

# *ANNUAL REPORT*

## *TOWN OF PAXTON*

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Council on Aging

Donmarie Desrosiers  
Cultural Council

Robert Pelczarski  
DPW Bld Committee

Karl Ottmar  
Recreation

Mike Oxford  
Conservation Commission

Sandra Bluyus  
RML Trustees

Michael Putnam  
DPW Director

Kathleen Stanley  
Principal Assessor

Deborah Bailey  
Library Director

Jay Conte  
Fire Chief

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*TOWN OFFICERS*  
*May 2020 to May 2021*

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen		
Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman	2022	
Julia Pingitore, Vice Chair	2021	
Kirk Huehls, Clerk	2023	
Moderator		
Roger Brunelle	2021	
Constables		
Paul F. Ruane	2021	
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2021	
Tree Warden		
James Robert	2021	
Wachusett Regional School District Committee		
Karl Ottmar	2021	
Benjamin Mitchel	2022	
Municipal Light Board		
Michael Benoit	2023	
Emerson Wheeler III	2022	
Yvette Orell	2021	
Assessors		
Doris E. Huard	2023	
Lisa Paciello Reece	2021	
Kateri Clute	2022	
Water Board		
John F. Malone, Chair	2023	
David J. Trulson	2021	
Rodney S. Jenkins	2022	
Board of Health		
Thomas B. Carroll	2021	
Judy A. Hatstat	2023	
Julia Pingitore	2022	
Planning Board		
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2022	
Robert Pelczarski	2021	
Jeffrey Kent	2025	
Henry Stidsen, Jr.	2024	
Rob Jacobson	2023	
Library Trustees		
Christopher Isperduli	2021	
Aimee Brunelle	2022	
Patricia Dawson	2023	
Sandra Fields	2023	
Andrea Thackery	2022	
Karen Putney	2022	
Catherine McCourt	2021	
Recreation Commission		
Christina Cormier	2021	
Jeff Cormier	2023	
Diane McMorow	2022	
Christina Olson	2023	
Heather Larson	2021	

Cemetery Commission		
Brian Brosnihan	2021	
Joanna MacGugan	2023	
Christopher Stone	2022	

Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives		
Robert Wilby	2023	
Peter Schur	2022	

## APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator		
Carol Riches	2023	

Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen		
Donna Graf-Parsons	2023	

Town Services Coordinator		
Sheryl Lombardi	2023	

Town Accountant		
Larissa Kennedy	2023	

Town Collector/Treasurer		
Donna Couture	2023	

Town Clerk		
Laurie Becker	2023	

Superintendent DPW		
Michael Putnam	2023	

Veteran's Agent		
Jeffrey Kent	2021	

Veteran's Grave Officer		
Jeffrey Kent	2021	

Inspector of Wires		
John Reece	2021	
John Slabich, Asst	2021	

Building Commissioner		
Richard Trifero	2021	
Richard Travers, Assistant	2021	

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control		
James Robert	2021	

Board of Appeals		
Forrest Smith	2025	
Kirk Huehls	2022	
Paul Robinson	2024	
Richard Grensavitch	2023	
Roberta Brien	2024	
Scott Moss	2022	
Robert Birkbeck	2023	

Board of Registrars		Cable & Communication Committee	
Scott Dziewietin	2023	Nick Powlovich, Chair	2021
Jeremy Richard	2022	Carol Riches	2021
David Stoica	2021	Scott Wilson	2021
		Besnik Cumani	2021
Town Counsel		Agents for License Commission	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2021	Donna Graf-Parsons	2021
Sexual Harassment Officers		Personnel Advisory Board	
Carol Riches	2021	Heather Courtney	2021
Care of Clock		Paul Sullivan	2021
Bruce Cheney	2021	Roland Card	2021
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Council on Aging	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2021	Barbara Braley	2023
Emergency Management Director		Robert Callahan	2023
Michael Pingitore	2021	Gino Gangai	2022
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Alice Crowley	2023
Jay Conte	2021	Curtis Hammer	2021
Police Department Chief		Jean Wilde	2022
Mark S. Savasta	2021	Joan Bedard	2021
Full Time Officers		James Putnam	2021
David Keller, Detective	2023	Natalie Siemen	2022
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2023	Robert Lamotte, Associate	
Guy Bibeau, Lieutenant	2023	June Herron, Associate	
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2023	Mark Ahearn, Associate	
Forrest Thorpe, Sergeant	2023	Historical Commission	
Edward Santiago , Patrolman	2023	Donmarie Desrosiers	2023
Corey Buzzell, Patrolman	2023	Anita Fenton	2022
Robert Noone, Patrolman	2023	Pamela Hair	2021
James Duggan, Patrolman	2023	Donna Odorski-MacLean	2023
Brian Fleury, Patrolman	2023	Dante Zamarro	2023
Stefano Marziale, Patrolman	2023	Sale of Town Owned Land	
Jacob Moisiso, Patrolman	2023	Carol Riches	2021
William Recos, Patrolman	2023	Michael Putnam	2021
Conservation Commission		Richard Trifero	2021
Michael Voorhis	2022	Donna Couture	2021
Leonard Anderson	2023	Kateri Clute, Ex Officio	2021
James Robert	2023	Local Historic District Commission	
Robert Ferguson	2022	Donna Odorski-MacLean	2021
Holly Robert, Associate	2022	Jay Gallant	2021
Donmarie Desrosiers	2023	Paul Robinson	2021
Mike Oxford	2023	Christopher Isperduli	2021
Insurance Advisory Committee		Anita Fenton	2021
Donna Couture	2021	Cultural Council	
Travis Thibault	2021	Donna Graf-Parsons	2021
Donna Graf-Parsons	2021	Cindy Love	2021
Eva Ryan	2021	Howard McGinn	2023
James Carleton	2021	Marybeth Brown	2022
Deborah Bailey	2021	Christie Barnes	2023
Cherie Kerxhali	2021	Donmarie Desrosiers	2021
Deirdre Malone	2021	Clarence Burley	2023

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee	
Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2021
Carol Riches	2021
John Malone	2021

Capital Improvement Committee	
Carol Riches	2022
Forrest Smith	2021
Jeffrey Kent	2023
Kateri Clute	2021
Mark Love	2021
Robert Pelczarski	2022
Timothy Grinham	2023

Election Officers	
Raschelle Barkume	2021
Christy Barnes	2021
Christina Cormier	2021
Nancy Delle	2021
Gino Gangai	2021
Deirdre Malone	2021
Maryann Paquette	2021
Allison Kane	2021
Paula Gangai	2021
Melinda Johnson	2021
Deirdre Leahy	2021
Jane McTigue	2021
Jennifer Wright	2021
Lillian O'Riordan	2021
Abigail Tasca	2021
Emma Ryan	2021
Nancy Wilby	2021
Dina Kilcourse	2021
Amanda Woodward-Mitchell	2021
Sarah Forde	2021
Cornelia White	2021
	2021

Town Hall Renovation Committee	
Richard Fenton	2021
Jay Gallant	2021
Paul Robinson	2021

