

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON



Year Ending June 30, 2003

IN MEMORIAM

*George A.
Abernathy Jr.*

Warren P. Leaderer

*Reuben H.
O'Janne*

John R. Bauer

John McDonald

Francis W. Ryan

Richard J. Dowd

George G. Karle

Milton W. Sebring

WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

Janice Ahearn

Jonathon Ely

Linda Letsky

Michael Ahearn

Patrick Fanning

Peter Letsky

David Ahlin

Estelle Gemme

Jean McIntyre

Elizabeth Beth

Daniel Germain

Edward McTigue

Cindy Cheever

Melinda Johnson

Charles Nelson

Daniel Chen

Joanne Kee

Glenn Sullivan

Susan Coomey

Edward McTigue

Kenneth Wagoner

Ann Cunningham

Robert Wilby

TOWN OFFICERS

May 2002 – May 2003

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk	2005
Scott P. Runstrom, Chair	2004
John F. Malone, Vice Chair	2006
Town Clerk	
June T. Herron	2006
Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2005
Collector	
Deirdre L. Malone	2005
Moderator	
Francis A. Ford	2005
Constables	
Bernard J. Melican	2005
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2005
Tree Warden	
Patrick V. Smith	2005
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Alice Livdahl	2006
Natalie Mello	2005
Municipal Light Board	
Michael J. Benoit, Chair	2005
Emerson Wheeler III	2004
Stephen Phaneuf	2006
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2005
Robert E. Paulsen, Jr.	2004
James R. Stone Jr., Chair	2006
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2005
David J. Trulson	2006
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Charles Bolster	2004
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2006
Judy A. Hatstat	2005
David Parent, Chair	2004
Planning Board	
Christian S. Baehrecke,	2005
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2007
David Bennett	2006
Henry Stidsen	2004
Julie Jacobson	2008

Library Trustees

Joan Bedard	2004
Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair	2004
Scott A. Martin	2006
Barbara Socha	2005
Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	2005
Bronwyn Texteira	2006

Recreation Commission

Sheila Ducharme	2006
John Glowik, Chair	2004
Linda McKay	2005
Michael Ross	2006
Andrew Serrato	2005

Cemetery Commission

Edwin L. Hammerberg	2004
Yvonne B. Karle, Chair	2005
Richard H. Sears	2006

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Carol Riches	2004
Town Services Coordinator	
Nancy Wilby	2004
Town Accountant	
June T. Herron	2005
Superintendent DPW	
Ronald Fritze	2004
Veteran's Agent	
Timothy Hackett	2004
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Timothy Hackett	2004
Inspector of Wires	
Dennis Benoit	2004
John Slabich, Asst	2004
Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2004
Harry Johnson, Local Inspector	2004
Worcester County Advisory Board	
Frederick G. Goodrich	2004
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Patrick V. Smith	
Board of Appeals	
Art Croteau	2006
James Bradbury, Chair	2003
Robert Bostwick	2004
Richard Grensavitch	2006

Paul Robinson	2007
Kathleen Sears, Vice Chair	2004
Board of Registrars	
Annette Aubertin	2003
Ella Beach	2005
Jean McIntyre	2004
Town Counsel	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	
Sexual Harassment Officers	
Ann Marie Stoica, Alternate	
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers	
Larry Hammerberg	
Care of Clock	
Bruce Cheney	
Hazardous Waste Coordinator	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	
Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director	
Richard Gaffney, Director	
Ronald Fritze, Asst. Director	
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Jay Conte	
Police Department Acting Chief	
Robert Desrosiers	
Full Time Officers	
Hans C. Carlson, Patrolman	
David Keller, Patrolman	
William F. Lang, Sergeant	
Todd Laporte, Patrolman, Resigned	
Patrick O'Donoghue, Resigned	
William P. Reilly, Patrolman	
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman	
Jason Silvestri, Patrolman	
Part Time Officers	
David S. Ahlin	
William Beaudry	
Brian J. Boulette	
Mark J. Chase	
Shrinivas Emani	
Mary Stone	
Conservation Commission	
Marisa Ayvasian	2005
Ingeborg Baehrecke	2004
Barbara Berka, Associate	2006
Susan Barry	2004
Robert Bertin, Vice Chair	2005
Matthew Erskine, Associate	2005
Carol Harris, Associate	2006
Christopher Keenan, Chair	2006
Ansley Siter	2004
Janice Stewart, Associate	2006
Robert Stewart	2006

Insurance Advisory Committee
Chris Courville
Deirdre Malone
Janet Porter
Carol Riches
Harold Smith
Steve Urbanovitch

Agents for License Commission
Thomas Cunningham

Central Mass Regional Planning
Christian S. Baehrecke
Neil Bagdis, Alternate

Designer Selection Committee
Paul (Peter) Belsito
Charles Scholl
Richard Trifero
William Gearin
Jay Conte, Ex-officio
Roanld Fritze, Ex-officio

Personnel Advisory Board
Gary Goldberg
Susan Madaio
Ann Marie Stoica, Chair
Paul Sullivan

Cell Site Antenna Committee
James Bradbury, Chair
Paul Robinson
Susan Serrato

Open Space & Recreation Committee
Neil Bagdis
Barbara Berka
Robert Bertin
Richard Fenton
Julie Jacobson, Chair
June Lucivero
David Parent

Communications Board
Harold Coleman
Robert DesRosiers, Chair
Diane Dillman
Jay Conte
Ronald Fritze

Council On Aging	
Ella Beach	2004
Robert Callahan	2005
Howard Coleman	2004
Alice Crowley	2005
Curtis Hammer	2006
Doris E. Huard	2006
Mary Jenkins	2006
Gerald Ryan, Chair	2004

Jean Wilde 2004

Historical Commission

Lois Breault, 2006

Cindy Cheever 2004

Susan Corcoran 2005

Anita Fenton 2004

Pamela Hair 2006

Donna MacLean 2005

Denis Melican, Chair 2005

Historic District Study Committee

Cindy Cheever

Anita Fenton, Chairman

Daniel Gehnrich

Natalie Mello

Paul Russell

Joseph Seremeth

MIS Committee

Christine Brunnelle

Raymond Charette

Patrick Mullaney

David Ryan

Cultural Council

Martha Akstin,

Susan Bassick

Geraldine Graham

Linda Howard

Joanne Kee

Joanne Langer

Michele Nelson, Chair

Susan Serrato

Jean Urbanowski

Cable Advisory Board

Daniel Chen, Co-Chair 2003

Daniel Germain 2005

Deborah Magnuson 2003

Edward McTigue 2004

Nicholas Powlovich 2004

Scott A. Wilson, Co-Chair 2004

Cable Contract Renewal Committee

Rich Bedard Jr.

Ken Carlson

Gino Gangai

Nicholas Powlovich

David Ryan

Thomas Savage Snr.

Housing Partnership Committee

Sue-Anne Bock, Associate

Heather Courtney

Virginia Kimball

Linda Letsky

Peter Letsky

Kathleen Sears, Chair

James Stone

Rosemary Warren

Doris Huard, Associate

Eugene Martel

Hazel Martel

Kevin Killelea, Associate

Paul Robinson

Property Acquisition Investigation Committee

Louise Erskine

June Herron

Catherine McCourt

504 Coordinator

Donna Graf-Parsons

SRD Bylaw Revision Ad-Hoc Committee

Chris Baehrecke

Patricia Belsito

Julie Jacobson

Paul Robinson

John Malone

Doris Huard

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee

Debra M. Henderson, Chair

Melinda A. Johnson

John Malone

Tax Aid for the Elderly and Disabled

David Beach

Deirdre Malone

James Stone, Chair

Rosemary Warren

Paxton Center School Building Committee

John Anderson

Paul Belsito

Robin Carroll

Thomas Cunningham

Julie Jacobson

Caroline Ely

Kevin Quinn, Chairman

Election Officers

Charlotte Thalín, Warden REP

Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN

Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM

Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM, Resigned

June T. Herron, Clerk UN

Susan Stone, DEM

Robert R. Herron, REP, Alt.

Ann Cunningham, UN

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Board

Marty McDonald 2004

Christian de. Marcken 2004

Joseph Scheinfeldt, Jr. 2006

Robert Jacobson	2006
Richard Fenton, Chair	2005
Evelyn Lawler	2005
Eugene A. O'Rourke	2005
Judy Pingitore	2004
Peter Schur	2006

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector
Dennis Harney
John P. Dolen, 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

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

Firefighters
Rodolfo Acuna
Matthew Bassick
Michael Benoit, Captain
Jay Conte, Chief, EMT
Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.
Brian Faucher
Michael Flek
Richard Gaffney, Deputy Chief
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch, EMT
James Hansson
Jeffery Harrell, EMT
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
Sam Kinkade
Eric Locke
Troy Locke
Robert Martin
James Olson
Timothy Pierce, EMT - P
Michael Pingitore, EMT - I
Charles Pingitore
Michael Putnam
Kevin Quinn, Lieut.
Gary Richards, Lieut.
Thomas Savage, Jr., EMT
Raymond Savignac
Michael Sears

Orville Sheldon, Lieut.
Sean Smith
Patrick Spencer
B. Peter Warren Jr.

First Responders

Michael Benoit, Lieut., EMT
Jason Clark
Jay Conte, Chief, EMT
Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.
Richard Gaffney, Lieut.
Kenneth Grensavitch, EMT
Jeffrey Harrell, EMT - I
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
James Olson
Timothy Pierce, EMT-Paramedic
Michael Pingitore, EMT - I
Kevin Quinn, Lieut.
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, 2002 - June 30, 2003

2002

JULY

- 2 Peter Michael, son to Marina Pantazis and Michael James Prifti, 13 Pleasant Street
- 30 Robert Scott, son to Kathleen Mary Burns and Scott Graham Siemen, 28 Brigham Road

AUGUST

- 5 Amanda Isabella, daughter to Jami Lee Martin and Dean Konstandinos Sokos, 860 Pleasant Street
- 23 Evelyn Rose, daughter to Lisa Quintiliani and Christopher Stanley Bousbouras, 83 Marshall Street
- 24 David Kenneth, son to Melissa Leigh Perry and David Robert Johnson, 15 Glen Ellen Road
- 28 Keith Patrick, son to Janet Marie Richard and Thomas John Queally, 24 Monticello Drive

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Abby Rose, daughter to Amy Lynn Lefrancois and Bruce Allen Velozo, 8 Meadowbrook Drive
- 10 Matthew Todd, son to Julie Lian and Todd Currivan McDonald 59 Davis Hill Road
- 13 Zachary Ryan, son to Susan Elizabeth Coady and James Edward Horton, 33 Nanigian Road

OCTOBER

- 18 Satchel Cogswell Moore, son to Joni Marie Cogswell and Kenneth Douglas Moore, 13 Pond Street
- 27 Thomas Paul Rembiszewski Jr., son to Jamie Ann Biziewski and Thomas Paul Rembiszewski, 31 Forestdale Road

NOVEMBER

- 6 Julia Elisabeth, daughter to Stacey Lynn Jacobsen and Andrew James Jacobsen, 79 Laurel Street

DECEMBER

- 5 Seneca Kent, son to Melinda Ann Hillock and Keith Lonstein, 312 Pleasant Street
- 26 Katherine Dolores, daughter to Kristin Donna Steinmetz and Mathew Nelson Schmalz, 7 Birch Street

