difficult undertaking such a smooth transition. Trying to coordinate the schedules of the homeowner(s) and the Water Department is not an easy task. Thanks to George Johnson, Water Systems Specialist and department secretary, Carol Riches for doing an excellent job scheduling appointments. It only involved overtime for one Saturday morning!

Again, I would like to thank all residents for their continued understanding and support of our department.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent

#### RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee goals for FY2000 were met in the following manner:

- The Collection of trash and recyclables by BFI continued with few problems. The Board of Health signed a contract for FY2001 with Central Mass Disposal which began on July 1, 2000.
- The printing and mailing of our recycling schedules was paid by a grant from the Mass DEP.
- 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 difficult to dispose of otherwise.
- 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.
- Compost bins are still sold and worn-out fluorescent light bulbs are collected at the Paxton Light Department.

- The Recycling Committee purchased 300 recycling bins that are available to residents whose bins were broken or otherwise disappeared. The money was obtained from the Mass DEP MRIP program which was awarded to Paxton because the residents saw fit to increase their recycling efforts.

The Recycling Committee would like to thank Richard Hafey and the TELEGRAM & GAZETTE, the PAXTON LIONS CLUB and their PAXTONotes, and THE LANDMARK of Holden 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 recycling 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. and informational bulletins when appropriate.

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, Chair

#### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New totals as of June 20, 2000:

Republican	450
Democrat	584
Libertarian	14
Unenrolled	<u>1,584</u>
TOTAL	2,632

Voting is held in the Paxton Center School, which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is handicap accessible for voter registration.

In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk at 799-7347, ext. 13.

Board of Registrars  
Jean M. McIntyre, Chair

#### RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

##### Library Hours

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

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

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

Despite a decline in yearly circulation to a total of 69,800, the library was busier than ever. More students coming for homework and group projects, more patrons coming for Internet searches and more patrons and groups using the library as a meeting place. We now have 3,215 registered patrons, and increase of 301 patrons. Our collection now numbers 31,494 materials; including books, videos, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, games CD's and CD-ROM's.

This year we expanded and upgraded our computer system. Our DOS based system was upgraded to a Windows based system that now runs on a dedicated NT server. With our single dial-up Internet connections now running through Proxy Server, each networked patron access computer is now available for catalog or Internet searches. Computers are also available for word processing, or CD-ROM based reference materials or games.

Funds from the Paxton Cultural Council provided passes to the Ecotarium, Worcester Art Museum, Discovery Museums, Higgins Armory, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens 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 and Fruitlands Museums. All of these passes are available to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Porter, Librarian

Joan Bedard, Trustees Chair

#### SEWER STUDY COMMITTEE

##### **(Excerpts of report - Original on file at the Town Hall)**

In May 1999 the Board of Selectmen appointed this Committee to examine the sewerage disposal needs of the Town and to make recommendations regarding the options available regarding sewerage disposal.

A survey of all Town residents and commercial facilities was conducted in 1999 using a mailing list of property owners provided to us by the Assessor's office.

Approximately 1,500 surveys were mailed out. Approximately 43% responded to our survey. Of the 43% who responded, 53% indicated that they would be in favor of sewers provided that no significant costs would be incurred by the homeowner. Of the 43% who responded, 36% did not want sewers and felt that septic systems were preferable, 9% were undecided and 2%

voted yes and no to the question of whether sewers should be installed in Paxton. The Committee felt that by negative inference, the 57% who did not respond to our survey did not feel strongly either way about the need or aversion to sewers.

Between April 26, 1999 and April 12, 2000, the Committee held nine meetings. Aside from the attendees who were present at our request, the only others that attended our meetings were Jerry Teran, Nipmuc Road and Jeff Mulford on behalf of Anna Maria College. An individual from the Massachusetts D.E.P. outlined the process for considering sewers for the Town of Paxton. A consultant from SEA Consultants, Inc. [an engineering firm engaged in engineering and oversight of sewer construction for municipalities in Mass] outlined the process which is involved in sewerage a town as well as the various alternatives available. The Committee also met with the Board of Health for its input. Anna Maria College provided insight as to its situation. And finally two residents from Indian Hill/Nipmuc Road area advised members of the problems with septic systems in that area.

