# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF PAXTON

### Year Ending June 30, 2013



In Memory of Frederick G. Goodrich Select Board Member for the Town of Paxton October 27, 1935 to April 7, 2013

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## TOWN OFFICERS May 2012 to May 2013

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Board of Selectmen	
John F. Malone	Chairman 2014
Peter Bogren, Jr	
Frederick G. Go	
Julia Pingitore,	elected in June 2015
Town Clerk	
Susan Stone	2015
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Treasurer	0014
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Moderator	
Roger Brunelle	2014
Constables	
Paul F. Ruane	2014
B. Peter Warrer	
D. I Clei Waller	2014
Tree Warden	
James Robert	2014
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Wachusett Regional Sch	ool District Committee
William Clute	2013
Robert Pelczars	ki 2014
Municipal Light Board	
Michael J. Bend	oit, Chair 2014
Emerson Wheel	ler III 2013
John P. Crowle	y 2015
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Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2014
Joanne Savigna	
Janice Childs	2013
Water Board	C1
John F. Malone	
David J. Trulso	
Rodney S. Jenk	ins 2013
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Thomas B. Carr	
Judy A. Hatstat	2014
David Parent, C	Chair 2013
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Ch	air 2015
David Bennett,	resigned 2016
Jeffrey Kent	2015
Henry Stidsen	2014
Rob Jacobson	2013
Warren Bock	2016
Library Trustees	
Michelle Nelser	
Charles L. Innis	
Caroline Grinst	ead 2015

Patricia Dawson	2014
Roger Brunelle	2014
Kerry Orciuch	2015
Karen Putney	2015
Recreation Commission	
Betsy Howard	2014
Chuck Putney	2014
Roberley Tasca	2013
Mathew Noponen	2015
Paul Riches, Chairman	2015
Cemetery Commission	
Patricia Belsito	2015
Judi Mancini	2014
Christopher Stone	2013
Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives	
Robert Wilby	2014
Peter Schur	2015

#### **APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD**

Town Administrator Carol Riches	2013
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Se Donna Graf-Parsons	electmen 2013
Town Services Coordinator Sheryl Lombardi	2013
Town Accountant Donna Couture	2013
Superintendent DPW Michael Putnam	2013
Veteran's Agent Timothy Hackett	2013
Veteran's Grave Officer Timothy Hackett	2013
Inspector of Wires Dennis Benoit John Slabich, Asst	2013 2013
Building Commissioner Richard Trifero Richard Travers, Assistant	2013 2013

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Contro Adam Smith	2013
Board of Appeals Forrest Smith Kirk Huelhs Paul Robinson	2016 2013 2017

Richard Grensavitch,	2014	Deborah Bailey
Roberta Brien	2017	
Robert Callahan	2013	Cable & Communication Committee
Margie O'Donnell	2016	Carol Riches
Joseph Roche	2017	Raymond Charette, Chair
		Scott Wilson
		Gerald Ryan
Board of Registrars		2
Mary Ann Paquette	2014	Agents for License Commission
Phyllis Callahan	2013	Donna Graf-Parsons
Paula Mathieu	2015	
		Central Mass Regional Planning
Town Counsel		Christian S. Baehrecke
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2013	Neil Bagdis, Alternate
		e
Sexual Harassment Officers	2012	Personnel Advisory Board
Carol Riches	2013	Heather Courtney
		Paul Sullivan
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers	& Fence	Roland Card
Viewers		
Larry Hammerberg	2013	Council on Aging
	-	Council on Aging
Care of Clock	2013	Barbara Braley
Bruce Cheney		Robert Callahan
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Gino Gangai
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2013	Alice Crowley
	2015	Curtis Hammer
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>		George Howatt
Michael Pingitore	2013	Doris E. Huard, Assoc.
		Jean Wilde
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Joan Bedard
Jay Conte	2013	Natalie Siemen, Assoc
Police Department Chief		Louise Howatt, Assoc
Robert Desrosiers	2013	
	2015	Historical Commission
Full Time Officers	1.1.1.	Alfred Niemi
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2015	Susan Corcoran
David Keller, Patrolman	2015	Larry Spongberg
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2015	Anita Fenton
Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant	2015	Pamela Hair
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2015	Donna MacLean
Forrest Thorpe	2015	Barbara Beall
Joseph Coggans	2015	
		Historic District Commission
Conservation Commission		Donna MacLean
Marisa Ayvasian	2014	Jay Gallant
Michael Voorhis	2013	Paul Robinson
Christopher Keenan, Chair	2013	Roger Brunelle
James Robert	2013	
Daniel Gehnrich	2015	Cultural Council
Justin Thackeray, resigned	2015	Christie Barnes
Holly Robert, Associate	2013	Daniel Gehnrich
		Anita Fenton
		Barbara Lorge
Insurance Advisory Committee		Sara Root-Simone
Deirdre Malone	2013	Barbara Beall-Fofana
Yvette Orell	2013	
Samuel Knipe	2013	Anna Maria Scholarship Committee
Donna Graf-Parsons	2013	Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch
Eva Ryan	2013	Carol Riches
Harold Smith	2013	John Malone

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Capital Improvement C	committee	
Carol Riches	2013	
Forrest Smith	2013	
Gerald Ryan	2013	
Jeffrey Kent	2013	
James Stone	2013	
James Lang	2013	
Jeffrey Dumas	s, resigned 2013	
Frederick Goo	odrich 2013	

**Election Officers** 

**Beverly Berthel Donald Berthel** Kateri Clute Janice Carlson Cecilia Carroll Kathryn Kingsbury Patricia Cole Anita Fenton Gino Gangai Michelle Nelsen Annette McKiernan Marguerite Ryan Chris Starbard Sandra Vaudo Deirdre Malone Melinda Johnson Jacqueline LaFlash Maureen Lockman John Lucy Robert Wilby

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Joanne Savignac	2013
Robert Bostwick	2013
Bob Hayes	2013
Kevin Quinn	2013
Paul Mathieu	2013
Jay Gallant	2013
Scott Siemen	2013
Paul Robinson	2013
Carol Riches, Ex Offico	
Frederick Goodrich, Ex Offico	

Tow	n Hall Renovation Committee	
	Richard Fenton	2013
	Jay Gallant	2013
	Paul Robinson	2013
	James Stone	2013
	Roberta Brien	2013

Town Building Needs Committee	
Jay Gallant	2013
Paul Robinson	2013
James Stone	2013
Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Carol Riches	2013

#### **APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR**

Finance B	Board		
J	lamie Contonio	5. S 3	2014
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Ι	Mark Love		2013
J	lames Lang		2013
H	Richard Fenton, Chair		2015
. (	Cheryl Sleboda		2013
۰ J	lune Herron		2015
5	Scott Runstrom		2014
I	Peter Schur, resigned		2013

#### **APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Plumbing Inspector Dennis Harney John P. Dolen, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector Wayne Curran

Burial Agent Ronald Johnson

Animal Inspector Jean Parent

Animal Control Officer B. Peter Warren Jr.

Rubbish/Recycling Collection Allied Trash Removal

#### **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

First Responders

Cory Anderson EMT Michael Benoit –Captain – EMT James Foley EMT Kevin Kelly EMT Kyle Marcinkiewiz EMT Alex Ward EMT Andrew Miller EMT Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT Justin Bassick EMT Peter Conte EMT James Carlton EMT-P Dan Gagne EMT Richards Latour EMT Jeffrey Olson EMT Michael Pingitore EMT Thomas Savage Lieutenant EMT

#### **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

#### Firefighters

Rudi Acuna Cory Anderson EMT Justin Bassick EMT Michael Benoit - Captain - EMT Lionel Berthiame Peter Conte EMT James Carlton EMT-P **Richard Doughty** Amanda Drew James Foley EMT Richard Gaffney - Deputy Chief Dan Gagne EMT Jessica Genarro Kenneth Grensavitch - EMT James Hansson **Ryan Hobbs** Richard Jenkins - Deputy Chief Kevin Kelly EMT Brian Killelea **Richard Latour EMT** Kyle Marcinkiewiz EMT Andrew Miller EMT Jeffrey Olson EMT Michael Pingitore - Lieutenant EMT Kevin Quinn - Lieutenant Gary Richards - Lieutenant Michael Rowe Thomas Savage - Lieutenant EMT Alex Ward EMT



## REPORTS OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND BOARDS

#### <u>REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u> <u>ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13</u>

Unfortunately FY13 continues the trend of past year's as the money from state aid continues to shrink thus putting more pressure on the cities and towns to find other funding sources. Our major budgets are being cut while Wachusett Regional School District continues to ask for more money with no solid line item explanation forth coming. Hopefully some of the anticipated changes in the district office will come with a new approach towards the town and our concern about the tax rate increase and the service decrease.

Our Town Hall staff and all of the towns personnel will be reporting to the Town Administrator due to the passing of the Government Act which solidifies the way Paxton is run so that a change of the Board of Selectmen will not affect the direction the town will travel going into the future.

Town growth continues to be slow and the 21/2 % raise in taxes due to valuation continues to be low. On the bright side we did have a onetime windfall of free cash which hopefully will be used to stabilize our future plans.

The Town of Paxton and Anna Maria College are continuing to work together. We recently put an agreement into place with the colleges IT Department that provides technical support to the Town. This has alleviated a rather large expense that the town use to incur by having a private computer technology company support our needs.

Plans for our 250<sup>Th</sup> Celebration are moving forward, but the donations are not coming in as fast as we expected, but this is not stopping our committee from doing a great job.

The Department heads and along with the Town Administrator have been very successful in obtaining grants for such items as the culvert on Davis Hill Road, and a new fire truck for \$18,000 which would have cost over \$450,000 if we were to purchase it without the grant.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our employees for all their hard work. We had a successful year and I am confident we will have many more to come.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Malone Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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#### <u>REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u> <u>ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13</u>

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated department managers, town employees, elected officials and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all of their hard work and commitment to make Paxton a better place for everyone.

Fiscal year 2013 was a tough year for everyone with the passing of Frederick Goodrich a twelve year selectman and a person involved in many committees in town.

Budgets took precedent throughout the year with many departments struggling to make their reduced budgets work following a cut below the fiscal year 2012 town's budget.

However we still had many accomplishments as a Town including:

In July the Water Commissions signed a new contract with the City of Worcester

In September we saw the completion of the roof and windows repair at Paxton Center School for a total of \$1,296,980. The town received a total grant reimbursement through the MSBA Green Repair Program of approximately 52%.

In October Baypath Vocational School successfully passed their \$73.8 million renovation project through a special ballot of the ten member towns. Paxton in turn passed a debt exclusion vote to fund this expense.

The Sale of Town Owned Land Committee completed an inventory of the town owned land and recommend that no land is sold at this time.

In November we successfully obtained a Massworks \$200,000 grant to repair the Davis Road culvert. Work will start in August 2013.

Paxton along with Spencer and Holden was selected and funded for a corridor study of Route 31. The study will identify key areas including high volume areas, intersection traffic, flooding concerns and danger areas.

January the Fire Department successfully acquired a grant for \$76,000 to purchase defibrillators.

In March started the process to bring CodeRed an emergency alert system into town; this will be fully functional in July 2013

Also in March work began on the senior residential development on Holden Road/Grove Street.

In April as part of the expanded thirty town stormwater coalition, we received \$115,000 under the Community Innovation Grant.

We received reimbursement for Hurricane Irene totaling \$5419.

In June Town Hall employee tired of the drab first floor foyer took it upon themselves to spruce it up with a fresh coat of paint; the first time in many years.

To round off the year we held our second Paxton Days event at the Wentworth pool area which was very successful with over fifty vendors and Town organizations taking part in the event.

In ending I would like to thank Donna Graf Parsons, Administrative Assistant for her continued support that she provides on a daily basis to my office, the Board of Selectmen's office, and many other town boards and committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

#### Carol L. Riches Town Administrator

#### BOARD OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2013: Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Construction Inspections:	27
Food Establishment Inspections	22
Soil Percolation Tests	24
Septic Plan Reviews	24
Complaints answered	7
Semi Public Pool Inspections	6
Summer Camp Inspections	6
Housing Inspections	1
Disposal system construction permits issued	17

#### **<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>** ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

This budget year defining FY2014 spending was considerably less difficult than last year, in part due to an increase in state aid and free cash and a decrease in debt service. While net state aid increased a modest 2.6% from FY2013, certified free cash increased 98% (\$193,068) above last year's sum of \$196,154. This resulted from the long-awaited state reimbursement for expenditures incurred during the ice storm of 2008. Finally, the total debt service fell by \$73,491, a 5.6% decrease from FY2013. The cumulative effect of these three factors enabled most departments to receive funding that allowed the restoration of services disrupted by the FY2013 budget. A deficit of \$28,786 in the Snow and Ice account resulted from a particularly harsh winter. However, most of this deficit will eventually be reimbursed by the state. Overall, a municipal budget (operating plus education) for FY2014 as finally approved increased 2.9% above that for the previous year.

The budget that was presented at the annual town meeting included a 2.9% increase in the Wachusett Regional School District assessment, an amount that would have been difficult to meet without once again significantly decreasing municipal budgets. This has frequently been the case. For example, the FY2013 municipal budget adopted was less than that for FY2012, while at the same time the requested WRSD assessment was significantly greater than the

previous year. This year, it was decided to advise the town meeting to approve the WRSD assessment contingent upon an override of \$131,590. The override vote ultimately failed and the WRSD assessment was reduced to \$5,261,904, an increase of 0.48% above that for FY2013. In addition to education funding, this year's budget also included \$19,493 as our share of the Bay Path Vocational renovation project.

Paxton's Capital Depreciation Fund has continued to decline and presently stands at approximately \$65,500, while the Stabilization Fund is at \$140,738. At a special town meeting scheduled for September, 2013, the residents will be requested to supplement these funds for the first time in years. However, the amounts available are almost trivial compared to what is needed to adequately replenish these accounts. Meanwhile our aging municipal buildings continue to decline.

