

TOWN OF PAXTON MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN WARRANT



*Report and Recommendations
of the Finance Committee
For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022*

*Annual Town Meeting ~ June 21, 2021, 6:00pm
Tivnan Field at Paxton Center School.*

*In the case of inclement weather, we will move
indoors to the Paxton Center School Cafetorium.*

*We strongly urge you to review the warrant and prepare any
questions that you might have ahead of time in order to keep
the meeting focused and productive. This will assist us in
completing the meeting in a timely fashion.*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Paxton

Despite the pandemic, the town's fiscal process began normally beginning January 15th when department heads were asked to submit their budget requests to the Committee for review. At that point in time, the proposed town budget was in deficit. It was anticipated that the effect of the pandemic on the state's economy would negatively affect receipts obtained from the Commonwealth. Because the course of the pandemic could not be predicted, June 21st was selected for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) at the bandstand. This would enable participants to be seated outdoors and there would be a reduced possibility of inclement weather affecting the ATM operation.

Initially the municipal operating budget had been increased 4.3% above that of FY2021. Major points of interest include the following: 1) Debt service decreased modestly by 1%, comprising 10% of the municipal budget. Certified free cash available increased significantly to \$619,198. Of this sum, \$100,000 resulted from the transfer of Overlay Surplus to free cash the previous year. It must be pointed out that again, Paxton utilizes 100% of its free cash every year. Town Employee Insurance and County Retirement continued to increase significantly (15.8% and 16.0%, respectively). 2) With respect to employee compensation, the Town began the program of yearly 2.5% step increases for a number of non-contractual department positions. A Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) of 2% was awarded to non-contractual employees who had not received step increases. 3) The Regional Dispatch budget reflects a \$10,000 contract for maintaining the fiber-optic cable between Holden and Paxton. Operating expenditures for the Regional Dispatch located in Holden are, for this year, covered by a grant. We thank the Town of Holden for obtaining this source of funding. 4) The Emergency Management budget has been rolled into the Fire Budget.

As in previous years, expenditures for education are responsible for about 50% of the town's budget. 1) The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School assessment (minus debt) for FY22 increased 29% to cover transportation and minimum local contribution (MLC) for potentially 32 students. 2) The WRSD school committee initially approved a budget resulting in a Paxton assessment for FY22 of \$7,220,604, an increase of 5.7% (not including debt) from FY2021.

It became apparent early in the budget year that a number of towns were experiencing financial difficulties. Paxton was one of these. Reconsideration of the WRSD budget by their school committee resulted in a budget reduced to 2.4% above that of last year. As a result, Paxton's assessment was reduced by \$64,000. With a still existing deficit of approximately \$120,000, consideration of Paxton's budget continued from February through May with virtual Finance Committee meetings. The process was difficult because overall, the town works on a tight budget. Decreases were made in the budgets of the Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Service, Department of Public Works, Library, Recreation and a host of others. Working together, these managers and the rest of the staff facilitated attaining a balanced budget that is only 2.4% above that for FY2021. It is to be noted that even though the WRSD budget is increased 2.4% above FY2021, the assessment to Paxton increased 4.7% despite fewer students in attendance. Once again, it must be pointed out that our share of the regional transportation is \$436,224. This amount would become available to fund town services should the Commonwealth fund regional transportation at 100%. Efforts to make this happen should continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fenton, chair

TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, that, pursuant to Chapter 39, Section 9, of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Annual Town Meeting, usually scheduled for the first Monday in May, is hereby delayed until June 21, 2021, and that all inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, should meet at the Bandstand on Tivnan Field at Paxton Center School, West Street, Paxton on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on the articles below. *Should there be inclement weather, the meeting will be moved indoors to the Paxton Center School Cafetorium, 19 West Street, Paxton. Should a change in location be necessary information will be posted on the Town's website, the Paxton Neighbors Facebook page, Paxton Police Facebook page and the Fire Facebook page. Notice will also appear on the Town's cable channel 194 and the message board located in front of the Town Hall.*

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	\$211,530
Expenses	\$762,310
Debt	<u>\$ 95,915</u>
Total	\$1,069,755

and that \$1,069,755 is raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$1,069,755
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Or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 2 - Dump Truck for Department of Public Works To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$231,710, or any other sum to purchase a Freightliner M2 4x4 Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 1997 International Dump Truck; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Department of Public Works.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.
Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 3 - Pickup Truck for Water Department 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 2021 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Water Department in the amount of \$51,066, with a first year lease payment of \$11,227.17, to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Funds; or act any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends approval.