As a result of the surveys and meetings, the Committee concluded that there are residents in Paxton who are having acute problems with their septic systems. We mapped out the areas in Town where the highest incidence of septic system problems are occurring. These areas were, in general, the neighborhoods coming into Town from Worcester on both sides of Route 122 and moving down into the Asnebumskit hill basin. In addition, some of the neighborhoods in the Glen Ellen Road and Orchard Drive area are experiencing septic system problems. There were also other less concentrated problem areas throughout the Town. Interestingly, the DEP views the installation of sewers as a last resort in dealing with sewerage disposal. There is a concern at the state level, that the rivers into which the treated sewerage must necessarily go, are not able to handle unlimited capacity.

The first step in deciding whether the Town is to move forward with sewers is to have an interim level study done by one of the engineering firms in order to examine existing soil records in Town, existing septic system Board of Health records and government maps. The report, which would cost up to \$10,000 would give us an idea of roughly how much it would cost to install sewers in the Town of Paxton. The voters would then have to vote to proceed further based upon the results of this study.

The next step in proceeding towards a sewer system is to have an engineering firm prepare what is know as a Comprehensive Waste Water Management Plan. This plan would cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. It is possible to borrow the cost of having such a plan prepared from the Fund [State revolving fund available



to all municipalities to borrow funds on an interest-free basis]. This plan examines the various sewerage collection, treatment and disposal options in the Town. The plan would also examine whether homeowners, with assistance, are able to continue dealing with their own sewerage disposal on site. Once the plan is completed, an application for construction funding can be made.

It is possible that portions of the Town could be seweraged rather than the entire Town. It is also possible that the areas in Town most affected could decide to form a sewer district. In this way, a majority vote of the entire Town would not be necessary in order to have the issue pass muster. Rather, the residents in the area proposed as the sewer district would be able to control their own destiny. There is a concern that by installing Town wide sewers as a solution to the septic system problems, commercial and residential growth would result in Town. By having sewers, many areas which were heretofore undevelopable would be opened up to development. There are residents who believe that this is a good thing and there are those who are adamantly opposed to it.

We learned of Anna Maria's septic system problems. Anna Maria was apparently in the process of adding some new buildings and renovating on campus when it learned that its existing septic systems were not sufficient to handle the anticipated flows. The DEP is working with Anna Maria to develop a solution to the sewerage disposal issue on its campus. It is our understanding that DEP has suggested that Anna Maria contact the Town of Paxton to see whether a sewer line can be constructed from the college to the Worcester line in order to send Anna Maria effluent to Upper Blackstone Sewerage Treatment Plant. It may be possible that Anna Maria can contribute a significant amount towards a limited sewer project if either the entire Town votes to approve sewers or a limited sewer district is formed including Anna Maria College.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Gorman, Chair

#### WIRING INSPECTOR

Permits issued to Paxton Light Department for temporary and permanent electrical services:	32
New homes completed	10
Additions and Miscellaneous	62
Total Inspections & re-inspections	104

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall or when not open, at 190 West Street. Please be prepared to show an electrician license and an insurance certificate

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

To protect lives and/or property, all wiring, whether it is done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, by law must apply for a permit and inspection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren P. Lederer

#### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

##### RECEIPTS

TAXES & EXCISES	5,126,346.98
DRIVEWAY BONDS HELD	3,500.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	401,873.37
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:	

Fisheries & Wildlife	4,205.75
Police Parking Tickets	60.00
Police Private Duty	42,061.30
Police DARE	6,849.13
Police Grants/Gifts	16,785.00
Fire Grants/Gifts	200.00
Upper Blackstone Water District	928.70
Recreation	56,863.50
Title V Septic Programs	179,066.10
Cable TV	7,331.05
State Aid	546,680.00
Composting Bins	720.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,795.60
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	192,075.29
HIGHWAY LOANS	337,970.16

##### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Historical Commission	25.00
Recycling Grant	461.40
Conservation	810.00
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,765.00
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	5,773.90
Elder Affairs "Service Incentive Grant"	479.00
Local Cultural Council	3,639.84
Library State Aid	7,907.35
Special Library State Aid	8,109.73

SPECIAL ARTICLE: Radio Read Water Meters	210,250.00
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##### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND: PCS

Renovations & Addition	267.70
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##### LOCAL RECEIPTS:

