

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON



Year Ending June 30, 2001

IN MEMORIAM

Edward J. Boschert
Barbara Rogers

Katherine Jacobs
Robert M. Brodeur
Harold W. Stovin

Gertrude McCarthey
Robert B. Pierce Sr.

WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

Edward Asselin

Carol Harris

Glenn McGillicuddy

Barbara Berka

Robert Herron

Michael Mercadante

Robert Callahan

John Hurley

Brian Murphy

Carol Clark

David Jillette

Bryan Palumbo

Edward Duane

Ronald Johnson

Paul Palumbo

George Friedman

Joanne Kee

Rita Palumbo

Laurie Gardner

James Lang

Joanne Savignac

Dennis Gorman

Warren P. Lederer

Rosemary Warren

Alan Wentworth

TOWN OFFICERS

May 2000 - May 2001

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard

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

Town Clerk

June T. Herron	2003
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Treasurer

Joanne L. Savignac, Resigned	2002
Deirdre L. Maloné	2002

Collector

Joanne L. Savignac, Resigned	2002
Deirdre L. Malone	2002

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
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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

Bruce Cheney

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 Cunningham

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
 Jason Fanning, Chair 2002
 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 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	
Town Web Site Design & Maintenance	
Richard Bedard	
Alex Pennace	
Karen Silvia	
Marcia Wright	
Town Web Site Registration	
Alex Pennace	
Community Site Design & Maintenance	
Curran Kelleher	
Daniel Kelleher	
APPOINTED BY MODERATOR	
Finance Board	
Lucille DiLeo, Chair	2001
Christian deMarcken	2001
Louise Erskine	2003
Robert Jacobson	2003

Richard Fenton	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 Grensavitch
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.
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.,
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, 2000 - June 30, 2001**

BIRTHS

2000

AUGUST

- 9 Madison Marie, daughter to Richard James McGhee and Kimberly Faye Head, 56 Camp Street
- 15 Lauren Nicole, daughter to Gregory Matthias Remmes and Joyce Lynn Vroeginday, 39 Keep Avenue
- 15 Shannon Allyse, daughter to Gregory Matthias Remmes and Joyce Lynn Vroeginday, 39 Keep Avenue

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Lauren Paige, daughter to Henry Bengts Stidsen III and Michelle Lee Titeca, 604 Pleasant Street
- 30 Chad Robert, son to John Jude Bartlett and Donna Lee St.Martin, 11 Brooks Road

OCTOBER

- 1 Michael Charles, son to Charles Harry Bolster Jr. and Susan Mary McMenemy, 6 Bel Arbor Drive
- 3 Erin Kayleigh, daughter to Adam Michael Doud and Kelly Ann Worth, 648 Pleasant Street
- 17 Michael John Jr., son to Michael John Akerson and Lisa Marie Dion, 6 Whitney Drive

NOVEMBER

- 4 Ashley Marjorie, daughter to Andrew Martin Serrato Sr. and Susan Mary Guertin, 70 Maple Street
- 23 Brennen Matthew, son to Robert John Pelczarski and Kristina Ann Brown, 7 Brigham Road

DECEMBER

- 18 Eleni Christina, daughter to Kosta Culafi and Melissa Jean Korenblum, 11 Pierce Circle
- 23 Mi Thuy, daughter to Manh Khuyen Le and Thuy Quach, 29 Lancelot Drive
- 26 Gates Lee, daughter to Mark Joseph Tenerowicz and Caitlin Lee Mann, 8 Laurel Street

2001

JANUARY

- 9 Jacob John, son to John Joseph Cote and Marcia Lynn Harvey, 112 West Street
- 15 Sydney Grace, daughter to William Joseph Beaudry and Shari Lee Iverson, 3 Pond Street
- 16 Zane Errol Heywood, son to Russell Joseph Schelgel and Traci Ann Day, 140 West Street
- 17 Jason Patrick, son to Patrick Joseph Madden and Jill Lisa Hammerberg, 1 Pleasant Street
- 29 Samuel Brogan, son to Glen Francis Green and Angelina Elnora Maxwell, 326 Richards Avenue
- 30 Christopher John, son to John Christopher Parsons and Donna Lyn Graf, 4 Pierce Circle

FEBRUARY

- 12 Matthew Emery, son to Christopher Edmund Grigaitis and Merridith Susan Emery, 227 Pleasant Street
- 27* Evangelos Georgios, son to George Evangelos Vasilakeris and Mariana Siarkos, 93 Grove Street
- 28 Carly Rose, daughter to Scott Graham Siemen and Kathleen Mary Burns, 28 Brigham Road

MARCH

- 4 Michael Joseph, son to Richard Henry Davis and Ruth Ann Osgood, 604 Pleasant Street
- 8 Tara Marie, daughter to James John Ostromecky and Barbara-Marie Barry, 19 Lancelot Drive
- 18 Kathryn Elizabeth, daughter to Richard Reginald Crawford and Lisa Jean Ryan, 39 Camp Street
- 27 Noah Joseph, son to Kirk Randall Huehls and Janet Karen Lagerman, 11 Highland Street

APRIL

- 2 Payton Taylor, daughter to Russell Brian Nickerson and Kelley Marie O'Neil, 14 Lancelot Drive,
- 6 Katherine Michelle, daughter to Charles Robert Nelsen and Allissa Beth Van Den Amelle, 2 Meadowbrook Drive
- 11 Mary Elizabeth, daughter to James Arthur Andreoli and Leslie Ann Brunelle, 23 Crowningshield Drive
- 13 Daria Carolyn, daughter to Robert Bradley Desrosiers and Karen Jean Paquette, 85 Laurel Street
- 18 Paige O'Hara, daughter to Peter Justin Dawson and Maura Anne Donahue, 10 Shanandoah Drive
- 25 Margaret Caroline, daughter to Joseph Robert Carlucci and Jennifer Johnston, 316 Marshall Street
- 26 Mackenzie Lynn, daughter to Daniel Joseph Fenner and Jennifer Jan Hammerberg, 68 West Street
- 30 Ryann Elizabeth, daughter to Todd Robert Girouard and Sarah Ann Woodis, 184 Grove Street
- 30 Nicholas Frederick, son to Mark Jeffrey Schulman and Sharon Lynn Roggio, 35 Forestdale Road

MAY

- 2 Josephine Noreen, daughter to Joseph Martin Fitzgerald and Mary Patricia Dillon, 13 Cutler Road
- 13 Charles Joseph, son to Drew Keith Stratton and Stephanie Lynn, 18 Brooks Road
- 14 Hannah Mary, daughter to Michael Francis Powers and Christine Gertrude Bertrand, 370 Pleasant Street
- 15 William Christopher, son to William Gregory Baxter and Diane Ludewig, 354 Marshall Street
- 24 Timothy Rolland, son to Pierre Bernard Farley and Jennifer Ann Smith, 443 Marshall Street
- 24 Sarah Lynne, daughter to Steven Robert Stewart and Lynne Christine Wilson, 10 Orchard Drive

JUNE

- 27 Noah Lawrence, son to Jon to Lawrence Tousaint Toure Hunt and Jessica Jeanne Packham, 46 Pleasant Street

- 27 Timothy James, son to Michael Frances Murphy and
Karen Marie Lambert, 23 Lancelot Drive

MARRIAGES

2000

AUGUST

- 12 Archie L. Harmon of Paxton to Anne Elizabeth
Catania-Dixon of Paxton
12 Randy Neil Curtis of Paxton to Cynthia Alison
Crowe of Paxton
19 Todd Robert Girouard of Paxton to Sarah Ann
Woodis of Paxton

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Christopher Holmes of Paxton to Dolores April
Shabo of Paxton
23 Kevin Robin Delaurie of Rutland to Bethany Lynn
Fanning of Paxton

2001

JANUARY

- 20 Carl L. Larson of Worcester to Eloise Aida Dowd of
Worcester

MARCH

- 10 Roy Nelson Kent Jr. of Paxton to Michelle A.
Beaupre of Paxton
16 Kevin Michael Killelea of Paxton to Donna Lee
Muscente of North Brookfield

ARRIL

- 28 Daniel Gerard Puglisi of Methuen to Meaghan
Elizabeth Lynch of Methuen

MAY

- 27 John Baptist Faticanti Jr. of Paxton to Tammy Lynn
Clark of Paxton

JUNE

- 9 Anthony George Joseph of Paxton to Jennifer Anne
Robillard of Paxton
30 Kevin M. Grady of Paxton to Jean E. Lindquist of
Paxton

DEATHS

JULY

2000

- 9 John E Burke, 8 Eagle Lane 55
24 Dorothy F. Kelleher, 9 Maple Street 72

AUGUST

- 8 Stephen W. Jacobson, 13 Tanglewood Road. 83
21 Vashti Kirby, 14 Spring Drive 99

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Yvonne E. Anderson, 10 Whitney Drive 89
28 William R. Fulginiti, 7 Squantum Road 74

OCTOBER

- 26 Bert R. Paquin, 18 Lancelot Drive 82

NOVEMBER

- 10 Stanley A. Synkoski, 41 Crowningshield Drive 84
10 Eleanor G. Conlin, 9 Arlene Drive 83
27 Roy A. Renzoni, 17 Lincoln Circle 53