Article 4 – Water Tank Maintenance To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$107,189, or any other sum, to pay for the inspection, maintenance, repair or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank in accordance with the third year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Board of Selectmen recommends

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 5 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,142 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 6 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,142 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

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 7 – 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 Director of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Board of Selectmen and Director of Public Works.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 8 – Revolving Accounts To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 §53E½ to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2022 for all revolving funds established under the General Bylaws, as set forth below, or act in any way thereon:

Council on Aging \$25,000
Recreation \$120,000
Library \$20,000
Paxton Days \$5,000

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 9 – Wachusett Greenways To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000, or any other sum, to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Wachusett Greenways.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 - Gold Star Family – Property Tax Abatement Section 5, Clause 22H To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22H of the Massachusetts General Laws, to provide an exemption from taxes for the real property of the surviving parents or guardian of soldiers and sailors who suffered a fatal injury or who are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Veterans Agent.

Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 11 - Town Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,314,283 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$300,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$619,198 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$7,233,481 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, 2021, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

		<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
0100-1114	MODERATOR			
5101	Salary	0	0	0
5400	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1122	SELECTMEN			
5101	Committee Salary	5,820	5,936	5,936
5103	Administrative Secretary	54,953	56,327	56,327
5200	Purchased Services	10,441	10,441	10,441
5400	Supplies	500	500	500
5700	Other Expenses	<u>19,651</u>	<u>19,901</u>	<u>19,901</u>
		<u>91,365</u>	<u>93,105</u>	<u>93,105</u>
0100-1123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
5102	Salary	91,802	94,556	94,556
5103	Car Allowance	1,500	1,500	1,500
5200	Purchased Services	1,100	1,100	1,100
5400	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		<u>94,502</u>	<u>97,256</u>	<u>97,256</u>
0100-1124	MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT			
5102	Salary	40,513	19,769	19,769
		<u>40,513</u>	<u>19,769</u>	<u>19,769</u>
0100-1129	TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR			
5102	Salary	35,589	36,462	36,462
5200	Purchased Services	2,040	2,040	2,040
5400	Supplies	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>
		<u>38,232</u>	<u>39,105</u>	<u>39,105</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
5102	Secretary	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	260	260	260
5400	Supplies	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
		<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>
0100-1132	RESERVE FUND			
5700	Fund	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
0100-1135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
5102	Salary	29,458	30,100	30,100
5200	Purchased Services	1375	1375	1375
5400	Supplies	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
		<u>31,233</u>	<u>31,875</u>	<u>31,875</u>
0100-1141	ASSESSORS			
5101	Committee Salary (3)	5,162	5,371	5,371
5102	Administrative Assessor	48,228	48,228	48,228
5200	Purchased Services	3,460	3,460	3,460
5400	Supplies	500	500	500
5700	Other Expenses	24,250	25,400	25,400
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>81,600</u>	<u>82,959</u>	<u>82,959</u>
0100-1145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR			
5101	Salary	63,654	64,927	64,927
5103	Assistant to Treasurer/Collector	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	14,500	14,800	14,800
5400	Supplies	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>
		<u>79,279</u>	<u>80,852</u>	<u>80,852</u>
0100-1151	LEGAL SERVICES			
5200	Purchased Services	22,000	15,000	15,000
5201	Chapter 60 Sec. 50B	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		<u>30,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>
