

1. Why do you choose to live in Paxton? (Rank your choices 1-5, with 1 being most important)

<u>7</u> Affordable Housing	<u>1</u> Rural Character	<u>5</u> Family Ties
<u>2</u> Low Crime Rate	<u>6</u> Convenience to Work	<u>11</u> Access to Highways
<u>9</u> Recreational Opportunities	<u>4</u> School System	<u>10</u> Community Activities
<u>13</u> Employment Opportunities	<u>8</u> Convenience to Services	<u>3</u> Open Spaces
<u>12</u> Other _____		

2. What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing Paxton? (Rank your choices 1-5, with 1 being most important)

<u>4</u> Providing Municipal Services	<u>9</u> Lack of a Community Gathering Place
<u>5</u> Excessive Traffic	<u>8</u> Lack of Recreation Opportunities
<u>1</u> Cost of School System	<u>10</u> Lack of Employment Opportunities
<u>3</u> Excessive Development	<u>2</u> Loss of Small Town Character
<u>6</u> Lack of Retail Shopping	<u>7</u> Lack of Affordable Housing
<u>11</u> Other _____	

3. What should Paxton look like in the future?

216 Paxton should remain a bedroom/"agricultural" community.
191 Paxton should have a few more commercial uses but should remain essentially residential.
21 Paxton should become a commercial destination with a large residential presence.
187 Paxton should be a residential and agricultural community, with additional commercial zones serving local needs.
15 Don't know.
11 Other _____

4. Are you satisfied with:

The pressure in the municipal water system?	<u>420</u> Yes	<u>41</u> No	<u>125</u> No Opinion
The quality of the municipal water system?	<u>380</u> Yes	<u>72</u> No	<u>134</u> No Opinion
Paxton's cellular telephone service/coverage?	<u>325</u> Yes	<u>146</u> No	<u>108</u> No Opinion
The cable television services provided?	<u>371</u> Yes	<u>131</u> No	<u>84</u> No Opinion
The internet access available?	<u>364</u> Yes	<u>98</u> No	<u>118</u> No Opinion
The street lighting in Paxton?	<u>422</u> Yes	<u>120</u> No	<u>47</u> No Opinion
Additional comments: _____			

5. How do you rate Paxton's commitment to:

Preservation and acquisition of open space?	<u>45</u> too much	<u>190</u> not enough	<u>282</u> just right
Historic preservation?	<u>74</u> too much	<u>143</u> not enough	<u>323</u> just right
The support of agricultural uses?	<u>18</u> too much	<u>205</u> not enough	<u>296</u> just right

6. Have you noticed any issues with home-based occupations in Paxton?

29 Yes 418 No 139 No Opinion

Comments: _____

7. Do you feel that Paxton needs public transportation?

182 Yes 323 No 89 No Opinion

8. Do you feel that Paxton's character is sufficiently protected?

342 Yes 153 No 89 No Opinion

Comments: _____

9. Would you support any of the following measures to control residential growth? Check all that apply.

225 Specify how fast each subdivision can be built (i.e. phasing).

347 Limit the number of building permits issued each year.

261 Promote open space (cluster) subdivisions to encourage the preservation of open space.

206 Increase the required lot size in much of Paxton beyond the current 60,000 sq. ft.

72 None

10. In general, do you feel that Paxton's roads are adequately maintained?

516 Yes 57 No 14 No Opinion

11. On the line provided next to each road segment, please indicate which one of the actions below you feel would be most appropriate for each road listed.

1 Improved to increase vehicular and traffic safety.

2 Improved to increase pedestrian safety

3 Preserve streetscape and maximize scenic features.

4 Try to balance vehicular traffic, pedestrian safety, maintenance costs and appearance.

5 No action

4 Pleasant St (Rt. 122 Worcester line to Rt. 56)

2 Pleasant St. (Rt. 122 through Paxton Center)

5 Pleasant St (Rt. 122 Paxton Center to Rutland line)

5 Richards Avenue (Rt. 56 to Rutland)

5 Maple St/Holden Rd (Rt. 31 from Paxton Center to Holden)

5 Grove Street (Rt. 56 to Rt. 31)

5 West St (Rt. 31 Paxton Center to Spencer line)

12. In the space provided please list any problem intersections and identify the issue of concern.

13. What type of additional business do you feel is needed in Paxton? (Check all that apply)

364 Restaurants 42 Fast food establishments 96 Hardware/home improvement stores

35 Clothing stores 164 Small-scale retail stores 16 Large-scale retail stores (Big Box)

108 Services (dry-cleaners, printers, tailors, etc.) 297 Gas station

84 Professional services (doctor's office, lawyer's office, etc.) 89 None

77 Other _____

14. Do you feel that Paxton should pursue Economic Development?

212 Yes, to broaden the tax base.

136 Yes, to create jobs and provide services for residents.

229 No, Paxton should not pursue Economic Development.

64 No opinion

If Yes which of the following land uses would you support?