One disturbing trend was noted this year, namely a dependence upon the Reserve Fund and year end unspent money transfers to cover shortages in various budgets. \$38,462 of our \$40,000 Reserve Fund was used, more than half to underwrite the ambulance service (\$20,483). Another \$10,000 was used to restore a portion of Police service to the town that was reduced at last year's town meeting. Year-end budget transfers (the transfer of unspent funds to depleted budgets) amounted to \$34,369, an all-time high. A portion of this amount (\$13,403) was due to expenditures for oil, electricity and diesel, in part a result of a harsh winter. In any case, while these transfers primarily reflect the need to cover budget reductions for FY2013, these expenditures represent money that will not be in next year's Free Cash. Thus, year-end transfers for whatever reason in FY2013 involves money that will not be available for spending in FY2015.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Richard A. Fenton, Chair

#### PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

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

The time commitment and the risk of injury increases each year, therefore it is difficult to recruit new members to our profession. We advertise in newspapers, recruit at schools and solicit through word of mouth. New recruits must be willing and able to pass a physical examination, strength requirements, attend Mass Fire Academy Firefighter 1 and 2 sponsored by our regional fire district. The classroom and practical schedule is 206 hours completed in 5 months, and then all recruits must pass a written and practical state 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" EMT'S with training and skill reviews. The Town leased a second new 2008 ambulance in September 2008 using private

funds and donations. Paxton Fire licensed the 1999 Ford Ambulance BLS that will operate overnight and second EMS emergencies in Paxton.

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 Fire Department purchased a used Fire Truck 100' platform truck with a 1500 GPM pump through donations from Worcester County Memorial Park and the Killelea Family, and Conte Insurance and the Conte Family. The lettering for the Fire Truck was donated by the Hayes Family in Memory of Claire Hayes.

The Fire Department was awarded two substantial grants for needed equipment. The First grant was for ten new defibulators. Total grant award \$80,000. The second grant was to replace E-2 (1981 Fire Truck) with a new pumper/rescue fire apparatus. Total grant award \$450,000.

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 Justin Bassick EMT Michael Benoit - Captain - EMT Lionel Berthiame Peter Conte EMT James Carlton EMT-P **Richard Doughty** Amanda Drew James Foley EMT Richard Gaffney - Deputy Chief Dan Gagne EMT Jessica Genarro Kenneth Grensavitch - EMT James Hansson **Ryan Hobbs** Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief

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Kevin Kelly EMT Brian Killelea Richard Latour EMT Kyle Marcinkiewiz EMT Andrew Miller EMT Jeffrey Olson EMT Michael Pingitore – Lieutenant EMT Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant EMT Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant Michael Rowe Thomas Savage – Lieutenant EMT Alex Ward EMT

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte EMT Fire Chief

#### RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The Library continues to be a very busy place with its circulation of books, DVD's, magazines, Books on CD and museum passes. Numerous programs attract our regular patrons as well as new faces.

Grants from the Paxton Cultural Council funded passes to Broadmeadow Brook, the Ecotarium and the Higgins Armory Museum. They also funded 2 summer reading programs, Sparky's Puppets and Digging into New England. The Library's Friends Organization funded passes to the Worcester Art Museum, Tower Hill, and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Santa did his annual visit where over 100 children sat on his lap, gave their wish list and had their picture taken. Santa then visited the town common where Kathy Card and the Recreation Department had organized a sing along with the Paxton Center School.

This year the library hosted their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Rodeo with their largest group yet. The Paxton police once again offered their services in teaching the kids bicycle safety. The Library Friends group gave new bike helmets to each participant.

Summer Reading was very busy this year. There were 11 programs attended by 189 children and 73 adults. Lois Shorten, Children's librarian, had "home-grown" family nights with the help of volunteers. John Root did a program on rocks and meteors and Kristen Steinmetz did one on bugs; both fascinated the children. Two local artists showed the kids how cave painting was done. Mike Putnam from the highway department brought over a piece of heavy equipment that the children climbed over. The summer was definitely a "Dig into Reading" experience.

The Town approved the financing for the library to become a mini-net member in CW-Mars. CW Mars is a consortium of 155 libraries in Central and Western mass under a shared computer system that allows patrons to have access to more than 6 million items. With one universal library card, a patron may visit any member library and borrow material. The card also allows the downloading of digital books and movies from the catalog to a nook, kindle, I-pad or other reading or listening device. As part of this switch, the library has been re-bar-coding all approximately 32,000 material in order to be compatible. The Friends group paid for the actual computer changeover.

The library has been in the process of replacing their book dumb waiter with a lift that will allow handicap accessibility to the basement. This is being financed by accumulated Trust Income, donations, and very generous donations of \$10,000 each from Country Bank and the

Friends. Unfortunately, delays in construction have forced the Library to postpone its annual Book Sale until February as it still does not have access to its basement for the public.

All in all, it has been a very busy year and the Library is very pleased with all the collaborative efforts of patrons and Town Departments.

#### TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT FY 13

The Highway Department continues routine, seasonal maintenance of town roads and facilities. The reduction of funding for road repairs and infrastructure improvements is taking its toll as we are witnessing numerous roads and drainage structures in need of repair. The road program continues to fall further behind. Asnebumskit Road was the only road resurfacing project done in FY13. Paxton was awarded a grant from Mass Works for the replacement of a box culvert on Davis Hill Road, which should be completed in FY14.

The Department dealt with typical New England weather starting with heavy rain/wind events in August, September, and then Hurricane Sandy in October. This storm was luckily only a glancing blow which brought minor tree damage, temporary blocked roads and uprooted a century old spruce tree in Center Cemetery. The winter season started early with a 7" snowstorm first week in November, ice events in December, 30" blizzard in February and culminating with a 24" heavy wet snow on March 8. Those highlights were surrounded by numerous small storms with a season high snow total of 120 inches! Typical Paxton winter.

The hard work of the DPW staff, operating large plow trucks and heavy equipment, made it possible to keep roads passable at all times. Through the help of the Capital Improvement Committee, we have been able to purchase some new equipment, most recently, the delivery of a new one ton dump truck. These vehicles play a vital role for this department to function safely and efficiently all year long, yet most notably during winters such as this year.

The towns of Paxton, Holden and Spencer have been selected by Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) to have a Route 31 Corridor study conducted. This project is fully funded by CMRPC, which will identify and prioritize road/traffic improvements for this area. The final report will be an essential tool for potential future projects within this corridor which may qualify for state and/or federal funding. One project already on CMRPC books and moving forward is reconstruction of Holden Road.

Paxton is also benefiting from being a member of a regional storm water coalition which enables us to meet the EPA MS4 permit requirements. Most recently, 13 towns of the coalition received IPADS for entering and monitoring data into a regional software program assiciat5ed with storm water mapping and inspections. Requirements of the new MS4 permit.

Our Water Department daily operations continue to be run by Foreman Travis Thibault. His hard work and dedication in finding and fixing leaks has brought our unaccounted water figures down by millions of gallons. This essentially converts to cost savings for the Water Enterprise and ultimately provides funding for much needed water infrastructure improvements.

The DPW maintains the grounds at the two Town Cemeteries and Recreation facilities. Highlight this year was construction of a temporary ice rink for Recreation at the center ball fields adjacent to the new snack building. I would like to thank the dedicated staff of the DPW and all other town departments for their support as we work together to provide the Town of Paxton with such a vital service.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Putnam Superintendent

#### REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISION ANNUAL REPORT FY13

The Water Commissioners met monthly throughout the year and some of the activities of the year were as follows:

- Finalized the City of Worcester water purchase contract, this is a twenty year contract
- Increased all water rates to keep up with the maintenance costs of the water system,
- The Asnebumskit dam was inspected as is required every five years and found to be in "fair" condition, but required work on the part of the town
- The Cross Connection Control Program (CCCP) was undated by Mike Putnam, Superintendent and Travis Thibault, Working Foreman; the 2004 adopted Cross Connection Bylaw was the basis for this plan
- The CCR report was posted online for the first time as opposed to the previous year's method of mailing to each resident or placing in a newspaper. This was a savings for the Water Department
- Contracted with Tata & Howard to complete an Extended Period Simulation and Water Quality Study. Results showed that the aging of the water in the Maple Street water tank is causing a problem with the quality of the water. This is one of the reasons that the Commission is looking to replace this tank
- Agreed to be part of the CodeRed system that would alert customers of problems in the water system
- Repaired several water pipe leaks throughout town
- Completed the water hook up to the Senior Residential Development on Grove Street/Holden Road
- Lowered the water loss ratio; saving the department substantial money. This was due to the dedication of Travis Thibault, Working Foreman.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Michael Putnam, Water Superintendent and Travis Thibault, Water Working Foreman for all their hard work and dedication to provide residents of Paxton with safe drinking water and the support they provide daily.

Respectfully Submitted

John F. Malone, Chair

Water Commissioners

#### <u>REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION</u> <u>YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012</u>

The Light Commission thanks the employees of the Light Department for their continuing efforts to bring value to the ratepayers of Paxton and to the Town itself. During 2012, the Paxton Light Department contributed nearly \$5,500 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. We also manage the mercury bulb recycling program for the town and cover the full cost of the program, with some reimbursement from Wheelabrator. Meter reading and billing services provided for the water department and for the town's trash continues to keep costs at a minimum for ratepayers and taxpayers alike.

In 2012 the planned replacement of the aged infrastructure at the Wentworth Substation was completed. This was a very large and important project for the PMLD system. All of the switchgear and protective equipment owned by the PMLD was replaced as well as the substation underground getaways, as they were all approaching the end of their useful life. All equipment was replaced with state of the art components to ensure the future reliability of the PMLD Electrical Distribution System.

In an effort to better serve its customers, PMD introduced online payment processing. This system allowed customers to pay PMLD bills online with a bank account or credit card, as well as the value of paying at their convenience. In addition to simply paying bills, customers could access their payment and billing historical information online when registered. By the end of 2012, 16% of all PMLD payments were processed online.

Customers are reminded to conserve energy whenever possible and respond when energy alerts are issued. The actions you take affect your cost of power and the cost to all customers of the Paxton Light Department. The Paxton Light Department offers incentives for energy saving appliances and modifications in accordance with audit recommendations. Call the office or check out the department's website at www.townofpaxton.net.

In 2012 PMLD provided 23 energy audits and 105 rebates to customers who purchased Energy Star qualified refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners. These rebates and incentives totaled over \$5,225. Total estimated Energy Savings per year for operation of the appliances, and measures implemented during the energy audits is estimated to be 162 MBTU. This is equivalent to over 47,000 Kwhs for these 128 customers.

The Light Commission meets each month at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome and customers with specific concerns can be accommodated in the meeting schedule. The Commission is dedicated to providing first rate customer service and top quality power supply at the lowest possible cost. If we can serve you better, please share your ideas with us.

Management Discussion and Analysis of the 2012 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory D. DeStasi, Manager Michael J. Benoit, Chairman Emerson W. Wheeler III, Vice-Chairman John P. Crowley, Clerk-Secretary Paxton Light Commission

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis Of 2012 Operating Results Of The Paxton Light Department

Within this section of the Paxton Municipal Light Department's annual financial report, management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Paxton Municipal Light Department for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. 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. On December 31, 2012 it shows our net assets increased by \$85,744 or 1.9% over the year ending December 31, 2011.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarize our operating results and reveals how much of a profit was earned for the year. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$85,144 which was a decrease of \$18,597 as compared to the net income for the prior year.

The Statements of Cash Flows provides information about the cash receipts and cash payments during the accounting period. It also provides information about the operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the same period.

#### Summary of Net Assets

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Current Assets	\$2,495,090	\$2,087,710
Noncurrent Assets	4,241,507	4,342,069
Total Assets	<u>\$6,736,597</u>	<u>\$6,429,779</u>
Current Liabilities	\$425,736	\$267,210
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,850,086	<u>1,787,538</u>
Total Liabilities	2,275,822	<u>2,054,748</u>
Invested in Capital Assets,		
Net of Related Debt	1,946,726	1,140,495
Unrestricted	2,514,049	3,234,536

Total Net Assets	4,460,775	4,375,031
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$6,736,597</u>	<u>\$6,429,779</u>
Summary of Changes in Net Posi	tion	
	2012	<u>2011</u>
Operating Revenues Operating Expenses	\$3,384,125 <u>3,349,103</u>	\$3,583,436 <u>3,567,198</u>
Operating Income (Loss) Non-operating	35,022	16,238
Revenues (Expenses)	50,122	<u>87,503</u>
Income Before Contributions and Transfers Transfers In – Restricted	85,144	103,741
for Capital Projects	600	7,465
Beginning Net Assets	4,375,031	4,263,825
Ending Net Assets	\$4,460,775	\$4,375,031

#### **Financial Highlights:**

Operating revenues and expenses both decreased over the previous year. Decreased revenues were due mostly to a .58% decrease in kilowatt-hour sales from 2011. The decrease in expenses is due mainly to favorable natural gas costs. Power production accounted for 66% of operating expenses in 2012 and 67% in 2011.

Non-operating revenues and expenses consist of investment income, interest expense, and disaster recovery assistance. Our investment income increased from 2011 by \$33,645 as a result of favorable investment performance. The Disaster Recovery Assistance for 2011 was related to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for reimbursement of 75% of costs incurred. The Disaster Recovery Assistance as of December 31, 2012 was \$0 and \$71, 026, respectively.

The department had operating income of \$85,144 and \$103,741 for the years ending 2012 and 2011.

Our residential electric rates exclusive of the power cost adjustment have remained unchanged since 2004. Due to rising costs, the power cost adjustment was increased one-half cent per kilowatt-hour in March of 2010. This has resulted in the necessary revenue to cover power costs. The variance of power supply costs to billed revenues will continue to be 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 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 residents and businesses in the town of Paxton. There are circumstances that will make the 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. Working with electric power supply experts we continue to try to position ourselves to best manage the impact that adverse weather, and market economic conditions have on the rates of its customers so that these situations will not be an overbearing burden on our customers.

