

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON

Year Ending June 30, 2005



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IN MEMORIAM

Norman Dodge

WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

Christian Baehrecke

Robert Bertin

Alfred Belanger

Alina Chand

Art Croteau

William Gearin

Gary Goldberg

Robert Hall

Larry Hammerberg

Louise Howatt

Robert Jacobson

Susan Madaio

Todd McDonald

Natalie Mello

Bernard Melican

Joan Arnold-Nigro

Eugene O'Rourke

Judy Pingitore

Richard Sears

Ann Marie Stocia

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
JUNE HERRON
AND
EDWARD DUANE
FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE
TOWN OF PAXTON**



TOWN OFFICERS

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MAY 2004 TO MAY 2005

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair	2005
John F. Malone, Clerk	2006
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice-Chair	2007
Town Clerk	
Deirdre Malone	2006
Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2005
Collector	
Deirdre L. Malone	2005
Moderator	
Francis A. Ford	2005
Constables	
William Trotta	2008
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2008
Tree Warden	
Adam. Smith	2008
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Alice Livdahl	2006
Cynthia Ahearn	2005
Municipal Light Board	
Michael J. Benoit, Chair	2008
Emerson Wheeler III	2007
Paul F. Crowley	2006
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2005
James R. Stone Jr., Chair	2006
Donna Graf-Parsons	2005
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2008
David J. Trulson	2006
Local Water Resources Mgt Official	
Charles Bolster	2007
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll, Chair	2006
Judy A. Hatstat	2008
David Parent	2007
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2007
David Bennett	2006
Pamela Vasil-Sagarian	2010

Henry Stidsen	2009
Julie Jacobson	2008

Library Trustees	
Michelle Nelsen	2007
Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair	2007
Scott A. Martin	2006
Barbara Socha	2005
Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	2005
Louise Erskine	2005

Recreation Commission	
Sheila Ducharme	2006
John Glowik	2007
Linda McKay, Chair	2005
Michael Ross	2006
Andrew Serrato	2005

Cemetery Commission	
Edward I. Hammerberg, resigned	2007
Lois Melican	2008
Richard H. Sears, Resigned	2006

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator	
Charles Blanchard	2006
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	
Carol Riches	2006
Town Services Coordinator	
Nancy Wilby	2006
Town Accountant	
Jean Joel	2008
Superintendent DPW	
Michael Putnam	2006
Veteran's Agent	
Timothy Hackett	2006
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Timothy Hackett	2006
Inspector of Wires	
Dennis Benoit	2006
John Slabich, Asst	2006
Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2006
Harry Johnson, Local Insp.	2006

TOWN OFFICERS

MAY 2004 TO MAY 2005

Worcester County Advisory Board
 Frederick G. Goodrich
 2006

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control
 Adam Smith

Board of Appeals
 Robert Bostwick 2009
 James Bradbury, Chair 2008
 Robert Callahan, Alternate 2007
 Richard Grensavitch 2008
 Kirk Huelhs 2007
 Ilana Ludvigsen, Alternate 2006
 Paul Robinson 2006
 Susan Serrato 2007
 Jeffery Wentzell, Alternate 2007

Board of Registrars
 Annette Aubertin 2006
 Phyllis Callahan 2007
 June Herron 2008

Town Counsel
 Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

Sexual Harassment Officers
 Charles Blanchard 2006

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers
 Larry Hammerberg

Care of Clock
 Bruce Cheney

Hazardous Waste Coordinator
 Jay Conte, Fire Chief

Emergency Management Director
 Robert Barrett

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden
 Jay Conte

Police Department Chief
 Robert Desrosiers

Full Time Officers
 Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman
 David Keller, Patrolman
 William F. Lang, Sergeant
 Mark Newman
 William P. Reilly, Sergeant
 Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman
 Jason Silvestri, Patrolman

Part Time Officers
 David S. Ahlin

Jason Barlow
 William Beaudry
 Brian J. Boulette
 Srinivas Emani
 Mary Stone
 Forrest Thorpe III

Conservation Commission
 Marisa Ayvasian 2008
 Barbara Berka, Associate 2006
 Michael Voorhis 2007
 Christopher Keenan, Chair 2007
 Ansley Siter 2007
 Janice Stewart, Associate 2006
 Robert Stewart 2006
 Justin Thackery, Vice Chair 2006
 Eric Howe, Associate 2008

Insurance Advisory Committee
 Deirdre Malone
 Yvette Orell
 Michael Putnam
 Carol Riches
 Eva Ryan
 Harold Smith

Cable & Communication Committee
 Chris Brunelle
 Raymond Charette
 Deborah Magnuson
 Nicholas Powlovitch
 Scott Wilson

Agents for License Commission
 Vacant

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

Personnel Advisory Board
 Heather Courtney 2006
 James Lang 2006
 Paul Sullivan 2006
 Gerald Teran 2008
 Jeffrey Wentzell 2008

Council On Aging
 Barbara Braley 2008
 Robert Callahan 2008
 Howard Coleman 2007
 Alice Crowley 2008
 Curtis Hammer 2006
 Doris E. Huard 2006
 Mary Jenkins 2006

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Gerald Ryan, Chair	2007	Michael Quinlivan	2006
Jean Wilde	2007	Kirk Huehls	2006
		Elizabeth Hubbard	2006
Historical Commission		William Jones	2006
Matthew Atanian	2008	Scott Farrar	2006
Susan Corcoran	2008	Christian de Marcken	2006
Lois Breault-Melican	2006	James Stone	2006
Daniel Gehnrich	2007		
Anita Fenton	2007	Tax Aid for the Elderly and Disabled	
Pamela Hair	2006	Deirdre Malone	
Donna MacLean	2008	James Stone, Chair	
Denis Melican, Chair	2008		
		Election Officers	
Historic District Study Committee		Charlotte Thalín, Warden REP	
Matthew Atanian		Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN	
Lois Breault-Melican		Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM	
Anita Fenton, Chairman		Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM, Resigned	
Jay Gallant		June T. Herron, Clerk UN	
Daniel Gehnrich		Susan Stone, DEM	
Paul Robinson		Robert R. Herron, REP, Alt.	
		Ann Cunningham, UN	
Cultural Council		Affordable Housing Trustee	
Martha Akstin	2006	Martha Akstin	2007
Susan Bassick	2006	Frederick Goodrich	2007
Anita Fenton	2010	John Hurley	2007
Linda Howard	2011	Michael Quinlivan	2007
Michele Nelson, Chair	2006	Richard Sansoucy	2007
Barbara Socha	2011	James Stone	2007
Paxton Housing Partnership Committee		Reservoir Conservation Restriction Committee	
Martha Akstin	2007	Robert Bertin	
Sue-Anne Bock	2006	Peter Dawson	
Scott Hill	2007	Scott Runstrom	
Virginia Kimball	2005		
Kevin Quinn	2007	Bylaw Revision Committee	
Joanne Savignac	2006	Sarah Clogson	2007
Kathleen Sears	2006	Peter Dawson	2007
James Stone	2005	Robert Bostwich	2007
Paul Robinson	2005	Rick Trifero	2007
Property Acquisition Investigation Committee		APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR	
Louise Erskine	2006	Finance Board	
Catherine McCourt	2006	Jamie Contonio	2008
		Christian de Marcken	2007
504 Coordinator		Joseph Scheinfeldt, Jr	2006
Donna Graf-Parsons	2006	Richard Sears	2006
		Richard Fenton, Chair	2005
Anna Maria Scholarship Committee		Evelyn Lawler	2005
Debra M. Henderson, Chair	2006	Judy Pingitore (resigned 2005)	2007
Barbara Lorge	2006		
John Malone	2006		
Capital Improvement Committee			
Charlie Blanchard	2006		

TOWN OFFICERS MAY 2004 TO MAY 2005

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector

Dennis Harney
John P. Dolen, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector

Wayne Curran
Richard M. Cox, Environmental Engineer

Burial Agent

Ronald Johnson

Animal Inspector

Jean Parent

Animal Control Officer

B. Peter Warren Jr.

Rubbish/Recycling Collection

Central Mass Disposal
13 Hardscrabble Road
Auburn, MA 01501

First Responders

Michael Benoit, Lieut., EMT

Jay Conte, Chief, EMT

Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.

Richard Gaffney, Lieut.

Kenneth Grensavitch, EMT

Jeffrey Harrell, EMT - I

Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief

James Olson

Michael Pingitore, EMT - I

Kevin Quinn, Lieut.

Thomas Savage, Jr.,

Raymond Savignac

Fire Inspector

Matthew Stone

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

Firefighters

Andrew Abysalh

Rodolfo Acuna

Matthew Bassick

Michael Benoit, Captain

Jay Conte, Chief, EMT

Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.

Brian Faucher

Michael Flek

Richard Gaffney, Deputy Chief

Michael Goncalves

Michael Goyette

Kenneth Grensavitch, EMT

James Hansson

Jeffrey Harrell, EMT

Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief

Sam Kinkade

Eric Locke

Robert Martin

James Olson

Michael Pingitore, EMT

Charles Pingitore

Michael Putnam

Kevin Quinn, Lieut.

Joseph Rego

Gary Richards, Lieut.

Michael Rowe

Thomas Savage, Jr., EMT

Raymond Savignac

Orville Sheldon, Lieut.

Sean Smith

B. Peter Warren Jr.



TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK VITAL STATISTICS
JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

Birth, Deaths and Marriages

Number of Birth 44

Number of Deaths 35

Number of Marriages 6

Dog Licenses Issued

Males/Female 32

Neutered/Spaded 256

Kennel Licenses 2

Amount Paid to General Fund **\$2,909.00**

Fishing Licenses Issued 109

Amount Paid to
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife **\$2,584.25**

Respectfully submitted
Deirdre L. Malone
Town Clerk



TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

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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 14 2004 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7: 15 PM. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 265 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING; ROBERT WILBY, DIANE DILLMAN, STEVEN SOSNOFF, GERALD RYAN, ROSEMARY WARREN AND PAUL ROBINSON.

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, 2004, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

MOTION PASSED TO ADJUST BUDGET TO INCLUDE A CONTINGENCY FUND OF \$15,000 UNDER 11122-5105 MAKING THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE SELECTMEN \$169,935 AND TOTAL GOVERNMENT \$1,064,207.

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE ACCOUNTS UNDER THE RECREATION BUDGET; RECREATION PARKS DIRECTOR TO \$18,035 AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO \$2,971 MAKING THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE RECREATION \$50,591 AND TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION \$183,032.

SUBTOTAL EXCLUDING SCHOOLS \$4,420,687

MOTION PASSED TO AMEND THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET:

Minimum Local contribution	\$3,390,646
Regional Excess Debt Assessment	\$217,521
Long Term Debt Repayment Assessment	\$263,456
Transportation	\$201,859
Total Wachusett Regional School District	\$4,073,482

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Total Schools \$4,334,703

AMENDED GRAND TOTAL BUDGET \$8,755,390

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds (free cash) to reduce the budget for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE \$295,378 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) TO REDUCE THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, or from other available funds, to pay the Town's charges for the ensuing year for education to the Wachusett Regional School District the sum of \$4,162,805; and, further, that the Town does hereby approve a budget for the Wachusett Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning 7-1-2004.

Article sponsored by a Petition

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

MOTION PASSED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$4,073,482 TO PAY THE TOWN'S CHARGES FOR THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR FY05.

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 \$47,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of a F550 4WD Dump and Snow Plow for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the DPW Superintendent

Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee recommend approval by borrowing.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$47,000 TO PURCHASE A F550 4WD DUMP AND SNOW PLOW.

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 \$19,950, or any other sum, to enable the upgrade of twenty-three (23) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief.

Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee recommend approval by borrowing.

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Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED, 1 NO VOTE, TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$19,950 TO UPGRADE 23 SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$45,117, or any other sum, to upgrade the radio system of the Fire Department and Police Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Communications Board

Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee recommend approval by borrowing.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$45,117 TO UPGRADE THE RADIO SYSTEM OF THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$6,000, or any other sum, to purchase and install a new boiler for the Police Station; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief.

Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee recommend approval by borrowing.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,000 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW BOILER AT THE POLICE STATION.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,200, or any other sum, for the purchase of a sign at the White Building, to reflect the name change to the John Bauer Senior Center; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Council on Aging

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$1,200 TO PURCHASE A SIGN AT THE WHITE BUILDING TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE TO THE JOHN BAUER SENIOR CENTER.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of implementing the Storm Water Management Plan; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee will make recommendation at Town Meeting.

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Board of Selectmen recommends disapproval.

UNANIMOUS MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$36,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new, fully-equipped police cruiser to replace an existing vehicle; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee recommend approval by borrowing.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$24,750 FOR A NEW FULLY-EQUIPPED POLICE CRUISER.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2005 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for fiscal year 2005 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2004; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.] Balances in accounts as of May, 2004.

