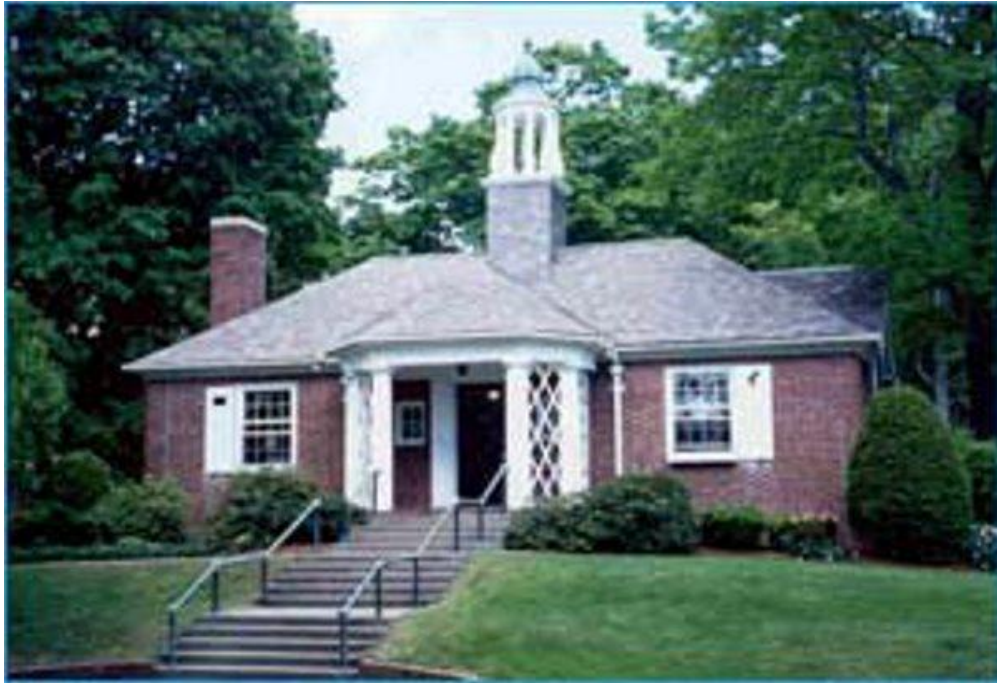


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TOWN OF PAXTON

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Conservation Commission

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Recreation Commission

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Master Plan Implementation Committee and Board of Assessors

Joseph Roche
Board of Appeals

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TOWN OFFICERS
May 2017 to May 2018

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Julia Pingitore, Chairman	2018
John F. Malone, Vice Chair	2020
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk	2019
Moderator	
Roger Brunelle	2018
Constables	
Paul F. Ruane	2018
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2018
Tree Warden	
James Robert	2018
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Harriet Fradellos	2018
Benjamin Mitchel	2019
Municipal Light Board	
John Ahearn	2020
Emerson Wheeler III	2019
John P. Crowley, Chair	2018
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2020
Marianne Belanger	2018
Kateri Clute	2019
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2020
David J. Trulson	2018
Rodney S. Jenkins	2019
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2018
Judy A. Hatstat	2020
David Parent, Chair	2019
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2022
Richards Doughty	2021
Jeffrey Kent	2020
Henry Stidsen	2019
Rob Jacobson	2018
Library Trustees	
Nick Powlovich	2020
Caroline Grinstead	2019
Patricia Dawson	2020
Andrea Thackery	2020
Jenn DeFronzo	2018
Karen Putney	2019

Recreation Commission	
Betsy Howard	2020
Jeff Cormier	2020
Roberley Tasca	2019
Matthew Noponen, Chairman	2018
Heather Larson	2018
Cemetery Commission	
Patricia Belsito	2018
Judi Mancini	2020
Christopher Stone	2019
Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives	
Robert Wilby	2020
Peter Schur	2019

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator	
Carol Riches	2018
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2018
Town Services Coordinator	
Sheryl Lombardi	2018
Town Accountant	
Donna Couture	2018
Town Collector/Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2018
Town Clerk	
Susan Stone	2018
Superintendent DPW	
Michael Putnam	2018
Veteran's Agent	
Jeffrey Kent	2018
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Jeffrey Kent	2018
Inspector of Wires	
John Reece	2018
John Slabich, Asst	2018
Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2018
Richard Travers, Assistant	2018
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
James Robert	2018

Board of Appeals		Insurance Advisory Committee	
Forrest Smith	2020	Deirdre Malone	2018
Kirk Huehls	2020	Travis Thibault	2018
Paul Robinson	2019	Donna Graf-Parsons	2018
Richard Grensavitch	2018	Eva Ryan	2018
Roberta Brien	2019	Nancy Wilby	2018
Caitlin Cournoyer	2020	Deborah Bailey	2018
Scott Moss	2019	Tara Rondeau	2018
Board of Registrars		Cable & Communication Committee	
Mary Ann Paquette	2020	Nick Powlovich, Chair	2018
Jeremy Richards	2019	Carol Riches	2018
David Stoica	2018	Scott Wilson	2018
Town Counsel		Agents for License Commission	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2018	Donna Graf-Parsons	2018
Sexual Harassment Officers		Central Mass Regional Planning	
Carol Riches	2018	Christian S. Baehrecke	2018
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers		Personnel Advisory Board	
Larry Hammerberg	2018	Heather Courtney	2018
Care of Clock		Paul Sullivan	2018
Bruce Cheney	2018	Roland Card	2018
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Council on Aging	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2018	Barbara Braley	2020
Emergency Management Director		Robert Callahan	2020
Michael Pingitore	2018	Gino Gangai	2019
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Alice Crowley	2020
Jay Conte	2018	Curtis Hammer	2018
Police Department Chief		Jean Wilde	2019
Robert Desrosiers	2018	Joan Bedard	2018
Full Time Officers		James Putnam	2018
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2018	Natalie Siemen	2019
David Keller, Patrolman	2018	Robert Lamotte, Associate	
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2018	June Herron, Associate	
Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant	2018	Paul Bergin, Associate	
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2018	Mark Ahearn, Associate	
Forrest Thorpe	2018	Historical Commission	
Joseph Coggans	2018	DonMarie Desrosiers	2020
Matthew Morin	2018	Christina Isperduli	2019
Conservation Commission		Anita Fenton	2019
Michael Voorhis	2019	Pamela Hair	2018
Leonard Anderson	2019	Donna MacLean	2020
James Robert	2020	Barbara Beall	2018
Zachary Ferguson	2019	Sale of Town Owned Land	
Holly Robert, Associate	2019	Carol Riches	2018
Tim Lauring	2018	Michael Putnam	2018
		Richard Trifero	2018
		Deirdre Malone	2018
		Kathleen Stanley, Ex Offico	2018
		Marisa Ayyvzian	2018

Historic District Commission			
Donna MacLean	2018	Town Hall Renovation Committee	
Jay Gallant	2018	Richard Fenton	2018
Paul Robinson	2018	Jay Gallant	2018
		Paul Robinson	2018
		Roberta Brien	2018
Cultural Council			
Donna Graf-Parsons	2018	Town Building Needs Committee	
Daniel Gehnrich	2019	Jay Gallant	2018
Anita Fenton	2022	Paul Robinson	2018
Howard McGinn	2023		
Sara Root-Simone	2021		
Christie Barnes	2020	Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
		Carol Riches	2018
Anna Maria Scholarship Committee			
Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2018	Scenic Byway Committee	
Carol Riches	2018	Anita Fenton	2018
John Malone	2018	Paul Robinson	2018
Capital Improvement Committee			
Carol Riches	2019	APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR	
Forrest Smith	2018	Finance Board	
Jeffrey Kent	2020	Jamie Contonio	2019
Kateri Clute	2018	Jennifer Lennon	2019
Mark Love	2018	Mark Love	2018
James McGrath	2019	James Lang	2018
Timothy Grinham	2020	Richard Fenton, Chair	2020
		June Herron	2020
Election Officers		Scott Runstrom	2019
Janice Carlson	2018	Kevin Mentzer	2018
Janet Chapman	2018	Tim Linton	2018
Kathryn Kingsbury	2018		
Nancy Delle	2018	APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH	
Gino Gangai	2018	Plumbing Inspector	
Michelle Nelsen	2018	Dennis Harney	2018
Annette McKiernan	2018	John P. Dolen, Assistant	2018
Sandra Vaudo	2018		
Paula Gangai	2018	Sanitary Inspector	
Melinda Johnson	2018	Wayne Curran	2018
Jacqueline LaFlash	2018		
Jane McTigue	2018	Burial Agent	
Debra Henderson	2018	Ronald Johnson	2018
Marlo Richard	2018		
		Animal Inspector	
Master Plan Implementation Committee		Jean Parent	2018
Joanne Savignac	2018	Animal Control Officer	
Robert Bostwick	2018	B. Peter Warren Jr.	2018
Bob Hayes	2018		
Kevin Quinn	2018	Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
Paul Mathieu	2018	Pellegrino	2018
Jay Gallant	2018		
Scott Siemen	2018		
Paul Robinson	2018		
Carol Riches, Ex Officio	2018		



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND
BOARDS*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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This past fiscal year has brought a period of moderate transformation for the Town of Paxton. We have seen several important fiscal changes, employment and personnel changes, changes in local business, and several improvements which, although small, have had big impact. We continue to realize that costs are increasing at a rate greater than can be matched by revenue, and significant focus has been applied toward resolving this issue. The school budget has again highlighted this fact, and we have been witness to a growing movement within the community seeking both to enact changes in funding at the state level, and to support the budget locally.

One of the major fiscal changes this year has been the implementation of quarterly tax billing in order to regulate cash flow through the town. This change will be helpful in reducing the need for short-term borrowing in anticipation of the next real estate revenue cycle and arrives on the heels of quarterly billing from the Wachusett Regional School District seeking to achieve the same goal. This was a major change in practice, and I would like to personally thank both the town hall personnel for their diligence, and residents for their patience as we worked through it.

Depositing funds into our Stabilization or Capital Depreciation accounts has also been a financial challenge over the past several years. Additionally, we have not begun funding our OPEB account due to the same budget constraints, and the balances in these three accounts are already lower than recommended by our annual audit. In an effort to start putting funds into these accounts, even in a limited manner, a policy was recommended by Carol Riches, Town Administrator, to fund these accounts annually with a small percentage of the available free cash for the year. Unfortunately, this policy was set during a large deficit year with free cash is shaping up to be modest at best. We hope that we will be able to adhere to this policy going forward and begin putting funds in these accounts to help preserve our future financial solvency.

At the town meeting this May, however; we saw enthusiasm for funding both the town and school budgets at a level I personally have not previously witnessed. We were faced with a large budget deficit for the coming year as a result of cost increases focused primarily in areas outside of our control, such as contractually obligated retirement and health insurance benefits within both the town and school budgets. Since these costs need to be met regardless of revenue, budget cuts were a distinct reality this year. As a result, we asked for two overrides as well as debt exclusion requests in order to meet funding needs without cutting services. In a historic turn of events, both overrides as well as several of the debt exclusions were approved both at town meeting and at the polls. A local meals tax was also implemented which, although small, will add to revenue without significant impact to residents. These approvals greatly eased our budget concerns for this year and for the first time in a long time, we will not need to hold additional town meetings over the summer in order to try to balance the budget. We hope that this increased revenue will also help close the gaps in years ahead. In addition to this increase in local funding, a growing lobby within regional school districts throughout Massachusetts has pushed for greater regional transportation reimbursement and spawned new legislative action aimed at improving state funding of public schools. Although final state budget amounts are not yet available, we are cautiously optimistic that we will see an important increase in funding this year.

Employment and personnel changes this year have been abundant. These have included the addition of an EMS billing clerk to recover outstanding ambulance revenue, and the addition of a dedicated information technology position. Both positions have proven fiscally prudent. The additional EMS collections have more than paid for the clerk's position, and town information

systems have been both modernized and equipped with added security without having to pay third party prices. On a bittersweet note, one of our long-time employees announced their retirement this year our Treasurer/Collector Dierdre Malone. The assistant treasurer has moved into Dee's position Dee has given many years of dedicated service to the town and we wish her well in her retirement. Other employment changes have included a movement toward unionization of several town departments including dispatch, fire personnel, and light department personnel. Although the influence toward unionization is likely to be multifactorial, financial instability over previous years cannot be ignored as a stimulus. The light department manager for the previous two years has also announced his departure, and the assistant manager will be taking his place for the time being.

With regard to changes in local business, we have welcomed two Tatnuck area businesses into our town this year. Shabo's Garage has moved into the space previously owned by Paxton Garage, and Tatnuck Marketplace has taken over 10 West Market. Both businesses are owned and operated by town residents and it is wonderful that they have chosen not only to live in town, but also to operate their businesses here, and we wish them much success in the years to come. We have also seen plans for construction improvements at Fidelity Bank next to Paxton Market and at Dunkin' Donuts, both of which constitute significant changes in the business landscape in town.