General Government Fees	382,630.90
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	30,804.15
Cemetery Perpetual Care	9,000.00
Interest - Collector/Treasurer	103,172.70
Tax Title	635.44
Motor Vehicle	1,655.29
Real Estate & Personal Property	12,576.27
Water Accounts	3,228.99

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT BILLINGS	2,423,334.40
Offset Expenses	135,108.96
Liens	1,218.83
Sale of Scrap	873.14
Meter Deposits	10,000.00
Interest	56,455.96
OFFSET TO APPROPRIATIONS	25,734.89
TRUST FUNDS:	
Library Investment Income	8,100.38
V.E. Howland Investment Income	84.24
Cemetery Investment Income	10,761.90
Med. Center of Central MA	18,838.00
Hazel Gay School Fund	22.88
E.D. Bigelow School Fund	58.19
PERFORMANCE BONDS INTEREST	1,074.33
SPECIAL ARTICLES:	
Sewer Study Survey	400.00
Highway Truck	109,270.00
Police Cruiser	27,310.00
Recreation Maintenance Equipment	40,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>10,579,150.69</b>
DISBURSEMENTS	
TAXES & EXCISE REFUNDS	27,012.32
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	98,711.30
WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	106,591.20
PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL SETTLEMENT	288,498.00
NOTES PAYABLE	25,000.00
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:	
Title V Septic Program	83,874.65
Fisheries & Wildlife	4,205.75
Police Private Duty	42,957.10
Police DARE	9,479.79
Police Grants/Gifts	14,345.80
Upper Blackstone Waste District	1,015.90
Cable TV	2,153.36
Recycling Composting Bins	151.50
Recycling Grant	384.16
Historical Commission	605.00
Recreation	49,084.68
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	
Highway Loans	239,737.24
Library State Aid	15,031.18
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,025.24
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	2,139.75
Elder Affairs "Service Incentive Grant"	479.00
Local Cultural Council	3,039.98
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	633.70
Town Clerk Fees	1,795.60
DRIVEWAY BONDS REFUNDED	2,500.00
LOCAL RECEIPTS REFUNDED	702.38
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	9,000.00

EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	191,084.06
PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT	2,619,083.98
Meter Deposit Refunds	4,050.00
SPECIAL ARTICLES:	
Highway Truck	102,944.58
Highway Department Drain Lines	478.53
Sewer Study Survey	400.00
Recreation Maintenance Equipment	36,970.05
Communications Center Console Repairs	7,437.96
Communications Center Network	1,978.82
Comm. Center Electric System Repair	237.62
Police Cruiser Article 6/98	27,310.00
Police Station Renovations	8,830.00
Wentworth Pool Repairs Article 3/95	1,886.80
Fire "Jaws of Life" Attachment	5,975.00
Fire Defibrillators	3,904.42
Fire Air Compressor	15,676.26
Recreation Fields Article 2/93	9,674.83
Radio Read Water Meters	67,578.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS	20,997.51
PCS RENOVATIONS & ADDITION	846,925.33
WORCESTER WATER PUMPING STATION	175.00
TRUST FUNDS:	
V.E. Howland Interest for Library Oper.	902.23
Library Investment Income	6,331.97
Cemetery Investment Income	5,992.03
Med Center of Central MA	15,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS	5,917,924.42
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>11,162,153.98</b>

APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS / RECEIPTS	EXPENDED
MODERATOR	215.00	150.00
SELECTBOARD	48,534.10	47,713.09
TOWN SERVICES		
COORDINATOR	37,578.25	30,894.69
FINANCE BOARD	1,145.00	1,105.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	25,960.00	25,959.82
ASSESSORS	62,568.70	61,317.49
TOWN TREASURER	25,214.00	24,675.68
TOWN COLLECTOR	31,410.00	30,181.86
LEGAL	31,821.41	31,821.41
PERSONNEL BOARD	368.00	368.00
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	762.05	762.05
TOWN CLERK	9,201.00	9,175.24
ELECTIONS	5,790.15	5,790.13
REGISTRARS	2,455.00	2,447.89
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,700.00	784.85
PLANNING BOARD	9,357.90	9,350.36
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,584.10	1,577.70
PUBLIC BLDG. MAINTENANCE	35,474.03	35,395.68
INSURANCE & BONDS	50,277.00	46,819.00