DECEMBER

- 16 Thomas F. O'Donnell, 9 Bel Arbor Drive 49

2001

JANUARY

- 2 Edward R. Trum, 350 Marshall Street 88
7 Antonette A. Cournoyer, 400 Grove Street 87
12 Ezekiel Chand, 12 South Street 92

FEBRUARY

- 9 Hugh N. Wylie, 347 Pleasant Street 81
24 John W. Kirk Jr., 4 Richards Avenue 69

MARCH

- 21 William M. Lawler, 4 Glen Ellen Road 81
23 Robert B. Pierce Sr., 1028 Pleasant Street 77

APRIL

- 27 Edith L. Swift, 19 Burtenmar Circle 70
28 Elizabeth A. Wood, 229 Pleasant Street 50

MAY

- 3 Dorilla Perkins, 75 South Street 93
3 Albert V. Iandoli, 6 Cutler Road 84

JUNE

- 2 Lorna L. Carter, 360 Richards Avenue 89

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

- Male/Female 87
Neutered/Spayed 436
Total 523

Kennel License 3

Paid to General Fund \$3002.50

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

Number of Licenses Issued 123

Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife \$2692.50

**WARRANT FOR WACHUSETT REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

December 18, 2000

WORCESTER SS:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 Articles

**ARTICLE 1 - TO INCUR DEBT FOR
ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND PLANNING
COSTS FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY OR
RENOVATION OF EXISTING FACILITY**

To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$175,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District for architectural, engineering and other planning costs related to the construction of a new high school facility or to the remodeling, reconstruction or extraordinary repairs and/or additions to the existing Wachusett Regional high School facility, and incurring debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977, Section 16 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws 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 otherwise material to such work and to act or do anything relative thereto

YES 566 NO 167 BLANKS 5

ARTICLE 2 - TO INCUR DEBT TO PURCHASE LAND

To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$695,000 to acquire by purchase land in the Town of Holden which shall be used as an additional site for a high school facility, said land being a portion of the premises owned by Wayman Lundquit, consisting of approximately twenty-two and sixteen one-hundredths (22.16) acres of undeveloped land and being a portion of the premises shown on Holden Assessors Map 129, Parcel 3 and Parcel 13, which premises are contiguous to the present location of the Wachusett Regional High School, and incurring debt by the issuance of bonds and notes under Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977, Section 16 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, 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 authorization herein to incur debt for the project shall be contingent upon proper authorization by the Regional District School Committee and the voters of the District for the financing of costs of construction of a new high school facility and/or an addition to the existing high school facility.

YES 547 No 186 BLANKS 5

DATE AND TIME OF ELECTION: December 18, 2000
12:00 Noon to 8:00pm

LOCATION OF ELECTION MEETINGS: HOLDEN,
PAXTON, PRINCETON, RUTLAND, STERLING

Given under our hands this 30th day of October 2000.

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

Paul R. Anderson	Lorraine Neilan
Mary Copeland	John Nunnari
Kenneth R. Fensin	Elizabeth Pape
Sherry A. Horeanopoulos	John Rokicki
Paul James	David Lowenthal
Jane James	Jeffrey Gibbs
Kimberly Ferguson	Philip Holman
Sarah Jordan	Kathleen Singh
Duncan G. Leith	Rosemary Warren
Kelly J. Maxwell	Jeffrey Wentzell

CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY THEREOF

A True Copy: WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT
Attest: SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BY:
SECRETARY

POLLS OPENED AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSED AT
8:00PM
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 738

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 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 March 19, 2001 at 7:00pm, then and there to act on the following articles:
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10PM,
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT
AND THAT WARRANT HAD BEEN DULY POSTED.
COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING: EDWIN
HAMMERBERG, RICHARD SEARS, ROBERT MARTIN
AND GEORGE MCGOVERN.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map in its entirety and adopt a new Zoning Map showing districts previously adopted by Town Meeting, as set forth on a map entitled "Paxton Zoning Map" which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPT A NEW ZONING MAP SHOWING DISTRICTS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY TOWN MEETING, AS SET FORTH ON A MAP ENTITLED "PAXTON ZONING MAP" WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE TOWN HALL.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in its entirety and adopt a new Zoning Bylaw as set forth in the handout available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

1. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 1.3, DEFINITIONS, ON PAGE 4 CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "REDUCED FRONTAGE LOT" TO "IRREGULAR LOT" AND "BUILDING COMMISSIONER WAS REPLACED WITH "PLANNING BOARD". THIS DEFINITION WILL NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

IRREGULAR LOT: A LOT WHICH HAS MORE THAN (4) LOT LINES AND WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE PLANNING BOARD, IS SO LOCATED SHAPED OR ORIENTED, THAT THE GENERAL MEASUREMENT OF YARD REQUIREMENTS ARE IMPRACTICAL AND THE LOCATION OF THE FRONT, SIDE, AND REAR YARDS ARE NOT RELATED TO THE ADJACENT YARD PATTERNS OF A REGULAR LOT (SEE SECTION 4.4.4.)

2. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 4.4.4., ON PAGE 23, CHANGE THE TITLE OF SECTION TO "EXCEPTION FOR IRREGULAR LOT" AND RETAIN THE "IRREGULAR" ON LINE 1. THIS SECTION WILL NOW BEGIN

4.4.4. EXCEPTION FOR IRREGULAR LOT WITH...

3. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 1.3. DEFINITIONS, ON PAGE 6 ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF "SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY":

ADD; UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THIS BYLAW, THE BOARD OF APPEALS SHALL BE THE SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY.

4. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 3.2.4.5, IS SHOWN TWICE, ON PAGE 11 AND ON PAGE 12. DELETE THE OCCURRENCE ON PAGE 11.

5. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 3.2.4.24 ON PAGE 13 TO DELETE THE PHASE "IN EXISTENCE AS OF MARCH 19, 2001" AND TO ADD THE WORD "EXISTING" BEFORE THE WORD "STRUCTURES". THIS SECTION WILL NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

24) WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, ON EXISTING STRUCTURES THAT EXTEND NO MORE THAN TEN FEET HEIGHT OF THE STRUCTURE SP SP

6. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 4.4.3, ON PAGE 23, HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH.

ADD: IF GRANTED A SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.2.4.24, WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES MAY EXCEED THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT SPECIFIED IN SECTION 4.2, SCHEDULE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

7. MOTION PASSED TO DELETE SECTION 3.2.1.4 ON PAGE 10.

YES 83

NO 79

8. MOTION PASSED TO DELETE SECTION 3.2.6.6A ON PAGE 14.

YES 90

NO 89

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 2 WITH THE ABOVE AMENDMENTS.

YES 116

NO 29

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map to depict a Flood Plain District and a Wireless Communications Services District as shown on a map entitled "Paxton Overlay Districts Map" which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Planning Board
Finance Board and Selectboard in favor of approval

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP TO DEPICT A FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT AND A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES DISTRICT AS SHOWN ON A MAP ENTITLED "PAXTON OVERLAY DISTRICTS MAP" WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE TOWN HALL.

YES 137

NO 8

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the dimensional requirements of minimum lot size in general residence district B, as set forth on a map entitled "Paxton Zoning Map" which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall, to 80,000 square feet with a minimum frontage of 200 feet; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Scott Runstrom, resident and property owner.

Finance Committee in favor, Selectboard not in favor.

MOTION FAILED YES 64

NO 74

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-sixth day of February 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman

David F. Jillette, Vice Chairman

Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM

199 voters checked in by board of Registrars

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June Herron, Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR WACHUSETT REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS**

April 5, 2001

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 \$81,695,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing a new high school facility, and for architectural, engineering and other costs related to the project, and for the demolition of the existing high school facility, said land purchase being a portion of the premises owned by Weyman Lundquist, consisting of approximately twenty-two and sixteen one-hundredths (22.16) acres of undeveloped land and being a portion of the premises shown on Holden Assessors Map 129. Parcel 3 and Parcel 13, which premises are contiguous to the present location of the Wachusett Regional High School, and that this appropriation be raised by incurring debt by the issuance of bonds and notes under Chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977, Section 16 of Chapter 71, of the General laws, 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: APRIL 5, 2001

12:00 Noon to 8:00pm

LOCATION OF ELECTION MEETINGS: Paxton Center School, 19 West Street

GIVEN under our hands this 23rd. day of February 2001.

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

Paul R. Anderson

Mary Copeland

Kenneth R. Fensin

Sherry A. Horeanopoulos

Paul James

Jane James

Kimberly Ferguson

Lorraine Neilan

John Nunnari

Elizabeth Pape

John Rokicki

David Lowenthal (not signed)

Jeffrey Gibbs

Peter J. MacDonald (not signed)

Sarah Jordan (not signed) Kathleen Singh (not signed)
 Duncan G. Leith Rosemary Warren
 Kelly J. Maxwell Jeffrey Wentzell

CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY THEREOF

A True Copy: WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT
 Attest: SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BY:
 SECRETARY

POLLS OPENED AT 12:00 NOON AND CLOSED AT
 8:00PM
 YES 831 NO 277 TOTAL VOTES CAST 1108

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 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 Monday, the seventh of May 2001, at 7:10 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M.
 MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM
 PRESENTAND

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$11,500, or any other sum, to cover the shortage in the First Responders budget compensation account #12232-5103, due to the increase in medical calls and responses, [We had 127 emergency medical responses in the last eight months.] 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
 \$11,500.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$10,500, or any other sum, to cover the shortage in the Fire Department budget compensation account #12220-5103, due to the fire at the Paxton Inn and also a private residence, 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
 \$10,500.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$7,500, or any other sum, to cover the cost of painting, building repairs, boiler repairs to the Town Hall and White Building and all supplies and equipment necessary to complete the work on the White Building, 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
 \$7,500.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$7,000, or any other sum, to pay outstanding bills for Legal Services from March through June 2001, 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
 \$7,000.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$34,600, or any other sum, to cover costs incurred by the Highway Department during various snow storms this past winter including overtime salaries and repairs to equipment, or act in any way thereon. This sum includes any costs not being reimbursed by F.E.M.A.

