

*ANNUAL REPORT*

*TOWN OF PAXTON*

*Year Ending June 30, 2009*



*Ice Storm of December 2008*

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## WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

**Alina Chand**  
Town Government  
Study Committee

**Robert Hall**  
Town Government  
Study Committee

**Nancy McBride**  
Master Planning Committee

**Christian Baerecke**  
Master Planning Committee

**Kirk Huelhs**  
Master Planning Committee

**Denis Melican**  
Master Planning Committee

**Louise Erskine**  
Master Planning Committee  
Study Committee

**Robert Jacobson**  
Town Government  
Study Committee

**Jason Newman**  
Master Planning Committee

**Anita Fenton**  
Master Planning Committee

**Alice Livdahl**  
Town Government  
Study Committee

**Paul Robinson**  
Master Planning Committee

**Hank Stidsen**  
Master Planning Committee





## *TOWN OFFICERS*

# TOWN OFFICERS

## MAY 2008 TO MAY 2009

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair	2011
John F. Malone, Clerk,	2009
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice Chair	2010
Town Clerk	
Deirdre Malone	2009
Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2011
Collector	
Deirdre L. Malone	2011
Moderator	
Francis A. Ford	2011
Constables	
William Trotta	2011
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2011
Tree Warden	
Adam Smith	2011
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Melinda Coyle	2009
Robert Pelczarski	2011
Municipal Light Board	
Michael J. Benoit, Chair	2011
Emerson Wheeler III	2010
Paul F. Crowley	2009
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2008
Joanne Savignac	2009
Donna Graf-Parsons	2010
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2011
David J. Trulson	2009
Local Water Resources Mgt Official	
Charles Bolster	2010
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2009
Judy A. Hatstat	2011
David Parent, Chair	2010
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2012
David Bennett	2011
Pamela Vasil-Sagarian	2010
Henry Stidsen	2014
Julie Jacobson	2013

### Library Trustees

Michelle Nelsen	2010
Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair	2010
Scott A. Martin	2009
Patricia Dawson	2011
Roger Brunelle	2011
Louise Erskine	2009

### Recreation Commission

James Brodin, resigned	2011
William Trotta	2011
Susan Chianese	2009
Robert Pelczarski	2011
Katie Siemen	2010
Paul Riches, Chairman	2009

### Cemetery Commission

Melinda Johnson, resigned	
Patricia Belsito	2009
Lois Melican	2011
Christopher Stone	2010

### Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives

Robert Wilby	2011
Sandy Benoit	2010

### APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

#### Town Administrator

Charles Blanchard	2011
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#### Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Carol Riches	2009
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#### Town Services Coordinator

Nancy Wilby	2009
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#### Town Accountant

Donna Couture	2009
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#### Superintendent DPW

Michael Putnam	2009
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#### Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett	2009
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#### Veteran's Grave Officer

Timothy Hackett	2009
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#### Inspector of Wires

Dennis Benoit	2009
John Slabich, Asst	2009

#### Building Commissioner

Richard Trifero	2009
Harry Johnson, Local Insp.	2009

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Richard Travers	2009	Conservation Commission	
		Marisa Ayvasian	2011
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control		Michael Voorhis	2010
Adam Smith		Christopher Keenan, Chair	2010
		James Robert	2010
Board of Appeals		Daniel Gehnrich	2009
James Bradbury, Chair, resigned	2013	Justin Thackeray, Vice Chair	2009
Robert Callahan	2010	Connie White	2011
Kirk Huelhs	2012	Holly Robert, Associate	2009
Paul Robinson	2011	Matthew Erskine, Associate	2011
Jeffery Wentzell,	2009		
Richard Grensavitch,	2013	Insurance Advisory Committee	
Ilana Ludvigsen, Alternate,	2009	Deirdre Malone	
Resigned		Joseph Thompson	
Forest Smith, Alternate	2009	Gary Richards	
Roberta Brien, Alternate	2011	Carol Riches	
Susan Serrato, Alternate	2010	Eva Ryan, Chair	
		Harold Smith	
Board of Registrars		Cable & Communication Committee	
Annette Aubertin	2009	Raymond Charette	
Phyllis Callahan	2010	Deborah Magnuson	
Paula Mathieu	2011	Nicholas Powlovitch	
		Scott Wilson	
Town Counsel		Agents for License Commission	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2009	Vacant	
Sexual Harassment Officers		Central Mass Regional Planning	
Charles Blanchard	2009	Christian S. Baehrecke	
		Neil Bagdis, Alternate	
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers		Personnel Advisory Board	
Larry Hammerberg	2009	Heather Courtney	2009
		James Lang	2009
Care of Clock		Paul Sullivan	2009
Bruce Cheney		Jeffrey Wentzell	2011
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Council On Aging	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2009	Barbara Braley	2011
		Robert Callahan	2011
Emergency Management Director		Howard Coleman	2010
Jeffery Wentzell	2009	Alice Crowley	2011
		Curtis Hammer	2009
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		George Howatt	2009
Jay Conte		Doris E. Huard	2009
Police Department Chief		Gerald Ryan, Chair	2010
Robert Desrosiers	2009	Jean Wilde	2010
		Natalie Siemen, Assoc	
Full Time Officers		Louise Howatt, Assoc	
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2009	Historical Commission	
David Keller, Patrolman	2009	Alfred Niemi	2011
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2009	Susan Corcoran	2011
Paul Newsham, Patrolman	2009	Lois Breault-Melican	2009
William P. Reilly, Sergeant	2009		
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman	2009		
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2009		
Forrest Thorpe	2009		

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Daniel Gehnrich	2010	Janet Chapman	
Anita Fenton	2010	Patricia Cole	
Pamela Hair	2009	Victoria Copp	
Donna MacLean	2011	Ann Cunningham	
Denis Melican, Chair	2011	Margaret Eident	
		Gino Gangai	
Historic District Study Committee	2009	Robert Herron	
Matthew Atanian	2009	Melinda Johnson	
Lois Breault-Melican	2009	Kathryn Kingsbury	
Anita Fenton, Chairman	2009	Michelle Nelsen	
Jay Gallant	2009	Annette McKiernan	
Daniel Gehnrich	2009	Ellen Parsons	
Paul Robinson	2009	Jean Paquin	
		Nancy Proulx	
Cultural Council		Gerry Ryan	
Christie Barnes	2014	Marguerite Ryan	
Daniel Gehnrich	2013	Natie Siemen	
Anita Fenton, Chair	2010	Charlotte Thalin	
Michele Nelson, Chair	2014	Jean Urbanowski	
Barbara Lorge	2011	Sandra Vaudo	
Barbara Socha	2011	Deirdre Malone	
		Susan Stone	
Paxton Housing Partnership Committee		Public Safety Complex Committee	
Martha Akstin	2010	Richard Bedard, Chair	
Sue-Anne Bock	2009	Charlie Blanchard	
Anita Fenton	2010	Paul Crowley	
Nancy McBride	2011	Richard Sansoucy	
Kevin Quinn	2010	Harold Smith	
Joanne Savignac	2009	Veda Ulcickas	
Kathleen Sears	2009	Jay Conte	
James Stone	2011	Robert Desrosiers	
Paul Robinson	2011	Frederick Goodrich	
Anna Maria Scholarship Committee		Master Plan Committee	
Debra M. Henderson, Chair	2009	Chris Baehrecke	
Carol Riches	2009	Charlie Blanchard	
John Malone	2009	Anita Fenton	
		Richard Fenton	
Capital Improvement Committee		Fred Goodrich	
Charlie Blanchard	2009	Robert Hal	
Michael Quinlivan	2009	Paul Robinson	
Kirk Huehls	2009	Joanne Savignac	
Forrest Smith	2009	Hank Stidsen	
Gerald Ryan	2009		
Christian de Marcken	2009	Affordable Housing Trustee	
James Stone	2009	Martha Akstin	2009
Donna Graf-Parsons	2009	Frederick Goodrich	2009
		John Hurley	2009
Election Officers		Michael Quinlivan	2009
Beverly Berthel		John Malone	2009
Donald Berthel		Richard Sansoucy	2009
Rosemary Buckley		James Stone	2009
Mary Byrnes			
Janice Carlson		Reservoir Conservation Restriction Committee	
Cecilia Carroll		Robert Bertin	



**TOWN OFFICERS  
MAY 2008 TO MAY 2009**

Peter Dawson  
Scott Runstrom

**APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR**

**Finance Board**

Jamie Contonio	2010
Christian de Marcken	2010
Gayle Ireland	2009
James Lang	2009
Richard Fenton, Chair	2011
Philip Diiorio	2011
June Herron	2011
Scott Runstrom	2010
Peter Schur	2009

**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

**APPOINTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

**Master Planning Committee**

Christian Baerecke  
Charlie Blanchard  
Jay Conte  
Robert Desrosiers  
Louise Erskine  
Anita Fenton  
Frederick Goodrich  
Robert Hall  
Kirk Huelhs  
Nancy McBride  
Denis Melican  
Jason Newman  
Michael Putnam  
Paul Robinson  
Hank Stidsen

**APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

**Firefighters**

Rudi Acuna  
Kellan Boudreau  
Steve Brotherton  
Peter Conte  
Sean Doherty  
Mike Flek  
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief  
James Hansson  
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief  
Kevin Marchand  
Adam Martin  
Phil McPherson  
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant  
Gary Richards – Lieutenant  
Michael Rowe  
Raymond Savignac  
Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant  
Daniel Spencer  
Alex Ward  
Peter Warren

**First Responders**

Cory Anderson EMT  
Chris Badgis EMT  
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT  
Jeff Crosby EMT  
Tom DeCroteau EMT  
Andrew Eisch EMT  
Dan Gagne EMT  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
Joseph Germain EMT  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
Chris Hamilton EMT  
Richard Latour EMT  
Chris McCluskie EMT  
Ben Morris EMT  
Jeffrey Olson EMT  
Stephen Page EMT  
Shane Perry EMT  
Ryan Patrician EMT  
Michael Pingitore – EMT  
Thomas Savage – Lieutenant EMT

**Fire Inspector**

Matthew Stone

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AND BOARDS*

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

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

First and foremost, the Board of Selectmen expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who serve the Town by participation on the boards and committees, elected and appointed. As we have often said; the greater the participation in Town affairs, the better the Town will be. In this year, 175 people participated by serving in various positions. Thanks to each of you.

Despite this, it has still been difficult to fill some committees, like Agricultural and Personnel committees. Please check the Town's web site for a list of open positions and apply for those, which may have an interest for you.

Much was accomplished during this year despite the severe Ice Storm of December 11, 2008 and the budget reductions due to restricted revenues in the declining economy.

The Public Safety Complex construction proceeds to its fall completion and will be well under budget approved at Town Meeting. The budget is aided as well by securing a Federal Grant of \$300,000 to be used to purchase communication equipment.

It is a facility long required and awaited by our Police and Fire Departments. As well, we were able to improve the DPW facility and communications in the Town Hall. Equipped with the latest in equipment, communications capability, etc: this facility will serve the community well for many years to come, enabling our excellent departments to provide even better services.

Many plaudits are deserved by the Building Committee and the Architect, Reinhart Associates, Project Manager, Netco and BW Construction Co. Inc. who were selected by the committee and monitored very closely by them providing excellent results.

It is also expected that this facility will host Regional training classes and seminars as well as central area dispatching which will help to defray departmental budgets in the future.

Amazingly, the project, perhaps one of the greatest building efforts in the Town, ever, or at least in many years was not significantly delayed by the "100 year" ice storm of 2008.

The response by the Town to Mother Nature's reminder that she still rules was in a word "Fantastic", Paxtonites should recognize the alertness and astuteness of the operations managers and Town employees were instrumental in having the Selectmen declare a State of Emergency very early in the morning of December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Emergency Management Plan, coordinated by Jeffery Wentzell, was executed quickly to bring rapid response and support to bear, enabling return to full operation and power within 8 days, way ahead of most of the 153 communities that were hit by the storm.

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Line crews from Westfield, Chicopee, and Concord arrived in Town in the early morning hours of December 12<sup>th</sup> followed by Merrimac, Shrewsbury and Groton companies. Power was restored to the substation then to the center of Town then up Asnebumskit (which provided communications through WTAG for all Central Mass communities, then down Grove Street to AMC, allowing the shelter there to become more efficient by the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was "something" to see the crews connecting the last homes on Brigham Road during a blinding snowstorm. The remaining task to full restoration may take 1½ years.

DPW immediately began the difficult task of clearing roads to allow emergency vehicles to reach people and to transport them to shelter, the Electric Light Department crews to reach lines in order to accomplish their tasks. This included coordinating logging and tree companies, trucks and buckets and ground crews to begin to move a virtual "mountain" of debris. DPW Superintendent, Michael Putnam, finishing the task by the Tree Warden, Adam Smith, coordinated the efforts of the National Guard, Forest Fire Fighters from DCR, as well as Town employees and contractors, did a fantastic job which would ultimately wait until spring when the final yards of brush and debris will be removed.

Please note that since we had a viable and approved Emergency Management Plan, these resources, plus the Red Cross medical personnel, Boston Medical Units, which supplied bedding, food, and medical assistance, might not have been available. Board of Health member, Judy Hatstat coordinated medical personnel which included resident nurses and doctors as well as Red Cross. Paxton's Fire Department personnel, and EMT's excellently managed and coordinated the shelter.

We are fortunate we have AMC and their food service company Soxeho in Town who provided meals for the displaced residents and those without power as well as the personnel working on the roads and power lines.

The Town Administrative staff, Charles Blanchard and Carol Riches worked many hours on reports and communication with FEMA and MEMA to secure funding. The Selectboard members were on task, assisting wherever required throughout to initiate recovery and followed up urgent State Legislature and Governor to provide financial support equally 25% of the costs of recovery, which tallied \$1.6 million.

While these major issues were being addressed, the more routine operations were on going.

A new Town Accountant, Donna Couture was hired in August and is doing a great job bringing our financial systems and books etc. up to required standards.

A Town Hall Renovation Study Committee, as voted at Town Meeting, will complete its study and recommendations in fall of 2009.

A Facilities Needs Study Committee, looking into facility requirements, including any social groups that use Town facilities over the next 10 years is working to complete its recommendations in October 2009.



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Paxton Housing Partnership has continued their effort to establish elderly housing, it is expected that the RFP will be finalized early in FY10 to solicit interested developers.

The Master Planning Committee completed its task creating and updating the Town Master plan. As many of you have seen (summary was mailed to each household). A Master Plan Implementation Committee will be appointed to assure that the plan's recommendations are brought forward, coordinating Town Boards and Commission. This activity falls under the Planning Board with the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen.