TOWN REPORTS &		
WARRANTS	3,200.00	2,555.47
TOWN CLOCK	1,110.00	1,080.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	419,368.54	401,279.19
FIRE DEPARTMENT	122,618.09	122,618.09
AMBULANCE SERVICE		
CONTRACT	9,600.00	9,600.00
FIRST RESPONDERS	23,447.10	23,447.10
BUILDING COMMISSIONER	6,991.00	6,487.72
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,500.00	2,090.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	3,106.00	3,106.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	100.00	0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	7,065.39	7,065.39
FORESTRY	1,250.00	1,250.00
TREE WARDEN	5,400.00	5,400.00
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	120,089.00	112,575.38
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC		
WORKS	467,823.50	462,952.31
STREETLIGHTING	18,960.00	18,960.00
REFUSE COLLECTION/		
RECYCLING	186,087.58	186,087.58
WATER DEPARTMENT	443,172.62	422,766.06
BOARD OF HEALTH	2,700.00	2,474.67
SANITARY INSPECTOR	7,949.00	7,949.00
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	400.00	400.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	34,487.13	34,133.94
VETERAN'S SERVICES	1,000.00	570.00
LIBRARY	112,223.04	112,223.04
RECREATION	98,480.74	86,741.48
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	250.00	238.86
CELEBRATIONS	1,925.00	1,449.87
DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL &		
INTEREST	551,969.95	503,283.25
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT &		
HEALTH INSURANCE	212,796.63	203,715.92
WACHUSETT REGIONAL		
SCHOOL DISTRICT	2,979,159.00	2,952,859.00
RESERVE FUND	45,000.00	44,905.13
TOTAL	6,273,145.00	6,108,054.39

#### TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	0.00	
Recommitted	2,232.73	
Collected		2,232.73
Outstanding June 30, 2000		0.00
Total	\$2,232.73	\$2,232.73
1998 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	5,439.48	
Committed	979.17	
Refunded	350.63	
Collected		2,756.88
Abated		4,002.09
Outstanding June 30, 2000		10.31
Total	\$6,769.28	\$6,769.28

1999 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	14,472.62	
Committed	96,068.58	
Refunded	4,000.65	
Collected		107,232.47
Abated		4,653.01
Outstanding June 30, 2000		2,656.37
Total	\$114,541.85	\$114,541.85

2000 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Committed	380,753.83	
Refunded	2,438.65	
Collected		357,005.39
Abated		6,736.88
Outstanding June 30, 2000		19,450.21
Total	\$383,192.48	\$383,192.48

2000 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes		
Committed	8,572.20	
Collected		8,572.20
Total	\$8,572.20	\$8,572.20

2000 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise		
Committed	649.00	
Collected		649.00
Total	\$649.00	\$649.00

1997 Fiscal Personal Property Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	953.78	
Collected		953.78
Outstanding June 30, 2000		0.00
Total	\$953.78	\$953.78

1998 Fiscal Personal Property Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	2,153.34	
Collected		101.78
Outstanding June 30, 2000		2,051.56
Total	\$2,153.34	\$2,153.34

1999 Fiscal Personal Property Tax		
Outstanding July 1, 1999	5,446.39	
Collected		2,988.36
Outstanding June 30, 2000		2,458.03
Total	\$5,446.39	\$5,446.39

2000 Fiscal Personal Property Tax		
Committed	79,157.23	
Refunded	11,478.74	
Collected		82,750.58
Outstanding June 30, 2000		7,885.39
Total	\$90,635.97	\$90,635.97

## 1999 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1999	69,368.21	
Refunded	342.25	
Collected		63,074.64
Tax Title		2,349.60
Outstanding June 30, 2000		4,286.22
	<u>\$69,710.46</u>	<u>\$69,710.46</u>

## 2000 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	4,600,017.55	
Refunded	8,401.40	
Collected		4,493,410.68
Abated		27,151.79
Deferred		1,389.23
Tax Title		14,659.56
Outstanding June 30, 2000		71,807.69
Total	<u>\$4,608,418.95</u>	<u>\$4,608,418.95</u>

## 2000 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	14,231.56
Interest Received From Collector's Account	3,912.11
Interest Received on Water Receipts	3,228.99
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	3,625.00
Parking Fees	60.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	3,783.75
Return Check Fees	212.50
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,085.00