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
 \$34,600.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$5,000, or any other sum, to replenish the Reserve Fund account #11132-5700, 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
 \$5,000.

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 23rd day of April 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator
June Herron, Town Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:25 P.M. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY POSTED. 208 VOTERS SIGNED IN.

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 unusual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon. (Original Grand Total: \$7,033,651)

Amendments:

Assessors#11141-5209 \$17,400
Legal Services #11151-5200 \$30,000
Designer Selection #14410-5200 \$500
Recreation #16630-5102 \$6,000
Voc. School Tuition & Transportation \$119,000

AMENDED GRAND TOTAL - \$7,033,651

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen in favor.
UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR AS AMENDED.
\$6,841,351 FROM TAX LEVY: \$192,300 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 \$10,000.00, or any other sum, for the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee to fund the preparation of an Open Space and Recreation Plan to meet the Planning Requirements of the Division of Conservation Services (DCS); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$10,000.

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 \$95,875.38, 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 53 (B) of the Acts of 1999 and Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2000 in compliance with Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends approval by borrowing
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- 2/3'S NEEDED. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$95,875.38.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or any other sum, to purchase a new copy machine for the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- 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 \$20,000.00, or any other sum, for a Public Safety Building design study; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends approval.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

X 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 \$800.00, or any other sum, to install a new circuit breaker panel at the White Building; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$800.

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 \$16,000.00, or any other sum, for an update of position descriptions, ratings and assignment of grades based on an objective evaluation system; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- MOTION PASSED TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$16,000.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$23,050.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a 2000 or 2001 seven passenger van for the Council on Aging [the price of \$23,050.00 does not include the trade-in value of a 1995 Ford Aerostar van against the purchase price]; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Council on Aging

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- FUNDING AS FOLLOWS: \$10,750 AVAILABLE FUNDS (PROJECT WE CARE - ELDER AFFAIRS VAN ACCOUNT; UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$12,300.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2002 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for the fiscal year 2002 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2001; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.]

Balances in accounts as of March 31, 2001.

WPAT Title V Betterments	89,185.54
Title V Septic System Repair	
Repayments & Interest	24,951.11
Library State Aid	8,877.52
Special Library Aid	12,977.91
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund	
Notice of Intent	10,440.28
MA Arts Council	6,469.01
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	2,134.01
Council On Aging, Service	
Incentive Grant	700.00
Project We Care, Elder affairs	
Van Account	19,114.99
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	593.30
Recycling Grant	7,923.38
Town Clerk Fees	0
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution	
Abatement District	-59.91
Historical Commission Revolving Account	709.26
Charter Communications Cable TV	20,243.07
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	-1,123.74
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	9,153.00
Police Grant & Gifts	11,088.20
Police Parking Tickets	348.00
Fire Department Grants & Gifts	685.00
Comm. Of MA Fisheries & Wildlife	
Revolving Account	0

Article sponsored by the Accountant

Finance Committee and Selectboard recommend approval

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$114,174.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a 2000 or 2001 backhoe with swinger coupler, all wheel steer and front broom with tank for the Department of Public Works [the price of \$114,174.00 does not include trade-in value of a 1987 John Deere backhoe]; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Department of Public Works Superintendent

Finance Committee recommends approval by borrowing.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- 2/3'S NEEDED. YES 200; NO 8. MOTION PASSED TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$114,174.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$26,500.00, or any other sum, for the removal of the current boiler and purchase and installation of a new boiler at the highway barn; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Department of Public Works Superintendent

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$26,500.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase and upgrade of the Munis software and hardware used by the Assessors, Accountant and Collector; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Assessors/Town Accountant/Town Collector

Finance Committee recommends passing over.

Board of Selectmen will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$450,000.00, or any other sum, for the design and construction of a new outdoor swimming pool facility; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Recreation Commission

Finance Committee and Selectboard will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.

- 2/3'S NEEDED. MOTION FAILED.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00, or any other sum, to purchase a new copy machine for the Police Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$2,800.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or any other sum, to purchase a replacement engine for the 1997 Ford cruiser [Car #2] for the Police Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

Finance Committee recommends approval using available funds.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

- MOTION PASSED TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$8,000.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$600,000.00, or any other sum, to (i) purchase a pumper/ladder truck, (ii) refurbish and convert the present Engine #2 as a pumper only, and/or (iii) make necessary alterations to the fire station to accommodate the new pumper/ladder truck; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends approval by borrowing
Board of Selectmen will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

- 2/3'S NEEDED. YES 192; NO 16. MOTION PASSED TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$600,000.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to file the following legislation to combine the position of Town Collector and Town Treasurer to one appointed position with all of the same benefits as other Town employees. This new position of Town Collector-Treasurer is to be full time, 40 hours per week, reporting to the Board of Selectmen with offices in the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A TREASURER-COLLECTOR IN THE TOWN OF PAXTON
Section 1.

The office of the Town Treasurer-Collector of the Town of Paxton is hereby established. The Town Treasurer-Collector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three (3) years and the person so appointed shall have all the powers and duties vested in the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Collector.

A vacancy in the office of Town Treasurer-Collector shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired portion of any term.

Section 2.

The incumbents in the offices of Town Treasurer and Town Collector on the effective date of this Act shall continue to hold said offices and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of their terms and the appointment of a Town Treasurer-Collector by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 3.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Selectboard recommend approval.

- AMENDMENT: BOARD OF SELECTMEN ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY CHANGE IN FORM OF THE LANGUAGE TO ACHIEVE THE INTENT OF THE VOTERS. MOTION PASSED. YES 56, NO 37.

Article 17A. 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 the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Selectboard will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$75,000.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Selectboard will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.

- UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$75,000.

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 the By-Law, 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 19th day of April 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 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 fourteenth day of May, 2001
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	One Years	Frederick G. Goodrich
Selectboard	Three Years	Scott P. Runstrom
Town Collector	One Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Town Treasurer	One Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Municipal Light Board	Three Years	Emerson W. Wheeler III
Assessor	Three Years	Robert E. Paulsen Jr.
Water Board	Three Years	Charles H. Bolster Jr.
Board of Health	Three Years	David G. Parent
Planning Board	Five Years	David L. Bennett
Library Trustee	Three Years	Joan M. Bedard
Library Trustee	Three Years	Charles L. Innis Jr.
Recreation	Three Years	John P. Glowik Jr.
Commission Cemetery	Three Years	Edwin L. Hammerberg
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 twenty-third day of
April 2001.

Board of Selectmen:

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman

David E. Jillette, Vice Chairman

Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

POLLS OPEN AT 10:00AM AND CLOSED AT 8:00PM

TOTAL VOTES CAST 653

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year ended with the election of a new Board of
Selectmen, following several years in office of Ronald
Johnson and David Jillette. Both of them will be missed
after many years of dedicated service to the Town. Fiscal
year 02 is the beginning of a new era with Richard
Bedard as Chairman, Frederick Goodrich and Scott
Runstrom as new members.

The contract negotiations with the Paxton
Patrolmen's Union were initiated during the year and
expected to be finalized during the summer of 2001. The
contract wording should provide uniform procedures
within the department. The contract is to be funded by
utilizing funds from the Stabilization Fund. In other
police matters, a thermal imaging camera was obtained
by the Police Department through a grant.

The Board produced an Employee Manual for all
Town Employees through many hours of work by the
Personal Advisory Board. This document, which is to be
completed in June 2001, is expected to be in the hands of
all Town employees by July of 2001.

In September 2000, the Board appointed Kate
Sullivan as the new Director of the Council of Aging,
replacing Rosemary Warren who left to take a new
position. Kate remained until January 2001 when she left
and was replaced by Heather Courtney.

The Wachusett Regional School District continues to
be a source of frustration for the Board. The votes to
build a new school, to purchase additional land, to
change the funding ratio of the towns in the school
district, were voted favorably at Town Elections, but did
not receive required votes in the other regional towns.
The School Committee is at an impasse and input from
town select boards did not produce results. The region is
on the verge of losing its accreditation at the Wachusett
Regional High School.

The Ad-hoc committee completed its work on the
new zoning bylaws and they were voted on, by the
Town in March 2001. The members of the committee
deserve a vote of praise for the many hours of work they
put into producing the new bylaws, which should guide
the Town for years to come.

The Town Hall continues to be the focal point
during events on the Town Common. The bunting on
the front of the building recreates the pictures taken in
the 1800's. The World War II Veteran's Memorial Plaque
has been given a permanent place in the first floor hall.

The Town Highway Superintendent and Secretary
to the Selectboard resigned amid allegations of the
misappropriation of funds. Both individuals

subsequently made restitution after pleading guilty to the charges.

The Board appointed Carol Riches as Secretary to the Selectmen and Ronald "Butch" Fritze as Highway Superintendent.