2003

JANUARY

- 9 Samuel Michael, son to Shannon Talley Morrison and Michael Arthur Smith, 5 Colony Lane
- 13 Diego Velazquez, son to Daisy Navarro and Tomas Velazquez, 15 Ridgewood Road
- 16 Elise Jill, daughter to Melissa Rose Charland and Mark John Arvanigian, 55 Camp Street
- 30 Kailey Elizabeth, daughter to Kristina Ann Brown and Robert John Pelczarski, 7 Brigham Road
- 30 Cameron Michael, son to Jennifer Lynne Snell and Paul Richard O'Brien Jr., 18 Grove Street
- 31 Aoife Philomena, daughter to Mary Patricia Dillon and Joseph Martin Fitzgerald, 13 Cutler Road

FEBRUARY

- 6 Patrick Peter, son to Karen Patricia Boivin and Patrick Lee O'Donoghue, 17 Tanglewood Road
- 12 Zachary Francis, son to Jennifer Lynn Campanale and Matthew Joseph Noponen, 7 Larchwood Road
- 16 Abigail Haman, daughter to Roberley Haman and Jeffrey Michael Tasca, 33 Keep Avenue
- 23 Nathaniel David, son to Jennifer Ruth Young and David Arlington Niles, 24 Spring Drive
- 28 Kelsey Elizabeth, daughter to Cheryl Ord Caldwell and Timothy Michael Buckley, 226 West Street

MARCH

- 6 Haley Marie, daughter to Kathleen Marie Raymond and Francis R. Whitenett Jr., 306 Marshall Street
- 10 Ethan John, son to Allison Theresa Pace and Stephen John Rapa, 9 Tanglewood Road
- 17 Emma Rose, Daughter to Patricia Joan Moore and John Joseph O'Dwyer, 314 Grove Street

- 19 Sean Patrick, son to Tara Lee Mazur and Thomas Patrick Looney, 13 Brooks Road
- 29 Eamon Augustine, son to Diane Karyl McFarland and Peter Fleming McMorro, 56 Grove Street
- 29 Andrew Ryan, son to Sarah Christine Dills and Jason Marc Newman, 17 Grove Street

APRIL

- 5 Jonathan Gary, son to Donna Lyn Graf and John Christopher Parsons, 4 Pierce Circle
- 17 Wyatt Bernier, son to Amy Louise Bernier and Eric Thomas Locke, 266 Pleasant Street
- 23 Seamus Ryan, son to Erin Patricia Mulcahy and Mark David Bisnette, 86 Richards Avenue

MAY

- 5 Ashley Noelle, daughter to Lynne Christine Wilson and Steve Robert Stewart, 10 Orchard Drive
- 10 John Richard, son to Kathleen Ellen Joyce and Vincent Gerard Barron, 294 Pleasant Street

JUNE

- 1 Daniel Vaughan, son to Linda Vaughan and William Michael Lemay, 348 Marshall Street
- 3 Madeline Louise, daughter to Aimee Elizabeth Courtemanche and Timothy Robert Granger, 7 Ridgewood Road

MARRIAGES2002

JULY

- 14 William Richard Cutroni of Paxton to Carolyn May Clark of Paxton

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Laurence Conrad Rettig Jr., of Paxton to Emily Anne Lavoie of Paxton
- 6 Kevin Michael Leroux of Paxton to Lori Ann Brower of Paxton

OCTOBER

- 12 Scott Andrew Stidsen of Paxton to Sabrina Fuchs of Paxton
- 26 Daniel A. Soucy of Sutton to Amy Elizabeth Greene of Paxton
- 26 Dillon Christopher Stone of North Carolina to Christina Michelle Chance of North Carolina

2003

FEBRUARY

- 8 Wayne Michael Gibson of Paxton to Sherry Anne Boulay of Paxton
- 14 Robert J. Griffin of Paxton to Marilyn E. Sargent of Shrewsbury
- 15 Denis Thomas Laramie of Paxton to Izabela Justyna Kalinowski of Paxton

MARCH

- 3 Ferruh Gocemen of Paxton to Nyet Foong Wong of Paxton

APRIL

- 14 Christopher V. Anderson of Paxton to Diane Jean MacDonald of Paxton
26 Michael Christopher Saner of Paxton to Jenny Elizabeth Robinson of Rutland

JUNE

- 21 Jonathan Matthew Durand of Paxton to Tina Marie Tivnan of Paxton

DEATHS2002

JULY

- | | | |
|----|--|----|
| 1 | Harrison Chase Myers, 42 Maple Street | 23 |
| 13 | Florence A. Robinson, 434 Grove Street | 87 |
| 30 | Stuart W. Morrow, 59 Rockland Street | 79 |

AUGUST

- | | | |
|----|---|----|
| 4 | Catherine E. Erickson, 1 Elizabeth Lane | 86 |
| 23 | Donald G. Cardinal, 6 Black Hill Road | 69 |
| 27 | William D. White, 727 Pleasant Street | 60 |
| 28 | Francis Woodall, 580 Pleasant Street | 95 |
| 31 | Bernard A. Cote, 49 West Street | 86 |

SEPTEMBER

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Mabel A. Babb, 14 Spring Drive | 94 |
| 2 | Minnie Sosnoff, 22 Old Lantern Circle | 78 |
| 4 | Robina Kerr, 9 Holbrook Lane | 64 |
| 4 | Grace A. Ellis, 23 Burtenmar Circle | 89 |
| 26 | John V. Cavanaugh, 6 Spring Drive | 77 |
| 29 | Herbert O. Carlson, 17 Camp Street | 81 |

OCTOBER

- | | | |
|----|---|----|
| 23 | Margaret M. Savage, 22 Burtenmar Circle | 80 |
| 30 | Ida M. Fraioli, 1 Ashwood Road | 81 |

NOVEMBER

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| 11 | George G. Karle, 279 Pleasant Street | 85 |
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DECEMBER

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------|----|
| 24 | Leo M. Gemme, 5 Center Drive | 82 |
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2003

JANUARY

- | | | |
|----|--|----|
| 5 | Joseph M. Kowaleski, 26 Walbridge Road | 75 |
| 23 | Milton W. Sebring, 12 Tanglewood Road | 94 |
| 28 | Aubrey Karl Reid Jr., 6 Crocker Hill Drive | 75 |

FEBRUARY

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|
| 7 | John F. Blair, 496 West Street | 60 |
| 16 | Beatrice Robinson, 25 Maple Street | 86 |

MARCH

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|----|
| 4 | Pierre R. Landry, 498 Pleasant Street | 52 |
| 27 | Jeanne F. Lindquist, 80 Suomi Street | 76 |

APRIL

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|
| 12 | Reuben H. O'Janne, 1 Terrace Place | 89 |
| 17 | Edmund J. Hayes, 21 Cutler Road | 82 |
| 20 | Kenner H. Myers, 42 Maple Street | 58 |

MAY

- | | | |
|----|--|----|
| 21 | Elisabeth M. Richards, 205 Pleasant Street | 89 |
| 28 | R. Florence Lundquist, 9 Ashwood Road | 77 |

JUNE

- | | | |
|----|--|----|
| 7 | Robert A. Cocker, 4 Crowningshield Drive | 69 |
| 10 | John H. Ellis Sr., 23 Burtenmar Circle | 95 |

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Male/Female | 75 |
| Neutered/Spayed | 495 |
| Total | 570 |
| Kennel License | 3 |
| Paid to General Fund | \$3056.25 |

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

- | | |
|--|------------|
| Number of Licenses Issued | 146 |
| Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife | \$3,639.25 |

TOWN OF PAXTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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 September 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10PM,

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT.

REGISTRARS CHECKED IN 87 REGISTERED VOTERS.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Selectboard account #11122-5200, Purchased Services by \$1,020 (from \$20,513 to \$19,493); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE #11122-5200 BY \$1,020

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Town Accountant, account #11135-5800, Equipment, by \$800 (from \$800 to \$0); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE #11135-5800 BY \$800

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Conservation Commission, account #11171-5103, Clerk, by \$500 (from \$750 to \$250); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

AMENDED AND UNANIMOUS VOTED TO REDUCE #11171-5103 BY \$200, 5400 BY \$150, 5700 BY \$150

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Highway Department, account #14421-5700, Type 1 Blacktop, by \$10,000 (from \$10,000 to \$0); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE #14421-5700 BY \$10,000

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Highway Department, account #14421-5200, Purchased Services, by \$500 (from \$40,750 to \$40,250); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE #14421-5200 BY \$500

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Recreation Commission account #16630, by \$10,000 (from \$45,655 to \$35,655); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Boards of Selectmen recommend approval

MOTION FAILED

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to increase the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Insurance and Bonds account #11193-5200, Premiums by \$10,200, (from \$61,634 to \$71,834); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE #11193-5200 BY \$10,200

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Vocational School Tuition and Transportation by \$10,000 (from \$200,000 to \$190,000); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TUITION BY \$10,000

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Debt-Notes and Bonds, account #17710 by \$100,000 (from \$676,735 to \$576,735) making total Debt Service \$922,846; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE #17710 BY \$100,000

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to increase the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Police Department account #12210-5102A, Sergeants by \$18, (from \$88,964 to \$88,982); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE #12210-5102A BY \$18

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Police Department account #12210-5102B, Secretary by \$19, (from \$24,901 to \$24,920); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE #12210-5102B BY
\$19

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE FINAL FY2003
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,400,931

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the wording of Article 15 of the November 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting to read; 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 repair of the White Building (ramps, doors, lighting, etc) to bring the Building into compliance with the State Building Code and to upgrade the safety features of the White Building for the users thereof; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Selectboard

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Alarm System Bylaw, a copy of which is on file with the Town's Clerk's Office; or act in any way thereon

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Boards of Selectmen recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 9 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding a Section 9.4.4 as follows:

"9.4.4 Moratorium. For a period of two years there shall be a moratorium on the permitting and developing of SRD (Senior Residential Housing) projects within the Town during which time period the Town will study the impact of SRD projects on Town services and the ability of the Town to appropriately service such projects."; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Boards of Selectmen recommend approval

2/3 VOTES NEEDED

MOTION PASSED YES 86 NO 1

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-second day of August 2002.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman

Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

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

TOWN OF PAXTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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 November 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:30AM (DUE TO
LARGE VOTER ATTENDANCE).
327 VOTERS SIGNED IN.

One School - Addition/Renovation

Article 1. To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$70,500,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District to renovate and reconstruct the existing Wachusett Regional High School facility and to construct an addition thereto for an enrollment of 2,075 students, and for the purchase of an adjoining parcel of land and for architectural, engineering and other costs related to the project. 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; provided that the vote on this debt authorization shall only be effective if it receives the highest percentage at or above two-thirds majority, District wide, voter approval of the two debt authorizations approved by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Finance and Selectboard in favor

YES 292

NO 24

Two Schools - Addition/Renovation plus New School

Article 2. To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$80,000,000 by the Wachusett Regional School District to renovate and reconstruct the existing Wachusett Regional High School facility and to construct an addition thereto to accommodate 1,525 students and to construct a new high school facility in Princeton or Sterling for 575 students and the purchase of a parcel of land containing approximately twenty-six acres to accommodate the new facility and for architectural, engineering and other costs related to the project 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; provided that the vote on this debt authorization shall only be effective if it receives the highest percentage of a two-thirds majority, District wide, voter approval of the two debt authorizations approved by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Finance Committee not in favor Selectboard in favor.

YES 68

NO 237

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000 to increase the fiscal year 2003 budget of the Police Department account # 12210-5400, Purchased Services to provide sufficient gasoline to support full shift coverage; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen recommends approval
Finance Committee not in favor Selectboard in favor.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM \$6,000.