Other items which are worthy of recognition include:

1. An ongoing focus on securing grant funding, which this year has included DEP and MIIA grants, among others. Grants are typically difficult to obtain and time consuming, but over the past several years we have had some success, which is truly a testament to the dedication of our town personnel.
2. While the inside of the town hall received some attention in prior years, you may notice this year that the exterior of the Town Hall has come a long way as well, as we were able to give it a fresh coat of paint and revitalize the landscaping with the help of the DPW. The resultant transformation has been quite impressive.
3. Another relatively small but major improvement has been the additional of Wi-Fi at both the Town Hall and Paxton Center School this year, modernizations which were long overdue but will greatly improve communications at both locations.
4. Road improvements continue this year, thanks to the road improvement fund that was set up two years ago, and the Camp Street area has been resurfaced. The Holden Road project is also on the horizon and will result in significant improvements to that area when it is completed, although inevitably some patience will be needed with the project once it begins, give the impact to a major route into and out of town.

This year has seemed to mark the beginning of a transformative period for our sleepy town. Several residents have stepped up in small ways such as to attend the Annual Town Meeting, voice their opinions, and to participate in town boards and committees for the first time. The recreation commission has been very active with setting up community programs and promoting community participation. Paxton Days is around the corner as I write this report, and I hope to see many of you there. In closing, I am so grateful that you have allowed me to serve our town on the Board of Selectmen over the past 5 years, and I am pleased to continue for another term. I hope that the momentum which has built this year continues to grow, as we all benefit when our community is vibrant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia N. Pingitore
Chairwoman, Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
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As I have done each year I would like to begin by once again bringing attention to the Town's dedicated department managers, employees, elected officials and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all their hard work and commitment. Paxton would not be the Town it is without the involvement of these people. I would like to especially thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership of the Town.

The Town had another busy year including the following in fiscal 2018:

- ❖ The Town arranged and funded the installation of WIFI at the Paxton Center School.
- ❖ The Town Hall got a fresh coat of paint and exterior repairs were made along with improved landscaping. This certainly made a difference.
- ❖ The Water Department was awarded a MIIA grant of \$6,000 for a safety walk on the new Maple Street Water Tank. This will improve employee/vendor safety when needing to access the higher areas of the tank.
- ❖ The Town Hall staff hosted for the 7th consecutive year a visit from the Paxton Center School 3rd grade class. Employees enjoyed providing an insight into the fundamentals of their department and Anita and Richard Fenton provided the history.
- ❖ The Town implemented quarterly tax billing. This assisted the Treasurer with cash flow. We appreciate the cooperation of residents adjusting to this new payment structure throughout the first-year payment cycle.
- ❖ Several senior residents came before the Selectboard at various times throughout the year and addressed the Town Administrator in an effort to see improvements made in the basement of the John Bauer Senior Center. The stairwell was painted and carpeted. Unfortunately, efforts to improve the heating and remedy the occasional water in the basement, was not fully resolved.
- ❖ We negotiated in-house the first contract with the Police Dispatchers. A three-year contract was ratified in November 2017. Our hope is that this contract will encourage dispatchers to work for the Town of Paxton and in turn we see less turnover in that department.
- ❖ In December the Board of Selectmen accepted a policy presented by the Town Administrator to appropriate free cash for the Town's Stabilization Fund, Capital Depreciation Fund and OPEB account. We were unable to go along with this policy at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting, but it is in place for consideration each year; should we find the resources to implement.
- ❖ The Stormwater Coalition of which Paxton is a member received a grant for \$200,000 to assist in the education aspect of the new Stormwater Permit that is to be introduced in July 2019. Throughout the year the Town Administrator DPW Superintendent continued to attend Stormwater Coalition meetings in anticipation of this new Permit for clean water. This permit will be very challenging for towns and especially small towns like Paxton; who do not have engineer personnel dedicated to this topic. A Notice of Intent is

due October 1, 2018.

- ❖ In May the Town utilized the Community Compact grant of \$13,000 to purchase new servers and migrate to Office 365. Employees did a great job being patient whilst our IT Director Michael Savasta and Gary Rabidou (Rabidou Consulting) worked diligently to complete the conversion. I also appreciate the contribution of resident Matthew Noponen.
- ❖ At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2018, the Town voted a Debt Exclusion for a new backhoe for the DPW and a Capital Exclusion for a new COA Van. The Town also accepted the Local Meal Tax option placing .075 per cent on prepared meals and beverages sold in Town.
- ❖ The Town voted to raise and appropriate from the Road Improvement Stabilization Fund of \$105,062. This
- ❖ The Holden Road Reclamation plan was accepted by MassDot and we moved forward at the Annual Town to accept easements and pay compensation to property owners. The project will be advertised in the 2018 fall.
- ❖ Deirdre (Dee Dee) Malone, our long time Treasurer/Collector retired in May and will be greatly missed. Kim Peloquin was previously the Assistant Treasurer/Collector and became the Treasurer/Collector. I welcome Kim to the position, and I know that she is going to do an excellent job for the Town.
- ❖ Larissa Kennedy was appointed as the Assistant Treasurer/Collector and has fitted in perfectly.
- ❖ Travis Thibault took over as Water Superintendent at the start of the year and did a great job. Travis secured a GAP Grant to conserve energy at the pump station and began the first year of installation of smart meters.
- ❖ To round off the year we held our seventh Paxton Days on the Common. The weather was beautiful and all who attended appeared to enjoy the music, vendors and food.

In closing I would like to once again thank all Department Managers, Town Hall employees and Town employees for their continued hard work and support; they make my job so much easier. I would also like to give a special thanks to Donna Graf Parsons, Executive Assistant for all the valuable help she provides.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

BOARD OF HEALTH
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The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2017:
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Inspections:	35
Soil Percolation Tests:	21
Septic Plan Reviews	30
Food Code Inspections	12
Semi Public Pool Inspections	4
Summer Camp Inspections	3
Housing Inspections	3
Complaints	0
Septic Construction Permits	20
Well Permits	2

FINANCE COMMITTEE **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18**

The Fiscal Year 2018 ended with little surplus as we have repeatedly come to expect. With the failure of passage of the School District budget, Paxton's WRSD assessment was reduced by approx. \$66,000. Although this was far short of the suggested override value required to obtain a balanced budget, the difference was made up by local revenue and new construction which exceeded originally estimated values and \$60,000 of overlay surplus. Year-end transfers between and within budgets totaled \$58,000 helping to offset a Snow and Ice deficit of \$20,000, compensation shortages in the Fire budget resulting from greater activity, and other unexpected expenditures. However, reserve transfers only amounted to less than \$500. It is to be noted that our excess levy capacity was under \$1,000, well below that of other surrounding towns. This is a good index of how tight Paxton's budget is.

Looking toward the future with respect to the coming fiscal year 2019, the budget presented at the annual town meeting in May was developed under the usual fiscal constraints. Free cash of \$263,640, a value significantly less than that for FY18, was once again used entirely to help balance the budget. The Finance Committee proposed Proposition 2½ overrides of \$300,000 as required to fully fund the Wachusett Regional School District assessment and \$100,000 to fully fund municipal operations. Without these overrides' town services would have to be reduced. Fortunately, voters at the town meeting and general election accepted both overrides. The town's proposed non-debt operating budget increased 4% from FY18. In recognition that the Capital Depreciation, Stabilization and OPEB funds have been ignored for years, the transfer of \$13,182 of free cash to each of these accounts was recommended. However, no action was taken on the Articles because of a shortage of available funds at the time of the Town Meeting. These accounts remain unacceptably low.

Prior to the application of a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for non-contractual employees, 25 proposed FY2019 budgets were level funded and 6 were decreased. Salary increases totaling approximately \$20,000 for non-contractual employees were awarded to a number of positions. These were either step increases, or enhancements required to keep position compensations in line with salaries awarded in other towns. The Police budget increased 4.2% as a result of contractual negotiations.

Budgets for education are responsible for over 48% of the town's municipal budget. 1) The total Bay Path Vocational High School assessment for FY2019 decreased 8.6% from the previous year as a result of fewer Paxton students in attendance. 2) One student from Paxton will attend the Norfolk County Agricultural High School. The cost to the town, which we are required to cover, includes tuition and transportation totaling \$54,956. In FY18, a portion of this expense was covered by a year-end budget transfer possible as a result of reduced heating oil consumption

during the winter. 3) The WRSD School Committee approved a budget that resulted in a total assessment to Paxton of \$6,313,461. This represents a 5.6% increase in the non-debt portion of the assessment, as compared to 2.7% for FY18. As already mentioned, the proposed Proposition 2½ override of \$300,000 required to fund this account was accepted by the residents. We continue to urge our legislators in Boston to increase state funding for regional school transportation to a full 100% as was originally intended upon the creation of the regional school system. The burden of less than full funding is taking a toll across the state on all local services relating to public safety, culture, human services and public works.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Richard A. Fenton, Chairman

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
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The men and women of the Paxton Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2018 have continued to perform above and beyond the call of duty for the residents of the Town of Paxton. The Department has seen a steady rise in the number of calls for service over the last several fiscal years, a trend that appears to be nationwide. The Paxton Fire Department responded to over 1000 calls for service in 2018, from structure fires, car accidents and emergency medical calls to everything else in between. These calls for service prove ever challenging and with the rapid change in technologies, we had to, as a department, adapt to become more of an “All Hazards” Department rather than solely Fire and EMS. As in years past we have responded to numerous fires, motor vehicle accidents, EMS calls, Hazardous Materials Incidents and other emergencies.

Morale remains high among the ranks within the department. Each member is willing and able to serve in a moment’s notice, and with strong leadership and dedication by the core of officers the department has, we will continue to respond with professionalism and compassion.

Recruitment has been tough in recent years with a lot of people having trouble to find the time to dedicate to the rigorous and rewarding initial training in order to become a certified firefighter.

However, we still had two recruits successfully attend and complete the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow and become Certified Firefighters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In October of this past year we held our annual open house, this one by far was a huge success with easily over 200 residents of Paxton

coming in to see what goes on, learn about fire prevention, and meet the firefighters. We do this annually every Fire Prevention week in October and look forward to seeing the residents there. As always, we remind you to change your batteries in your smoke detectors every six months and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

The Paxton Fire Department is prepared and ready to face another year serving the Town of Paxton, but to be able to do this I want to thank the men and women of this department that make it happen! Most importantly the families of these men and women who must endure their loved ones leaving in a moment’s notice in the middle of the night, weekends, holidays and special occasions to answer the calls for help from their neighbors and other citizens of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay J. Conte EMT, Fire Chief

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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The library has been a busy place. We continue to circulate in excess of 30,000 materials to our patrons. Several years ago we joined the CW Mars network and people may now use that card at any library within the network. An expanded feature of the "Commonwealth Catalog" allows patrons to now borrow thru out the state. A patron may renew on line, place a "hold" for a book they want to read or download a book to a device to read it.

Kim Cooke's Wednesday morning story hour continues to draw an enthusiastic group of kids to hear a story and do a craft. The services for toddlers has expanded with a "Read, Build and Play" program on Friday mornings through the Community Partnership for children. Kim has also started a "Read to Lily" program where, a couple of times a month, beginner readers may read to a therapy trained dog.

Summer Reading was quite busy as the children read to win a variety of prizes. Over 100 children signed up. It was kicked off with a performance by magician Scott Jameson. Throughout the summer there was a domino build, a planting story hour and a teen spa night. It culminated with a concert by Steve Blunt and Marty Kelly. The prizes were donated by area businesses and the Friends group.

Another great program was a Mystery Dinner Theater. "These Jokes Are Killing Me" was performed by Cornely Productions and was held at the Paxton American Legion. We were fortunate to have most of it supported by funds from Country Bank and Fidelity Bank. A buffet with foods from Ladd's Restaurant was a hit to the capacity crowd.

Halloween saw a fun program of crafts and a story with Sarah and Erik Howe. And of course, there is Santa Claus who came in to Paxton on a firetruck and returned the next morning for a visit and pictures with 100 eager children.

The library has continued its capital improvements. We completed the interior painting. This past spring, we installed new carpet. We also have painted the outside trim and have replaced several windows.

Our Friends group is invaluable to us as are multiple others who have volunteered to assist us in programming, book sorting and our monthly cabinet display. We couldn't do it without them. Our annual Book and Bake Sale and membership drive are still our biggest source of funds for the library.

We encourage people to join our Facebook page and to check in regularly at our website at RMLPAXTON.ORG. If you are not on our monthly newsletter, please come by and give us your e-mail address. We would love to keep you informed.

Author Sidney Sheldon once wrote: Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. So, come on by.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Bailey

TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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The DPW had a very busy winter season once again. A mini ice storm in late December was followed by ten straight days of sub-zero temperatures in January. There were two Nor'easters in March that produced 15" and 18" of snow just days within each other. In April we had two plowable snow storms to cap off the "Winter that Didn't Want to End!" Seasons like that take a toll on the roads, equipment and the operating budget.

The Highway Department, along with subcontractors, resurfaced Camp Street, Dunanderry Way and a section of Alderwood Road. There were also drainage improvements done on Davis Hill Road as well as crack seal on Shanandoah Drive, Wildwood Drive, Crocker Hill Drive and the lower part of Grove Street.