In early 2001, Joanne Savignac resigned as Treasurer/Collector to take another position. The Town was fortunate to find a qualified candidate, Deirdre Malone, as was appointed by the Board. The Board also attempted to have the Commonwealth allow the position to be appointed but the General Court refused.

The Board appointed Jay Conte Fire Chief, effective July 1, 2001 to replace Brian Murphy, who served the department for 39 years as a Firefighter, Deputy Chief and Chief. The Town is very grateful for his many years of service.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the residents of Paxton for their support. In addition, the members of all Town Boards and Commissions should be complimented for their service to the Town. It is only through the combined support of residents, boards and commissions that a small town can survive.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bedard, Chairman
Frederick Goodrich, Vice Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the Finance Committee recommended and the voters passed a total budget of \$7,033,651 for Fiscal Year 2002. Although this represented an increase of \$350,707 over the prior year, most of the increase resulted from higher costs for the regional school budget and town employee's health insurance. Included in the budget was a 3% cost of living increase for town employees.

Special articles totaling \$1,036,449 were also passed by the voters. Included were articles that authorized the purchase of a new Fire truck (\$600,000), a new backhoe for the DPW (\$114,174), the addition of \$75,000 to our Stabilization Fund, the use of \$75,000 to reduce the tax levy and the funding of a comprehensive wage and salary study (\$16,000).

For the past several years, the Finance Committee has stressed the importance of developing a formalized process for evaluating Town positions and the performance of the people filling those positions. The wage and salary study, to be conducted by an outside, professional firm, will review and update job descriptions for all town positions, perform a salary comparison to comparable positions in other communities and recommend a new position

classification and performance evaluation system for all town employees. We are confident that the implementation of the results of this study will enable the town to effectively manage our employee resources in a fair and fiscally responsible manner.

In last years report, we expressed our concern about the increasing strain being placed upon our revenue and taxing capacities as virtually all of our resources have been used to maintain an appropriate level of town services and provide for necessary capital expenditures. We warned that at some point, budget growth and the need to fund major capital projects may exceed our revenue capacity. With the downturn in the economy and the growing budget crisis facing our State government, it appears certain that the upcoming budget year will be an extremely difficult one and force all of us to seriously evaluate and prioritize the essential needs of our community as measured against declining revenues and affordable spending levels.

Your Finance Committee

Lucille DiLeo. Chairperson

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

During Fiscal Year 2000-2001, over 230 various types of calls pertaining to dogs and 86 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 31st of each year.

The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Peter Warren, Jr.

BOARD OF APPEALS

In Fiscal Year 2001 the Board of Appeals met seven times and entertained and heard the following:

- 13 applications, 10 being Variances, 3 being Special Permits
- Variances: 8 approved, 1 withdrawn (later reactivated), 1 denied.
- Special Permits: 2 approved, 1 withdrawn

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Rubin, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal year 2001 was a mandated triennial valuation update year which resulted in a total taxable valuation

as of January 1, 2000 of \$294,023,648. A net increase of \$56,120,286, 23.6%. The valuation update increased the total valuation by \$49,627,500.

In addition new construction, additions and alterations increased the valuation by \$7,166,817, of which completion of Kettle Brook Golf Club accounted for \$2,397,500.

Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessor's reduced the valuation by \$459,600.

Personal Property abatements reduced the valuation by \$377,492.

Re-listing and other adjustments increased the valuation an additional \$163,061.

The Board received fourteen Real Estate abatement requests. Nine were approved and processed.

The Assessors office is open from 9am - 12 noon Monday thru Thursday.

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

James R. Stone, Jr.
Chairman

BOARD OF HEALTH

During the fiscal year 2001, the sanitary inspector handled the following:

Septic System Inspections:	68
Soil Percolation Tests:	17
Disposal System Permits, Repair:	27
Food Inspections:	11
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections	11
Complaints: Septic	5
Food	1
Hazmat	1

The Board of Health continues to supervise and administer the correct installation and maintenance of septic systems in Paxton as well as its other health-related duties, including management of the Town's trash collection and recycling program.

In 2000 and 2001, it has been a top priority of the Board to increase the effective use of the Town's recycling program. This is important in order to maintain a cost-effective trash collection system and to meet state recycling mandates.

Enforcing participation and encouraging compliance with the recycling mandates are vital to our success. To have trash collected economically, we must have energetic compliance with our recycling program.

In FY2001, the Board voted to start a recycling enforcement program. Residents could no longer have trash collection unless they put out some recycling. This enforcement has been successfully implemented with only a few objections. In 2002, the objective is to further intercept recyclables in the trash, reducing the tonnage

of recycling material in the trash, especially targeting those households where recycling volume is disproportionate to the trash volume.

Inspection of trash, if the driver thinks recycling could be contained in the trash, is the next step for 2002.

Let's all support this program. We have no practical alternative but to maximize our recycling efforts. We ask everyone to help make things easier to manage and reduce the cost of trash collection of the Town's waste by cooperating with the Town's efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas B. Carroll,
Chairman

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
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 2001, 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 and acted on 6 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 12 Notices of Intent and 4 Requests for Certificates of Compliance. More than 50

properties were visited by one or more members of the Commission to assess the applicability of the Wetlands Protection act to particular projects to verify wetlands delineations, to check for wetland violations and to monitor projects for compliance. Two members of the Commission attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners. One or more members were involved in the ad hoc committee revising the Town's Bylaws, an ad hoc committee developing an open space and recreation plan, and an ad hoc committee involved in protecting land near Pine Hill Reservoir.

Two commissioners (Carol Harris and Barbara Berka) resigned from the Commission and their positions on the Commission were filled by Ansley Siter and Christopher Keenan. Continuing members include Inge Baehrecke, S. Elise Barry, Robert Bertin (Vice Chair) and Rebecca Sullivan.

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 L. Stewart, Chair

CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

- Audio Journal
- Council on Aging
- 1. Workshop
- 2. Entertainment for volunteers
- Richards Memorial Library Passes for 9 Museum
- Friends of Moore State Park
- Paxton Center School
- 1. Pass Program
- 2. PTO Enrichment Program
- Wachusett Community Band
- Donation for upgrade of White Building
- Ongoing oral history of Paxton

Our thanks to Joanne Kee for her past service to this board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Langer, Chair

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION For the year ending December 31, 2000

The employees of PMLD strive everyday to serve the people who make Paxton a pleasant place to live and work. The ratepayers of Paxton are fortunate to have a dedicated staff of employees that are willing to

go the extra mile to deliver superior service. We believe our service is a valued contribution to our community because many of you tell us you appreciate us. We thank you for that!

Please continue to look for our branded banner of "localight" in the PaxtoNotes, bringing attention to the benefits of your municipally owned electric utility.

During 2000, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$8200 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. Additionally, we continue to provide administrative support and billing services to the Water Department at a reasonable cost. Approximately 2/3 of our customers are billed for water usage on the same invoice as electricity. The savings in postage, forms expense, meter reading expense, and clerical and administrative time is significant and the billing arrangement has benefited the Light Department, the Water Department and the Town Collector.

The light department installed 34 new house services during 2000. In addition we continued to upgrade open secondary wire to improve system reliability. We continue our tree-trimming program to reduce outages caused by winter storms. In early 2001, we completed reconstruction of the failed backup feeder that supplies the power to Paxton from the substation on Marshall Street, increasing our reliability and reducing risk to our supply and risk of higher transmission costs.

Our rate stabilization plan is working, and we were able to maintain our rates in 2000 after the decrease implemented in 1999. Our power supply is managed through Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC). Through MMWEC, Paxton holds ownership of electric generation based in Ludlow, as well as Seabrook and Millstone Stations.

Our ownership of generation served us well during the heat wave on May 8, 2000 when energy prices peaked at \$6000/MW. The average cost on energy is usually \$30 to \$40/MW in May. Some utilities were paying \$6000; we were selling. This made all the difference in our year-end results, but had our fortunes gone the other way, and our generating units not been available on that day, our rate stabilization program is designed to protect your electric rates.