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 \$96,352.88, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify under State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Public Works Commission, including without limitation, preliminary engineering, 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 246 of the Acts of 2002 in compliance with Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F, as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen recommends approval

Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

2/3 NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$96,352.88.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider action adopted by Article 15, of the November 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting which article authorized the borrowing of \$6,000 for the maintenance of the White Building, such reconsideration being necessary since a borrowing shall be to expensive and financial institutions are unwilling to make such a small loan. Therefore shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen recommend approval
Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$6,000.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to change the SRD (Senior Residential Development) Bylaw 9.3.1

Restrictions to read:

Each SRD applicant shall submit to the Planning Board private deed restrictions that will ensure each dwelling unit is used as a residence for a person or persons one of whom shall be 62 years of age or older.

Article sponsored by the Paxton Housing Partnership

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Alarm System Bylaw, a copy of which is on file with the Town's Clerk's Office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen recommend approval

Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADOPT AN ALARM SYSTEM BYLAW

Article 8. To see if the Town, on a nonbinding basis, will vote to acquire by purchase, the premises situated at 15 West Street, now or formerly of Cavanaugh, since the premises abut or are proximate to other Town land, recognizing that further

Town meeting action will be required if the acquisition is to proceed; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RESEARCH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY SITUATED AT 15 WEST ST.

Article 9. To see if the Town, on a nonbinding basis, will vote to acquire by purchase, the premises situated at 580 Pleasant Street, now or formerly of Woodall, since the premises abut or are proximate to other Town land, recognizing that further Town meeting action will be required if the acquisition is to proceed; or act in any way thereon.

Finance Committee and Selectboard in favor.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RESEARCH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY SITUATED AT 580 PLEASANT ST.

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 thirty-first day of October 2002.

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:30PM

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby 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 Tuesday, January, 28, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

QUESTION 1.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so called, its proportional share of the \$70, 500,000 debt to be issued by the Wachusett Regional School District of which the Town of Paxton is a member. Such debt to be issued for the purpose to renovate and reconstruct the existing Wachusett Regional High School facility and to construct an addition thereto for an enrollment of 2,075 students, and for the purchase of an adjoining parcel of land and for architectural, engineering and other costs needed to the project. 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?"

YES 245 NO 90 BLANK 0

TOTAL VOTES CAST 335

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 sixth day of January 2003.

Respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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
February 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM IN THE CAFETORIUM OF PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL, MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. REGISTRARS CHECKED IN 74 REGISTERED VOTERS. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING FRANCIS A. FORD AND MICHAEL QUINLIVAN.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Legal Services budget account #11151-5201, Chapter 60, Section 50B to Legal Services budget Purchased Services account #11151-5200. Treasurer/Collector will not require these funds this fiscal year, whereas the account of the Purchased Services otherwise indicates a significant deficit; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend
approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER WITHIN ACCOUNT
THE SUM OF \$5,000 FROM #11151-5201 TO ACCOUNT #
11151-5200

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the land and buildings situated at 580 Pleasant Street, Paxton, for municipal purposes, such premises being shown on Assessor's Map 19, Parcel 159, and being adjacent to the existing fire station and to vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate a sum of money necessary to acquire the same; or act in any way thereon.
Favorable action under this warrant article will be contingent upon a further Debt Exclusion Election.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
No position taken by the Board of Selectmen. Finance
Committee does not recommend approval.

2/3 VOTES NEEDED MOTION FAILED
37 YES 35 NO

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following accounts within the fiscal year 2003 budget in order to restrict further expenditures within these accounts.
Reductions are made necessary due to the cut backs in state aid as instituted by the Governor, or act in anyway thereon.

122-5200	Purchased Services	Selectmen	\$1,000
141-5800	Equipment	Assessors	\$600
193-5200	Insurance and Bonds	Selectmen	\$2,000
295-5200	Purchased Services	Tree Warden	\$400
295-5400	Supplies	Tree Warden	\$250
295-5700	Trees	Tree Warden	\$40
450-5200	Electricity	Water Dept.	\$10,000
450-5200	Water Billing Costs	Water Dept.	\$3,000
521-5200	Purchased Services	Board of Health	\$850
630-5102	Recreation Director	Recreation	\$5,000
752-5761	Temporary Loan Relief	Temporary Loans	\$1,000
913-5200	Medicaid/Medicare	Town Employees Insurance	\$20,007

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend
approval

ARTICLE WAS ADJUSTED TO DELETE 450-5200 AND
INCREASE 752-5761 BY \$3,000. ARTICLE TOTAL

REMAINED AS \$44,147. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO
ACCEPT ARTICLE AS ADJUSTED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE FINAL FY2003
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,362,784

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Mill Street which runs through Moore State Park to Sawmill Road; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Historical Commission and the Board of
Selectmen
Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend
approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MILL
STREET TO SAWMILL ROAD

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to Legal Services budget Purchased Services account #11151-5200 to cover legal expenses through fiscal year 2003. Currently the account is overdrawn as of the end of January 2003, due primarily to expenses incurred for union negotiations; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend
approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM \$25,000
FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH TO LEGAL
SERVICES ACCOUNT #11151-5200

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 tenth day of February 2003.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to vote at
PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL
WEST STREET

on Monday, the twelfth day of May, 2003
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

Town Clerk	Three Years	June T. Herron
Selectboard	Three Years	John F. Malone
Mun. Light Board	Three Years	Stephen M. Phaneuf
Assessor	Three Years	James R. Stone Jr.
W.R.S.D. Comm.	One Year	Alice K. Livdahl
Water Board	Three Years	David L. Trulson
Board of Health	Three Years	Thomas B. Carroll
Planning Board	One Year	Henry B. Stidsen Jr.
Planning Board	Five Years	Julie A. Jacobson
Library Trustee	Three Years	Bronwyn B. Teixeira
Library Trustee	Three Years	Scott A. Martin
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Sheila A. Ducharme
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Michael P. Ross
Cemetery Comm	Three Years	Richard H. Sears

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

GIVEN under our hands this tenth day of April 2003.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

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

TOTAL VOTES CAST 122

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK OF PAXTON

TOWN OF PAXTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
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

June 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15PM, WITH 125 REGISTERED VOTERS CHECKED IN. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY SERVED.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,400 from the Library budget Children's Librarian Salary account #5102A to the Library budget Compensation account #5103, to be used for the shortfall in the hourly worker's account; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$1,400 FROM 16610-5102A TO 16610-5103.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,400 from the First Responders Compensation account #12232-5103 to the Fire Department budget Compensation account #12220-5103; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$14,400 FROM 12232-5103 TO 12232-5103.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of _____, or any other sum to cover the shortage in the Fire Department budget Compensation account #12220-5103, due to the severity and longevity of the fire emergencies, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

UNANIMOUS MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$29,163.50, or any other sum to cover the shortage in the Water Department budget Worcester Water account #14450-5201; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$29,163.50 FROM FREE CASH TO 14450-5201.

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 fourth day of June 2003.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20PM

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Scott P. Runstrom, Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
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 June 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10PM MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 7:15PM AND RECONVENED AT
7:20PM AFTER THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 125
REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY BOARD OF
REGISTRARS. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING;
RICHARD SEARS, RICHARD BEDARD, ROBERT
DATEO AND ROSEMARY WARREN

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, 2003, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT TOWN GOVERNMENT
PORTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET AS \$3,924,735. VOTED
TO LAY ON TABLE ANY VOTE ON THE SCHOOL
PORTION UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000, or any other sum, to provide a new budget account which will fund the salary of a full-time Town Administrator to be hired by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of May

2002, the position to be filled no later than October 2003, or act in any way thereon.

Article Sponsored by Citizen Petition

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

MOTION PASSED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE BY
OVERRIDE A NEW BUDGET ACCOUNT TO FUND THE
SALARY PLUS BENEFITS FOR 9 MONTHS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR A FULL-TIME TOWN
ADMINISTRATOR.

MOTION PASSED YES 74 NO 44

OVERRIDE HELD AUGUST 11, 2003 FAILED

YES 316 NO 454 BLANK 6

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Communications Board as established by Annual Town Meeting vote on May 6, 1974; or act in any way thereon.
Article Sponsored by Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE
30, 2003.

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 \$58,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of two new, fully-equipped police cruisers to replace existing vehicles; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE
30, 2003.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$44,327, or any other sum, for the purchase of a 2003 Ford F450 truck, with snow plow and dump body, for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Department of Public Works Superintendent

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by repealing the moratorium on Senior Residential Developments adopted by Special Town Meeting vote on September 9, 2002 and by deleting the entire Section on Senior Residential Developments and by replacing the existing Section on Senior Residential Developments, with a

new Section on Senior Residential Developments, the text of which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW BY REPEALING THE MORATORIUM ON SENIOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED BY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 AND BY DELETING THE ENTIRE SECTION ON SENIOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH A NEW SECTION ON SRD.

MOTION PASSED YES 124 NO 1

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Paxton Overlay Districts" map by adding a new "Senior Residential Development Overlay District" and placing in said district a parcel of land owned by the Town of Paxton as shown on Assessors map 18 lot 105, a copy of which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Paxton Housing Partnership

Finance Committee will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE "PAXTON OVERLAY DISTRICTS" MAP BY ADDING A NEW "SENIOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT AND PLACING IN SAID DISTRICT A PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF PAXTON AS SHOWN ON ASSESSORS MAP 18 LOT 105.

MOTION PASSED YES 76 NO 26

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Forestdale Road Extension as a public way and any appurtenant drainage easements and facilities, provided the Town is deeded good, clear, record and marketable title to the same by deed drafted and recorded at the developer's expense and as evidenced by a title opinion of a title company doing business at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds and upon such other terms and conditions as are acceptable to the Planning Board; or act in any way thereon. (The legal descriptions of the property are on file in the Town Clerk's office.)

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT FORESTDALE ROAD EXTENSION AS A PUBLIC WAY AND ANY APPURTENANT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS AND FACILITIES, PROVIDED THE TOWN IS DEEDED GOOD, CLEAR, RECORD AND MARKETABLE TITLE TO THE SAME BY DEED DRAFTED AND RECORDED AT THE

DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE AND AS EVIDENCED BY A TITLE OPINION OF A TITLE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND UPON SUCH OTHER ITEMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action adopted by Article 38 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 7, 1949 by deleting the language: "and no meeting for the transaction of Town business shall be called earlier than seven (7) o'clock P.M."; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE ACTION ADOPTED BY ARTICLE 38 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 7, 1949 BY DELETING THE LANGUAGE: "AND NO MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS SHALL BE CALLED EARLIER THAN SEVEN (7) O'CLOCK PM".

MOTION PASSED YES 124 NO 1

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize, if House Bill 3602 is enacted by Legislature, as amendment to Massachusetts General Law 59, to exercise local option which permits persons over 65 years of age to be exempted by the Assessors from a proposition 2½ override; providing, the taxpayer's income does not exceed \$60,000 and whose real estate tax payment exceeds 10% of total income; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to adjust the following factors pertaining to Clause 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as previously accepted by the Town: (1) Reduce the requisite age of eligibility from the age of 70 to the age of 65; (2) increase the sum set forth in the first sentence of Clause 41C relative to the exemption amount from the sum of \$500 to the sum of \$750; (3) increase the amounts contained in subclause (B) of the first sentence of Clause 41C relative to income limits, whenever they appear in said subclause, from \$13,000 to \$20,000 (for a single person) and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 (for a married person); and (4) to increase the amounts contained in subclause (C) of the first sentence of Clause 41C relative to asset limits, whenever they appear in said subclause, from \$28,000 to \$40,000 (for a single person) and from \$30,000 to \$55,000 (for a married person); or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO ADJUST THE FACTORS
PERTAINING TO CLAUSE 41C OF SECTION 5 CHAPTER
59 OF THE GENERAL LAWS

MOTION PASSED YES 124 NO 1

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Open Space and Recreation Plan to meet the Planning Requirements of the Division of Conservation Services (DCS). Such plan prepared by the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, as authorized by Annual Town Meeting vote on May 7, 2001, a draft copy of which is available in the Town Clerk's office and Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee.