We have worked hard to restore the Town through effective management of all our resources, continuing to maintain and improve the community, we all want Paxton to be. We will however, face much difficulty over the next few years due to the depth of this economic depression, restricting adequate revenues. Where we may not be able to move forward as boldly as we might like, we will remain conservative and do everything possible to maintain the services the residents want and expect.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich  
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

As in the past, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the dedicated department heads, town staff, elected officials, and the numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all of their hard work and commitment to make Paxton the fine community that it is.

Fiscal year 2009 was another year of significant accomplishment, and the Town moved forward in many areas:

- Work on the Master Plan was completed with a final Public Hearing held in September, 2008, and its adoption by the Planning Board in December.
- The Public Safety Complex construction project continued on schedule and within budget through FY09 with acceptance and occupation of the building projected for October, 2009. Special thanks go out to Chairman Dick Bedard and the rest of the Building Committee for their hard work and dedication during this entire process.
- The No-cost Technical Assistance Grant we received from the State was completed this year with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission producing a Permitting Guidebook for the Town of Paxton. A copy of this guidebook is on our website, [www.townofpaxton.net](http://www.townofpaxton.net), and copies are available from the Town Service Coordinator.
- Construction of the Wachusett Earthday Recycling and Hazardous Waste Collection Center project, of which Paxton is a member, continued along during the year. The first Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for the fall of 2009.

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- A \$300,000 Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Grant was secured for Paxton by Congressman Jim McGovern, which will provide funds for new technology equipment for the new Public Safety Complex.
- The Town went through a designer selection process to select an architect to develop a schematic design for the renovation and removal of architectural barriers to the handicapped for the Town Hall, built in 1888. Durland Van Voorhis Architects were chosen to do the work, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009.
- Our agreement with Spencer Rescue to assist the Town in providing paramedic level ambulance services was extended for an additional two years based on the excellent service this arrangement has provided.
- A new ambulance was obtained in a lease-purchase agreement using funds received annually from the Holden Hospital closing settlement supplemented by gift funds so that no taxpayer money is needed. The old ambulance will remain in service as a backup.
- An interview this year with Moody's Financial Services resulted in the highest possible MIG-1 rating on a \$5 million borrowing in anticipation of a note. The 2.5% interest rate saved the Town approximately \$18,000.
- Due to the poor state of the economy causing a reduction in local excise taxes as well as a reduction in State revenues leading to lower State aid for both the Town and the Wachusett Regional School District, significant cuts had to be made in the FY10 budget. The cuts from the budgets approved for FY10 compared to FY09 were 10.7% for Police, 7.1% for Fire, 9.8% for Emergency Medical Services, 8.1% for Highway, 15.2% for the Council on Aging, 12.9% for the Library and 32.4% for Recreation. We expect that the FY11 budget will be even more difficult to balance without further harmful cuts to service.
- The region was hit with a major ice storm in December, resulting in severe damage to trees and wires. The cost of the emergency response and cleanup for Paxton was \$2,176,220.10, which included \$1,666,348.51 for the Town and an estimated \$509,871.59 for the Paxton Municipal Light Department. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant reimbursed 75% of this cost, and our legislators are working for a partial reimbursement of the remaining cost from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). 323 trees of varying diameters were removed during the cleanup, along with 1,118 hanging branches. A total of 60,104 cubic yards of debris was collected, ground and removed from the Town during the clean up, which was completed on August 12, 2009.
- Revisions to the FEMA Flood Control Map for Paxton were received and reviewed, with information on the impact these changes might have on residents was discussed at Board of Selectmen meetings.

I would also like to again express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued support, and to Carol Riches for the knowledgeable assistance she provides on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles T. Blanchard, Town Administrator

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2009:  
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Perc tests	24
Septic plans reviewed for approval	27
Septic Bottom inspections	38
Food Inspections	20
Public & Semi Public Pools	5
Summer Camp Inspection	4
Complaints	10

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Curran  
Sanitary Inspector, Board of Health

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

This year was financially not a good one for the town of Paxton. The budget for the municipal government (debt service included) as approved by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in June was \$5,269,027, an increase of \$624,404 from FY09. This increase was driven by an increase in debt service of \$754,942 from the previous year, reflecting primarily the financing of the town's new Public Safety Building and cleanup expenses resulting from the ice storm of December 2008. We were forced to utilize our entire Free Cash of \$244,551 together with \$150,000 of Stabilization Funds (our savings account) to balance the budget. No Cost-of-Living Adjustments were made to municipal salaries. Central Purchasing increased 21% from the prior year for the most part as a result of expenses associated with the Public Safety Building. The serious nature of the financial problem is better appreciated by considering the municipal budget in the absence of debt service. The FY10 budget of \$3,659,845 is 3.4% less than FY09. To arrive at this number, 27 budgets were reduced a total of \$281,360 from the previous year. The greatest decreases were imposed on the Police (10.7% reduction, or \$89,074), DPW (8% or \$33,846), Recreation (32% or \$22,075), Emergency Medical (10% or \$22,648), and Library (13% or \$21,960). Seventeen budgets remained unchanged from the previous year because they consisted primarily of the salary of a single individual. Fixed costs associated with Regional Planning, Insurance and Bonds, Town Employee Insurance and County Retirement increased by 2.5% to 17.4% or a total of \$48,831. Increases in the budgets of the Assessor (\$27,100 for re-valuation), Public Safety Building (\$32,360) and Central Purchasing (\$27,002) offset some of the economies.

On the revenue side, Beacon Hill approved a State Aid budget that included for Paxton a significant decrease of \$135,295, or nearly 19% less than State revenue received for FY09. Local revenue was down significantly as well. Because of town budget

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reductions from the previous year, certified free cash was down by \$169,881 or 41%. Clearly, all municipal revenue numbers reflected the progressively declining economy.

The Wachusett Regional School District was able to present to the town a reasonable budget only because of a one-time receipt of Federal revenue that will not be available next year. The final Minimum Local Contribution determined by the State was \$4,112,865. The Regional Agreement Spending Assessment (RASA) was \$337,396 representing a 38% decrease from the prior year. The resultant WRSD budget increased less than 1% from the prior year.

Several major impacts will weigh heavily on the budget process for FY11. First, WRSD will not have Federal revenue available to them to offset the loss of State funding. Second, as a result of extensive municipal budget cutting for FY10, certified free cash is expected to be even further reduced. Finally, there is not much left in the budget to further reduce. Since it is not expected that State Aid will be increased any time soon, the budget process for FY11 is expected to be exceedingly difficult.

In closing, October 10, 2009 saw the passing of our long-time friend and colleague on the Finance Committee, Evelyn Lawler. During her decades of service to Paxton, she displayed the honesty, fairness, tenacity and devotion of an individual who always wanted the best for our town. She considered volunteering as the foundation of any good government. We all benefitted in many ways from her involvement in public affairs. She will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

for the Finance Committee  
Richard A. Fenton, Chair

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Committee  
Richard A. Fenton, Chair

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The firefighters morale remains high as the department officers continue to prioritize personnel safety, physical fitness, mental well being, 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 160



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hours completed in 5 months, and then all recruits must pass a written and practical exam before they are allowed on the department.

Through fund raising events, we purchase and maintain equipment for our fitness facility. Paxton Fire Department has funded all fitness equipment through fundraisers.

Paxton Fire Department began ambulance ALS transport service in July 2007 with our used vehicle. Paxton Fire and Spencer Rescue Squad Inc. entered into an agreement to provide ambulance service to the citizens of Paxton and provide Paxton Fire's EMT's with training and skill reviews. The regional approach between our two services has been a success and many town residents have benefited from this service. The Town leased a second new 2008 ambulance in September 2008 using private funds and donations.

With many fires, auto accidents, and request for mutual aid emergencies this year, only one injury occurred to a Paxton Firefighter. 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. Paxton belongs and has spearheaded a Regional Safety Committee, which promotes and trains in safety, accountability and rescue on the fire ground.

The Public Safety Complex began construction April 2008 with a completion date of October 2009. Many thanks to the Building Committee for their continued work on this project to see it through to completion.

The December Ice Storm 2008 was an event that our Fire and EMS personnel performed four days and nights without sleep answering emergencies.

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, spouses and children give up a lot so their fathers or mothers 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

Cory Anderson EMT

Chris Badgis EMT

Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT

Kellan Boudreau

Steve Brotherton

Peter Conte

Jeff Crosby EMT

Tom DeCroteau EMT

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Sean Doherty  
Andrew Eisch EMT  
Mike Flek  
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief  
Dan Gagne EMT  
Joseph Germain EMT  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
Chris Hamilton EMT  
James Hansson  
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief  
Richard Latour EMT  
Kevin Marchand  
Adam Martin  
Chris McCluskie EMT  
Phil McPherson  
Ben Morris EMT  
Jeffrey Olson EMT  
Stephen Page EMT  
Shane Perry EMT  
Ryan Patrician EMT  
Michael Pingitore – EMT  
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant  
Gary Richards – Lieutenant  
Michael Rowe  
Thomas Savage – Lieutenant EMT  
Raymond Savignac  
Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant  
Daniel Spencer  
Alex Ward  
Peter Warren

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte  
Fire Chief - EMT

**RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The library is pleased to say that it had another very eventful year. Circulation was brisk as it loaned out books, DVD's, Audio books on tape and CD, museum passes and more.

The library continues to be an active community center. Three Girl Scout Troops meet at the library as well as the local Cultural Council. The School program for "Destination Imagination" met in the basement to plan their project. Our local quilting ladies still meet on Monday afternoons.

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Our Friends group has continued to be very supportive of the library. The active members are Anita Fenton, chairman, Kristen Steinmetz, secretary, Betsey Cruz, Treasurer, and Mary Beth Brown, membership. We are also lucky to have Sarah Howe and Sarah Root Simone as our Children's programs coordinators, Sarah Bailey Anderson as designer for the library website and official photographer of events and Carmen Blandino for the YA relationship.

Santa could not make it last year due to the intense ice storm that affected all of Paxton. This was a major disappointment. However, the library had many other programs throughout the year, supported by our Friends group. These included an Easter egg hunt and party, "Cooking with Katie" for the middle school kids, Vernal Pools with Christy Barnes, Comet making with the Aldrich Astronomical Society, Games with mirrors by Doug Dawson, Alien Costume making, and "Inside Outside Planets" with Jen Niles. Local Author Gary Goldberg gave away copies of his book for discussion at an ice cream social provided by "Still Four Corners" restaurant. The kids roared with laughter at the annual Halloween party starring the Stupendous Mr. Magic Head. Highlights for adults were Rory Raven, a mentalist who could read your mind and bend spoons with his and the ever popular Stuart Whitehurst for antique appraisal night. Several people learned how to needle felt under Anita Fenton's direction.

The Paxton Cultural Council funded a number of passes that are available for Patron use for free or reduced fees for area museums. These are very popular. They also funded a well-received pastel workshop by renowned artist Greg Maichak as well as a folk duo called "Yankee Pedlar".

We are lucky that the support staff has remained constant with Sue Wheeler and Barbara Braley on the desk and Jennifer Robideau on the tech support back up. After a short hiatus to have a baby girl, Aislinn Lewis has returned as the children's librarian. As well as doing outreach at the school, she has a story hour for 4 year old and two young adult book discussions. Lois Shorten runs storyhour for baby lap time and toddlers.

Trustee's Louise Erskine and Scott Martin finished their terms and were replaced by Kerrie Orciuk and Carrie Grinstead on the board. Other trustees are Patricia Dawson, Chuck Innis (Chairman), Roger Brunelle (Secretary) and Mitzi Nelsen (Treasurer).

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Bailey  
Director, Richards Memorial Library

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A very busy year for the DPW was highlighted by the December 11, 2008 ice storm. In Paxton we are accustomed to frequent snow and ice events, yet this storm was, by far, the worst in some time. The DPW crews were involved from the beginning, clearing roadways and assisting all other departments under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions. During the emergency and beyond, the DPW continued to clear roadways, town facilities, as well as provide support for power and tree crews, Police and the Fire Department. To compound an already tough situation, the DPW dealt with the two large snowstorms in 3 days during the course of the ice storm emergency period. The residents

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of Paxton should be proud of the hard work, and countless hours, of the dedicated staff at the DPW during this crisis.

Recent improvements to the Highway Garage, on Holden Road, paid huge dividends during the ice storm. The generator kept power and heat to the main garage while fire and DPW crews were standing by or repairing equipment. The addition of the metal building, formerly PFD station 2, provided shelter to a few highway vehicles. There were some that remained outside while we housed the fire apparatus. Thank you to Chief Conte and his staff for their cooperation both during the storm and the remainder of the year while the two Departments shared one facility.

The ice storm cleanup continued into early spring then eventually contracted out for a town wide cleanup by a subcontractor in June.

Our general routine maintenance continued during FY09. This included roadside mowing, catch basin cleaning and repairs, street sweeping, line painting, street signs, and lawn maintenance at town facilities. We also took care of burials and upkeep of the two Town cemeteries.

The exterior of the main highway garage was painted by volunteers from Anna Maria College. This put the finishing touch on the many recent improvements and upgrades.

Road improvement funded by State Chapter 90 and a limited town budget included:

- Shanandoah Drive – reclamation, berm and Type I asphalt
- Laurel Street (Phase I) – drainage, reclamation and basecoat of asphalt
- Grove Street, Sunset Lane, Street Road – cracksealing

The DPW employees received certification in OSHA safety training. The Department plans to continue a wide variety of training opportunities for its employees so that it maintains a safe and efficient operation.

The DPW continues to assist and oversee the daily operation of East National Water Co. They are the licensed technicians hired by the Water Dept. that service and maintain our water distribution system.

Once again the DPW employees should be recognized for the hard work and dedication in providing such an important public service to the Town of Paxton and its residents.

Respectively submitted,

Mike Putnam  
Superintendent



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## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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, 2008 and 2007. The Department's performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements:**

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

The Statements of Net Assets are designed to indicate our financial position as of a specific point in time. Our net assets increased \$81,439 or 2.1%.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarize 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, 2008 was \$20,217 which was a decrease of \$192,891 or 90% as compared to the profit for the prior year. The department maintained a modest operating income in spite of extraordinary costs associated with an ice storm in December with net profit coming from investment income.

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 \$161,537 provided by operating activities. Our ending cash and cash equivalents balance increased by \$172,302.