WPAT Title V Betterments	(73,194.15)
WPAT Title V Deferred Revenues Betterments	73,194.15
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Interest	26,338.57
Library State Aid	31,135.35
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	17,270.48
MA Arts Council	2,950.57
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	405.66
Council On Aging, Gifts & Grants	863.00
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	19,092.86
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	683.30
Recycling Grant	9,040.31
Town Clerk Fees	0.00
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	(348.41)
Charter Communications Cable TV	75,307.82
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	1,922.23
Police Revolving	427.50
Police Grants & Gifts	19,422.78
Police Parking Tickets	493.00
Fire Department Grants & Gifts	12,158.86
Comm. of MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	0.00
Historical Commission Gifts & Grants	1,638.91

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT REVOLVING ACCOUNTS, AS PRINTED.

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of money to hire a contractor to break up the asphalt, dispose of the same and fill in the old pool area which is currently a safety hazard. The area would then be prepared for future recreational use; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Recreation Commission

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval by borrowing.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,000 TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR TO BREAK UP AND DISPOSE OF THE ASPHALT, AND FILL IN AT THE TOWN POOL.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional School District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment updates the references to the calendar years for the five (5) year Census Review, deletes references to past years and deletes a reference to the Town of Sterling 2000 annual town meeting, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION1. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; UPDATING THE REFERENCES TO THE CALENDAR YEARS FOR THE 5 YEAR CENSUS REVIEW,DELETING REFERENCES TO PAST YEARS AND DELETING A REFERENCE TO THE TOWN OF STERLING 2000 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 2. LOCATION of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment is a technical correction which deletes the date (1959) of a prior amendment, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION2. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING THE DATE 1959 OF A PRIOR AMENDMENT

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 5. PAYMENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and

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approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment is a technical correction which deletes reference to 1951 legislation; a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 5. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING REFERENCE TO 1951 LEGISLATION.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 8. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER TOWNS – PRE-KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 12 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment is a technical correction which deletes the reference to the 1951 and 1977 legislation, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 8. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING THE REFERENCES TO THE 1951 AND 1977 LEGISLATION.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 9. ANNUAL REPORT of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 8, 2004. The proposed amendment deletes the references to the School Committee and inserts the term Regional School District which reflects the current practice whereby the District acting through the Superintendent, submits the Annual Report to the Member Towns, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 9. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING THE REFERENCES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND INSERTS THE TERM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 10. BUDGET of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment deletes outdated Budget categories and

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incorporates the statutory authority for the adoption of the Regional School District Budget, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 10. OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING OUTDATED BUDGET CATEGORIES AND INCORPORATES THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004 The proposed amendment is a technical correction which deletes an asterisk for which there is no reference and deletes the Note reference to the General Laws, a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk, or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 12. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING THE ASTERISK FOR WHICH THERE IS NO REFERENCE AND DELETES THE NOTE REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL LAWS.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 17. LEASE OF SCHOOLS of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on February 9, 2004. The proposed amendment deletes Section 17.7 in its entirety which was applicable to the first year of the school leases (FY 1994-1995), a copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk: or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 17. OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT; DELETING SECTION 17.7 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Cross Connections and Backflow Bylaw to protect the Paxton public potable water supply from contaminants and pollutions. A copy of the bylaw is on file in the Town Clerk's office or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board

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Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CROSS CONNECTIONS AND BACKFLOW BYLAW.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Hemlock Street and McCann Place and any appurtenant drainage easements and facilities as public ways, 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; or act in any way thereon.

(The legal descriptions of the property are on file in the Town's Clerk's office)

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT HEMLOCK STREET AND MCCANN PLACE AND ANY APPURTENANT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS AND FACILITIES AS PUBLIC WAYS, PROVIDED THE TOWN IS DEEDED A GOOD, CLEAR RECORD AND MARKETABLE TITLE TO THE SAME BY DEED DRAFTED AND RECORDED AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE AND AS EVIDENCED BY TITLE OPINON OF A TITLE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Baxter Drive and any appurtenant drainage easements and facilities as a public way, 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 Deed; or act in any way thereon.

(The legal description of the property is on file in the Town's Clerk's office)

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT BAXTER DRIVE AND ANY APPURTENANT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS AND FACILITIES AS PUBLIC WAYS, PROVIDED THE TOWN IS DEEDED A GOOD, CLEAR RECORD AND MARKETABLE TITLE TO THE SAME BY DEED DRAFTED AND RECORDED AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE AND AS EVIDENCED BY TITLE OPINON OF A TITLE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize, pursuant to Section 58 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the imposition of liens on real property for failure to pay by the due date any charges or fees related to the following municipal services: snow plowing, sanding, ice removal, or any other maintenance service provided to a developer's street. For purposes of this article, a "developer's street" shall mean a way created pursuant to an approved, definitive subdivision plan but not yet accepted by the Town as a public way; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

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Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT PURSUANT TO SECTION 58 OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, IMPOSING OF LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY BY THE DUE DATE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept title to Parcel C as shown on Plan Book 777, Plan 61 as well as an appurtenant easement over Wildewood Drive for access to and egress from Parcel C, 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; or act in any way thereon.

(A plan showing the relevant areas is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Obtaining title to Parcel C as well as the easement will provide access to a town owned parcel of land consisting of approximately 25 acres which is currently landlocked.)

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT TITLE TO PARCEL C, BOOK 777, PLAN 61 AS WELL AS APPURTENANT EASEMENT OVER WILDEWOOD DRIVE FOR, PROVIDED THE TOWN IS DEEDED A GOOD, CLEAR RECORD AND MARKETABLE TITLE TO THE SAME BY DEED DRAFTED AND RECORDED AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE AND AS EVIDENCED BY TITLE OPINION OF A TITLE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to delete and replace the June 24, 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 15 and accept the following: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$96,608, 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 90 of the General Laws, Section 34; or act in any way thereon."

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM \$96,608, FOR MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN AND COUNTY WAYS AND BRIDGES WHICH QUALIFY UNDER CHAPTER 246 OF THE ACTS OF 2002 IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, SECTION 34.

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Article 27. 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 recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Local Historic District Bylaw and Map impacting a portion of the Town; or act in any way thereon. (A copy of the proposed Bylaw and proposed Map are on file at the office of the Town Clerk)

Article sponsored by the Paxton Historic District Study Committee

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

Board of Selectmen will make recommendation at Town Meeting.

MOTION FAILED NO 116 YES 88 TOTAL VOTES CAST 204

Article 29. 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 recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 30. 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 the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 40A, Chapter 653 of the Acts 1989 (Amending Chapter 59 Paragraph 2A(a) of the General Laws) to assess new construction or other physical improvements added to real property between January 2nd and June 30th as part of such real property as of January 1st, for the fiscal year beginning July 1st and thereafter; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Assessor

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 40A, CHAPTER 653 OF THE ACTS OF 1989 (AMENDING CHAPTER 59 PARAGRAPH 2A(a) OF THE GENERAL LAWS) TO ASSESS NEW CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS ADDED TO REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN JANUARY 2ND AND JUNE 30TH, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST.

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Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the filing of special legislation with the Massachusetts General Court to create a Capital Depreciation Fund for the Town, such legislation to be in the form of the copy of the proposed legislation, dated May, 2002 entitled "Paxton Capital Depreciation Fund" on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURTS TO CREATE A CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND FOR THE TOWN; IN THE FORM OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION, DATED MAY 2002, ENTITLED "PAXTON CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND"

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept an easement regarding a water line and appurtenant facilities from Woodland Heights LLC, provided the Town is deeded good, clear, record and marketable title to the easement to be 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; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT A WATER LINE EASEMENT AND APPURTENANT FACILITES FORM WOODLAND HEIGHTS LLC, PROVIDED THE TOWN IS DEEDED A GOOD, CLEAR RECORD AND MARKETABLE TITLE TO THE SAME BY DEED DRAFTED AND RECORDED AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE AND AS EVIDENCED BY TITLE OPINON OF A TITLE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS AT THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

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

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of May, 2004.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30PM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MODERATOR

John F. Malone, Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman
Michael T. Quinlivan, Clerk

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

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

TOWN OF PAXTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACUSETTS

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 15th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following article:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7: 30 PM. MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 59 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the budgets as contained in Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 14, 2004, to defray necessary and usual expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, as follows:

Account#	Department	Account	From	To	Adjustment
11122-5105	Board of Selectmen	Contingency Fund	\$15,000	\$649	(\$14,351)
12220-5103	Fire	Compensation	\$105,341	\$107,434	\$2,093
12232-5103	First Responders	Compensation	\$42,150	\$43,415	\$1,265
12299-5102-	Communication Center	Head Dispatcher	\$28,996	\$31,087	\$2,091
12299-5103	Communication Center	Compensation	\$101,642	\$104,691	\$3,049
12299-5103	Communication Center	Compensation	\$104,691	\$102,600	(\$2,091)
14421-5103	Highway Department	Compensation	\$183,343	\$188,833	\$5,490
14455-5103	Snow Removal	Overtime	\$27,000	\$27,810	\$510
14450-5103	Water	Compensation	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$50
15541-5102	Council on Aging	Director Salary	\$15,733	\$16042	\$309
16630-5102	Recreation	Director	\$8,180	\$8,365	\$185

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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ARTICLE AMENDED TO CHANGE ACCOUNT 11122-5105 TO READ "TO \$1,649 ADJUSTMENT \$13,351". UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ACCEPT ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Board of Selectmen budget Contingency Fund account #11122-5105, the sum of \$1,000 or any other sum to the Plumbing Inspector budget Purchased Services account #12243-5103 to fund the expected increase in the number of Plumbing Inspections for fiscal year 2005, based on an increase in the number of inspections over the previous two years: or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Health

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET CONTINGENCY FUND ACCOUNT #11122-5105 THE SUM OF \$1,000 TO THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR BUDGET PURCHASED SERVICES ACCOUNT #12243-5103.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,000 or any other sum to the Snow Removal budget Salt & Sand account #14422-5400 to fund the increase in the cost of salt and sand for fiscal year 2005: or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$11,000 TO TRANSFER TO THE SNOW REMOVAL SALT & SAND ACCOUNT #14422-5400.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,200 or any other sum, to fund the Unemployment Compensation Account #19912-5200, or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$8,200 TO FUND THE UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT #19912-5200.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, the overlay surplus balance of \$17,800, or any other sum, as an offset to the total budget for fiscal year 2005; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Assessor

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$17,800 TO OFFSET THE TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET.

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Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 8 of the June 14, 2004 Annual Town Meeting at which \$1,200 was appropriated for the purchase of a sign at the White Building; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RECIND ARTICLE 8 OF THE JUNE 14, 2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to put into the existing Stabilization Fund; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 VOTE NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,898 TO PUT INTO THE EXISTING STABILIZATION FUND.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish an additional Stabilization Fund, to be named Capital Assets Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for procurement of capital assets in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of Mass General Laws. A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of Town Meeting is required to transfer any funds into and from the Capital Assets Stabilization Fund; or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 VOTES NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL STABILIZATION FUND NAMED CAPITAL ASSETS STABILIZATION FUND.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to put into the Capital Assets Stabilization Fund (reference Article 8); or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 VOTE NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE EXISTING STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF \$125,449 TO PUT INTO THE CAPITAL ASSETS STABILIZATION FUND.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to purchase shutters for Town Hall windows and completely repaint the exterior of Town Hall; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

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UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM \$8,000 TO COMPLETELY REPAINT THE EXTERIOR OF THE TOWN HALL (DELETED "TO PURCHASE SHUTTERS").

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$114,999, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify for expenditure 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 Massachusetts Department of Highways may specifically authorize as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 in compliance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws, Section 34; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 VOTE NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$114,999 FOR MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN AND COUNTY WAYS & BRIDGES WHICH QUALIFY UNDER STATE AID HIGHWAY GUIDELINES, TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS UNDER CHAPTER 291 OF THE ACTS OF 2004 IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, SECTION 34.

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 August 2004.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10PM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

John F. Malone, Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman
Michael T. Quinlivan, Clerk

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

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 April 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following article:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:05PM MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, BOARD OF REGISTRARS SIGNED IN 82 REGISTERED VOTERS.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (stabilization), the sum of \$20,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of attaining a comprehensive water system master plan in order to assist the Water Board, Planning Board and the Town in making decision on long term planning capital outlay and growth of the town's municipal water system; or act in any other way thereon.
Article sponsored by the Water Board

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED 81 YES 1 NO

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (STABILIZATION) THE SUM OF \$20,000.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (Stabilization Capital Asset Fund), the sum of \$37,125 or any other sum to improve the computer networking infrastructure of the Town, such that town employees and board members may more easily communicate; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommend approval.

AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO BORROW AND WITHDRAWN BY PROPONENT
2/3 NEEDED 81 YES 1 NO

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$37,125 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (STABILIZATION CAPITAL ASSET FUND).