Town Building Needs Committee	
Jay Gallant	2021
Paul Robinson	2021

DPW Building Committee	
Robert Wilby	2021
Tiffany Sidhom	2021
Robert Pelczarski	2021
Carol Riches	2021
Peter Bogren, Jr.	2021
Michael Putnam	2021
Travis Thibault	2021
Richard Fenton	2021

Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Carol Riches	2021

Scenic Byway Committee	
Anita Fenton	2021
Paul Robinson	2021

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers	
Donmarie Desrosiers	2021

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

Finance Board	
Jennifer Lennon	2022
Mark Love	2021
Richard Fenton, Chair	2023
June Herron	2020
Cotey Collins	2022
Seth Peters	2021
Tim Linton	2022
Anthony Domineck	2022

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

Plumbing Inspector	
Dennis Harney	2021
John P. Dolen, Assistant	2021

Sanitary Inspector	
Wayne Curran	2021

Burial Agent	
Laurie Becker	2021

Backup Burial Agent	
Tiffany Sidhom	2021

Animal Inspector	
Megan Canavan	2021

Animal Control Officer	
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2021

Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
Pellegrino	2021



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND  
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND  
BOARDS*



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21

During Fiscal Year 2021, we continued to work in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw the development of many changes in how we work and live, and these changes, often driven by staffing and supply chain issues, also affected every level of government as the world responded to the effects of the pandemic and other global stressors. This created downstream impacts to local levels beyond anything that had been seen in recent memory. Paxton's COVID Management Team continued to meet during FY21 to stay abreast of developments in the pandemic and to coordinate the Town's response. The team sought to limit spending, and this combined with funding from FEMA and the CARES Act, allowed Paxton to start FY21 in a position of relative financial strength. Despite the pandemic, Town business needed to continue, and thus the Town ran on a one-twelfth budget while a later, outdoor town meeting was planned for the safety of employees and residents. This meeting was held on August 30, 2020, and while it was a bit windy, it was safe and successful overall. Similarly, during FY21 town boards and committees utilized creativity and navigated new technology to continue to carry out their duties. Hats off to everyone who learned and adapted during this difficult time.

In the theme of change, we saw the retirement of three long-standing department heads. **Michael Putnam**, longtime superintendent of **The Department of Public Works (DPW)** retired. We welcomed **Travis Thibeault** as the new DPW Director following an open posting and interview process. Travis was promoted from his position as Water Foreman, and a new Water Foreman was hired. The **Fire Department** saw the retirement of Fire Chief **Jay Conte**. With Chief Conte's retirement, we saw the promotion of **Michael Pingitore** from Deputy Chief to Fire Chief, also following an open posting and interview process. Finally, **Richards Memorial Library** saw the retirement of Library Director **Deborah Bailey**. This position was filled internally by the Library Board of Trustees with a promotion of the Children's Librarian, **Pam Chenevert**. **Kateri Clute** also came aboard as the new Principal Assessor after the departure of Kathleen Stanley. **Jeffrey Olson** was appointed as the new Assistant Emergency Manager.

COVID also brought about a change to the **Town Clerk's** office in the elections process, and early voting for residents could be done via mail or in person. This heavily impacted the November presidential election as a significant number of people opted to vote early either by mail or in person to avoid the polls. Paxton had a large turnout for this election with 2,975 votes, 1,625 cast for Biden and 1,268 cast for Trump.

**The Council on Aging (COA)**, under the direction of **Cindy Love**, worked on sprucing up the building with interior paint and new carpets while programs were put on hold due to COVID. The COA's plan was to have outdoor events during the summer and get the van back on the road for medical appointments as soon as possible. A food pantry at the COA remained available to any town resident who needed food and paper goods. The COA director also made trips to drop off supplies to town residents in need who were unable to leave their homes. The COA also saw an expansion of the parking area which included regarding the hill between the upper and lower parking areas to make it easier to traverse.

**The Recreation Commission** held its first drive through festival in the PCS parking lot, an innovation also brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Recreation also provided virtual programming to residents while working towards introducing a Before and After School Program at the Paxton Center School.

**The Wachusett Regional School District** continued to have remote learning for all students at the start of the school year, and the start of in-person classes was delayed beyond the scheduled November 18<sup>th</sup> start date by vote of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee due to rising COVID cases amidst approaching holidays. School Superintendent Dr. McCall explained that the district was not able to accommodate the six-foot distancing in some of the schools and on the buses as set in the guidelines by DESE. I'd like to thank all the teachers who had to pivot on the fly and learn to teach remotely. It was no easy task. The **Paxton Center School (PCS)** parking lot was repaved at the time of the expansion of the COA parking area. The lot is now much improved. At the request of the DPW, a crosswalk near PCS to cross West St. was moved a little further up the road to where it will be better utilized.

To improve Town-wide information availability, the Town website was moved to **CivicPlus**, a choice of many municipalities. In the same vein, **permitting** was moved online after the Town received a \$13,000 grant to implement online permitting software, which is intended to streamline the permitting process and allow both residents and staff to complete permitting transactions online. Sheryl Lombardi and Michael Pingitore launched the online permitting in December. All building and fire permits moved to online platform initially, but gas, electrical, plumbing and Board of Health permits will follow as time and training allows.

Several additional **grants** were received by town departments following the efforts of staff. The Fire Chief acquired a \$10,000 grant to replace hand lines (hose) and nozzles on Ladder 1, Engine 1, Engine 2, and Tanker 1. The Police Department was awarded a grant from MIIA in the amount of \$4400. They have also obtained two other grants that total almost another \$50,000. The DPW is also working on The Mass works Grant to repave West Street from Suomi to the Paxton/Spencer line and repair safety barriers. The Town also received a MassDOT grant for \$20,835 to install solar powered pedestrian-oriented safety signs, which have been installed around the Town Common.

An increasing number of sidewalks in town have led the DPW to request and receive approval to purchase a sidewalk plow to keep sidewalks open in the winter. As a reminder, sidewalks are the last item to be cleared as the focus of the DPW during a snow event is opening roads. The timing of sidewalk clearing will be determined by manpower, and the center sidewalks will be the priority for using the new sidewalk plow.

As a town, Paxton has welcomed increased efforts from residents with regard to **recycling** and litter pickup. **Kerrie Flynn, Robin Tasca, Brian Brosnihan, and Chuck Putney** along with others coordinated a town-wide **Earth Day trash pickup** and quite a large amount of trash was removed from along our roadways and fields. Thank you to **Pellegrino Trucking** for donating a dumpster to this cause. An **Electronics Recycling Event** was also hosted at the DPW on May 1<sup>st</sup> which was well-attended. During this event, the public was also encouraged to tour the DPW building, which is currently being looked at for refurbishment or replacement. In other news, **Anna Maria College** celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Town residents were encouraged to attend activities on the campus including a festival and fireworks.

Again, due to COVID, the FY22 ATM was rescheduled from May 3, 2021, to June 21, 2021, and held outdoors for the second year in a row. We were again blessed with good weather, and this time less wind. Town residents expressed a lot of appreciation for the outdoor event. It has been my pleasure to serve you as a member of the Paxton Selectboard this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia N. Pingitore, Select Board

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

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.