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##### **Summary of Net Assets**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,257,612</b>	<b>5,952,116</b>
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	2008	2007
Operating Revenues	\$3,197,772	\$3,106,855
Operating Expenses	3,238,262	3,079,880
Operating Income (Loss)	(40,490)	26,975
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	60,707	186,133
Income Before Contributions and Transfers	20,217	213,108
Transfers In—Restricted for Capital Projects	61,222	26,174
Beginning Net Assets	3,859,916	3,620,364
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**Financial Highlights:**

Operating revenues and expenses increased over the previous year. The increase in revenues was attributable in part to the power cost adjustment, which were averaged 5 mils higher in 2008 as compared to 2007. The increased adjustment was a response to rising cost of energy and transmission in 2008. Total operating expenses increased \$158,382 or 5.1% over 2007. Purchased power cost was 78.8% of operating expense in 2008 and 79.0% in 2007.

Non-operating revenues and expense consists of investment income, interest expense, and in 2008, disaster recovery expenses. Our investment income decreased from 2007 to 2008 by \$60,812 or 32.4% as a result of falling interest rates. A 100-year ice storm in December required expenditures over a 10-day period amounting to \$277,319. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursed the department for 75% of the cost. The department absorbed the \$64,655 in unreimbursed expense, which may be eligible in part for future reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

The department had an operating loss of \$40,490 for 2008 as compared to income of \$26,975 for 2007. The revenues billed for power supply cost in 2008 were \$220,604 less than the total power supply cost. This is an increased billing deficit of \$40,129 over

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2007. Revenues billed for distribution expenses were used to offset the shortfall, and no future liability was carried forward.

Our electric rates exclusive of the power cost adjustment have remained unchanged since 2004. Projections of power costs for 2008 were lower than actual costs, and the adjustment was increased during the year. The distribution charges were again appropriate to provide income, the bulk power costs are not being recovered in full through the Energy Charge and Purchased Power Adjustment. In 2009 power costs came down somewhat and it is anticipated that recovery of cost will be more fully achieved. The variance of power supply costs to billed revenues is tracked monthly and management will continue to recommend the application of available distribution billings against power supply costs if appropriate.

### 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 continues to reflect summer air-conditioning and other cooling load requirements. As Paxton's peak becomes coincident with the regional peak, power supply cost will be more dependent on market price. Additionally, orders issued by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and market-design development through ISO-New England continue to add to the power supply cost for Paxton. Kilowatt-hour sales were 23,914,346 and 22,545,814 in 2008 and 2007 respectively, or a 6.1% increase.

Reliability-Must-Run (RMR) payments and other market-design features that seek to bring competition to energy pricing in the New England market continue to have an impact on the cost of purchased power. The Paxton Municipal Light Department, along with other MMWEC members and other public power entities in New England, has challenged RMR payments at ISO-New England, at FERC, and in court. We have prevailed on some of these challenges resulting in reductions or refunds. Legislation is being sought that will compel FERC to ensure the ISO's and RTO's operate to provide the consumer with the reliable energy at lowest reasonable cost.

### Utility Plant and Debt Administration:

#### Utility Plant

The Department had Gross Utility Plant acquisitions of \$111,841 in 2008. Distribution upgrades and replacements to overhead wire, poles and transformers accounted for 85%



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of these costs. We installed 8 electric services to new customers and replaced several overhead services with underground.

Upgrades were made to 3 office Computers in line with the department's replacement schedule.

New radios were purchased for the operations center and the Material Handler, Truck 66.

All costs associated with repairing the system to pre-storm condition was maintenance and thus paid from operations.

### 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, were 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 stands today at approximately \$663 million of which Paxton Municipal Light Department's share is \$4.7 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 2009.



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### 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. This fund was established to help us maintain our competitive position when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their "stranded costs\*\*". Our rate stabilization balance at December 31, 2008 was \$1,725,097, unchanged from 2007. There was no appropriation to Rate Stabilization from current earnings in 2008.

In 2007 the interest earned on the Fund was appropriated to Rate Stabilization. In 2008, interest earned on the rate stabilization fund was used to reduce purchased power cost to Paxton ratepayers. The fund balance is expected to be maintained at the current level throughout 2009. \*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 2008, we added \$206,978 or 5% of our gross cost-of-plant, for future acquisitions and used \$111,841 for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

### Significant Developments

#### Stonybrook Unit 3

The Paxton Municipal Light Department is participating in development of a new gas-fired generation plant proposed by MMWEC through Special Project 2006A and formally named Stonybrook Unit 3 in 2007, with an expected winter output rating of 280 MW. The Department has signed up for a 1 MW share of the project.

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The first phase of the project produced a preliminary engineering design, cost estimates, alternative site analysis, and identified potential project participants. The second phase, budgeted at \$5 million continued through 2008, encompassing all the work preliminary to final engineering design and construction. It will include the regulatory, environmental, permitting, siting, detailed design, contract development and financing development work required to move the project forward. The third phase will include financing, unit construction, and startup activities. At the end of 2008, MMWEC was negotiating with interested parties for joint ownership. Commercial operation is currently scheduled for 2013. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$220 million.

### Berkshire Wind

Through MMWEC's Project 2002A, Paxton has participated with several other municipal systems investigating the potential for purchase of wind generation. In 2004, the Department contracted for a share of the output of the Berkshire Wind Power Project. For several years, development of the project was delayed for various reasons. In 2008, Paxton, along with 13 other municipal systems agreed to purchase the assets of the project which includes land and permitting. The municipal systems and MMWEC formed the Berkshire Wind Cooperative and project engineering and construction was resumed. Commercial operation is expected to be completed in 2010.

### Wentworth Substation

The Paxton Municipal Light Department takes delivery of energy from the NGRD 127A transmission line through the Wentworth Substation. The substation, constructed in the mid 1970's, is aging and reaching obsolescence. In addition, the federal government through FERC is requiring adherence to new mandatory reliability standards. Upgrading the facility to provide reliable and efficient power delivery to the town will be required in the near future. The approximate estimated cost for substation upgrades and system improvements is \$1.5 million. The cost of the substation upgrade will come from available cash and financing repaid from future revenues.

### Wind Generation in Paxton

Our investigation into wind turbine generation in Paxton was stalled by a legal battle over the site on Asnebumskit Hill, and the FAA determination that height restrictions would be imposed on any facilities proposed. In 2007 and the new landowners indicated they planned to develop wind power on the property. The full cost of the project, including engineering and costs associated with interconnection to the PMLD distribution system and the grid, will be paid by the developer. An application for interconnection was provided to but never submitted by the landowners.

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY 2009 proved to be a most challenging year for Paxton's resources. What else can we say but Ice Storm! After a somewhat calm summer, along came December 11<sup>th</sup> which changed how Paxton residents feel about an ice event.

Two years ago, residents supported an article to supply a generator for the police station. Some had argued that a generator was frivolous, the power never goes out in Paxton and we were moving into a new facility soon anyway. Thankfully, the supporters prevailed as the Police building which housed Dispatch and the Emergency Operations Center ran on generator power for six days.

During this event, my Officers and others worked around the clock attempting to restore order and power. Priorities were to clear roads for emergency vehicles. Sometimes this was difficult because as crews cleared roads some residents were dragging branches back into the streets off their lawns.

Some able bodied residents pitched in and made a real difference for their neighbors by sharing generators, firewood, and supplies. At the end of the event I was pleased to see how well this community had worked together.

We would like to congratulate Sergeant Reilly on his retirement this year. Sergeant Reilly had a distinguished career serving Central MA families through his time with the Department of Social Services and his time here in Paxton as a juvenile and family specialist. Sergeant Reilly ran the Youth Activity Center for many years as well as coaching, counseling, and chaperoning Paxton youth.

Most years, the preparation for the upcoming budgets is never uplifting; however this year's outlook for July first is very bleak. At our annual town meeting last month, we voted a police budget almost one hundred thousand dollars less than last year. Since the budget is derived from the hours in a day multiplied by three hundred and sixty five, our budget is mostly patrol coverage.

This coming year Officers will be working alone many shifts and there will be shifts without coverage. Neighborhood patrols will also be reduced by eighty percent due to fuel cutbacks.

On a positive note, I have had the pleasure of working with the Paxton Building Committee throughout this year on our new Public Safety Complex. The timing of this project could not have been better. The project is near completion and remains one million dollars under budget. The town of Paxton was also the recipient of a three hundred thousand dollar technology grant to equip the new facility. Much of this equipment was scheduled for capital replacement over the next few years. The grant monies directly reduce the cost of the building as well as future capital expenses.

The following statistics are a glimpse of activity for the year.

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0	Abandoned Auto
102	Accidents
123	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
59	Animal Other Than Dog
1	Assaults
80	Arrests
47	Assist Citizen
16	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
1,223	Business Checks
945	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
0	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
115	Disabled Auto
60	Disturbances
20	Domestic Incidents
146	Fire call/Emergency/Alarm
587	General Police
0	Homicide
20	House Checks
17	Larceny
46	Lockouts/Auto/Home
1	Loitering
620	Medical Emergencies
5	Mental Health (Section 12)
4	Missing Person
2	Motor Vehicle Theft
26	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
2	Parking Violation
8	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
685	Plate/License Status
3	Property (Lost/Found)
11	Property Damage
0	Recovered Motor Vehicle
1	Robbery
1	Repossession
4	Rubbish/Dumping
0	Runaway
1	Sex Offense
2	Soliciting
0	Suicide
21	Summons Service
117	Suspicious Autos
52	Suspicious Persons
13	Threats/Harassment
72	Traffic Safety
1	Trespassing Incidents

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1	Unattended Death
13	Vandalism
0	Warrant Arrest
1	Warrants/General
48	Welfare Checks
73	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls

**PAXTON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The major portions of the construction cycle continued through the summer of 2008. This included the erection of the steel girders for the main building, the construction of the elevator shaft, the wood framing of the main building, the erection of the steel frame for the fire apparatus bay and installing the roof on the main building and apparatus bay.

The facility began to take shape with the installation of the brick walls, the completion of all the windows and the application of the vinyl siding to the main building and the apparatus bay.

During the winter, the installation of the electrical wiring, heating ducts and piping, sprinkler piping and sprinkler heads, plumbing piping and all plumbing fixtures, boilers and air conditioning systems, internal walls and doors, floor tile and carpeting, suspended ceilings and all interior painting were completed.

The construction is scheduled to be completed in early October 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Bedard, Chairman  
Harold L. Smith, Vice Chairman  
Charles T. Blanchard  
Paul F. Crowley  
Frederick G. Goodrich  
Richard L. Sansoucy  
Veda-Anne Ulcickas

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Summary:

- 11 meetings.
- Gained 2 members, Daniel Gehnrich and Connie White
- ~14 public hearings
- ~7 Orders of Conditions
- ~6 Determinations of Applicability



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NO QUORUM for meeting.

Notice of Intent: McGovern & O'Donoghue, 260 Pleasant St, Septic System repair.

Notice of Intent: Mannila, 29 Suomi St, installation of pool.

Potential new members: Connie White, and Daniel Gehnrich.

Connie White appointed on 22 July

August 2008.

Two Notice of Intent 's from July.

Notice of Intent Mutual Builders, Red Oak Map 14 Lot B1.

September 2008.

- 3 Request for Certificate of Compliance, 204 Pleasant 257-95, 257-158(x2), Anna Maria DEP 257-0249

October 2008.

RDA, 11 Indian Hill Rd., repair perimeter drain.

RDA, 50 Streeter Rd., installation of drainpipe.

November 2008.

78 West Street "Informal Presentation"

December 2008 (Ice Storm 11 Dec)

Request for Certificate of Compliance 44 Brooks Rd.

AmeriCorps trail project at Moore St Park

February 2009.

Paxton Land Trust re: Roy property Conservation Restriction

Determination of Applicability: 641 Pleasant St (failed septic) could not investigate, snow on ground

March 2009.

Determination of Applicability: 641 Pleasant St. Failed Septic

Notice of Intent: 43 Nanigan: Kobeissi repair septic system

April 2009.

Notice of Intent 503 Pleasant St, Failed Septic

New summons: Love property

May 2009.

Determination of Applicability: 44 West St, Danielle Dustman replacement of failed septic

Determination of Applicability: Illig Pond Eagle Scout Project

June 2009.

Notice of Intent, 7 Colony Rd, failed cesspool, Highland Village meeting

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> of each year with the Town Clerk.

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 Jan 1, 2010 the cost for Mooreland Cemetery lots and grave openings are as follows:

### CEMETERY LOTS:

2 Grave Lot	600.00
3 Grave Lot	900.00
4 Grave Lot	1200.00
6 Grave Lot	1,800.00

1 Grave lot available by special permission.

### OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	\$700.00
Weekends	\$850.00
Holidays	\$850.00

### CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	\$300.00	Weekends	\$550.00
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**NO CREMATION BURIALS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!**

### INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	\$300.00
Weekends	\$300.00

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.

During this past year 27 burials took place and 34 plots were sold in the Mooreland Cemetery. The cemetery rulebook was rewritten and expanded to provide Paxton residents with more information and to clarify the existing rules. The Commission raised the prices of burial plots and grave openings to reflect more current costs. The final copy of the rulebook will be available in March at the Town Hall and can also be found in the new kiosk that will be installed in the spring of 2010 in the Mooreland Cemetery.

Both cemeteries sustained considerable tree damage in the December 2008 ice storm, but luckily no stones were damaged. DPW Superintendent Mike Putman examined,

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photographed and marked trees in both cemeteries and work in the cemeteries was performed pursuant to a FEMA contract. Commission members organized a work party to help clean up the Center Cemetery with a local Girl Scout Troop. They spent two days picking up small branches and raking the entire cemetery. Many thanks to Trish Dawson's Girl Scout Troop for their efforts.

Clover was planted in the open section of the Mooreland Cemetery to reduce mowing and its associated costs. We are in the process of talking with the Assabet Vocational High School, whose Metals Department may have ability to restore the wrought iron cemetery gates in both cemeteries.

We are pleased to be on the threshold of offering a less expensive and environmentally friendly natural burial option to the people of Paxton. These natural or "green" burials use biodegradable coffins or shrouds and omit grave liners or vaults. Embalming is not performed, thereby eliminating the amount of toxic formaldehyde being buried in the ground. The Commission will meet with the Paxton Board of Health to decide how we can join the hundreds of cemeteries across the United States in becoming certified as a hybrid cemetery so that we too can offer this option. More information about natural burials can be found in the new rulebook.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Stone, Chairman  
Patricia Belsito, Vice-Chairman  
Lois Breault-Melican, Clerk

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Denis Melican - Chairman  
Donna MacLean - Treasurer  
Anita Fenton Secretary  
Pamela Hair  
Daniel Gehnrich  
Sue Corcoran

The purpose of the Paxton Historical Commission is to preserve, documents, and analyze historical documents and artifacts from the Town of Paxton's past.