The Department took delivery of a new F-350 truck with a snow plow and will be looking to replace more equipment in the future as well as continuing to pursue the construction of a new DPW facility.

The Holden Road reconstruction project has finally reached 100% design and was moved up on the tip list, being scheduled for groundbreaking in FY19. We met with residents to explain easements and how the project will affect their property.

The new MS4 Stormwater Permit was delayed one year and will go into effect in FY19. These new regulations will put an added burden on the Department in the form of potential manpower and funding increases.

Typical road maintenance continued with seasonal street sweeping, roadside mowing and catch basin cleaning. The Department also performed maintenance and burials at Mooreland Cemetery as well as mowing and upkeep of all recreation facilities.

The Department gets a lot done with limited manpower and equipment. These employees should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Paxton and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Putnam, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION
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The Paxton Water Department had a productive year for FY18 with many accomplishments to note. In July 2017, Travis Thibault was appointed as the Water Superintendent. In August 2017, an additional Water Operator was hired to help support the department.

The Department was awarded two grants. The first was the MIIA Grant, which provided \$5,000 to purchase safety equipment. This enabled the Department to install a ladder assist system at the Maple Street Tank.

The second grant was a Gap II Grant for Municipal Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities through MassDEP's Clean Energy Results Program (CERP) with the support of the Department

of Energy Resources (DOER). This grant, in the amount of \$22,814, will allow for energy efficiency upgrades at the Pump Station on Route 122. Said upgrades are scheduled to be completed in FY19.

Additionally, the Department began the new water meter system upgrade, which includes the installation of new, automated infrastructure meters to be installed at each water customer's residence, and/or place of business. Said meters operate on a cloud-based system that features many benefits including customer access through a website or mobile app, leak detection and notifications if the pipes are about to freeze (via a low temperature alarm) to name a few. The manufacturer states that the new meters are good for 20 years; the radio devices are good for 10 years.

The Department makes a point to go out monthly or bi-monthly to perform leak detection. Through these efforts, the Department was able to identify and repair several water leaks throughout the system.

Several major water main breaks were repaired throughout the system.

The Board of Water Commissioners met on a monthly basis throughout the year to discuss all aspects of the Water Department and to make decisions on behalf of the town's residents that are supplied with public drinking water.

Below are some of the actives that were discussed at the Water Board meetings:

- The purchase and replacement of fire hydrants throughout the system.
- Repairing water mains and services throughout the system, either through leak detection or emergency situations.
- A new water main that has been installed at Anna Maria College that will enable a sprinkler system to be installed at the Campus Center.
- A new water main that will be installed for the Spaulding Woods project off Route 122.
- The Consumer Confidence Report was posted online for the town's water customers. The report was also posted throughout town at public buildings, and copies were left at some of those locations for consumers to take.
- The Code Red system was utilized several times in order to inform consumers of emergency situations, and system wide hydrant flushing.
- Responded to customers with unusually high-water usage by giving them the opportunity to be heard at a board meeting.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent and his Department for their hard work and dedication to providing residents of Paxton with clean and safe drinking water.

Respectfully Submitted,
John F. Malone, Chairman
David Trulson, Vice Chairman
Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) is in its 104^h year serving as Paxton's electric utility, delivering reliable, safe, low-cost public power and providing friendly and professional customer service.

Operations

The following list summarizes completed projects and those in progress:

- Completed the replacement of all the Town's old high-pressure sodium (HPS) streetlights with new LED streetlights. The replacement of these light has resulted in an overall savings to the Town.
- In 2018, we began replacing old steel cutout brackets with fiberglass ones throughout the distribution system. This is being done as a preventative measure to improve service reliability against power outages caused by wildlife.
- Tree trimming along the primary power lines on Marshall Street, Holbrook Lane, Pond Street and Grove Street, as a preventative maintenance against power outages caused by trees interfering with power lines.
- Began upgrading secondary house services to replace old steel core wire, which over time rusts, weakens and breaks, with new triplex aluminum wire.
- Installed 3 new transformers and replaced 6 transformers showing deterioration or stress due to overloading.
- On Asnebumskit Street, we moved a three-phase transformer bank that was in the woods closer to road for better accessibility.
- Installed 9 new customer meters and replaced 16 aging ones.
- Replaced old commercial customer meters which required a monthly visual read with RF meters to improve the efficiency of monthly meter reading.

Company Highlights

With an increase in residential solar installation inquiries, a new solar generation policy was adopted by the Light Board on September 1, 2018. The policy includes guidelines and instructions for home owners and solar installers/companies to assist them in adhering to our requirements and restrictions placed on new solar installations connecting to PMLD's electrical grid.

New Terms and Conditions were accepted by the Light Board in October of 2018. These Terms and Conditions were updated to provide for industry standard fees as well as a section defining and outlining theft and prosecution.

PMLD continues to provide its customers with free home energy audits through the HELPS program as well as rebates on certain high energy appliances and home improvements. The number of rebates and home energy audits were lower than in previous years, we anticipate more rate payers will take advantage of the added rebates now offered by PMLD through the HELPS Program in 2019.

PMLD continued to contribute labor and good will to other Town Departments to assist them in their projects at no cost. These projects include the hanging of the seasonal lights of the Town common, hanging of various banners throughout the Town and bunting on the Town Hall, and the installation of new LED lights at the skating rink/parking lot of the ball field.

Power Supply

Despite rising capacity and transmission costs in New England, PMLD's power costs have remained stable. PMLD buys its electricity through fixed contracts, three to five years in advance, and the open market while utilizing a diverse power portfolio, that is 69% carbon free. In 2018, over 21% of our power received was from renewable energy sources, hydro and wind, that include Berkshire Wind located in Western MA and Hancock Wind in Hancock, ME. We also received power from nuclear power plants located in Millstone, CT and Seabrook, NH. Other sources of our power supply came from the MMWEC Stony Brook Plant.

In closing, the Paxton Municipal Light Commission and General Manager would like to thank all employees for their continued dedication and hard work in 2018. We would also like to thank John Crowley and John Ahern for their years of service on the Light Board Commission and welcome two new members to the Light Board, Yvette Orell and Michael Benoit. Most importantly we would like to take this time to thank all our rate payers for being our customer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Rondeau, General Manager

For the Paxton Municipal Light Commission:
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Chairman
Michael Benoit, Vice Chairman
Yvette M. Orell, Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18**

Another fiscal comes to an end and soon the next budget process will begin. The Board of Selectmen, our Town Administrator, dedicated department heads, Finance and school committees and other civic minded people will meet. Presented budgets will be evaluated and added up to more money than the town can afford. After many meetings and negotiations somehow, it will work, and Paxton residents will again receive great service for their tax dollars.

In previous reports I have noted the fast-changing pace in law enforcement challenges both in technological advances and the general attitude of a certain group of society that doesn't comply with rules. We find ourselves encountering people that have little regard for others and themselves. We find ourselves in domestic violence situations where the primary driving force is substance abuse. I have seen behavior as of late that is frankly quite scary. Please consider this when you are dealing with or judging police officers. Public scrutiny of police behavior is at an all-time high while at the same time, public disrespect and violence against police is also at an all-time high. My officers are dealing with those people that won't hesitate to do them harm.

A very positive trend I've noted is the introduction of technology to our security systems. Many of you now have cameras protecting your homes. Video evidence has not only helped us track down criminals but has reduced the number of housebreaks we have investigated. The same can be said relative to identity thefts. We have acquired commercial videos of perpetrators using stolen credit cards.

Phishing scams, fake lotteries, calls from the IRS, Sheriffs, and too many others to list continue to plague us. If you have any doubt at all about a letter or call you received, I implore you to report it to us. Many of these letters or calls are scary to decent people and some present as very legitimate. It will only require a phone call to us to verify or negate any concern. General rule of thumb is nothing is free, the IRS does not call you on the phone and you're probably not that lucky to have won the International lottery! Legitimate lotteries do not require you to send them money first.

This lastly mentioned trend is hatred and revenge on social media. I've never seen so many people make such derogatory comments about people on social media nor have I seen so many so upset about it. I also see social media destroy young people's future. Please be careful what you do on line. Would you ever say to someone standing in front of you what you type on line?

Being this is my last report as your Police Chief, I extend my gratitude to the Town of Paxton for affording me a long and satisfying career. Many years ago, Chiefs Sheehan and Chief Mortell presented me an opportunity to serve the town. I embraced the challenge and made some mistakes along the way. I learned from those mistakes as well as successes and grew as a person and a Police Officer. I have always considered your safety my top priority and have refined the police department to that end. I am confident that Chief Mark Savasta will continue to provide top quality service.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18**

It has been another very successful year for the Council on Aging. Once again it has been marked by new programs and a remarkable continuance of an increase in our senior participation. We continue to provide advocacy and support for our seniors, while maintaining their independence, improving their quality of life, and preparing them for lives changes. As the town's human service department, our focus is on health awareness, home and health support, counseling, wellness, and information and referral services.

This year we are meeting our challenges as we continue to see an increase in our senior population. We continue to expand our programs and events while identifying the individual needs of all seniors.

We provide Paxton seniors with an in-house outreach program. This year, we have seen an increase in the number of families and caregivers looking for assistance for their senior family member.

We meet with seniors, their families, and caregivers in their homes or in our COA office and provide information on various programs, benefits, and provide assistance. We work closely with home and health agencies to ensure our seniors are getting the best care to help keep them safe in their home.

- Our nutrition program offers lunch at our Senior Center three days a week while also providing meals to our seniors in their homes five days a week. We have seen an

increase this past year in the number of meals delivered to homes, as well as, in the Senior Center.

- We offer assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP), as well as, provide food pick up from the Wachusett Food Pantry once a month for those seniors that are unable to drive.
- We have a state certified counselor at our Senior Center once a month from SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) to provide free help for those with insurance questions and counseling.

At our town meeting in May, residents approved the purchase of a 2018 van to replace the old 2011 van.

With the increase participation of senior riders, we have added another van driver making it a total of three.

Our van provides transportation for our seniors five days a week, with an average of 20 to 30 individuals a week. Transportation is available for medical appointments, grocery shopping, errands, and various other appointments.

Expanded weekly activities include bowling, bocce, book club, fitness, and yoga. Newly added activities include various wellness programs and a variety card playing games. In addition, we host monthly coffee cafe, men's club, veteran's group, and a quilting and sewing group. We recently added a dining out and like experiences group with strong participation...including a sold-out tour cruise on Webster Lake aboard the Indian Princess.

Various guest speakers also join us throughout the year to speak on safety, senior life styles, and wellness.

All Paxton seniors receive our monthly newsletter with information on activities, programs, wellness, and events. Its significant upgrades in both appearance and content have been met with rave reviews.

Our signature events include our annual health fair, fall bazaar, and senior picnic. Throughout the year, we have our holiday luncheons, informational speakers, and other special gatherings.

The Friends of the Council on Aging provides generous support to the Council on Aging through various programs and monthly trips.

Our Council on Aging staff consists of a Director who also handles our valuable Outreach Services, a part-time Office Assistant, and three van drivers. The Council has nine Board Members and five Associate Board Members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

With more than 1,050 seniors living in Paxton, we will continue to move forward in 2019 to meet the challenges and look at new ways to enhance the lives of this growing senior population.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Love, Director

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31st of each year with the Town Clerk. The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

CEMETERY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

During the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 there were 21 burials in Mooreland Cemetery. The Cemetery Commission consisting of Patricia Belsito, Judi Mancini and Christopher Stone met six times during the year to review Cemetery items that came before the Commission.

It was decided that the Commission needed to open a new section of the cemetery. This was started with the opening of Oak Avenue East and West.

The Cemetery Handbook was reviewed, and corrections and additions were made. The current cemetery prices are as follows and these will change as of January 2019:

2 grave plots - \$800.00
3 grave plots - \$1200.00
4 grave plots - \$1600.00
5 grave plots - \$2000.00
6 grave plots - \$2400.00

Full burial weekday - \$800
Cremation weekday - \$500

Full burial weekend - \$950
Cremation weekend - \$650

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Belsito, Chairperson

PAXTON BOARD OF APPEALS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

In FY18, the Paxton Board of Appeals (BOA) received ten petitions for relief from the Paxton Zoning Bylaws. Six meetings were held to provide the petitioners a public meeting to present their reasons for appealing a ruling by the Paxton Building Commissioner or to satisfy Zoning Bylaw requirements. All petitions were approved and most with conditions. The BOA also welcomed two new Associate Members, Scott Moss and Robert Birkbeck.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Brien, Chairman

PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

For FY18, the Planning Board approved Site Plan Reviews and Storm Water Permits for Sweetpea Friends of Rutland Animals, Inc. and Fidelity Bank along with two of the same for new Single-Family Residences. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments heard throughout the fiscal year. Also, one Approval Not Required, ANR, was signed. The board met eleven times and approved minutes are available on the towns' website.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

The Paxton Historical was established in 1976 to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton's past.