## Water Department Receipts

Readings	396,623.37
Installation and Repairs	10,097.62

OFFICE HOURS:	TUES & THU	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	MON	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	MON EVE	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	FRI	8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Savignac

PAXTON PAYROLL

## TOWN HALL

Annette Aubertin	180.00
Ella Beach	180.00
Charles Bolster, Jr.	2,299.24
Rosemary Buckley	6,253.91
Joanne Cabrera	11,047.71
Susan Carpenter	70.08
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Susan Corcoran	3,347.30
Wayne Curran	7,949.00
Francis Fanning	100.00
Cynthia Fernstrom	3,675.00

Francis Ford	150.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	12,792.71
Timothy Hackett	700.00
Dennis Harney	2,282.50
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	35,077.76
Doris Huard	1,874.64
David Jillette	1,262.00
Ronald Johnson	1,262.00
Raymond Kauppila	650.64
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Warren Lederer	2,806.00
John Lucey	1,536.00
John Malone	150.00
Rita Palumbo	26,174.54
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	1,874.64
Mark Richardson	100.00
Scott Runstrom	187.50
Joanne Savignac - Treasurer	12,296.00
Joanne Savignac - Collector	22,450.00
Patrick Smith	569.00
Denise Sosnoff	175.00
Henry Stidsen, Jr.	8,461.50
James Stone, Jr.	12,156.72
Richard Trifero	5,427.24
David Trulson	187.50
B. Peter Warren	4,727.00
Alan Wentworth	90.00
Nancy Wilby	8,683.29
Scott Wilson	7,270.98

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rodolfo Acuna	4,194.76
Michael Benoit	7,953.64
Brian Cheney	2,630.62
Jason Clarke	2,553.21
Jay Conte	11,721.10
Thomas Cunningham	3,929.44
Thomas Ducharme	2,952.12
Brian Faucher	433.20
Richard Gaffney	6,717.97
Andre Gaudet	57.15
Joseph Germain	2,306.31
Michael Goyette	1,041.60
Kenneth Grensavitch	2,788.62
James Hansson	2,040.82
Richard Jenkins	12,839.24
Brian Killelea	41.56
Eric Locke	41.56
Robert Martin	1,422.55
Michael Mercadante	83.12
Patrick Mullaney	1,049.39
Brian Murphy	10,657.00



James Olson	2,490.06
Timothy Pierce	2,434.52
Bryan Palumbo	1,070.17
Michael Pingitore	3,023.36
Michael Putnam	1,659.06
Kevin Quinn	5,971.11
Gary Richards	3,505.57
Patrick Robinson	1,055.07
Michael Rowe, Jr.	1,291.10
Thomas Savage, Jr.	5,556.95
Raymond Savignac	3,262.85
Richard Sears	3,809.83
Orville Sheldon	2,582.17
Matthew Stone	1,269.18
Douglas Warren	477.20
B. Peter Warren	2,120.68

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard Frenier	785.40
George Johnson	46,595.11
Adam Knipe	1,744.38
Samuel Knipe	34,421.73
Bryan Palumbo	43.00
Paul Palumbo	53,285.92
Charles Pingitore	37,047.17
Michael Putnam	41,016.72
Kevin Quirk	680.68
Shaun Quirk	2,382.60
Gary Richards	34,597.77
Carol Riches	7,849.95
Steven Urbanovitch	35,544.09

## LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	848.75
Carolyn Brunelle	2,215.20
Arnold Childs, Jr.	1,893.00
Mary Hulser	23,642.00
Molly Hulser	940.86
Janet Porter	32,180.50
Jennifer Robideau	1,147.50
Karen Sonju	541.14
Susan Sonju	7,402.79
Emily Towle	1,380.28
Cathleen Verterame	7,395.52

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Betsy Ahearn	838.50
Carrie Aitken	2,100.00
Erin Blanchard	642.00
Jessica Cabrera	591.00
Nicole Capite	506.63
Erik Carlson	627.00
Amanda Carroll	687.50
Robin Carroll	350.00
Janelle Chiavaroli	465.00