The current membership of the Paxton Historical Commission changed with the resignation of Matthew Atanian and the swearing in of Al Niemi.

In June at the Paxton Festival 2009 - The Commission took numerous photos of Paxton children dressed in typical colonial garb including a tricorn hat for the boys and a mob hat for the girls along with a painted backdrop of an old colonial farmhouse and garden. Developed photos were subsequently given to their parents. Several original colonial games were also available for participants to try.

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Along with the Friends of Richards Memorial Library, the Paxton Historical Commission co-sponsored Antique Appraiser Night with Stuart Whitehurst, a well-known appraiser from Antique Roadshow. It was both an educational and entertaining event for all participants.

New 2009 calendars with historic black and white photos of early Paxton were published for the Commission. Profits from the sale of these calendars totaled over \$350.

The Commission paid for a historic lecture by Old Sturbridge Village Historian, Jack Larkin. The title of his talk was "The Growth of Town Commons and Center Villages in Central Massachusetts - Looking at Paxton" and discussed the evolution of Paxton's common and village in the context of the economic and social processes that were driving the development of New England towns in the 19th century

The Commissioners began to document the architectural character of all houses in Paxton built prior to 1950 to be included in a new Massachusetts Historical Commission website. The completion of these lists would help facilitate any efforts to obtain Historical Commission preservation funds in the future by Paxton residents and the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anita Fenton, Secretary

### WIRING INSPECTOR

Electrical Application for Permits received during fiscal year 2009 were 130 in comparison with 96 the previous year. 34 inspections related to the restoration of power following the November 2008 Ice Storm.

New homes completed	2
Additions and Miscellaneous	128

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site [www.townofpaxton.net](http://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 508-868-8950.

Respectfully submitted  
Electrical Inspector

### TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Paxton Town Government Study Committee was created spring 2007 to address issues raised in a Financial Review of the Town conducted by the Local Services division of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR). The committee consisted of the three Selectboard members and four citizens. Mr. Blanchard also attended the meetings.

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The DOR report pointed out that our exiting government structure did not recognize the existence of a Town Administrator, a position approved by the voters in 2002, first funded in 2004, and which Charles Blanchard has held for almost three years under the authority of a job description. The DOR stated in its report, "We recommend that Paxton pursue a charter, via the home-rule procedure or special act, to adopt a centralized, strong town administrator form of government." The DOR also recommended that Paxton "appoint a combined position of Treasurer and Collector."

Our committee quickly concluded that the special act procedure would be the most expedient. We had little trouble defining the duties of the town administrator, because Mr. Blanchard had been performing these duties. We had the job description developed by the prior town committee that conducted the search for a town administrator and recommended Mr. Blanchard. In addition we had recent legislation from other Massachusetts communities in similar situations to use as models.

Our Committee voted unanimously on nearly every decision. Considerable time was spent examining and restructuring the organization chart showing the order of command for town employees. We voted that department heads in town must report to the town administrator and that he should appoint them, subject to the approval of a majority of the select board. We felt that this structure would give the Town Administrator the necessary authority to run the day-to-day operation of the town.

Much of our debate centered on the position of the Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant. Most of us felt that the Town Administrator should also appoint these two positions, subject to the approval of the majority of the Selectboard. We agreed with DOR that well qualified professionals should hold these key positions given the increasing complexity of these jobs. We wanted to avoid the situation in which an unqualified candidate was elected then forced to resign leaving the town in a precarious position, as has happened on at least one occasion. We also felt that the Town Administrator would work closely with the people in these positions and should have an important role in hiring them. Finally, we felt the Town Administrator was in a better position to conduct searches and interviews to obtain the most qualified candidates. We believed that the Selectboard's power to establish the guidelines for searches, participate in the interviews, and to reject candidates, provided sufficient checks and balances.

DOR and Town Counsel have reviewed the proposed legislation and we have incorporated their proposed revisions. We believe that Paxton has benefited from the professional management of a Town Administrator, and that passage of this act will give Mr. Blanchard, and future Town Administrators, the direction, authority and job security to do the job in the best possible manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hall, Chair  
Alina Chand, Vice Chair  
Alice Livdahl, Clerk  
Robert Jacobson

John Malone  
Frederick Goodrich  
Michael Quinlivan



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## BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

The fiscal year 2009 budget was again built on the Minimum Local Contribution requirements established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The total operating and capital budget equaled \$16,302,524, a 4.3% increase over FY08. At the same time, assessments charged to member communities dropped \$156,401 or 2.5% from the prior year.

Members' assessments totaled \$6,102,064 comprised of \$5,773,697 in minimum contribution, \$120,000 in transportation assessments, \$120,000 for retiree health care and \$88,367 in capital buy-in assessments levied to the four newest member communities.

The balance of budgeted revenues came primarily from state aid. The district anticipated \$9,238,460 in Chapter 70 education aid, \$762,000 in Chapter 71 regional transportation aid and \$200,000 from the district's excess & deficiency (E&D) account.

The ongoing state fiscal crisis led the commonwealth to reduce its Chapter 70 funding in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the fiscal year by \$971,556 and replace those funds with federal ARRA funds. The stimulus funds allowed the district to keep its program intact. However, we are well aware that the budget climate in FY10 and beyond remains cloudy and will prove very challenging.

Fifty-four students earned the John and Abigail Adams scholarship based on their excellent performance on their 10th grade MCAS scores. This scholarship provides the students with free tuition at any Massachusetts community college or 4 year college or university.

Forty students were in last year's Robotic Club. Twenty-eight of these students brought 3 of their robots to compete in the two statewide BattleBot meets and ranked in the top 15. Twelve students and two robots went to the National Battlebot Competition in San Francisco with two robots and placed 4th in the nation.

In 2009, 100% of our graduating class passed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. This was the fifth consecutive year that our students have accomplished this level of testing.

Twenty-eight members of the Class of 2009 earned professional certifications in the areas of Heating and Ventilation, Health Technologies, Certified Nurse's Assistant and Cosmetology.

Many of our students qualified for competition at the WPI Annual Science Fair. Two of those students were finalists at this regional competition.

SkillsUSA is one of the largest student organizations in the state of Massachusetts. Bay Path is a total participation school, which is funded with Perkins Grant monies. During FY09, over one hundred and twenty students competed in District competition, which

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resulted in sixty students moving on to State Competition. Once again, our students demonstrated their vocational and academic skills by winning twenty-one state medals. This positioned thirteen of our students and two state officers in National Competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

### 2008-2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jack Haroian – Auburn  
Donald H. Erickson – Auburn

Clarence A. Bachand – Charlton  
Olaf R. Garcia – Charlton

Sandra A. Cristina– Dudley  
Alfred C. Reich – Dudley

Francis A. LaMothe – North Brookfield  
Donald J. Gillette – North Brookfield

Benjamin J. LaMountain – Oxford  
Randall G. Slauenwhite - Oxford

Robert Wilby – Paxton  
Sandy M. Benoit – Paxton

Robert K. Mowatt – Rutland  
Michael S. Pantos – Rutland

Paulette A. Desorcy – Southbridge  
Helen I. Lenti - Secretary – Southbridge

Kenneth R. Wheeler – Assistant Treasurer - Spencer  
Robert L. Zukowski – Chairman – Spencer

Alfred E. Beland Vice-Chairman– Webster  
Edwin G. Stalec - Webster  
Respectfully submitted,

David P. Papagni, Superintendent Director

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WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Residents:

As we begin the annual process of budget planning and deliberation, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that citizens have shown for our schools. Because of your support, the Wachusett District has made considerable progress during the last few years. While not without incident and consequence, we have built a high school that provides our students with a facility that matches the strength and complexity of our school's comprehensive program. As taxpayers you can certainly be proud of the school that you have provided to our high school students. And it is as if they want to thank you with good performance! Last year, we saw the best testing results in our school's history. For example, seventy-two percent of our tenth grade students scored in the advanced category in math on the most recent MCAS. This result on a very challenging test is testimony to the strength of our teachers and our programs, and we owe our residents thanks for helping us to maintain the conditions that we need in order to educate students in a safe and productive environment.

The latter has certainly been a challenge in this economic climate. We realize that budgets are strained and we will make every effort to mitigate cost, but the simple fact is that our costs are currently very low. While providing quality programs in all of our schools, Wachusett has consistently spent at a very low rate. Our per pupil expense rate is among the lowest in the entire state. It is against this backdrop that one must consider our current economic crisis. Last year, Wachusett lost approximately 2.3 million dollars of revenue over the course of the state budget process. In order to meet this fiscal challenge, the District was forced to reduce forty-four staff members. We simply cannot continue to make such cuts and maintain the quality programs to which residents have grown accustomed. With this admonition over, let me renew my annual pledge to work with the Member Towns to solve our funding problem in a manner that serves our mutual interest.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our schools. With your help and support we will continue to make every effort to develop our nation's most valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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## WACHUSETT GREENWAYS ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Colleen Abrams, Chair

Steven Dubrule

Margaret Lock

Kenneth McDonnell

Stanley Miller

Christine Nichols

Ida Nystrom

Edward P. Yaglou

### **Celebrating 15 Years**

The year 2009 marks the completion of 15 years of Wachusett Greenways' efforts to connect our communities with trails and greenways. Greenways works in grateful partnership with the Commonwealth, Wachusett Towns, local foundations, businesses and nonprofit groups. Since 1995 more than 2,200 generous donors and members have supported Greenways. Each year more than 200 volunteers help carry out our mission. This partnership has built and today maintains more than 15 miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT), including seven bridges, a 70-foot tunnel and several major culverts. Greenways has built and maintains the 4-mile White Oak Trail in Holden. Greenway offers opportunities for year-round recreation and nature exploration.

### **ICE, ICE, ICE**

The major ice storm of December '08 left countless trees down or damaged on the MCRT and White Oak Trail. Greenways volunteers and many good neighbors immediately helped cut through the downed trees to reopen the trails. Throughout 2009 teams continued clearing piles of brush, removing branches from drainage ditches and chipping or dragging brush away from the trail. As the year ended the rail trail and White Oak Trail were nearly back to normal after hundreds of hours of clearing by our dedicated network of volunteers.

### **Extending the Rail Trail**

Greenways managed construction of the MCRT in Oakham from Muddy Pond Culvert west one mile to the Route 122 crossing. Volunteers contributed many hours of planning, and they removed the trees from the old rail bed. Greenways contracted Mark Sadowski, East Hill Enterprises, Rutland to remove stumps and organics from the trail and drainage area and to install gravel base. Sadowski also expertly completed two Parker Brook crossings including rebuilding a large concrete-capped culvert, which was badly damaged by a 1990s beaver dam washout, and building abutments and placing a bridge where the 1938 hurricane washout occurred. The bridge was constructed from one of the "Big Dig" bridges that WG received. New decking and railings were added by Peter Scott of Gardner. The MCRT Task Force, led by Greenways Director Ed Yaglou, managed the project, and engineer Bruce Pennino donated his services. A DCR Recreational Trails Grant and donations from Greenways members helped finance the construction. The section of trail will receive a stone-dust paved surface in 2010.

### **Restoring the Trail in West Boylston**

The spring 2009 washout of the rail trail in West Boylston led to a partnership to repair and improve the trail between the washout and the Oakdale parking lot. Wachusett Greenways donors, the Town of West Boylston and the DCR all contributed funds and



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services. Greenways contracted the restoration with Bob Salvadore, of Salvadore Excavating, Barre. Salvadore, along with Jim Ryan and Randy Southwick ably handled the construction. Trail users offered rave reviews and streamed back to enjoy the trail.

### **Rail Trail Maintenance**

The Towns, Wachusett Greenways and the DCR carried out trail maintenance. The Town DPWs mowed the rail trail shoulders. Greenways volunteers' trimmed brush, cleared drainage, raked leaves, and planted and cared for flowers at the trailheads. Trail patrollers, who have adopted each trail section, provide regular care for the trail by removing downed limbs and the minimal litter at parking lots or along the trail.

In 2009, Wachusett residents especially appreciated the Town DPWs and DCR, who plowed the trail entrance parking areas. With wonderful snow, many enthusiastic neighbors were happy to hike, snow shoe or cross-country ski.

### **Refreshing Youth!**

Several enthusiastic youth teams helped during the year, and they were especially welcomed to help with the ice storm clean up. Middle-school students from Bancroft School, of Worcester, continued their tradition of community service by helping on the trail for three days during the school year. A powerful team of WPI students from the Alpha Phi Omega coed service fraternity helped on several trail days. Boy Scout groups in Rutland cleared sections of the rail trail. Cub Scouts from West Boylston helped on the White Oak Trail. The Holden YAHOO team helped clear the trail in Rutland.

Boy Scouts Phil Blake, Zach Kent, Mike Kent and Cameron Horton completed their Eagle projects. Brian Walsh initiated his project, which will be completed in 2010. Four scouts were from Holden troops and Phil Blake is a Sterling Scout. Zach cleared and improved a Trout Brook trail and painted new blazes on the trail across Trout Brook in Holden. Mike cleared and improved a low-lying section of the White Oak Trail near North Street, Holden. Cameron measured the five miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail in West Boylston and Holden and installed aluminum mile markers every 0.2 miles. Cameron also provided the GPS coordinates to the fire and police departments. Phil installed a split-rail fence and a shelter for a bulletin board at the rail trail parking at Miles Road in Rutland. Brian will install interpretive signage at the Rutland station water tower on the rail trail near Miles Road.

### **Trail Re-dedication, Family Fun Day, Springdale Mill Celebration**

On the last Saturday of September Wachusett Greenways held a triple celebration including re-dedication of the restored rail trail washout, the annual Family Fun Day, and the Springdale Mill Celebration.

Representatives of Wachusett Greenways, the Town of West Boylston, the DCR, the Town of Holden, our legislators and Salvadore Excavating united for the ribbon-cutting as an enthusiastic crowd welcomed the reopening of the trail connecting West Boylston and Holden. Everyone was invited to share a delicious cake followed by the day's festivities.