This year started in the middle of COVID-19 and ended without all the restrictions. The State of Emergency was lifted by Governor Baker on June 15, 2021.

Activities for fiscal 2021 include the following:

All boards and committees had to be more versatile and adapt to remote meetings. Conducting Town business was more challenging for sure this year with Covid restriction and social distancing measures put in place. Employees adapted and our residents were patient with the changes put in place. It reminds us that Paxton is a great place to live.

The Town was awarded up to \$437,576 in CARES Funding to spend on Covid related items that were not budgeted in March 2020. The money was used throughout the year to purchase personal protective equipment, HVAC repairs for Paxton Center School and the Public Safety Complex, COA and Town Hall air conditioning, additional cleaning at Town buildings, remote working, food pantry, additional trash collection costs, online permitting, and various social distancing measures. This funding along with the FEMA funding added additional work to Larissa Kennedy, Town Accountant. Larissa handled this extremely well and for that I very grateful.

The DPW Building Committee continued to meet and discuss other alternative option for improvement to the aging/outdated DPW building. It was decided by the committee not to put forth an article for the Annual Town Meeting.

The state provided a \$1,000,000 small bridge grant, this will complete the engineering on the Black Hill Road Bridge.

New crosswalk signs were installed on West Street and around the Common.

Online permitting went live on January 1, 2021. Sheryl Lombardi, TSC was instrumental in the success of this project, for which I thank her.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate to and from the Road Improvement Stabilization Fund the amount of \$113,142.

The implementation of the meal tax brought in \$17,034 revenue for the third year. Although not a substantial amount, it is a new source of revenue for the Town.

The Town chose not to hold the annual Paxton Days but hope to bring the event back in 2022.

The Annual Town Meeting was held for the second consecutive year outdoors. Although it did not draw a large attendance, only 68 registered voters, we accomplished everything in a very short time.

The Town through the BOH and Fire Department ran a very successful COVID19 vaccine clinic for our most vulnerable population, our seniors. The intent was to continue these clinics to reach all our residents, unfortunately the day of the first clinic, supply to individual municipal clinics was discontinued. This did not take away from the fact that Town employees and officials were prepared and worked together to provide the clinics. I want to thank Julia Pingitore, BOH and Michael Pingitore, Emergency Manager for all their relentless hard work and leadership organizing the clinics and for keeping the Town updated on all COVID related information and protocols. We really are very fortunate to have them both.

This year we experienced the retirement of both our DPW Superintendent, Mike Putnam and Fire Chief, Jay Conte. I want to thank them both for all their hard work, dedication, and leadership to the Town. I am truly grateful.

Travis Thibault was appointed as the new DPW Director in October 2020 and Michael Pingitore was appointed the new full time Fire Chief in January 2021. I wish them all the success in their new roles and hope that they stay with the Town for many years to come.

In closing I would like to thank all Department Managers and Town employees, Donna Graf Parsons, Executive Assistant, Donna Couture, Collector/Treasurer, Larissa Kennedy, Town Accountant, Laurie Becker, Town Clerk, Sheryl Lombardi, Town Service Coordinator, Kathy Stanley, Assessor, Tiffany Sidhom, Municipal Assistant for their continued hard work and support. This year has been especially difficult due to the many challenges of COVID-19. Everyone worked hard and cooperated to keep the business of the Town continually running.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the Town's Police and Fire Departments who we know put their lives in danger daily to protect the Town, but this year even more so as our Police, Fire and EMT's are often the first to respond when emergency calls involved COVID-19 victims and patients.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

### **BOARD OF HEALTH** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2021:

Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Inspections:	38
Soil Percolation Tests:	27
Septic Permit Issued:	18
Food Code Inspections:	8
Semi Public Pool Inspections:	4
Summer Camp Inspections:	6
Housing Inspections Complaints:	1
Septic Certificate of Compliances:	5
Well Permits:	3
Certificate of Compliance:	16

COVID19 compliance inspections:	13
Nuisance Complaints	2

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

To the Citizens of Paxton

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the town's fiscal process began normally, but with meetings conducted in a "virtual" format. Because the course of the pandemic could not be predicted, the Annual Town Meeting was delayed until June 21<sup>st</sup>. It became apparent early in the budget year that a number of towns would be experiencing financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic. Paxton was one of these. Various departments were asked to review their budget requests with the goal of reducing spending. Working together, department managers facilitated the attainment of a balanced operating budget for FY2022 that is only 2.4% above that for FY2021. However, it must be remembered that such reductions in town service budgets will impact our ability to provide the services that our citizens have come to expect. A total budget of \$14,711,430 was approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Major points of interest for FY2022 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 once 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 a program of yearly applied 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 is now included in 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 for FY2022 increased 29% to cover the cost of increased Paxton student attendance. 2) The final WRSD budget approved by the school committee was 2.4% above that for FY2021. It is to be noted that increases in their budgets presented for the previous 5 years ranged from 3.8% to 4.8%. However, despite a reduced increase in the overall WRSD budget this year, the assessment to Paxton still increased 4.7%, a value similar to that of previous years despite a projected reduction in Paxton student population. It must once again be expressed that an increased reimbursement of student transportation costs by the state must be a goal that is achieved.

Transfers from the Reserve Fund included \$1,900 needed for interest on short term borrowing and \$9,460 to cover the expense of removing trees that were a danger to the public. No additions were made to the Capital Depreciation, Stabilization or OPEB Funds. At the Annual Town Meeting, attendees authorized the expenditure of \$231,710 for a dump truck for the DPW. Looking toward the future, it must be remembered that Paxton's infrastructure is aging and expenditures related to building maintenance and renovation will undoubtedly become apparent with time.

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

**PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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In fiscal year 2021 the Paxton Fire Department underwent a major change in leadership. In November of 2020 Chief Jay J. Conte announced his retirement from the Paxton Fire Department after 45 years with the department, effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The town undertook an extensive search for a replacement and ultimately instilled its confidence in Deputy Fire Chief Michael Pingitore who has been with the department for 25 years. Promoting Deputy Chief Pingitore to Fire Chief effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Chief Pingitore is the eighth Fire Chief to serve the Town of Paxton in the Paxton Fire Department's 118-year history.

For the last 118 years the Paxton Fire Department cannot function without the men and women who have dedicated their effort and time selflessly to serve the Town of Paxton 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. These men and women give up nights, weekends, holidays, and family functions to serve their neighbors and fellow citizens in need. As Chief I am eternally grateful to lead such a dedicated group of individuals. Morale has remained extremely high, and the firefighters are eager to assist at a moment's notice even though they go through a lot responding to emergency calls. This year again proved even harder on the employees of the Paxton Fire Department. Still entrenched in the COVID pandemic risk of exposure ran high on every call for service. From EMS calls, fire alarms, car accidents, public assists, and even inspections PFD employees encountered potential COVID positive people every day. This did not slow the Paxton Fire Department down or stop the firefighters from responding.