We did budget from our stabilization program to get us through the short-term energy price spike that started late in 2000 and went into the first half of 2001. While other utilities raised and lowered prices last year, our rates remained stable. We 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 4:30 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, Chairman
Michael S. Zalansky, Vice-Chairman
Emerson W. Wheeler III, Clerk-Secretary
Paxton Light Commission
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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, 2000 and 1999 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 2000 and 1999 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, 2000 and 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C.
Worcester, Massachusetts
May 14, 2001

Paxton Municipal Light Department
Balance Sheet - December 31, 2000 and 1999
Assets

	2000	1999
Electric Utility Plant		
Distribution Plant, at cost	\$2,693,554	\$2,640,027
General Plant, at cost	523,821	520,345
Total Electric Utility Plant	3,217,375	3,160,372
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,377,567)	(2,232,046)
Net Electric Utility Plant	839,808	928,326
Other Property and Investments		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Depreciation Fund	505,901	386,485
Investments	10,638	11,649
Rate Stabilization	803,497	597,094
Total Other Property and Investments	1,320,036	995,228
Current Assets		
Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Operating Fund	631,434	420,474
Customers' Meter Deposits	38,125	37,275
Petty Cash	200	200
Customer Accounts Receivable	267,341	168,648
Other Accounts Receivable	1,087	30,844
Materials and Supplies		
At average cost	89,169	82,714
Prepayments	64,916	51,568
Purchased Power		
Working Capital	439,507	439,507

Total Current Assets	<u>1,531,779</u>	<u>1,231,230</u>
Deferred Charges		
Other Accounts		
Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$3,691,623</u>	<u>\$3,154,784</u>

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Balance Sheet - December 31, 2000 and 1999
Capitalization and Liabilities**

	2000	1999
Capitalization		
Unappropriated Retained Earnings	\$2,388,541	\$2,226,928
Contribution in Aid of Construction	<u>137,518</u>	<u>137,518</u>
Total Capitalization	<u>2,526,059</u>	<u>2,364,446</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	164,130	84,232
Accrued Expenses	11,903	17,528
Miscellaneous		
Deferred Liabilities	<u>147,909</u>	<u>54,209</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>323,942</u>	<u>155,969</u>
Other Liabilities		
Rate Stabilization Reserve	803,497	597,094
Customer Deposits	<u>38,125</u>	<u>37,275</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>841,622</u>	<u>634,369</u>
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	<u>\$3,691,623</u>	<u>\$3,154,784</u>

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Statements of Income
and Unappropriated Retained Earnings
For the Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999**

	2000	1999
Operating Income	<u>\$2,472,346</u>	<u>\$2,505,472</u>
Operating Expense		
Operations & Maintenance	2,282,631	2,334,192
Depreciation	<u>158,003</u>	<u>152,901</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,440,634</u>	<u>2,487,093</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>31,712</u>	<u>18,379</u>
Other Income (Expense)		
Investment Income	132,031	82,096
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	151	1,342
Interest Expense	<u>(2,281)</u>	<u>(1,906)</u>

Total	Other		
Income(Expense)		<u>129,901</u>	<u>81,532</u>
Net Income		\$161,613	\$99,911
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - Beginning of Year		2,226,928	2,301,953
Appropriation to Rate Stabilization		(0)	<u>(174,936)</u>
Unappropriated Retained Earnings - End of Year		<u>\$2,388,541</u>	<u>\$2,226,928</u>

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999**

	2000	1999
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$161,613	\$99,911
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	158,003	152,901
Investment Income	(132,031)	(82,096)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	(98,692)	(19,815)
Accounts Receivable -- Other	20,374	(4,550)
Prepayments	(13,349)	(30,913)
Materials & Supplies	(6,455)	2,183
Increase (Decrease) In Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	79,898	(62,743)
Customer Deposits	850	9,550
Accrued Expenses	(5,625)	340
Miscellaneous Deferred Liabilities	93,700	(75,162)
Rate Stabilization Reserve	<u>206,403</u>	<u>422,158</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$474,072</u>	<u>\$411,764</u>
Cash Flows from Capital And Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to Plant	<u>(69,485)</u>	<u>(112,347)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Investment Income	132,031	82,096
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	1,011	1,098
Increase in Rate		

Stabilization Fund	(206,403)	(422,158)
Net Cash Provided		
(Used) by Investing Activities	(73,361)	(338,964)
Net Increase		
(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(331,226)	(39,547)
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
- Beginning of Year	844,234	883,781
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
-- End of Year	<u>\$1,175,460</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:

	505,901	386,485
Depreciation Cash	631,434	420,474
Operating Cash	<u>38,125</u>	<u>37,275</u>
Customer Deposits	<u>\$1,175,460</u>	<u>\$844,234</u>

REPORT OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Wachusett Regional School District:

Over fifty years ago, the citizens of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling came together at special town meetings in their communities. They had a vision of a place of learning for their high school students. By their actions in June of 1950, the Wachusett Regional School District was created. For over forty-seven years, the District's high school students have been educated at Wachusett Regional High School. Throughout those forty plus years, the accomplishments were many and Wachusett Regional High School has earned an outstanding reputation for its academic programs.

In December of 1993, the citizens again had a vision for educating all of the students in the five member towns. Their votes created a unified K-12 region. Since that unification the accomplishments of our students have soared. District students have demonstrated progressive and substantial improvements on standardized achievement tests including the

Metropolitan Achievement Tests (MAT 7) and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Our students have regularly received top honors at the state science fair held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Our students have scored well above the state and national averages on the SAT tests. More students each year choose to take advanced placement courses and score well above the national average on the advanced placement tests.

District students have also excelled in non-academic areas. Year after year the Wachusett track teams make their way to the state meets; our soccer teams have brought home District championships; our cheerleaders have leaped to the top of their sport by ranking first in a national competition; our music students continue to be chosen for Central District and State band and chorus; our theater productions are second to none.

This year the renaissance of building in the District for the elementary and middle school students was completed with the opening of Davis Hill Elementary School in Holden, the reopening of the renovated Naquag School in Rutland, and the Dawson Elementary School in Holden.

Citizens in the five member towns are fortunate to have quality educators working with our students everyday. They teach our students to aim high and always do their best. The member towns have provided the resources needed for educational programs, which support the growth of children. Thanks to the commitment made by the Wachusett community to renew District schools, students in Kindergarten through grade 8 have the benefit of modern school facilities. These K-8 schools reflect the pride the community has for children and the respect for the value of their education. The renewal of the K-8 schools should stand as an example of what the Wachusett community must do for its high school students.

We invite you to review the Annual Report and FY02 Budget Appropriation, a separate publication dedicated to the accomplishments of our students, as well as providing a detailed analysis of the finances needed to run such an outstanding District. Copies are available at the annual town meetings, as well as through the District administration.

On behalf of the students served so ably by our school district, we extend our deepest appreciation to you for your continued support for the educational programs for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

PLANNING BOARD

FY2001 ending last June has been an extremely busy time for your Planning Board. In addition to our regular business, we had undertaken a complete revision of Paxton's Zoning Bylaw and its Subdivision Rules & Regulations in the fall of 1999, and after nine meetings in the prior fiscal year, we brought the new zoning to a public hearing and subsequent vote at the Special Town Meeting on March 19, 2001. The Planning Board was assisted by an Ad-Hoc Committee which during FY01 met seven times in addition to an Informational Meeting on November 15, 2000 when beside zoning matters Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission presented Paxton's Build Out analysis. We want to thank the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Barbara Berka (Conservation Commission), Dory Huard (Assessors), John Lucey (Selectmen), Dave Parent (Board of Health), Mike Putnam (Paxton DPW), Scott Runstrom (Water Board), Kay Sears (Board of Appeals), and Rick Trifero (Building Commissioner), for their faithful attendance at meetings, careful study of the issues and valuable input into our new Zoning Bylaw.

The work of the Ad-Hoc Committee continued after the March Town Meeting with sessions in April, May and June due to the revision of the Watershed Protection required by the water agreement with the City of Worcester and further refinement of Personal Wireless Services. On the latter, we also had valued assistance from Susan Serrato, Louise Victoria Power, Chris Keenan and Dan Kelleher. Those changes will be brought to a Special Town Meeting in November 2001 together with the adoption of new maps due to the digitizing of Paxton's mapping awarded to Marin GIS in June 2001.

In this work as well as in the revisions of Paxton's Subdivision Rules & Regulations, the Planning Board had the valuable assistance of Bill Scanlon, Community Development Manager of Central Mass. Regional Planning. The new Subdivision Rules & Regulations were presented at a Public Hearing on March 12, 2001 and subsequently voted into force by the Planning Board.

The ongoing regular business of the Board was conducted during twelve monthly meetings as well as two special sessions in December 2000 and March 2001. The Planning Board approved 13 ANR plans ("Approval Not Required" meaning land divisions conforming to prescribed lot area and frontage only) and denied two such applications. We had extensive discussions with developers, engineers, abutters and town officials on subdivisions and granted approval of a Definitive Plan on Fox Run (10/16/00) and Preliminary Plan on Glad Hill (4/9/01). We denied preliminary plans on subdivisions for extension of Bel Arbor Drive (2/12/00)

and between Highland Street and Forestdale Road (3/29/01). Reconfiguration of the cul-de-sac at the end of Red Oak Street in order to access back land was also denied (3/12/01). The three-lot subdivision at the end of Forestdale Road was extended for one year to December 7, 2001.

Considerable time was spent on the renewal of Accessory Apartments. There are sixteen actively used such properties in town. An application for an accessory apartment in a new house was withdrawn in May 2001.

Unquestionably there is an increase in development in Paxton and the Planning Board anticipates such greater activity to continue for some time. With new regulations now in place, we feel that the Town is better prepared for these challenges. We want to thank our Town Services Coordinator Nancy Wilby for her valued assistance. Similarly we thank Tammy Connors for her minutes of meetings and to Melissa McKeon for detailed reporting in the Holden Landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian S. Baehrecke, Chair
Neil Bagdis, Clerk

David L. Bennett
Zarvin J. Kasparian

Gordon J. Szczepanek, Vice Chair

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During Fiscal Year 2001, the Paxton Police Department continued to respond to the ever-increasing demand for service. Calls for service evidenced a more diverse array of social problems. Computer crimes and Internet schemes were among several firsts for our department. The stresses of these modern times resulted in more domestic related issues.

Modern policing requires a far more trained and educated police officer than days past. We recognized the need to provide the residents of our Town with highly trained, qualified individuals; therefore, our officers continued to be trained in technical skills, conflict resolution, domestic abuse response, emergency response, drug awareness, defensive tactics, as well as basic police training (i.e. CPR/First Aid, Firearms, etc.).