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Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (Stabilization Capital Asset Fund), the sum of \$14,500 or any other sum to make necessary repairs to the Maple Street Water Tower; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee will make recommendation at the Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to (i) become a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, and (ii) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all agreements and documents to effectuate the same; act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

MOTION PASSED

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 1.3 of Section 1 of the Zoning Bylaw by inserting a definition of "shed"; or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 1.5.1 of Section 1 of the Zoning Bylaw regarding the Continuation of Nonconforming Structures and Uses to conform with the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40A of the general laws and thereby allow the extension or alteration of an existing, nonconforming single or two family structure, provided such extension or alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure; or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED

MOTION PASSED

81 YES

1 NO

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Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 1.5.5 of Section 1 of the Zoning Bylaw to clarify that the alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change of an existing, nonconforming single or a two-family residential structure shall be permitted as of right, provided such extension or alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure; or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Use Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw, as set forth in Section 3.2.6, regarding Accessory Uses, by regulating garages, sheds, barns and the size of the same, replace line item No. 5, which reads "Garage for not more than three (3) automobiles" with a new line item No. 5 which reads "Attached private garage with the capacity to garage not more than four (4) automobiles," such use to be allowed as of right in all districts; to insert a new line item No. 5A, to read "Attached private garage with the capacity to garage more than four (4) automobiles," such use to be allowed in all districts only by Special Permit; and to provide that garages, sheds and barns are subject to Special Conditions 3.3.13, which provides that such structures shall not occupy more than a total of 864 square feet of lot area. A copy of the proposed, revised Use Schedule is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting line 6 in Subsection 3.3.11 regarding "Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems" and inserting in lieu thereof a new Subsection, to be numbered 3.3.12, to further regulate Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, or act in any other way thereon. The new Subsection 3.3.12 shall establish a Wind Energy Overlay District and establish requirements for a Special Permit with site plan review from the Planning Board to allow such a use. A copy of the text of the proposed Subsection 3.3.12 of Section 3 of the Zoning Bylaw and a copy of the map of the proposed Wind Energy Overlay District are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED

MOTION PASSED

81 YES

1 NO

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Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw by revising the Schedule of Dimensional Requirements regarding "Minimum Yard Setback Depth," and create new footnotes in the column regarding the side yard and rear yard setback requirements for structures in all zoning districts, or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED

MOTION PASSED

81 YES

1 NO

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 4.4.6 of Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled "(Front) Yard Setback Exception for Existing Alignment," to clarify the method utilized in determining the average setback for a principal use or building in an area where the principal use buildings located on lots on each adjacent side of the lot in question have an average setback from the front lot line less than the distance required in the Zoning Bylaw; or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Paragraph 2 of Subsection 4.4.8 in Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled "Lots Divided by a Municipal Boundary" by deleting the second and third sentences of the paragraph, which read: "If the principal use is located in Paxton, access to the lot must occur from a way in Paxton. Unless prohibited by the adjoining municipality, ways in Paxton may provide access to lots in the adjoining municipality,"; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to insert a new subparagraph in Subsection 6.2.6 of the Zoning Bylaw, to be Subparagraph 6.2.6(a), entitled "Findings," and authorizing the Board of Appeals to grant a finding, to allow a change, alteration or extension of a preexisting, nonconforming structure or use, provided the Board of Appeals decides that the proposed change, alteration or extension of the nonconforming use or structure shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming use or structure, or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the

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proposed, new Subparagraph 6.2.6(a) is available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 6.2.7 in Section 6 of the Zoning Bylaw by replacing the words "Variance or Special Permit," as they appear twice in Subparagraph 3 and once in the last paragraph of subsection 6.2.7, with the words "Variance, Special Permit and/or Finding,"; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting after Section 9 therein a new section to be numbered and entitled "Section 10, Inclusionary Housing,"; or act in any other way thereon. A copy of the text of the proposed new Section 10 of the Zoning Bylaw is available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Planning Board recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$784.94 for the purpose of completing the maintenance work of the White Building as voted at the November 16, 2002 Special Town Meeting ; or act in any way therein.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

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

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

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of March 2005.

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:40PM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

John F. Malone, Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman
Michael T. Quinlivan, Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON 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 ninth day of May, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

Selectboard	Three Years	Frederick G. Goodrich
Town Clerk	One Year	Deirdre L. Malone
Treasurer	Three Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Town Collector	Three Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Moderator	Three Years	Francis A. Ford
Constable	Three Years	William Trotta
Constable	Three Years	B. Peter Warren
Tree Warden	Three Years	Adam P. Smith
Wach. Reg.	Three Years	Cynthia Ahearn
School Dist.		
Comm.		
Planning Board	Five Years	Henry B. Stidsen Jr.
Assessor	Two Years	Donna Graf-Parsons
Assessor	Three Years	Doris E. Huard

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Water Commission	Three Years	John F. Malone
Board of Health	Three Years	Judy A. Hatstat
Planning Board	Five Years	Pamela E. Vasil-Sagarian
Library Trustee	One Year	Louise Erskine
Library Trustee	Three Years	Barbara H. Socha
Library Trustee	Three Years	Roger J. Brunelle
Municipal Light Board	Three Years	Michael J. Benoit
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Linda McKay
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Andrew Serrato
Cemetery Comm	Three Years	Lois A. Breault-Melican

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 eleventh day of April 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

John F. Malone, Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman
Michael T. Quilivan, Clerk

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

TOTAL VOTES CAST

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK OF PAXTON

TOWN OF PAXTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on May 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:09PM, MODERATION DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 136 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. NO COUNTERS NEEDED FOR THE EVENING.

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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, 2005, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT TOWN GOVERNMENT PORTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET AS \$4,792,806. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET AS \$325,726, WACHUSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT MINIMUM LOCAL CONTRIBUTION AS \$3,548,540, LONG TERM DEBT REPAYMENT ASSESSMENT AS \$283,469, AND TRANSPORTATION AS \$138,130.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON REGIONAL AGREEMENT SPENDING ASSESSMENT.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds (free cash) to offset the budget for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE THE SUM OF \$546,929 FROM FREE CASH TO OFFSET THE TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, or from other available funds, to pay the Town's charges for the ensuing share of the Wachusett Regional School District budget as approved and adopted by the Wachusett Regional District School Committee and to approve the Wachusett Regional School District budget for Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006).

Sponsored by Citizen Petition

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$40,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of a Ford Pick-Up truck to replace an existing vehicle, for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval with borrowing.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM \$40,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD PICK UP TRUCK TO REPLACE AN EXISTING VEHICLE FOR DPW.

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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 \$68,000, or any other sum, for the purchase of a One-Ton truck with sander and heavy duty 11feet power reversing snow plow, for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval with borrowing.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$68,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A ONE-TON TRUCK WITH 11FEET POWER REVERSING SNOW PLOW FOR THE DPW

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$31,500, or any other sum, for the purchase of a new, fully-equipped police cruiser to replace an existing vehicle; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval with borrowing.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$31,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FULLY EQUIPPED POLICE CRUISER TO REPLACE AN EXISTING VEHICLE.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to match 10% of a Federal Grant of \$125,000 to purchase a new Forestry truck to replace an existing vehicle of the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$12,5000 TO MATCH 10% OF FEDERAL GRANT OF \$125,000 TO PURCHASE A NEW FORESTRY TRUCK TO REPLACE AN EXISTING VEHICLE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$66,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of a ten year refurbishment of a 1995 Rescue Truck and replacement of a 25 years old Jaws of Life; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

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Finance Committee recommends approval with borrowing.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$66,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A TEN YEAR REFURBISHMENT OF A 1995 RESCUE TRUCK AND REPLACEMENT OF A TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD JAWS OF LIFE.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$114,500, or any other sum, to replace the windows at the Paxton Center School, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval with borrowing.

AMENDMENT: INSERT: REPLACE "SOME OF" "THE WINDOWS".

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$114,500 TO REPLACE SOME OF THE WINDOWS AT PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$29,800, or any other sum, to upgrade the radio system of the Police and Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Planning Committee

Board of Selectmen and Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval with appropriation from available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$29,800 TO UPGRADE THE RADIO SYSTEM OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$114,728, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify for expenditure 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 Massachusetts Department of Highways may specifically authorize as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 291(b) of the Acts of 2004 in compliance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws, Section 34; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$114,728 FOR MAINTAINING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN AND COUNTY

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WAYS AND BRIDGES TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to alter the existing method of compensating the Town Clerk such that the Town Clerk is paid strictly a salary and is not entitled to retain any fees paid for any certificates, licenses or authorizations pursuant to any general law, with effect from July 1, 2005; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

AFTER MUCH DEBATE THE ARTICLE WAS PASSED.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2006 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for fiscal year 2005 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2005; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.] Balances in accounts as of April 29, 2005.

WPAT Title V Betterments	-92,224.75
WPAT Title V Deferred Revenues Betterments	92,224.25
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Interest	16,793.67
Library State Aid	30,287.40
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	17,943.66
MA Arts Council	2,884.52
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	662.60
Council On Aging, Gifts & Grants	1,414.58
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	20,815.86
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	683.30
Recycling Grant	5,795.71
Town Clerk Fees	0.00
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	134.59
Charter Communications Cable TV	70,719.00
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	7,259.09
Police Revolving	1,077.50
Police Grants & Gifts	12,874.64
Police Parking Tickets	568.00
Fire Department Grants & Gifts	12,609.57
Comm. of MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	0.00
Historical Commission Gifts & Grants	1,054.99

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO REAUTHORIZE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 ALL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED.

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Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to put in the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION

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

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, section 53F½ of the Massachusetts Mass General Laws, establishing water service as an Enterprise Fund effective fiscal year 2007; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE ARTICLE PASSED TO ESTABLISH A WATER ENTERPRISE FUND EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2007.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Communications Board as established by Annual Town Meeting vote on May 6, 1974 and subsequently amended by an Annual Town Meeting vote on June 30, 2003; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Police Chief

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE ARTICLE PASSED TO ABOLISH THE COMMUNICATION BOARD.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 59, Section 5K of the Mass General Laws that allows Paxton residents over the age of 60 to receive a credit of up to \$750 from their real property taxes for volunteer work for the Town.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE ARTICLE PASSED ALLOWING PAXTON RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY TO RECEIVE A CREDIT OF UP TO \$750 FROM THEIR REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE TOWN.

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Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends taking no action.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C and thereby establish a trust fund, to be known as the "Paxton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town for the benefit of low and moderate income households and to establish a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members, including all of the members of the Board of Selectmen, with the remaining members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one of whom shall be a member of the Paxton Housing Partnership. The Board of Trustees shall have all of the powers as set forth in subparagraph C of Section 55C of Chapter 44 and shall manage the Paxton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of said general law. A trustee shall serve a term not to exceed two years on said board; or act in any other way thereon. The powers of the board, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Paxton Housing Partnership

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE ARTICLE WAS PASSED

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE as approved at the Annual Town meeting on June 3, 2003, with the duties and responsibilities to be transferred to the already existing CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE as originally approved at the Town Meeting of May 16, 1966. This petition is initiated because the Capital Outlay and the Capital Improvement Planning Committee are duplicate committees with identical responsibilities and activities.

Sponsored by Citizen Petition

Board of Selectmen recommends disapproval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

AMENDED: REPLACE "2003" WITH "2002"

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION MOTION FAILED TO PASS.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Section 12 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, which amends the definition of "Employee" in section of Chapter 32B of the General Laws by inserting

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after the first sentence the following sentence: "A member of a call fire department or other volunteer emergency service agency serving a municipality shall be considered an employee, if approved by vote of the legislative body, and the municipality shall charge such individual 100 per cent of the premium"; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Fire Chief

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION ARTICLE PASSED

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend Subsection 4.3.3 of Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaw by replacing ten (10) feet with twenty (20) feet; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends no action.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION.

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

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

Given under our hands this 11th day of May 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

John F. Malone, Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman

Michael T. Quinlivan, Clerk



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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
AND BOARDS*

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

We continued to progress effectively during FY05 with regard to financial and fiscal stability. The cooperativeness of the Finance Committee as well as all of the operating departments contributed to a very successful year, as we continued our philosophy of conservative financial control. Our operating departments; Police, Fire, and DPW have some newer equipment, Police Officers are patrolling in cars with less than 200,000 miles on them, have better communication equipment, the Fire Department is well equipped and DPW finally will acquire some new vehicles. As initiated by the Board of Selectmen, Paxton was the first town in Massachusetts to have a Capital Improvement Depreciation Fund signed into law on December 30, 2004. This allows us to reserve monies by recognizing the cost of depreciation of our assets. Therefore to have funds available to procure capital assets.

This year, while unable to fund all depreciation expenses, we were able to reserve \$200,000 and to contribute to the towns stabilization fund while holding the tax rate. Our progress financially over the past few years has been significant. Our thanks to all of our Department Managers for their contributions through budget control.

The Board continues to press forward on Regionalization in the belief that smaller towns such as Paxton will function more efficiently and more safely through inter operation and cooperative support. We have, therefore continued to wage other towns to participate in areas of mutual concern, employee health insurance, equipment sharing, Building Inspector, Police Mutual Aid (we now have mutual aid agreements with seven communities; Thank you Chief Desrosiers).

Concern for our own infrastructure as well as the safety of the Central Mass population has led to an agreement with Anna Maria College to build a Public Safety Training Institute on campus which would house our Police Station including Central Dispatch as well as educational facilities for students in Criminal Justice, Fire Science, Forensics, Biology, training for Officers such as In Service training and Emergency Management. The center would house, as well the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly and a National DNA Laboratory. While this under taking, if successful, would be a tremendous benefit to Paxton and to Central Massachusetts, we are dependent on the Federal and State Government for funding.