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE OPEN SPACE
AND RECREATION PLAN TO MEET THE PLANNING
REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIVISION OF
CONSERVATION SERVICES.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant an easement (temporary construction and permanent) for sewer line purposes in Grove Street, Pond Street and/or Dodd Road, such easement to contain such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may require; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE
30, 2003.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2004 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for fiscal year 2004 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2003; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.] Balances in accounts as of May 27, 2003.

WPAT Title V Betterments	-101,124.18
WPAT Title V Deferred Revenues Betterments	114,226.47
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Interest	56,209.26
Library State Aid	30,138.15
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	11,915.17
MA Arts Council	3,644.32
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	719.44
Council On Aging, Gifts & Grants	130.00
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	16,207.19
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	683.30
Recycling Grant	11,126.20
Town Clerk Fees	0.00
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement	-348.41

District	
Historical Commission Revolving Account	11,126.20
Charter Communications Cable TV	0.00
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	-348.41
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	871.06
Police Grants & Gifts	35,180.51
Police Parking Tickets	-3,049.05
Fire Department Grants & Gifts	3,514.19
Comm. of MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	0.00

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

AMENDED TO DELETE COA GIFTS AND GRANTS
FROM LIST.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT WITH AMENDMENT.

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 \$96,352.88, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify under State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Public Works Commission, including without limitation, preliminary engineering, 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 246 of the Acts of 2002 in compliance with Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F, as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE
THE SUM OF \$96,352.88 FOR MAINTAINING,
REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND CONSTRUCTION OF
TOWN AND COUNTY WAYS & BRIDGES WHICH
QUALIFY UNDER STATE AID HIGHWAY GUIDELINES.

Article 16 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 Board of Selectmen will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE
30, 2003.

Article 17. 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 Board of Selectmen will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, the overlay surplus balance of \$86,012.89, or any other sum, as an offset to the total budget for fiscal year 2004; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee will make its recommendations at the Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE OVERLAY SURPLUS BALANCE OF \$86,012.89 AS AN OFFSET TO THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.

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

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

Given under our hands this tenth day of June 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Runstrom, Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50PM TO BE RECONVENED JUNE 30, 2003 AT 7P.M.

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR
JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING **JUNE 30, 2003**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 155 REGISTERED VOTERS CHECKED IN BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING WERE RICHARD BEDARD, GERALD TERAN, ROSEMARY WARREN, ROBERT DATEO, HEATHER COURTNEY AND THOMAS SOCHA.

ARTICLE 1.

CONTINUATION OF BUDGET FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TUITION/TRANS.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TUITION/TRANS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,593.

THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE TAKEN ON THE WRSD BUDGET:

MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	3,184,088	UNANIMOUS
REGIONAL EXCESS DEBT ASSESSMENT (CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF OVERRIDE ELECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178,000)	504,263	

LONG-TERM REPAYMENT ASSESS	126,991	UNANIMOUS
TRANSPORTATION	199,595	UNANIMOUS

TOTAL WRSD BUDGET	4,014,937
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TOTAL SCHOOLS (MOTION PASSED SUBJECT TO OVERRIDE ON THE EXCESS DEBT ASSESSMENT)	4,209,530
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GRAND TOTAL OF FY04 BUDGET	8,134,265
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OVERRIDE ELECTION WAS HELD AUGUST 11, 2003

MOTION FAILED YES 206 NO 566 BLANK 4

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO USE \$119,782 OF AVAILABLE FUND (FREE CASH) TO REDUCE BUDGET.

ARTICLE 3.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD TO 5 MEMBERS; POLICE SERGEANT, MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, DPW SUPERINTENDENT, PEL MANAGER AND FIRE CHIEF. THIS WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 4.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$58,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FULLY-EQUIPPED POLICE CRUISERS TO REPLACE EXISTING VEHICLES.

ARTICLE 13.

MOTION PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO GRANT AN EASEMENT (TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT) FOR SEWER LINE PURPOSES IN GROVE ST., POND STREET AND/OR DODD ROAD, AND ANY OTHER ROADS NECESSARY. SUCH EASEMENT TO CONTAIN SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY REQUIRE.

ARTICLE 16.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 17.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35PM.

A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 TO FINALIZE THE BUDGET.

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR
JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

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 eleventh day of August, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

QUESTION 1.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$178,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding a portion of the Town's assessment for the Wachusett Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Three?"

YES 206 NO 566 BLANKS 4

QUESTION 2.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$60,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the position of Town Administrator to be filled during the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Three?"

YES 316 NO 454 BLANKS 6

Total Votes Cast 776

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 fourth day of August 2003.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Scott Runstrom, Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice-Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Paxton Center School on September 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY SERVED. 109 VOTERS SIGNED IN BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the FY2004 Annual Town Meeting, as voted June 30, 2003, by deleting the amounts approved on June 30, 2003 and to vote the following amounts for the Wachusett Regional School District as follows:

Minimum Local Contribution	3,184,088
Regional Agreement Spending Assessment	\$327,920
Long-Term Debt Repayment Assessment	\$126,991
Transportation	<u>\$199,595</u>

Total Wachusett Regional School District	\$3,838,594
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(In addition to the Vocational school tuition/transport budget that was voted at the Town Meeting on June 30, 2003 makes up the total school budget)	<u>\$194,593</u>
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Total Schools	\$4,033,187
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(Which combined with the Town operating budget that was voted at the Town Meeting on June 24, 2003 makes up the grand total budget)	\$3,924,735
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GRAND TOTAL	\$7,957,922
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Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT REGIONAL AGREEMENT SPENDING ASSESSMENT OF \$327,920, TOTAL WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FIGURE OF \$3,838,594, TOTAL SCHOOL FIGURE OF \$4,033,187 AND GRAND TOTAL BUDGET FIGURE OF \$7,957,922.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$43,000, or any or sum, from the Water Board Compensation account #14450-5103 to the Water Board Purchased Services account #14450-5200; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER \$43,000 FROM ACCOUNT 14450-5103 TO ACCOUNT 14450-5200.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER \$10,000
FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND TO THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND.

ARTICLE 4. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, OR TRANSFER FROM
AVAILABLE FUNDS, ANY SUM OF MONEY TO PUT IN
THE STABILIZATION FUND; OR ACT IN ANY WAY
THEREON.

Article sponsored by Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

UNANIMOUS MOTION PASSED TO RAISE AND
APPROPRIATE \$75,000 FOR THE STABILIZATION FUND.

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 tenth day of September, 2003.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40PM

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Scott P. Runstrom, Chairman
John F. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Clerk

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen continued to work diligently toward
its goals to improve the financial status and improve the
operations of Town Government. Again we extend our
appreciation to the Town's employees and to many who serve
the Town through their volunteer efforts on committees and
boards which function within the Town.

Much of the Selectman's time this year, again, was spent on
budget issues in preparation for FY04. Hampered by state
cutbacks in FY03, and further shortfall planned for FY04,

made the task difficult. It resulted in raising fees to cover
specific expenses and reducing budgets and curtaining long
term debt. The results of these efforts will be seen in results of
the next few fiscal years.

The Board of Selectmen were active in negotiating the
Wachusett Regional School District budget, reductions which
yielded a Town assessment equal to the amounts the Board
had advised the school committee would be our maximum
contribution for FY04; reducing the necessity for sever cuts in
operations.

Labor negotiations with various departments were initiated
during the year and are ongoing at the time of this report.
Several hearings were held in response to nearly 100
grievances filed.

Asset inventory has been completed.

The computer system is in late stages of implementation with
accounting entities being completed on the last leg of full
implementation which will coordinate the Assessors, Town
Accountant and Treasurer/Collector offices and functions.

An intern program was established by the Board of Selectmen
in cooperation with Anna Maria College which has been
successful in assisting in many Town Hall functions while
contributing to the student's education particularly in
municipal finance and administration.

The Towns communication center has significantly improved
and stabilized. The center reporting to the Board of Selectmen
under supervisor Christine Brunelle; with the cooperation of
the Towns operating departments, Fire, Police, Electric, and
DPW, continues to improve in providing this vital service to
the community.

We continue to look into opportunities for financial and
operational improvements i.e. procurement, capital
improvements planning, regionalization and creation of
enterprise entities where it is feasible and beneficial.

We thank you for your continued support as we continue to
move forward with our initiatives on behalf of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chair
John Malone, Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is a breakdown of BOH activities for fiscal year
2003:

Septic System Inspections:	80
Soil Percolation Tests:	61
Food Service & Establishment Inspections	19
Pool & Spa Inspections	9

Summer Camp Inspections	0
Septic Complaint Inspections	0
Other Complaints	5
Septic Permits Issued (Plan Review)	0

Managing and issuing septic repairs and new permits continued at a brisk pace. Permit fees for the above-mentioned pay for most services provided by the Town in these areas. The single largest item in the BOH budget is trash collection.

The BOH has once again come in under budget for Trash and Recycling collection. The approved budget financed by the tax base was \$215,000. Actual expenditures were \$201,334. Our successful curbside recycling efforts and attractive renewal provisions in our collection contracts have kept the actual cost to collect trash and recycling in town at under \$140 a year per household. The actual cost per household has not significantly increased in the past three years. The budget increases reflect the increased number of households in the system.

Paxton's tax-based trash collection provides taxpayers an excellent value. The same cost per household on an individual, commercial subscriber basis would be well over \$350 per household and, of course, not tax deductible. Paxton's monthly trash fees develop nearly \$200,000 of revenue not needed to pay for trash services. These revenues help pay for other important town services.

Paxton's trash collection services remain a good value. It is no surprise few have opted out of town trash fees. The BOH hopes you continue important recycling efforts and encourages you to call or write to us if you have any ideas how we can improve the services provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Carroll, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The voters of Paxton approved at town meeting an operational budget of \$3,924,735. This represents an increase of \$180,584, or 4%, above the operational budget of FY2003. This increase is primarily composed of expenditures related to a major ice storm in 2002, amounts required by the Fire Department, Assessor's Office and Library to meet state requirements, cost-of-living increases (3%) for employees not presently conducting labor negotiations with the town, increases (revenue neutral) in the purchase of water and trash collection, and wage adjustments based on the Wage Equity Study. The greatest portion of the budget remained unchanged or even reduced from that of the previous year.

While State action on the budget was relatively timely this year, action on the school budget was seemingly endless, with deliberations of the school board extending well past the beginning of the school year. The greatest impact on

the task of achieving balance in Paxton's FY2004 budget derived from decreases in state aid to the Wachusett Regional School District. As a result, while Paxton's share of the Minimum Local Contribution increased only 4.7%, transportation increased 38% and the regional assessment increased 160%. Thus, Paxton's share of the overall WRSD budget increased 17% from the previous year, plunging Paxton into a \$171,000 deficit. Voters at the Town Meeting approved the school budget contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2½ override. After a sound defeat of the override by Paxton, Holden and Princeton voters, the WRSD submitted a revised budget request to the five towns that reduced the Paxton deficit to \$40,000. A subsequent revision by the school committee resulted in a WRSD budget for Paxton of \$3,838,594, effectively leaving Paxton with a balanced budget for FY2004. The finalized budget was presented to the town and approved at a Special Town Meeting on October 25.