In addition to being committed to assuring public safety, our department also continued its efforts in community related projects. Grants were actively pursued and provided for programs such as D.A.R.E., R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) for women, Y.A.C. (Youth Activity Center), bicycle safety, and lectures on seat belt safety, alcohol and drug awareness and many more. The programs, talks and lectures given by our officers reflect our continued commitment to community policing.

Also during fiscal Year 2001, the Town of Paxton and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, the union that represents the patrolmen, came to an agreement and a first time contract was signed retro to Fiscal Year 2000.

Our department promises to be as committed in Fiscal Year 2002. We will continue to provide professional law enforcement and put our emphasis on our community. As always, we encourage residents to report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity. Trust your instincts, if something appears wrong, it probably is!

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1 2000 through June 30, 2001.

4	Accident (Hit & Run)
27	Accident (Personal Injury)
53	Accident (Property Damage)
273	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
86	Animal Calls (Other Than Dogs)
388	Arrests/Criminal
19	Assault
17	Breaking/Entering - Auto & Residential
1034	Citations Issued
163	Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted
36	Disturbance (General)
22	Disturbance (Loud Noise)
19	Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Orders
79	Firearm Permits
50	House Checks
28	Larceny
48	Lockouts (Auto/Home)
163	Medical Emergencies
1	Mental Health/Section 12
7	Missing Persons
3	Motor Vehicles Stolen/Recovered
1934	Motor Vehicle Stops
59	Mutual Aid Area PD's
8	Open Door/Window
828	Plate or License Status
8	Property (Lost/Found)
3020	Public Service General
4	Sex Offenses
30	Soliciting
23	Summons Service
113	Suspicious Auto
62	Suspicious Person
11	Threats/Harassment
4	Trespassing
4	Unattended Death
14	Vandalism

Respectfully submitted

Michael J. Ahearn, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

After a tough winter of 2000-2001, with a total of 139" of snow and many ice events, the clean up after took quite long. Mooreland Cemetery had seventeen burials for the year. The Highway Department paved Rockland Road, Whitney Drive, Highland Street, Center Drive, Old Lantern Circle, Merry Lane, Elizabeth Lane, Eugenia Lane, and Arrowhead Drive. Beavers still pose a problem throughout town. It is a daily chore to keep the culverts open.

The Water Department continues to replace transmitters for water meters on a daily basis as needed. We had three water main breaks. We also replaced two main gates on Pleasant Street and two hydrants. We would like to thank all water users for their understanding and diligence in the time of water main breaks and other problem times.

We would like to thank all Boards and Committees for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Fritze, Superintendent

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee goals for FY2001 were met in the following manner:

- The Collection of trash and recyclables by Central Mass. Disposal began on July 1, 2000 with a new multi-year contract.
- The printing and mailing of our recycling schedules was again paid by a grant from the Mass DEP.
- A Spring leaf drop-off was offered in addition to the usual Fall drop-off at the Mooreland Cemetery site.
- Compost bins are sold and worn-out fluorescent light bulbs collected at the Paxton Light Department.
- Button batteries and rechargeable Ni-cad batteries are collected at the Town Hall, Paxton Light Department and the Senior Center.
- 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.
- The Recycling Committee purchased 525 recycling bins to make 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 like to thank the BARRE SAVINGS BANK for sponsoring Paxton's E-CALL recycling message (1-800-800-6881) and the State DEP for contracting with Earth's 911, a recycling message service heard by dialing 1-800-CLEANUP.

We would also like to thank the Paxton Cable Committee and especially Scott Wilson for showing recycling videos every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and informational bulletins when appropriate.

Any resident interested in or with concerns about recycling should contact the Board of Health or one of its members.

Respectfully submitted,

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

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New totals as of December 19, 2000:

Green Party	2
Republican	436
Democrat	632
Libertarian	12
Un-enrolled	<u>1,681</u>
TOTAL	2,763

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 66,070, 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 3,388 registered patrons, an increase of 173 patrons. Our collection now numbers 30,649 materials: including books, videos, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, games, CD's and CD-ROM's. This is a decrease of 845 materials from the previous year due to discarding of many older, out of date and worn out materials. We have now reached full capacity, and as we purchase we must discard.

Your Richards Memorial Library card brings you free access via your home computer to five exciting and expensive databases. Check out our web site at <http://www.ultranet.com/~rml/> and follow the instructions to a wide range of information. In addition, we have access to several very specialized libraries. These include medical information at the Consumer Health Reference Center at the Treadwell Library of Massachusetts General Hospital and legal information at Statewide Legal Reference Service. These are available for librarians only, but both offer very rapid response to queries. Funding for these resources is provided through the joint efforts of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System and the Other Massachusetts regional systems.

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, Fruitlands, Garden in the Woods 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. 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

Trustees:

Chair: Charles Innis

Vice Chair: Joan Bedard

Secretary: Joan Arnold

Treasurer: Scott Martin

Physical Plant: John McDonald

Friends Liaison: Dennis Osborn

WIRING INSPECTOR

Electrical permits issued during Fiscal Year 2001 were:

New homes completed	24
Additions and Miscellaneous	77
Total Inspections & Re-inspections	101

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall. Permits may be applied for from the Town Services Coordinator. All wiring, whether done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, requires a permit and inspection. Electricians should be prepared to show an electrician's license and a current certificate of insurance.

The Wiring Inspector may be reached at home prior to and after work hours at 508.755-1385.

Warren Lederer retired June 30, 2001 as Wiring Inspector after over thirty years of service as Wiring Inspector for the Town. I would like to express the Town's appreciation for Warren's many years of devoted service and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fanning
Electrical Inspector

TOWN ACCOUNTANTRECEIPTS

TAXES & EXCISES	4,817,409.02
TREASURER'S TAILINGS	160.00
DRIVEWAY BONDS HELD	6,500.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	345,745.43
	34,175.00

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Fisheries & Wildlife	2,692.50
Police Parking Tickets	70.00
Police Private Duty	29,203.25
Police DARE	6,200.00
Police Grants/Gifts	19,020.00
Fire Grants/Gifts	15,329.00
Upper Blackstone Water District	566.20
Recreation	49,773.50
Title V Septic Programs	8,503.64
Title V Betterment Programs	6,698.54
Cable TV	7,283.69
State Aid	639,726.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,901.50
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	189,571.73
TREASURER'S TAX TITLE ACCOUNT	10.00
HIGHWAY LOANS	135,285.87
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	

Historical Commission	1,010.00
Recycling Grant	3,670.89
Conservation	1,172.50
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,765.00
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	6,865.26
Elder Affairs "Service Incentive Grant"	700.00
Local Cultural Council	3,800.00
Library State Aid	7,967.11
Special Library State Aid	230.55

PCS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Renovations & Addition	387.35
Escrow Acct. Grasseschi	15,127.83

LOCAL RECEIPTS:

General Government Fees	131,833.29
PCS School Building. Reimbursement	275,939.00
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	18,102.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,450.00
Interest - Collector/Treasurer	77,027.72
Tax Title	1,963.90
Motor Vehicle	1,308.82
Real Estate & Personal Property	12,375.23
Water Accounts	3,606.02
Deferred Real Estate	3,107.68

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT BILLINGS

Offset Expenses	190,852.24
Liens	180.76
Sale of Scrap	232.05
Meter Deposits	1,800.00
Interest	66,998.25

OFFSET TO APPROPRIATIONSTRUST FUNDS:

Library Investment Income	6,586.72
Cemetery Investment Income	7,065.92
Med. Center of Central MA	19,700.00

PERFORMANCE BOND FORESTDALE REALTY

PERFORMANCE BONDS INTEREST	888.52
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SPECIAL ARTICLES:

Fire Breathing Equipment	55,200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,732,053.69

DISBURSEMENTS

TAXES & EXCISE REFUNDS	18,689.64
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	70,282.93
WATER DEPT. INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS	3,500.00
WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM	97,667.70

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Title V Septic Program	12,593.00
Title V Betterment Program	53,685.00
Fisheries & Wildlife	2,692.50
Police Private Duty	26,633.50