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. During 2012, the Department purchased 1,000,666 kilowatt hours more than those purchased in 2011. The 2012 purchased power costs were \$273,032 less than 2011. The reduction in power costs was mostly attributable to the Department's percentage of Berkshire Wind Renewable Energy Credits totaling \$171,979 for the year ending December 31, 2012. It is expected that this project will continue to reduce the Department's cost of power for future years.

ISO-New England has proposed changes to the existing Forward Capacity Market, through which electric generating capacity is procured three years in advance of the time it is needed to meet the demand for electricity in New England. Each utility is required to have sufficient electric generating capacity to meet its share of the regional demand for electricity. This is a requirement that consumer owned utilities have been able to satisfy by "self-supplying" the capacity they own or contract to buy. The right to engage in "self-Supply" has been a critical component to the current Forward Capacity Market Design, which was approved in 2006. The proposed changes to this are expected to have a negative effect on the department.

#### **Utility Plant and Debt Administration:**

#### **Utility Plant**

The Department's investment in utility plant assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$1,946,726 and \$1,140,494, respectively. Equipment replacement is part of an ongoing capital improvement plan to keep the Department in good operating condition.

#### **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 NGrid, 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.

In an effort to ensure stable costs for electricity in future years the Department worked with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company on a bond refinancing in 2001. This refinancing is expected to save the Department approximately \$1.4 million in interest over the

life of the bonds. There have been two other bond refinances, in 2011 and 2012. This refinancing is expected to deliver the Department greater than \$300,000 in savings over the life of the bonds.

#### **Significant Balances and Transactions:**

#### Purchased Power Working Capital

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (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. The Department currently has surplus in working capital.

#### 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, 2012 and 2011 was \$1,254,275 and \$1,741,470, respectively. In August of 2012 the Department borrowed \$500,000 from this fund to help pay for the substation project. This is reconstituted on a 15 year repayment schedule.

\* 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 2012 and 2011, we used \$162,070 and \$207,285 respectively, 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 in 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.

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 2009, 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 2010, MMWEC was still negotiating with interested parties for joint ownership. Commercial operation is currently scheduled for 2016. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$220 million.

Due to current market conditions the project has temporarily become inactive. All permits remain valid, to allow the project to resume activity when market conditions become more favorable.

Wentworth Substation

The Paxton Municipal Light Department takes delivery

#### ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

Fiscal year 2013 was one of the most challenging years our department has faced. With severe cuts to our operating budget we had to reduce our town's coverage. By the end of the fiscal year we were able to once again provide 24 hour coverage, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. The department finished its second complete year policing Anna Maria College on budget. We negotiated a third year budget with the college which now includes four full-time police officers being assigned to the campus. I would like to again thank the Selectboard, Finance Committee, residents, and my staff for making sacrifices in order to allow the above to happen.

The Police Department Administration is constantly looking for ways to secure grant funding. Based on statistics set forth by the state and government our towns makeup limits our qualification for many of the programs offered with most of the funding going to the larger cities and towns. This process has not discouraged us from looking into every opportunity possible. In June of this year our department was awarded a grant through the Stanton Foundation out of Cambridge Massachusetts which allowed us to develop a new K9 program. A dog will be purchased in early fall with its training beginning soon after. We are hopeful this new addition to our department will be available for service by the start of winter 2013.

As always we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. We welcome constructive criticism and new ideas. Any resident wishing to make a donation to the police department, please make the checkout to the Town of Paxton. We will assure you that 100% of the donations will go towards the betterment of the department as a whole. Anyone interested in contacting me can send an email to <u>policechief@townofpaxton.net</u> or call 508-755-1104.

#### **Chief Robert Desrosiers**

0	Abandoned Auto
86	Accidents
175	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
123	Animal Other Than Dog
0	Arson
4	Assaults
73	Arrests
95	Assist Citizen
26	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
4	Breaking/Entering attempts
1352	Business Checks
582	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
0	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
73	Disabled Auto
70	Disturbances
125	Dog Calls
7	Domestic Incidents
4	Drug/Narcotic Violations
99	Fire call/Emergency/Alarm
616	General Police
0	Homicide
9	House Checks
19	Larceny
29	Lockouts/Auto/Home
0	Loitering
338	Medical Emergencies
5	Mental Health (Section 12)
7	Missing Person
1	Motor Vehicle Theft
114	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
10	Parking Violation
2	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
18	Property (Lost/Found)
5	Property Damage
0	Recovered Motor Vehicle
15	Restraining Orders
1	Robbery
3	Repossession
4	Rubbish/Dumping
2	Runaway
3	Sex Offense
0	Shoplifting
1	Soliciting
4	Suicide/Attempts
40	Summons Service
81	Suspicious Autos
38	Suspicious (other)
59	Suspicious Persons
9	Threats/Harassment
703	Traffic Safety
7	Trespassing Incidents

3	Unattended Death
6	Vandalism
8	Warrant Arrest
7	Warrants/General
1	Weapons violations
27	Welfare Checks
36	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls
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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The John Bauer Senior Activity Center has become a more community based resource than ever before. The Paxton women's club has become a more integral part with more of their activities now being held here. They add much to the life here in the White building. There is now four days of senior based programs in the fitness room downstairs with the addition of indoor bocce on Fridays and indoor croquet on Wednesday. The Scout troops, both girls and boys are using the fitness room as well.

The travel program has been popular with eight day trips last year and at least that many day trips as well as a trip to Alaska this year. The friends of COA have become very active again by assuming the role of business managers for the trip program. They are also very responsive to our needs at the center. They will have replaced all the dining room chairs by the time of this publication and for that, our eternal thanks. There is now a professional sound system throughout the building, a gift from Saint Columba parish as they have replaced theirs.

The COA reached out to the new residents of the "Hills" when we all went there on St. Patricks day and put on a welcome coffee and introduced ourselves and invited all to our center.

This year we introduced e-letter and now 75 people including some in 8 states and 3 foreign countries get their newsletter this way. It makes it possible for families who live apart to know what their parents are doing and encourage them to take a more active role. The best part is this makes up for the time lapse in getting the printed form out to the homes and helps compensate for the huge increase in postage this year. We also have been taping some of our events and they are playing on channel 12, thanks to the cable committee for their assistance and interest in what we do here.

There is new excitement in the outreach department with the appointment of Cindy Love as coordinator, she brings great organizational skills and compassion to the office. We are still working to revamp our offerings to reflect the needs of a new generation of seniors. It encompasses more health and wellness programs than ever but, it is still the sense of a warm, caring and safe environment that is the most important thing that we can offer. That is the one constant that never changes. Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Ryan, Director

#### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

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.

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The purpose of the Historical Commission is to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton's past. The membership remained unchanged.

The Commission once again initiated preparation of their annual Historical calendar as a fundraiser. The theme of the calendar was a showcase of many typical activities in the daily lives of Paxton residents, including both recreation and work in the distant past.

A CD of the Commission's work on an "Our Town" series for the Audio Journal was offered on sale to town residents this year at the Historical Commission Office and Richards Memorial Library. It was also broadcast on cable for all residents.

Several Commission members gave tours of the Town hall to third grade students from Paxton Center School showing them Allen Hall with descriptions of social committee meetings, festive celebrations and town meetings once held there in addition to the basement tramp room and a unique 4 holer. It also initiated a coloring contest for ideas by the students on what the outside of the town hall was once painted.

Various artifacts were donated to the Historical Commission by residents throughout the year, including many photos and posters. They were scanned and added to the Commission's photographic collection. All books belonging to the Commission were categorized and documented.

Historical Commission member, Barbara Beall, concluded her work with Arcadia Press for the production of a commemorative book on the history on Paxton that would be offered for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration during 2015 and earlier. The nearly 180 photos with a detailed history were required for the book's completion. Scanning was completed for hundreds of archival photos which were then assembled in albums and CDs and thoroughly documented.

The Paxton Historical Commission also sponsored a talk by Thomas Kelleher, Chief Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village, at Richards Memorial Library. The talk, "Taverns and Tavern Life in New England", focused on the role of taverns and their impact on the public life of early colonial New England. From the food and drink to the songs sung by the fireside, this talk will look at what it was like inside the "public houses" that dotted the highways and center villages of virtually every town in New England. Nearly sixty people came to enjoy this interesting lecture and had many question for Mr. Kelleher.

Respectfully submitted: Anita Fenton - Chairman Membership: Larry Spongberg - Secretary Donna MacLean - Treasurer Barbara Beall, Sue Corcoran, and Pamela Hair

#### PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The Paxton Cultural Council was established to help in the funding of local artists, cultural groups and coordinators who submitted grant applications that would enhance the cultural experience of Paxton residents. The Council has supported numerous varied events all year long which are displayed on the town website throughout the year. It is the hope of the Council that many residents will take advantage of the offerings of this year's grantees.

New grant applications for the next fiscal year must be submitted with a postmark of not later than October 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. They should be sent to Paxton Cultural Council, 3 Nipmuc Road, Paxton, MA. 01612. Priority is given to local applicants whose programs are designed to enhance the lives of a significant number of Paxton residents.

Paxton Cultural Council members:

Anita Fenton - Chairman Sara Root-Simone - Secretary Christie Barnes - Treasurer Barbara Beall Daniel Gehnrich Mitzi Nelsen

Howard McGinn became a new member of the Paxton Cultural Council.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Fenton

#### PAXTON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

The Paxton 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was established to begin preparations for year long events in 2015 to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Paxton on February 12, 1765.

The Committee continued to maintain a website to allowed Paxton residents to keep abreast of any new developments in these preparations at <u>www.paxton250thcelebration.org</u>. Sales of commemorative throws including images of Paxton landmarks: Moore State Park, the Town Hall, the John Bauer Senior Center (also known as the White Building), the new Public Safety Complex, Richards Memorial Library, Paxton Center School, Anna Maria College, St. Columba Church, and the First Congregational Church continued at various locations in town.

A logo was developed including important images that defined the character of Paxton: faith (1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church), patriotism (a tricorner hat), and a rural heritage (a farmer's plow). This symbol was used to decorate coffee mugs and large drinking glasses which were also offered for sale. Bumperstickers with an 'I heart Paxton' phrase were also sold to raise funds for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2015.

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser was held to help raise funds for supporting the events planned for 2015.

Officers: Anita Fenton – Chairman Lindsey Stasiowski – Secretary (replacing Meaghan Puglisi) Robert Wilby - Treasurer

General Membership of the Committee was increased substantially to include:

Meaghan Puglisi, Paula Green, Michael Donnelly, Kay Kingsbury, Laurie Drazek, Gerry Ryan, Marisol Dittami, Howard McGinn, and Forrest Smith.

Efforts also continue in the planning of an army encampment at Ann Maria College on June 5, 6, and 7, 2015, an upcoming dinner at St. Columba Church in 2014, and other fundraising events.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis and welcomes additional members or suggestions to enhance our 250<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Fenton

#### WIRING INSPECTOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site <u>www.townofpaxton.net.</u> 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.

#### Respectfully submitted,

The Wiring Inspector is Dennis Benoit and he may be reached at 508-868-8950.

#### <u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE</u> <u>ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13</u>

The Committee first wishes to acknowledge the passing of our Chairman, Mr. Frederick G. Goodrich. Fred was an advocate for the townspeople and sincerely cared about Paxton's future. Fred's vision and resolve was instrumental in revitalizing this committee, and we were fortunate to serve with him. He will be deeply missed.

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee began the planning cycle in September 2012, reviewing the status of capital items procured in FY13, status of items on the current project plan, the Town's fixed assets, and current and project financial capacities. The Committee also began the steps to update the Committee's bylaw and create a manual to assist those involved in the planning, financing, and implementing capital improvements.

The Committee then formally solicited capital project requests from the Departments, Committees, Boards, and so forth. As part of the process, Department Managers were interviewed, and the Committee viewed equipment and facilities at the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Library. The Library discussed infrastructure projects, but deferred submission to a later FY. Replacement defibrillators and Emergency Trailer for EMS was considered, but a \$76,000 grant with \$4000 funded through the Town Reserve addressed these requirements. Additionally, acquisition of the Fire Department's Quint Truck was funded through private donation. Once all information and data was received, the Committee evaluated and prioritized the three projects submitted. We also considered information from committees and agencies to assist in our determinations.

Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended approval of the Committee's recommended FY14 capital budget. The following items were approved at the Annual Town Meeting:

- Police: Appropriate \$58,192 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase two Ford Interceptor Sedan Police vehicles, and authorize the disposal of the Police Department's 2004 and 2006 Crown Victoria police cruisers, with all proceeds deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund.
- Public Works: Appropriate the sum of \$55,325 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ford 350 pick-up truck with four-wheel drive and a plow, and authorize the disposal of the Department of Public Works' existing 1996 Dodge pick-up truck, with all proceeds deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.
- Fire: Transfer the sum of \$22,500 from the Capital Depreciation Fund, to provide a match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of \$427,500, and to appropriate the total of \$450,000 to purchase a fully equipped pumper truck, and authorize the disposal of the Fire Department's Engine 2 and Rescue Truck, with all proceeds deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.

Initially, due to the Town's projected budget deficit, the Committee did not intend to propose capital procurements for FY14. However, during the process of rating, it was determined that we could leverage the Capital Depreciation Fund, which had a balance of \$203,551, and recommended expending \$136,017 to replace aging equipment while ensuring operational missions and objectives were met. The Department Managers provided solid justification and sound logic when presenting their requirements to the Committee. Below is the justification for the three approved capital projects:

- Police: The Crown Victorian police cruisers have severe mechanical and structural issues. Both vehicles exceeded their useful life, and it is no longer economically feasible to repair in order to extend the service life. The 2004 vehicle has +110K miles/high idle use, rust/rot in both front fenders, steering shaft U-joint out of tolerances, and inoperable AC condenser and Tremco switch. The 2006 vehicle has +135K miles/high idle use, true mileage not known due to gauge cluster failure and replacement, steering rack weak/out of tolerances, electrical short in door alarm system (disabled), and air temperature blend motor broke/no heat.
- Public Works: Reliability and dependability of equipment is crucial, and the Superintendent is the first person called to respond to every DPW related emergency (& non-emergency) that may arise. The Superintendant puts many long hours and miles on this vehicle in checking roads, monitoring situations, and directing operations under varying environmental conditions. The 2006 Ford F350/4WD/Regular Cab Truck w/Plow

is mechanically sound, but the warranty has expired, and is showing signs of rust under cab and rear quarter panels. 2-year maintenance cost was  $\sim$  \$10K (JUL 10 - NOV 12). Recommendation is to assign this vehicle to the Highway Foreman and dispose of the 1996 Dodge pick-up truck, which is in poor condition and no longer economical to repair, as it is used primarily to check roads, transport manpower and tools/equipment to jobsites, and deliver material and supplies.