Paxton's financial picture for the next year is cloudy at best, primarily because it is drawn in response to events occurring at national and state levels. Some suggest that anecdotal and statistical evidence indicates economic recovery. Others suggest that more of what was experienced this year will be coming. Whatever the case, in Paxton maintenance cannot be deferred forever before greater problems are created as a result. The continued aging of infrastructure and equipment in various departments may soon put town operations and public safety at risk. Furthermore, major borrowing will soon commence to support the construction/renovation of the Wachusett Regional High School. These concerns must be addressed in the FY2005 budget and will present the greatest challenge in the coming year. To meet this challenge, the Finance Committee will depend upon the support of the community in its effort to keep Paxton a desirable place to live.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Finance Committee
Richard A. Fenton, Chairman

BOARD OF APPEALS

In Fiscal Year 2003 the Board of Appeals met 7 times to hear and vote upon the following:

- 9 application including 6 variances and 3 special permits
- 4 variances were approved, 2 were denied
- 3 special permits were approved

Two of the Board of Appeals meetings concerned the Country Bank for Savings Special Permit Application. A representative of the Board also attended and reported on the Country Banks appearance before the Planning Board.

Three members of the board attended at least 1 educational seminar.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Bradbury, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Total taxable valuation as of January 1, 2002 was \$302,676,875. A net increase of \$5,753,766, (1.9%).

New construction, additions, and alterations increased the total valuation \$7,132,644.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$171,600. Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$1,207,278. The Board received 2 Real Estate abatement requests, which were approved and processed.

Vision Appraisal Technology has completed 99% of the third and final phase of the State mandated Real Estate property re-listing. Any changes in property listings discovered during the re-listing process will be reflected in the FY 2004 valuations. The Assessors office is open daily from 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday thru Thursday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stone, Jr. Chairman

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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.

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

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Paxton Cultural Council distributed a total of \$2,315 in cultural grants for the year. The state gave Paxton \$2,000 in award money for the year: the remainder came from unclaimed money of previous years.

Of the 23 applications received, the following were chosen:

- Friends of Moore State Park - \$300 for Chuck & Mud concert at Fall Festival
- Paxton Garden Club - \$200 for flowers for Paxton Town Building
- Paxton Center School PTO - \$400 towards a presentation of the Underground Railway Theater
- Richards Memorial Library Membership Passes
 - Fruitlands Museum \$65
 - Tower Hill \$100
 - Worcester Art Museum \$250
 - Higgins Armory \$200
 - Ecotarium \$350
 - Museum of Fine Arts \$150

Wachusett Community Band – Summer Concert \$300 for the Summer concert at Moore State Park

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nelsen, Chair

Report of the

Municipal Light Commission

for the year ending December 31, 2002

The employees of PMLD met the expected challenges that faced them in 2002, and triumphed over the unexpected challenge that Mother Nature sent by way of a devastating ice storm in November. The storm damaged our electric distribution system in many places leaving some residents without power for over 48 hours. Mutual aid from other Municipal Light Departments in Boylston, Littleton, Hudson, Middleton, Chicopee, Holyoke and Templeton came to help restore power as quickly as possible. Thanks to Selectboard Chairman Fred Goodrich and Representative Bob Spellane, we also received assistance from Massachusetts Electric and Narragansett Electric Line and Tree crews.

Without this assistance and the cooperation of the Highway Department and Water Department, we could not have completed our task in as timely a manner. Everyone worked tirelessly around the clock. We called in our retired employees, Harold Smith and Richard Johnson. Paxton firefighters were clearing trees from roadways and residents

brought food for the crews. The Paxton Light Department is fortunate to have the support of other public power communities, our own town departments and town officials, and the people we serve.

The storm capped a very busy year in which we reconstructed much of our system on Grove Street from Route 122 to Anna Maria College. The work kept our crews busy throughout the summer and made it challenging to keep up with new construction across town. In September, Gordon Szcapanek retired and the Light Department is fortunate to have hired Chris Courville to replace him.

During 2002, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$2200 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. Additionally, we added the billing of trash fees to our invoices for electricity. The trash fee billing and revenue collection was provided as no cost to the town through June 2003 as an effort to assist in meeting the town's revenue shortfall. Our joint billing for water and electric customers continues to save ratepayers of both services.

The Light Commission meets each month on the second Tuesday 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 share your ideas with us.

Management Discussion and Analysis of the 2002 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane K. Dillman, Manager

Michael J. Benoit, Chairman
Stephen M. Phaneuf, Vice-Chairman
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Clerk-Secretary
Paxton Light Commission

**Management's Discussion
And Analysis Of
2002 Operating Results**

Of The Paxton Light Department

Within this section of the Paxton Municipal Light Department's annual financial report, management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Paxton Municipal Light Department for the year ended December 31, 2002. The Department's performance is discussed and analyzed

within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements:

The basic financial statements include (1) the statements of net assets (2) the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets (3) the cash flow statements and (4) notes to the financial statements.

The Statements of Net Assets are designed to indicate our financial position as of a specific point in time. Our net assets increased \$190,181 or 7%.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarizes our operating results and reveals how much, if any, of a profit was earned for the year. Our net profit for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$49,058, which was a decrease of \$76,768 or 61% as compared to the profit for the prior year.

The Statements of Cash Flows provides information about the cash receipts and cash payments during the accounting period. It also provides information about the operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the same period. The statement shows a net of \$373,388 provided by operating activities. Our ending cash and cash equivalents balance increased by \$539,239.

Summary of Net Assets

	2002	2001
Current Assets	\$1,552,703	\$1,408,601
Noncurrent Assets	2,980,784	2,709,952
Total Assets	<u>\$4,533,487</u>	<u>\$4,118,553</u>
Current Liabilities	184,058	115,844
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,487,275	1,330,636
Total Liabilities	<u>1,671,333</u>	<u>1,446,480</u>
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	898,537	810,522
Unrestricted	<u>1,963,617</u>	<u>1,861,551</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,862,154</u>	<u>2,672,073</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>4,533,487</u>	<u>\$4,118,553</u>

Summary of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Operating Revenues	\$2,243,189	\$2,814,977
Operating Expenses	<u>2,280,675</u>	<u>2,802,511</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(37,486)	12,466
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>86,544</u>	<u>113,360</u>
Income	49,058	125,826
Before Contributions and Transfers		
Transfers In - Restricted for Capital Projects	141,023	20,188
Transfers Out - Approp. For Rate Stabilization	(114,773)	0
Claims and Judgments	<u>114,773</u>	<u>0</u>
Beginning Net Assets	<u>2,675,073</u>	<u>2,526,059</u>
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$2,862,154</u>	<u>\$2,672,073</u>

Financial Highlights:

Operating revenues and expenses decreased over the previous year. The Light Commission voted to appropriate \$114,773 from prior earnings in 2002 and to appropriate \$492,000 to the Rate Stabilization Fund from current earnings in 2001. These funds were comprised of interest earned on the funds on deposit in the trust, and additional funds billed in 2001. Thus, revenues and expenses were significantly reduced compared to 2001. The Rate Stabilization Funds will be available to offset our stranded costs and allow us to price electricity at or below market cost when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their stranded costs (see significant balances and transactions - rate stabilization).

Other operating revenues include revenues and expenses for non-electric sales, finance charges, and other miscellaneous income. Nonoperating revenues and expense consists of investment income and interest expense. Our investment income decreased for 2002 in comparison to 2001 by \$26,816 due to the continued decline in interest rates.

The department had an Operating Loss of \$37,486 for 2002. Operating income was down a total of \$49,952 compared to 2001. Several key expenses contributed to the loss. The most significant increases occurred in the Outside Services and Overhead Maintenance Accounts.

Outside services were \$40,521 and \$12,251 in 2002 and 2001 respectively. The electric lineworkers filed for union certification in 2002. Our legal expenses were \$9,362 and \$925 in 2002 and 2001 respectively. The Union Negotiations will continue in 2003.

The department commissioned an employee benefit study in 2002 to assess compliance with MGL Chapter 32B and paid the department's share of a wage study initiated by the town in 2001. The cost of these studies totaled \$3,950. Our costs for accounting were also impacted in 2002 as a result of changes

in our reporting requirements. These were one time charges for special services. Our main transformer was scheduled for normal alternate year maintenance in October when we had an unexpected failure as a result of corrosion caused by rodents. The nature of the cleanup and repair added \$2,200 to the \$6,000 anticipated cost. Although we will not be scheduling transformer maintenance in 2003, the Light Commission has commissioned a rate study to be completed in 2003 at roughly the same cost.

In November 2002, a major ice storm hit Paxton. There was extensive damage to the distribution system, and mutual aid was called in from many sources. Expenses paid out in 2002 for this storm totaled \$32,278. Our expenses would have been higher but some other municipal light departments contributed aid during the storm. Our Overhead Maintenance expenses were \$62,689 and \$39,652 in 2002 and 2001 respectively.

Power Supply

The Paxton Municipal Light Department provides power for its customers through both fixed contracts and the open market power supply in an effort to stabilize power costs. Purchased Power costs are the costs associated with buying energy and having it delivered to the Town of Paxton. There are circumstances that will make prices fluctuate, such as extended periods of time with above or below normal temperatures, unexpected power plant shutdowns for unforeseen repair, and fuel prices being affected by global issues. The Light Department has tried to position its customers so that these situations will not have an overbearing burden on them. Power supply expenses decreased \$577,179 mostly due to the elimination of the Rate Stabilization appropriation for 2002. There was also benefit gained in the power supply market where our generation ownership adds stability to our power production expenses.

Utility Plant and Debt Administration:

Utility Plant

The Department had Gross Utility Plant acquisitions of \$220,085 in 2002. During the year, we purchased 672 electric meters to read by radio. As of December 31, 2002 we have purchased and installed 960 new meters with radio read ERTs (Electronic Radio Transmitters). During the year, we completed the first phase of installation of primary service to one new subdivision. We also installed 18 electric services to new customers. Battery backup service to our main transformer was upgraded in 2002 at a cost of \$14,300. In 2002, we relocated approximately 75 poles on Grove Street to make way for a major roadway reconstruction. In 2003 we will be removing the old poles after Verizon completes their relocation of phone lines. All of our costs of relocation on Grove Street will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Mass Highway) through Force Account Billings.

In 2003, we will be bidding out a new bucket truck, at an estimated cost of \$150,000, to replace our 1986 truck.

For each subdivision, a complete underground electric system has to be installed. The developer is responsible for paying for the installation of all subdivision primary costs.

The Light Department has signed a backup agreement with Mass Electric to supply backup service to part of the Town of Rutland and assure reciprocal backup service for Paxton from the Worcester city line. Work is scheduled to begin in July of 2003. Mass Electric will contribute up to \$100,000 to the cost.

Debt Administration

The Paxton Municipal Light Department remains a vertically integrated utility, as do all Municipal Light Departments in Massachusetts. This means that we are allowed under the Massachusetts Utility Restructuring Laws to retain our ownership and control over our electrical generation assets. Investor owned utilities, such as Massachusetts Electric Company, have been required to sell their generation assets as a result of the same restructuring laws.

The generation assets, which we have a vested ownership in, along with the other municipal electrical systems in New England, are financed through municipal bonds. The collective debt service owed under these bonds stand today at approximately \$1.3 billion, of which Paxton Municipal Light Department's share is \$9.4 million. The amount owed on these bonds represents the total debt of Paxton Municipal Light Department today. The bond payments and interest have been and will continue to be paid with revenues received from the sales of electricity.

Significant Balances and Transactions:

Purchased Power Working Capital

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), our power supply agent. MMWEC requires that they hold a set amount of capital (minimum of two months) from which it may pay our power obligations when they are due. They replenish the fund as needed from our monthly invoice payments. Developments in the power market are expected to increase the level of Working Capital required in 2003 in order to provide a financial guarantee to the market. Paxton currently has some surplus in working capital and the required level of additional working capital is not expected to impact rates in 2003.