Other Areas of Significance:

The assignment of our water operations to North Eastern Water has proven to be very economical and efficient. The Water Commissioners continue to look for ways to improve while facing some very significant infrastructure problems.

The Paxton Housing Partnership continues to extend every effort to realize the goal for Senior Affordable Housing, progress has been slow, but they are hopeful that a developer will be contracted in the near future.

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The major projects the Board looks to is to update the Town's master plan, work with the newly hired Town Administrator to implement policies and procedures to improve operations and communication to the public as well as to the accomplishment of our goals. The Town Administrator is required to help run this \$10 million business more effectively, to work on infrastructure, Town buildings, Public Safety Complex, Town Administrative Offices and community meeting facilities, identifying streets/roads and replacement costs, and water system infrastructure replacement are goals which the Board of Selectmen must accomplish during the next few years.

We are thankful for the dedication and diligence of our Town volunteer committees and invite all residents to serve our community. Paxton will always be a small suburban/rural town; the participation of each of us will help it to continue to be a great community to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich
Board of Selectmen

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The job of the Town Administrator is to manage the day-to-day business of the town, and to coordinate the activities of other Town departments, boards and committees as directed by the Board of Selectmen through the decisions they make and the policies they set.

I was honored last March to become the first Town Administrator in Paxton's 240 year history, and I consider it a privilege to serve you.

Shortly after starting work here, the Board of Selectmen and I began a discussion of the issues facing our community and from this developed a list of goals and objectives for me to achieve in both the short and the long term.

Among these goals are some that were achieved within the period covered by this annual report, such as the installation of a Town Hall security system, the approval of a Water Department Enterprise Fund, the next phase of a sewer feasibility study begun in 2000, an incentive pay program for exempt employees, the selection of a vendor to implement improvements to the Town's computer network and the establishment of a town website www.townofpaxton.net which will provide important current information on the activities of town government to residents and visitors starting in October.

During this period we have also been making the transition to a new Town Accountant, Jean Joel, who was hired by the Selectmen in April following the retirement of June Herron, after providing many years of dedicated service to Paxton as Accountant, Town Clerk, Treasurer/Collector and in several other important Town roles. This transition was made easier by June's agreement to work with our Auditor to do the 2005 closing and to help Jean become familiar with Paxton's accounting system.

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I would also like to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, our Administrative Assistant Carol Riches, our boards and committees, our department heads and employees as well as all those in the community who have been so kind and supportive in welcoming me to Paxton and helping me to get to know our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles T. Blanchard
Town Administrator

BOARD OF HEALTH

Well water permits: not allowing wells unless owners have no access to town water, even with new construction because of the possibility of cross contamination.

Recycling is important part of our trash collection budget, and it is important that everyone participates. With tipping fees at nearly \$90 a ton, every ton of recycling saves the town \$90.00. Obvious cases where recycling is not separate from the trash can also result in rejection of your trash.

Town growth keeps the Board and our Sanitary Inspector busy with observing perc tests and reviewing septic plans to determine approval.

The Town is working with a regional group for the recycling of trash with the potential of reducing cost of Paxton's disposal being a significant amount. The agreement will be signed by July 2005.

The BOH meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Our meetings are always open to the public. Your presence is always welcome.

The following is a breakdown of BOH activities for fiscal year 2005:

Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Perc tests	58
Septic Bottom inspections	42
Final inspections	49
Food Inspections	18
Misc. Septic Inspections	8
Recreational Camps 3; Pools & Spas 3, Temp. Food 2, Food Inspections 18;	
Housing 3, Other Misc. 4	

Well water permits issued by BOH: 7

Medical Cases followed by BOH: 3 Lyme Disease; 1 Hepatitis C; 1
Campylobacteriosis; 1 Viral meningitis; monthly follow-up on TB positive finding.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the Spring Town Meeting, the voters of Paxton approved an operational municipal budget of \$4,792,806. This represents an increase of 7.5% from that of FY2005. However, new for this year is a General Government line item for Capital Depreciation as approved in concept by town vote in June, 2004, and by the state legislature in December, 2004. As a result, \$200,000 described as "Depreciation" will be transferred to the Capital Asset Stabilization Fund. Thus, the operating budget actually grew by 3.4% from that of the prior year, indicating that expenditures are well under control. Aside from salary adjustments for Town Accountant, Town Clerk and Building Commissioner, and 3% cost-of-living increases for town employees in general, relatively few accounts saw major changes from FY 2005. The Housing Partnership will look forward next year to using the services of a professional consultant. The Public Building Account was increased substantially to cover repairs required for town facilities. The budgeted amount for winter road maintenance was substantially increased as a result of projected increases in material costs, as was the case for the Tree Warden budget. The latter budget also experienced an increase in part because of the loss of volunteered services previously provided by our former (and now retired) Tree Warden. Other increases of note include expenditures for Town Insurance and County Retirement. Savings were realized in Employee Insurance as a result of employees assuming a greater share of costs. Percentage changes from last year in the individual budget divisions are as follows: General Government (+1.8%), Public Safety (+7.2%), Public Works (+4.1%), Sanitation and Environment (+3.9%), Human Services (+5.0%), Culture and Recreation (+4.1%) and Debt Service (-6.5%). At present, the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund contains \$126,867 and the General Stabilization Fund has a balance of \$317,925.

Warrant Article related expenditures approved by town vote include a pickup truck for \$40,000, a police cruiser for \$31,500, replacement windows for the Paxton Center School for \$114,500, a one-ton truck with sander plus a snow plow for \$68,000, and the rescue truck refurbishment and new Jaws of Life for \$66,000. The window replacement at PCS was originally scheduled to be conducted during the school renovation project, but was deleted at that time to keep the project under budget. These expenditures were approved as funded with borrowing. A radio system upgrade for Police and Fire (\$29,800) and matching funds (\$12,500) enabling the purchase of a new Forestry truck under a Federal Grant were also approved by town vote to be funded by appropriation.

State action on the budget was timely again this year with revenue obtained as State Aid amounting to \$670,284. This sum was an increase of 17% above that of last year. Free Cash was certified at \$546,929, an amount 85% above that of the previous year. As with every year in the recent past, the budget for the Wachusett Regional School District remains to be finalized. The minimum local contribution (\$3,548,540), the long term debt (\$283,470) and transportation (\$138,130) were approved at Town meeting. However, the regional agreement spending assessment of \$557,433 as requested by the school committee was reduced to \$384,858 by the finance committee. The Article providing for even this level of funding was ultimately passed over at the town meeting. It can only be hoped that in the future a reasonable WRSD budget can be proposed to the

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town and differences can be resolved sufficiently in advance of the Spring Town Meeting to enable finalization of the total budget prior to June 30th. With respect to vocational education, Montachusett Technical Vocational declined acceptance of additional students this year as a result of the absence of openings. At town meeting, a budget of \$325,726 was approved for students attending Bay Path. This balance may be changed at Special Town Meeting when the total number of students attending is finalized.

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

After a state mandated Interim Year Valuation Adjustment, based on sales in 2004, the total taxable valuation as of January 1, 2004 for Fiscal Year 2005 was set at \$486,550,573. A net increase of \$34,557,539, 7.6%.

The valuation adjustment increased the taxable valuation \$17,038,100., 3.5%.
New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2004 added \$20,375,559.
Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$470,098.
Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$2,386,022.
The Board received 19 abatement requests of which 10 were approved and processed.

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

PAXTON COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging had a very successful Fiscal Year 2005. The Council increased its senior participation in events and activities sponsored by the COA. Our Senior Van made over 1,200 trips transporting seniors to medical appointments, social & educational events and personal appointments. This past year we designated Wednesdays as grocery shopping day. This program was well received with seniors going to local markets to buy groceries for the coming week.

The Council held its international Learning Program Breakfasts with presentations by the British Vice Counsel General on the British Isles and by a Paxton resident who lived in China and told her story of life on Mainland China. These two programs drew over 120 seniors. Our Red Hat Society held many interesting trips and a Book Club was started by the Council. The Broadway Play "Love Letters" was the hit for Valentine's Day. The Council also sponsored its First Annual Senior Summer Picnic held at Moore State Park. The Council was instrumental in having the name of the senior center changed to the John Bauer Senior Center in memory of John Bauer, a founder of the center.

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The Paxton Advanced Adult Computer Institute (PAACI) had its second successful year offering courses in Basic Computer Skills, E-mail & Web surfing, Word & Excel Programs for our seniors. The Council also sponsored Paxton's Farmer's Market every Thursday afternoon on the Town Common. During the course of the year many seminars on health and wellness were held at the John Bauer Senior Center. In addition, the Council sponsored many health clinics, including, Podiatry Clinics, Blood Pressure Clinics, Flu Shot Clinic, Life Line Screening. Seminars were also held featuring Retirement Planning & Elder Law Problems.

The COA also made improvements to the John Bauer Senior Center with addition of flower boxes for the front of the building and new carpeting in the Activity Room.

As we move into the coming year the Council on Aging is expanding its sites to welcome the "Baby Boomers" with programs that will stimulate the mind and make people aware the Senior Center is your Home away from Home...Come and visit.

Respectfully submitted,
George Heeley, Director

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, 2003 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	500.00
Weekends	650.00
Holidays	650.00

CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	300.00
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NO CREMATION BURIALS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!

INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
Weekends	250.00
Holidays	250.00

Lots are available to all current Town residents and former residents. Cemetery lots may be purchased at the Town Hall through the Administrative Assistant 508-754-7638 ext 10. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Cemetery Commission

COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Dispatch Center, which is in operation 24/7, is staffed by three full time and seven part time Dispatchers. Each member is trained 64 hours in-house and 16 hours thru the Commonwealth for E911 training. The calls range from life threatening emergencies to loose dogs. Dispatchers work with various agencies as well as our local Police, Fire and other municipal departments. Each Dispatcher takes a lot of pride in their profession. It takes a unique individual to handle the types of calls Dispatchers are required to handle.

Along with handling emergency calls for service for Police, Fire and EMS, the Dispatch Center also fills police shifts and details, issues brush burning permits and dispatches Light, Water and Highway Dept. personnel during off hours as well as Animal Control. Residents can come to the Dispatch Center for accident forms, vacant house forms and firearms licensing forms.

The members of the department are as follows:

Christine Brunelle, Chief Dispatcher
Forrest Thorpe, Assistant Chief Dispatcher
Sean Cooney, Full Time
Patrick Spencer, Part Time
Kristen George, Part Time
Jean Anne Pomeroy, Part Time
Jessica Vander Ploeg, Part Time
David Opacki, Part Time
Daniel Spencer, Part Time
John Jacques, Part Time

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Brunelle
Chief Dispatcher

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Report of the Municipal Light Commission for the year ending December 31, 2004

The Light Commission thanks the employees of the Light Department for their continuing efforts to bring value to the ratepayers of Paxton and to the Town itself. During 2004, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$6645 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. Our joint billing for water, trash and electric customers continues to keep costs at a minimum for ratepayers and taxpayers alike.

The town's demand for energy continues to grow at an increasingly rapid rate. The higher demands for energy require more of our energy to come from the spot energy market. Spot market prices have continued to rise and as more of our power comes from the market, our average cost will increase.

Customers are reminded to conserve energy whenever possible and respond when energy alerts are issued. The actions you take affect your cost of power and the cost to all customers of the Paxton Light Department.

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 2004 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
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Clerk-Secretary
Paul F. Crowley
Paxton Light Commission

Management's Discussion and Analysis Of 2004 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 years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. The Department's performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. Department's

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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 \$179,942 or 6%.

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, 2004 was \$84,902, which was an increase of \$11,182 or 15.2% 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 increase in cash of \$188,114 provided by operating activities. Our ending cash and cash equivalents balance increased by \$90,124.

Summary of Net Assets

	2004	2003
Current Assets	1,682,258	\$ 1,640,830
Noncurrent Assets	3,381,987	3,153,012
Total Assets	5,064,245	4,793,842
Current Liabilities	322,002	273,749
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,564,188	1,521,980
Total Liabilities	1,886,190	1,795,729
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related	1,225,163	1,085,776
Debt Unrestricted	1,952,892	1,912,337
Total Net Assets	3,178,055	2,998,113
Total Liabilities And Net Assets	\$ 5,064,245	\$ 4,793,842

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Summary of Changes in Net Assets

	2004	2003
Operating Revenues	\$ 2,637,016	\$ 2,490,605
Operating Expenses	2,621,090	2,479,449
Operating Income (Loss)	15,926	11,156
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	68,976	62,564
Income Before Contributions and Transfers	84,902	73,720
Transfers In—Restricted for Capital Projects	95,040	62,239
Beginning Net Assets	2,998,113	2,862,154
Ending Net Assets	\$ 3,178,055	\$ 2,862,154

Financial Highlights:

Operating revenues and expenses increased over the previous year. The increased revenues were attributable in part to additional sales of electricity to existing and new customers as well as a rate adjustment effective July 1, 2004. In conjunction with our scheduled completion of AMR meter reading conversion, our meter reader position combined with a town position creating a shared employee and shared employee expenses with the Town. The department successfully negotiated an inter-municipal agreement with Spencer to provide streetlight maintenance for that town beginning February 2005. This additional contract work will be accomplished with our current staffing level.