43 Warehousing/Storage 147 Office Park 93 Light Industry

144 Research & Development 127 Regional Retail 35 Other _____

15. Do you feel that Paxton has a need for housing that low and moderate income households can afford? 198 Yes 284 No 91 No Opinion

16. What types of housing would you like to see more of in Paxton? (Check all that apply)
190 single family homes 31 two family homes 22 multi-family units
28 apartments 69 condominiums 239 senior housing
38 subsidized housing for low income residents 105 open space residential design
95 in-law apartments 113 assisted living 130 None

17. Have you visited Paxton's website www.townofpaxton.net? 245 Yes 323 No
If yes, have you used the online bill pay service? 20 Yes 419 No
Please address any website comments or suggestions here:

18. In general, are you satisfied with how readily you can access Town services and offices?
406 Yes 80 No 78 No Opinion

Comments: _____

19. Please rate the services provided by the following Town Services and Departments based on your personal experience. Also, please indicate in the last column whether you would support more tax dollars for an increase or expansion of the service listed. (NOTE: Please refer to the pie chart in Facts about Paxton at the front of this mailer)

Department/Service	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Would you support more tax dollars for an expansion/increase of this service?
Board of Appeals	26	141	35	8	Y=7 n=91
Board of Assessors	51	149	46	18	Y= n=100
Board of Health	44	156	64	17	Y=16 n=93
Board of Selectmen	47	156	64	17	Y=11 n=102
Building Commissioner	39	133	60	38	Y=9 n=107
Cemetery Commission	30	123	63	31	Y=8 n=103
Conservation Commission	39	144	47	15	Y=19 n=98
Council on Aging (Senior Center)	110	159	29	3	Y=45 n=83
DPW/Highway	175	180	27	7	Y=53 n=92
Fire Department	232	154	6	1	Y=86 n=85
First Responder/Ambulance	226	122	11	19	Y=107 n=75
Municipal Light Department	202	193	22	13	Y=29 n=113
Paxton Center School	140	172	32	7	Y=58 n=98
Planning Board	40	143	54	11	Y=11 n=93
Police Department	276	161	13	3	Y=102 n=82
Recreation	63	156	80	25	Y=67 n=90
Richards Memorial Library	225	161	21	3	Y=74 n=91
Town Administrator	71	160	46	17	Y=13 n=104
Town Clerk	120	182	34	9	Y=18 n=101
Town Services Coordinator	79	160	33	6	Y=11 n=96
Treasurer/Collector	102	188	34	9	Y=8 n=101
Water Department	117	189	27	10	Y=26 n=97

20 Which of the following recreation facilities would you like to see in Paxton?

265 Swimming Pool/Splash park

285 Bike Paths

278 Hiking Trails

199 Restoration of the Sliding Hill

93 Tennis Courts

81 Baseball Fields

71 Soccer Fields

112 Playgrounds w/ Equipment

80 Skateboard Park

198 Outdoor Ice Skating Rink

90 Basketball Court

110 Community Gazebo

47 Bridle Paths

39 None

40 Other _____

21. Please indicate the importance of the following proposed Town facilities and improvements by **RANKING** them in order of funding priority with 1 signifying the most important and 7 the least important (you can choose less than 7)

5 Construction of a new Town Office Building/Community Center

1 Construction of a new Public Safety Complex (Fire & Police)

4 Renovation of the White Building

2 Renovation of the Town Hall for handicap accessibility and to expand use of the building

6 Expansion of the Richards Memorial Library

3 New park facilities at old Wentworth Pool site – walking path, water splash pad, picnic area, amphitheater, restrooms

7 Other (Please describe) _____

Please use this space for any additional comments or concerns you may have about the future development of Paxton. Please attach additional sheet as necessary.

About You

What is your age? 54 Years

How long have you lived in Paxton? 22 Years

Your sex? 282 Male 269 Female

How long do you plan to live in Paxton? 25 More Years

What is your education level?

45 High School

98 Some College (No degree)

49 Associates Degree

172 Bachelors Degree

163 Post Graduate Degree

How many people are in your household? 2.8 Persons

What are the ages of all those in your household?

What is your Current Employment status?

4 Unemployed

41 Part Time

297 Full Time

52 Self Employed

22 Homemaker

129 Retired

What part of Town do you live in?

121 A 90 B

157 C 135 D