• Fire: Replacement of Engine 2 is identified in the Capital Plan as a \$450K unfunded future requirement. Obtaining a FEMA Grant now to replace the 32 year old truck benefits the town from an economical and financial standpoint. Additionally, there is the potential to recoup the \$22.5K through the sale of the two vehicles, and a savings gained by reducing the required capabilities (pumper & rescue) from two vehicles to one.

The Committee concluded FY13 by receiving citizen approval at the Annual Town Meeting to adopt a Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) Bylaw. This bylaw replaced the Capital Outlay Committee Bylaw that was enacted in 1966, and the approved changes are a combination of some overdue housekeeping measures, in addition to revisions that more accurately reflect the roles of the CIPC and capital planning in Paxton. The major change is the membership, which the Board of Selectmen appoints four members from the public, and one member (or designated representative) from the Town Administrator, Finance Committee, and Board of Assessors respectively.

The Committee also staffed for comment and completed its manual titled "Capital Improvements Program (CIP)". The manual describes the nine steps of the CIP, and contains the forms and other information necessary to execute a CIP. The guidelines provide a framework which will enable the Town of Paxton to make planned and consistent decisions about Town services and the associated acquisition and maintenance of the fixed assets.

Respectfully,

Forrest Smith, Vice Chair James Lang, Clerk Gerald Ryan James Stone Jeffrey Kent

#### WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FY13

As we begin the FY15 budget process for the Wachusett Regional School District, I wish to thank all Member Towns for their continued support of our schools and the children who attend them. We are a unique school district, which spans roughly 155 square miles and has over 7.000 students attending our schools. We celebrate the unique qualities of each town, yet strive to provide consistency for all students as they enter our high school and then head off into the world.

The Wachuseti Regional School District is a strong school system that provides its students with a quality education. The issue that our district must face is that our funding from the state is woefully inadequate, leaving the five towns to make up the difference in supporting the budget.

During the past year, WRSD leadership worked with town officials to better understand the ramifications of the lack of state funding and how it impacts schools and towns. When Chapter 70 funding remains flat from one year to the next. It becomes a challenge to both the District and the towns. The District must reassess everything from class size to developing a technology infrastructure if it chooses to reduce its budget to make less of an impact on the towns' budgets. The towns must balance their support of the school system within their own budgetary constraints. The funding formula used to provide financial support to our district and towns are flawed and must be changed at the state level if we are ever going to be able to make educationally sound decisions that are based on what the students need and not what we can afford.

This year. the District will continue to work with town officials in a transparent manner that will help to establish stronger relationships and, ultimately. a better understanding of our financial situation. We will not be seeking a restoration budget that would reinstate the many teachers and staff that we have lost over the past few years; however, we are looking to halt the drain that budget cuts have taken on the educational outcomes of students. If you visit any of our schools, you will find extraordinarily dedicated educators and administrators who go above and beyond for all students. We have drastically reduced our instructional support line so that teachers are spending more of their own money to support their classrooms. We need to work together to reverse this disturbing trend and reinvigorate our community.

As we begin to formulate a budget that is both fiscally sound but also educationally driven, we ask that each community review their town priorities and share them with the District so we are able to plan together to best meet the needs of all residents of the five towns. As the leader of our school district, I am developing a five year strategic plan that will lay out a budget conscious educational vision which will permit towns to plan accordingly whilst allowing the District to maintain a vibrant educational system that works for all students.

#### Wachusett Greenways Annual Report 2013

#### Grateful

Wachusett Greenways is grateful to every member and donor and to each of our partners: the Commonwealth, especially the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Wachusett Towns, local foundations and businesses. With the encouragement of so many, we've built and continue to maintain more than 18 miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT), including ten bridges and two tunnels. The MCRT is a premier location for learning to ride a bicycle, trying cross country skiing or snowshoeing, exploring with your family, or enjoying a good run or walk. Greenways also continues to maintain the 4-mile White Oak Trail in Holden which it completed in 2002.

In 2013 more than 200 volunteers helped carry out our mission. This year 700 members joined Wachusett Greenways and nearly 400 donors contributed to the MCRT Construction Fund. Since 1995, 2,604 generous donors and members have supported Greenways.

#### **Mass Central Rail Trail Milestones**

In 2013 Wachusett Greenways continued connecting the Mass Central Rail Trail with support from the DCR, local foundations and many individual donors. Wachusett Greenways installed a new 98' heavy-duty bridge across the Ware River in Barre as part of the extension from Coldbrook Road, Oakham west to the Route 122 Mass Highway rest stop in Barre. Fine grading was completed in preparation for stone dust 'paving' of this section.

#### **Teaming Up for Trail Maintenance**

Volunteers including Wachusett Greenways trail patrollers and volunteers continued to maintain the trail. The Wachusett Towns and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation also carried out vital trail maintenance including assisting with mowing rail trail shoulders and plowing parking lots.

#### **Community Volunteers**

Bancroft middle-school and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students returned for their annual series of volunteer days. WPI students from the Alpha Phi Omega coed service fraternity served for several trail days including the Springdale Mill celebration. Vertex Pharmaceuticals volunteers returned for their fourth annual community service day. This energetic team helped set stone for bank erosion and cut back brush along the Mile Road section of the rail trail in Rutland. St. John's High School seniors cut brush and refreshed the Springdale Mill area and Holden section of the rail trail. Jon O'Brien of Holden Boy Scout Troup 182 designed his Eagle project to improve the White Oak Trail and relocate a steep section.

#### **Community Outreach**

Greenways marched in the Rutland 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and welcomed visitors at community events in the Wachusett Towns including Holden Days, the Sterling Fair, Princeton's Hey Day at Wachusett Meadow and West Boylston Arts Festival. Greenways also held several hospitality days and trail counts on the rail trail.

#### Welcome Center

Development of the Welcome Center at 21 Miles Road in Rutland continued as interior improvements were completed. The Center now awaits the accessible ramp needed to open for visitors. Neighbors, Dave Camarra, Roland Veaudry and Doug Hagman donated snow plowing, mowing and leaf removal.

#### **Guide and Outdoor Events**

The Wachusett Greenways guide and map for the regions' trails, greenways and open spaces has been published and is available. Wachusett Greenways also offers sectional maps of the Mass Central Rail Trail and free year round trail events. Contact <u>www.wachusettgreenways.org</u> or Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:Colleen Abrams, ChairGordon ElliotChristy BarnesJeffrey KeayStephen Chanis, TreasurerMichael Peckar, Secretary

#### BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 238 students in June of 2013, and accepted a class of 305 Freshman in September of 2013. Our current enrollment has reached 1,111 students.

Of the 8 Paxton Seniors who graduated, 1 is now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 5 are now attending college. Currently, 18 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of our 21 vocational areas.

Four Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to complete projects for our towns. This ear we completed over 24 projects for the Town of Paxton and its residents, including projects for the Town of Paxton 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We will continue this type of work whenever possible, keeping in mind that the projects must be of educational value for our students.

Our evening school program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10 town District, as well as an additional 20 surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall programs had a combined enrollment of 1963, in programs ranging from Business and Finance, Career / Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health and Fitness; Hobbies and Crafts; home and job; language and art; and sports and leisure. The program also offered a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

We are taking advantage of every opportunity to seek private, state and federal grants to help u slower our costs to the district towns. In the 2013-2014 school year, we are receiving approximately \$676,506 in various grants. As usual, state and federal money is received with stringent requirements and reporting responsibilities.

The Wachusett Regional School System continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe that they share our feelings that all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

We at Bay Path will continue to serve Paxton with the finest vocational education programs available for high school students and adults, and will, when at all possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our student's education.

#### WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY13

Wachusett Earthday held 99 collections during 2013 at the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston. This represents a 62% increase in weekly recycling collections over 2012. The Center is a partnership of seven Wachusett Towns (Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston), the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the volunteer non-profit Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated.

The Center provides year-round collections of bulk, recyclable and re-useable items. The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center is open every week on Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to collect bulk, recycling and reuse items.

Wachusett Earthday provided four special collections of household hazardous products on the third Saturday of April, June, September and November from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition three free document shredding days were held at the Recycle Center on the third Saturdays of March, May and October.

The Holden Police Department offers continuous year round collection of pharmaceuticals and sharps at the Holden Public Safety Building. Several of the Wachusett Towns participate in national Drug Take-Back Days, and some collect sharps and/or pharmaceuticals during the year. Check Town websites for updates.

Early in 2013 the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center building for recycling and reuse opened. This 6000 square foot was constructed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Partnership Matching Fund Grants with half the cost of \$300,000 cost contributed by Wachusett Earthday individual donors as matching funds. More than 600 citizens donated to the match. On November 8, DCR Commissioner Edward Lambert, DCR Director Jonathan Yeo, DCR Regional Director John Scannell and Wachusett Earthday directors and volunteers and the Wachusett communities celebrated a successful partnership with a dedication ceremony.

In 2013, the number of recycle center visits by residents from the seven town region increased by 45% to reach 9,548. Over 5,000 gallons of household hazardous products were safely removed from the watershed. Collected items totaled 31 tons of electronics including computer monitors and TVs, 68 tons of appliances and metals, 880 tires, 353 propane cylinders, 33 fire extinguishers, 76 tons of cardboard, paper, plastic and mixed recycling. 244 tons of project debris and furniture, 477 appliances with refrigerants, one ton of fluorescents, one ton of alkaline batteries, thousands of rechargeable batteries and more than 1.5 tons of clothing. Over 15,000 returnable bottles and cans were collected. The Recycle Center received and gave away many thousands of craft, fabric arts and school supplies, holiday items, household items, small appliances, furniture and tools for reuse.

Community collaboration is key. More than fifty dedicated volunteers built shelves, cleaned and organized to open the new building. The volunteers served the community each week in all recycling areas. James Masse of West Boylston Boy Scout Troop 151 completed the shed for bulbs and batteries as his Eagle project. Volunteers Sherman Hill and Christian de Marcken completed finishing touches adding a recycled door and new ramp. Volunteers from Community Strategies began weekly service in December. Regional Cub Scout groups enjoyed educational tours and volunteered. Earthday volunteers offered free crafts and reuse and recycling information at Wachusett Town celebrations.

For 2014 four Household Hazardous Products collections are planned from 8 a.m. to noon on April 19, June 21, September 20 and November 15. In 2014 free document shredding will be held on March 15, May 17 and October 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. The Center will be closed on November 26 and December 24, 2014.

The Wachusett Regional Recycle Site Team includes designated representatives of the seven Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated. The Site Team meets periodically to review and plan operations. The volunteer board of Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated meets monthly to manage on-going operations.

2013 Members of the Wachusett Regional Recycle Center Town Representative Team:Boylston—Martin McNamaraRutland—Sheila DibbHolden—Dennis LipkaSterling—William TuttlePaxton—Carol RichesWest Boylston—Leon Gaumond, Christopher RuchoPrinceton—Arthur AllenWachusett Earthday—Colleen AbramsMA Department of Conservation and Recreation—John Scannell

#### 2013 Directors of Wachusett Earthday:

Colleen Abrams, Arthur Allen, Norma Chanis, George Dvorak, Andre Gaudet, Eric Johansen, C. Mary McLoughlin, Robert Paulson, Anna Perkins, Pat Popple, David Ryan, Helen Townsend and Robert Troy



## TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS AS PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

#### **Results of the Feb 26, 2013 Special Town Election**

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and onehalf, so called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition to and renovation of the Bay path Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 57 Old Mugget Hill Road, Charlton including the payments of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes: 139

No: 134

Total = 273

#### **Results of Annual Town Election of April 30, 2013**

Selectboard Peter G. Bogren, Jr.: 414 Blanks: 111 All Others: 8

Board of Assessors: Write-Ins: Kateri Clute: 7 All Others: 3 Blanks: 523

Municipal Light Board: Emerson W. Wheeler III: 400 Blanks: 132 All Others: 1

Water Commissioner: Rodney S. Jenkins: 394 Blanks: 138 All Others: 1

Board of Health: David G. Parent: 373 Blanks: 156 All Others: 4

Planning Board: Write-Ins: Robert E. Jacobson: 16 All Others: 7 Blanks: 510 Library Trustee - 2 Positions Charles L. Innis, Jr.: 350 Karen H. Putney: 382 Blanks: 333 All Others: 1

Recreation Commission: Roberley H. Tasca: 387 Blanks: 143 All Others: 3

Southern Worcester County Reg. Voc. School Committee: Peter M. Schur: 403 Blanks: 129 All Others: 1

Cemetery Commission: Christopher D. Stone: 428 Blanks: 104 All Others: 1

533 Total Voters for Annual Town Election on April 30, 2013



Town of Paxton Office of the Town Clerk 697 Pleasant Street Paxton MA 01612

Paxton's Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2013

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 91 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY SERVED AND POSTED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

## COUNTERS FOR THE TOWN MEETING WERE: JANICE CARLSON AND KATHRYN KINGSBURY

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested 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.

#### MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 1</u> 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, 2013 and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon. See attached budget for itemized items under each budget category. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval for all categories under article 1.