Derek Cutting	597.00
William Dado	9,888.01
James Deprez	342.00
Julie Deprez	1,064.00
Michael Flek	5,720.00
Joyce Gamache	4,309.15
Morgan Gewandter	703.50
Brian Henderson	378.00
Francis Henderson, III	1,219.75
Jon Hiller	546.00
Brandon Houlihan	585.38
Corinne Houlihan	543.00
Sara Howard	687.00
Jeremy Johnson	517.13
Megan Knipe	490.88
Chester Larnier, III	535.50
Andrew Layte	609.00
Craig Masterman	12,570.00
Rachel Masterman	651.00
Erin McCracken	679.25
Lindsay McCracken	603.00
Jean McIntyre	406.50
Kathleen McKay	1,200.00
Linda McKay	1,351.50
Andrea McSherry	514.50
Robert Mercer, III	135.00
Mary Norton	501.38
Elizabeth Pare	509.25
David Parent	532.88
Donna Carmen Rowe	1,002.50
Marie Savignac	1,722.00
Monique Sheary	755.00
Megan Snyder	555.00
Richard Sosnoff	992.26
Janna Stanhope	690.00
Mary Ann Stoica	569.63
Beth Sullivan	525.00
Pamela Sullivan	417.38
William Tomolonius	273.00
Ian Trask	661.50
Danielle Vigeant	1,001.00
Rachel Warren	1,038.75
Sarah Weagle	651.00

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Edith Bishop	952.28
Robert Callahan	6,438.72
Gino Gangai	135.28
Stanley Miller	169.34
Dorothy Neiber	3,427.90
Pierre St. Laurent	4,578.71
Rosemary Warren	12,864.72

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	55,871.36
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David Ahlin	4,848.59
William Beaudry	926.80
Brian Boulette	3,639.07
Robert DesRosiers	45,389.58
Kevin Drolet	32,340.89
Anthony Gigliotti	4,680.97
Todd Girouard	49,335.68
David Keller	1,426.21
Kathleen Killoran	24,132.42
William Lang	51,646.72
Todd LaPorte	17,705.11
Patrick O'Donoghue	6,617.68
William Reilly	50,757.99
William Sampson	3,948.04
Mark Savasta	53,731.92

#### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Richard Appley	437.72
Suzanne Bassett	3,952.44
Brad Buteau	2,161.76
Lisa Crowley	1,647.06
Amy Gross	26,054.48
Erika Huard	2,207.41
Rebecca Latino	9,260.53
Andrew Kularski	1,850.36
Benjamin Massouh	83.40
Sarah Mello	27,971.55
Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	4,075.59
Matthew Saunders	25,021.71
Jody Schmidt	935.48
Steven Smith	4,175.71

#### LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	200.00
Susan Blackwood	31,113.60
Diane Dillman	56,345.60
Elizabeth Jenkins	256.50
Richard Johnson	40,764.72
Russell McQuestion	1,032.69
Yvette Orell	31,113.60
Thomas Savage, Sr.	200.00
Matthew Stone	33,561.62
Gordon Szczepanek	54,994.99
Joseph Thompson	49,829.54
Michael Zalansky	200.00

#### HIRBOUR & HAYNES, P.C. Certified Public Accountants

[Excerpts from Report of 10/10/2000 - Original on File  
with Town Clerk]

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Component Unit - Municipal Light Department

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Consistent with the practice of most municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town does not conform with generally accepted accounting principles as the cost of fixed assets is not capitalized.

In our opinion, based on our, and except for the effect of the matters described in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Paxton as of June 30, 2000, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types and Account Group  
June 30, 2000