0100-1152	PERSONAL ADVISORY BOARD			
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1155	MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SERVICE			
5101	Salary	25,000	25,000	25,000
5200	Purchased Services	47,432	45,432	45,432
5800	Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>75,432</u>	<u>70,432</u>	<u>70,432</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1161	TOWN CLERK			
5101	Salary	42,528	43,799	43,799
5102	Record Keeping/	90	90	90
5103	Assistant Clerk	0	0	0
5200	Purchase Services	1,335	1,335	1,335
5400	Supplies	1,600	1,600	1,600
5700	Other Expenses	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
		<u>46,003</u>	<u>47,274</u>	<u>47,274</u>
0100-1162	ELECTIONS			
5103	Tellers	6,550	1,650	1,650
5200	Purchased Services	10,300	3,450	3,450
5400	Supplies	4,000	1,650	1,650
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>20,850</u>	<u>6,750</u>	<u>6,750</u>
0100-1163	REGISTRARS			
5102	Salary	1,700	1,700	1,700
5103	Clerk	250	250	250
5104	Census Taker	500	500	500
5200	Purchased Services	900	900	900
5400	Supplies	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>850</u>
		<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>
0100-1171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
5102	Salary	5,484	5,594	5,594
5103	Clerk	676	690	690
5200	Purchased Services	1,210	1,210	1,210
5700	Conferences	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
		<u>7,620</u>	<u>7,744</u>	<u>7,744</u>
0100-1177	REGIONAL PLANNING			
5700	Assessment	<u>1,411</u>	<u>1,446</u>	<u>1,446</u>
0100-1178	MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1183	PAXTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION			
5200	Purchased Services	0	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
		<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1910	TOWN EMPLOYEE INSURANCE			
5206	Federal Medicare/Social Security	53,000	50,000	50,000
5207	Employee Assistance Program	0	0	0
5208	Premiums Health Insurance	758,500	765,500	765,500
5209	Life Insurance	1,700	1,700	1,700
	Deduction for Premiums	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		<u>823,200</u>	<u>827,200</u>	<u>827,200</u>
0100-1911	WORCESTER RET. SYSTM. ASSESSMENT			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>553,607</u>	<u>642,115</u>	<u>642,115</u>
0100-1913	UNEMPLOYMENT	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1192	PUBLIC BUILDING PROPERTY			
5103	Custodian	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	21,600	15,600	15,600
5400	Supplies	<u>1,900</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>
		<u>23,500</u>	<u>17,850</u>	<u>17,850</u>
0100-1193	INSURANCE AND BONDS			
5200	Premiums	<u>129,500</u>	<u>149,900</u>	<u>149,900</u>
0100-1196	TOWN REPORTS			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>950</u>
0100-1199	TOWN CLOCK			
5200	Purchased Services	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
0100-1930	CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND			
5810	Capital Depreciation Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1250	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING			
5200	Purchased Services	43,355	41,500	41,500
5400	Supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
		<u>46,355</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>44,500</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		<u>2,234,714</u>	<u>2,329,157</u>	<u>2,329,157</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
0100-1210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
5102	Salary - Chief	95,046	97,898	97,898
5103	Compensation	874,323	886,152	886,152
5200	Purchased Services	75,908	78,338	78,338
5400	Supplies	54,750	49,914	49,914
5700	dues	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>
		<u>1,101,677</u>	<u>1,113,952</u>	<u>1,113,952</u>
0100-1215	REGIONAL DISPATCH			
5200	Compensation	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
0100-1220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
5102	Salary - Chief	44,905	124,249	124,249
5103	Compensation	263,674	191,860	192,518
5200	Purchased Services	59,496	51,326	51,326
5800	Equipment	<u>46,500</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>46,500</u>
		<u>414,575</u>	<u>413,935</u>	<u>414,593</u>
0100-1232	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES			
5103	Compensation	566,553	618,771	618,771
5200	Purchased Services	60,400	56,300	56,300
5400	Supplies	40,850	30,550	30,550
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>667,803</u>	<u>705,621</u>	<u>705,621</u>
0100-1241	BUILDING COMMISSIONER			
5102	Compensation	29,329	30,066	30,066
5103	Local Inspector	3,500	3,500	3,500
5200	Purchased Services	250	250	250
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>33,079</u>	<u>33,816</u>	<u>33,816</u>
0100-1243	PLUMBING INSPECTOR			
5102	Compensation	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