Non-operating revenues and expense consists of investment income and interest expense. Our investment income increased for 2004 in comparison to 2003 by \$6,412 due to modest increases in interest rates.

The department had an Operating Income of \$15,926 for 2004. This was an increase of \$4,770 or 43% over 2003.

In 2003, the department expended \$11,061 for legal representation in the lineworkers bid for union status. In January 2004, the lineworkers filed a request with the Labor Relations Commission to deactivate the certification. The lineworkers have returned to non-union status and new wage and benefit programs have been instituted.

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The department is continuing to support investigation into wind turbine generation in Paxton. So far all the costs of the wind resource analysis as well as the initial feasibility study have been accomplished at no direct cost to Paxton ratepayers.

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. Paxton continues to purchase more of its power from the market as our load profile changes. Peak demand has shifted from early evening hours to the afternoon as air-conditioning load increases. As Paxton's peak becomes coincident with the region, power supply cost will be more dependent on market price. Power supply expenses increased \$79,149 in 2004 or 4.3%.

Utility Plant and Debt Administration:

Utility Plant

The Department had Gross Utility Plant acquisitions of \$305,265 in 2004. During the year, we purchased the balance of 600 meters necessary to complete the conversion to meters with radio read ERTs (Electronic Radio Transmitters).

In the spring of 2004, we took delivery of two new line trucks to replace our 1986 material handler and our 1991 service truck. The new trucks increase the productivity and safety of our line personnel.

During the year, we completed the installation of primary service for the first condominium development in Paxton. The developer paid for the installation of all primary installation costs. We also installed 27 electric services to new customers, some of which were the individual condominium units. All individual service installations are also paid in full from the connection at the street to the building.

Reciprocal backup service between the Light Department and Mass Electric was completed in October 2004. Paxton will receive backup service from the Worcester City Line, and Mass Electric will receive backup service from the Wentworth Substation to the Rutland Line. Mass Electric will contribute up to \$100,000 towards the cost which includes the value of an automatic recloser located near the center of town. The recloser allows the town to be sectionalized in the event of what would otherwise be a town-wide outage. This project will improve reliability for our customers by reducing average outage hours.

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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 \$1.1 billion, of which Paxton Municipal Light Department's share is \$7.7 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 continually developing market rules continue to place a fair amount of emphasis on financial assurance and financial guarantees. Paxton continues to work through its agent, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) to ensure we can continue to participate and take advantage of opportunities to supply reliable, competitively priced electricity to our customers.

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by MMWEC. 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 continue to create pressure on working capital requirements that secure Paxton's financial guarantee to operate in 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 2005.

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, 2004 and 2003 was \$1,530,138 and \$1, 488,030, respectively. There was no appropriation to Rate Stabilization from current earnings in 2004 or 2003 other than the interest earned on the Fund.

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* 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 gross cost-of-plant to be used for capital improvements and additions. In 2004, we added \$165,878, or 4.5% of our gross cost-of-plant, for future acquisitions and used \$422,208 for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The firefighter's moral remains high as the department officers continue to prioritize personnel safety, physical fitness, mental wellbeing, and training in the skills needed to perform the job as firefighters.

The time commitment and the risk of injury increases each year, therefore it is difficult to recruit new members to our profession. We advertise in newspapers, recruit at schools and solicit through word of mouth. New recruits must be willing and able to pass a physical examination, strength requirements, attend Mass Fire Academy Firefighter 1 and 2 sponsored by our regional fire district. The classroom and practical schedule is 150 hours completed in 4 months, and then all recruits must pass a written and practical exam before they are allowed on the department.

Paxton is not alone in the search for employees. All of the surrounding communities have opted to hire full time firefighters to staff the equipment when volunteers are not routinely available. In 2002 we began to recruit fire science students from Anna Maria College and certify them as Firefighter 1 and 2 to supplement our force. The program is now in it's forth year and because of its success we plan to continue this year. This year four recruits graduated with Firefighter 1 and 2 certification.

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Through a fundraising event (Strong Man Contest), we purchased a cardio machine for our fitness facility. Paxton Fire Department has funded all fitness equipment through fundraisers.

Ambulance proposals were again requested and given to the Selectmen for review this year. The proposals submitted are a partnership between a private service and the fire department to upgrade the level of service to the citizens of Paxton.

With many fires, auto accidents, and request for mutual aid emergencies this year no injuries occurred to Paxton Firefighters. This is a direct result of the department's formal structured management system, with safety and accountability designees responsible for all firefighters at all emergencies and training events.

The Fire Department was awarded two separate grants this year, the first was \$125,000 to replace a forestry fire truck, the second was \$15,000 to purchase a thermal imager camera.

The current facility housing the equipment and personnel remains inadequate and unsafe due to overcrowding and vehicle exhaust being allowed to enter occupied spaces.

In closing I would like to thank the Fire Department officers for their professionalism, dedication, courage and support they have given to the department and myself as chief.

I would also like to thank the entire membership and their families, as spouses and children give up a lot so their father or mother can respond to emergencies. The most important part of my job is to strive for the safest emergency operations, modern training techniques, and modern equipment to assure all of us come home to our families after an emergency incident, healthy both physically and mentally.

These members are:

Rudi Acuna
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT
William Clouthier
Winston Cobb
Thomas Ducharme – Captain
Brian Faucher
Mike Flek
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief
Joseph Germain
Sherry Gibson
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT
Chris Hamilton
James Hansson
Jeffrey Harrell – EMT

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Bryan Hogan
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief
Richard Latour
Eric Locke
Robert Martin
James Olson - Lieutenant
Jeffrey Olson
Dean Osgood
Stephen Page
Charles Pingitore
Michael Pingitore – EMT
Michael Putnam
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
Gary Richards – Lieutenant
Michael Rowe
Thomas Savage – EMT
Raymond Savignac
Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant
Sean Smith
Patrick Spencer
Robert Ulmschneider
Peter Warren

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte
Fire Chief – EMT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Your Police Department continues to strive to make the Town of Paxton a safe community. Trained and experienced Officers respond to calls for service as do other departments, however, each Paxton Officer has specialized skills that allows this department to offer many unique problem solving solutions to our citizens. The cooperative efforts of our Officers have allowed this agency to advance professionally in areas previously not explored.

In partnership with the Fire Department, we have received state and federal monies that have purchased much needed equipment and enhanced public safety in its entirety. Through participation in regional organizations and much support from the Selectboard, we have signed mutual aid agreements with the city of Worcester and the towns of Holden, Rutland, Spencer, Leicester, Sterling and Princeton. These mutual aid agreements had not previously existed and are significant as it allows Officers to engage in law enforcement functions in all of the communities under an agreement. This protection is vital to officers and allows them to perform their jobs on a more regional scope. The second benefit to these agreements is that it sets the stage for future endeavors such as regional dispatching and possibly regional policing.

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Under the same partnership ideology, we began to intake student Interns from the Wachusett high school Criminal Justice program along with Anna Maria Criminal Justice students. To date we have had five interns. The interns benefit from local availability to law enforcement. This department benefits from enthusiastic, career oriented individuals. One of these individuals is now an officer serving this community.

In cooperation with Paxton's administrator and Selectboard, we continue to explore Anna Maria College as a site for not only a new, much needed police station but a facility that would provide municipal and private partnership with programs such as forensic labs, Mass Criminal Justice Training Academies, and regional dispatching.

This fiscal year we continue to improve upon our antiquated radio system for both fire and police as we replace equipment purchased in 1972. Along with communication improvement, we are structuring the system to meet the requirements of radio interoperability set by the FCC under Homeland Security guidelines.

This upcoming year we intend to relocate the dispatch center from the fire station to the police station. This move will solve many technical problems caused by physical separation. The police station will then be staffed 24 hours daily.

As always, we appreciate citizen input. Please report suspicious activity; if looks or feels wrong it probably is. Don't hesitate to call us. We welcome your suggestions.

The following statistics offer an overview of activities -

4	Abandoned Auto
100	Accidents
135	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
75	Animal Other Than Dog
7	Assaults
26	Arrests
72	Assist Citizen
13	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
1,417	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
6	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
124	Disabled Auto
77	Disturbances
8	Domestic Abuse Incidents
222	General Police
71	House Checks
18	Larceny
29	Lockouts/Auto/Home
217	Medical Emergencies
1	Mental Health (Section 12)
8	Missing Person

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1	Motor Vehicle Theft
77	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
1	Parking Violation
5	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
914	Plate/License Status
13	Property (Lost/Found)
1	Recovered Motor Vehicle
1	Robbery
3	Rubbish/Dumping
2	Runaway
49	Summonses
200	Suspicious Autos
59	Suspicious Persons
14	Threats/Harassment
33	Traffic Safety
2	Trespassing Incidents
3	Unattended Death
17	Vandalism
1	Warrant Arrest
11	Warrants/General
42	Welfare Checks
61	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The 2004-2005 Winter season was extremely busy with numerous snow and ice events, which occurred on nights and weekends, thus exhausting overtime accounts.

This took its toll on equipment which is now another year older – maintenance, repair and fuel costs continue to rise.

We had one large 2-day blizzard during which time a State of Emergency was declared. The Town received approximately \$13,000 in reimbursement from the State. There was a total of 113" snow/ice for the year.

Streets paved were: Rt 56 – Reservoir Road to Leicester, Hill Street, Turkey Hill Road, Davidson Road, Walnut Street and Central Avenue. Pond Street will be resurfaced, at no cost to the Town, as a result of the AMC sewer project.

We continue to work with other Town Departments. Projects completed during the year included the demolition and filling in of the Wentworth Pool for the Recreation Department. Signs were installed at the COA and Library. Paved sidewalks and installed benches on the Town Common. Installed parking area and walkway at playground and assisted Paxton Baseball Organization with various projects.

DPW maintenance was consistent throughout the year. Springtime road sweeping had delays due to numerous breakdowns/repairs to the 10-year-old Elgin Sweeper. Roadside

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mowing/trimming, drainage maintenance, road and street signs, pavement repair are ongoing projects.

The State and Federal Government mandates for the Stormwater Management Program are here to stay. The Department plans to do as much work on these issues as time, manpower and the budget allows. We will continue to explore means of additional funding through grants and programs to help offset these costs.

Cemetery

We had 14 burials and 5 cremations. The workload at the cemeteries includes mowing/trimming, spring and fall cleanups, installing headstone foundations and markers, and loam and seed graves. The DPW is taking on the majority of the work on a Cemetery expansion which consists of extending roadways and landscaping associated with this. We look forward to working with the Cemetery Commission on this project while still respecting the needs of family and friends of loved ones buried there.

Water

The DPW and East National Water have been working together and have had a busy year with numerous issues.

ENW continues with daily station logs, monthly water sampling, meter installations, marking out Dig safe requests, water hook-ups, hydrant flushing and all required State Mandated reporting.

A \$75,000 grant was received from Massachusetts DEP for drinking water protection. Improvements from the grant include security fencing around Maple Street and Asnebumskit water tanks, tank inspections on both resulted in taking Maple Street tank offline, draining, cleaning and assessing the operation of the altitude valve. The tank is now filled and back in service.

The grant will also pay for the installation of a state of the art security system at Pleasant Street Booster Station. This will automatically monitor all aspects of our drinking water and keep the building secure at all times.

We had two major water main breaks. The DPW and ENW crews worked diligently and efficiently under adverse conditions to restore water to these areas. I would like to thank the residents affected, for their patience, during these emergencies.

It is as a result of these previous situations that the Paxton Water Board hired an Engineering Firm to do hydraulic studies and models of the entire Town Water Distribution System. The study will enable us to pinpoint areas of concern, prioritize, and make improvements where necessary. This is a valuable tool for the Town as it looks at future growth planning along with its present infrastructure. The Water Board will be establishing an Enterprise Fund which will enable the Department to set aside revenues for water system improvements.

I would like to thank the personnel of the Public Works Department for their hard work and the many nights and weekends spent providing an excellent service to the people in

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Paxton. I believe the Department will continue this effort and enhanced by new equipment, technology and new ideas will be able to continue to be a benefit for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent

PAXTON HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Anita Fenton - Chairman

Jay Gallant - Secretary

Members - Paul Robinson, Daniel Gehnrich, Lois Breault-Melican, Natalie Mello. A new member, Matthew Atanian, was appointed following the departure of Natalie Mello.

In order to support the validity of the data indicating that real estate values do increase within an historic district, two WPI upperclassmen, Brian Schlossberg and Steve Chizinski, signed up for a special studies course through the college to investigate the impact of a local historic district designation on area towns and the impact of the proposal on Paxton. Their efforts included surveying residents from the proposed local historic district in Paxton, both by written and oral survey. The results indicated a large degree of misinformation still existed concerning what the actual bylaw stated. They proposed that better education would have prevented many unfounded concerns and should be undertaken when this effort is attempted in several years. They completed a GIS survey of the proposed historic district area that will be useful in future studies. The students began their study of property values of comparable homes inside and outside Holden's historic district. Initial results did indicate values in the district increased faster than values of comparable homes outside the district. It is hoped future students from a local college will be able to continue this study someday soon. (Fabio Carrera, Adjunct Assistant Professor, and Natalie Mello, Director of Global Operations, were the students' mentors in the project.)