Governmental Fund Types

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type Trust &amp; Agency</u>	<u>Account Group General Long- Term Obligations</u>	<u>Total Primary Govt. (Memorandum Only)</u>
ASSETS						
Pooled cash	\$1,277,222	\$ 272,350	\$ 179,350	\$ 289,038		\$2,017,960
Investments				399,107		399,107
Receivables:						
Property and excise taxes – net	198,879					198,879
Departmental and other	23,764					23,764
Septic loans receivable		83,346				83,346
Due from other governments		47,839				47,839
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt					7,811,830	7,811,830
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$1,499,865</u>	<u>\$ 403,535</u>	<u>\$ 179,350</u>	<u>\$ 688,145</u>	<u>\$7,811,830</u>	<u>\$10,582,725</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE/EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Notes payable – temporary loans		\$ 47,839				\$ 47,839
Accounts payable and accruals	\$107,324	1,188	\$ 2,606	\$ 2,324		113,442
Employee withholdings and other liabilities	1,911			2,885		4,796
Deposits payable				34,728		34,728
Deferred revenue and other credits:						
Property & excise taxes	149,798					149,798
Septic Loans		83,346				83,346
State Highway Aid		8,979				8,979
General obligation debt payable					7,811,830	7,811,830
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>259,033</u>	<u>141,352</u>	<u>2,606</u>	<u>39,937</u>	<u>7,811,830</u>	<u>8,254,758</u>
Fund balances:						
Reserved for expenditures	95,467	262,183	176,744	297,790		832,184
Reserved for court judgment	(25,000)					(25,000)
Reserved for endowment				294,404		294,404
Unreserved:						
Designated for subsequent year's operations	510,464					510,464
Undesignated	659,901			56,014		715,915
<b>Total fund balances &amp; equity</b>	<u>1,240,832</u>	<u>262,183</u>	<u>176,744</u>	<u>648,208</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,327,967</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances/equity</b>	<u>\$1,499,865</u>	<u>\$ 403,535</u>	<u>\$ 179,350</u>	<u>\$ 688,145</u>	<u>\$7,811,830</u>	<u>\$10,582,725</u>

**TABLE 1****Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary**

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>FY2000</u></b>	<b><u>% INC</u></b>	<b><u>FY1999</u></b>	<b><u>% INC</u></b>	<b><u>FY1998</u></b>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$5,846,485.00		\$5,526,408.00		\$5,146,548.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	354,556.44		296,294.00		194,848.00
Offset Items	6,454.00		6,135.00		6,198.00
Retirement	138,066.00		113,266.00		100,542.00
State Tax & Assessments	41,023.00		34,582.00		35,042.00
Tax Title	3,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Overlay	36,120.56		35,073.18		44,560.07
Deficits Prior Years	0.00		72.29		0.00
Final Court Judgments	0.00		0.00		0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	<u>288,498.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$6,714,203.00	11.6%	\$6,016,830.47	8.7%	\$5,532,738.07
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$540,058.00		\$482,232.00		\$430,573.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	390,000.00		395,000.00		372,000.00
Water Department	400,000.00		381,000.00		250,000.00
Other Local Receipts	351,139.00		265,844.00		207,300.00
Available Funds - Revenue Sharing	0.00		0.00		0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	351,286.00		293,184.00		293,322.00
Available Funds - Other	<u>3,270.44</u>		<u>3,110.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>\$2,035,753.44</u>	11.8%	<u>\$1,820,370.00</u>	17.2%	<u>\$1,553,195.00</u>
Net Amount to be Raised	\$4,678,449.56	11.5%	\$4,196,460.47	5.5%	\$3,979,543.07
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$4,964,217.00	12.6%	\$4,408,748.00	10.7%	\$3,981,832.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>					
Real Estate	\$233,879,100.00		\$230,371,900.00		\$226,762,000.00
Personal Property	<u>4,024,262.00</u>		<u>3,870,371.00</u>		<u>4,022,718.00</u>
Total Taxable Property	\$237,903,362.00	1.6%	\$234,242,271.00	1.5%	\$230,784,718.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>					
Residential	\$19.70	9.7%	\$17.95	3.9%	\$17.28
Open Space	\$17.73		\$16.15		\$15.55
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$19.67		\$17.92		\$17.24



**TABLE II**  
**Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY1999</u>		<u>FY1998</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	6	1,050.00	7	1,225.00	8	1,400.00
Clause 22: Veterans	39	9,750.00	40	10,000.00	39	9,750.00
Clause 37: Blind	5	2,187.50	5	2,187.50	6	2,625.00
Clause 41: Elderly	15	7,500.00	15	7,500.00	15	7,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	1	1,389.23	1	1,221.41	1	1,157.15
Clause 42:	<u>1</u>	<u>5,003.80</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,559.30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,216.32</u>
Totals	67	\$26,880.53	69	\$26,693.21	70	\$26,648.47
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	3	\$1,660.49	7	\$5,008.62	12	\$3,487.12
Personal Property	1	953.78	4	279.26	1	11.81
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	<u>195</u>	<u>15,512.31</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>17,993.85</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>21,433.61</u>
Total	199	\$18,126.58	241	\$23,281.73	327	\$24,932.54
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	4448	\$480,034.31	4115	\$409,093.14	4200	\$405,457.78
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$464,522.00		\$391,099.29		\$384,024.17