Membership includes:
Anita Fenton - Chairman
Larry Spongberg - Vice Chairman
Donna MacLean - Treasurer
Donmarie Desrosiers - Secretary
Members: Pamela Hair and Karl Ottmar

The Commission continued its annual project to publish a calendar depicting images that showcased people, places, and activities that are a part of Paxton's heritage focusing on unique unpublished photos in their extensive archival collection.

Several Commission members gave tours of the town hall to the third-grade classes from Paxton Center School with descriptions of social meetings, festive celebrations and town meetings that once occurred in the second floor Allen Hall. There also was a tour of the basement with its historic jail or "tramp room" and an unusual four holer once in use in the building. A coloring contest of possible colors that once existed on the original town hall was also repeated with resulting pictures displayed in the White Building foyer. Additional tours were also given of the Senior Center (old Center School) and Paxton Center Cemetery in order to enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of Paxton's historic character.

During the annual June Paxton Days, the Commission had available various costumes for adults and children to wear in order to have their photos taken in front of an historical image of Paxton commissioned from town artist, Jennifer Niles. Items also on display were new Paxton mugs, as well as books and postcards based on the history of the town.

The Commission financed the examination of a wooden bracket from the original town hall. Matthew Mosca, a renowned historic paint curator who has worked on paint identifications for Mount Vernon and other historical sites, was hired to determine the original color of the town hall in 1888. He was able to analytically determine the color as mustard with a brown trim and sent detailed specifications which could be used to replicate the color on a future town hall model for display.

As always, residents and guests were invited to the Historical Commission office open houses presented from Spring to Fall during the second Saturday of the month to observe artifacts from Paxton's history.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Fenton

PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

The Paxton Cultural Coalition received an allocation of \$4700 for 2018. In addition, we had a \$4 balance in the fund making our available funds \$4704.

We received a total of 16 submissions. This was a slight decrease that we attributed to the new on-line process that caused some confusion. After a careful review, we granted funding to 13 with the average award of just under \$362.

The committee has been active in seeking additional members and, as a result, two new members have joined the group. A press release was recently issued to solicit proposal for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McGinn	Chairman
Donna Parsons	Secretary
Christie Barns	Treasurer
Cindy Love	
Marybeth Brown	

WIRING INSPECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site www.townofpaxton.net. Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Executive 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,
John Reece

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) began the planning cycle in December 2016, reviewing the status of capital items procured in prior fiscal years, status of items on the current project plan, the Town's fixed assets, and current and project financial capacities. On 5 December 2016, the CIPC published guidance and solicited Department and Committee input to the FY 18 Capital Budget and FY 19-23 Capital Program.

In January 2017, the CIPC received eight capital requests totaling \$739,910. In the subsequent months, the CIPC reviewed all projects and met with the departments to discuss the following FY18 Capital Improvement Projects:

- (1) DPW:
 - a. Ford F350 Pickup Truck; Estimated Cost: \$57,000
 - b. DPW Facility (Phase I/Site Plan/Initial Design); Estimated Cost: \$150,000
 - c. Backhoe/Loader; Estimated Cost: \$170,000
- (2) Police:
 - a. Ford Police Interceptor Vehicle; Estimated Cost: \$41,910
 - b. Zetron Dispatch Console; Estimated Cost: \$91,000
- (3) CIPC:
 - a. Town Hall Exterior Repairs; Estimated Cost: \$70,000
 - b. Senior Center Window Replacement; Estimated Cost: \$120,000
 - c. Paxton Center School Wireless Network; Estimated Cost: \$40,000

In April 2017, the CIPC forwarded six Warrant Article recommendations to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. The CIPC voted to defer the Backhoe/Loader and Zetron Dispatch Console to a subsequent fiscal year.

At the Annual Town Meeting (1 May 2017), the CIPC presented and made motions for the following Warrant Articles:

Article 9 – DPW Pickup Truck: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a seven year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2017 Ford F350 Pickup Truck with plow for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$57,000, to replace the existing 2006 Ford F350 Pickup Truck, with a first-year lease payment of \$9,440, and with the remaining six yearly payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Highway Department budget; or act any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 10 – DPW Site and Design: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000, or any other sum, to conduct a Site Plan and Initial Design (Phase One) of a new Department of Public Works Facility; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.

Article 11 – Police Vehicle: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$41,910, or any other sum, to purchase one 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Police Department to replace the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser (Car #3), with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund, provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 12 – Town Hall Exterior Repairs: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$70,000, or any other sum for painting, lead abatement and minor repairs to the exterior of the Town Hall; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 12.

Article 13 – Senior Center Window Replacement: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$120,000, or any other sum for window replacement and minor repairs for the John Bauer Senior Center; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 14 – PCS Wireless Network: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 or any other sum from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meetings under Article 3, to pay for the installation of a wireless local area network in the Paxton Center School, or act in any way thereon. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED UNDER ARTICLE 14.

At the Annual Town Election (8 May 2017), voters passed the Proposition 2½ capital expenditure exclusion for the Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle and Town Hall exterior repairs. Voters defeated the Proposition 2½ debt exclusion for the DPW Site and Design plan and Proposition 2½ capital expenditure exclusion for the John Bauer Senior Center window replacement.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Kent, Chairman
Forrest Smith, Vice Chair
Kateri Clute, Clerk
Mark Love
Jim McGrath
Carol Riches

VETERANS AGENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The Department is responsible for the administration of veterans' benefits program, per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. It provides financial assistance to honorably-discharged, veterans who establish need and worthiness and are residents of the Town of Paxton.

During the year the office extended benefits to qualified veterans totaling \$9,845.46 for housing, food, heat, medical and other related costs. The amount expended was reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth at a rate of 75% of total expenditures.

The Department also provided confidential counsel and advice to Paxton Veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining information and benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, and the Town of Paxton Department of Veterans' Services.

In order to provide greater access and visibility, the Veteran's Agent partnered with the Paxton Council on Aging (COA) Outreach Coordinator and American Legion Post 306. In the past year the Department participated monthly veteran events at the John Bauer Senior Center (*every 2nd Wednesday, 10:30 am*) and Post 306 Headquarters (*every 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm*).

Respectfully,
Jeffrey L. Kent, Veteran's Agent

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

Dear Residents of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling,

We continue to make great strides in the Wachusett Regional School District as we work together to provide our children with meaningful educational experiences and opportunities. Our five communities, each unique and distinct from the other, form the largest regional school district in Massachusetts, with over 7,000 students attending our schools from August to June.

In early November, the District and Member Town officials held the annual Budget Roundtable at the Holden Senior Center. This meeting is the opportunity to discuss budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. As always, the meeting was well attended by town representatives, officials from the state, and members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee. We all recognized that the lack of funding from the state needs to be addressed, as our communities, and others in our state, continue to take on a larger percentage of the school budget every year. We will continue to work closely with our local legislators to assist us in advocating on our behalf to help ease the financial burden placed on our schools and our communities.

This year, we have focused much attention on making sure that our students have their social and emotional needs met, through learning in a safe and secure environment. Student wellbeing - emotional, social, and physical - continues to be a top priority throughout the District. Our dedication to this area is further enhanced with the appointment of a District-wide Director of Social Emotional Learning and Guidance. Unifying our school counseling model, and providing guidance for our staff and administration, the Director of SEL and Guidance will play a crucial role in how the WRSD supports all students by enhancing our capacity as a learning community working with the whole child. Being mindful of students' emotional health is always on the radar when working with children and young adults. The Wachusett community knows the importance of student welfare and all strive to help keep our younger generation safe, secure, comfortable, and confident as they pursue their education.

Last year, the five towns that comprise the Wachusett District supported a budget that has permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We look forward to continuing the forward progress made this past year as we look to creating a budget that supports the Strategic Plan.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and community members for their continued support and dedication to the education of the children in the Wachusett Regional School District. Working together, we will provide our students with a quality education that will prepare them for success in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Darryll McCall, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 245 students in June of 2018 and accepted a class of 315 freshmen in September of 2018. Our current enrollment has reached 1,131 students.

One Paxton senior graduated and is now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training. Currently, 15 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of our 22 vocational areas for the 2018-2019 school year.

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 provide requested services to municipalities, non-profit organizations and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2017-2018 school year, our 22 vocational programs completed 1,026 work orders, of which, 18 were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

Our Hilltop Restaurant and Minuteman Shoppe are opened to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Our cosmetology program is also open to the general public. Appointments for cosmetology services must be made in advance by calling the school. Residents of the Bay Path district are encouraged to take advantage of the services provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs to in-district residents. 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 1,646, in programs ranging from Business & Finance, Career/ Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health & Fitness; Hobbies & Crafts; Home & Job; Language & Art; and Sports & 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.

This year, the only "Out of District" students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the Districts ten member towns and then subsequently moved out of the District before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where the students now reside must pay an out of district tuition for each student ranging in cost between \$15,513 and \$17,399. Those towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

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 feeling 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 students' education.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Lafleche, Superintendent-Director

WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER
WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

Supported in part by the seven member towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston, the MA Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) and the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Wachusett Earthday Inc. (WEI) strives to provide a local solution for difficult-to-dispose of household hazardous products, bulk household debris, as well as to offer a space for citizens to share gently used, but still serviceable items. Usage of the facilities and services provided by the volunteers at the Regional Recycle Center is growing and expanding.

Wachusett Earthday continued the revised schedule initiated in 2017 which has allowed the staff to accommodate and deal with the vast amount of materials coming into the Reuse Building: Tues (9-11), Wed (2:30-4:30), Thurs (5-7) and every third Saturday (8-11). The Board voted to continue the practice of closing on Thursday evenings for the months of December, January and February, (opening on the first Saturdays of those months as well as the third) due to generally inhospitable temperatures and dark evenings. Greater usage has brought an increased number of cars and amount of materials into the site:

	2018	2017
Total cars	28,387	28,007
Total gallons HHP	8,968	11,265
Total lbs. Debris	1,909,797 (955tons)	1,806,578 (903 tons)
Tires	1,365	1,116

The mattress recycling grant (facilitated through Mass DEP and the Town of Sterling), allowed WEI to send 1,539 mattresses for recycling in 2018 (in 2017, we recycled 1,435). This grant has terminated as of the end of January of 2019; WEI will continue to keep prices for the disposal of mattresses reasonable and will continue to collect them for recycling.

The on-site solar array which went on-line as of June 2018, was made possible through the combined efforts of the West Boylston Municipal Light Plant (donated excess racking), the DCR (for its approval to install the system), Mass American Energy LLC (donated half of the panels), Richard Chase of Princeton (donated his time and expertise in the solar field), and Avid Solar LLC (installed & registered our system). WEI funded half of the panel purchase price as well as the installation costs. Thus far, the power generated in 2018 (as of June) has been 3.9Mw. This addition will help defray the cost of on-site electricity.

Wachusett Earthday continues to work with numerous local and regional social service organizations such as Habitat for Humanity/ReStore, the Montachusett Veterans Shelter, Veterans Inc, Abby's House, the Department of Child/Family Services, Sterling Animal Shelter, Worcester Animal Rescue League, Nu-Day Syria, More Than Words, Dressed for Success, Fresh Start, Deven's Eco Efficiency Center, Goodwill Industries, Gale Free Library and Refugee Artisans of Worcester. We welcome inquiries from other social service and non-profit organizations as well as teachers from greater Worcester County.

Volunteers of WEI come from all seven towns as well as several out-of-region towns. Volunteers, scout groups, the Alpha Phi Omega service organization from Worcester Polytechnic Inst. and members of the Sheriff's Community Service Program all work towards the common goal of waste reduction, recycling and reuse. While the Site is open to the public for just over 7 hours each week, on average, hundreds of additional hours are put in during non-open times. Volunteers come in to organize and clean several hours before and after each open shift as well as for three to four hours on non-open days.

Six household hazardous products collections were planned for 2018 and five were held. Three free document shredding days were held. The same number of both collections is planned for 2019.

Holiday closings in 2019 will be: January 1, July 4, November 27, 28 & December 25, 26.

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center Town Representative Team includes designated representatives of the seven Wachusett Towns, the MA DCR and WEI. The Team meets annually to review operations. The board of directors of WEI meets monthly to manage operations. The newly created position of Operations Manager at WEI has proven to be vital to the continued success of the operation and the smooth functioning of the site. WEI will be undertaking several capital improvement projects in 2019.

2018 Members of the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center Town Representatives:

Boylston–Martin McNamara/Lori Esposito	Rutland-Sheila Dibb
Holden–Pam Harding/Robin Farrington	Sterling-Ross Perry/Kama Jayne
Paxton–Carol Riches	West Boylston-Anita
Princeton–Arthur Allen/Nina Nazarian	ScheipersNancy Lucier
WEI – Helen Townsend	
MA Department of Conservation & Recreation – John M. Scannell	

2018 Board of Directors, Wachusett Earthday, Inc:

Connie Burr, Norma Chanis (Clerk), William Cronin, Susan Farr, Tim Harrington (Treasurer), Michael Kacprzicki, Mark Koslowske (Vice President & Operations Manager), Patt Popple, Vanya Seiss, Helen Townsend (President) and Robert Troy.