The Paxton Historic District Study Committee has continued discussion of options for a town center historic district. This discussion led to the evaluation of the Paxton Town Hall as a key property in any town center district. The utilization of the Paxton Town Hall has been diminished through the years due to the inability to conform to accessibility laws above the first floor. A detailed examination of the Town Hall was undertaken by committee members, Paul Robinson and Jay Gallant, and determined that the basic integrity of the building was sound and that a plan for future renovations should be pursued. Numerous photos of the Town Hall were taken and assembled into a slide show that was shown continuously during the Paxton festival. A selection of photos from the slide show has been placed on the Paxton Historical Commission website, www.orgsites.com/ma/paxton.

Through the study of early photos of the original town hall, constructed in 1888, the committee determined its structure to be a Victorian Stick-style building. The construction consisted of a distinctive tram (now missing), a simple wooden pattern

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design, plain window awnings (not shutters), and several contrasting colors (none white). One of the original colors was found to exist under many layers of white paint and appeared to be a light mustard beige, a color quite common during the era of its construction.

The Paxton Historic District Study Committee agrees that renovation would result in much greater use by the town, including better record storage, increased meeting room facilities for town boards, and the possible renovation of Allen Hall into a usable facility for social and town events. The presence of a Scenic Byway designation or a local historic district designation would enhance any application for funding to renovate the building and is currently being studied.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Fenton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chairman – Denis Melican

Treasurer – Donna MacLean

Secretary – Anita Fenton

Members – Sue Corcoran, Pam Hair, Daniel Gehnrich, and Matthew Atanian; Assoc. member – Lois Breault Melican

Meetings were held at least once a month in the White Building at 7:30PM.

The purpose of the Paxton Historical Commission is to maintain, preserve, study and catalogue historical items, papers and artifacts from Paxton's past. The Commission also advocates for the preservation of Paxton's historical character and serves as a reference source for residents and non-residents seeking local historical information.

In conjunction with the Friends of Richards Memorial Library, the Paxton Historical Commission sponsored a series of three very well attended historical lectures presented by Old Sturbridge Village scholars. Mr. Edward Hood, the Director of Research and Collections, presented the first lecture on "Early New England Architecture" and a second entitled "Archaeology in the Backyard". Christie Higginbottom, the Program Supervisor for Horticulture, who has planned many gardens at the Village, presented a talk on "Kitchen Gardens".

The Commission also published a second historical calendar containing many previously unseen photos of the town, including one felt to be the oldest surviving photo of the Paxton community. Proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase plaques for the two previously purchased benches on the Common.

The Commission participated in the first annual Paxton Festival with a display of historical artifacts and photos as well as gave tours of the historic Center Cemetery and the Town Hall to residents.

Respectfully submitted

Denis Melican, Chairman

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EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTOR

Assumed role as Paxton's Emergency Planning Director on 4/26/05.

Completed the Update of the Paxton Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) on 10/1/05. This is the first time, since 2000, that the plan has been updated. The requirement is for the CEMP to be updated annually. All major town departments participated in this review and update

Incorporated the "Paxton Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Plan" into the 2005 revision of the CEMP. Developed a charter for the Paxton Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Developed a Paxton Emergency Procedure for an Influenza Pandemic (EPP-1).

Completed the National; Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance Training Course (IS-700)

Completed the Food Security Training Course hosted by the US FDA (FD 251).

Attended "Community-Based Planning for Emergency Response" sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the American Red Cross seminar regarding Emergency Shelters.

Participated in a City of Worcester Table-Top training exercise on 9/26/05.

Developed a Paxton Emergency Procedure for Severe Winter Storms (EPP-2)

Attended MEMA's CEMP Training, at Anna Maria College, on 8/16/05.

Organized and participated in a joint evaluation of Anna Maria College with the American Red Cross. Obtained an agreement with Anna Maria to serve as a Town of Paxton Emergency Shelter.

Developed a Paxton Emergency Procedure for Hurricanes (EPP-3) and developed a Paxton Emergency Procedure for Emergency Shelters (EPP-4).

Organized and participated in a joint evaluation of The Paxton Center School with the American Red Cross. Obtained an agreement with The Paxton Center School to serve as a Town of Paxton Emergency Shelter.

Drafted a Paxton Emergency Procedure for Termination From an Emergency (EPP-5).

Developed an Outline and prepared Plans to conduct a Table-Top training exercise for Paxton to be conducted in the fall of 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Barrett, Emergency Manager

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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New totals as of June 30, 2005:

Republican	505
Democrat	816
Libertarian	16
Un-enrolled	1863
Green	1
TOTAL	3,201

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. 15.

Deirdre L. Malone
Town Clerk

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

Janet Porter retired in January after serving as Director for 14 years. Deborah Bailey (formerly Director of the East Brookfield Library) replaced her.

The Library had circulation of 70,418 materials for the year. They borrowed 899 materials from other libraries for Paxton patrons and loaned out 999 materials to other libraries as part of the inter-library loan system.

Aislinn Lewis, the Children's librarian, continued as a liaison to the Paxton Center School conducting story hours and book clubs as a means of encouraging young students

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to read. She also held a young adult monthly reading group at the Library. Story hours at the library for 2-5 year olds gave Moms a social outlet as well as a fun basis for future literacy.

The library continues to provide Internet access to the public and through funding from the Central Mass Regional Library System the ability to use several Internet based databases. With the use of a library card, these databases can also be used from the home.

The Paxton Cultural Council funded passes for the Library to the Ecotarium, the Worcester Art Museum, Fruitlands, Higgins Armory, the Museum of Fine Arts and Tower Hill Botanical Gardens.

The "Friends" group provided the funding for passes to Davis Farmland and the Discovery Museums and general donations purchased passes to Historic Deerfield and Roger Williams Zoo. These passes allow discounted or free admissions and are widely used.

The "Friends" group, headed by Sarah Newman as president, has been extremely busy and incredibly supportive of the Library. Their very successful annual book and bake sale as well as other fund-raising activities provided the financing for a myriad of programs and supplies. They sponsored the Halloween and Christmas Parties, Pumpnickel puppets, poetry reading for the Center School students as well as Old Sturbridge Village Lectures and a kinder-music program with the Borelli's. They also help fund much of the Summer Reading Program. The Library is very lucky to have such an active group involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J. Bailey, Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was awarded a reduced amount of \$2000 for the fy2005-2006. However, using unclaimed awards from the prior years we were able to approve \$3285 in new cultural grants. The recipients include:

Paxton Council on Aging	\$250	for Country Breakfasts
	200	for Luncheon & Play "Love Letters"
	300	for Volunteer Recognition Day

Richards Memorial Library for the following memberships:

\$200	Ecotarium
250	Worcester Art Museum
600	Discovery Museums
85	Fruitlands Museum
150	MFA Boston
200	Higgins Armory
100	Tower Hill

Paxton PTO \$500 for Tribal Rhythms Celebration

Wachusett Band \$300 for Summer Concert at Moore State Park

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Paxton Land Trust

\$150 for a Land Trust Logo

Members for the year include Susan Bassick, Linda Howard, Sue Serrato, Anita Fenton (Treasurer), Martha Akstin and Michelle Nelsen (chair).

WIRING INSPECTOR

Electrical permits issued during fiscal year 2005 were:

New homes completed	23
Additions and Miscellaneous	111
Total Inspections & Re-inspections	144

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site www.townofpaxton.net. Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant 508-754-7638 ext. 10. 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

WACHUSETT GREENWAYS ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Entering Our Second Decade

In 2005 Wachusett Greenways began our second decade of connecting the Wachusett community through trails and greenways. Through our first decade we have grown because of our partners—the Wachusett towns, agencies of the Commonwealth, local foundations, non-profits and businesses—and through the generous efforts of hundreds of volunteers, members and donors. We have built and are maintaining more than 10 miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail and nearly four miles of White Oak Trail. We also have provided hundreds of opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors and explore the region's treasured parks and greenways.

Meeting the Challenge

In 2005 Wachusett Greenways' 774 members came from 53 towns and 10 states. We reached our long-awaited goal of raising \$250,000 in donations to the Mass Central Rail Trail Challenge. Over the last six years 1,359 donors contributed to the fund. In 2005 we raised nearly \$59,000 in donations from 623 neighbors. These funds are being expended to match grants to build the rail trail as we seek to complete 30 miles of the trail. More donations will be needed, but this milestone was welcomed.

Special Celebrations

In June we dedicated the Sterling section of the rail trail at the Quag/West Washacum bridge. The festivities included canoeing and kayaking and guided history and nature

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walks. DCR Director, John Scannell, described the trail as "public-private cooperation at its best, with volunteers taking the lead in assembling a puzzle of many pieces for the benefit of all." About 200 outdoor enthusiasts and dignitaries helped complete the dedication.

Next we held a ceremony in Rutland at the Wachusett Street trailhead honoring several major donors and we accepted picnic tables made by Rutland Boy Scouts. Dick Williams and donor families unveiled a granite monolith and a bench engraved with donor's names, and Chas Paddock provided music.

We held the Sky's the Limit Auction to raise funds to help build the rail trail. The event netted \$27,000 and good-natured fun with many creative and generous donors and bidders. A hearty band of volunteers led this endeavor, which began in May and culminated with the auction and dinner in September.

In October we celebrated the centennial of the last days of the Springdale Mill. The festivities included free lunch, rousing music and tours of the interpretive site.

Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) Construction

We added finishing touches to the 1.7-mile section of the MCRT in Sterling. Rail Trail task force volunteers designed and installed the steel for the "little bridge" with capacity to carry maintenance trucks. Nate Blake, Eagle Scout candidate, and his team added decking, railings and split rail fencing to the bridge. In Rutland we began construction of the rail trail from Charnock Hill to Barrack Hill to Whitehall Road. Construction will resume in the spring.

Town and Volunteer Rail Trail Maintenance

The towns of West Boylston, Holden and Rutland continue to maintain the trail by mowing the shoulders and removing leaves. Rich DeWitt and the Holden DPW repaired an eroded area on the "Over the Hill" section of the rail trail between Mill and Manning Streets and they improved the parking area at Mill Street. Greenways volunteers again contributed many hours clearing drainage. The growing garden team continues to plant and maintain landscaping at trail entrances.

Six Grants

We received six grants in 2005. The Fletcher Foundation and Stoddard Charitable Trust each contributed \$10,000 to help build the rail trail. The Arthur Ashley Williams Foundation awarded \$3,000, its sixth trail construction grant. Through the Greater Worcester Community Foundation's donor advised funds, we received grants from the Marla Maykel Fund and the Morgan B. and Loretta Dewey Fund. Sam's Club of Worcester contributed \$1000 due to the special volunteer efforts of Rachel Bradley. Finally, Mrs. Francis Dewey made a bequest to Wachusett Greenways in her will.

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Trail Events Year-round

We led trail events in each of the Wachusett towns and beyond. These popular explorations brought opportunities for increasing fitness, meeting our neighbors and simply enjoying the outdoors.

THANK YOU. Special thanks go to every volunteer on the teams led by Jane Arntz, Ed and Olympia Ayers, Karl Barry, Pat Charbonneau, Rosalie Corcoran, Stan Miller, Ida Nystrom, Hank and Viv Ouellette, Ruth Spaulding and Ed Yaglou. We offer our enduring thanks to all who contributed to the first decade of Wachusett Greenways and we look forward to meeting more of you as partners in connecting our community with trails and greenways.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors: Colleen Abrams (President), Pat Charbonneau, Marge Grosberg (resigned 12/05), Ken McDonnell, Stan Miller, Ida Nystrom, Gary Tuthill, Ed Yaglou.