0100-1245	INSPECTOR OF WIRES			
5102	Compensation	5,464	5,573	5,573
5103	Assistant	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>5,864</u>	<u>5,973</u>	<u>5,973</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
5102	Compensation	7,107	0	0
5103	Assistant	3450	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	3,000	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>1000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>14,557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER			
5102	Compensation	8,515	8,685	8,685
5200	Purchased Services	1,878	2,618	2,618
5400	Supplies	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>
		<u>10,568</u>	<u>11,478</u>	<u>11,478</u>
0100-1295	TREE WARDEN			
5101	Salary/Hire	1,435	1,464	1,464
5103	Hourly Paid Employees	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	6,699	15,699	15,699
5400	Supplies	50	50	50
5700	Trees	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<u>9,184</u>	<u>18,213</u>	<u>18,213</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		<u>2,261,307</u>	<u>2,316,988</u>	<u>2,317,646</u>
	<u>PUBLIC SERVICE</u>			
0100-1421	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
5102	Superintendent	81,625	79,047	79,047
5103	Compensation	389,035	427,085	427,085
5200	Purchased Services	205,042	176,402	176,402
5400	Supplies	42,787	38,478	38,478
5700	Type 1 Blacktop	0	0	0
5800	Equipment	<u>41,028</u>	<u>13,724</u>	<u>13,724</u>
		<u>759,517</u>	<u>734,736</u>	<u>734,736</u>
0100-1423	SNOW & ICE			
5130	Overtime	52,633	52,633	52,633
5400	Salt & Sand	130,000	130,000	130,000
5800	Equipment	<u>6,050</u>	<u>6,050</u>	<u>6,050</u>
		<u>188,683</u>	<u>188,683</u>	<u>188,683</u>
0100-1424	STREET LIGHTS			
5200	Electricity	<u>18,142</u>	<u>17,722</u>	<u>17,722</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE		<u>966,342</u>	<u>941,141</u>	<u>941,141</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
<u>SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT</u>				
0100-1443	WASTE COLLECTION			
5200	Contract	<u>338,521</u>	<u>399,860</u>	<u>399,860</u>
		<u>338,521</u>	<u>399,860</u>	<u>399,860</u>
0100-1491	CEMETERY COMMISSION			
5101	DPW Superintendent Salary	3,363	3,363	3,363
5102	Compensation	5,094	5,094	5,094
5200	Purchased Services	1650	1650	1650
5400	Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>12,607</u>	<u>12,607</u>	<u>12,607</u>
0100-1510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
5101	Committee Salary	417	425	425
5200	Purchased Services	3,500	3,500	3,500
5400	Supplies	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>
		<u>4,105</u>	<u>4,113</u>	<u>4,113</u>
0100-1515	SANITATION ENGINEER			
5102	Compensation	<u>12,634</u>	<u>12,887</u>	<u>12,887</u>
0100-1519	INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS			
5102	Salary	<u>2060</u>	<u>2101</u>	<u>2101</u>
TOTAL SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT		<u>369,927</u>	<u>431,568</u>	<u>431,568</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
0100-1541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
5102	Director	26,768	27,438	27,438
5104	Outreach Coordinator	6,582	6,714	6,714
5103	Van Drivers	20,978	21,398	21,398
5200	Purchased Services	5,700	5,700	5,700
5400	Supplies	4,900	4,900	4,900
5700	Other expenses	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>
		<u>66,118</u>	<u>67,340</u>	<u>67,340</u>
0100-1543	VETERAN'S AID			
5101	Compensation Agent	1,082	1,104	1,104
5200	Purchased Services	100	100	100
5700	Benefits	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>
		<u>10,482</u>	<u>10,504</u>	<u>10,504</u>
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		<u>76,600</u>	<u>77,844</u>	<u>77,844</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
0100-1610	LIBRARY			
5102	Library Director	56,655	58,076	58,076
5104	Children's Librarian	42,126	43,931	43,931
5103	Compensation	41,917	42,825	42,825
5200	Purchased Services	13,487	10,274	10,274
5400	Supplies	42,538	39,151	39,151
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>196,723</u>	<u>194,257</u>	<u>194,257</u>
0100-1630	RECREATION			
5102	Recreation Director	25,526	26,135	26,135
5103	Seasonal Employees	0	0	0
5104	Parks Director	0	0	0
5105	Administrative Assistant	2,447	2,546	2,546
5200	Purchased Services	5,000	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>34,973</u>	<u>28,681</u>	<u>28,681</u>
0100-1691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
5200	Purchased Services	350	400	400
5400	Supplies	0	0	0
5700	Other expenses	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		<u>232,096</u>	<u>223,338</u>	<u>223,338</u>
0100-1915	CENTRAL PURCHASING			
5812	Heating Oil	49,400	49,400	49,400
5813	Postage	7,000	7,000	7,000
5814	Telephones	15,500	15,500	15,500
5815	Electricity	72,890	72,890	72,890
5816	Diesel	42,000	42,000	42,000
TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING		<u>186,790</u>	<u>186,790</u>	<u>186,790</u>