#### The first budget category under Article One was General Government.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate (or transfer from other available funds,) the sum of \$1,353,435, for the General Government Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Public Safety** 

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum \$1,482,048 for the Public Safety Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Public Service.**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum \$633,450 for the Public Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## Sanitation and Environment.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$296,194 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded

### The MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Human Services.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$66,157 for the Human Services Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Culture and Recreation.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$183,369 for the Culture and Recreation Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Central Purchasing.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$188,150 for the Central Purchasing Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Debt Service.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$1,248,676 for the Debt Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton then moved the entire budget excluding schools as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$5,451,479 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2014, excluding school, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### SCHOOL BUDGETS

#### **Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School Budget:**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$268,948 for the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School as requested in Article 1 of the Warrant. Motion was seconded.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Wachusett Regional School District Budget:

Richard Fenton moved the that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,238,066 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, and that the Town raise and appropriate the additional \$131,590 required to fully fund the Regional Agreement Spending Assessment, and thereby approve the district's budget for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of \$131,590 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(g).

# THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

# The Motion was then made to confirm the entire budget for all categories, including schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$5,451,479 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2013,, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant;

And I further move that the Town raise and appropriate [or transfer from other available funds,] the sum of \$268,948 for the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School as requested in Article 1 of the Warrant.

And I further move that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,238,066 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013, and that the Town raise and appropriate the additional \$131,590 required to fully fund the Regional Agreement Spending Assessment, and thereby approve the district's budget for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of \$131,590 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(g). Motion was seconded.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 2.</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, water charges or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise or act in any way thereon.

John Malone moved that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums for the Water Department devices:

Compensations	\$124,341
Expenses	\$571,717
Debt	\$36,538
Total	\$732,596

And that \$732,596.00 be raised as follows:

Department receipts \$732,596.00 Retained Earnings \$0.00

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 3.</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) and appropriate a sum of money, and authorize the Board of Assessors to utilize said sum to offset the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013; or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved article 3 as follows that the Town authorize the Assessors to take \$389,222 from available funds (Free Cash) and utilize said sum to offset the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2013.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 4.</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$58,192, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase two Ford Interceptor Sedan Police vehicles for the Police Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Police Department's 2004 and 2006 Crown Victoria police cruisers, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$58,192, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase two Ford Interceptor Sedan Police vehicles for the Police Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Police Department's 2004 and 2006 Crown Victoria police cruisers, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 5</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$55,325, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ford 350 pick-up truck with four-wheel drive and a plow for the Department of Public Works; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Department of Public Works' existing 1996 pick-up truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$55,325, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Ford F350 pick-up truck with four-wheel drive and a plow for the Department of Public Works; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Department of Public Works' existing 1996 pick-up truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 6.</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$22,500, or any other sum from the Capital Depreciation Fund, to provide a match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of \$427,500, and to appropriate the total of said sums (\$450,000) to purchase a fully equipped pumper truck for the Fire Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Fire Department's Engine 2 and Rescue Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$22,500, from the Capital Depreciation Fund, to provide a match for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant of \$427,500, and to appropriate the total of said sums (\$450,000) to purchase a fully equipped pumper truck for the Fire Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Fire Department's Engine 2 and Rescue Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicles to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 7.</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$19,497 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School improvement project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as Article 3, to pay for the first year's debt payment for the approved Bay Path Regional Vocational School District renovation project, or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$19,497 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School improvement project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as Article 3, to pay for the first year's debt payment for the approved Bay Path Regional Vocational School District renovation project

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 8.</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, water charges, or borrow through the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_\_, or any other sum, to replace the existing 75 year old Maple Street standpipe and associated components; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Commissioners.

John Malone moved that the town take no action on Article 8.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion: John Malone explained that they did not have time to get the appropriate information and cost out to the people of the town. The standpipe on Maple St. was built in 1934 and is no longer usable and they are looking to replace it.

## MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

<u>Article 9</u> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish an Open Town Meeting / Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator form of government that would confer upon the Town Administrator, substantially as set forth in a document entitled "Paxton Government Act", a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to establish an Open Town Meeting / Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator form of government that would confer upon the Town Administrator, the powers and duties substantially as set forth in a document entitled "Paxton Government Act", a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for inspection during regular business hours.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

<u>Article 10:</u> To see if the Town will vote to disband the Capital Outlay Committee formed by a vote of the May 16, 1966 Annual Town Meeting, as the responsibilities of said committee are now performed by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee; or take any action thereon.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to disband the Capital Outlay Committee formed by a vote of the May 16, 1966 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 11</u> To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) Bylaw, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection during regular business hours; or take any action thereon. Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) Bylaw, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection during regular business hours

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

<u>Article 12</u> To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren, Jr. moved that the Town vote *to* accept any funds to be allocated by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 13</u> To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for the fiscal year beginning On July 1, 2013 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, with all expenditures under said revolving accounts not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in prior fiscal year, as follows

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	Purpose	Funds to be Deposited from	Maximum Expenditure
Council on Aging	Van Replacement	Donations and fees from riders	\$25,000.00
Recreation Revolving	Support of all Recreation Programs	Program fees, donations gifts, private sponsorship, facilities fees	\$50,000.00
Library	Purchase New Books	Fines for overdue books & videos	\$20,000.00

Or act in any way thereon.

It was moved that the Town vote to re-authorize for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, namely, Council on Aging, Recreation Revolving Account and Library Revolving Account.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 14 To</u> see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and replacing Section 1 with the following:

Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1.1. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of members from each participating town, each such member to be a registered voter of the town that the member represents. The Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members with representation as follows:

Four (4) members
Two (2) members

Each committee member shall be entitled to one weighted vote at all committee meetings.

#### 1.2. ALLOCATION OF PROPORTIONAL WEIGHTED VOTES FOR MEMBERS AND TOWNS.

The total voting value for members from each town represented on the Wachusett Regional District School Committee shall be in proportion to the population of the member town compared to the total population of all member towns combined. Population data shall be the latest annual official Town census, as certified by the Town Clerk of each of the member towns. The calculated total voting value for a member town shall be equally divided amongst the elected and /or appointed members from the member town to determine the assigned weighted voting factor for individual committee members of the member town. The calculated weighted voting factors for each member and town based upon the 2012 Town census figures are set forth in Table 1.

#### TABLE 1

Town	2012 Census Population [Towns]	Percentage of Combined Population	K-12 Committee Members	Weight Weight Member Town
Holden	18,568	43.18%	4	10.795% 43.18%
Paxton	4,590	10.68%	2	5.34% 10.68%
Princeton	3,562	8.28%	2	4.14% 8.28%
Rutland	8,787	20.44%	2	10.22% 20.44%
Sterling	7,488	<u>17.42%</u>	<u>2</u>	8.71% <u>17.42%</u>
TOTALS:	42,995	100%	12	100%

1.3. Such allocation of weighted votes shall be reviewed, and adjusted if necessary, annually on or before July 1st. The allocation of weighted votes will be so calculated as to have all representatives from a member town assigned the same vote value.

1.4. With the exception of the terms of office of the existing membership of the Committee, the Committee membership shall remain constant at twelve (12) members.

Downsizing of the current Committee (22) will be accomplished by reducing by half the number of open seats rounded up to the next whole number for a member town at each town election until the member town attains the required number of seats as set forth in Table 1. Should a member resign and the Town is still above the required number of seats, that seat shall be eliminated as of the effective date of the resignation.

1.5. Each member's voting weight will be calculated on a yearly basis as of July 1st of any given year in accordance with the Member Towns' annual census. Should a member resign and the position will not be replaced due to downsizing, or after an election where the size of the Committee is reduced, the weight of votes will be recalculated immediately.

1.6. The District shall annually request and obtain from the Town Clerks official annual census figures before July 1st of each year. The District shall give written notice to the Board of Selectmen of the member towns of any resulting changes in the voting allocation of any member town.

1.7. The method of nomination or election of the members to the Wachusett Regional District School Committee from a member town shall be the same as candidates for an elective office in the member

town. All members shall be elected for a three (3) year term. If a vacancy occurs in the Wachusett Regional District School Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectmen of the member town to which the vacancy relates shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and his successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

1.8. Weighing the votes of Committee Members according to the population of the Town they represent shall be effective at the first organizational meeting of the Committee after the approval of the Amendments by the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District. A majority of the Members' weighted vote shall constitute a quorum of the full School Committee and not a majority of its members.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended disapproval.

#### MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013 by deleting the existing Section 1. Members of the Regional District School Committee, subparagraphs 1.1. through 1.6. inclusive and by substituting therein the following language:

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended disapproval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.

<u>Article 15</u> To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 9 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follow (new text <u>underlined</u>):

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 9, Annual Report, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding the following sentence:

"When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge." so that Section 9 reads as follows:

The District shall submit to each of the Member Towns an annual report containing a detailed financial statement and a statement showing the methods by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed, together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of such schools as may be deemed necessary by the Committee or by the Selectboard of any Member Town. When requested by a representative of Member Town's government, an electronic version of budget documents will be furnished at no charge.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 16</u> To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 14.1. of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follows (deleted text in strikethrough, new text underlined):

The Wachusett Regional School District Agreement shall be reviewed every five (5) three (3) years by the Committee. The Committee shall hold a public hearing to receive comment and proposed changes from the citizens of the Member Towns. The Committee shall prepare and submit a written report to the Selectboards of the Member Towns.

#### **MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14.1**

#### OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.1. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the number "five (5)" and inserting the number "three (3)" as contained in Article 16 of the warrant."

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORTH THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

<u>Article 17</u> To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of Section 14.2 of the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement, as follows (new text <u>underlined</u>):

This Agreement may be amended by recommendation of the Committee and approval of Member Towns of the District by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting provided that not more than one Member Town disagrees and subject to the approval by the <u>Commonwealth of Massachusetts</u> <u>Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>. No such amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes of the District then outstanding or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof; provided, that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon (Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951).

#### **MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14.2**

#### OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 14.2. of Section 14, Amendments, of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by deleting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education" in Section 14.2. and inserting the name "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education" as contained in Article 17 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 18</u> To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Wachusett School District Regional Agreement by adding a new Section 17.7 as follows:

Section 17.7: Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit.

#### MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 17

#### OF THE AMENDED WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

Robert Pelczarski moved that the Town vote to approve the Amendment of Section 17. Lease of Schools of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as approved and recommended by vote of the Wachusett Regional District School Committee on March 18, 2013, by adding a new Section 17.7 which reads as follows:

17.7. Each maintenance agreement shall have a provision for the emergency use of school buildings and an annual maintenance audit.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Article 19</u> To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Title V Fund Balance, a sum of \$7,698 from Special Assessments Title V Receipts Account (septic system loan program) to pay

the principle and interest due on Notes payable to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

John Malone moved that the Town appropriate from the Title V Fund Balance, a sum of \$7,698 from Special Assessments Title V Receipts Account (septic system loan program) to pay the principle and interest due on Notes payable to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement *Trust*.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A note of appreciation was given to Brett Drum for his help at the meeting.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

#### MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 8:12P.M.

Submitted by: Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk Roger Brunelle, Moderator

#### TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 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 Paxton Center School Cafetorium, 19 West Street, Paxton on August 27, 2012 at 7:00PM.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.

The Moderator stated that "this is a Special Town Meeting which was called for the purpose of adjusting the amounts of expenditures that were approved at the Annual Meeting on May 21, 2012 for various town departments. These adjustments are required because the amount of expenditures approved in the original budget were based upon the assumption that an override vote on June 26, 2012 would be passed. The override did not pass. The original budget was also based upon a budget figure from the Wachusett Regional School District which has been reduced since May 21.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 141 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE WARRANT HAD BEEN PROPERLY SERVED AND POSTED.

#### THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID

#### MODERATORE 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."

#### MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

THE MODERATOR STATED BEFORE ARTICLE ONE WAS TAKEN UP THAT "AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS BUDGET ALLOCATES VIRTUALLY EVERY DOLLAR OF TAX REVENUE THE TOWN EXPECTS TO HAVE AVAILABLE FOR FY 2013, AND THEREFORE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE ONE BUDGET WITHOUT DECREASING ANOTHER. THEREFORE, IF ANYONE INTENDS TO MAKE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ANY BUDGET FIEM, I WILL RULE THE MOTION OUT OF ORDER UNLESS THE MOVING PARTY IDENTIFIES WHERE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE INCREASE WILL BE COMING FROM."

The Moderator then moved Article 1 as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend the following accounts within the fiscal year 2013 budget in order to restrict further expenditures within these accounts. These reductions are made necessary due to the override vote on June 26, 2012 not passing, or act in any way thereon.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The moderator then requested that Motions be made as to each separate category of the budget under Article 1.