Police DARE	15,269.06	TOWN COLLECTOR	34,508.84	33,918.01
Police Grants/Gifts	21,807.48	LEGAL	48,681.15	48,681.15
Upper Blackstone Waste District	273.10	PERSONNEL BOARD	399.00	399.00
Cable TV	2,139.86	REGIONAL PLANNING		
Recycling Grant	525.55	ASSESSMENT	782.00	781.07
Historical Commission	991.36	TOWN CLERK	9,505.00	9,254.65
Recreation	32,547.60	ELECTIONS	9,254.48	8,695.46
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:		REGISTRARS	2,365.00	2,358.36
Highway Loans	104,656.84	CONSERVATION		
Library State Aid	117.65	COMMISSION	1,700.00	1,022.22
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,277.20	PLANNING BOARD	16,630.23	16,418.07
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	1,180.20	ZONING BOARD OF		
Local Cultural Council	4,046.40	APPEALS	1,150.00	779.15
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	593.70	PUBLIC BLDG.		
Town Clerk Fees	1,901.50	MAINTENANCE	46,751.37	46,379.49
DRIVEWAY BONDS REFUNDED	3,500.00	INSURANCE & BONDS	62,500.00	62,500.00
LOCAL RECEIPTS REFUNDED	50.00	TOWN REPORTS &		
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	2,450.00	WARRANTS	3,200.00	2,947.00
TRANSFER TO TRUST FUND	50,000.00	TOWN CLOCK	360.00	225.22
STABILIZATION		POLICE DEPARTMENT	417,336.00	415,235.22
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	188,175.44	FIRE DEPARTMENT	136,712.63	136,641.06
PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT	2,589,795.75	AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Meter Deposit Refunds	5,650.00	CONTRACT	9,600.00	9,600.00
Treasurer's Tax Title Account	310.00	FIRST RESPONDERS	33,972.00	33,327.58
SPECIAL ARTICLES:		BUILDING COMMISSIONER	11,975.00	10,078.78
Highway Truck	6,289.02	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,500.00	1,897.50
Recreation Maintenance Equipment	1,555.99	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	3,190.00	3,090.00
Communications Center Console Repairs	2,267.75	CIVIL DEFENSE	100.00	0.00
Police storage Shed	1,317.00	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	6,569.00	6,371.37
Police Cruiser	28,435.00	FORESTRY	1,250.00	1,230.00
Police Station Renovations	7,513.87	TREE WARDEN	5,650.00	5,400.00
Wentworth Pool Repairs Article 3/95	642.52	COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	124,316.51	120,871.89
Fire Breathing Equipment	70,044.00	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC		
Fire Air Compressor	285.00	WORKS	521,818.63	518,765.49
Radio Read Water Meters	749.20	STREETLIGHTING	18,960.00	18,960.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS	9,273.43	REFUSE COLLECTION/		
PCS RENOVATIONS & ADDITION	138,925.33	RECYCLING	208,982.35	202,676.88
Escrow Account Grasseschi	5,094.85	WATER DEPARTMENT	461,875.00	349,104.92
TRUST FUNDS:		BOARD OF HEALTH	2,700.00	1,033.36
Library Investment Income	4,140.53	SANITARY INSPECTOR	8,187.00	8,187.00
Cemetery Investment Income	5,664.81	INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	400.00	400.00
Med Center of Central MA	16,968.75	MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	6,530,150.63	COUNCIL ON AGING	36,136.00	32,506.64
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>10,144,320.64</u>	VETERAN'S SERVICES	8,440.00	8,410.00
		LIBRARY	115,985.00	115,985.00
		RECREATION	118,942.83	117,871.05
		HISTORICAL COMMISSION	345.00	289.61
		CELEBRATIONS	1,925.00	1,369.98
		DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL &	867,281.00	805,139.65
		INTEREST		
		EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT &	253,276.18	253,276.18
		HEALTH INSURANCE		
		WACHUSETT REGIONAL	3,061,225.00	3,052,816.45
		SCHOOL DISTRICT		
		RESERVE FUND	50,000.00	49,748.28
		TOTAL	<u>6,913,400.49</u>	<u>6,690,364.55</u>
			Respectfully submitted,	
APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS	EXPENDED		
	/RECEIPTS			
MODERATOR	215.00	150.00		
SELECTBOARD	44,017.30	43,594.67		
TOWN SERVICES	38,860.32	36,262.30		
COORDINATOR				
FINANCE BOARD	1,145.00	1,080.00		
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	26,173.00	24,915.45		
ASSESSORS	45,626.00	40,921.30		
TOWN TREASURER	28,426.67	27,298.09		

June T. Herron
Town Accountant

TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	10.31	
Committed	1466.76	
Collected		1466.76
Abated		0.00
Outstanding June 30, 2000		10.31
Total	\$1477.07	\$1477.07

1999 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	2,656.37	
Committed	2,568.46	
Refunded	129.17	
Collected		3,897.73
Abated		0.00
Outstanding June 30, 2001		1,456.27
Total	\$5354.00	\$5354.00

2000 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	19,450.21	
Committed	86,014.84	
Refunded	4,161.97	
Collected		100,918.99
Abated		5,046.28
Outstanding June 30, 2001		3,661.75
Total	\$109,627.02	\$109,627.02

2001 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	322,951.78	
Recommitted	396.25	
Refunded	2,542.28	
Collected		301,887.53
Abated		6,211.23
Outstanding June 30, 2001		17,791.55
Total	\$325,890.31	\$325,890.31

1999 Fiscal & Prior Years Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	4,509.59	
Collected		16.02
Outstanding June 30, 2001		0.00
Abated		4,493.57
Total	\$2,458.03	\$2,458.03

2000 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	7,885.39	
Refunded	4,743.20	
Collected		9,063.95
Abated		2,340.73
Outstanding June 30, 2001		1,223.91
Total	\$12,628.59	\$12,328.59

2001 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	59,673.58	
Refunded		0.00

Collected		48,180.51
Abated		48.76
Outstanding July 1, 2000		11,444.31
Total	\$59,673.58	\$59,673.58

Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable - Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2000	63,595.78	
Committed	14,940.22	
Collected		12,920.90
Outstanding June 30, 01		65,615.10
	\$78,536.00	\$78,536.00

Taxes Receivable - Deferred Real Estate Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2000	7,139.88	
Committed		7,139.88
	\$7,139.88	\$7,139.88

1999 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	4,286.22	
Collected		1,654.42
Tax Title		2,631.80
	\$4,286.22	\$4,286.22

2000 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2000	71,807.69	
Tax Title		9,438.04
Collected		62,369.65
Total	\$71,807.69	\$71,807.69

2001 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	4,395,744.67	
Refunds	7,113.02	
Abatements		30,484.99
Collected		113,729.97
Outstanding June 30, 2000	\$440,285.69	\$440,285.69

Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2000	32,871.57	
Collected		0.00
Outstanding June 30, 2000		32,871.57
	\$32,871.57	\$32,871.57

Deferred Taxes

Outstanding July 1, 2000	1,389.23	
Collected		1389.23
Outstanding June 30, 2001		0.00
	\$1389.23	\$1389.23

2001 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	13,684.05
Interest Received From Collector's Account	4,546.00
Interest Received on Water Receipts	3,606.02

Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	4,925.00
Parking Fees	70.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	2,540.00
Return Check Fees	270.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,114.49

Water Department Receipts

Readings	345,745.43
Installation and Repairs	34,175.00

OFFICE HOURS:	TUES & THU	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	MON	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
	MON EVE	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	FRI	9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre L. Malone

PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL

Annette Aubertin	150.00
Ella Beach	165.00
Rosemary Buckley	6,991.34
Joanne Cabrera	400.00
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Richard Bedard	1,262.00
Deirdre Malone	13,141.58
Wayne Curran	8187.00
Francis Fanning	100.00
Francis Ford	150.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	17,504.75
Timothy Hackett	500.00
Dennis Harney	1,540.00
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	35,914.20
Doris Huard	1,874.66
David Jillette	1,262.00
Ronald Johnson	1,536.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Warren Lederer	2,890.00
John Malone	150.00
Rita Palumbo	27,069.68
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	1,874.66
Scott Runstrom	187.50
Joanne Savignac - Treasurer,	24,088.93
Collector	
Patrick Smith	300.00
Henry Stidsen, Jr.	1,692.00
James Stone, Jr.	12,464.68
Richard Trifero	10,000.00
David Trulson	187.50

B. Peter Warren	5,077.00
Alan Wentworth	45.00
Nancy Wilby	29,494.40
Scott Wilson	7,661.75

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rodolfo Acuna	3,020.20
Michael Benoit	7,194.60
Brian Cheney	1,508.63
Jason Clarke	593.15
Jay Conte	12,202.33
Thomas Cunningham	3,675.94
Thomas Ducharme	3,171.24
Brian Faucher	562.46
Richard Gaffney	4,968.37
Joseph Germain	477.61
Michael Goyette	1,230.51
Kenneth Grensavitch	3,191.13
James Hansson	1,642.20
Richard Jenkins	11,095.05
Brian Killelea	207.58
Eric Locke	1,884.81
Robert Martin	1,396.68
Matthew Bassick	693.90
Patrick Mullaney	1,031.48
Brian Murphy	10,184.00
James Olson	2,283.99
Timothy Pierce	1,195.92
Bryan Palumbo	552.40
Michael Pingitore	4,657.89
Michael Putnam	2,193.49
Kevin Quinn	5,188.03
Gary Richards	3,056.16
Patrick Robinson	1,071.36
Michael Rowe, Jr.	1,008.79
Thomas Savage, Jr.	4,835.76
Raymond Savignac	2,621.05
Richard Sears	2,740.02
Orville Sheldon	2,162.68
Matthew Stone	1,098.14
Douglas Warren	151.41
B. Peter Warren	1,735.01

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard Frenier	4,261.88
George Johnson	50,108.23
Samuel Knipe	36,424.30
Bryan Palumbo	1,144.90
Paul Palumbo	57,324.50
Charles Pingitore	42,002.85
Michael Putnam	44,464.23
Kevin Quirk	2381.15
Gary Richards	39,360.10
Carol Riches	6,162.94
Eva Ryan	2,190.64

Steven Urbanovitch 38,613.45

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth 15,347.07
 Carolyn Brunelle 2,444.92
 Arnold Childs, Jr. 2,720.00
 Mary Hulser 9,250.21
 Molly Hulser 1569.63
 Patricia Miller 479.28
 Janet Porter 31,997.00
 Jennifer Robideau 1,686.02
 Susan Sonju 8,012.28
 Emily Towle 300.00
 Cathleen Verterame 7,333.29