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The Family Fun Day event included a nature scavenger hunt, bugs-in-a-bucket, old fashioned games and storytelling. Each child was greeted and received a gift bag. The Springdale Mill Celebration at the historic mill site in Holden offered live music with Chas and Deb, tasty food, wool carding and spinning, and information about the Asian longhorned beetle and other threats to the forest. A Sam's Club Foundation grant helped support Family Fun Day and the Springdale Mill Celebration

### **StoryWalk™**

Greenways continued its installation of StoryWalk™, an interactive project, originally developed in Vermont that combines wonderful children's books with the pleasure of walking. An actual storybook is posted page-by-page along the trail for all to enjoy. This year we placed The Mitten in Sterling during the snowy months. Danny and the Dinosaur was placed along the rail trail in West Boylston in time for the September Family Fun Day and Springdale Mill Celebration. Many enthusiastic readers left notes in the guest book expressing their delight with the stories.

Year Round Events Outdoor events included hikes, interpretive walks, bicycling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, canoeing and moonlight adventures designed to offer fun and improved health.

### **Saying Goodbye**

Pauline Cloutier (July 20, 1930-November 18, 2009) was a stalwart Greenways supporter who served in many roles throughout more than a dozen years. She served as a Greenways director, managed the annual meeting, and helped with mailings, hospitality, trail clearing, patrolling, painting blazes, the Greenways Cookbook, the 2005 auction and much more. She enjoyed walking many miles outdoors and especially appreciated the "over-the-hill" connector for the rail trail. Pauline was still helping out on the trail and with hospitality until her death in November. She will be greatly missed.

We close 2009 with a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed during the first 15 years to help connect the Wachusett communities with trails and greenways. Onward together....

## **WACHUSETT EARTHDAY**

**Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center and Wachusett Recycled Resource Center**

Over the last two years a partnership of Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated (WEI) have established the new Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway, West Boylston. This center has been designed for year round collections of household hazardous products (e.g., oil-based paints, aerosols, pesticides) and bulk recyclables (e.g., appliances, electronics, tires, batteries, fluorescent tubes.)

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which are not weekly curbside pickups. The participating Watershed Towns are Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston.

Planners have included designated town representatives (AKA: Site Team members), the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and the volunteer board of Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated. In 2008 and 2009 efforts were focused on fund-raising, grant-writing, environmental site evaluation (e.g., wetland and watershed features), permitting and regulatory compliance and design for the new Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center. Gravel for the Center's roadways and parking areas was processed at a DCR site in Holden. The Town of West Boylston and the Department of Conservation and Recreation held discussions and entered into an agreement to help ensure that the Town's interests were addressed.

In 2008 an engineered design was developed by contractors. During the summer of 2008 trees were cleared from the site and the stumps were ground into mulch. In June of 2009 Capa Corporation was hired to perform earth work on the site including excavation, grading, installation of drainage and creation of a gravel-surfaced roadway and parking network. A used house trailer was donated in 2008, for use at the Center, and another trailer was donated, by the DCR in 2010.

The site was finish-graded in the fall of 2009, just in time for the first collection day on December 5, 2009. The December 5<sup>th</sup> collection included Household Hazardous Products ("HHP"). A hired environmental contractor collected HHP from residents of the seven participating Wachusett towns, while WEI volunteers and Site Team members directed traffic and recorded vital statistics pertaining to the collection.

The Wachusett Recycled Resource Center offering free recycled materials remained open at 52 Boyden Road in Holden. The Resource Center is open three times each week and is operated by volunteers. The Wachusett Towns contribute the utilities, and Oriol Health Care provides the space. During 2009 more than 10,000 visitors received free items for use in classrooms, theater programs, community programs and homes.

### 2009 Members of the Site Team:

Boylston—Nancy Colbert

Holden—Jack Chandler

Paxton—Charles Blanchard and Diane Dillman

Princeton—Arthur Allen

Abrams

MA Department of Conservation and Recreation—John Scannell

Rutland—Don D'Auteuil

Sterling—Bill Tuttle

West Boylston—Leon Gaumond

Wachusett Earthday—Colleen

### 2009 Directors of Wachusett Earthday:

Colleen Abrams, Susan Abramson, Arthur Allen, Karl Barry, Kelly Calamari, Patricia Charbonneau, Andre Gaudet, Eric Johansen, Michael Kacprzicki, Douglas Kimball, Stanley Miller, Caroline Perry, Kerry Raber, William Rand, Diane Spindler, Robert Spindler.



## ***TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS***

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### TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS NOVEMBER 17, 2008 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:20PM. MODERATOR DECLARED QUORUM PRESENT AND WARRANT DULY POSTED BY THE CONSTABLE, 174 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING RICHARD BEDARD, JAMES O'DONOUGH, REBECCA AHLFORS, MELINDA COYLE, ELLEN PARSONS AND DAVID JOHNSON

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57C, into law for the purpose of adopting or establishing a semi-annual preliminary tax payment system, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Board of Assessor

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT MASS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 57C, INTO LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING OR ESTABLISHING A SEMI-ANNUAL PRELIMINARY TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to purchase or lease a new van or truck for the Water Department from Water Enterprise Funds, or act anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Commission

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval by borrowing.

2/3 VOTES REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO PURCHASE OR LEASE A NEW VAN OR TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and pay a prior year bill in the amount of \$35,473.70 to the City of Worcester for Worcester Water from Water Enterprise Funds or act any way thereon.

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Article sponsored by the Water Commission

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED TO APPROPRIATE AND PAY A PRIOR YEAR BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,473.70 TO THE CITY OF WORCESSTER FOR WORCESTER WATER FROM THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase line item 0100-1450-1521-00, Worcester Water, in the Water Enterprise Expenses from \$410,000 to \$460,000 or act to do anything in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Water Commission

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO INCREASE THE LINE ITEM FOR WORCESTER WATER IN THE WATER ENTERPRISE EXPENSES FROM \$410,000 TO \$460,000.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize and allow the Paxton Housing Partnership to use approximately twenty (20) additional acres of Town owned land for a Senior Residential Development, which 20 acres shall permanently remain open and undeveloped, adjacent to the ten (10) acres already allowed for this purpose by vote of the Town on Article 4 of the June 3, 2002 Annual Town Meeting which twenty (20) acres (i) is approximately shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk's office, and (ii) is a portion of the land formerly of Klingele (Map 18, Lot 105), and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to permanently protect the remaining portion of Map 18, Lot 105 by means of a conservation restriction or other deed restriction; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Paxton Housing Partnership

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

ARTICLE WORDING AMENDED BY PAXTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP TO REPLACE "AUTHORIZE" WITH "REQUIRE" IN LINE SEVEN AND ADD ADDITIONAL WORDING AFTER THE WORD "PROTECT" "SUCH ADDITIONAL TWENTY ACRES PARCEL AND"

MOTION BY SCOTT RUNSTRUM TO AMEND ARTICLE TO READ:

FURTHERMORE, THE PAXTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, AND ANY ORGANIZATIONS LEASING ANY PORTION OF THIS 30 ACRES FROM THE TOWN OF PAXTON WILL BE DEVELOPED IN A FASHION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE RELIEF PURSUANT TO MASS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40B.

MOTION FAILED.



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MOTION PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO AUTHORIZE AND ALLOW THE PAXTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP TO USE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ADDITIONAL ACRES OF TOWN OWNED LAND FOR A SENIOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OPEN AND UNDEVELOPED. FURTHER TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT SUCH ADDITIONAL 20 ACRES PARCEL BY MEANS OF A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION OR OTHER DEED RESTRICTION.

YES 97

NO 60

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Collector a fee of \$30.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of January 1, 2009, or act in any way thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Town Collector

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION PASSED TO CHARGE FOR EACH WRITTEN DEMAND ISSUED BY THE COLLECTOR A FEE OF \$30.00 TO BE ADDED AND COLLECTED AS PART OF THE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 60, SECTION 15, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009.

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-ninth day of October 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman

Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice-Chairman

John F. Malone, Clerk

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

Deirdre L. Malone, Town Clerk

# **TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS**

## **TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS APRIL 13, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12PM.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.”

“All those in favor of adopting this rule please say “AYE”...all those opposed please say “NO””.

MOTION PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 157 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING STEPHEN LOFGREN, JOHN MCALEER, KATERI CLUTE, JEFFERY WENTZELL, WARREN BOCK.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,500,000 to pay costs associated with the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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Motion: That the sum of \$1,500,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs associated with the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

2/3 VOTES NEEDED TO PASS

YES 77

NO 71 MOTION FAILED

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$20,000 to continue an engineering study to determine the feasibility of developing a Town-owned water supply at Asnebumskit Reservoir or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO CONTINUE AN ENGINEERING STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A TOWN OWNED WATER SUPPLY.

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-third day of March 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman

Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice-Chairman

John F. Malone, Clerk

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

Deirdre L. Malone, Town Clerk

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

### TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MAY 4, 2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Paxton Center School Auditorium, West Street, Paxton on May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08PM.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.”

“All those in favor of adopting this rule please say “AYE”...all those opposed please say “NO”.

MOTION PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 172 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. MODERATOR ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD ONLY BE TAKING ACTION ON ARTICLES 3, 4, 8 & 9.

COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING SUSAN STONE, JOHN MCALEER, KATERI CLUTE, MARK GRABEK, WARREN BOCK.

**Article 1.** To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget: or act in any way thereon.

Article Sponsored by the Finance Committee.

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

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds (Free Cash and/or Overlay Surplus) and appropriate said sum 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 will make recommendation at Town Meeting  
Finance Committee will make recommendation at Town Meeting

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Superintendent; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.  
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUS.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2010 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. Expenditures for fiscal year 2010 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2009; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be reauthorized annually.]

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Funds to be Deposited From</u>	<u>Maximum Expenditure</u>
Council on Aging	Van Replacement	Donations and Fees from Riders	\$20,000.00
Recreation Revolving	Support of all Recreation Programs	Program fees, donation, gifts, private sponsorship, facilities, fees	\$40,000.00

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO RE-AUTHORIZE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS AS ABOVE.

**Article 5.** 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.



## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen will make recommendation at Town Meeting  
Finance Committee will make recommendation at Town Meeting

**Article 6.** 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 will make recommendation at Town Meeting  
Finance Committee will make recommendation at Town Meeting

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take \$200,000 or any other sum of money from Stabilization as an offset to the total budget for the fiscal year 2010; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen  
Board of Selectmen will make recommendation at Town Meeting  
Finance Committee will make recommendation at Town Meeting

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to under Chapter 114 Section 23 to accept the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery Commission, (a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk and can be viewed during regular business hours); or act in any way thereon.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ACCEPT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to (i) permanently preserve and protect by a conservation restriction, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 184, all 46 acres of town-owned property (currently in a Watershed District) formerly known as Klingele (Map 18, Lot 105), as open and undeveloped space, and (ii) to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary steps to effectuate (i) above. This will be in keeping with the 2008 Paxton Master Plan which promotes the rural character of the town by protecting water supplies and resources (property abuts Asnebumskit Pond), watershed areas, animal migratory routes and the aesthetic, natural appeal of open space on this lot; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by a Citizen Petition  
Board of Selectmen recommends disapproval.  
Finance Committee takes no position.

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS. YES 39 NO 111 MOTION FAILED.

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 twenty-third of April 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM TO BE RECONVENED ON MAY 18, 2009 AT 7:00PM.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
Deirdre L. Malone, Town Clerk

### RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 18, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04PM.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

"As the first item of business, I request that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance."

"All those in favor of adopting this rule please say "AYE"...all those opposed please say "NO".

MOTION PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

## **TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS**

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT WITH 52 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

NO BUSINESS TAKEN UP.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman  
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice-Chairman  
William A. Trotta, Selectman

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 7:06PM TO BE RECONVENED ON JUNE 1, 2009 AT 7:00PM

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
Deirdre L. Malone, Town Clerk

### **RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** **JUNE 1, 2009**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:51PM.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.”

“All those in favor of adopting this rule please say “AYE”...all those opposed please say “NO”.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT WITH 340 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO CHANGE THE DATE IN ARTICLE 1. “FOR THE TOWN FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009”. UNANIMOUS ALL IN FAVOR.

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

**Article 1.** To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget: or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Finance Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED ON THE FLOOR TO TAKE UP THE SCHOOL BUDGET FIRST. UNANIMOUS ALL IN FAVOR.

MAJORITY VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL WACHUSETT REGIONAL BUDGET OF \$4,954,933 AND UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET OF \$178,344. TOTAL SCHOOLS BUDGET ACCEPTED OF \$5,133,277.

DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET OF \$1,227,944.

MOTION MADE AND PASSED TO RESTORE \$50,000 TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PURCHASED SERVICES ACCOUNT 0100-1232-5200-00. TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET ACCEPTED OF \$1,192,170.

DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE TO ACCEPT PUBLIC SERVICE TOTAL BUDGET OF \$552,297.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL SANITATION AND ENVIROMENTAL BUDGET OF \$278,993.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET OF \$58,112.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL CULTURAL AND RECREATION BUDGET OF \$195,198.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING BUDGET OF \$155,131.

DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE TO INCREASE ACCOUNT 0100-1710-5760 DEBTS NOTES & BONDS BY \$220,000 FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$1,097,698 FOR THE DEBT FROM THE APPROVED BORROWING NECESSARY FOR THE ICE STORM AS PASSED BY THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 1, 2009.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE DEBTS NOTES & BONDS AS \$877,698.

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE INTEREST ON DEBTS NOTES & BONDS AS \$496,484.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL DEBT SERVICE AS \$1,379,182.

AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF INTEREST AND DEBT, FOLLOWING THE APPROVED VOTE FOR BORROWING FOR THE 2008 ICE STORM AS PASSED BY THE JUNE 1, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE DEBT ON NOTES & BONDS BY \$220,000. NEW TOTAL DEBT NUMBER OF \$1,097,698. AN INCREASE TO INTEREST ON NOTES & BONDS BY \$10,000 TO GIVE A TOTAL INTEREST ON NOTES & BONDS OF \$506,484.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE OF \$1,609,182.

TOTAL VOTED BUDGET EXCLUDING SCHOOLS IS \$5,269,027 TOTAL VOTED BUDGET INCLUDING SCHOOLS IS \$10,402,304.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE WATER EXPENSES OF \$692,805.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE WATER DEBT NOTES & BONDS OF \$25,000.

UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS OF \$5765.

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE WATER DEBT INTEREST ON NOTES & BONDS OF \$11,430.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds (Free Cash and/or Overlay Surplus) and appropriate said sum 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 PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSORS TO TAKE THE SUM OF \$244,551 FROM FREE CASH AND/OR OVERLAY SURPLUS TO OFFSET THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

**Article 5.** 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 taking no action.



## **TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS**

### **UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION**

**Article 6.** 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 taking no action.

### **UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take \$200,000 or any other sum of money from Stabilization as an offset to the total budget for the fiscal year 2010; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

**DECLARED MAJORITY VOTE TO TRANSFER \$150,000 FROM STABILIZATION AS AN OFFSET TO THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.**

Michael T. Quinlivan, Chairman

Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman

William A. Trotta, Clerk

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:30PM**

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

Susan Stone, Town Clerk

## **TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS JUNE 1, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on Monday, June 1st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:25PM.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.”