Rate Stabilization Fund

The rate stabilization fund was created as an aftermath of deregulation. These funds are for unexpected escalation in costs, such as the *decommissioning of nuclear power plants before the end of their operating license, unusual price spikes in fuel prices and transmission cost increases. We will also use this fund to help us maintain our competitive position when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their "stranded costs**" several years down the line. Our rate stabilization balance at December 31, 2002 and 2001 was \$1,453,190 and \$1,296,111, respectively.

* Decommissioning of a nuclear power plant means the complete removal of any trace of that power plant. Paxton has decommissioning obligations associated with power sales agreements through MMWEC to purchase power from Millstone III and Seabrook. Decommissioning costs are being collected as the plants operate so that at the scheduled end of term of operation there will be monies to decommission the plant. If for some reason the plant is shut down early funds have to be made available to decommission at that time.

** Stranded costs refer to long-term debt or contractual obligations previously incurred that are higher than the new market costs. The investor-owned utilities were required to sell their generation assets as a condition to recover their stranded costs. The proceeds from the sales were used to pay off some of their costs. In place of owning generation, we have long-term power contracts with long-term payment obligations.

Depreciation Fund

Paxton Municipal Light Department maintains a depreciation fund, which is managed by the Town of Paxton Treasurer. This fund is used to pay for large capital investments such as new vehicles, distribution system upgrades and new construction. This fund is required by state statute. We annually set aside 3% to 5% of our cost-of-plant to be used for capital improvements and additions. In 2002, we added \$132,070 or 4% of our cost-of-plant, for future acquisitions and used \$220,085 for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In November the town accepted the delivery of the 2003 KME Ladder/Pumper Truck. The 1981 American LaFrance was refurbished and is in service as a Pumper Truck. The 1976 Mack Pumper was sold to the highest bidder.

Through donations, fundraisers and grants we were able to purchase our first Thermal Imager, equip our own fitness facility, purchase firefighter safety equipment and purchase an enclosed trailer for ice rescue and hazardous material emergency incidents.

A major emergency event for the Fire Department was the November ice storm. The storm required our personnel, over a 24 hour period, to clear trees, open roads and protect the citizens from downed power lines. While many emergencies were responded to, no serious injuries were reported and no injuries to any firefighters occurred.

Paxton like other communities is constantly recruiting for firefighters. This year we began to recruit Anna Maria College Fire Science students to supplement our force. The students were enrolled in the Regional Training Program, and all have completed and passed the required training. The students are now members of the Paxton Fire Department, and give us the much needed help during weekday emergencies.

Because of the success of the program this first year we intend to continue with it for FY2004.

The Fire Department has made great strides in the areas of firefighter safety, fitness and management of emergencies.

This is only made possible with the dedicated people willing to give of themselves to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Paxton.

These members are:

Rudi Acuna
 Michael Bassick
 Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT
 Thomas Ducharme – Lieutenant
 Brian Faucher
 Mike Flek
 Richard Gaffney – Deputy chief
 Joseph Germain
 Michael Goyette
 Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT
 James Hansson
 Jeffrey Harrell – EMT
 Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief
 Brian Killelea
 Sam Kinkade
 Eric Locke
 Troy Locke
 Robert Martin
 James Olson
 Timothy Pierce – EMT - P
 Charles Pingitore
 Michael Pingitore – EMT
 Michael Putnam
 Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
 Gary Richards – Lieutenant
 Patrick Robinson
 Thomas Savage – EMT
 Raymond Savignac
 Michael Sears
 Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant
 Sean Smith
 Patrick Spencer
 Peter Warren

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte
 Fire Chief - EMT

PLANNING BOARD

The only lengthy process the Planning Board dealt with during FY2003 was the Highland Village Senior Residential Development which is going to help Paxton comply with 40b.

The Board's Ad Hoc Committee rewrote the entire Senior Residential Housing section of Paxton's Zoning Bylaw, which was approved at the June 24, 2003 Annual Meeting. Many thanks to Dory Huard, John Malone, Kay Sears, Paul Robinson and Patricia Belsito who served on the Zoning

Bylaw Revision Ad Hoc Committee, in addition to the full Planning Board and William Scanlan, advisor who represents the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Paxton's Zoning Bylaw was tightened by requiring overlay districts as the first step in the approval process for senior residential developments. Paxton Housing Partnership secured the first such district, placing a parcel of land on Holden Road, owned by the Town as shown on Assessors Map 18, Lot 105, within such a district.

Progress is up to standard for the Fox Run and Glad Hill Subdivisions.

The site plan review process was completed for the expected development of the former Paxton Inn site for Country Bank for Savings.

Respectfully submitted,
 Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY03 proved to be a very challenging year as we all expected. Significant budget cuts resulted in reduced patrols, single officer shift coverage, and an overall reduction in response and service.

I would like to commend my Officers for coping under these conditions and continuing to serve the community with dedication.

In response to the economic despair, I believe the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have taken commendable steps towards rectifying the economic problem as well as preventing its future occurrence.

This department was able to obtain a Community Policing Grant and an Equipment Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety, which allowed us to purchase equipment and perform services otherwise deleted from the budget. Under this program, we provided the Rape Aggression Defense Training for Women and continued with Traffic Safety. Grant funds also provided a new phone system for the Police Department as well as a computer system upgrade.

The overall calls for service continue to grow each year in conjunction with new challenges of policing in Paxton and the world. The time for creative solutions is upon us. The following statistics provide an overall indication of common activity.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chief Robert Desrosiers

July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

116	Accidents
241	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
29	Animal Other Than Dog

1	Assaults
68	Arrests
5	Breaking/Entering Auto & Residential
1859	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
20	Destruction of Property
25	Disturbances
20	Driving under the Influence Arrests
21	Drug Possession
239	General Police
11	Larceny
38	Lockouts/Auto/Home
210	Medical Emergencies
94	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
9	Protective Custody
1	Rubbish/Dumping
37	Summonses
107	Suspicious Autos
36	Suspicious Persons
10	Trespassing Incidents
20	Vandalism
27	Welfare Checks
151	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls
367	Total Criminal Offenses
14	Total Felonies

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

We had an extremely cold, snowy, and icy winter. The total accumulation was 126.5" of snow and ice for the 2002-2003 season and it didn't end until April 8th. The clean up has been slow due to the record amount of sand applied throughout this long winter. We were hit with a devastating ice storm November 16th through the 19th, which crippled Paxton and the surrounding areas. It was a test for the Light Department. They rose to the occasion and diligently restored power in a timely manner. The Highway, Police, and Fire Departments also worked long, hard hours to help Paxton recover after the storm. Mooreland Cemetery had 20 burials for the year.

The Highway Department paved lower Grove Street and about 3,500' of Richards Avenue, which was deteriorating with many potholes. This was done with Chapter 90 money. A small section of Mooreland Cemetery was paved using 168 tons of asphalt.

The Water Department spent several days thawing frozen pipes this cold winter due to the depth of the frost and adverse weather conditions. We also had several water main breaks again taxing our small department.

The Grove Street project was moving along well but came to a halt waiting for the removal of Verizon and Charter cable lines to be moved from the old utility poles to the new poles. We hope that this project will be completed by the fall.

The Department of Public Works thanks the Board of Selectmen, all boards and committees, and other town employees for their continued support working together in making Paxton a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Fritze, Superintendent

HISTORICAL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Paxton Historic District Committee was selected and met monthly. It began the process of establishing a local historic district centered around the Town common by composing and distributing a town wide survey to determine if support existed for the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Fenton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission was engaged in several projects during FY2003. In cooperation with Serrato Signs, owners of historic homes were able to purchase circa plaques for their houses. In November, Village Improvement Society Day was celebrated with a walk through Paxton Center's historic locations. The Commission met with the Cemetery Trustees to discuss a plan for ongoing maintenance and improvements to Center Cemetery. In the spring, the members helped to design the new Town Hall bunting which was purchased by the Light Department. The next project was the selection of archival photos for the 2004 Historical Calendar which is on sale this fall.

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building. The public is always welcome. There are openings for two new members..

The Commission is always interested in learning more about Paxton's history. Anyone who has relevant material they would like to share is invited to contact the members.

Respectfully submitted

Denis Melican, Chairman
Anita Fenton, Secretary
Donna MacLean, Treasurer
Pam Hair
Sue Corcoran
Lois Breault

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New totals as of July 25, 2003:

Republican	414
Democrat	636
Libertarian	11
Un-enrolled	1,695
Green	3
TOTAL	2,759

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 Tuesday of the month at the library.

Circulation reached a record high this year of 79,002! This is nearly a 19% increase over the previous year. The number of registered patrons has increased by 217 to a total of 3967 patrons. Our collection now numbers 32921 and includes books, videos, DVDs, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, books on CD, CDs and CD-ROMs.

From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 we borrowed 1047 materials from other libraries at the requests of our patrons. We also lent 773 materials to the patrons of other libraries.

Children are the focus of most of our programs. During the school year, there are 4 storytimes a week, two for 4 & 5 year old preschoolers, one for three year olds & one for two year olds. Aislinn, our Children's Librarian, visits Paxton Center School weekly for classroom visits, and many of the classes visit the library at least once during the school year. At least four reading incentive programs are run each year, all with the aim of encouraging reading. In addition, there are craft classes, movies, reading clubs and performers, all to enrich the lives of our young clients.

We provide high-speed Internet connection through Charter Cable on our public access terminals. Through funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System we offer access to five rich and useful Internet based databases that offer a wide range of information. With your library card, these databases are also available free on your home computer.

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, and Historic Deerfield. The Friends have purchased passes to Roger Williams Zoo and Davis Farmland. All of these passes are available to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully Submitted,

Librarian

Trustees:

Chair: Charles Innis

Vice Chair: Joan Bedard

Secretary: Joan Arnold

Treasurer: Scott Martin

Physical Plant: Barbara Socha

Friends Liaison: Bronwyn Teixeira

WIRING INSPECTOR

Electrical permits issued during Fiscal Year 2003 were:

New homes completed	16
Additions and Miscellaneous	118
Total Inspections & Re-inspections	134

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall. Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Secretary. 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 is Dennis Benoit and he may be reached at 508-755-5171.