Richard Fenton moved the first budget category under Article 1 which is General Government as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,322,726 for the General Government Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

General Government	Approved May Budget	Amount Adjusted	Approved Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup> Budget
122-5200 Selectmen Purchased Services	\$9615.00	\$480.00	\$9,135.00
122-5400 Selectmen Supplies	\$1704.00	\$1204.00	\$500.00
122-5700 Selectmen Other Expenses	\$19,712.00	\$781.00	\$13,931.00
123-5200 Town Administrator			
Purchased Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$200.00

129-5200 Town Services Coordinator			
Purchased Services	\$100.00	\$26.00	\$74.00
131-5102 Finance Committee Secretary	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
141-5200 Assessors Purchased Services	\$5,510.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,010.00
141-5700 Assessors Other Expenses	\$29,400.00	\$2,857.00	\$26,543.00
145-5103 Assistant Treasurer	\$16,410.00	\$3,750.00	\$12,660.00
145-5200 Treasurer Purchased Services	\$6,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,400.00
145-5400 Treasurer Supplies	\$425.00	\$75.00	\$350.00
146-5200 Town Collector Purchased			
Services	\$7,300.00	\$1,788.00	\$5,512.00
146-5400 Town Collector Supplies	\$2,325.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,100.00
151-5200 Legal Services	\$20,000.00	\$1,655.00	\$18,345.00
161-5200 Town Clerk Purchased Services	\$2,350.00	\$900.00	\$1,950.00
163-5200 Registrars Purchased Services	\$1,100.00	\$262.00	\$338.00
171-5700 Conservation Commission			
Conference s	\$150.00	\$89.00	\$61.00
175-5400 Planning Board Supplies	\$194.00	\$55.00	\$139.00
176-5400 Zoning Board of Appeals Supplies	\$934.00	\$106.00	\$828.00
192-5400 Public Building Property Supplies	\$2,800.00	\$1,404.00	\$1,396.00
193-5200 Insurance and Bonds Premiums	\$112,946.00	\$10,000.	\$102,946.00
250-5200 Public Safety Building Purchased			
Services	\$30,540.00	\$1,220.00	\$29,320.00
250-5400 Public Safety Building Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the next budget category under Article 1 which is Public Safety as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,285.968 for the Public Safety Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

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Public Safety	Approved	Amount	Approved
	May Budget	Adjusted	Aug. 27th Budget
210-5103 Police Department			
Compensation	\$723,895.00	\$32,422.00	\$691,473.00
210-5200 Police Department Purchased			
Services	\$26,696.00	\$9,440.00	\$17,256.00
210-5400 Police Department Supplies	\$34,003.00	\$3,254.00	\$30,749.00
220-5200 Fire Department Purchased			
Services	\$43,491.00	\$3,433.00	\$40,058.00
220-5800 Fire Department Equipment	\$22,960.00	\$8,460.00	\$14,500.00
232-5200 Emergency Medical Services			
Purchased Services	\$33,825.00	\$10,876.00	\$22,949.00
232-5400 Emergency Medical Services			
Supplies	\$21,953.00	\$453.00	\$21,500.00
241-5102 Building Commissioner			
Compensation	\$19,868.00	\$300.00	\$19,568.00
241-5103 Building Commissioner			
Local Inspector	\$1,750.00	\$850.00	\$900.00
241-5200 Building Commissioner			
Purchased Services	\$560.00	\$300.00	\$260.00
241-5400 Building Commissioner Supplies	\$50.00.	\$25.00	\$25.00
292-5200 Animal Control Officer			
Purchased Services	\$1,050.00	\$484.00	\$566.00
295-5103 Tree Warden Hourly Paid			
Employee	\$400.00	-3200.00	\$600.00
295-5200 Tree Warden Purchased Services	\$5,000.00	-\$65.00	\$5,065.00
295-5400 Tree Warden Supplies	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00
295-5700 Tree Warden Trees	\$1,000.00	\$585.00	\$415.00

The motion was seconded.

Board of Sclectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the next category under Article 1 as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$606,630 for the Public Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

Public Service	Approved May Budget	Amount Adjusted	Approved Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup> Budget
421-5103 Highway Department		TELL MANAGE	rug. 17 punget
Compensation	\$237,356.00	\$1,000.00	\$236,356.00
421-5200 Highway Department			220000000
Purchased Services	\$110,000.00	\$11.520.00	\$93,480.00
421-5400 Highway Department Supplies	\$37,989.00	\$11,655.00	\$26,334.00

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved under Article 1 the Sanitation and Environment budget as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,113 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

Sanitation and Environment	Approved	Amount	Approved
	May Budget	Adjusted	Aug. 27th Budget
491-5400 Cemetery Commission Supplies	\$1,538.00	\$559.00	\$979.00
510-5400 Board of Health Supplies	\$350.00	\$162.00	\$188.00

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

#### THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the Human Services budget under Article 1 as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,652 for the Human Services Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

Human Services	Approved	Amount	Approved
	May Budget	Adjusted	Aug. 27th Budget
541-5104 Council on Aging			
Outreach Coordinator	\$10,787.00	\$514.00	\$10,273.00
541-5103 Council on Aging Van Drivers	\$18,035.00	\$768.00	\$17,267.00
541-5200 Council on Aging Purchased			
Services	\$2,300.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
541-5400 Council on Aging Supplies	\$3,150.00	\$350.00	\$2,300.00
541-5700 Council on Aging Other Expenses	\$1,290.00	\$500.00	\$790.00

Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the Culture and Recreation budget under Article 1 as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,553 for the Culture and Recreation Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itenzized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

Culture and Recreation	Approved	Amount	Approved
	May Budget	Adjusted	Aug. 27th Budget
610-5103 Library Compensation	\$35,004.00	\$2,004.00	\$33,000.00
610-5200 Library Purchased Services	\$19,637.00	\$3,775.00	\$15,912.00
610-5400 Library Supplies	\$34.230.00	\$2,276.00	\$31,954.00
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
630-5103 Recreation Seasonal Employees	\$3,060.00	\$2,560.00	\$500.00
691-5200 Historical Commission			
Purchased Services	\$250.00	\$26.00	\$224.00
691-5200 Historical Commission	\$3,060.00	\$2,560.00	

#### Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

## THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNAMIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the Debt Service under Article One as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,322,167 for the Debt Service Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

## Debt Service Approved Amount Approved 710-5760 Debts Notes & Bonds May Budget \$378,465.00 Adjusted -\$13,000.00 Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Budget 3391,465.00 715-0000 Interest on Notes and Bonds \$430,142.00 -\$560.00 \$430,702.00

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the Central Purchasing Budget under Article 1 as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,325 for the Central Purchasing Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warvant.

No adjustments to Central Furchasing.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the entire budget excluding schools under Article 1 as follows: 1 move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,240,134 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2013, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the Wachusett Regional School District Budget as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,471,293 for the Wachusett Regional School District, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant. The motion was seconded.

Wachusett Regional School District	FY13 May Budget	-	Amount Adjusted	NY13 Aug. Approved Budget	
Minimum Local Contribution	\$4,170,910.00		59.00	\$4,170,010.00	
Regional Agreement Spending					
Assessment	\$593,437.00		\$40.057.00	\$553,430.00	
Long-Term Debt Repayment					
Assessment	\$237,794.00		50.00	\$237,794.00	
Transportation	\$279,007.00	7.	\$0.00	\$279,007.00	
Oil Remediation Debt Assessment	\$10,723.00		\$0.00	\$10,723.00	

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Richard Fenton moved the entire budget for all categories as follows: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,240,134 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2013, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant; and I further move that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,471,293 to pay its assessed share of the Warrant. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. THE MOTION PASSED AND THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted: Roger Brunolle, Town Moderator Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk



# TOWN CLERK

## **TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT**

#### JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

## VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

<b>BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES</b>	BIRTHS,	DEATHS,	AND N	<b>1ARRIAGES</b>
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Number of Births:	30
Number of Marriages:	8

Number of Deaths: 31

#### DOG LICENSES ISSUED:

Male/Female:	47
Neutered/Spade:	498
Kennel Licenses:	2

Amount Paid to General Fund: \$7,241.85

## FISHERIES & WILDLIFE LICENSES AND STAMPS ISSUED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2012:

New Electronic Licensing System went into effect at the beginning of January, 2012 and Licenses were no longer issued at the Town Clerk's Office.

Amount Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: \$

\$258.00

Respectfully submitted: Susan E. Stone Town Clerk



# **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

## Combined Balance Sheet For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

		General Fund	Spe	cial Revenue Funds		Enterprise Funds		Long Term Debt	(m	Total emorandum)
Cash & Investments Property & Excise Tax Receivables		1,243,452 243,615		1,708,298		2,519,960				5,471,710 243,615
Other Receivables		113,705		100,418		319,441				533,564
Loans Authorized								798,100		798,100
Amount to be Provided for Long										
Term Debt Obligations								9,711,430		9,711,430
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Total Assets	\$	1,600,773	\$	1,808,716	\$	2,839,401	\$	10,509,530	\$	16,758,420
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Payables		186,828		39,021		39,440				265,289
Allowance for Exempt & Abatements		175,738								175,738
Deferred Revenue:										
Property & Excise Taxes		67,877								67,877
Other Departmental		113,705		100,418		319,441				533,564
Loans Authorized and Unissued								798,100		798,100
Bonds Payable								9,711,430		9,711,430
Total Liabilities	\$	544,148	\$	139,439	\$	358,881	\$	10,509,530	\$	11,551,998
Reserved for Encumbrances		0.040				00.000				04.040
and Continuing Appropriations		9,849 389,222				22,000				31,849
Reserved For Expenditures Other Reserves		(25,912)		317,912						389,222 292,000
Designated F/B		(20,012)		1,351,365		2,260,118				3,611,483
Undesignated F/B		683,466		1,001,000		198,403				881,869
Total Fund Balances	\$	1,056,625	\$	1,669,277	\$	2,480,520	\$	-	\$	5,206,423
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	1 600 772	\$	1 909 710	¢	2 820 404	¢	10 500 500	¢	10 759 400
	φ	1,600,773	φ	1,808,716	\$	2,839,401	\$	10,509,530	\$	16,758,420

## Schedule of Special Revenue Funds As of June 30, 2013

STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	1 057	
FEMA Grant	1,957	
SETB Police Grant 911 Grant	(3,796)	
	(1,985)	
Fire Safety Grant	2,679	
Fire Equipment Grant	6	
Chapter 90 Grant	(1,619)	
Cultural Council Grant	2,415	22.294
Library State Grant	22,727	22,384
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Cemetery Sale of Lots	138,382	
Title V Loan Program	140,853	
Insurance Claims Under 20K	391	
AMC Fund	32,240	
Road Details	4,914	
Firearms Licensing	4,480	
Wachusett EMS / Holden Hospital	11,119	
Police Donations	35,280	
Emergency Mang Donation	913	
Fire Donations	3,114	
Ambulance Donations	984	
Historical Donations	3,886	
COA Donations	9,929	
Library Donations	84,292	
250th Anniversary Celebration	4,224	
COA Revovling Fund	17,773	
Library Revolving	915	
Recreation Revovling Fund	51,366	
Wetland Protection	28,332	
Cable Committee Revolving	74,405	647,790
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Public Safety Complex	4,969	
Center School Green Project	38,986	43,955
AGENCY FUNDS - Performance Bonds		
Glad Hill Associates	6,955	
Highland Village	50,012	
Fox Run / Molumco Development	2,073	
Forestdale Realty	8,078	
JK Scanlan / PHP	6,704	73,822
CAPITAL & STABILIZATION FUNDS	000 50 4	
Capital Depreciation	202,524	0.40.000
Stabilization	140,738	343,262

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## Schedule of Special Revenue Funds As of June 30, 2013

TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE			
Conservation Fund	23,481		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,877		
Village Improvement	1,568		
D. Russell Poor	9,788		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	62,802		
War Bond General Purpose	6,516		
E.D. Bigelow School	476		
Municpal Affordable Housing	250		
Howland Trust	15,013		
Richards Memorial Library	51,639		
E. Bigelow Library	20,975		
Hazel Gay Fund	207		
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	4,560	220,152	\$ 1,351,365
	144		
TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL			
Cemetery Perpetual Care	111,699		
Village Improvement	1,000		
D. Russell Poor Fund	7,675		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000		

1,000

160,266

10,548

23,590 393

180

562

317,912

\$

**Bigelow School** 

Howland Library Bigelow Library

**Comcast Stocks** 

Hazel Gay

**Richard Memorial Library** 

Library Trust AT&T, Lucent

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## GENERAL FUND Appropriation / Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2014	Surplus
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
Salaries	4,896	4,896	······	-
Secretary Salaries	36,759	35,983		776
Purchased Services	9,619	9,618		1
Supplies	500	494		6
Other Expenses	18,931	18,930		1
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
Salary	74,970	74,970		-
Purchased Services	200	153		47
Car Allowance	1,200	1,200		-
TOWN SERVICES				
Coordinator Salary	26,010	22,009		4,001
Purchased Services	74	-		74
Supplies	300	300		-
FINANCE COMMITTEE				
Secretary				-
Purchased Services	260	152		108
Supplies	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	1,504			1,504
ACCOUNTANT				
Salary	27,594	27,594		-
Supplies	100	97		3
BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
Board Salary	4,342	4,221		121
Administrative Assessor	26,166	26,166		
Purchased Services	4,010	4,010		
Supplies	400	400		
Other Expenses	26,543	26,543		
TREASURER				
Salary	16,284	16,284		
Assistant	12,628	12,628		-
Purchased Services	6,015	5,910		105
Supplies	57	57		
TOWN COLLECTOR				
Salary	35,896	35,896		-
Purchased Services	5,687	5,687		-
Supplies	6	6		-
Prior Year Encumbrance	12	12		-
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## GENERAL FUND Appropriation / Expenditure Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final	E	Carried to	Closed to Surplus
LEGAL SERVICES	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2014	Surpius
Legal	17,945	14,600		3,345
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	4,999		1
Tax The Legal Tees	0,000	4,000		. <u></u>
MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES				
Purchased Services	16,699	15,592		1,107
TOWN CLERK				
Salary	29,131	29,131		-
Record Keeping	90	-		90
Purchased Services	1,350	970		380
Supplies	700	275		425
Elections - Tellers	6,442	6,442		-
Elections - Purchased Services	9,570	9,320		250
Elections - Supplies	3,150	3,133		17
Registrars - Salary	1,500	1,500		
Registrars - Clerk	250	250	land for the second	-
Registrars - Census Taker	500	500		-
Registrars - Purchased Services	588	470		118
Registrars - Supplies	350	255		95
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Clerk	568	-		568
Purchased Services	625	625		
Conferences	61			61
PLANNING BOARD	642	65		577
Purchased Services Supplies	139	50		
Supplies				00
ZONING APPEALS BOARD				
Purchased Services	600	-		600
Supplies	828	53		775
Dues	60	-		60
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,158	1,158		-
HISTORICAL DISTRICT	200	2 197		200
PUBLIC BUILDINGS				
Custodian	5,307	5.206		101
Purchased Services	8,156	7,082	881	193
Supplies	1,316	1,314		2
Supplies Insurance Premiums	103,251	103,251		2
	870	870		0
Town Report	405	405		
Town Clock	405	405		