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Michael J. Ahearn Jr. 700.32
 Jayne Barroll 822.50
 Kevin Barry 507.00
 Erin Blanchard 707.00
 Jamie Bock 1,281.00
 Shayna Brandt 654.00
 Kirsten Brownlee 923.08
 Jessica Cabrera 892.50
 Erik Carlson 626.50
 Amanda Carroll 1136.00
 Lia Carroll 75.00
 Robin Carroll 930.00
 Hillary Chiavaroli 702.00
 Derek Cutting 8,106.86
 Julie Deprez 2,416.00
 Justin Ducharme 801.00
 Jillian Dunn 1,888.00
 Michael Flek 23,040.00
 Regina Galvin 534.00
 Joyce Gamache 4,086.35
 Lisa Golen 450.00
 Erin Graham 675.00
 Shannon Graham 654.00
 Brian Henderson 531.00
 Francis Henderson, III 1,365.00
 Jeremy Johnson 840.00
 Megan Knipe 756.00
 Elizabeth Kruz 492.00
 James Kusz 703.50
 Chester Lerner, III 2,507.50
 Seth Lerner 1,992.00
 Andrew Layte 658.00
 Nicole Lederer 552.00
 Nicole Leone 675.00
 Rachel Masterman 540.00
 Robert McGovern 348.00
 Jean McIntyre 165.00
 Joseph McKay 858.00
 Kathleen McKay 990.25

Linda McKay 1,620.00
 Andrea McSherry 766.50
 Mary Norton 784.00
 Elizabeth Pare 574.00
 Meghan Reynolds 784.00
 Marie Savignac 1852.00
 Monique Sheary 622.00
 Michell Simon 756.00
 Beth Sullivan 787.50
 Luanne Tribastone 337.50
 Danielle Vigeant 1,960.00
 Rachel Warren 1,202.75
 Sarah Weagle 763.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Robert Callahan 6,824.27
 Heather Courtney 6,378.64
 Frederick Goodrich 6,241.68
 Lisa Martin 1,224.80
 Dorothy Neiber 1,474.34
 Kathleen Sullivan 3585.17
 Rosemary Warren 1,662.06

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn 57,942.00
 David Ahlin 6,230.25
 William Beaudry 8,099.71
 Brian Boulette 7,545.43
 Mark Chase 7,956.44
 Hans Carlson 30,595.31
 Robert DesRosiers 45,588.37
 Todd Girouard 9,659.71
 David Keller 21,306.45
 Kathleen Killoran 24,909.45
 William Lang 31,837.24
 Todd LaPorte 41,526.99
 Patrick O'Donoghue 5,790.32
 William Reilly 49,383.91
 William Sampson 4,396.62
 Mark Savasta 54,282.43

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Suzanne Bassett 2,684.02
 Jonathan Bourget 1,566.14
 Brad Buteau 820.60
 Lisa Crowley 12,482.95
 Tara Gonelli 339.09
 Richard Greenway 20,028.15
 Amy Gross 16,058.21
 Lisa Kane 14,859.68
 Andrew Kularski 551.51
 Rebecca Latino 2,101.06
 Benjamin Massouh 575.99
 Arline McGoldrick 5,928.05
 Sarah Mello

Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	675.59
Thomas O'Neil	380.89
Rebecca Place	1,035.19
Diane Rucci	21,974.40
Matthew Saunders	5,475.04
Thomas Savage Jr.	641.02
Jody Schmidt	2,858.76
Steven Smith	4,696.53

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Susan Blackwood	30,888.00
Diane Dillman	56,816.24
Richard Johnson	3000.00
Brian Marion	20,846.63
Russell McQuestion	2,827.36
Yvette Orell	30,888.00
Thomas Savage, Sr.	200.00
Matthew Stone	35,674.87
Gordon Szczepanek	54,950.96
Joseph Thompson	50,649.10
Michael Zalansky	200.00

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre L. Malone
Collector/Treasurer

Independent Auditors' Report On General-Purpose Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2001) as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial-statements base on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. I

believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include a General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In my opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission of a General Fixed Asset Account Group, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2001 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2000), and the result of its operations and cash flow of its proprietary fund and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated October 9, 2001 on my consideration of the Town of Paxton's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining fund financial statements and other supplementary schedule listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Bill Fraher C.P.A.

TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types and Account Group June 30, 2001
(Except for Proprietary Fund Type which is December 31, 2000)

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	
Assets	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Electric Enterprise Fund</u>	<u>Trust & Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u>	<u>Total Memorandum</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 932,753	\$ 263,515	\$ 48,239	\$1,989,795	\$ 344,141	\$ -	\$3,578,443
Other Investments	-	-	-	-	352,260	-	352,260
Receivables:		-	-	-	-	-	
Property Taxes	126,398	-	-	-	-	-	126,398
Tax Liens and Foreclosures	98,487	-	-	-	-	-	98,487
Motor Vehicle Excise	22,920	-	-	-	-	-	22,920
User Charges	25,225	-	-	267,341	-	-	292,566
Other	-	100,574	-	1,087	-	-	101,661
Less: Allowance For Abatements and Uncollectible Accounts	(11,262)	-	-	-	-	-	(11,262)
Due From Other Governments	-	8,232	-	-	-	-	8,232
Other Assets	-	-	-	504,423	-	-	504,423
Inventory	-	-	-	89,169	-	-	89,169
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	-	-	-	839,808	-	-	839,808
Amounts to Be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Obligations	-	-	-	-	-	6918,200	6,918,200
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,194,521</u>	<u>\$ 372,321</u>	<u>\$ 48,239</u>	<u>\$ 3,691,623</u>	<u>\$696,401</u>	<u>\$ 6,918,200</u>	<u>\$12,921,305</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>							
Warrants Payable	\$142,587	-	-	164,130	-	-	306,717
Other Accrued Liabilities	1,786	-	-	159,812	-	-	161,598
Notes Payable	-	47,839	-	-	-	-	47,839
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	6,918,200	6,918,200
Deferred Revenue	233,873	100,574	-	-	-	-	334,447
Other Liabilities	17,330	-	-	841,622	33,693	-	892,645
Total Liabilities	<u>395,576</u>	<u>148,413</u>		<u>1,165,564</u>	<u>33,693</u>	<u>6,918,200</u>	<u>8,661,446</u>
Fund Equity:							
Retained Earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	137,518	-	-	137,518
Unreserved	-	-	-	2,388,541	-	-	2,388,541
Fund Balances:							
Reserved For Encumbrances	78,532	-	-	-	-	-	78,532
Unreserved:							
Designated	418,700	-	-	-	662,708	-	1,081,408
Undesignated	301,713	223,908	48,239	-	-	-	573,860
Total Fund Equity	<u>798,945</u>	<u>223,908</u>	<u>48,239</u>	<u>2,526,059</u>	<u>662,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,259,859</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>1,194,521</u>	<u>372,321</u>	<u>48,239</u>	<u>3,691,623</u>	<u>696,401</u>	<u>6,918,200</u>	<u>12,921,305</u>

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE 1

Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>% INC</u>	<u>FY1999</u>	<u>% INC</u>	<u>FY1998</u>
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
 <u>Estimated Receipts</u>					
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	<u>351,286.00</u>		<u>293,184.00</u>		<u>293,322.00</u>
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
 <u>Valuations</u>					
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
 <u>Tax Rates</u>					
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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TABLE II

Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise

	<u>FY2000</u>		<u>FY1999</u>		<u>FY1998</u>	
<u>Exemptions</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	\$23,693.21	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

Property Classification

	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY1999</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>%</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

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

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street, Hours: Monday 8a.m. - 3:30p.m, 5:30p.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:

Board of Appeals	Art Croteau, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" basis
Board of Health	Thomas Carroll, Chair Home: 508-799-9713	Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m.
Planning Board	Christian Baehrecke, Chair Home: 508-755-9009	Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero	Office hours on Monday evening by appointment Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran	Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Home: 508-799-0392
Wire Inspector	Patrick Fanning	Home: 508-755-1385
Fire Inspector	Thomas Cunningham	Home: 508-798-3239
Town Accountant & Town Clerk	June Herron	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Ext. 13
Town Collector & Treasurer	Deirdre Malone	See Town Hall hours
Assessors	James Stone, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon Ext. 16
Board of Selectmen	Frederick Goodrich, Chair Carol Riches, Administrative Secretary	Board meets every week - Call in advance for meeting dates 508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Department of Public Works	Ronald Fritze, Superintendent	Office: 107 Holden Road 508-753-9077
Water Commissioners	Jack Malone, Chair	Board meets second Monday of each month at the DPW
Municipal Light Department	Diane Dillman, Manager Michael Benoit, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Wednesday of each month. 508-756-9508
Police Department	Michael Ahearn, Police Chief	Office: 10 West Street (Business Only) 508-755-1104
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch 508-791-6600
Recreation Commission	John Glowik, Chair	Board meets the last Tuesday in the month
Council on Aging	Ella Beach, Chair George Heeley, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month. 508-756-2833
Conservation Commission	Robert Stewart, Chair	Board meets the second Thursday of each month Home: 508-799-9848
Historical Commission	Cindy Cheever, Chair	Board meets the third Thursday of each month Home: 508-754-3657
Veteran's Agent	Timothy Hackett	Home: 508-755-1477
Richards Memorial Library	Janet Porter, Librarian Charles Innis, 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