Fiscal year in the latter half of FY 2021 the Paxton Fire Department started to see a rise in calls for service. During this time, the firefighters did not falter in their responses to these calls they also took on the challenge of more work by hosting, assisting with operating a vaccine clinic, and administering the COVID 19 vaccines to the Town's most important residents, those 65 and older. The ability to help with the fight against the pandemic and get a bit closer to normal was truly an important milestone.

Safety of the firefighters remains a top priority, as with the rest of the world department training had to stop for a bit due to COVID 19. However, we have remained vigilant and resumed training as soon as it was safe to do so. We will remain aggressive with our training so we can catch up and stay safe. The Paxton Fire Department has also been extremely fortunate with private donations and this money is used to offset expenses for firefighter safety, community safety, and response safety that the department could not otherwise afford through our regular budget. This year the department implemented a physical fitness program, and we are funding a physical training at the department twice a week to help assist and keep the firefighters fit for duty. Healthy firefighters reduce injury burden to the town and allow for a more efficient response.

Beginning in January of 2021 the Paxton Fire Department launched a new division encompassing our Fire Prevention, Inspection, and Education programs into one diverse team of fire and life safety professionals. The Paxton Fire Department Community Risk Reduction team was designed to assist the public with permitting, inspectional services, community paramedicine, and

educational needs for preventing fires and injuries. This team has set out to educate and assist our residents with any permitting, fire prevention, or fire and life safety need that they may have.

The Paxton Fire Department also made history in late Fiscal Year 2021 by absorbing the Paxton Emergency Management Agency under its operations beginning in July of 2021. This has always been a sister agency to the fire department in supporting the town's response to any emergency with appropriate resources and Incident Management.

From all of us at the Paxton Fire Department, thank you to all the residents, elected officials, and committee members of Paxton for their continued support of the Paxton Fire Department. As Chief I want to personally thank the families and friends of the Paxton Firefighters, without your support of your wives, husbands, sisters, brothers, fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters the mission of the Paxton Fire Department and the safety of the citizens of Paxton could not be met. I would also like to thank the past members of this department who mentored the current generation and instilled a sense of ownership and pride so that each firefighter respects the equipment, each other, and the community.

Finally, to my mentors, Retired Fire Chief Jay J. Conte, and Retired Deputy Chief Richard Gaffney, thank you for leaving this department better than you found it, thank you for the modern equipment, the modern training, the staffing, and the ambulance service. The town may never know the magnitude of both of your tenures but we at the Paxton Fire Department will forever be grateful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Pingitore, Fire Chief

<b><u>Paxton Fire Dept. Calls for Service July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021</u></b>					
Month	Fire calls	EMS calls	Public Service & Inspections	Mutual Aid	Totals
<b>July</b>	12	46	35	0	93
<b>August</b>	20	61	22	0	103
<b>September</b>	23	51	30	0	104
<b>October</b>	21	59	20	0	100
<b>November</b>	19	48	37	0	104
<b>December</b>	24	70	19	0	113
<b>January</b>	18	64	12	0	94

<b>February</b>	20	72	14	3	109
<b>March</b>	21	78	7	0	106
<b>April</b>	20	53	17	4	94
<b>May</b>	17	76	17	0	110
<b>June</b>	20	68	22	1	111
<b>Totals</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1241</b>

**TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
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The Paxton Department of Public Works would like to start by saying thank you to Mr. Michael Putnam for his years of service to the Town. Michael Putnam worked for the Town of Paxton for many years on both the Highway and Water Departments. He retired as the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works at the end of September 2020. His hard work and dedication to both departments will be greatly missed by all. Mr. Travis Thibault took over for Mr. Putnam as the new Department of Public Works Director in October 2020.

The Paxton Department of Public Works now has a total of 11 full time employees, including the addition of a full time Administrative Assistant. The other employees of the department include the Director of Public Works, 2 Water Department employees, and 7 Highway Department employees.

Throughout the year the Paxton Department of Public Works took care of all ground maintenance of the town's recreational fields, town-owned cemeteries, the town common, and public buildings. This includes, but is not limited to, all digging and burials at the town-owned cemeteries, all grass mowing, spring and fall clean ups at all town-owned facilities, roadside mowing, maintenance of the storm systems throughout town, prepping the athletic fields, maintaining the buildings and irrigation systems at the athletic fields, and plowing and treating of all roadways and town parking lots.

Besides all the regular maintenance that the D.P.W. employees do for Highway, Recreation, and the Town Cemeteries, they also assist the Paxton Water Department in emergency water main repairs. Many of these repairs are done in the winter months in sub-zero temperatures.

Throughout the winter months the D.P.W. employees spend many sleepless days and nights maintaining the roadways to keep them as safe as possible for all residents and travelers of our roadways. This work is done with a team made up of only 8 employees. All of the town's services such as Police, Fire and Rescue, Town Hall, Library, Senior Center, and Paxton Center School would not be able to do their jobs as needed without the D.P.W. keeping the roadways and parking lots clean in the winter months, and these employees should be applauded for their tireless commitment.



In October of 2020, the Paxton D.P.W. was able to reclaim and pave both the Paxton Center School and the Paxton Senior Center (rear) parking lots. The projects were funded by both an article that was approved at town meeting, and the road stabilization fund.

The winter season started with a heavy, wet snowstorm on October 30<sup>th</sup> and was followed by several major snow and ice events throughout the winter months. Our last plowable storm for the season was April 16, 2021.

In January of 2021, the Paxton D.P.W. was able to purchase a mini front-end loader with a plow and snow blower attachment, as well as a broom and brush cutter attachments, using Chapter 90 funds. This machine was then utilized to start cleaning sidewalks throughout town during the winter months and sweeping sidewalks in the spring. This was the first year the department ever had a machine that could clear sidewalks, and we received many compliments for it throughout the winter months. In FY21 the Paxton Department of Public Works applied for, and was awarded, 3 grants, as well as being approved to become a Complete Streets Community.

The Town was awarded \$100,000 through the Statewide Small Bridge Construction Program (Muni Bridge) to complete the engineering for the Black Hill Road Bridge that needs repairs.

In becoming a Complete Streets Community, the department was awarded \$37,990 for Tier 2 Technical Assistance which was used to hire a consultant, Howard Stein Hudson, to assist the department with prioritizing projects and applying for additional Complete Streets funding.

The Department was also awarded \$22,835.76 through MA DOT's Shared Streets and Spaces grant program to obtain and install 10 flashing pedestrian cross walk signs and related signage which were installed around the Town Common, and on West Street.

With the struggles of COVID-19, a long winter, a new Director, and several large projects taking place, the staff at the Paxton Department of Public Works has proven to work well together in good times and bad and put out quality work with limited manpower. Every employee in the department does more than their fair share to keep the department running for the town and all its residents, and they should be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis Thibault, Director of Public Works

### **REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION** **ANNUAL REPORT FY21**

The Paxton Water Department had a challenging and productive year for FY21 with many obstacles, and accomplishments to note.