**TABLE III**

	<u>Property Classification</u>		<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY1999</u>		
Residential	\$221,499,900.00	\$218,043,300.00	\$3,456,600.00	1.6%
Open Space	3,997,200.00	4,351,600.00	(354,400.00)	-8.1%
Commercial	5,880,400.00	5,475,400.00	405,000.00	7.4%
Industrial	2,501,600.00	2,501,600.00	0.00	0.0%
Personal Property	<u>4,024,262.00</u>	<u>3,870,371.00</u>	<u>153,891.00</u>	<u>4.0%</u>
Total Taxable Property	\$237,903,362.00	\$234,242,271.00	\$3,661,091.00	1.6%
Exempt Property	<u>28,435,500.00</u>	<u>27,641,400.00</u>	<u>794,100.00</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
Total Valuation	\$266,338,862.00	\$261,883,671.00	\$4,455,191.00	1.7%

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

DIAL "911"

Fire: 508-756-1400

Police: 508-791-9296

Medical: 508-791-9296

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: 508-791-6600

576 Pleasant Street

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**TOWN HALL**, 697 Pleasant Street, Hours: Monday 8a.m.- 8p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 8a.m.- 4p.m., Friday 8a.m.- 1p.m.  
Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Nancy Wilby at 508-754-7638, ext. 11 for the following:

<b>Board of Appeals</b>	Allen Rubin, Chair Home: 508-753-0562	Board meets on an "As needed" basis	
<b>Board of Health</b>	David Parent, Chair Home: 508-753-0755	Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Planning Board</b>	Christian Baehrecke, Chair Home: 508-755-9009	Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	
<b>Building Commissioner</b>	Richard Trifero	Officer hours on Monday evening by appointment	Home: 508-756-5622
<b>Sanitary Inspector</b>	Wayne Curran		Home: 508-757-4180
<b>Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector</b>	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 508-799-0392
<b>Wire Inspector</b>	Warren Lederer	Call between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. or 5 - 9 p.m. for an inspection.	Home: 508-754-6136
<b>Fire Inspector</b>	Thomas Cunningham		Home: 508-798-3239
<b>Town Accountant &amp; Town Clerk</b>	June Herron	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	508-754-7638 Ext. 13
<b>Town Collector &amp; Treasurer</b>	Deirdre Malone	See Town Hall hours	508-754-7638 Ext. 15
<b>Assessors</b>	James Stone, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon	508-754-7638 Ext. 16
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Ronald Johnson, Chair Rita Palumbo, Administrative Secretary	Board meets every other week - Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext. 10
<b>Department of Public Works</b>	Paul Palumbo, Superintendent	Office: 107 Holden Road	508-753-9077
<b>Water Commissioners</b>	Scott Runstrom, Co-Chair David Trulson, Co-Chair	Board meets second Monday of each month at the DPW	
<b>Municipal Light Department</b>	Diane Dillman, Manager Michael Benoit, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Wednesday of each month.	508-756-9508
<b>Police Department</b>	Michael Ahearn, Police Chief	Office: 10 West Street (Business Only)	508-755-1104
<b>Dog/Animal Control Officer</b>	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch	508-791-6600
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	Andrew Serrato, Chair		Home: 508-791-1874
<b>Council on Aging</b>	Jean McIntyre, Chair Heather Courtney, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	508-756-2833
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Robert Stewart, Chair	Board meets the second Thursday of each month	Home: 508-799-9848
<b>Historical Commission</b>	Jason Fanning, Chair	Board meets the third Thursday of each month	Home: 508-756-7894
<b>Veteran's Agent</b>	Timothy Hackett		Home: 508-755-1477
<b>Richards Memorial Library</b>	Janet Porter, Librarian Joan Bedard, Trustee Chair	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month	508-754-0793

### LIBRARY HOURS

HOURS:	WINTER	SUMMER
Sunday & Monday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	1-8 p.m.	1-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.	1-5 p.m.
Thursday	1-8 p.m.	1-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.
Friday	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.	1-5 p.m.
Saturday	10-4 p.m.	CLOSED