“All those in favor of adopting this rule please say “AYE”...all those opposed please say “NO”.

MAJORITY VOTE PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 340 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$670,000 to pay costs associated with the work completed for emergency response and clean-up during the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BORROW UP TO THE SUM OF \$670,000 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44, SECTION 8(9) OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK COMPLETED DURING THE 2008 DECEMBER ICE STORM.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$50,000 to pay costs associated with the chipping and disposal of approximately 25,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris and branches previously collected from the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BORROW UP TO THE SUM OF \$50,000 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44, SECTION 8(9) OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHIPPING & DISPOSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 25, CUBIC YARDS OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AND BRANCHES PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED DURING THE DECEMBER 2008 ICE STORM.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$210,000 to pay costs associated with the cutting, removal and disposal of hanging branches and leaning and hazardous trees from public ways and Town-owned property, resulting from the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BORROW UP TO THE SUM OF \$210,000 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44, SECTION 8(9) OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CUTTING, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF HANGING BRANCHES AND LEANING HAZADOUS TREES RESULTING FROM THE DECEMBER 2008 ICE STORM.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$800,000 to pay costs associated with the collection, chipping and disposal of vegetative debris and branches from public ways and Town-owned property, resulting from the Ice Storm of December, 2008, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(9) of the General laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE DECLARED BY MODERATOR TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BORROW UP TO THE SUM OF \$800,000 UNDER AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44, SECTION 8(9) OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLECTION, CHIPPING AND DISPOSAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AND BRANCHES RESULTING FROM THE DECEMBER 2008 ICE STORM.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the 2008 Paxton Master Plan, as prepared by the Master Plan Steering Committee with assistance from Central Mass

## **TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS**

Regional Planning and adopted on December 8, 2008 by the Paxton Planning Board, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Master Plan Steering Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval

UNANIMOUS VOTE PASSED TO ACCEPT THE 2008 PAXTON MASTER PLAN AS PREPARED BY THE MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

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 eleventh day of May 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. Quinlivan, Chairman  
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman  
William A. Trotta, Clerk

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:50PM

Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
Susan Stone, Town Clerk

### **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 11, 2009 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

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

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL  
WEST STREET

On Monday, the eleventh day of May, 2009 from 10:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

## TOWN MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

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

			Votes	Blanks	Write Ins
Selectboard	Three Years	William A. Trotta	462	180	9
Town Clerk	Three Years	Susan E. Stone	318	70	0
		Robert B. Orciuch	214		
		Kateri M. Clute	50		
Wachusett Regional School Committee	Three Years	William M. Clute	434	214	4
Assessor	Three Years	Joanne L. Savignac	464	164	4
Water Board	Three Years	David L. Trulson	453	197	2
Board of Health	Three Years	Thomas B. Carroll	443	202	7
Planning Board	Five Years	Henry B. Stidsen	456	192	4
Library Trustee	Three Years	Louise Eskine	453	6	458
Library Trustee	Three Years	Carolyn L. Grinstead	387		
Municipal Light Department	Three Years	Paul F. Crowley	453	194	5
Recreation Commission	Three Years	Susan P. Chianese	426	5	460
Recreation Commission	Three Years	Paul B. Riches	413		
Recreation Commission	Two Years	Charles G. Putney	436	212	4
Cemetery Commission	Three Years	Patricia F. Belsito	501	147	4

### Question

Shall the town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the cost of the emergency response and clean-up of the ice storm of December 2008?

**Yes    490            No    159            Blanks    9**

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

GIVEN under our hands this twenty-first day of April 2009.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman  
Michael T. Quinlivan, Vice-Chairman  
John F. Malone, Clerk  
Francis A. Ford, Moderator  
Deirdre L. Malone, Town Clerk





## TOWN CLERK

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK VITAL STATISTICS**  
**JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009**

**Birth, Deaths and Marriages**

Number of Births 29

Number of Deaths 33

Number of Marriages 9

**Dog Licenses Issued**

Males/Female 61 & 1 Transfer

Neutered/Spaded 624

Kennel Licenses 2

Amount Paid to General Fund \$8415.00

**Fishing Licenses Issued**

Amount Paid to

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife \$2078.75

Respectfully submitted

Susan Stone  
Town Clerk



# *TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

**Combined Balance Sheet  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	1,000,547	4,368,875	2,568,875		7,938,297
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	408,044				408,044
Other Receivables	18,779		200,939		219,718
Special Assessments		88,423			88,423
Loans Authorized				998,100	998,100
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations				12,297,220	12,297,220
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,370</b>	<b>\$ 4,457,298</b>	<b>\$ 2,769,814</b>	<b>\$ 13,295,320</b>	<b>\$ 21,949,802</b>
Payables	463,801	7,238	95,987		567,026
Allowance for Exempt. & Abatement	68,149				68,149
Deferred Revenue:					
Property & Excise Taxes	339,895				339,895
Other Departmental	18,779	88,423	200,939		308,141
Loans Authorized and Unissued				998,100	998,100
Notes Payable		714,678			714,678
Bonds Payable				12,297,220	12,297,220
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 890,624</b>	<b>\$ 810,339</b>	<b>\$ 296,926</b>	<b>\$ 13,295,320</b>	<b>\$ 15,293,209</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	13,835		52,091		65,926
Reserved For Expenditures	244,551				244,551
Other Reserves	(11,225)	272,088	2,357,073		2,617,936
Designated F/B		3,374,871			3,374,871
Undesignated F/B	289,585		63,724		353,309
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 536,746</b>	<b>\$ 3,646,959</b>	<b>\$ 2,472,888</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,656,593</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,427,370</b>	<b>\$ 4,457,298</b>	<b>\$ 2,769,814</b>	<b>\$ 13,295,320</b>	<b>\$ 21,949,802</b>

**Combined Balance Sheet -- Special Revenue Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	Grants	Revolving	Capital Projects	Trusts	Agency	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	401,764	336,526	2,331,140	1,238,821	60,624	4,368,875
Receivables	88,423					88,423
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 490,187</b>	<b>\$ 336,526</b>	<b>\$ 2,331,140</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,821</b>	<b>\$ 60,624</b>	<b>\$ 4,457,298</b>
Payables	7,238					7,238
Deferred Revenue	88,423					88,423
Notes Payable	714,678					714,678
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 810,339</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 810,339</b>
Reserved for Endowments				272,088		272,088
Reserved For Expenditures:						
Performance Bonds					60,624	60,624
Other	(320,152)	336,526	2,331,140	966,733		3,314,247
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (320,152)</b>	<b>\$ 336,526</b>	<b>\$ 2,331,140</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,821</b>	<b>\$ 60,624</b>	<b>\$ 3,646,959</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 490,187</b>	<b>\$ 336,526</b>	<b>\$ 2,331,140</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,821</b>	<b>\$ 60,624</b>	<b>\$ 4,457,298</b>



**Combined Balance Sheet -- Enterprise Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Total (memorandum)</u>
Cash & Investments	195,863	2,373,013	2,568,876
Receivables:			
User Charges	54,433	135,435	189,868
Liens	<u>1,908</u>	<u>9,163</u>	<u>11,071</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 252,204</u>	 <u>\$ 2,517,611</u>	 <u>\$ 2,769,814</u>
Payables	80,047	15,940	95,987
Deferred Revenue	<u>56,341</u>	<u>144,598</u>	<u>200,939</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>\$ 136,388</u>	 <u>\$ 160,538</u>	 <u>\$ 296,926</u>
Other Reserves	52,091	2,357,073	2,409,164
Undesignated F/B	<u>63,724</u>	<u></u>	<u>63,724</u>
 Total Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 115,816</u>	 <u>\$ 2,357,073</u>	 <u>\$ 2,472,888</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 252,204</u>	 <u>\$ 2,517,611</u>	 <u>\$ 2,769,814</u>

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	Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2010	Closed to Surplus
<u>MODERATOR</u>				
Salary	100.00	100.00		0.00
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	4,706.00	4,706.00		0.00
Secretary Salaries	33,882.00	31,514.88		2,367.12
Purchased Services	10,355.00	10,048.71		306.29
Supplies	3,000.00	2,990.24		9.76
Other Expenses	32,700.00	31,956.00		744.00
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
Salary	77,450.00	77,450.00		0.00
TSC Support	6,773.00	1,361.72		5,411.28
Purchased Services	3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
Car Allowance	1,200.00	1,200.00		0.00
Insurance Reimbursement	600.00	600.00		0.00
<u>TOWN SERVICES</u>				
Coordinator Salary	36,813.00	36,813.00		0.00
Temporary Help	5,194.00	0.00		5,194.00
Purchased Services	200.00	0.00		200.00
Supplies	100.00	0.00		100.00
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Secretary	500.00	0.00		500.00
Purchased Services	250.00	152.00		98.00
Supplies	25.00	0.00		25.00
RESERVE FUND	40,000.00	24,062.65		15,937.35
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salary	24,690.00	24,690.00		0.00
Purchased Services	200.00	0.00		200.00
Supplies	2,023.00	1,847.99		175.01
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
Board Salary	4,174.00	4,174.00		0.00
Administrative Assessors	25,150.00	25,150.00		0.00
Purchased Services	5,510.00	5,465.02		44.98
Supplies	300.00	163.54		136.46
Other Expenses	13,500.00	13,500.00		0.00
<u>TREASURER / COLLECTOR</u>				
Salary	15,652.00	15,652.00		0.00
Assistant	11,480.00	11,480.00		0.00
Purchased Services	6,800.00	6,800.00		0.00
Supplies	2,975.00	2,268.51		706.49

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<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>				
Salary	28,578.00	28,578.00		0.00
Purchased Services	7,800.00	7,017.48		782.52
Supplies	3,825.00	1,919.65		1,905.35
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
Legal	30,000.00	29,635.96		364.04
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
Purchased Services	25,574.00	25,090.40		483.60
Equipment	1,000.00	686.31		313.69
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salary	11,473.00	11,473.00		0.00
Record Keeping	90.00	0.00		90.00
Assistant	13,229.00	13,199.85		29.15
Purchased Services	2,150.00	1,269.51	154.19	726.30
Supplies	500.00	500.00		0.00
Elections - Salaries	6,650.00	5,210.85		1,439.15
Elections - Purchased Services	3,516.00	3,516.00		0.00
Elections - Supplies	1,984.00	1,984.00		0.00
Registrars - Salary	900.00	900.00		0.00
Registrars - Clerk	250.00	250.00		0.00
Registers - Census Taker	500.00	500.00		0.00
Registrars -Purchased Services	1,650.00	0.00		1,650.00
Registrars - Supplies	500.00	355.15		144.85
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
Clerk	546.00	0.00		546.00
Purchased Services	625.00	625.00		0.00
Conferences	150.00	95.00		55.00
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	1,800.00	481.04		1,318.96
Supplies	400.00	218.75		181.25
<u>ZONING APPEALS BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	1,400.00	513.73		886.27
Supplies	200.00	115.72		84.28
Dues	70.00	60.00		10.00
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,031.00	1,030.93		0.07
HISTORICAL DIST SUPPLIES	50.00	0.00		50.00
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
Custodian	7,024.00	5,527.62		1,496.38
Purchased Services	9,907.00	2,378.48		7,528.52
Supplies	2,600.00	2,284.56		315.44

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	Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2010	Closed to Surplus
Insurance Premiums	100,205.00	100,204.74		0.26
Town Report Purchased Services	4,000.00	2,708.24	313.71	978.05
Town Clock Purchases Services	360.00	360.00		0.00
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Chief Salary	73,150.00	73,150.00		0.00
Compensation	518,401.84	518,401.84		0.00
Sergeant	120,149.31	116,662.32	3,486.99	0.00
Secretary	31,883.76	31,883.76		0.00
Assistant Dispatcher	28,889.46	28,889.46		0.00
Purchased Services	25,473.00	25,473.00		0.00
Supplies	40,801.28	40,801.28		0.00
Dues	1,015.00	1,015.00		0.00
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Chief Salary	27,447.00	27,447.00		0.00
Compensation	128,408.00	111,505.56		16,902.44
Purchased Services	40,741.00	37,125.62	58.77	3,556.61
Equipment	20,500.00	20,421.47		78.53
<u>AMBULANCE</u>				
Compensation	133,015.00	125,147.33		7,867.67
Purchased Services	71,925.00	68,726.91	217.50	2,980.59
Supplies	25,300.00	25,025.91		274.09
<u>INSPECTORS</u>				
Building - Compensation	23,870.00	23,870.00		0.00
Building - Local Inspector	2,000.00	725.00		1,275.00
Building - Purchased Services	560.00	0.00		560.00
Building - Supplies	75.00	0.00		75.00
Compensation	5,000.00	1,925.00		3,075.00
Wire - Compensation	4,179.00	4,179.00		0.00
Wire - Assistant	112.00	112.00		0.00
Wire - Supplies	200.00	0.00		200.00
EMERGENCY MANAG COMPENSATION	1,311.00	1,311.00		0.00
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</u>				
Compensation	6,016.00	6,016.00		0.00
Supplies	1,183.00	1,054.64	119.35	9.01
FORESTRY - PURCHASED SERVICES	1,250.00	0.00		1,250.00
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
Salary	1,160.00	1,160.00		0.00
Hourly Employee	2,000.00	577.50		1,422.50
Purchased Services	8,000.00	8,000.00		0.00
Supplies	500.00	0.00		500.00
Trees	400.00	0.00		400.00