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
	DEBT SERVICE			
0100-1710	DEBTS NOTES & BONDS			
5760	DPW Building Renovation (40,100)	2,200	2,200	2,200
	school windows replacement (114,500)	6,000	6,000	6,000
	DPW truck and Senior/PCS paving (Feb2021)	0	45,000	45,000
	PSC USDA Long Term Loan	50,000	50,000	50,000
	PSC conventional Long Term Loan	306,800	306,800	306,800
	PCS State House Serial Loan (998767)	67,000	65,000	65,000
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	10,000	10,000	10,000
	SCBA State House Serial Loan (998767)	23,000	0	0
	Title V Betterment Grant Repayment	7,698	0	0
	State House Notes	50,000	45,000	45,000
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	26,000	26,000	26,000
		<u>548,698</u>	<u>556,000</u>	<u>556,000</u>
0100-1715	INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS			
	DPW Building Renovation (40,100)	669	581	581
	school windows replacement (114,500)	1,545	1,305	1,305
	DPW truck and Senior/PCS paving (Feb 2021)	0	5,672	5,672
	PSC USDA Long Term Loan	63,438	61,250	61,250
	PSC conventional Long Term Loan	105,031	92,759	92,759
	PCS State House Serial Loan (998767)	4,884	2,405	2,405
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	740	370	370
	DPW truck and Senior/PCS paving (Feb2021)	851	0	0
	State House Note 366000	2,530	1,485	1,485
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	3,458	2,470	2,470
		<u>183,146</u>	<u>168,297</u>	<u>168,297</u>
1752-5715	SHORT-TERM LOAN INTEREST			
	Short Term Interest	<u>0</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>1700</u>
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>731,844</u>	<u>725,997</u>	<u>725,997</u>
	SUBTOTAL (TOWN OPERATING BUDGET ONLY)	<u>7,059,620</u>	<u>7,232,823</u>	<u>7,233,481</u>