The Paxton Water Department purchased a total of 104,230,338 gallons of water from the City of Worcester to supply water to all our customers. Our customer base consists of 1,284 residential services, 6 sprinkler services, 13 institutional services, 26 commercial services, and 9 municipal services.

Throughout the course of the year the Paxton Water Department had a total of 6 major emergency water main repairs, some of which were done in sub-zero temperatures. Using sound-sensitive leak detection equipment, the Department also located 4 other main or service breaks

that were repaired either by our staff (if they were in the roadway), or by subcontractors (if they were located on private property). All the emergency repairs and service repairs that were repaired by our staff were completed with the assistance of the Paxton Highway Department employees. Every member of the Paxton DPW is crucial in emergency repairs to the distribution system, and that work couldn't get completed without them. We at the Paxton Water Department are grateful to have such an excellent team to work with.

The Paxton Water Department was able to finalize the rehabilitation of the 1 million-gallon Asnebumskit water storage tank in FY21. The Asnebumskit tank was constructed in the mid-1970s and needed major repairs. Suez Advanced Solutions was the contracted company that completed the entire rehabilitation of the tank, both inside and out. Besides just rehabilitating the tank, they also brought the tank into compliance by adding much needed safety devices such as fall protection devices, and a lockable caged ladder system. These repairs are expected to help extend the life of the tank by at least another 25 years. Suez has also been contracted to do annual inspections of the tank, and make repairs as needed in order to keep the asset in top performance throughout the remainder of its life.

The Paxton Water Department is pleased to inform you that in FY21 we were able to hire a new Foreman for the Department when Mr. Travis Thibault took on the position of D.P.W. Director after Mr. Michael Putnam retired from that position. The new Water Department Foreman is Mr. Peter DeFlorio who came to the Department with over 10 years of experience in the water industry and has proven to be a valuable asset to the department since his start date in December of 2020.

The Paxton Water Department, with the assistance of Tighe & Bond, was able to finalize the WURP GIS Infrastructure Mapping Grant that was awarded in FY19 through the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency. This grant helped the Department digitize many of its paper maps and will allow the department to have access to these maps in the field. This will bring the department one step closer to having the town's distribution system digitized.

Additionally, the Department continues to upgrade to a new water metering system, which includes the installation of new, automated infrastructure meters to be installed at each water customer's property. Said meters operate on a cloud-based system that features many benefits including customer access through a website or mobile app, with such benefits as having leak detection alarms and notifications if the pipes are about to freeze (via a low temperature alarm). The new meters are supposed to be good for 20 years; the radio devices are good for 10 years. As of the end of FY21, the Paxton Water Department had installed a total of 748 meters, which is roughly 56% of all meters throughout the distribution system.

The Board of Water Commissioners met monthly throughout the year, when possible, 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 activities 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.
- The Consumer Confidence Report, which 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, which was utilized several times in order to inform consumers of emergency situations, and routine maintenance of the system.
- The need to replace water mains throughout the distribution system, and which mains take priority.
- The need to do major renovations to the Asnebumskit Water Storage Tank, and upgrades to the pumping station.

Finally, like other town departments and residents, the Water Department continued to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic throughout FY21, making schedule changes to allow for social distancing, obtaining PPE from various sources and adjusting procedures and protocols for employees, emergency situations and the safest ways to interact with water customers as needed.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Michael Putnam for his years of service at the Paxton Water Department, and all of the Water Department staff for their hard work and dedication to providing residents of Paxton with clean and safe drinking water.

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

## **REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION** **YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) has powered the community of Paxton since 1914 delivering reliable, safe, low-cost electricity to the residents and businesses of Paxton. PMLD is a community owned, not-for-profit, that is overseen by a 3-person Board of Commissioners. Since its creation, the PMLD Board of Commissioners has established the policies that govern the utilities operations. The Board's primary focus has always been on ensuring that the residents and businesses of Paxton are provided superior service, reliable power, and low-cost, stable rates.

The year 2021 will stand out for its highs and lows; from the official end of the pandemic and remote working to the summer heatwaves and the record high gas prices all of which had a major impact on the energy sector. At the same time, government regulations and legislature are putting increased pressure on the energy sector to invest in cleaner energy sources and to support increased programs for power conservation. Despite these challenges, PMLD was able to lower its rates by \$.01 per kWh. This is the first rate adjustment PMLD has made since 2008. In 2021, kWh sales increased by 6.5%, receivables increased 11.2%, operating revenues increased 13% and expenses increased by 5.2% compared to the year before. The increase in expenses is primarily due to an increase of 8.9% in power costs which was offset by a 3.7%

decrease in PMLD's overall operating expenses. Nationwide there is a shortage of qualified electrical linemen. In 2021, PMLD felt the effects of that shortage due to the retirement of one long term employees, 1st Class lineman, Matt Stone, and the loss of another, Dave Renzetti, to a neighboring utility. Replacing the lineman, proved difficult and PMLD ended 2021 with only a 3-man line crew: a general foreman, one 1st class lineman and an apprentice. Tim White, 1st class lineman, employee of PMLD since 2006 and Paxton resident, was promoted to General Foreman. Ben Bassett was promoted to 1st class lineman after completing the 4-year NEPPA lineman certification program and Ben Smith was hired as an apprentice. These three men worked extra hard to ensure PMLD was able to continue its commitment of efficient, safe, and reliable electricity to the rate payers.

## **Operations**

- 8 new home services were added to the PMLD's electric distribution system.
- PMLD installed 1 new transformer and replaced 8 older transformers showing deterioration or stress, upgrading 2 of those transformers to prevent overloading.
- The linemen added 952' feet of underground primary wire and 330' of overhead primary wire to our distribution system. They upgraded 6700' of primary wire on Grove Street.
- The linemen installed 2 new utility poles and replaced 9 old poles.
- PMLD continued preventative tree trimming maintenance to decrease the risk of outages caused by fallen tree limbs: Brigham Road, Blackhill Road, Marshall Street, South Street, Larchwood Road, Knollwood Road, Tanglewood Road, Ridgewood Road, and Birchwood Road.
- Installed an electric vehicle charger at Anna Maria College.

## **System Reliability**

In 2021, PMLD experienced 21 power outages, affecting a total of 340 customers. Quick response times to these outages by the PMLD line crew, resulted in 65% of those customers electricity restored within an hour and a half or less. Weather related issues caused by high winds accounted for roughly 77% of those outages.

## **Power Supply**

PMLD continues to work with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), who manages PMLD's power portfolio to ensure we have enough energy in place to cover the Town's energy needs for years to come. We have developed a diverse power supply portfolio from multiple sources under a power supply strategy that best suits our community's needs. PMLD buys its electricity through fixed contracts, three to five years in advance, as well as on the open market. In 2021, over 21% of our power received was from renewable energy sources, hydro, and wind, that includes Berkshire Wind located in Western MA and Hancock Wind in Hancock, ME as well as from Hydro-Quebec in Canada and NYPA in New York. 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.