Respectfully submitted,

Electrical Inspector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT**RECEIPTS**

PETTY CASH	250.00
TAXES & EXCISES	5,905,631.11
DRIVEWAY BONDS HELD	11,500.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	378,732.53
TRASH COLLECTION	153,917.39

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Fisheries & Wildlife	3,639.25
Police Parking Tickets	30.00
Police Private Duty	143,822.14
Police DARE	175.00
Police Grants/Gifts	26,105.50
Fire Grants/Gifts	27,810.28
COA Grants/Gifts	1,085.00
Recreation	46,749.68
Title V Septic Programs	15,143.45
Cable TV	8,261.14
State Aid	491,333.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,716.75
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	174,032.87
TREASURER'S TAILING	142.00
TREASURER'S TAX TITLE ACCOUNT	17.08
HIGHWAY LOANS	73,519.62

NOTES PAYABLE FIRE TRUCK	600,000.00
NOTES PAYABLE HIGHWAY LOANS	96,764.24
FEMA GRANT	8,794.31

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Title V Betterments Received	15,333.29
Historical Commission	1,175.00
Recycling Grant	5,529.77
Conservation	540.00
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,904.00
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	4,383.78
Local Cultural Council	2,000.00
Library State Aid	6,068.02

LOCAL RECEIPTS:

General Government Fees	144,453.94
PCS School Building. Reimbursement	275,939.00
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	27,725.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,000.00
Interest - Collector/Treasurer	15,399.32
Tax Title	1,932.34
Motor Vehicle	2,083.07
Real Estate & Personal	20,430.43
Property	
Water Accounts	1,206.51

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Billings	2,683,544.96
Liens	2,402.31
Offset expenses	181,378.27
Sale of Scrap	445.10
Meter Deposits	5,450.00
Interest	20,959.91
Off set to Appropriations	52,837.57

TRUST FUNDS:

CD Boynton General Purpose	2,265.00
Library Investment Income	6,885.38
Cemetery Investment Income	4,856.04
Med. Center of Central MA	16,747.00

PERFORMANCE BONDS

1,169.82

SPECIAL ARTICLES:

Open Space and Recreation	5,000.00
Wage Survey	3,034.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS11,687,251.67**DISBURSEMENTS**

TAXES & EXCISE REFUNDS	20,177.94
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	49,829.16
WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT	95,709.10
NOVEMBER 2002 ICE STORM	59,539.20

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Title V Betterment Program	150.00
Fisheries & Wildlife	3,639.25
Police Private Duty	131,668.00
Police DARE	1,559.40
Police Grants/Gifts	13,223.41
Fire Grants/Gifts	26,977.68
COA Grant/Gifts	810.00
Upper Blackstone Waste District	106.00
Cable TV	3,817.72
Recycling Grant	2,204.59
Historical Commission	1,252.00

Recreation	57,121.97
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Notes Payable Highway	7,697.54
Highway Loans	150,958.66
Library State Aid	769.50
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,514.75
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	2,954.71
Local Cultural Council	2,646.56
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	638.98
Town Clerk Fees	1,716.75

DRIVEWAY BONDS REFUNDED

6,000.00

LOCAL RECEIPTS REFUNDED

319.75

EMPLOYEE WITHOLDINGS

173,382.34

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT

2,567,351.20

METER DEPOSIT REFUNDS

5,275.00

TREASURER'E TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

352.00

SPECIAL ARTICLES:

Fire Pumper Etc.	514,498.90
COA Maintenance/Repair	1,675.00
Computer Software & Hardware	12,759.92
Open Space and Recreation	7,606.31
Hand Held Water Readers	2,874.15
Dispatch Center Console	5,078.92
Employee Wage Study	1,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS

7,284,189.15

PCS RENOVATIONS & ADDITION

2,500.00

TRUST FUNDS:

Village Improvements	175.00
Library Investment Income	6,713.45
Cemetery Investment Income	6,589.63
Med Center of Central MA	17,362.50
CD Boynton General Purpose	2,265.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	6,159.20

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS11,262,810.29

APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS /RECEIPTS	EXPENDED
MODERATOR	100.00	100.00 G
SELECTBOARD	73,322.82	71,282.81 G
TOWN SERVICES	31,911.60	31,465.43 G
COORDINATOR		
FINANCE BOARD	1,145.00	1065.00 G
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	28,476.00	26,342.50
ASSESSORS	52,256.00	52,256.00
TOWN TREASURER	25,442.30	25,421.83
TOWN COLLECTOR	32,311.74	32,298.79
LEGAL	60,000.00	57,584.62
PERSONNEL BOARD	520.00	120.00
REGIONAL PLANNING	890.00	889.00
ASSESSMENT		
TOWN CLERK	9,990.76	9,643.95
ELECTIONS	8,542.85	7,936.96
REGISTRARS	2,000.00	1,636.29
CONSERVATION	1,800.00	1,304.75
PLANNING BOARD	3,527.50	3,527.50

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,050.00	625.69
PUBLIC BLDG. MAINTENANCE	22,762.84	22,605.15
INSURANCE & BONDS	72,893.00	72,794.96
TOWN REPORTS & WARRANTS	3,200.00	2002.97
TOWN CLOCK	330.00	147.32
POLICE DEPARTMENT	512,956.61	492,892.82
FIRE DEPARTMENT	169,555.56	163,691.63
AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT	9,600.00	9,600.00
FIRST RESPONDERS BUILDING	60390.00	59,383.03
COMMISSIONER	12,541.00	12,000.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,860.00	2,860.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	3,800.00	3,800.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	100.00	0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	6,739.00	6,102.56
FORESTRY	1,250.00	1,250.00
TREE WARDEN	5,650.00	5,535.20
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	134,908.91	126,274.92
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	422,929.99	411,352.64
STREETLIGHTING	19,392.00	19,392.00
REFUSE COLLECTION/RECYCLING	237,428.47	225,588.19
WATER DEPARTMENT	483,216.75	467,735.19
BOARD OF HEALTH	1,700.00	1,528.58
SANITARY INSPECTOR	8,474.00	8,474.00
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	400.00	400.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	35,625.43	34,394.13
VETERAN'S SERVICES	1,000.00	535.00
LIBRARY	120,016.73	118,576.16
RECREATION	45,655.00	42,755.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	450.00	74.36
CELEBRATIONS	1,100.00	964.00
DEBT SERVICE	1,032,993.40	1,032,993.40
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST		
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT & HEALTH INSURANCE	336,622.95	311,140.01
WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	3,622,633.00	3,620,271.19
RESERVE FUND	40,000.00	33,436.87
TOTAL	7,763,961.21	7,635,552.44

TOWN COLLECTOR**Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2002	4,020.42	
Committed	251.79	
Collected		1,003.87
Outstanding June 30, 2003		3268.34
Total	\$4,272.21	\$4,272.21

2001 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	11,720.52	
Committed	4,133.70	
Refunded	1,031.57	
Collected		6373.46
Abated		1,412.20
Outstanding June 30, 2003		9,100.13
Total	\$16,885.79	\$16885.79

2002 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	31,165.27	
Committed	127,029.99	
Refunded	4,674.82	
Collected		134,883.64
Abated		9,479.22
Outstanding June 30, 2003		18,507.22
Total	\$162,870.08	\$162,870.08

2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	492098.35	
Refunded	2615.01	
Collected		440034.26
Abated		11491.63
Outstanding June 30, 2003		43187.47
Total	\$494,713.36	\$494,713.36

2003 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	452.00	
Collected		452.00
Total	\$452.00	\$452.00

2003 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	9,246.46	
Collected		9,246.46
Total	9,246.46	9,246.46

2000 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	1,223.91	
Abated		1,223.91
Total	\$1,223.91	\$1,223.91

2001 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	11,343.61	
Collected		2158.42
Abated		9,185.19
Total	\$11,343.61	\$11,343.61

2002 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	1,866.72	
Committed	265.75	
Refunded		22.16
Abated		2,110.31
Total	\$2,132.47	\$2,132.47

2003 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	65,438.59	
Collected		60,324.33
Outstanding June 30, 2003		5,114.26
Total	\$65,438.59	\$65,438.59

2001 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	32,272.12	
Sub Tax Title Collected		11,026.82
Collected		13,542.24
Outstanding June 30, 2003		7,703.06
	\$32,272.12	\$32,272.12

2002 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2002	132,060.69	
Refunded	1169.39	
Sub Tax Title		12,536.46
Collected		69,101.99
Abated		2,462.59
Outstanding June 30, 2003		49,129.04
Total	\$133,230.08	\$133,230.08

2003 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	5,340,894.23	
Credit Adjustment	8.41	
Refunded	10,423.13	
Collected		5,161,885.05
Abated		26,129.12
Outstanding June 30, 2003		163,311.60
Total	\$5,351,325.77	\$5,351,325.77

Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable - Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2002	52,651.86	
Committed	27,378.18	
Collected		6,624.00
Outstanding June 30, 2003		73,406.04
Total	\$80,030.04	\$80,030.04

2003 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2002	1,410.98	
Committed	2,402.31	
Collected		2,402.31
Outstanding June 30, 2003		1,410.98
Total	\$3,813.29	\$3,813.29

Outstanding July 1, 2002	111.38	
Committed	1,547.47	
Tax Title		111.38
Collected		1,130.83
Outstanding June 30, 2003		416.64
Total	\$1,658.85	\$1,658.85

Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2002	32,871.57	
Outstanding June 30, 2003		32,871.57
Total	32,871.57	32,871.57

2003 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	22,513.50
Interest Received on Water Receipts	1,264.95
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	12,650.00
Parking Fees	30.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	3,695.00
Return Check Fees	200.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	630.00
Dog Fines	145.00
Water Lien Fee	485.00
Treasurer's Interest	17,544.26

Water Department Receipts

Readings	329,202.50
Installation and Repairs	44,399.20
Liens	1,242.21

OFFICE HOURS: TUES - THURS 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MON 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MON EVENING 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre L. Malone

PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL	
Annette Aubertin	150.00
Ella Beach	150.00
Charles Bolster Jr.	150.00
Rosemary Buckley	6,831.93
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Tamara Connors	50.00
Wayne Curran	8,474.00
Francis Fanning	3,500.00
Francis Ford	100.00
Frederick Goodrich	1,536.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	15,211.87
Timothy Hackett	500.00
Dennis Harney	2,610.00
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	36,113.65
Doris Huard	1,874.64
Harry Johnson	1,150.00

Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Deirdre Malone	36,328.57
John Malone	1,487.00
Jean McIntyre	150.00
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	1,874.64
Carol Riches	25,628.40
Scott Runstrom	1,262.00
Mary Savage	3,186.00
John Slabich	100.00
Patrick Smith	
James Stone, Jr.	7,049.72
Richard Trifero	10,151.04
David Trulson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	5,039.00
Nancy Wilby	30,534.00
Scott Wilson	7,605.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rodolfo Acuna	4,296.56
Matthew Bassick	2,330.98
Michael Benoit	17,369.63
Jay Conte	9,657.18
Thomas Cunningham	3,755.92
Thomas Ducharme	10,819.20
Brian Faucher	2,359.98
Michael Flek	3,553.47
Richard Gaffney	15,110.94
Michael Goyette	3,665.00
Richard Greenway	33.21
Kenneth Grensavitch	6,521.58
James Hansson	2,752.56
Jeffrey Harrell	4,454.09
Richard Jenkins	19,479.11
Brian Killelea	99.63
Samuel Kinkade	1,084.86
Eric Locke	1,267.52
Troy Locke	2,103.30
Robert Martin	3,439.78
Patrick Mullaney	431.73
James Olson	5,710.16
Donna Graf-Parsons	4,412.05
Timothy Pierce	1,595.43
Charles Pingitore	1,809.95
Michael Pingitore	2,968.35
Daniel Plante	697.41
Michael Putnam	3,014.56
Kevin Quinn	13,184.30
Gary Richards	8,166.72
Patrick Robinson	322.47
Michael Rowe, Jr.	686.34
Thomas Savage, Jr.	10,950.29
Raymond Savignac	4,394.78
Richard Sears	4,506.16
Orville Sheldon	3,740.10
Sean Smith	974.16
B. Peter Warren	2,983.37

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Brian Cheney	40.00
Ronald Fritze	55,523.84
George Johnson	51,206.31
Samuel Knipe	38,974.70
Frank Lyons	32.09
Charles Pingitore	16,530.92
Michael Putnam	48,638.50
Gary Richards	40,165.23
Eva Ryan	7,677.19
Steven Urbanovitch	37,978.99

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	7,467.88
Carolyn Brunelle	1,592.47
Arnold Childs, Jr.	3,161.93
Molly Hulser	1,762.97
Aislinn Lewis	16,335.90
Patricia Miller	1,552.00
Janet Porter	33,117.00
Jennifer Robideau	4,213.68
Susan Sonju	4,810.00
Cathleen Verterame	2,335.76
Susan Wheeler	7,833.72