## GENERAL FUND Appropriation / Expenditure Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final		Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2014	Surplus
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Chief Salary	79,158	79,158		
Compensation	452,032	452,032		
Sergeant	181,210	181,210		
Secretary	34,008	34,008		-
Assistant Dispatcher	34,223	34,223		
Purchased Services	16,617	16,617		
Supplies	31,598	31,598		
Dues	1,090	1,090		
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Chief Salary	28,556	28,556		
Compensation	134,129	134,129		
Purchased Services	36,942	35,583		1,359
Equipment	14,500	14,384		116
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS				
Compensation	167,797	166,670		1,127
Purchased Services	47,433	47,433	5	· · · · · ·
Supplies	16,500	16,363		137
Prior Year Encumbrance	10,665	5,780		4,885
INSPECTORS				
Building - Compensation	19,568	19,568		
Building - Local Inspector	900	850		50
Building - Purchased Services	260	160		100
Building - Supplies	25			25
Plumbing -Compensation	2,000	1,925		75
Wire - Compensation	4,347	4,347		
Wire - Assistant	116	116		
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX				
Purchased Services	29,320	26,257		3,063
Expenses	2,000	802		1,198
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Compensation	3,280	2,460		820
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
Compensation	6,259	6,259		
Purchased Services	854	769		84

## GENERAL FUND Appropriation / Expenditure Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final	_	Carried to	Closed to
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2014	Surplus
TREE WARDEN				
Salary	1,207	1,207		
Hourly Employee	600	589		11
Purchased Services	6,275	6,275		-
Supplies	50	32		18
Trees	415	415		
SCHOOLS				
Wachusett Assessment	5,250,964	5,250,964		-
Vocational Assessment	220,329	220,329		
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS				
Salary	50,697	50,697		
Compensation	236,356	226,638		9,718
Purchased Services	98,480	96,672		1,808
Supplies	26,334	25,337		998
Front End Loader / Lease	27,028	27,028		-
One Ton Truck with Plow	75,000	74,886		114
Snow & Ice - Overtime	39,077	39,981		(904)
Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand	100,128	129,776		(29,648)
Snow & Ice - Equipment	6,050	4,284		1,766
Street Lights Electricity	22,480	22,480		
Cemetery - Salary	1,688	1,688		
Cemetery - Compensating	4,286	2,497		1,789
Cemetery - Purchased Services	930	816		114
Cemetery - Supplies	979	979		-
BOARD OF HEALTH				
Waste Collections Contract	266,843	245,028		21,815
Salaries	352	352		
Purchased Services	1,750	844		906
Supplies	188			188
Sanitation Engineer	10,629	10,629		
Inspector of Animals - Salary	468	468		-
COUNCIL ON AGING		00.050		
Director Salary	21,524	20,853		671
Van Drivers	17,267	15,778		1,489
Outreach Coordinator	10,273	9,703		570
Purchased Services	1,150	1,150		
Supplies	2,300	2,245		55
Professional Services	790	790		-
Prior Year Encumbrances	387	387		-

## GENERAL FUND

## Appropriation / Expenditure Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2014	Closed to Surplus
VETERANS AGENT	Budget	Expenditures	FISCAI 2014	Sulpius
Salary	584	584		10 °
Purchased Services	100			100
Benefits	7,799	7,799		
Denome				
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500	-		1,500
LIBRARY				
Director Salary	42,347	42,347		<u> </u>
Compensation	33,000	30,980		2,020
Children's Librarian	30,381	30,381		
Purchased Services	16,412	16,263		149
Supplies	31,454	31,449		5
Equipment	-	-		
Prior Year Encumbrance	253	253		-
RECREATION				
Director Salary	8,573	8,573		-
Admin. Assistant	3,512	3,512		-
Seasonal Employees	500	500		-
Purchased Services	10,000	9,574	1.11	426
Supplies	12,000	11,993		7
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE				
Purchased Services	224	224		-
Supplies	150	150		
250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	2,000	2,000		<u>1992 - 1</u>
DEBT & INTEREST				
Principal:				
School Reconstruction	330,000	330,000		-
School Windows	8,700	8,700		-
Police Cruiser	8,000	8,000	-	
Ambulance	10,000	10,000		-
DPW/ Doors & Windows	2,300	2,300		-
Catch Basin	17,000	17,000		· * * •
DPW Dump Truck	25,000	25,000		-
Town Hall Design	10,000	10,000		-
Public Safety Complex	369,000	369,000		-
PSC Green Repairs	79,321	79,321		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	24,446	24,446		×
Title V Betterment	7,698	7,697	-	-

## GENERAL FUND Appropriation / Expenditure Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2014	Closed to Surplus
Interest:				12
School Reconstruction	106,590	106,590		-
School Windows	3,442	3,442		-
Police Cruiser	200	200		
Ambulance	250	250		
DPW Door & Windows	1,323	1,323		-
Catch Basin	425	425		-
DPW Dump Truck	6,313	6,313		1
Town Hall Design	525	525		; <del>-</del>
Public Safety Complex	279,673	279,673		-
PSC Green Repairs	24,477	24,477		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	7,484	7,484		·
Short Term Interest - Prior Year	2,537	2,537		a <b>-</b>
STATE ASSESSMENTS				
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	18,242	18,242		-
Air Pollution	1,279	1,279	200393422002020429899992200	
Registry Non Renewal	1,780	2,600		(820)
MBTA	31,193	31,193		
OTHER				
Medicare	32,161	32,140		21
Employee Assistance Program	2,000	-		2,000
Health Insurance Premiums	412,982	365,264		47,718
Life Insurance	1,700	1,470		230
Social Security	19,024	19,024		-
Retirement Assessment	220,353	220,353		
Unemployment	1,000	35		965
CENTRAL PURCHASING				
Heat / Oil	47,078	47,069		9
Postage	6,650	4,999		1,651
Telephone	14,200	12,767		1,433
Electricity	59,300	58,680		620
Diesel	43,250	43,215		35
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Election - Voting Booths	6,606	-	6,606	-
Moreland Repairs	1,985	1,985		-
White Building Exterior Painting	3,535	1,200	2,335	
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$ 10,866,899	\$ 10,758,676	\$ 9,822	\$ 98,400

## WATER ENTERPRISE

Appropriation / Expenditure Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Final		Carried to	Closed to	
	Budget	Expenditures	Fiscal 2014	Surplus	
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WATER ENTERPRISE					
Salaries	541	541		-	
Superintendent Salary	12,310	12,310		-	
Compensation	110,184	110,184			
Purchased Services	87,656	75,885		11,771	
Worcester Water	506,289	359,223	22,000	125,066	
Supplies	16,700	16,219		481	
Principal Worcester Pump Station	25,000	25,000		-	
Interest Worcester Pump Station	8,076	8,075		1	
Quality Water Testing	4,000	3,046		954	
State Mandated Withdrawal	1,000	982		18	
Remote Meter Reading Equipment	4,600	4,491		109	
Prior Year Encumbrances	23,331	23,331		-	

WATER ENTEPRISE TOTALS	\$ 799,687	\$ 639,286	\$ 22,000	\$ 138,400

## Schedule of Outstanding Debt As of June 30, 2013

	Outstanding July 1, 2012 Issued		Retired	Outstanding June 30 2013	Interest	
					interest	
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LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE						
School Renovations	2,310,000		330,000	1,980,000	106,590	
School Windows	89,400		8,700	80,700	3,442	
Police Cruiser	8,000		8,000	-	200	
Ambulance	10,000		10,000	H	250	
DPW Doors & Windows	33,400		2,300	31,100	1,323	
DPW Catch Basin	17,000		17,000	-	425	
DPW Dump Truck	175,000		25,000	150,000	6,313	
Town Hall Design	20,000		10,000	10,000	525	
Public Safety Complex	4,972,200		319,000	4,653,200	198,735	
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,850,000		50,000	1,800,000	80,938	
Center School Green Project	688,321		79,321	609,000	24,477	
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	210,446		24,446	186,000	7,484	
Water Department	175,000		25,000	150,000	8,075	
Title V Loan Program	69,126		7,697	61,430		
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TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	<u>\$ 10,627,893</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 916,464</u>	<u>\$    9,711,430</u>	<u>\$ 438,776</u>	

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# BOARD of ASSESSORS

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

After a state mandated Interim Adjustment, based on sales in 2012, the total taxable

Valuation as of January 1, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2014 was set at \$430,501,964.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2012 added \$2,765,967

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$463,671

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$15,500

The Board received 16 abatement requests of which 12 were approved and processed.

The Assessors office is open Monday & Tuesday from 7:00am to 12:00pm, and Thursday from 7-5.

The Board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stanley Administrative Assessors

# <u>Board of Assessors</u> <u>Table 1</u> <u>Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary</u>

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2011</u>
Appropriations to be Raised		\$10,597,290.00	\$10,254,114.00
Appropriations from Available Funds		\$103,292.00	\$23,098.00
Offset Items		\$806,774.00	\$803,146.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments		\$59,199.00	\$56,023.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay		\$85,000.00	\$96,802.33
Deficits Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Amount to be Raised		\$11,651,555.00	\$11,233,183.33
Estimated Receipts			
Local Aid and Agency Fund		\$884,001.00	\$926,313.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		\$523,352.27	\$560,245.00
Water Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Local Receipts		\$1,065,935.25	\$1,097,933.54
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash		\$103,292.00	\$23,098.00
Available Funds - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$0.00	\$2,576,580.52	\$2,607,589.54
Net Amount to be Raised	\$0.00	\$9,074,974.48	\$8,625,593.79
Maximum Allowable Levy		\$8,384,588.00	\$8,194,818.00
Valuations			
Real Estate		\$469,650,900.00	\$482,408,890.00
Personal Property		\$8,496,357.00	\$4,666,592.00
Total Taxable Property	\$0.00	\$478,147,257.00	\$487,075,482.00
Tax Rates			
Residential	\$19.22	\$18.16	\$17.03
Open Space	\$19.22	\$18.16	\$17.03
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$19.22	\$18.16	\$17.03

# <u>Board of Assessors</u> <u>Table II</u> <u>Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise</u>

		FY2013	ł	FY2012		FY2011
Exemptions	NO	AMOUNT	NO	AMOUNT	NO	AMOUNT
Clause 18: Age, Infirmity, Poverty	0		0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	2	\$350.00	3	\$525.00	3	\$700.00
Clause 22: Veterans	19	\$8,175.00	23	\$9,600.00	20	\$9,600.00
Clause 37: Blind	4	\$1,750.00	4	\$1,750.00	5	\$1,750.00
Clause 41: Elderly	13	\$9,750.00	13	\$9,750.00	18	\$10,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$7,232.49	1	\$6,735.54	1	\$6,611.05
Totals	39	\$27,257.49	44	\$27,760.54	47	\$29,161.05
Abatements				•		
Real Estate	12	\$7,624.57	12	\$3,078.11	6	\$3,460.50
Personal Property	.1.	\$1,287.18	1	\$19.70	0	\$1,203.94
Farm Animal Excise	4	\$565.15	4	\$579.15	4	\$585.44
Motor Vehicle Excise	177	\$14,282.35	136	\$12,350.14	193	\$18,082.41
Total	194	\$23,759.25	149	\$16,027.10	207	\$22,746.85
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills						
Bills Processed	4771	\$583,395.84	4779	\$561,796.65	4859	\$551,922.5
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$569,113.49		\$549,446.51		\$533,840.1

# <u>Board of Assessors</u> <u>Table III</u> Property Classification

	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Increase/</u> Decrease	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$426,509,796.00	\$436,873,220.00	-\$10,363,424.00	-2.4%
Commercial	\$10,700,965.00	\$10,654,780.00	\$46,185.00	0.4%
Industrial	\$4,353,000.00	\$4,234,200.00	\$118,800.00	2.7%
Personal Property	\$8,591,504.00	\$9,935,706.00	-\$1,344,202.00	-15.6%
Total Taxable Prope	\$450,155,265.00	\$461,697,906.00	-\$11,542,641.00	-2.5%
Exempt Property	\$74,457,300.00	\$73,573,300.00	\$884,000.00	1.2%
Total Valuation	\$524,612,565.00	\$535,271,206.00	-\$10,658,641.00	-2.0%



# TOWN COLLECTOR

#### Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$11,442.65		
Collected		\$ 10.31	
Committed			
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$11,432.34	
Total	\$11,442.65	\$11,442.65	

#### 2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$3,884.68		
Committed	3		
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$3,884.68	
Total	\$3,884.68	\$3,884.68	

#### 2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$2,581.12		
Committed			
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$2,581.12	
Total	\$2,581.12	\$2,581.12	

# 2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$1,895.00		
Committed			
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$1,895.00	
Total	\$1,895.00	\$1,895.00	

#### 2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$ 32.50	a	
Committed			
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$832.50	
Total	\$832.50	\$832.50	

#### 2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$1,649.17	
Committed		
Abated		\$ 13.33
Collected		\$ 101.98
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$1,533.86
Total	\$1,649.17	\$1,649.17

#### 2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$2,402.95		
Collected	5.	\$ 672.10	
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$1,730.85	
Total	\$2,402.95	\$2,402.95	

#### 2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$2,232.30		
Collected		\$ 606.98	
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$1,625.32	
Total	\$2,232.30	\$2,232.32	

#### 2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$ 3,390.85		
Collected		\$1,051.88	· · · · ·
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$2,338.97	
Total	\$3,390,.85	\$3,390.85	
Total	\$5,590,.85	\$5,590.85	

#### 2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$8,006.57	
Refunded	\$ 373.65	
Collected		\$2,535.73
Abated		\$ 373.65
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 5,470.84
Total	\$8,380.22	\$8,380,22

#### 2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$ 38,333.89	
Committed	\$ 48,887.80	
Refunded	\$ 4,155.50	
Collected		\$77,505.84
Abated		\$ 4,477.69
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 9,393.66
Total	\$91,377.19	\$91,377.19

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$0	
Committed	\$538,649.37	
Refunded	\$ 5,093.80	
Collected		\$488,073.17
Abated		\$ 9,596.63
Outstanding June 30, 2013	_	\$ 46,073.37
Total	\$543,743.17	\$543,743.17

#### 2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

# 2013 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	\$565.15		15
Collected		\$565.15	
Total	\$565.15	\$565.15	

#### 2013 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$12,773.81		
Collected .		\$12,773.81	
Total	\$12,773.81	\$2,773.81	