There are many circumstances beyond our control that make the cost of electric energy fluctuate,

such as, periods of peak power demands during extreme temperatures, unexpected plant shutdowns, spikes in fuel prices, and unpredictable events such as the pandemic. In 2021, natural gas prices increased 51% over the prior year doubling the cost of power generator fuel and the additional air conditioner usage from the four heat waves that Massachusetts experienced increased customer demand for electricity, all of which had a tremendous impact on electricity prices. On March 26, 2021, Governor Baker signed the Climate Road Map Bill which will require by the year 2050 all energy purchased and sold in the state of Massachusetts be from net zero greenhouse gas sources. This will be accomplished by using renewables such as solar, hydro, and offshore wind. Currently, 58% of PMLD's power sources are from non-carbon emitting sources. PMLD will continue to support the reduction in carbon emissions by investing in projects that are in the best interests of the rate payers of Paxton and satisfy the states regulations.

Transmission and capacity costs have been on the rise. With the Biden Administration's commitment to produce electricity that is 100% carbon free by the year 2035 and The CLEAN Future Act, nationwide transmission lines will need to be upgraded to support the added generation and alleviate the congestion. These upgrades will further increase transmission costs which will be pushed back onto the consumer. In an attempt to lower PMLD's transmission costs which are based on our summer peak usage, PMLD rented a generator from MiltonCat. From May until September, MMWEC remotely dispatched the generator during high peak events to lessen PMLD's electricity consumption during these times. The savings from the use of the generator will be reflected in 2022. PMLD will continue to investigate options to lower our transmission and capacity costs

### **In-Kind Contributions**

During 2021, PMLD contributed \$2,986 in direct labor to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton. These projects include the hanging of the seasonal lights on the Town Common, hanging of various banners throughout the Town and bunting on the Town Hall, repairing lights on the Little League Field, assisting the DPW in fixing guard rails at the Paxton Center School, removing the net on the baseball field, and installing two new streetlights on Hill Street and Laurel Street. The PMLD provides meter reading and billing services for the water department and for the town's trash to help minimize their overall operating costs.

### **Community Involvement**

In 2021, PMLD:

- participated in the "Light Your Truck" holiday event.
- donated to the COA pantry during the holidays.
- donated grocery totes and light bulbs to the Lions Club to provide to new residents in Paxton. at Christmas, the PMLD designated a special mailbox for Letters to Santa. Each child, who wrote a letter, received a personalized response from Santa.
- hung banners on the utility poles for the 2021 graduating seniors.

## **Munihelps**

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. In 2021, 31 customers had home energy audits, 35 customers received rebates for high energy efficiency appliances, 8 customers received rebates under the home efficiency incentives, 7 customers received rebates for Wi-Fi thermostats, and 5 customers received rebates under the cool home incentives, totaling \$9,215 in rebates back to PMLD customers. We were very pleased to see that more of our customers took advantage of the rates and incentives available.

## **2021 Grants**

- PMLD received a \$3,780 grant from the State of Massachusetts to install an EV charger at Anna Maria college.
- PMLD was awarded a safety grant from MIIA to purchase safety equipment for \$6,419.

## **Closing**

As the industry continues to shift and innovate, it is important for the PMLD to adapt to the changes in order to remain a relevant and valued asset to the community of Paxton. For our customers and our employees, PMLD continues to improve its processes to deliver a safe environment that is reliable, ready, and resilient. Employee retention, improved technologies and customer engagement have been the focus of 2021. Investing in the future, keeping up with technology and finding new ways to support a clean environment will be the focus of 2022.

In closing, the Paxton Municipal Light Commission and General Manager would like to thank all employees for their hard work and continued dedication in 2021. Most importantly, we would like to take this time to thank all our rate payers for being our customer.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Tara Rondeau, General Manager

For the Paxton Municipal Light Commission:

Yvette M. Orell, Chairwoman  
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Vice-Chairman  
Michael Benoit, Clerk

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

I am pleased to report we again made it through the fiscal year on budget. We made every attempt to keep our officers healthy and safe from contracting the Covid 19 virus while still providing service to the town at the same level as years past. Our Officers continued to patrol the streets and neighborhoods of Paxton, making sure their presence was visible to all. I want to personally recognize and thank our Police Officers for putting their safety at risk every day to protect and serve the residents of Paxton.

This year concluded our first full year of regional dispatching services through the Wachusett Regional Dispatch Center in Holden. While we still have a long way to go before the project is completed, we are working hard to make sure our residents receive the same service as when dispatch was located here in town.

We have also renewed our contract with Anna Maria College. Our department provides overall security and policing for the campus. This contract will extend our service for an additional five years.

As always, we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. This year the police department applied for and received almost \$100,000.00 in grants which helped cover the cost of equipment upgrades at no cost to the town.

Please feel free to call us at 508-755-1104 if you have any questions or comments as we strive to give Paxton residents the best service possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Mark Savasta, Police Chief

59	Accidents Property/Personal
74	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
113	Animal Calls
0	Arson
3	Assaults
3	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
7,170	Business Checks
1,809	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
4	Death-Unattended
87	Disabled Auto
39	Disturbances
11	Domestic Incidents
1,482	General Police
11	House Checks
104	Identity theft/fraud
4	Larceny
19	Lockouts/Auto/Home
4	Mental Health (Section 12)
6	Missing Person
3	Motor Vehicle Theft (B&E)
39	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
20	Parking Violation
38	Property (Lost/Found)
12	Restraining Orders/Violations
2	Runaway
1	Sex Offense
19	Soliciting
1	Suicide/Attempts
19	Summons Service
87	Suspicious Autos
64	Suspicious (other)
34	Suspicious Persons
11	Theft/stolen property
30	Threats/Harassment
2,404	Traffic Safety
6	Trash/littering
7	Trespassing Incidents
10	Vandalism
4	Warrant Arrest
3	Warrants/General
44	Welfare Checks
246	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

The Council on Aging continued to address the challenges that were presented due to the pandemic in 2021.

As the Town's human service department, we provide advocacy and support for our seniors, while maintaining their independence, improving their quality of life, and preparing them for life's changes.

This past year our Senior Center had been essentially closed but the COA office remained open to provide the needed services to all our seniors whether in person, by phone, or wellness visits to their homes.

Our Outreach program provides social services to all our seniors, families, and caregivers. We independently coordinate with other human service departments and health care providers to ensure our seniors are getting the best care while keeping them safe in their homes. This year we have seen an increase in the number of seniors and families looking for this assistance and these services.

We provide in-home intervention such as assisting isolated seniors, elderly depression, and elder abuse.

We help supplement our seniors by providing food from our own COA Food Pantry. Our pantry is open year-round, and we rely on donations to sustain it. The need and demand for this service increased considerably during the pandemic.

Our nutrition program offers home delivered meals to our seniors five days a week. This year we delivered over 5,000 hot meals to our seniors' homes. With our Senior Center being closed we continued to offer meals on a drive through "grab n go" basis. Over 1,400 meals were served. During these challenging times, we continued to provide all our Paxton seniors with our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter contained updated information regarding health, guidance on Covid and vaccinations, and any programs we provided.