WACHUSETT GREENWAY **ANNUAL REPORT FY2018**

Connecting our Communities

Wachusett Greenways (WG) is thankful for everyone who helps connect the community with trails and greenways. The Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) is a prized resource for recreation, transportation and health. Year-round neighbors and visitors benefit from the MCRT between Sterling and Barre. Wachusett Greenways and partners including eight Towns have completed

and continue to maintain 20 miles of the planned central 30 miles of the MCRT. The Commonwealth and others are constructing new sections of the MCRT to the east and west of us along the 104-mile corridor between Northampton and Boston.

24 Years of Partnerships

Seven of the eight towns contributed to WG operating fund support in FY 19, and the eighth town will seek support in FY 20. WG Towns include Barre, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling, Oakham and West Boylston.

Major partners are the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), eight central Massachusetts Towns, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Mass Office of Travel and Tourism, each legislator, many local foundations and businesses. Every WG member, donor and volunteer is also a key partner, from whom a gift in any amount counts for membership.

MCRT Construction and Restoration

Restorations and improvements accomplished in 2018 through DCR Recreational Trails Program grants with WG match included:

1. Phase II to complete the restoration of the Wachusett Street section of the MCRT in Rutland.
2. Phase I to restore and upgrade the West Boylston section of the MCRT from Thomas Street to I-190.
3. Phase I of construction of the Pleasant Street section of the MCRT in West Boylston between Route 140/Beaman Street and Prescott Street.

Moving forward in 2019. WG will complete Phase II in West Boylston to restore and upgrade the MCRT between Thomas Street and I-190 and to construct the MCRT over Pleasant Street between Route 140 and Prescott Street. WG will also complete the MCRT bypass in Holden between Manning Street and River Street to achieve an accessible grade for the multi-use trail.

Other projects anticipated with the help of DCR Recreational Trails Grant match are the restoration of the Quag/West Washacum bridge in Sterling and a new design for the Manning Street to Mill Street section of the MCRT in Holden.

The design and engineering for the new MCRT connection at the Route 140/ Beaman Street causeway in West Boylston is underway in 2019 managed by the DCR and supported by WG through the DCR Matching Funds Program.

MCRT Stewardship

WG volunteers and Wachusett town Departments of Public Works completed many hours of shoulder mowing during the growing season. Teamwork helps keep the MCRT in good condition. WG trail patrollers removed parking lot litter, checked portable toilets for good maintenance and removed downed branches. Other volunteers continued to remove dead trees and clean drainage ditches. These amazing volunteers deserve our thanks. WG also hired snowplowing for the River Street, Holden, parking lot.

Members and Volunteers Count

Greenways grew to 956 donors in 2018 including 159 new members. Donors hailed from 104 different towns and 19 different states. 448 generous donors contributed to Wachusett Greenways' MCRT Construction Fund. More than 200 volunteers of all ages help each year.

Reaching Out

WG volunteers participated in the Moving Together statewide bicycle and pedestrian conference in Boston and the annual Mass Land Trust Conference in Worcester. WG also participated in UMass Med School's Earthday Celebration, Rutland 4th of July Parade and Holden Days. Greenways directors continued to share our experience with others working on rail trails around the Commonwealth. Greenways held hospitality days and trail counts on the rail trail welcoming a strong number of new members.

Honored by the MA Trails Community

In July, the MCRT Coalition recognized WG at the Golden Spike Conference in Northampton with a trails award "with gratitude for your leadership in getting the idea of a 100-mile rail trail to be so natural and easy. And for your enduring patience in helping other groups organize around this idea." And in November, the Greater Worcester Land Trust presented WG with the Evelyn Silver Award in honor of more than two decades of community partnership building to connect central Mass with trails and greenways.

21 Miles Road Future Welcome Center

Trail volunteers gathered tools and supplies here for year-round trail maintenance. The Greenways vegetable garden produces strong crops shared by volunteers and visitors. Landscaper Doug Hagman continued to donate mowing and leaf removal. Everett Reynolds, Dave Camarra and Seth Stidsen volunteer for snow removal and good neighbor support. Sentry Oil continues to make generous oil contributions.

Outdoor Events

WG offered year-round outdoor events on trails throughout the region. Volunteers led walks, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing and other outdoor adventures.

New members and volunteers always welcome!

You are invited to contribute at www.wachusettgreenways.org. or by mail at Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520. A gift in any amount counts you as a member, and you will receive the Wachusett Greenways guide, which includes a map for the regions' trails and greenways. Volunteers welcome.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:

Colleen Abrams, Chair	Stephen Chanis
Christy Barnes	Troy Milliken, Treasurer
Richard Barry	Michael Peckar, Secretary



TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 27, 2017
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 P.M.**

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 91 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. COUNTERS FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WERE JANICE CARLSON AND JANE MCTIGUE. The MODERATOR, ROGER BRUNELLE, INVITED ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO STAND AND JOIN IN THE RECITING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE MODERATOR THEN OUTLINED THE RULES FOR THE TOWN MEETING AND STATED THAT THE WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SHOWS THAT IT HAS BEEN PROPERLY POSTED.

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.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,779 and to further transfer from available funds (Overlay Surplus) the sum of \$60,000 for a total appropriation of \$123,779 to the Wachusett Regional School District Assessment, being an increase from the \$5,875,015 appropriation voted and accepted at the Annual Town Meeting, May 1, 2017 for a grand total appropriation of \$5,998,794; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Finance Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting.

Article 1 was moved by Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,779 and to further transfer from available funds (Overlay Surplus) the sum of \$60,000 for a total appropriation of \$123,779 to the Wachusett Regional School District Assessment, being an increase from the \$5,875,015 appropriation voted and accepted at the Annual Town Meeting, May 1, 2017 for a grand total appropriation of \$5,998,794. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 22 as voted and accepted at the Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2017 by reducing the town operating expenses as shown in the following table, in order to restrict further expenditures within these accounts, said reductions are necessary due to the override failure on May 8, 2017; or act in any way thereon.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved amount</u>	<u>Proposed adjusted</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
<u>General Gov</u>		<u>ATM 5/1/2017</u>	<u>budget adjustment</u>	<u>revised budget</u>
1161-5101	Town Clerk	\$33,777.00	\$2,000.00	\$35,777.00
1161-5103	Asst Clerk	\$9,274.00	-\$2,000.00	\$7,274.00
1155-5200	MIS	<u>\$68,783.00</u>	<u>-\$13,000.00</u>	<u>\$55,783.00</u>
Total General Government		<u>\$1,849,395.00</u>	<u>-\$13,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,836,395.00</u>

Article sponsored by the Finance Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting.

Article 2 was moved by Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee as follows that the Town vote to amend Article 22 as voted and accepted at the Annual Town Meeting May 1, 2017 by reducing the town operating expenses as shown in the following table, in order to restrict further expenditures within these accounts, said reductions are necessary due to the override failure on May 8, 2017:

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MIS is Municipal Information Services.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of \$8,250 to contract for an independent consultant to perform a market analysis for pay/salary compensation for the majority of the jobs being performed by Town employees; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the Special Town Meeting.

Article 3 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$8,250 to contract for an independent consultant to perform a market analysis for pay/salary compensation for the majority of the jobs being performed by Town employees. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

A discussion followed from many different voters in attendance.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR A HAND COUNT. THE VOTE WAS 35 YES AND 49 NO. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION FAILED. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 7:49P.M.

Moderator: Roger J. Brunelle

Submitted by: Susan E. Stone,
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 7, 2018
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06P.M.**

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 143 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED. THE MODERATOR STATED THAT THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY POSTED.

Counters for the Annual Town Meeting were Kathryn Kingsbury, Jeremy Richard and Ann Marie Stoica.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Annual 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 Moderator or seven or more voters in attendance.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommended approval for all articles moved unless noted under the article motion.

Article 1 – Water Department Receipts To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, as follows:

Compensation	\$160,309
Expenses	\$768,382
Debt	<u>\$111,076</u>
Total	\$1,039,767

and that \$1,039,767 is raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$1,039,767
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Or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

John Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

Compensation	\$160,309
Expenses	\$768,382
Debt	<u>\$111,076</u>
Total	\$1,039,767

and that \$1,039,767 be raised through Departmental receipts.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 2 – OPEB Account To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the OPEB Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits); or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 2 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the town take no action on article 2. The motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
Finance Committee recommended the town take no action

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.

Article 3 – Stabilization Fund To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 3 was moved by Julia Pingitore, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, as follows that the Town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Article 4 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$0.00 or any other sum to fund the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.
Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 4 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town take no action. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

The Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.
The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION PASSES.

Article 5 – Chapter 90 To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth 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.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 5 was moved by Julia Pingitore that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth 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 by Richard Fenton.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 6 – Revolving Accounts To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019 for all revolving funds as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the Town of Paxton’s General Bylaws, as set forth below:

Council on Aging \$25,000
Recreation \$100,000
Library \$20,000
Paxton Days \$5,000

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 6 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2019, for all revolving accounts as accepted at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting and included in the town of Paxton’s General By-Laws, in the following amounts:

Council on Aging:	\$25,000
Recreation:	\$100,000
Library:	\$20,000
Paxton Days:	\$5,000

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 7 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 7 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.
The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 8 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 8 was moved by Julia Pingitore that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$105,062 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.
The motion was seconded by John Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 9 – Conservation Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX Enforcement and Section XI Appeals, based upon comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set forth in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Conservation Commission.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 9 was moved by Michael Voorhis of the Conservation Commission as follows that the Town vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw, specifically Section IX, Enforcement, and Section XI, Appeals, based on comments made by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General in a letter dated August 28, 2017, as set for in a document entitled “Proposed Town of Paxton Wetlands Protection Bylaw,” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 10 – Holden Road Easements To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for public inspection during regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, certain permanent and temporary easements for the purposes of pavement reclamation, roadway widening, sidewalk installation, installation of new signage and pavement markings, replacing existing curb ramps with new ADA compliant curb ramps, relocation of utility poles and related appurtenances for the entire width of Holden Road from Grove Street to the Holden Town Line, said easement areas being shown on a plan entitled “Holden Road” prepared by CHA consulting, Inc. on file in the Town Clerk’s office and available for inspection during regular business hours. The motion was seconded by John Malone

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

Article 11 – Holden Road Easement Funding To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the costs associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 11 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from available funds, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the cost associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion was made to amend the wording to read to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Chapter 90 funds. The motion was seconded and the moderator declared that the motion to amend passed.

Amended motion moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from

Chapter 90 funds, for the cost associated with the acquisition by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain, of certain permanent and temporary easements authorized by Article 10 of this Warrant, including but not limited to acquisition costs, the award of eminent domain damages, and related expenses and fees.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 12 – Backhoe To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$149,300 or any other sum, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 12 was moved by Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as follows that the town borrow **the sum of \$140,390, to purchase a new 2018 Backhoe Loader** for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 2002 John Deere 410; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C(k), of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

Article 13 - Ladder #1 Refurbish To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$110,000 or any other sum, to refurbish the Fire Department's 2003 KME Aerial Platform Ladder #1 Truck: provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a

Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Chapter 59, Section 21C (k), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 13 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town take no action.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.

The Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

The Capital Improvement Committee recommended to take no action.

MODERATOR: NO VOTE NEEDED TO BE DECLARED AS NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Article 14 – COA Van replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000, or any other sum, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the Council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the Council on Aging-Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 14 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000, to purchase one 2018 Toyota Sienna LE Passenger Van for the council on Aging and trade-in the 2011 Dodge Caravan; PROVIDED, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws, with the balance of the cost of the van to be funded from the council on Aging Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 15 – WRSD Athletic Field Turf Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$60,120 or any other sum, to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends disapproval.

Article 15 was moved by Jeffrey Kent as follows that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,120 to replace the Athletic Field Turf at Wachusett Regional High School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

The Moderator, Roger Brunelle, was unable to declare a voice vote and called for a Hand Count Vote. Hand count was taken: Yes: 56: No: 63

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION IS DEFEATED.

Article 16 – Pickup Truck for Water Dept. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a five year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Pickup Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Department

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 16 was moved by Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent, as follows that the Town authorize the Select Board in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws to enter into a five-year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new 2018 Utility Style Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$49,914, with a first year lease payment of \$11,169, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds. The motion was seconded by John Malone

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS IS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 17 – ECC Parking Lot To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 or any other sum, from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Wachusett Regional School Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 17 was moved by Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Motion made to amend the wording of the main motion by striking out the words raise and appropriate. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared that the motion to amend is passed.