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS

PETTY CASH	500.00
TAXES & EXCISES	6,886,474.50
DRIVEWAY BONDS HELD	7,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	594,336.13
SEWER USE	141.83
FALSE ALARM FEES	550.00
TRASH COLLECTION	237,621.55
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:	
Fisheries & Wildlife	2,584.25
Police Fire Arms	5,437.50
Police Private Duty	28,597.76
Police Tickets	100.00
Police Grants/Gifts	4,951.52
Fire Grants/Gifts	7,710.00
COA Grants/Gifts	1,276.25
Recreation	49,798.74
Title V Old Septic Program	11,060.23
Cable TV	10,500.00
State Aid	591,525.05
Town Clerk Fees	1,080.40
EMPLOYEES WITHOLDINGS	227,552.20
TREASURER'S TAILINGS	131.68
HIGHWAY LOANS	211,607.00
NOTES PAYABLE SPECIAL ARTICLES	152,817.00
NOTES PAYABLE HIGHWAY LOANS	85,492.44
LOCAL PREPARENESS GRANT POLICE	12,820.00
FIREFIGHTERS SAFETY EQUIP GRANT	15,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	
Title V Betterments Received	5,417.18
Historical Commission	1,036.00
Conservation Wetlands Project	2,445.00
Upper Blackstone Abatement Trust	1,946.00
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	4,301.00
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	3,987.00
Local Cultural Council	2,000.00
Library State Aid	6,810.38
LOCAL RECEIPTS:	
General Government Fees	171,958.58
PCS School Building. Reimbursement	338,045.00
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	15,839.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Sale of Lots	2,550.00
Interest - Collector/Treasurer	32,597.15
Tax Title	21,925.16
Motor Vehicle	3,457.37
Real Estate & Personal Property	15,429.48
Water Accounts	3,285.95
PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT BILLINGS	2,758,577.36
Liens	2,316.67
Offset expenses	8,127.26
Sale of Scrap	400.75
Meter Deposits	3,000.00
Interest	32,556.77
Off set to Appropriations	24,152.33

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TRUST FUNDS:

Library Investment Income	10,106.88
Cemetery Investment Income	60.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS	10,466.57

TOTAL RECEIPTS

12,629,461.37

DISBURSEMENTS

TAXES & EXCISE REFUNDS	47,055.41
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	75,381.31
TREASURER'S TAX TITLE ACCOUNT	757.50
WATER DEPT. REFUNDS	3,500.00
SEWER CHARGES	118.24
LOCAL PREPAREDNESS GRANT POLICE	12,820.00
FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIP. GRANT	14,985.00
WATER GRANT-FENCING	46,076.41

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Fisheries & Wildlife	2,584.25
Police Private Duty	27,898.50
Police Fire Arms	4,637.50
Historical Grants/Gifts	1,609.92
Police Grants/Gifts	10,004.92
Fire Grants/Gifts	7,503.24
COA Grant/Gifts	1,712.42
Upper Blackstone Waste District	1,048.00
Cable TV	4,686.93
Recycling Grant	3,244.60
Recreation	45,330.08

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Notes Payable Water Poll. Trust Loan	7,697.54
Highway Loans	41,347.02
Highway Loans	85,492.44
Library State Aid	847.95
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,560.60
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	202.43
Local Cultural Council	1,885.83
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	1,253.45
Town Clerk Fees	1,080.40

DRIVEWAY BONDS REFUNDED

5,000.00

LOCAL RECEIPTS REFUNDED

29.00

EMPLOYEE WITHOLDINGS

225,642.52

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT

2,669,897.10

METER DEPOSIT REFUNDS

2,800.00

SPECIAL ARTICLES:

Exterior Painting of Town Hall

4,990.00

Computer Software & Hardware

5,529.06

COA Maintenance /Repair

2,101.18

Dump/Truck/Plow

47,000.00

Fire Breathing Apparatus

18,998.00

Police Cruiser

24,750.00

Police Dept. New Boiler

5,376.83

Recreation Pool Removal

6,220.60

Fire & Police Radio Systems Upgrade

17,073.29

APPROPRIATIONS

8,365,367.52

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Library Investment Income	2,574.42
Cemetery Investment Income	12,754.85
Med Center of Central MA	21,282.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS	20,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>11,911,708.26</u>

APPROPRIATIONS	TRANSFERS/RECEIPTS	EXPENDED
MODERATOR	100.00	100.00
SELECTBOARD	172,541.97	132,161.08
TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR	37,494.00	34,597.50
FINANCE BOARD	1,090.00	1,065.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	37,899.99	37,579.46
ASSESSORS	40,073.00	38,508.75
TOWN TREASURER	33,331.00	30,956.81
TOWN COLLECTOR	34,536.00	30,723.97
LEGAL	50,000.00	25,459.85
PERSONNEL BOARD	520.00	120.00
MIS	22,802.00	16,570.35
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	934.00	934.00
TOWN CLERK	18,025.00	17,787.21
ELECTIONS	8,000.00	5,513.36
REGISTRARS	2,050.00	1,227.24
CONSERVATION	1,260.00	506.49
PLANNING BOARD	3,590.25	2,954.62
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	995.00	981.19
PAXTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	10,000.00	10,000.00
PAXTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSIC	300.00	0.00
PUBLIC BLDG. MAINTENANCE	28,485.94	26,345.08
INSURANCE & BONDS	82,612.62	82,612.62
TOWN REPORTS & WARRANTS	3,200.00	1,911.65
TOWN CLOCK	530.00	125.43
POLICE DEPARTMENT	547,889.68	540,123.29
FIRE DEPARTMENT	197,264.95	196,514.11
AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT	9,600.00	9,600.00
FIRST RESPONDERS	50,455.00	44,852.56
BUILDING COMMISSIONER	13,616.00	11,881.20
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	3,500.00	3,107.50
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	4,013.00	3,813.00
EMERGENCY MANAGER	2,000.00	1,200.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	6,709.00	6,563.49
FORESTRY	1,250.00	850.00
TREE WARDEN	6,680.00	6,599.70
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	149,212.06	145,990.34
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	384,329.94	358,561.36
SNOW REMOVAL	104,210.00	99,198.85
STREETLIGHTING	18,192.00	18,192.00
REFUSE COLLECTION/ RECYCLING	232,669.03	227,400.60
WATER DEPARTMENT	569,875.81	527,487.47
BOARD OF HEALTH	3,430.00	3,361.92
SANITARY INSPECTOR	8,990.00	8,990.00
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	400.00	400.00

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MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	46,412.30	42,467.72
VETERAN'S SERVICES	1,000.00	600.00
LIBRARY	133,307.02	129,258.33
RECREATION	50,776.00	48,665.12
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	250.00	197.12
CELEBRATIONS	1,400.00	900.00
DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	892,666.00	867,665.50
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT & HEALTH	425,788.71	339,948.17
RETIREMENT SYSTEM ASSESSMENT	91,600.00	91,568.02
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,200.00	989.11
WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	4,334,703.00	4,304,317.83
RESERVE FUND	40,000.00	33,262.85
TOTAL	8,932,260.27	8,574,768.82



TOWN COLLECTOR

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2004	3,175.22	
Committed	96.25	
Collected		399.16
Outstanding June 30, 2005		2,872.31
Total	\$3,271.47	\$3,271.47

2001 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2004	5,590.74	
Collected		131.25
Outstanding June 30, 2005		5,459.49
Total	\$5,590.74	\$5,590.74

2002 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2004	8,873.88	
Collected		1,652.39
Outstanding June 30, 2005		7,221.49
Total	\$8,873.88	\$8,873.88

2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2004	14,660.53	
Committed	4,665.94	
Refunded	1,160.78	
Adjustment	3.33	
Collected		6,229.74
Abated		1,657.30
Outstanding June 30, 2005		12,603.54
Total	\$20,490.58	\$20,490.58

2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2004	31,449.03	
Committed	101,681.95	
Refunded	4,112.43	
Collected		117,758.77
Abated		6,856.71
Outstanding June 30, 2005		12,627.93
Total	\$137,243.41	\$137,243.41

2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	528,221.5	
Refunded	4,674.90	4,674.90
Collected		480,564.75
Abated		9,639.83
Outstanding June 30, 2005		42,691.83
Total	\$532,896.41	\$532,896.41

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

2005 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise		700.75	
Committed			
Collected			700.75
Total		\$700.75	\$700.75
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2005 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes			
Committed	26,251.32		
Refunded	16,765.74		
Collected			26,251.32
Abated			16,765.74
Total		\$43,017.06	\$43,017.06
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2003 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Outstanding July 1, 2004	3,137.69		
Collected			414.21
Outstanding June 30, 2005			2,723.48
Total		\$3,137.69	\$3,137.69
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2004 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Outstanding July 1, 2004	1,447.58		
Collected			1,218.44
Outstanding June 30, 2005			229.14
Total		\$1,447.58	\$1447.58
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2005 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Committed	55,416.57		
Collected			53483.87
Abated			184.63
Outstanding June 30, 2005			1,748.07
Total		\$55,416.57	\$55,416.57
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2003 Fiscal Real Estate Tax			
Outstanding July 1, 2004	21,036.49		
Transferred To Tax Title			21,036.49
Outstanding June 30, 2005			0.00
Total		\$21,036.49	\$21,036.49
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2004 Fiscal Real Estate Tax			
Committed	93,081.98		
Refunded	800.20		
Collected			72,718.55
Abated			706.75
Transfer to Tax Title			20,456.88
Outstanding June 30, 2005			0.00
Total		\$93,882.18	\$93,882.18
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2005 Fiscal Real Estate Tax			
Committed	6,196,762.80		
Refunds	19541.36		
Adjustment	.94		
Collected			6,078,255.44
Abated			39,901.81
Outstanding June 30, 2005			98,147.85
Total		\$6,216,305.10	\$6,216,305.10

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable - Various Year		
Outstanding July 1, 2004	93,776.98	
Committed	24,029.92	
Collected		26,847.48
Outstanding June 30, 2005		90,959.42
Total	\$117,806.90	\$117,806.90
2005 Fiscal Light Liens		
Outstanding July 1, 2004	228.16	
Committed	2,983.85	
Collected		2,316.67
Transfer to Tax Title		228.16
Outstanding June 30, 2005		667.18
Total	\$3,212.01	\$3,212.01
Tax Possessions		
Outstanding July 1, 2004	32,871.57	
Outstanding June 30, 2005		32,871.57
Total	\$32,871.57	\$32,871.57
2005 Fiscal Trash Liens		
Outstanding July 1, 2004	139.50	
Committed	2,666.35	
Collected		2371.15
Transfer to Tax Title		139.50
Outstanding June 30, 2005		295.20
Total	\$2,805.85	\$2,805.85
2005 Fiscal Water Liens		
Outstanding July 1, 2004	290.84	
Committed	4,514.82	
Collected		4204.01
Transfer to Tax Title		290.84
Outstanding June 30, 2005		310.81
Total	\$4,805.66	\$4,805.66
Real Estate Roll Back Taxes		
Committed	19,809.32	
Collected		19,809.32
Total	\$19,809.32	\$19,809.32
2005 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts		
Interest Received on All Taxes	18,886.85	
Interest Received on Water Receipts	1,862.54	
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	7,250.00	
Parking Fees	100.00	
Demand & Warrant Fees	8,155.00	
Return Check Fees	250.00	
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	2,010.00	
Dog Fines	200.00	
Water Lien Fee	700.00	
Treasurer's Interest	32,597.15	
Tax Lien Receipts	21,925.16	
Trash Lien Receipts and Fees	3,421.15	

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR,

Water Department Receipts

Readings	485,072.88
Installations & Repairs	105,598.03

OFFICE HOURS

TUES - THURS	9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
MON	9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
MON EVENING	6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Deirdre L. Malone,

Collector

TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL	
Robert Barrett	200.00
Dennis Benoit	3,713.00
Charles Blanchard	19,815.36
Charles Bolster Jr.	150.00
Rosemary Buckley	10,292.05
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Wayne Curran	8,990.00
Francis Ford	100.00
Frederick Goodrich	1,300.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	17,507.56
Joseph Guerin	2,954.90
Timothy Hackett	500.00
Dennis Harney	2,227.50
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	43,187.99
Doris Huard	1,236.00
Jean Joel	2,076.90
Harry Johnson	1,000.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Deirdre Malone	41,318.61
John Malone	1,807.00
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	103.00
Michael Quinlivan	1,300.00
Carol Riches	26,796.04
Jeffrey Richards	748.01
Mary Savage	5,584.86
John Slabich	100.00
Adam Smith	1,030.00
James Stone, Jr.	6,726.00
Richard Trifero	10,974.43
David Trulson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	5,466.00

Nancy Wilby	32,365.31
Scott Wilson	700.25
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Andrew Abysalh	101.61
Rodolfo Acuna	2,969.39
Michael Benoit	9,515.99
William Clouthier	966.90
Winston Cobb III	353.40
Jay Conte	23,297.24
Thomas Cunningham	947.76
Thomas Ducharme	9,914.84
Brian Faucher	485.00
Michael Flek	1,434.87
Richard Gaffney	7,099.18
Andre Gaudet	3,534.23
Joseph Germain	136.80
Sherry Gibson	340.02
Michael Goncalves	319.20
Michael Goyette	606.39
Kenneth Grensavitch	2,886.93
James Hansson	1,351.04
Jeffrey Harrell	3,946.24
Richard Jenkins	13,981.20
Samuel Kinkade	1,641.60
Richard LaTour Jr.	1,653.00
Eric Locke	444.60
Robert Martin	1,331.94
Gayle McCurdy	646.50
Andrew McLean	874.50
Jeffery Olson	2,185.50
James Olson	6,451.75
Stephen Page	1,390.80
Donna Graf-Parsons	4,502.13
Charles Pingitore	188.40
Michael Pingitore	2,210.90

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Michael Putnam	2,095.27
Kevin Quinn	8,373.76
Joseph Rego	1,423.68
Gary Richards	6,147.52
Michael Rowe, Jr.	2,649.74
Thomas Savage, Jr.	5,567.95
Raymond Savignac	3,069.44
Sean Smith	4,703.11
Daniel Spencer	248.16
Patrick Spencer	102.60
Matthew Stone	451.36
B. Peter Warren	4,411.41