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<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
Wachusett Assessment	4,907,291.00	4,874,506.00		32,785.00
Vocational Assessment	163,684.00	163,684.00		0.00
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Salary	46,408.00	46,397.68		10.32
Compensation	230,445.00	203,708.49		26,736.51
Purchased Services	83,500.00	83,193.25		306.75
Supplies	41,102.00	40,789.53		312.47
Type 1 Blacktop	18,750.00	18,750.00		0.00
Snow & Ice - Overtime	37,560.00	34,476.39		3,083.61
Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand	100,128.00	114,526.02		(14,398.02)
Snow & Ice - Equipment	6,050.00	6,050.00		0.00
Street Lights Electricity	22,200.00	22,200.00		0.00
Cemetery - Salary	1,545.00	1,545.00		0.00
Cemetery - Compensation	4,120.00	2,443.83		1,676.17
Cemetery - Purchased Services	950.00	49.64		900.36
Cemetery - Supplies	3,125.00	3,125.00		0.00
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Waste Collections Contract	247,162.00	230,468.90		16,693.10
Salaries	338.00	338.00		0.00
Purchased Services	2,450.00	2,208.77	24.96	216.27
Supplies	500.00	498.58		1.42
Sanitation Engineer - Compensation	10,217.00	10,217.00		0.00
Inspector of Animals - Salary	450.00	450.00		0.00
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Director Salary	20,688.00	20,688.00		0.00
Van Drivers	18,934.00	15,887.44		3,046.56
Outreach Coordinator	11,668.00	9,170.63		2,497.37
Purchased Services	5,170.00	4,639.07	530.93	0.00
Supplies	5,100.00	4,634.42	381.05	84.53
Travel/Meetings	2,090.00	1,598.73		491.27
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
Salary	562.00	562.00		0.00
Purchased Services	100.00	0.00		100.00
Benefits	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Director Salary	40,703.00	40,703.00		0.00
Compensation	41,153.00	32,356.51		8,796.49
Children's Librarian	32,445.00	32,444.88		0.12
Purchased Services	19,946.00	15,602.70		4,343.30
Supplies	36,499.00	31,856.62		4,642.38



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<u>RECREATION</u>				
Director Salary	8,240.00	8,133.70		106.30
Compensation	3,155.00	3,155.00		0.00
Camp Director	2,270.00	2,200.00		70.00
Parks Director	20,497.00	19,708.50		788.50
Admin. Assistant	3,375.00	3,374.80		0.20
Purchased Services	14,750.00	14,085.69	141.22	523.09
Supplies	15,900.00	13,747.98		2,152.02
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	250.00	250.00		0.00
Supplies	300.00	73.05		226.95
Non Recurring Expense	500.00	377.70		122.30
<u>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</u>				
Principal:				
School Reconstruction	330,000.00	330,000.00		0.00
Title V Betterment	7,698.00	7,697.54		0.46
Street Sweeper	42,670.00	42,670.00		0.00
Ford Pick Up	29,330.00	4,000.00		25,330.00
Refurb Rescue Truck	33,000.00	300.00		32,700.00
School Windows	15,000.00	500.00		14,500.00
Interest:				
School Reconstruction	165,396.00	165,396.00		0.00
Street Sweeper	3,520.00	3,500.44		19.56
Refurb Rescue Truck	1,538.00	1,538.00		0.00
Window Replacement	2,668.00	2,668.00		0.00
Police Cruiser	746.00	746.00		0.00
Ford Pick Up	932.00	932.00		0.00
One Ton Truck w/Sander	1,584.00	1,584.00		0.00
Ambulance	987.00	987.00		0.00
DPW Door & Windows	934.00	934.00		0.00
Catch Basin	1,667.00	1,666.15		0.85
Short Term Interest	15,000.00	4,254.25		10,745.75
Public Safety Short Term Interest	201,570.00	145,767.54		55,802.46
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
Worcester County Tax	6,461.00	6,461.00		0.00
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	27,144.00	27,144.00		0.00
Air Pollution	1,162.00	1,162.00		0.00
Registry Non Renewal	2,580.00	2,280.00		300.00
MBTA	28,952.00	28,952.00		0.00
<u>OTHER</u>				
Employee Insurances	319,849.00	299,592.79		20,256.21
Medicare	27,647.00	27,647.00		0.00
Employee Assistance Program	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00
Life Insurance	1,700.00	0.00		1,700.00

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Social Security	26,586.00	26,370.88		215.12
Unemployment	7,810.00	7,137.48		672.52
Retirement Assessment	150,128.00	150,128.00		0.00
<b><u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u></b>				
Heat / Oil	21,721.00	16,840.58		4,880.42
Postage	7,495.00	6,600.00		895.00
Telephone	9,400.00	6,147.93	1,101.03	2,151.04
Electricity	29,360.00	28,922.60		437.40
Diesel	61,200.00	37,790.09		23,409.91
	<u>\$ 9,805,959.65</u>	<u>\$ 9,411,136.60</u>	<u>\$ 6,529.70</u>	<u>\$ 388,293.35</u>
<b><u>SPECIAL ARTICLES</u></b>				
Election - Voting Booths	10,500.00	3,894.00	6,606.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	33,000.00	32,996.00		4.00
Water Study STM 4/4/05	3,805.03	0.00		3,805.03
Refurbish Engine #1	4,087.00	0.00		4,087.00
COA Van Replacement	9,007.00	0.00		9,007.00
Update Master Plan	1,166.21	1,166.21		0.00
	<u>\$ 61,565.24</u>	<u>\$ 38,056.21</u>	<u>\$ 6,606.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,903.03</u>
<b><u>PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES</u></b>				
Highway	649.14	649.14		0.00
Fire	821.02	376.63		444.39
Selectmen	145.43	145.43		0.00
Zoning Board	132.36	23.28		109.08
Board of Health	169.16	169.16		0.00
Library	212.50	212.50		0.00
Paxton Housing Partnership	24,767.00	24,068.17	698.83	0.00
Treasurer	454.00	454.00		0.00
Misc.	1,500.00	0.00		1,500.00
Council on Aging	993.92	399.02		594.90
Public Buildings	2,781.60	2,329.25		452.35
Cemetery	11.63	0.00		11.63
	<u>\$ 32,637.76</u>	<u>\$ 28,826.58</u>	<u>\$ 698.83</u>	<u>\$ 3,112.35</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,900,162.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,478,019.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,834.53</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 408,308.73</u></u>

**WATER ENTERPRISE**  
**Appropriation / Expenditure Report**  
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Carried to Fiscal 2010</u>	<u>Closed to Surplus</u>
<b><u>WATER ENTERPRISE</u></b>				
Salaries	541.00	541.00		0.00
Superintendent Salary	11,494.00	11,466.45		27.55
Compensation	30,207.00	23,615.88		6,591.12
Purchased Services	137,763.00	127,889.27	2,091.00	7,782.73
Worcester Water	460,000.00	395,133.29	30,000.00	34,866.71
Board Supplies	22,700.00	17,318.57		5,381.43
Matching Grant Funds	3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
Water Quality Testing	8,000.00	3,395.00		4,605.00
Engineering Services	3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
STM 09 - Engineering Study	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
State Mandated Withdrawal	1,000.00	901.98		98.02
Van Lease Payment	7,200.00	6,805.00		395.00
Pump Station Interest	12,750.00	12,750.00		0.00
Pump Station Principal	30,000.00	30,000.00		0.00
Prior Year Bill	35,473.70	35,473.70		0.00
 <b>WATER ENTERPRISE TOTALS</b>	 <b><u>\$ 784,128.70</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 672,290.14</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 52,091.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 59,747.56</u></b>

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2009**

**STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS**

Gov Hwy Safety Grant	(1,655)	
911 PSAT State Grant	(2,902)	
Community Policing	6,035	
Police SETB Grant	(2,099)	
Fire Grant	6	
Chapter 90 Funding	(77,478) *	
Title V Septic Grant	145,764	
Library State Grant	29,684	
Cultural Council Grant	4,570	
MEMA/FEMA Ice Storm	(422,079) *	\$ (320,152)

\* BAN Issued

**REVOVLING FUNDS**

Police Gift/Donations	5,162	
Road Details	5,829	
Firearm Permits	4,950	
Fire Gift/Donations	1,903	
AMC Gift/Donations	77	
Ambulance Gift/Donations	4,923	
Ambulance Holden Hospital Fund	988	
Historical Comm Gift/Donations	2,835	
COA Gift/Donations	4,225	
COA 53E 1/2 Revolving	24,190	
Composting Bins	610	
Recreations 53E 1/2	35,093	
Wetland Protection	24,769	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	135,068	
Charter Communications	78,156	
Insurance <20K	7,749	\$ 336,526

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Public Safety Complex	2,031,140	
DPW Dump Truck	250,000	
Town Hall Design Project	50,000	\$ 2,331,140

**AGENCY FUNDS - Performance Bonds**

Glad Hill Associates	6,940	
Highland Village	43,549	
Fox Run / Molumco Development	2,073	
Forestdale Realty	8,062	\$ 60,624

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
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**TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL**

Cemetery Perpetual Care	98,683	
E.D. Bigelow School	1,000	
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000	
Village Improvement	1,000	
D. Russell Poor Fund	7,675	
Howland Library	10,000	
Richard Memorial Library	128,050	
Bigelow Library	24,107	
Hazel Gay Library	393	
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	180	272,088
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**TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE**

Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,105		
E.D. Bigelow School	998		
Village Improvement	1,423		
D. Russell Poor	8,808		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	59,221		
War Bond General Purpose	6,150		
Conservation Fund	41,315		
Richards Memorial Library	22,008		
Bigelow Library	142		
Howland Library	2,217		
Hazel Gay Fund	173		
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	899		
Municipal Affordable Housing	250		
Stabilization	431,130		
Capital Depreciation	369,894	966,733	\$ 1,238,821
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**Schedule of Outstanding Debt  
As of June 30, 2009**

	<u>Balance July 1, 2008</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30 2009</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<b><u>LONG TERM - BOND PAYABLE</u></b>					
School Renovations	3,630,000		330,000	3,300,000	165,396
Water Department	280,000		30,000	250,000	12,750
Title V Loan Program	99,917		7,698	92,220	5,188
Ambulance	-	42,070		42,070	-
DPW Bldg Renovations	-	40,100		40,100	-
DPW Dump Truck	-	250,000		250,000	-
DPW Equipment	-	71,500		71,500	-
DPW Truck	-	40,000		40,000	-
DPW Truck	-	64,000		64,000	-
Police Cruiser	-	32,000		32,000	-
Rescue Truck Refurbish	-	66,000		66,000	-
School Windows	-	114,000		114,000	-
Street Sweeper	-	85,330		85,330	-
Town Hall Design	-	50,000		50,000	-
Public Safety Complex	-	5,800,000		5,800,000	-
Public Safety Complex	-	2,000,000		2,000,000	-
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM</b>	<b>\$ 4,009,917</b>	<b>\$ 8,655,000</b>	<b>\$ 367,698</b>	<b>\$ 12,297,220</b>	<b>\$ 183,334</b>

**SHORT TERM DEBT PAYABLE**

Ambulance	42,370		42,370	-	987
DPW Equipment	71,500		71,500	-	1,666
DPW Renovations	40,100		40,100	-	934
DPW Truck	40,000		40,000	-	932
DPW Truck	68,000		68,000	-	1,584
Police Equipment	32,000		32,000	-	746
Rescue Truck	66,000		66,000	-	1,538
Street Sweeper	128,000	85,330	213,330	-	4,367
Window Replacement	114,500		114,500	-	2,668
Public Safety Complex	925,000		925,000	-	35,875
Public Safety Complex	4,075,000	5,000,000	9,075,000	-	109,893
Ice Storm Recovery - BAN		630,000		630,000	-
Chapter 90 - SAAN	138,258	84,678	138,258	84,678	3,387
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM</b>	<b>5,740,728</b>	<b>5,800,008</b>	<b>10,826,058</b>	<b>714,678</b>	<b>164,577</b>

**AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED**

	<u>Authorized June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Unissued June 30, 2008</u>
Public Safety Complex	8,798,100	998,100

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT**

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 ending June 30, 2009 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2008), 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 opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I did not audit the financial statements of the Electric Enterprise Fund, which represents 69% of total assets, 62% of net assets and 81% of revenues of business type activities and proprietary funds of the Town of Paxton. Those financial statements have been audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to me.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contain 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 statements presentation. I believe that my audit and the report of other auditors provide 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, 2009 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2008), and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Bill Fraher, CPA



*BOARD of ASSESSORS*

## **Report of the Board of Assessors**

After a state mandated Interim Year Valuation Adjustment, based on sales in 2008, the total taxable valuation as of January 1, 2008 for Fiscal Year 2009 was set at \$ 516,225,900.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2008 added \$2,614,800.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$42,972.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$355,800.

The Board received 18 abatement requests of which 7 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,

Donna L Graf-Parsons  
Administrative Assessors

**Board of Assessors**  
**Table 1**  
**Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary**

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>FY2009</u></b>	<b><u>FY2008</u></b>	<b><u>FY2007</u></b>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$9,257,666.00	\$9,023,340.00	\$8,293,103.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$457,932.00	\$486,297.00	\$537,827.00
Offset Items	\$678,655.00	\$693,365.00	\$651,882.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$66,299.00	\$80,945.00	\$74,970.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$55,000.00	\$40,232.22	\$368,565.05
Deficits Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$366.00
Final Court Judgments	\$27,177.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
 Gross Amount to be Raised	 \$10,542,729.00	 \$10,348,179.22	 \$9,926,713.05
 <b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$1,061,608.00	\$1,051,798.00	\$1,027,513.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$628,329.00	\$601,900.00	\$615,000.00
Water Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Local Receipts	\$1,235,559.00	\$1,181,367.00	\$1,144,586.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$414,432.00	\$155,973.00	\$509,061.00
Available Funds - Other	\$43,500.00	\$330,324.00	\$28,766.00
 Total Estimated Receipts	 \$3,383,428.00	 \$3,321,362.00	 \$3,324,926.00
 Net Amount to be Raised	 \$7,159,301.00	 \$7,026,817.22	 \$6,601,787.05
 Maximum Allowable Levy	 \$7,160,597.00	 \$6,947,696.00	 \$6,611,255.00
 <b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$533,890,700.00	\$577,412,000.00	\$574,813,300.00
Personal Property	\$5,773,079.00	\$5,047,247.00	\$3,935,560.00
 Total Taxable Property	 \$539,663,779.00	 \$582,459,247.00	 \$578,748,860.00
 <b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$13.26	\$11.92	\$11.42
Open Space	\$13.26	\$11.92	\$11.42
	\$13.26	\$11.92	\$11.42



Residential  
Open Space  
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop

\$13.26  
\$13.26

\$11.92  
\$11.92

\$11.42  
\$11.42

**Board of Assessors**  
**Table II**  
**Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

	<b><u>FY2009</u></b>		<b><u>FY2008</u></b>		<b><u>FY2007</u></b>	
<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	3	\$525.00	4	\$700.00	2	\$350.00
Clause 22: Veterans	22	\$9,900.00	23	\$10,300.00	20	\$9,100.00
Clause 37: Blind	6	\$2,625.00	7	\$3,062.50	7	\$3,062.50
Clause 41: Elderly	17	\$12,750.00	17	\$12,750.00	17	\$12,750.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$6,165.90	1	\$6,181.71	1	\$5,922.41
Totals	49	\$31,965.90	52	\$32,994.21	47	\$31,184.91
<b><u>Abatements</u></b>						
Real Estate	3	\$628.53	4	\$3,531.39	9	\$7,269.97
Personal Property	4	\$4,784.90	1	\$673.46	1	\$36.32
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	128	\$10,441.46	117	\$10,096.44	178	\$16,078.43
Total	135	\$15,854.89	122	\$14,301.29	188	\$23,384.72
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u></b>						
Bills Processed	4630	\$531,204.35	4940	\$604,653.34	4763	\$577,760.00
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$520,762.89		\$594,556.90		\$561,681.57