Amended motion was moved as follows that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,850.00 from the unexpended balance from the appropriation for the Paxton Center

School Green Improvement Project, approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to repair the parking lot at the Early Childhood Center and District Office. The motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 18 – Local Meal Tax To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby imposing a local meals excise; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 18 was moved by Julia Pingitore as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, and impose a local meals excise. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 19 - Town Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$332,790 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0.00 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094 or any other sum, and to raise and appropriate an additional \$100,000 for a total appropriation of \$6,798,077 or any other sum, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; provided that this additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 1/2 override question in accordance to Chapter 59, Section 21 C (g), of the Massachusetts General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 19 was moved by Richard Fenton, chairman of the Finance Committee, as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,133,495, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$313,300, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$0, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$224,094, and to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$100,000, for a total of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, PROVIDED that the additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with Chapter 59, section 21 C (g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

The Moderator than stated that we would move each category under the General Town Budget

Categories under Article 19:

General Government:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,937,958 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided that the additional appropriation of \$100,000 shall be contingent upon approval by the Voters of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the Massachusetts General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Safety

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,121,304 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget attached to the Warrant provided; however, that the amount allocated for account number 100-1232-5103, Emergency Medical Services shall be reduced to \$509,407. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$849,529 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Sanitation and Environment

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$281,185 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT HAS PASSED.

Human Services

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$69,900 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Culture and Recreation

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$211,560 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION HAS PASSED.

Central Purchasing

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$182,290 for the Central Purchasing budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

Debt Service

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,124,861 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion to confirm the entire budget for all categories, excluding schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,778,587 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant, subject, however, to any amendments to the said budget summary, which have been approved in this Meeting. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED.

Article 20 – Wachusett Regional School District Budget

Ben Mitchell, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,013,461 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,313,461 assessment from the District, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation of \$300,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION IS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 21- Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget

Robert Wilby, a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational High School Committee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,639 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational High School Budge for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 22 – Out of District Student Expenses

was moved by Peter Bogren, Jr, a member of the Select Board as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,286 to pay the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Vocation Tuition Assessment and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,670 for the Norfolk County Regional Agricultural High School Non-resident Transportation. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

Motion made and seconded to Dissolve the Meeting at 9:05p.m.

MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MEETING IS DISSOLVED.

Moderator: Roger Brunelle
Respectfully Submitted: Susan Stone,
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

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

**PRECINCT 1
PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
19 WEST STREET**

On **Monday**, the **FOURTEENTH DAY of MAY, 2018** from **10:00AM** to **8:00PM** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the candidates for the following Elected Town Offices and Ballot Questions:

Selectboard	Three Years
Assessor	Three Years
Municipal Light Board	Three Years
Water Board	Three Years
Planning Board	Three Years
Planning Board	Five Years
Board of Health	Three Years
Cemetery Commission	Three Years
Library Trustees (2)	Three Years
Library Trustee (1)	One Year
Recreation Commission (2)	Three Years
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	Three Years

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Town's Operational Budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$300,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Wachusett Regional School District Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$140,390 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of replacing the Department of Public Works 2002 Backhoe Loader with a new 2018 Backhoe Loader for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$110,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of refurbishing the Fire Department's KME 2002 Aerial Platform Ladder for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$22,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of replacing the Council on Aging's 2011 Passenger Van with a 2018 Passenger Van for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$60,120 in real estate and personal property taxes for the Town's share of the replacement of the Turf field at Wachusett Regional High School for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eighteen?

Yes _____ No _____

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

GIVEN under our hands this Twenty-third day of April, 2018.

Board of Selectmen

Julia N. Pingitore, Chairman

John F. Malone, Vice Chairman

Peter Bogren Jr., Clerk

Official Results of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Election

Board of Selectmen:

Julia N. Pingitore: 310

Blanks: 61

Write-Ins: 4

Total: 375

Assessor

Marianne Belanger: 311

Blanks: 64

Write-Ins:

Total: 375

Municipal Light Board

John P. Crowley: 167

Yvette M. Orell: 186

Blanks: 22

Write-Ins:

Total: 375

Water Board

David L. Trulson: 296

Blanks: 77

Write-Ins: 2

Total: 375

Planning Board - 5 years

Robert E. Jacobson: 298

Blanks: 73

Write-Ins: 4

Total: 375

Planning Board - 3 years

Blanks: 360

Write-Ins: 15

Total: 375

Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll: 298

Blanks: 77

Write-Ins:

Total: 375

Cemetery Commission

Patricia F. Belsito: 317

Blanks: 57

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 375

Library Trustee - 2 Positions

Catherine M. McCourt: 267

Andrea G. Thackeray: 283

Blanks: 200

Write-Ins:

Total: 750

Library Trustee - 1 year

Aimee I. Brunelle: 293

Blanks: 82

Write-Ins:

Total: 375

Recreation Commission - 2 Positions

Heather L. Larson: 276

Karl Ottmar: 229

Blanks: 243

Write-Ins: 2

Total: 750

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Harriet Fradellos: 293

Blanks: 81

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 375

Question 1

Yes: 219

No: 151

Blanks: 5

Total: 375

Question 2

Yes: 200

No: 172

Blanks: 3

Total: 375

Question 3

Yes: 190

No: 181

Blanks: 4

Total: 375

Question 4

Yes: 136

No: 222

Blanks: 17

Total: 375

Question 5

Yes: 238

No: 136

Blanks: 1

Total: 375

Question 6

Yes: 101

No: 269

Blanks: 5

Total: 375



TOWN CLERK

TOWN CLERK
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Births: 35
Marriages: 16
Deaths: 40 (residents)
2 (non-residents)

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male/Female (unaltered): 62
Neutered/Spayed: 523
Kennel Licenses: 1
Service Dogs: 0
Transfers: 5

Amount Paid to General Fund:	Town Clerk Fees -	\$2,286.50
	Dog License Fees -	\$6,288.50
	Animal Control Officer Fines -	\$90.00
	Total-	\$8,665.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Becker, Town Clerk
on behalf of Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk in FY 2018

BOARD OF REGISTRARS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY18

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

Registered Voters as of June 30, 2018

Party Enrollment/Political Designation

Conservative	3	
Democrat	737	
Green-Rainbow		3
Libertarian	10	
Mass Independent Party	2	
Pizza Party	1	
Republican	444	
Unenrolled	2,055	
United Independent Party	28	
Total	3,283	

Voting was held in the Paxton Center School which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is also handicap accessible for Voter Registration and Early Voting.

Residents who are 16 or 17 years old may pre-register to vote. They will automatically be registered to vote when they turn 18. Paxton has dozens of pre-registrants awaiting voter registration.



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

**Combined Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	1,311,287	1,176,024	2,527,677	1,097,275		6,112,262
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	425,358					425,358
Allowance for Exempt & Abatements	(133,824)					(133,824)
Other Receivables	20,124	404,644	293,855			718,623
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations					6,911,101	6,911,101
Total Assets	\$ 1,622,944	\$ 1,580,668	\$ 2,821,532	\$ 1,097,275	\$ 6,911,101	\$ 14,033,520
Warrant & Accounts Payable	233,642	43,250	127,210			404,102
Other liabilities	32,300					32,300
Deferred Revenue:						
Property & Excise Taxes	291,534					291,534
Other Departmental	20,124	404,644	293,855			718,623
Bonds Payable					6,911,101	6,911,101
Total Liabilities	\$ 577,599	\$ 447,894	\$ 421,065	\$ -	\$ 6,911,101	\$ 8,357,659
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	1,440		27,193			28,633
Reserved For Expenditures	224,094					224,094
Other Reserves	1,666					1,666
Unreserved retained earnings			379,437			379,437
Undesignated F/B	818,145	1,132,773	1,993,837	1,097,275		5,042,030
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,045,345	\$ 1,132,773	\$ 2,400,467	\$ 1,097,275	\$ -	\$ 5,675,861
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,622,944	\$ 1,580,668	\$ 2,821,532	\$ 1,097,275	\$ 6,911,101	\$ 14,033,520

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds
As of June 30, 2018**

F/B - AMB REC RESERVED	377,080
F/B - SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	156,485
F/B - P.C.S. SEPTIC REPLACEMENT	4,390
F/B - TITLE V SEPTIC GRANT	165,768
F/B - INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	33
F/B - AMC FUND	639
F/B - POLICE ROAD DETAILS	16,554
F/B - POLICE FIREARM PERMITS	2,175
F/B - MED CENTER/HOLDEN HOSPITAL FUND	10,984
F/B - FIRE DETAILS	(2,682)
F/B - POLICE DEPARTMENT GIFTS	29,100
F/B - EMERGENCY MANG DONATIONS	293
F/B - FIRE DEPARTMENT GIFTS	3,590
F/B - AMBULANCE DONATION/GIFTS	168
F/B - HISTORICAL COMM GIFTS	4,338
F/B - COUNCIL ON AGING GIFTS	14,727
F/B - LIBRARY DONATIONS	2,749
F/B - 250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	225
F/B - RECREATION FUND 53D	9,631
F/B - PAXTON DAYS REVOLVING	702
F/B - ELDER AFFAIRS VAN ACCOUNT	10,144
F/B - LIBRARY 53E 1/2	4,505
F/B - RECREATION FEE SUPPORT	94,893
F/B - WETLAND PROTECTION	31,222
F/B - CHARTER COMM CABLE TV	190,601
F/B - GEN STATE GRANTS	745
F/B - POLICE S.E.T.B GRANT	(1,504)
F/B - BULLET PROOF VEST	275
F/B - FIRE SAFE GRANT	3,275
F/B - MASSWORKS GRANT	147
F/B - CHAPTER 90	(27,000)
F/B - MEMA GRANT	3,964
F/B - LIBRARY GRANTS	6,798
F/B - BOH GRANT	2,100

<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>
F/B - CEMETERY PERPETUAL	125,357	9,754
F/B - VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT	1,000	1,610
F/B - D. RUSSELL POOR	7,675	10,076
F/B - C.D. BOYNTON	1,000	63,877
F/B - BIGELOW SCHOOL BOOK	1,000	500
F/B - RICHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	175,068	68,138
F/B - HOWLAND LIBRARY	10,026	17,165
F/B - E BIGELOW LIBRARY	63,491	4,668
F/B - HAZEL GAY	393	217
F/B - AT&T & LUCENT LIBRARY	522	11,735
F/B - WAR BOND TRUSTS		6,599
F/B - CONSERVATION TRUST		17,761
F/B - STABILIZATION FUND		396,768
F/B - CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND		33,576

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
SALARIES	5,325	(5,325)		-
ADMIN ASSIT. SECRETARY	45,633	(45,190)		443
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,816	(10,806)		10
SUPPLIES	500	(420)		80
OTHER EXPENSES	18,666	(18,289)		377
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
SALARY	84,012	(84,012)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	900	(805)		95
CAR ALLOWANCE	1,500	(1,500)		-
SUPPLIES	100	(72)		28
<u>TOWN SERVICE COORDINATOR</u>				
SALARY	30,579	(28,236)		2,343
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,040	(431)		1,609
SUPPLIES	603	(423)		180
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	260	(160)		100
SUPPLIES	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	39,538	-		39,538
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
SALARY	35,014	(35,014)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	375	(266)		109
SUPPLIES	300	(300)		-
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
BOARD SALARY (3)	4,724	(4,089)		636
ADM. ASSESSOR	44,107	(44,107)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,460	(3,193)		267
SUPPLIES	500	(248)		252
OTHER EXPENSES	7,670	(7,670)		-
<u>TREASURER/ COLLECTOR</u>				
SALARY	62,041	(62,035)		6
ASSISTANT WAGES	12,266	(11,862)		404
PURCHASED SERVICES	12,052	(11,754)		298
SUPPLIES	1,073	(1,010)		63
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
LEGAL SERVICES	25,000	(18,359)		6,641
TAX TITLE LEGAL FEES	5,000	(3,664)		1,336

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
COMPENSATION	28,000	(25,500)		2,500
PURCHASED SERVICES	22,783	(22,401)		382
EQUIPMENT	5,000	(4,828)		172
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
SALARY	35,777	(35,777)		-
RECORD KEEPING	90	(90)		-
ASSISTANT	7,274	(3,572)		3,702
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,950	(802)		1,148
SUPPLIES	1,200	(946)		254
OTHER EXPENSES	700	-		700
ELECTION TELLERS	2,000	(919)		1,081
ELECTIONS-PURCHASED SERVICES	3,350	(2,763)		587
ELECTIONS SUPPLIES	2,000	(1,170)		830
ELECTION EQUIPMENT	4,500	(4,292)		208
REGISTRARS SALARY	1,700	(1,676)		25
REGISTRARS CLERK	250	(250)		-
REGISTRARS CENSUS TAKER	500	(275)		225
REGISTRARS PURCH.SERVICES	847	(847)		-
REGISTRARS SUPPLIES	803	(488)		315
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
CLERK	5,636	(5,636)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,210	(645)		565
CONFERENCES	250	(250)		-
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,311	(1,310)		1
HISTORICAL DIST PURCHASED SERV	200	-		200
WACHUSETT GREENWAYS	1,000	(1,000)		-
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	27,100	(24,802)		2,298
SUPPLIES	1,900	(1,900)		-
TOWN HALL EXTERIOR REPAIR	70,000	(44,377)		25,623
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	113,612	(113,582)		30
TOWN REPORTS PURCHASED SERV	950	(510)		440
TOWN CLOCK PURCHASED SERV	360	(360)		-
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY-CHIEF	86,971	(86,971)		-
COMPENSATION	886,153	(885,241)		912
PURCHASED SERVICES	53,018	(52,991)		27
SUPPLIES	60,700	(60,227)		473
DUES	1,650	(1,650)		-
POLICE CRUISER	41,910	(41,337)		573