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tracey Coetzee	12,034.54
Ronald Fritze	35,244.64
Samuel Knipe	39,663.56
Mark Leveille	41,424.38
Michael Putnam	49,374.07
Gary Richards	40,976.20
Eva Ryan	462.54
Adam Smith	36,548.38
Steven Urbanovitch	108.01

LIBRARY

Deborah Bailey	14,188.65
Barbara Braley	3,927.99
Kara Buckley	1,731.83
Arnold Childs, Jr.	3,304.39
Lindsay Glass	1,696.75
Aislinn Lewis	26,691.49
Patricia Miller	466.03
Janet Porter	22,076.29
Jennifer Robideau	3,155.62
Susan Sonju	2,538.35
Susan Wheeler	8,674.04

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sarah Bertin	678.75
Cathleen Cook	529.50
Kaylan Delory	315.00
Kaitlyn Graham	185.50
Shannon Graham	948.75
Douglas Griffin	514.75
Eric Guglielmello	336.00
Karen Guglielmello	6,774.50
Daniel Hurley	514.75
Elizabeth Kusz	1,041.25
James Kusz	1,890.00
Daniel Logee	1,143.25
Brandan Logee	560.00
Allison Longvall	325.50
Molly Madaio	343.00
Mallory Malkasian	424.00
Jamie Masarelli	308.00
Craig Masterman	19,034.40
Patrick McIntyre	315.00
Christina Meriah	1,061.00
Jena Noel	692.00
Kathleen O'Donoghue	343.00
Christopher Oldakowski	568.00
Kristin Olson	126.00
Christopher Palombo	690.00
Erick Parent	1,550.00
Michael Quinlivan	525.00
Michael Reilly	570.00
Maureen Ruane	552.50
Eva Ryan	2,971.00
Cameron Sheary	378.00
Caitlan Shooshan	752.00
Laura Socha	483.00

TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

Kaila St. George	315.00
Jacquelin Stimets	161.00
Beth Sullivan	1,380.00
John Sullivan	360.50
COUNCIL ON AGING	
George Heeley	19,116.33
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
David Ahlin	7,115.00
Jason Barlow	2,082.62
William Beaudry	3,230.80
Brian Boulette	5,716.63
Mark Chase	13,184.78
Robert DesRosiers	65,521.42
Kenneth Johnson	31,062.14
David Keller	50,915.44
William Lang	48,683.15
Jason Persampieri	13,312.59
William Reilly	66,340.67
Eva Ryan	26,413.12
Mark Savasta	70,883.30
Mark Shepard	27,177.46
Jason Silvestri	60,905.57
Emani Srinivas	4,064.80
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	
Christine Brunelle	34,723.77
Sean Cooney	27,177.68
Nicole Derusseaux	519.84
Kristen George	6,039.34
Shakeerah McLeod	3,032.08
Shameka McLeod	3,419.55
David Opacki	2,819.20
Ellen Parsons	1,194.25
Jean Pomeroy	10,058.80

Marcella Kelleher	1,829.62
John McKiernan	6,359.94
Stanley Miller	512.64
Lorraine Quinn	1,582.94
Pierre St Laurent	6,967.67

Daniel Smith	2,477.45
Daniel Spencer	642.85
Patrick Spencer	10,006.06
Jessica Vander Ploeg	3,635.59
Forrest Thorpe III	33,700.17
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
Michael Benoit	300.00
Susan Blackwood	35,304.84
Catherine Boone	530.00
Russell Clark	55,098.14
Christopher Courville	67,048.44
Paul Crowley	300.00
Diane Dillman	69,682.88
Michael Izbicki	23,644.95
Yvette Orell	41,442.56
Matthew Stone	36,359.06
Joseph Thompson	60,015.04
Emerson Wheeler	300.00

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2004) which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Paxton's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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. 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 financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, based on my audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2005, (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2004), and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Paxton's basic financial statements. The combining financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and,

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated November 4, 2005 on my consideration of the Town of Paxton's internal control structure over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Bill Fraher C.P.A.

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET
30-Jun-05

	GOVERNMENTAL		FUNDS	FIDUCIARY ACCTS.		PAXTON	
	GENERAL	SP.REV.	CAPITAL	TRUST &	L/T	LIGHT	TOTAL
ASSETS			PROJECT	AGENCY	DEBT	DEPART.	
CASH & S/T INVESTMENTS PC750.00	1729893.03					1561478.24	3291371.27
CASH IN TRANSIT BETWEEN TOWN/PEL	41452.16					(41452.16)	
INVESTMENTS				987355.99			987355.99
TAXES RECEIVABLE RE, LIENS, PP	226679.53						226679.53
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATE & EXEMPTIONS	(1506.63)						(1506.63)
TAXES RECEIVABLE MOTOR VEHICLE	83476.59						83476.59
DEPARTMENT RECEIVABLES WATER	32928.51						32928.51
LIGHT DEPT.						142905.16	142905.16
TRASH	14989.39						14989.39
TITLE 5 BETTERMENTS		89234.25					89234.25
TITLE 5 COUPONS		93416.03					93416.03
INTERFUND RECEIVABLES		592770.97	78043.50	(127514.87)			543299.60
AMT. TO BE PROVIDED FOR LONG TERM DEBT					5473009.80		5473009.80
DUE FROM CO. OF MA (HIGHWAY LOANS)		41347.02					41347.02
TOTALS	2127912.58	816768.27	78043.50	859841.12	5473009.80	1662931.24	11018506.51
LIABILITIES							
TEMP. HIGHWAY LOANS DUE BANK		211607.00					211607.00
NOTES PAYABLE			152817.00				152817.00
WARRANTS PAYABLE	71212.98						71212.98
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2109.54						2109.54
OTHER LIABILITIES	33426.51						33426.51
PERFORMANCE BONDS				25655.66			25655.66
INTERFUND PAYABLES	543299.60						543299.60
DEFERRED REVENUES	356567.39	182650.28				142905.16	682122.83
L/T BONDS & NOTES PAYABLE					5473009.80		5473009.80
PEL RESERVE FOR METER DEPOSITS						33850.00	33850.00
TOTALS	1006616.02	394257.28	152817.00	25655.66	5473009.80	176755.16	7229110.92
FUND BALANCES							
RESERVED TRUST FUNDS				575054.62			575054.62
RESERVED OTHER		388735.44					388735.44
RESERVED FOR UTILITY OPER. DEPR. & CONS.						1486176.08	1486176.08
CONTINUING APPR. DESIGNATED FOR FUTURE YRS	63801.00		(74773.50)				(10972.50)
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	510566.56						510566.56
RESERVED F/B FOR STABILIZATION				259130.84			259130.84
F/B RESERVE FOR FY2005 BUDGET	546929.00						546929.00
F/B TITLE 5 BETTERMENTS		33775.55					33775.55
TOTALS	1121296.56	422510.99	(74773.50)	834185.46	0.00	1486176.08	3789395.59
TOTAL	2127912.58	816768.27	78043.50	859841.12	5473009.80	1662931.24	11018506.51

Board of Assessors
Table 1
Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>%INC</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>%INC</u>	<u>FY2003</u>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$8,721,510.00		\$8,013,072.61		\$7,224,788.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	313,178.00		86,012.89		335,951.13
Offset Items	7,171.00		5,680.00		6,203.00
Retirement	0.00		96,920.00		95,709.00
State & County Assessments	52,238.00		49,967.00		49,003.00
Tax Title	0.00		0.00		3,000.00
Overlay	37,748.86		65,122.02		124,207.74
Deficits Prior Years	0.00		59,539.20		6,739.00
Final Court Judgments	0.00		0.00		0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	0.00		0.00		0.00
 Gross Amount to be Raised	 \$9,131,845.86	 9.0%	 \$8,376,313.72	 6.7%	 \$7,845,600.87
 <u>Estimated Receipts</u>					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$573,679.00		\$551,136.00		\$583,423.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	595,000.00		580,000.00		517,500.00
Water Department	518,000.00		440,000.00		380,000.00
Other Local Receipts	541,769.00		456,200.00		346,455.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	338,045.00		275,939.00		275,939.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	295,378.00		185,945.50		335,951.13
Available Funds - Other	17,800.00		86,012.89		0.00
 Total Estimated Receipts	 \$2,879,671.00	 11.8%	 \$2,575,233.39	 5.6%	 \$2,439,268.13
 Net Amount to be Raised	 \$6,252,174.86	 7.8%	 \$5,801,080.33	 7.3%	 \$5,406,322.74
 Maximum Allowable Levy	 \$6,252,497.00	 7.7%	 \$5,804,204.00	 6.7%	 \$5,437,569.00
 <u>Valuations</u>					
Real Estate	\$482,238,000.00		\$447,171,500.00		\$299,012,900.00
Personal Property	4,312,573.00		4,821,534.00		3,663,975.00
 Total Taxable Property	 \$486,550,573.00	 7.6%	 \$451,993,034.00	 49.3%	 \$302,676,875.00
 <u>Tax Rates</u>					
Residential	\$12.85	0.0%	\$12.85	-28.1%	\$17.89
Open Space	\$12.85		\$11.57		\$16.10
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$12.85		\$12.83		\$17.86

Board of Assessors

Table II

Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise

	<u>FY2005</u>		<u>FY2004</u>		<u>FY2003</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
Clause 17: Widows	4	700.00	4	700.00	5	875.00
Clause 22: Veterans	21	5,775.00	23	5,750.00	27	6,750.00
Clause 37: Blind	4	1,750.00	6	2,625.00	5	2,187.50
Clause 41: Elderly	14	10,500.00	16	12,000.00	14	7,000.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes			0		0	0.00
Clause 42:	2	12,740.78	2	12,675.24	1	5,903.70
Totals	45	\$31,465.78	51	\$33,750.24	52	\$22,716.20
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	8	\$8,436.03	11	\$13,196.17	2	\$2,462.92
Personal Property	2	184.63	0	0.00	36	12,519.41*
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	200	18,082.59	204	20,833.60	233	22,383.05
Total	210	\$26,703.25	215	\$34,029.77	271	\$24,845.97
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	4987	\$634,490.23	4745	\$593,173.45	4979	\$623,513.83
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$608,882.40		\$572,339.86		\$601,130.78

Board of Assessors
Table III
Property Classification

	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$458,658,650.00	\$427,322,830.00	\$31,335,820.00	7.3%
Open Space	6,223,800.00	5,187,900.00	\$1,035,900.00	20.0%
Commercial	13,568,800.00	11,227,870.00	\$2,340,930.00	20.8%
Industrial	3,786,750.00	3,432,900.00	\$353,850.00	10.3%
Personal Property	4,312,573.00	4,821,534.00	-\$508,961.00	-10.6%
Total Taxable Property	\$486,550,573.00	\$451,993,034.00	\$34,557,539.00	7.6%
Exempt Property	36,447,300.00	39,430,000.00	-\$2,982,700.00	-7.6%
Total Valuation	\$522,997,873.00	\$491,423,034.00	\$31,574,839.00	6.4%

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- 3:30pm, 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 meets on an "As needed" basis

Board of Health

David Parent, Chair

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

Planning Board

Neil Bagdis, Chair

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

Building Commissioner

Richard Trifero

Home: 508-756-5622

Sanitary Inspector

Wayne Curran

Home: 508-757-4180

Gas & Plumbing Inspector

Dennis Harney

Call direct for an inspection

Home: 508-755-5171

Wire Inspector

Dennis Benoit

Call direct for an inspection

Home: 508-799-0392

Fire Inspector

Matthew Stone

Call for Inspection

508-868-8928

Town Accountant & Town Clerk

Jean Joel

508-754-7638 Ext. 13

Town Collector, Treasurer

Deirdre Malone

See Town Hall hours

508-754-7638 Ext. 15

Town Clerk

Assessors

James Stone, Chair

Hours: Monday - Thursday,
9 a.m.-Noon

508-754-7638
Ext. 16

Donna Graf-Parsons,

Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen

Frederick Goodrich, Chair

Board meets every other week -

508-754-7638

Carol Riches, Administrative
Assistant

Call in advance for meeting dates

Ext. 10

Town Administrator

Charles Blanchard

Town Hall

508-754-7638 Ext. 20

Department of Public Works

Michael Putnam,

Office: 107 Holden Road

508-753-9077

Water Commissioners

John Malone, Chair

Board meets second Tuesday of
each month at 5pm

Municipal Light Department

Diane Dillman, Manager

Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board
meets second Tuesday of each
month.

508-756-9508

Michael Benoit, Chair

Police Department

Robert Desrosiers,

Office: 10 West Street (Business
Only)

508-755-1104

Police Chief

Dog/Animal Control Officer

B. Peter Warren

Contact Dispatch

508-791-6600

Recreation Commission

Linda McKay, Chair

Commission meet the third
Tuesday of each month

508-791-1874

Council on Aging

Jerry Ryan, 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 Thursday
of each month

508-757-1572

Historical Commission

Dennis Melican

Board meets the third Thursday of
each month

Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett

Home: 508-755-1477

Richards Memorial Library

Debbie Bailey, Librarian

Trustees meet the first Tuesday of
each month

508-754-0793

Charles Innis, Trustee Chair

HOURS:

Sunday & Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

LIBRARY HOURS

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