Our van service resumed in May with the required health and safety guidelines to keep our seniors safe while in our care. We provide transportation to all medical appointments, pharmacies, and assisted with grocery shopping and various errands 5 days a week. We remained connected to our seniors, by hosting many outdoor activities such as concerts, lunches, fall gift bags, and visits from our other Town Departments who helped to provide important information to our senior group.

Our Council on Aging staff consists of a director who also handles our Outreach Services, a part time assistant, and 3 van drivers.

The Council has a 9 member board and 5 associate members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

As we look ahead to 2022, we will continue to provide advocacy and assist our seniors with social and health needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Love, Director

**ANNUAL REPORT OF RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY21**

The mission of the Richards Memorial Library is to serve as an educational and recreational community resource. We strive to enrich lives, build community, and grow knowledge by bringing people, information, and ideas together. During the pandemic, the library was challenged with meeting its mission by providing services beyond the library walls. The Richards Memorial Library's building was closed during most of FY21, and had a reduced staff, but we continued to provide access to library services.

At the beginning of FY21, the library had already been providing curbside service for one month. Curbside started on June 1, 2020. During FY21, the library circulated 15,113 physical items through interlibrary loans curbside service. Curbside service continued through the year and the library was able to provide 3,574 local residents with 8,268 books, DVDs, and audiobooks. The supplies needed to fulfill our curbside mission, including paper bags of different sizes, were covered by the CARES Act.

The Richards Memorial Library was able to provide residents with books, DVDs, periodicals, CDs, and audio books from our collection and from the collections of other CW Mars network libraries. Residents were also able to access more than 340 items from libraries in our partner networks spanning the state of Massachusetts, through the Commonwealth Catalog (ComCat).

Access to materials not only went beyond the library walls, it also crossed into the digital realm. Patrons of the Richards Memorial Library accessed 5,823 ebooks and e-audio books through Overdrive and Libby. Another 266 Paxton residents accessed academic databases. The Richards Memorial Library also expanded its WiFi services to the parking lot and yard, provided reference services via the phone and email, and although the building was closed, created library cards for residents who were then able to access ebooks through Overdrive and Libby.

During FY21, the library provided regular library services including updating patrons accounts, placing holds for materials from other libraries, making copies, faxing documents, supplying tax forms, and providing summer reading books for local students. The Friends of the Richards Memorial Library generously purchased educational toys for the preschool room, as well as STEM kits for school-aged children.

The Youth Services Librarian provided take-and-make holiday and seasonal crafts, as well an online reading program (July-August 2020), and more traditional reading summer reading program with prizes in June of 2021. All youth book collections were cleaned up and reorganized. The Young Adult (YA) section was revamped and updated to include more current, diverse, and topical fiction. The Youth Services librarian created sections dedicated to YA nonfiction and YA biographies. There was an uptick in Young Adult circulation in FY21. Adult fiction, large print fiction, mystery, Adult DVDs, audio CDs, and periodicals were weeded and organized.

As of June 1, 2021, the library building was reopened with limited hours, four days a week, for six hours a day. At the end of FY21, long-time Library Director Debbie Bailey retired. We would like to thank Debbie Bailey for years of dedication to the Richards Memorial Library. We would also like to thank our wonderful library patrons, and the Paxton community, for their continuing support. As we look ahead to FY22, the Richards Memorial library will continue to enrich lives, build community, and grow knowledge, both in the library building and well beyond its walls.

The Board of Trustees for the Richards Memorial Library are Aimee Brunelle, Sandra Fields, Patricia Dawson, Chris Isperduli, Catherine McCourt, and Karen Putney (chair).

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Chenevert, Library Director

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year with the Town Clerk.

The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

In the past fiscal year, there were (14) full burials, (8) Cremation burials, (16) lots sold, and (1) lot donated.

The water lines for the new section in Moreland Cemetery were installed in early summer. The grass was planted around the new road. The total cost for the new road and the repaving of two older roads, water lines, and grass planting was \$27,475.00.

The restoration of the gravestones in the Center Cemetery started in early July. Historic Gravestone Services are performing the restoration work. The contract for this year is for the preservation of (47) gravestones that will be completed by fall at a cost of \$19,800.00. Next year, we hope to restore another 40 to 50 gravestones.

Mike Putnam, the DPW Superintendent, retired in September. We thank him for the many years of service in the maintenance and the care of our cemeteries. Welcome to the new Superintendent Travis Thibault. Judi Mancini and Patricia Belsito surrendered their commission seats this year. Many thanks for their years of dedicated service to the commission. Welcome to our new members Joanna MacGugan and Brian Brosnihan.

The Commission approved the FY21 budget for \$12,607.00

As always, the Commission thanks the men of the DPW for their continued efforts maintaining and caring for our cemeteries.

All business, including the sale of lots in Moreland Cemetery, will now be conducted by the DPW Administrative Assistant, Tiffany Sidhom. She can be reached at 508-753-9077

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher D. Stone, Chairman

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

For FY21, the Planning Board had a quiet year. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments heard throughout the fiscal year along with two Approval Not Required, ANR's. Planning Board Member, Robert Jacobson, was appointed again as the Planning Boards delegate for CMPRC. The board met three times and approved minutes are available on the towns' website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY2**

In FY21, the Paxton Board of Appeals (BOA) received five Variance petitions for relief from the Paxton Zoning Bylaws. All petitions were approved and most with conditions. 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. There were also two Finding petitions received and both of those were granted. All BOA members remained the same from the previous FY except for one resignation, leaving two open positions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brien, Chairman

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

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

Membership includes:

Anita Fenton – Chairman

Donna MacLean- Treasurer

Donmarie Desrosiers – Secretary

Members: Pamela Hair and Dante Zamarro

A vacancy remains on the Commission.

The Historical Commission once again prepared an historical calendar with unique archival photos from Paxton's past. It was unusual in that it was prepared to include July 2021 to December 2022. It was prepared as 18 months due to the difficulty of the Commission to hold earlier in person meetings that were necessary to create a calendar for January 2020 to December 2020.

Numerous other events which had been part of Commission's schedule, including town building and cemetery tours for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as well as Open House at the Commission office had to also be cancelled because of the pandemic.

The Trustees of Richards Memorial Library discovered a unique piece of Paxton history while organizing the library basement in 2019. The cloth banner was created for the Paxton Whig Party, circa 1835. In 2020 it was preserved by the Historical Commission in an archival box to protect it from further degradation.

To help increase access to knowledge about the town, the Commission added significant historical documents to their web page on the Paxton town website including:

Important People in Paxton's Past  
Newly Discovered Whig Banner, Circa 1835  
Our Town Program for Audio Journal  
Paxton Center Cemetery Tour for 3rd Grader Students  
The Boston Post Cane  
Town Historian Ed Duanes Notes on Cemetery  
School Presentation Handout  
Town Hall School Tour - 3rd Grade  
Paxton Town Hall History  
Location of Historic Sites  
A Plan of Paxton, Mass Map 1830  
Map Circa 1795  
Map of 5 Schools Before Center School Creation 1900  
Map Pre-1890  
Paxton Map 1898

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

### **PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

Paxton's Local Cultural Council can be comprised of at least five appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the authority of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 10 Section 58. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years and may not be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. Members shall not be elected officials.