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY CHIEF	40,682	(40,682)		-
COMPENSATION	216,228	(215,835)		393
PURCHASED SERVICES	42,491	(40,977)		1,514
EQUIPMENT	22,500	(22,411)		89
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</u>				
COMPENSATION	518,526	(508,972)		9,554
PURCHASED SERVICES	35,375	(32,361)		3,014
SUPPLIES	35,850	(35,134)		716
ENCUMBRANCES	29,128	(29,128)		-
<u>INSPECTORS</u>				
BUILDING COMPENSATION	25,235	(24,300)		935
BUILDING LOCAL INSPECTOR	2,225	(1,875)		350
BUILDING PURCHASED SERV	554	(554)		-
BUILDING SUPPLIES	25	(25)		-
PLUMBING COMPENSATION	4,000	(2,135)	(875)	990
WIRING COMPENSATION	4,729	(4,729)		-
WIRING ASSISTANT	116	(116)		-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	43,735	(42,528)		1,208
SUPPLIES	2,500	(2,472)		28
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
COMPENSATION	6,504	(6,504)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,500	(1,692)		808
SUPPLIES	500	-		500
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
COMPENSATION	7,792	(7,792)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,780	(1,681)		99
SUPPLIES	175	-		175
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
SALARY/HIRE	1,313	(1,297)		16
PURCHASED SERVICES	6,699	(6,688)		11
SUPPLIES	50	-		50
TREES	1,000	(995)		5
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
WRSD ASSESSMENT	5,998,794	(5,998,792)		2
PCS WIRELESS NETWORK	40,000	(39,971)		29
VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	228,261	(227,847)		414
NORFOLK TUITION	22,149	(22,149)		-
NORFOLK TRANSPORTATION	30,000	(29,535)		465

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	67,980	(67,980)		-
COMPENSATION	293,491	(269,045)		24,446
PURCHASED SERVICES	140,665	(140,196)		469
SUPPLIES	34,489	(32,352)	(31)	2,106
EQUIPMENT LEASES	41,028	(41,028)		-
ROAD SURFACING	102,500	(95,211)		7,289
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME	46,111	(46,110)		1
SNOW REMOVAL - SALT & SAND	146,394	(146,394)		0
SNOW REMOVAL - EQUIPMENT	6,050	(6,050)		-
STREET LIGHTS ELECTRICITY	20,668	(20,668)		0
<u>WASTE COLLECTIONS</u>				
CONTRACT	250,070	(244,205)	(100)	5,765
PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCE	7,731	(7,731)		-
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
SALARY	1,835	(1,835)		-
COMPENSATION	4,662	(3,190)		1,472
PURCHASED SERVICES	930	(655)		275
SUPPLIES	979	(979)		-
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
SALARY	382	(382)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,500	(1,965)		1,535
SUPPLIES	188	-		188
SANITATION ENGINEER COMPENSATIC	11,562	(11,562)		-
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	509	(509)		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
DIRECTOR	23,411	(23,410)		1
VAN DRIVERS	19,198	(14,417)		4,781
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	6,023	(3,219)		2,804
PURCHASED SERVICES	4,000	(3,450)		550
SUPPLIES	4,000	(4,000)		-
OTHER EXPENSES	1,190	(1,166)		24
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
SALARY	623	(623)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	100	-		100
BENEFITS	9,850	(9,845)		5
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	50,781	(50,781)		-
COMPENSATION	37,126	(32,023)		5,103
CHILDRENS LIBRARIAN	37,688	(37,688)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	12,552	(10,602)		1,950
SUPPLIES	36,753	(33,963)	(434)	2,357

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>RECREATION</u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	20,428	(20,428)		-
ADM. ASSISTANT	2,175	(2,175)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,000	(5,000)		-
SUPPLIES	2,000	(2,000)		-
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	(300)		-
OTHER EXPENSES	100	(68)		32
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
<u>PRINCIPAL</u>				
PCS SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION	330,000	(330,000)		-
SCHOOL WINDOWS	6,000	(6,000)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	2,200	(2,200)		-
DPW DUMP TRUCK	25,000	(25,000)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	366,800	(366,800)		-
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	67,000	(67,000)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	23,000	(23,000)		-
AMB & DUMP TRUCK	60,000	(60,000)		-
TITLE V BETTERMENT REPAYMENT	7,698	(7,697)		1
<u>INTEREST</u>				
PCS SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION	30,657	(30,657)		-
SCHOOL WINDOWS	2,385	(2,385)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	976	(976)		-
DPW DUMP TRUCK	2,500	(2,500)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	219,833	(219,833)		0
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	12,321	(12,321)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	3,404	(3,404)		-
AMBULANCE & DUMP TRUCK	6,050	(6,050)		-
SHORT TERM INTEREST	3,500	-		3,500
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
RETIRED TEACHERS HEALTH INSUR	13,478	(13,478)		-
AIR POLLUTION	1,290	(1,290)		-
REGISTRY- NON-RENEWAL	2,780	(2,780)		-
MBTA	21,023	(21,023)		-
REGIONAL TRANSIT CHARGE	11,044	(11,044)		-
<u>OTHER</u>				
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	50,416	(36,225)		14,191
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	603,719	(518,442)		85,277
LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,700	(1,384)		316
INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS FOR PREM	10,000	(3,500)		6,500
RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	412,489	(412,489)		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>				
HEAT OIL	52,050	(30,233)		21,817
POSTAGE	7,000	(5,461)		1,539
TELEPHONE	16,000	(14,208)		1,792
ELECTRICITY	69,980	(67,242)		2,738
DIESEL	42,146	(25,678)		16,468
 GENERAL FUND TOTALS	 \$ 13,237,601	 \$ (12,901,305)	 \$ (1,440)	 \$ 334,857

WATER ENTRPRISE
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2019	Closed to Surplus
COMPENSATION	174,666.00	(136,689)		37,977
EXPENSES	818,571.00	(719,005)	(27,193)	72,373
DEBT	112,208.00	(112,208)		-
MAPLE ST WATER TANK DEBT	4,801.30	(4,801)		-
ENCUMBRANCES	21,302.92	(21,303)		-
 WATER FUND TOTALS	 \$ 1,131,549	 \$ (994,007)	 \$ (27,193)	 \$ 110,350



BOARD of ASSESSORS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
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After a state mandated interim update, based on sales in 2016, the total taxable

Valuation as of January 1, 2017 for Fiscal Year 2018 was set at \$507,945,678.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2017 were \$7,275,901.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements had a total valuation of \$298,100.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$429,800. .

The Board received 10 abatement requests of which 7 were approved and processed.

The Assessor's office is open Monday & Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00. The Board of Assessor's meets to review abatement requests and review any pertinent information.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen M Stanley, MAA, Administrative Assessor

<u>Board of Assessors</u>				
<u>Table 1</u>				
<u>Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	
Appropriations to be Raised	\$12,309,509.00	\$11,912,531.00	\$11,409,977.00	
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$934,082.00	\$572,416.00	\$615,713.00	
Offset Items	\$1,105,445.00	\$923,598.00	\$957,890.00	
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
State & County Assessments	\$49,615.00	\$36,195.00	\$45,286.00	
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Overlay	\$60,488.99	\$103,087.21	\$51,269.14	
Cherry Sheet Offset, other Deficits	\$31,776.22	\$6,694.00	\$51,796.28	
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$14,490,916.21	\$13,554,521.21	\$13,131,931.42	
<u>Estimated Receipts</u>				
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$1,005,059.00	\$982,140.00	\$963,524.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$694,736.20	\$665,601.35	\$643,577.31	
Water Department	\$1,105,445.00	\$923,598.00	\$957,890.00	
Other Local Receipts	\$374,263.80	\$478,526.65	\$511,327.69	
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$395,384.00	\$114,318.00	\$290,173.00	
Available Funds - Other	\$538,698.00	\$458,098.00	\$325,540.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$4,113,586.00	\$3,622,282.00	\$3,692,032.00	
Net Amount to be Raised	\$10,377,330.21	\$9,932,239.21	\$9,439,899.42	
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$10,377,896.00	\$9,938,319.00	\$9,443,723.00	
<u>Valuations</u>				
Real Estate	\$499,016,014.00	\$477,804,637.00	\$449,987,075.00	
Personal Property	\$8,929,664.00	\$9,308,615.00	\$8,483,028.00	
Total Taxable Property	\$507,945,678.00	\$487,113,252.00	\$458,470,103.00	
<u>Tax Rates</u>				
Residential	\$20.43	\$20.39	\$20.59	
Open Space	\$20.43	\$20.39	\$20.59	
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$20.43	\$20.39	\$20.59	

<u>Board of Assessors</u>						
<u>Table II</u>						
<u>Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise</u>						
	<u>FY2018</u>		<u>FY2017</u>		<u>FY2016</u>	
<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Clause 22E	7	\$7,000.00	5	\$5,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Clause 22: Veterans	16	\$6,400.00	17	\$6,800.00	22	\$8,800.00
Clause 37: Blind	1	\$437.50	1	\$437.50	3	\$1,312.50
Clause 41: Elderly	6	\$4,500.00	6	\$4,500.00	9	\$6,750.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$8,455.98	1	\$7,687.03	1	\$7,490.64
Totals	32	\$27,543.48	31	\$25,174.53	37	\$26,103.14
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	7	\$4,067.61	7	\$4,693.78	7	\$4,739.82
Personal Property	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$154.16
Farm Animal Excise	4	\$633.25	4	\$468.00	4	\$508.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	200	\$22,434.21	200	\$22,434.21	203	\$22,716.00
Total	211	\$27,135.07	211	\$27,595.99	215	\$28,117.98
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	5315	\$695,736.20	5238	\$665,601.35	5157	\$643,577.31
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$674,417.51		\$643,167.14		\$620,861.00

<u>Board of Assessors</u>				
<u>Table III</u>				
<u>Property Classification</u>				
	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$483,770,766.00	\$462,411,272.00	\$21,359,494.00	4.4%
Commercial	\$9,989,948.00	\$10,085,465.00	-\$95,517.00	-1.0%
Industrial	\$5,255,300.00	\$5,307,900.00	-\$52,600.00	-1.0%
Personal Property	\$8,929,664.00	\$9,308,615.00	-\$378,951.00	-4.2%
Total Taxable Property	\$507,945,678.00	\$487,113,252.00	\$20,832,426.00	4.3%
Exempt Property	\$75,865,300.00	\$74,176,800.00	\$1,688,500.00	2.2%
Total Valuation	\$583,810,978.00	\$561,290,052.00	\$22,520,926.00	4.0%



TREASURER/COLLECTOR

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Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$11,294.84	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$11,294.84
Total	\$11,294.84	\$11,294.84

2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$3,884.68	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$3,884.68
Total	\$3,884.68	\$3,884.68

2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$2,574.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$2,574.35
Total	\$2,574.35	\$2,574.35

2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,878.75	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$1,878.75
Total	\$1,878.75	\$1,878.75

2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$747.50	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$747.50
Total	\$747.50	\$747.50

2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,451.36	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$1,451.36
Total	\$1,451.36	\$1,451.36

2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,648.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$1,648.35
Total	\$1,648.35	\$1,648.35

2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,488.86	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$1,488.86
Total	\$1,488.86	\$1,488.86

2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,293.65	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$1,293.65
Total	\$1,293.65	\$1,293.65

2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$3,409.58	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$3,409.58
Total	\$3,409.58	\$3,409.58

2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$3,418.65	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$3,418.65
Total	\$3,418.65	\$3,418.65

2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$676.88	
Collected		\$191.62
Refunded	\$144.12	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$629.38
Total	\$821.00	\$821.00

2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$3,190.40	
Collected		\$603.95
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$2,586.45
Total	\$3,190.40	\$3,190.40

2015 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$3,866.46	
Collected		\$1,844.79
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$2,021.67
Total	\$3,866.46	\$3,866.46

2016 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$6,606.70	
Refunded	\$431.15	
Collected		\$3,781.16
Abated		\$431.15
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$2,825.54
Total	\$7,037.85	\$7,037.85

2017 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$51,624.77	
Committed	\$75,139.12	
Refunded	\$9,151.73	
Collected		\$120,126.44
Abated		\$9,056.97
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$6,732.21
Total	\$135,915.62	\$135,915.62

2018 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	\$668,155.44	
Refunded	\$6,206.08	
Collected		\$606,387.08
Abated		\$12,098.88
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$55,875.56
Total	\$674,361.52	\$674,361.52

2017 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$37.50	
Collected		\$37.50
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$37.50	\$37.50

2018 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise Tax

Committed	\$633.25	
Collected		\$633.25
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$633.25	\$633.25

2017 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$10,857.67	
Collected		\$10,857.67
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$10,857.67	\$10,857.67