Article 12 - WRSD Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,156,440 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the School Committee
Board of Selectmen recommends
Finance Committee recommends

		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
1300 WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT				
5300	Minimum Local Contribution	4,600,004	4,694,011	4,694,011
5320	Regional Agreement Spending Assessment	1,577,286	1,801,230	1,801,230
5310	Long-Term Debt Repayment Assessment	215,283	217,745	217,745
5315	Transportation	443,770	436,224	436,224
	Oil Remediation Debt Assessment	<u>7,558</u>	<u>7,230</u>	<u>7,230</u>
TOTAL WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT		<u>6,843,901</u>	<u>7,156,440</u>	<u>7,156,440</u>

Article 13 - Bay Path Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$321,509 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021; or act in any way thereon.

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

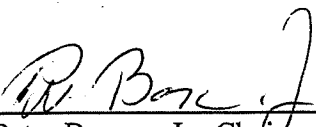
		FY 2021 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2022 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2022 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
1310 BAY PATH REGIONAL VOC. TECHNICAL SCHOOL				
5300	Bay Path Debt	61,213	63,815	63,815
	Bay Path Assessment	194,497	257,694	257,694
		<u>255,710</u>	<u>321,509</u>	<u>321,509</u>
SUBTOTAL (SCHOOL BUDGETS ONLY)		<u>7,099,611</u>	<u>7,477,949</u>	<u>7,477,949</u>
GRAND TOTAL (TOWN OPERATING & SCHOOL BUDGET)		<u>14,159,231</u>	<u>14,710,772</u>	<u>14,711,430</u>

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


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

Given under our hands this 24th day of May 2021.


Respectfully submitted,



Peter Bogren, Jr., Chair



Julia N. Pingitore, Vice Chair



Kirk R. Huehls, Clerk

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Constable
B. Peter Warren Jr

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2021-2022 budget is as follows:

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Approved FY21	Recommend FY22	Change	% of Budget
General Government	\$2,234,714	\$2,329,157	\$94,443	15.83%
Public Safety	\$2,261,307	\$2,317,646	\$56,339	15.75%
Public Services	\$966,342	\$941,141	(\$25,201)	6.40%
Sanitation & Environment	\$369,927	\$431,568	\$61,641	2.93%
Human Services	\$76,600	\$77,844	\$1,244	0.53%
Culture & Recreation	\$232,096	\$223,338	(\$8,758)	1.52%
Central Purchasing	\$186,790	\$186,790	\$0	1.27%
Debt Service	\$731,844	\$725,997	(\$5,847)	4.93%
Schools	<u>\$7,099,611</u>	<u>\$7,477,949</u>	\$378,338	50.83%
	<u>\$14,159,231</u>	<u>\$14,711,430</u>	<u>\$552,199</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Estimated Receipts

Prior Yr Tax Levy Lmt + 2.5% + new con	\$10,935,361
Local Revenue	\$1,297,010
Free Cash	\$619,198
State Aid	\$722,095
Ambulance Fund	\$300,000
WRSD Debt Exclusion	\$217,745
Baypath exclusion	\$63,815
Public Safety Debt Exclusion	\$510,809
Public Safety Debt Exclusion	\$10,370
PCS roof/windows	\$67,405
Ambulance/Truck exc (fy18)	\$46,485
Backhoe exclusion	\$28,470
Title V fund	\$0
Overlay	-\$50,000
Overlay Surplus	\$0
Library Offset	-\$10,081
State Charges (governor)	-\$46,127
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$0
Road Account	\$113,142
Total	<u>\$14,825,697</u>

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RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

The list below shows how the Fund was used through May 1, 2020

Beginning Balance:	\$40,000
Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)	\$1,900.00
Tree Warden	\$750.00
Tree Warden	\$3,950.00
Tree Warden	\$2,800.00
Tree	\$1,960.00
Final Balance:	<u>\$28,640</u>

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR TOWN

Good government starts with you? Volunteers are the lifeblood of small towns. They bring talent, energy and vision to our many Boards and Commissions which deliver services to our citizens. If you are interested in serving your community in any capacity, please fill out this form and return it to the Town Administrator, Town of Paxton, 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton MA 01612. Thank you for your interest!

Carol Riches, Town Administrator

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Home Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Cell Phone:	<input type="text"/>
E-mail:	<input type="text"/>		

I am interested in the following areas (check as many as apply):

☐ Planning, Zoning and Development

☐ Conservation & Open Space

☐ Cultural Council & Festivities

☐ Senior Citizens

☐ Youth Groups

☐ Veteran Services

☐ Public Works & Transportation

☐ Public Safety

☐ Finance & Administration

☐ Library

☐ Parks & Recreation

☐ Historic

☐ Cable Access

☐ Celebration Committee

Other: _____

Amount of time available: _____

Present Business Affiliation and Work: _____

Business experience: _____

Education or Special training: _____

Date Appointed

Term Expired

Feel free to attach anything that will help us carefully consider how to match your experience and interests with the needs of the Town. Thank you for thinking of serving your town.

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