# 2008 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$52.31		
Collected		\$52.31	
Total	\$52.31	\$52.31	

# 2009 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$362.89		
Abated	· ·	\$246.49	
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$116.40	8 - 5 <u>- 46 - 67 - 845 - 64</u> - 66 - 69   194
Total	\$362.89	\$362.89	

# \* Please note there is no outstanding 2010 Fiscal Personal Property

#### 2011 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$38.15		
Outstanding June 30, 2013	R. Culor	\$ 38.15	
Total	\$38.15	\$38.15	

# 2012 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$1,000.84	
Collected	11.440.17	\$0
Abated		\$236.03
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 764.81
Total	\$1,000.84	\$1,000.84

# 2013 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$164,765.40	
Refunded	\$1091.24	
Adjusted	\$3.98	
Collected		\$163,749.30
Abated		\$1,650.49
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 460.83
Total	\$165,860.62	\$165,860.62

#### 2011 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$2,057.41	
Collected		\$2,057.41
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$.0
Total	\$2,057.41	\$2,057.41

#### 2012 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$84,923.56		
Collected		\$60,274.16	
Abated		\$190.68	
Transferred to Tax Title		\$21,749.47	
Outstanding June 30, 2013	- 5	\$ 2,709.25	
Total	\$84,923.56	\$84,923.56	

#### 2013 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$8,486,855.65	
Rescinded Abatement	\$ 3,395.01	
Refunded	\$ 27,969.50	
Adjusted	\$ 14.11	
Collected		\$8,383,898.40
Abated		\$ 37,371.81
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 96,964.06
Total	\$8,518,234.27	\$8,518,234.27

# Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable - Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$243,939.10	
Committed	\$28,161.32	
Collected		\$ 228,372.51
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$43,272.91
Total	\$272,100.42	\$272,100.42

# 2013 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1,2012	\$5,794.52	
Committed	\$18,126.88	
Collected		\$23,921.40
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 583.56
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 1,126.39
Total	\$23,921.40	\$23,921.40

#### Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$98,834.13		
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$98,834.13	
Total	\$98,834.13	\$98,834.13	

# 2013 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1,2012	\$1,917.05	
Committed	\$2,514.10	
Collected		\$3,181.82
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 881.23
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 368.10
Total	\$4,431.15	\$4,431.15

2013 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$2,549.86	
Committed	\$9,106.09	
Collected		\$9,854.32
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$ 1,801.63
Total	\$11,655.95	\$11,655.95

## 2013 Fiscal Title V

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$85,523.37	
Committed	\$19,575.00	
Adjusted	\$ .02	
Collected		\$46,813.23
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$73,185.14
Total	\$119,998.37	\$119,998.37

# 2013 Fiscal Title V Betterments

Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$31,025.50		
Collected		\$ 3,792.50	
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$27,233.00	
Total	\$31,025.50	\$31,025.50	

2013 Income and Expense Liens			
Outstanding July 1, 2012	\$0		
Committed	\$1,250.00		
Collected		\$1,250.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2013		\$0	
Total	\$1,250.50	\$1,250.50	

# 2013 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

\$22,655.95
\$ 5,925.00
\$ 3,868.21
\$26,285.00
\$ 36.14
\$ 3,500.00
\$ 50.00
\$ 3,074.57
\$ 1.551.28
\$ 184.13
\$ 36.89
\$ 3.93
\$67,171.10

#### Water Department Receipts

partment receipts
\$650,386.94
\$ 77,963.40
\$ 190.14
\$ 9,854.32
\$ 5,664.73
\$ 638.30
\$744,697.83

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 TREASURER**

With the introduction of the sale of tax receivables, The Town of Paxton was able to realize an additional income of over \$225,000.00 this year which substantially increased our free cash. By selling the receivables in tax takings, the purchaser is required to not only to redeem the tax taking amount owed the town, but also keep those taxes current going forward. It has been so successful that I feel the process should be reviewed every couple of years to determine the feasibility of doing it again. In this manner, I am hopeful that we can continue to put money into the stabilization and capital depreciation accounts for when the needs of the Town of Paxton are greater.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre L. Malone Treasurer

Balance of Operating Cas	sn
As of July 1, 2012	\$4,734,976.76
Receipts for the Year	\$17,560,944.06
Payments for the Year	\$17,845,882.21

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# Balance, June 30, 2012 \$4,450,038.61

Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 2012			
Webster Bank	\$2,181,468.26		
NOW Accounts	\$101,376.99		
Money Market Accounts	\$1,048,743.52		
Agency Accounts	\$71,649.37		
Petty Cash	\$250.00		
Library CD's	\$48,832.47		
Rollstone Pel Acc	\$997,718.00		

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Interest and Dividend Income	
Town Operating	\$6,887.34
Electric Depreciation	\$13,424.76
Agency Accounts	\$36.89
Electric Operating	\$17,406.87
Cultural Council	\$3.93
Title V – Special Revenue	\$184.13
Water Enterprise	\$190.14
Total	\$38,134.06

# Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 2012

N N	Non-Expendable (Principal)		
Richards Memorial Library:			
Trust (Book Value)	\$160,266.23	\$51,639.39	
V. Howland Library Trust	\$10,547.73	\$15,012.78	
Other Library Trusts:			
Hazel Gay Fund	\$393.15	\$206.78	
E.D. Bigelow School Book Fun	d \$1,000.00	\$476.14	
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	\$180.00	\$4,559.98	
Comcast Stock Shares	\$562.00		
E .Bigelow Library	\$23,589.57	\$20,975.32	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$111,698.69	\$25,090.21	
Cemetery Sale of Lots		\$138,382.02	
Village Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$1,567.54	
D. Russell Poor Fund	\$7,675.00	\$9,788.18	
C.D. Boynton Gen. Purpose	\$1,000.00	\$62,801.67	
Income from WWII War Bonds	0.00	\$6,516.10	
Conservation	0.00	\$23,480.76	
Stabilization		\$140,738.16	
Capital Depreciation Fund		\$202,524.09	
Municipal Affordable Housing		\$250.00	
Total	\$ 317,912.37	\$704,009.12	

# **Town of Paxton Payroll**

TOWN HALL			
Dennis Benoit	4,347.00		
Peter Bogren	1,854.00		
Rosemary Buckley	12,951.62		
Thomas Carroll	117.33		
Janice Childs	1,206.12		
Donna Couture	27,594.00		
Wayne Curran	10,629.00		
Frederick Goodrich	1,521.00		
Donna Graf-Parsons	35,895.77		
Timothy Hackett	584.00		
Dennis Harney	1,595.00		
Judy Hatstat	117.34		
Doris Huard	1,326.73		
Sheryl Lombardi	21,917.42		
Deirdre Malone	52,226.75		
John Malone	1,521.00		
John Noonan	5,158.08		
David Parent	117.33		
Jean Parent	468.00		
Carol Riches	76,170.00		
James Robert	1,207.00		
Joanne Savignac	1,447.34		
John Slabich	116.00		
Kathleen Stanley	26,166.00		
Susan Stone	29,881.00		
Richard Travers	357.00		
Richard Trifero	19,568.00		
B. Peter Warren	6,259.00		
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Rodolfo Acuna	1,633.90		
Corey Anderson	10,745.16		
Justin Bassett	252.90		
Michael Benoit	17,791.98		
Lionel Berthiaume	494.38		
Kyle Botteron	599.40		
James Carleton	213.12		

Jay Conte	28,863.35
Peter Conte	6,111.75
Adam Doud	1,652.27
Richard Doughty	2,302.77
Amanda Drew	988.76
James Foley	2,477.52
Richard Gaffney	7,622.28
Daniel Gagne	52,439.47
Kenneth Grensavitch	786.80
Ryan Hobbs	169.13
James Hansson	2,316.99
Richard Jenkins	7,538.68
Jake Kardash	1,052.28
Kevin Kelly	1,718.28
Brian Kellelea	2,081.60
Christopher Koretski	1,431.10
Richard LaTour Jr.	2,143.52
Kyle Marcinkiewicz	1,998.00
Shawn Mead	26,850.77
Andrew Miller	224.80
Alexander Nicholas	2,037.96
Jeffrey Olson	46,193.93
Michael Pingitore	64,030.06
Kevin Quinn	5,679.93
Gary Richards	5,886.21
Michael Rowe, Jr.	351.27
Thomas Savage, Jr.	19,202.03
Ward, Alex	2,203.99
Justin Warren	1,958.04
DEPARTMENT OF	PUBLIC WORKS
Tracey Coetzee	14,008.60
Roni Huard	48,059.90
Samuel Knipe	45,764.05
Mark Leveille	47,263.11
Philip McPherson	43,390.59
Michael Putnam	65,16.40
Gary Richards	50,731.80
Christopher Ross	44,607.38

LIBRARY			
Deborah Bailey	42,346.98		
Mary Barroll	3,762.00		
Barbara Braley	6,283.68		
Tori Brown	1,117.92		
Arnold Childs, Jr.	4,261.20		
Joseph Dawson	1,089.92		
Danielle Martin	1,392.00		
Lois Shorten	30,381.00		
Susan Wheeler	13,378.56		
RECREATION D	EPARTMENT		
Kathy Card	12,085.00		
Gabrielle Beauregard	632.00		
Lee Ann Card	812.00		
Juvan Coetzee	400.00		
Rudolph Coetzee	328.00		
Kristen Coyle	2,205.00		
Kamden Graham	840.00		
Carly Sansoucy	264.00		
COUNCIL O	N AGING		
Paul Belsito	6,545.88		
Rosemary Buckley	9,910.64		
John Crowley	9,326.26		
Gerald Ryan	25,818.00		
COMMUNICATION	S CENTER		
John Annunziate	5,660.98		
Christopher Bergeron	42,385.10		
Richard Fairbanks	39,889.75		
Kimberly Fontaine	32,732.03		
Ashley Holden	7,066.64		
Jacob Moisio	650.88		
LIGHT DEPA	RTMENT		
Benjamin Allen	77,832.00		
Michael Benoit	600.00		
Susan Blackwood	48,314.60		
John Crowley	600.00		
Greg DeStasi	93,582.40		
Yvette Orell	57,211.05		
Matthew Stone	45,910.64		

Joseph Thompson	70,874.92			
Emerson Wheeler	600.00			
Timothy White	79,557.50			
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Guy Bibeau	62,863.14			
Joseph Coggans	68,477.65			
Robert Desrosiers	107,371.03			
Kenneth Johnson	70,717.43			
David Keller	60,602.01			
William Lang	65,906.85			
Matthew Morin	64,746.22			
Steven Mucci	22,923.16			
Rachel Pawlina	24,956.59			
Eva Ryan	44,325.26			
Mark Savasta	115,738.64			
Jason Silvestri	93,525.86			
Douglas Tripp	52,507.42			
Forrest Thorpe III	72,947.30			
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Paul Ciance	12,820.70			
Shawn Davis	45,924.80			
James Early	2,511.23			
John Jovan	6,499.44			
Kevin Mailman	4,868.46			
Gino Molinari	8,801.69			
David Warren	40,006.92			

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: townofpaxton.net

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS: DIAL "911"

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-755-1104

# 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.

	Town Administrator	Carol L. Riches		Town Hall		508-754-7638 Ext. 20	
	Board of Selectmen	John F. Malone, Ch	nair	Board meets eve	ery other	508-754-7638 Ext 10	
		Donna Graf-Parsor			Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates		
	Town Services Coordinator	Sheryl Lombardi		Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health		508-753-2803 Ext. 11	
	Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Cha	ir	Board meets on an "As needed" basis			
	Board of Health	David Parent, Chai	ir	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 mo at 7:00 p.m.		or Tuesday of each month	
	Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero				Home: 508-756-5622	
	Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran				Home: 508-757-4180	
	Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney		Call direct for a	n inspection	Home: 774-261-8084	
	Wire Inspector	Dennis Benoit		Call direct for a		Home: 508-799-0392	
	Fire Inspector	Michael Pingitore		Call for Inspecti		508-793-3170	
	Town Accountant	Donna Couture				508-754-7638 Ext. 16	
	Assessors	Joanne Savignac, C	hair	Hours: Monday	and Tuesday,	508-754-7638	
		Kathleen Stanley,	-			Ext. 16	
					to 4pm		
	Town Clerk	Susan Stone		Town Hall		508-799-7347 Ext. 13	
	Treasurer/Collector	Deirdre Malone		Town Hall		508-799-7347 Ext. 15	
	Water Commissioners			Board meets third Tuesday of			
				each month at 7pm			
	Municipal Light Department	Greg DeStasi, Man		Office: 578 Pleasant Street. 508-756-9508			
		Michael Benoit, Chair		Board meets see each month.	second Tuesday of		
	Police Department	Robert Desrosiers,		Office: 576 Pleasant Street 508-793-3131		508-793-3131	
		Police Chief		(Business Only)			
	Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren				508-755-1104	
	Recreation Commission	Paul Riches, Chair		Commission me Monday of each		508-752-7204	
	Council on Aging	Barbara Braley, Ch	air	Office: 17 West		508-756-2833	
	Gerry Ryan, Director		Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.				
	Conservation Commission	tion Commission Christopher Keenan, Chair		r Board meets the second 508-735-0035 Thursday of each month		508-735-0035	
Historical Commission Anita Fenton		Board meets the third					
				Thursday of eac	ch month		
	Veteran's Agent	Timothy Hackett		,		Home: 508-755-1477	
	Richards Memorial Library Debbie Bailey, Librarian		Trustees meet the first Tuesday 508-754-0793				
Charles Innis, Trustee Chair LIBRAR		of each month					
		LIBRAF	RYHOURS				
	HOURS: WI		WINTE	NTER SUMMER			
Sunday & Monday				CLOSED			
	Tuesday		1-8 p.m.		1-8 p.m.		
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Sunday & Mon Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday WINTER CLOSED 1-8 p.m. 9-12 p.m.,1-5 p.m. 1-8 p.m. 9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m. 10-2 p.m.

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