2018 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$31,198.94	
Collected		\$22,227.39
Abated		\$8,971.55
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$31,198.94	\$31,198.94

2018 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$182,433.10	
Collected		\$182,253.88
Refunded	\$228.75	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$407.97
Total	\$182,661.85	\$182,661.85

2017 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$598.37	
Collected		\$287.85
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$310.52
Total	\$598.37	\$598.37

2016 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$46.04	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$46.04
Total	\$46.04	\$46.04

2015 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$29.78	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$29.78
Total	\$29.78	\$29.78

2014 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$36.18	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$36.18
Total	\$36.18	\$36.18

2013 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$53.66	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$53.66
Total	\$53.66	\$53.66

2015 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$4,297.08	
Transfer to Tax Title		\$4,297.08
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$4,297.08	\$4,297.08

2016 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$24,402.67	
Collected		\$5,691.25
Transfer to Tax Title		\$18,711.42
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$24,402.67	\$24,402.67

2017 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$49,884.01	
Transferred to Tax Title		\$35,759.25
Collected		\$14,124.76
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$49,884.01	\$49,884.01

2018 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$10,202,676.62	
Collected		\$10,092,009.44
Abated		\$32,292.93
Refunded	\$8,256.33	
Transfer to Tax Deferral		\$2,972.35
Positive Adjustment	\$1.06	
Negative Adjustment		\$95.51
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$83,563.78
Total	\$10,210,934.01	\$10,210,934.01

Tax Title

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$91,032.98	
Transferred into Tax Title	\$74,495.11	
Transferred into Tax Possessions		\$1,867.37
Collected		\$116,216.56
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$47,444.16
Total	\$165,528.09	\$165,528.09

Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$183,739.75	
Transferred in	\$2,992.29	
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$186,732.04
Total	\$186,732.04	\$186,732.04

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$1,807.59	
Transferred to 2017		\$1,807.59
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$1,807.59	\$1,807.59

2017 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$2,180.57	
Transferred to Tax title		\$2,180.57
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$2,180.57	\$2,180.57

2018 Fiscal Light Liens

Committed	\$2,520.54	
Collected		\$2,520.54
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$2,520.54	\$2,520.54

2016 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$229.94	
Transferred to 2017		\$229.94
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$229.94	\$229.94

2017 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$613.31	
Collected		\$166.93
Transferred to Tax Title		\$446.38
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$613.31	\$613.31

2018 Fiscal Trash Liens

Committed	\$3,560.67	
Collected		\$3,466.76
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$93.91
Total	\$3,560.67	\$3,560.67

2016 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$787.12	
Transferred to 2017		\$787.12
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$787.12	\$787.12

2017 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$2,192.59	
Transferred to Tax Title		\$2,192.59
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$2,192.59	\$2,192.59

2018 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$14,152.65	
Collected		\$13,908.97
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$243.68
Total	\$14,152.65	\$14,152.65

2018 Title V Coupons

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$58,455.76	
Collected		\$13,543.33
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$44,912.42
Total	\$58,455.76	\$58,455.75

FY 2018 Title V Betterments

Committed	\$2,088.50	
Collected		\$1,677.50
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$411.00
Total	\$2,088.50	\$2,088.50

Title V Betterments

Outstanding July 1, 2017	\$7,007.00	
Collected		\$2,088.50
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$4,918.50
Total	\$7,007.00	\$7,007.00

2018 Income and Expense Liens

Committed	\$250.00	
Collected		\$250.00
Outstanding June 30, 2018		\$0.00
Total	\$250.00	\$250.00

2018 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on all Taxes	\$23,175.53
Certificates of Municipal Lien	\$5,150.00
Lien Fees	\$2,600.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$30,106.14
Return Check Fees	\$60.54
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$2,090.00
Dog Fines	\$0.00

Town Operating Interest	\$11,456.33
Betterment Interest	\$288.70
Title V and Interest	\$4,619.17
Agency Interest	\$104.56
Cultural Council Interest	\$6.55
Total	\$79,657.52

Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$985,776.52
Installation & Repairs	\$27,305.25
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$1,022.18
Water Lien Receipts & Fees	\$14,740.36
Water Late Charges Received	\$5,875.68
Other Local Receipts	\$1,656.74
Total	\$1,036,376.73

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Balance of Operating Cash

As of July 1, 2017	\$	4,355,405.70
Receipts for the Year	\$	51,419,560.58
Payments for the Year	\$	50,909,805.52
Balance, June 30, 2018	\$	4,927,802.02

Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 2018

Departmental Petty Cash	\$	250.00
BOA Forestdale	\$	-
BOA Glad Hill	\$	-
BOA Highland Village	\$	-
BOA JKS Paxton LLC	\$	-
ESB Highland Village	\$	67,225.90
Century Bank	\$	-
Century Bank PEL Lockbox	\$	111,908.53
Country Bank Collectors	\$	11,208.82
Country Bank Cultural Council	\$	3,963.50
Country Bank Old Septic	\$	120,172.52
Country Bank Town Operating	\$	20,529.48
Country Bank Town Utilities	\$	145,013.24
Eastern Bank Master	\$	721.42
Eastern Bank CK	\$	-
ESB Collector	\$	67,895.58
ESB PEL Depreciation	\$	160,652.29

ESB Treasurer	\$	1,733,793.17
ESB Water	\$	484,157.36
ESB PEL Operating	\$	618,990.26
Unibank for Savings Ambulance	\$	143,213.26
Unibank for Savings Direct	\$	179,197.85
Unibank for Savings-Payroll	\$	-
Rollstone PEL	\$	1,058,908.84
Total	\$	4,927,802.02

Interest and Dividend Income

Town Operating	\$	11,456.33
Electric Depreciation	\$	16,301.08
Agency Accounts	\$	104.56
Electric Operating	\$	17,163.04
Cultural Council	\$	6.55
Title V – Special Revenue	\$	362.73
Water Enterprise	\$	1,022.18
Total	\$	46,416.47

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Malone, Treasurer/Collector



TOWN PAYROLL

TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL FY18

TOWN HALL	
Marianne Belanger	662.50
Sandra Bluyus	3,799.47
Peter Bogren	1,653.42
Thomas Carroll	127.33
Kateri Clute	1,581.75
Donna Couture	33,717.18
Wayne Curran	11,562.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	44,845.63
Dennis Harney	2,492.50
Judy Hatstat	127.34
Doris Huard	1,581.75
Larissa Kennedy	814.08
Jeffrey Kent	623.00
Sheryl Lombardi	28,039.84
Deirdre Malone	56,054.36
John Malone	1,653.42
Mia McDonald	7,560.00
David Parent	127.33
Jean Parent	509.00
Julia Pingitore	2,018.16
Kim Peloquin	28,782.41
John Reece	4,729.00
Carol Riches	82,400.56
James Robert	1,297.00
Michael Savasta	25,000
Joanne Savignac	262.50
John Slabich	116.00
Kathleen Stanley	43,986.50
Susan Stone	34,711.47
Richard Travers	1,950.00
Richard Trifero	23,365.75
B. Peter Warren	7,792.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Corey Anderson	5,720.22
Brandon Andexler	550.62
Nicholas Andexler	18,638.35

Michael Benoit	15,663.80
Lionel Berthiaume	221.89
Joseph Bialecki	1,506.96
James Carleton	79,790.99
Jay Conte	44,115.93
Peter Conte	9,425.56
Bailey Correia	2,554.59
Richard Doughty	888.17
Harisson Duchesney	226.40
Theodore Duchesney	3,093.52
Nolan Flynn	2,068.73
Richard Gaffney	8,738.24
Cynthia Gaudet	78,846.25
Jonathan Hanson	12,585.29
James Hansson	2,926.53
Kevin Kelly	59,083.08
David Kent	1,669.70
Brian Killelea	1,395.11
Christopher Koretski	173.64
Richard McGinn	100,391.80
Shawn Mead	80,121.72
Jeffrey Olson	60,731.83
Jeremy Parkinson	11,484.79
Michael Pingitore	92,141.70
Jason Putnam	3,265.83
Kevin Quinn	6,633.95
Gary Richards	6,880.16
Erika Rivers	11,235.50
Thomas Savage, Jr.	59,310.04
James Smith	962.20
Meghan Stevens	4,486.12
James Wieliczko	212.25
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
Andrew Clark	28,076.68
Roni Huard	56,331.14
Mark Leveille	53,000.78
Matthew Paldino	53,364.36
Michael Putnam	74,946.65
Michael Putnam Jr	4,586.45

Gary Richards	60,792.07
Christopher Ross	59,000.28
David Tardie	38,465.33
Travis Thibault	84,391.77
LIBRARY	
Deborah Bailey	48,900.28
Barbara Braley	5,8665.09
Hallie Brown	783.00
Arnold Childs, Jr.	5,252.85
Kim Cooke	36,291.84
Jamie Galvin	1,200.00
Emily Orciuch	1,105.75
Katherine Schmalz	1,391.50
Susan Wheeler	16,367.78
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	
Kathy Card	21,917.64
Julia Carlson	96.00
Conor D'Andrea	444.00
Erin Doud	832.00
Alyssa Johansson	385.00
Erica Johnsson	943.50
Paul Johnson	1,421.00
Caroline Ridgewell	616.00
Anthony Riopel	742.50
Ashley Roy	3,208.80
Erica Turner	432.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Paul Belsito	6,183.48
John Crowley	7,777.45
Francis LaFlash	572.04
Cynthia Love	28,815.12
Dolores Rauschl	3,226.05
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	
Ashley Anderson	8,934.28
Laura Cassady	48,900.44
Amanda Drew	1,331.76
Richard Fairbanks	9,391.26
Brian Fleury	30,718.97
Sarah Gambrell	8,094.50

Sheri Kaiser	14,168.50
Eric Kanavos	8,353.09
Tanya Martin	14,282.65
Christopher McRell	14,873.00
Jacob Moisio	16,697.62
David Rose	114.56
Jeffrey Tasca	10,156.44
Lamar Watkins	4,493.12
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
John Ahern	600.00
Benjamin Bassett	42,491.05
John Crowley	800.00
Cheryl Kerxhalli	61,768.17
Jason Lavallee	109,677.92
Naomi Quinn	48,850.55
David Renzetti	135,319.80
Tara Rondeau	76,086.46
Matthew Stone	95,129.89
Emerson Wheeler	600.00
Timothy White	104,991.63
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Guy Bibeau	101972.98
Robert Desrosiers	131,846.02
James Dugan	6,880.40
Jeffrey Dunn	15,619.55
Kenneth Johnson	66,259.07
David Keller	64,810.29
William Lang	71,861.22
Matthew Morin	82,649.81
Robert Noone	53,588.36
Eva Ryan	55,343.79
Edward Santiago	57,937.54
Mark Savasta	161,920.08
Jason Silvestri	110,167.41
Forrest Thorpe III	110,205.50
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Mark Belliveau	1,105.00
Corey Buzzell	43,984.51
Paul Ciance	10,730.01

Shawn Davis	48,754.87
John Jovan	10,896.65
Steven Legere	4,675.89
Kevin Mailman	834.76
Stefano Marziale	17,160.83
David Warren	48,132.10

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: townofpaxton.net

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

DIAL "911"

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-755-1104

located at 576 Pleasant Street

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TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street: hours: Monday-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am – 1pm. Hours vary by department so check website for specific department hours.

Town Administrator	Carol L. Riches	Town Hall	508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Board of Selectmen	Peter Bogren, Jr., Chair Donna Graf-Parsons	Board meets every other Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext 10
Town Services Coordinator 11	Sheryl Lombardi	Board of Appeal, Planning	508-753-2803 Ext.
Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Chair	Board and Board of Health Board meets on an "As needed" basis	
Board of Health	David Parent, Chair	Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm	
Planning Board	Neil Bagdis, Chair	Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero		Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran		Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-261-8084
Wire Inspector	John Reece	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-535-1200
Fire Inspector	Michael Pingitore	Call for Inspection	508-793-3170
Town Accountant	Larissa Kennedy	Town Hall	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Assessors	Doris Huard, Chair Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor	Hours: Mon & Thur 8am - 4pm Friday 8am - 1pm	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Town Clerk	Laurie Becker	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 13
Treasurer/Collector	Donna Couture	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 15
Water Commissioners	John Malone, Chair	Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Municipal Light Department	Tara Rondeau, Manager Emerson Wheeler, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Tuesday of each month.	508-756-9508
Police Department	Mark Savasta, Police Chief	Office: 576 Pleasant Street (Business Only)	508-793-3131
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch	508-755-1104
Recreation Commission	Robin Tasca , Chair	Commission meet the third Monday of each month	
Council on Aging	Curtis Hammar, Chair Cindy Love, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	508-756-2833
Conservation Commission		Board meets the second Thursday of each month	508-735-0035

Historical Commission	Anita Fenton	Board meets the third Thursday of each month	
Veteran's Agent	Jeffrey Kent	Town Hall	508-754-7638
Richards Memorial Library	Debbie Bailey, Librarian	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month	508-754-0793
	Patricia Dawson, Trustee Chair	Check website for hours	