**Board of Assessors**  
**Table III**  
**Property Classification**

	<b><u>FY2009</u></b>	<b><u>FY2008</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/(Decrease)</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Residential	\$516,225,900.00	\$558,587,000.00	-\$42,361,100.00	-8.2%
Commercial	\$14,105,900.00	\$14,759,450.00	-\$653,550.00	-4.6%
Industrial	\$3,558,900.00	\$4,065,550.00	-\$506,650.00	-14.2%
Personal Property	\$5,773,079.00	\$5,047,247.00	\$725,832.00	12.6%
Total Taxable Property	\$539,663,779.00	\$582,459,247.00	-\$42,795,468.00	-7.3%
Exempt Property	\$61,809,100.00	\$62,651,900.00	-\$842,800.00	-1.4%
Total Valuation	\$601,472,879.00	\$644,268,347.00	-\$42,795,468.00	-6.6%



# *TOWN COLLECTOR*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

### Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$11,567.65	
Collected		\$92.92
Committed	\$50.42	
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$11,525.15
Total	\$11,618.07	\$11,618.07

### 2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$3,986.98	
Committed	\$61.25	
Refunded	\$874.58	
Collected		\$828.75
Abated		\$874.58
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$3,219.48
Total	\$4,922.81	\$4,922.81

### 2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$5,889.20	
Committed	104.99	
Refunded	\$303.12	
Collected		\$2,426.99
Abated		\$303.12
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$3,567.2
Total	\$4,922.81	\$6,297.31

### 2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$27,134.43	
Committed	\$61,630.26	
Refunded	\$3,258.17	
Collected		\$78,076.42
Abated	\$38.75	\$3,779.43
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$10,205.76
Total	\$92,061.61	\$92,061.61

### 2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008		0
Committed	\$469,407.85	
Refunded	\$4,092.55	
Collected		\$450,734.41
Payment Reversal	\$70.00	
Abated		\$6,382.03
Rescinded Abatement	\$33.75	
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$16,453.96
Total	\$473,570.40	\$473,570.40

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

### 2009 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	\$622.00	
Collected		\$622.00
Total	\$622.00	\$622.00

### 2009 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$10,734.64	
Collected		\$10,734.64
Total	\$10,734.64	\$10,734.64

### 2008 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$2,274.77	
Collected	Refunded \$2,500.00	\$482.27
Abatement		\$2,500.00
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$1,792.50

### 2009 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$76,551.05	
Collected		\$68,845.22
Abatement		\$2,323.32
Refund	\$2,000.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$7,382.51
Total	\$78,551.05	\$78,551.05

### 2008 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$105,200.92	
Collected	\$941.53	\$84,893.33
Abatement		\$2,268.98
Refund	\$1,531.33	
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$20,511.47
Total	\$107,673.78	\$107,673.78

### 2009 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$7,080,974.14	
Refunds	\$4,434.44	
Adjustment	\$6.59	
Collected	\$24,387.59	\$6,898,136.39
Exemptions		\$30,115.90
Abated		\$3,978.53
Transferred to Tax Title		\$22,015.59
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$155,556.35
Total	\$7,109,802.76	\$7,109,802.76



# REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

## Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable – Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$176,132.37	
Committed		
Transferred to Tax Title	\$28,101.88	
Collected		\$69,442.47
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$134,791.76
Total	\$204,234.25	\$204,234.25

## 2009 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2008		
Committed	\$21,882.09	
Collected		\$20,204.72
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$1,677.37
Total	\$21,882.09	\$21,882.09

## Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$32,871.51	
Outstanding July 1, 2009		\$32,871.51
Total	\$32,871.51	\$32,871.51

## 2008 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$146.30	
Outstanding July 1, 2009		\$146.30
Total	\$146.30	\$146.30

## 2009 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2008		
Committed	\$5,710.77	
Collected	\$162.60	\$5,345.67
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$527.70
Total	\$5,873.37	\$5,873.37

## 2008 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2008	\$966.99	
Committed		
Collected		
Outstanding June 30, 2009		\$966.99
Total	\$966.99	\$966.99

## 2009 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$18,195.86	
Collected	\$531.68	\$16,067.66
Into Tax Title		\$1,718.70
Outstanding June 30, 2009		941.18
Total	\$18,727.54	\$18,727.54

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

### 2009 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on all Taxes	\$23,345.16
Certificate of Municipal Lien	\$5,400.00
Parking Fees	\$0.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$21,555.00
Return Check Fees	\$125.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$2,410.00
Dog Fines	\$100.00
Treasurer's Interest	\$93,312.89
Betterment Receipts	\$6,102.28
Title V Receipts and Interest	\$15,853.83

### Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$637,244.05
Installation & Repairs	\$11,732.51
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$2,460.74
Water Lien Receipts & Fees	\$15,779.38
Water Late Charges Received	\$3,300.08
Total	\$670,536.76

#### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Deirdre L. Malone  
Collector



## *TOWN TREASURER*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Operating Cash	\$3,803,213.62
Receipts for the Year	\$19,701,004.75
Payments for the Year	\$17,000,289.59
Balance, June 30, 2007	\$6,503,928.78

### Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 2008

Webster Bank	\$6,580,530.63
NOW Accounts	(\$385,356.94)
Money Market Accounts	\$272,619.25
Agency Accounts	\$35,885.84
Petty Cash	\$250.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,503,928.78</b>
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### Interest and Dividend Income

Town Operating	\$36,899.96
Electric Depreciation	\$28,009.09
Agency Accounts	\$315.78
Electric Operating	46985.22
Tax Title	
Title V – Special Revenue	\$785.22
Cultural Council	\$70.30
Water	\$3,500.84

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116,566.41</b>
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### Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 2008

	Non-Spendable	Spendable
Richards Memorial Library:		
Trust (Book Value)	\$166,543.56	\$0.00
V. Howland Library Trust	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Other Library Trusts	\$25,318.23	\$0.00
Cemetery Trusts	\$221,449.26	\$24,085.67
Village Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$2,701.01
C.D. Boynton Poor Fund	\$1,000.00	\$15,090.59
C.D. Boynton Gen. Purpose	\$7,675.00	\$51,111.87
Stabilization	\$0.00	\$420,865.47
Income from WWII War Bonds	\$0.00	\$6,003.92
Conservation	\$0.00	\$40,331.79
Bigelow School Book Fund	\$1,000.00	\$777.15
AT&T Library Stock (Book Value)	\$0.00	\$180.00
Lucent Technology Library Stock		
(Book Value)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hazel Gay Fund	\$393.15	\$159.52
Capital Depreciation Fund		\$402,759.98
Capital Improvement		\$1,251.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$434,379.20</b>	<b>\$965,318.06</b>

## TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL	
Dennis Benoit	4,179.00
Charles Blanchard	78,562.81
Charles Bolster Jr.	195.50
Rosemary Buckley	11,483.78
Thomas Carroll	112.66
Donna Couture	20,673.06
Wayne Curran	10,217.00
Francis Ford	100.00
Frederick Goodrich	1,780.14
Donna Graf-Parsons	26,513.08
Timothy Hackett	562.00
Dennis Harney	3,052.50
Judy Hatstat	112.67
Doris Huard	1,391.33
Deirdre Malone	55,948.75
John Malone	1,658.43
Marilyn Mathieu	998.80
John Noonan	5,499.05
David Parent	112.67
Jean Parent	450.00
Michael Quinlivan	1,462.93
Carol Riches	31,219.60
Joanne Savignac	1,391.33
John Slabich	112.00
Adam Smith	1,160.00
Susan Stone	15,011.57
Richard Travers	1,050.00
Richard Trifero	23,843.25
David Trulson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	6,066.00
Jeffrey Wentzell	1,311.00
Nancy Wilby	36,751.74
Linda Wisnewski	3,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Rodolfo Acuna	2,996.89
Corey Anderson	3,222.38
Chris Bagdis	456.60
Matthew Benoit	2,196.30
Michael Benoit	18,771.54
Lionel Berthiaume	198.92
Kellan Boudreau	4,015.76
Steven Brotherton	612.50
Jay Conte	27,380.49
Peter Conte	4,477.28
Jeffrey Crosby	2,681.02
Thomas DeCroteau	2,079.44
Sean Doherty	3,022.84
Andrew Eisch	14,599.74
Michael Flek	192.00
Richard Gaffney	10,790.61
Daniel Gagne	17,885.63
Andre Gaudet	2,997.92
Donna Graf-Parsons	4,325.81
Kenneth Grensavitch	6,798.02
Christopher Hamilton	1,025.60
James Hansson	1,700.44
Richard Jenkins	9,556.81
Richard LaTour Jr.	19,265.33
Kevin Marchard	1,075.00
Adam Martin	1,737.50
Christopher McCluskie	10,124.46
Philip McPherson	2,022.84
Jeffrey Olson	15,770.52
Stephen Page	26,468.90
Ryan Patrician	4,027.44
Shane Perry	2,980.00
Michael Pingitore	7,570.22
Kevin Quinn	6,720.96



## TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

Gary Richards	7,880.96
Michael Rowe, Jr.	406.40
Thomas Savage, Jr.	26,023.14
Raymond Savignac	157.02
Orville Sheldon	49.56
Daniel Spencer	1,025.00
Matthew Stone	15,320.70
Ward, Alex	1,805.90
B. Peter Warren	7,478.18
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Matthew Benoit	32,401.59
Tracey Coetzee	13,459.27
Roni Huard	43,426.28
Samuel Knipe	45,377.48
Mark Leveille	45,752.68
Philip McPherson	39,417.93
Michael Putnam	61,005.91
Gary Richards	48,624.80
Peter Warren	1,180.00
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
Deborah Bailey	40,657.50
Jillian Balcewicz	1,558.52
Barbara Braley	5,154.00
Arnold Childs, Jr.	4,452.84
Aislinn Lewis	32,408.75
Danielle Martin	1,373.12
Jennifer Robideau	7,081.00
Lois Shorten	324.00
Susan Wheeler	12,028.00
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	
Kathy Card	3,371.03
Kristan Coffey	2,209.21
Steven Bunker	376.00
Sarah Cole	5,126.50
Richard Daly	656.00

Rory Glowick	2,300.00
Kimberly Hannigan	525.00
Craig Masterman	20,473.88
David Murphy	936.00
Mary Quinlivan	840.00
Daniel Riches	696.00
Joanne Riches	792.00
Katie Riches	816.00
Ryan Shooshan	624.00
Meredith St. George	872.00
Zachary St. George	840.00
Jessica Stanley	4,912.26
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Paul Belsito	8,458.59
Rosemary Buckley	9,105.89
Donmarie Desrosiers	7,435.98
George Heeley	24,696.54
<b>COMMUNICATIONS CENTER</b>	
Joseph Andrasik	6,692.95
Christopher Bergeron	30,467.44
Sean Cooney	9,701.37
Herbert Duggan	31,317.48
Andrew Eisch	5,083.88
Richard Fairbanks	35,125.84
David Opacki	6,854.52
Dean Osgood	4,975.66
Patrick Spencer	989.80
Timothy Sweeney	5,237.84
Michael Tarckini Jr	7,885.65
<b>LIGHT DEPARTMENT</b>	
Benjamin Allen	45,061.04
Michael Benoit	600.00
Susan Blackwood	41,523.00
Paul Crowley	600.00
Diane Dillman	85,936.00

## TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

Brian Foley	2,093.77
Jean Miley	10,044.00
Yvette Orell	51,143.05
Matthew Stone	27,293.09
Joseph Thompson	93,597.93
Emerson Wheeler	600.00
Timothy White	69,367.87
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Robert Desrosiers	79,933.81
Kenneth Johnson	68,894.44
David Keller	54,248.80
William Lang	68,261.90
Paul Newsham	87,092.34
William Reilly	73,995.56
Eva Ryan	32,398.73
Mark Savasta	95,205.60
Jason Silvestri	83,657.53
Forrest Thorpe III	68,795.48

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: [townofpaxton.net](http://townofpaxton.net)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

### DIAL "911"

Fire: 508-756-1400  
Police: 508-791-9296  
Medical: 508-791-9296

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 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-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am - 1pm. Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Nancy Wilby at 508-753-2803, ext. 11 for Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health

Town Clerk	Susan Stone	508-799-7347 Ext. 13
Board of Appeals	Paul Robinson, 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	Home: 508-868-8950
Wire Inspector	Dennis Benoit	Home: 508-799-0392
Fire Inspector	Matthew Stone	508-868-8928
Town Accountant	Donna Couture	508-754-7638 Ext. 13
Assessors	Joanne Savignac, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assessor	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon 508-754-7638 Ext. 16
Board of Selectmen	Frederick Goodrich, Chair Carol Riches, Administrative Assistant	Board meets every other Monday - Call in advance for meeting dates 508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Town Administrator	Charles Blanchard	Town Hall 508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Water Commissioners	John Malone, Chair	Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm
Municipal Light Department	Diane Dillman, Manager Michael Benoit, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Tuesday of each month. 508-756-9508
Police Department	Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief	Office: 10 West Street (Business Only) 508-755-1104
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch 508-791-6600
Recreation Commission	Paul Riches, Chair	Commission meet the third Monday of each month 508-752-7204
Council on Aging	Barbara Braley, Chair Gerry Ryan, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month. 508-756-2833
Conservation Commission	Christopher Keenan, Chair	Board meets the second Thursday of each month 508-735-0035
Historical Commission	Anita Fenton	Board meets the third Thursday of each month
Veteran's Agent	Timothy Hackett	Home: 508-755-1477
Richards Memorial Library	Debbie Bailey, Librarian Charles Innis, Trustee Chair	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month 508-754-0793

## LIBRARY HOURS

### HOURS:

Sunday & Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

### WINTER

CLOSED  
1-8 p.m.  
9-12 p.m.  
1-8 p.m.  
9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.  
10-4 p.m.

### SUMMER

CLOSED  
1-8 p.m.  
9-12 p.m.  
1-8 p.m.  
19-12pm, 1-5 p.m.  
CLOSED