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Jayne Barroll	487.56
Kevin Barry	512.94
Hillary Chiavaroli	456.75
Corine Claxton	1,274.00
Meagan Deschenes	235.63
Justin Ducharme	329.88
Kathleen Fontaine	897.00
Elizabeth Gallo	473.06
Regina Galvin	516.57
Donna Graf-Parsons	1,166.65
Erin Graham	532.87
Shannon Graham	378.82
Karen Guglielmello	1,047.50
Ethan Johnson	471.25
Erika Joriorian	527.00
Jillian Kelsey	344.38
Nicole Lederer	520.18
Daniel Logee	528.00
Craig Masterman	13,500.00
Jeffrey Olson	485.76
Jenna Noel	344.38
Mary Norton	322.63
Christopher Oldakowski	529.25
Erick Parent	545.56
Aaron Proulx	1,261.50
Daniel Ruane	488.00
Maureen Ruane	428.00
Eva Ryan	1,400.02
Caitlin Shooshan	282.75
Beth Sullivan	531.06
Jamie Trifilo	516.56

COUNCIL ON AGING

Robert Callahan	7,756.05
George Heeley	14,677.75
John McKiernan	6,306.29
Lisa Martin	515.55
Lorraine Quinn	2,427.51

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	58,896.50
David Ahlin	9,728.25
William Beaudry	2,098.43
Brian Boulette	4,853.83
Mark Chase	7,428.47
Hans Carlson	60,311.38
Robert DesRosiers	52,245.47
David Keller	39,789.81
Kathleen Killoran	24,738.28
William Lang	48,813.78
Todd LaPorte	22,682.80
Patrick O'Donoghue	61,292.26
William Reilly	54,096.06
Mark Savasta	77,555.61

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Jason Barlow	3,228.96
Thomas Barouk	552.58
Suzanne Bassett	742.36
Christine Brunelle	18,825.92
Lisa Cottter	249.06
Kristen George	1,070.77
Jeffrey Harrell	1,080.33
Amanda Kalinowski	11,409.47
Crystal Kowalski	1,470.33
Laura LeBeau	744.78
Jennifer Neal	269.08
Johnathan Nozzolillo	5,072.58
John O'Connor	1,987.76
Matthew Ohman	6,701.41
Tracy Pilch	7,242.46
Michael Readon	19,635.00
Diane Rucci	11,855.32
Thomas Savage Jr.	6,657.35
Patrick Spencer	2,646.99
Linda Sousa	96.10
Forrest Thorpe III	161.76
Bonnie White	4,897.63

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	200.00
Susan Blackwood	33,835.30
Russell Clark	18,212.80
Christopher Courville	54,615.18
Diane Dillman	65,661.52
Brian Marion	33,761.22
Russell McQuestion	2,501.12
Yvette Orell	38,121.40
Stephen Phaneuf	200.00
Matthew Stone	34,573.92

Gordon Szczepanek	17,719.30
Joseph Thompson	58,081.26
Emerson Wheeler	200.00

Independent Auditors' Report
On General-Purpose Financial Statements

I have audited the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2002) 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 based on my audit. I did not audit the financial statements of the Electric Enterprise Fund. Those financial statements have been audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to me, and my opinion on the general purpose financial statements, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Electric Enterprise Fund, is based on the report of the other auditors.

I conducted my auditing accordance with auditing standards general accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (the financial statements of the Electric Enterprise Fund were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards). Those standards require that I 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 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, based on my audit and the report of other auditors, 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, 2003 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2002), 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated November 10, 2003 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 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, 2003
 (Except for Proprietary Fund Type which is December 31, 2002)

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	<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	\$ 713,180	\$ 306,093	\$ 62,943	\$ 2,856,001	\$ 87,046	\$ -	\$ 4,025,263
Other Investments	-	-	-	8,429	637,083	-	645,512
Receivables:		-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Taxes	225,258	-	-	-	-	-	225,258
Tax Liens and Foreclosures	158,410	-	-	-	-	-	158,410
Motor Vehicle Excise	74,063	-	-	-	-	-	74,063
User Charges	35,764	-	-	203,274	-	-	239,038
Other	-	102,227	-	3,800	-	-	106,027
Less: Allowance For Abatements and Uncollectible Accounts	(20,975)	-	-	-	-	-	(20,975)
Due From Other Governments	-	77,439	-	-	-	-	77,439
Other Assets	-	-	-	469,389	-	-	469,389
Inventory	-	-	-	94,057	-	-	94,057
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	-	-	-	898,538	-	-	898,538
Amounts to Be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Obligations	-	-	-	-	-	6,661,805	6,661,805
Total Assets	\$ 1,185,700	\$ 485,759	\$ 62,943	\$ 4,533,488	\$ 724,129	\$ 6,661,805	\$ 13,653,824
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>							
Warrants Payable	\$147,856	77,439	-	125,257	-	-	350,552
Other Accrued Liabilities	673	-	-	58,801	-	-	59,474
Notes Payable	-	96,764	-	-	-	-	96,764
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	6,661,805	6,661,805
Deferred Revenue	349,912	102,227	-	-	-	-	452,139
Other Liabilities	27,323	-	-	1,487,276	51,637	-	1,566,236
	<u>525,764</u>	<u>276,430</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,671,334</u>	<u>51,637</u>	<u>6,661,805</u>	<u>9,186,970</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>							
Fund Equity:							
Retained Earnings:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	-	-	-	2,862,154	-	-	2,862,154
Fund Balances:							
Reserved For Encumbrances	74,121	-	-	-	-	-	74,121
Reserved for Other	250	-	-	-	-	-	250
Unreserved:							
Designated	205,795	-	-	-	672,492	-	878,287
Undesignated	379,770	209,329	62,943	-	-	-	652,042
Total Fund Equity	659,936	209,329	62,943	2,862,154	672,492	0.00	4,466,854
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$ 1,185,700	485,759	\$ 62,943	\$ 4,533,488	\$ 724,129	\$ 6,661,805	\$ 13,653,824

Board of Assessors

Table 1

Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>%INC</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>%INC</u>	<u>FY 2001</u>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$7,224,788.00		\$6,841,351.00		\$6,536,556.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	335,951.13		430,550.00		234,525.00
Offset Items	6,203.00		8,364.00		7,982.00
Retirement	95,709.00		115,050.00		127,757.00
State & County Assessments	49,003.00		44,157.00		34,601.00
Tax Title	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,434.84
Overlay	124,207.74		35,678.00		47,406.07
Deficits Prior Years	6,739.00		0.00		0.00
Final Court Judgments	0.00		0.00		25,000.00
Debt & Interest Charges	0.00		0.00		0.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$7,845,600.87	4.9%	\$7,478,150.00	6.6%	\$7,017,261.91
<u>Estimated Receipts</u>					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$583,423.00		\$699,246.00		\$598,856.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	517,500.00		482,700.00		475,000.00
Water Department	380,000.00		376,400.00		400,000.00
Other Local Receipts	346,455.00		208,484.00		301,597.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	275,939.00		275,939.00		551,878.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	335,951.13		494,800.00		234,525.00
Available Funds - Other	0.00		10,750.00		0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$2,439,268.13	-4.3%	\$2,548,319.00	-0.5%	\$2,561,856.00
Net Amount to be Raised	\$5,406,322.74	9.7%	\$4,929,831.00	10.6%	\$4,455,405.91
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$5,437,569.00	7.3%	\$5,066,182.00	9.3%	\$4,636,436.00
<u>Valuations</u>					
Real Estate	\$299,012,900.00		\$293,432,900.00		\$290,084,800.00
Personal Property	3,663,975.00		3,490,209.00		3,938,848.00
Total Taxable Property	\$302,676,875.00	1.9%	\$296,923,109.00	0.9%	\$294,023,648.00
<u>Tax Rates</u>					
Residential	\$17.89	7.6%	\$16.63	9.6%	\$15.18
Open Space	\$16.10		\$14.97		\$13.66
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$17.86		\$16.60		\$15.15

Board of Assessors

Table II

Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise

	<u>FY2003</u>		<u>FY2002</u>		<u>FY2001</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	5	875.00	6	1,050.00	8	1,400.00
Clause 22: Veterans	27	6,750.00	31	7,750.00	36	9,000.00
Clause 37: Blind	5	2,187.50	5	2,187.50	5	2,187.50
Clause 41: Elderly	14	7,000.00	14	7,000.00	13	6,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Clause 42:	1	5,903.70	1	5,000.64	1	4,564.63
Totals	52	\$22,716.20	57	\$22,988.14	63	\$23,652.13
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	2	\$2,462.92	3	\$2,853.71	9	\$6,832.86
Personal Property	36	12519.41*	3	269.05	6	6,883.06
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	233	22,383.05	194	16,457.50	158	11,257.51
Total	271	\$24,845.97	200	\$19,580.26	173	\$24,973.43
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	4979	\$623,513.83	4810	\$625,798.64	4219	\$413,398.09
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$601,130.78		\$609,341.14		\$402,140.58

* Clause 59 Section 71 abatements for FY 2000, 2001, 2002

Board of Assessors
Table III
Property Classification

	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$283,142,180.00	\$277,408,500.00	\$5,733,680.00	2.1%
Open Space	4,528,700.00	4,549,000.00	-\$20,300.00	-0.4%
Commercial	8,819,170.00	8,706,000.00	\$113,170.00	1.3%
Industrial	2,522,850.00	2,769,400.00	-\$246,550.00	-8.9%
Personal Property	3,663,975.00	3,490,209.00	\$173,766.00	5.0%
Total Taxable Property	\$302,676,875.00	\$296,923,109.00	\$5,753,766.00	1.9%
Exempt Property	31,491,200.00	31,367,800.00	\$123,400.00	0.4%
Total Valuation	\$334,168,075.00	\$328,290,909.00	\$5,877,166.00	1.8%

+2.5% - 8,354,202
342,522,277

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 8am- 3pm, 5:30pm- 8pm, Tuesday - Thursday 8am- 4pm.

Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Nancy Wilby at 508-753-2803, ext. 11 for Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health

Board of Appeals James Bradbury, Chair

Board of Health David Parent, Chair

Planning Board Neil Bagdis, Chair

Board meets on an "As needed" basis

Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Building Commissioner Richard Trifero

Sanitary Inspector Wayne Curran

Gas & Plumbing Inspector Dennis Harney

Wire Inspector Dennis Benoit

Fire Inspector

Town Accountant & Town Clerk June Herron

Town Collector & Treasurer Deirdre Malone

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 508-754-7638
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Ext. 13

See Town Hall hours 508-754-7638
Ext. 15

Assessors James Stone, Chair
Donna Graf-Parsons,
Administrative Assistant

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 508-754-7638
9 a.m.-Noon Ext. 16

Board of Selectmen Scott Runstrom, Chair
Carol Riches,
Administrative Secretary

Board meets every other week 508-754-7638
- Call in advance for meeting
dates Ext. 10

Department of Public Works Ronald Fritze,
Superintendent

Office: 107 Holden Road 508-753-9077

Water Commissioners John Malone, Chair

Board meets second Tuesday of
each month at the Town Hall

Municipal Light Department Diane Dillman, Manager
Michael Benoit, Chair

Office: 578 Pleasant Street. 508-756-9508

Board meets second
Wednesday of each month.

Police Department Robert Desrosiers, Acting
Police Chief

Office: 10 West Street (Business 508-755-1104
Only)

Dog/Animal Control Officer B. Peter Warren

Contact Dispatch 508-791-6600

Recreation Commission Andrew Serrato, Chair

508-791-1874

Council on Aging Élla Beach, Chair

Office: 17 West Street 508-756-2833

George Heeley, Director

Board meets the first Tuesday
of each month.

Conservation Commission Christopher Keenan, Chair

Board meets the second 508-757-1572
Thursday of each month

Historical Commission Dennis Melican

Board meets the third
Thursday of each month

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:

Sunday & Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

WINTER

CLOSED

1-8 p.m.

9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.

1-8 p.m.

9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.

10-4 p.m.

SUMMER

CLOSED

1-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

1-5 p.m.

1-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

1-5 p.m.

CLOSED