Paxton Cultural Council Grants Announced for 2021:

The Paxton Cultural Council is pleased to announce the awarding of grants to local applicants for a variety of cultural events in Paxton during 2021. Recipients include: Kirk Whipple for piano concert performances (\$750), Turn Back Time for nature based activity (\$1500), Gregory Cook for art/nature video of Moore State Park ((\$600), Jesse Green for multicultural artistry (\$500), Scott Jameson for Magic and Juggling (\$550), Paxton Cultural Council for Artists on the Common (\$1200), Paxton COA Dublin Down Music (\$250), Paxton COA Ventriloquist Comedy Show (\$300), Fitchburg Art Museum 85th Regional Exhibit (\$200), Dan Kirouac Concert Paxton Center School (\$250), Doug Moore for Summer Jam (\$500), Paxton COA Rondae Drafts for Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise (\$280), Kathy Card Paxton Recreation Summer Music Series (\$700), Paxton COA Sheryl Faye for Amelia Earhart (\$350), and Christy Barnes for painters of Charnock Tunnel mural (\$430). The funding includes a current 2021 allotment from Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$5600. It is the hope of all members of the Paxton Cultural

Council that as we return to a more normal state, Paxton residents will be able to participate in these various cultural activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Fenton – Chairman

Christy Barnes – Treasurer

Members: Marybeth Brown, Donmarie Desrosiers, Kerrie Flynn, Rachel Grabek, Cindy Love

### **WIRING INSPECTOR** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

Permit applications are now completed online at the [townofpaxton.net](http://townofpaxton.net) website. and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site [www.townofpaxton.net](http://www.townofpaxton.net). Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's 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 FY21**

This was not a typical year for the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. While CIPC meetings were regularly held, they were generally done so in a virtual format by way of the popular ZOOM meeting venue. All such meetings held though were in full observance of and in complete compliance with state mandated COVID protocol guidelines and open meeting stipulations.

While that meeting venue was atypical, what separated this CIPC Year from that of other years was the limited number of capital needs requests that were placed before the CIPC. In a typical year that number of requests could safely reach 20 or more with a total dollarized amount attributed to such a level of requests to reach into the range of millions, even multi-millions of dollars. This year, such was not the case.

In large part, recognition for that not being the case needs to be attributed to....and is in the form of thanks, respect, and appreciation....to all town department heads....but in particular the heads of Police, Fire, and Public Works. To each of their respective credits....Police was very successful in securing certain grant funds to subsidize its current capital needs....Fire opted to take a year to review and reassess its full scope of capital needs with an eye directed towards some possible capital needs consolidation....and DPW opted to advance a list of just its essential 'must have' capital requirements.

Whereupon, in a typical CIPC Year, after a full and careful analysis, and a carefully administered independent ranking system.....five, six, or maybe more capital requests would be advanced in the form of Warrant Articles at Town Meeting. This year only two such Warrant Article were so advance. They were:

- Article 2 – Dump Truck for Department of Public Works – for the purchase of a Freightliner 4x4 dump truck for the sum of \$231,710 to replace a 1997 International dump truck
- Article 3 – Pickup Truck for the Water Department – to enter into a 'lease to own' agreement for a 2021 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 pickup truck in the amount of \$51,066 to be raised and appropriated as part of the Water Enterprise Fund.

In many regards, it was a light and easy CIPC Year. But the town's capital needs still remain considerable; and so, the ensuing year is not likely to be a repeat of this past year. Be assured though that your dedicated CIPC Committee, with its exemplary membership, will remain diligent in undertaking its duties and responsibilities and will continue to work cooperatively with all department heads, with administration, with the Finance Committee, and with the Board of Selectmen to be certain that each department has the equipment, tools, and facilities that its needs to carry out its formidable and essential work for our townspeople. All the while with our being fiscally prudent in our CIPC recommendations, as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Love, Chairman

### **VETERANS AGENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. 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 \$9,571.38 for housing, home heating, 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.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, face-to-face interaction was strictly limited, and social distancing was strictly enforced. However, the Veteran's Agent continued to serve the community through virtual meeting and teleconferences.

The Department sponsored Arthur Dionne (*Life Scout, Troop 182, Holden*) in his endeavor to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. To help the Paxton community, Mr. Dionne built a Flag of the United States retirement bin. The bin is located in the John Bauer Senior Center, where Paxton residents can drop off their unserviceable flags. The American Legion (AML) Post 306 will retrieve the unserviceable flags and retire in accordance with AML Resolution No. 440, The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags. The Veterans Agent sponsored one warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021:

**Article 10 - Gold Star Family - Property Tax Abatement Section 5, Clause 22H:** the Town voted and approved 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey L. Kent

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

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

It has been another year where our community, the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world has had to adjust to the ever-changing circumstances in which we all live. The continual upheaval that we have experienced during the past year has led to a degree of fatigue and a desire to have life return to normal. This is especially true for our students, families, and staff who have shown great resilience and an ability to adapt to challenging circumstances. We are all deeply grateful to everyone who has helped to keep our schools safe and open, enabling our students to take advantage of in-person learning.

The Fall started with many mitigating measures in place to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, including face masks for all students and adults, contact tracing, and on-site testing at all of our schools. To this point in the school year, we have not had to close a grade level or a school due to COVID-19 cases, which says a great deal about the work being done behind the scenes to make each school as safe as possible. With the financial support of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), we have established a robust COVID-19 testing program that includes surveillance and responsive testing in our schools. Although we are currently experiencing a significant surge in cases, as are our five towns, we are hopeful that cases will begin to decrease so we can return to a level of normalcy this Spring. I am confident that whatever challenges the coming months may present, the education of all Wachusett students will continue to be outstanding thanks to our talented and dedicated educators. The resilience and resourcefulness our teachers have shown over the past two years has been remarkable.

Despite the challenges that the pandemic has brought, there have been opportunities for us to leverage lessons learned to enhance opportunities for our students and staff. Enhancement of our district technology and increased use of educational software has been a notable improvement in the district. Last year, the district was able to expand our 1:1 Chromebook program to include all students in grades 6 - 12. This has allowed us to also focus on personalized learning programs such as IXL, Lexia, and common assessments including the STAR assessment.

The addition of three elementary school counselors has bolstered the district's capacity to respond to the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students. School counselors are important members of the school's support team, and their training and expertise provide an important foundation for building school cultures that promote social-emotional learning skills for both students and staff.

As we have done over the past several years, the District and Member Town officials held the annual Budget Roundtable on December 9, 2021. This meeting is an important opportunity to discuss key budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. This year's Roundtable was held in person and was well-attended by town representatives, officials from the state, members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, and community members interested in learning more about the budget process. As I have shared numerous times in the past, I am grateful to our state representatives for their continued support of increased funding for all schools in the Commonwealth.

For the fourth consecutive year, the five towns that comprise the Wachusett District supported a budget that permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We very much appreciate the support of the Member Towns, and we look to continue forward progress,



including emphasizing the social and emotional health and well-being of our students in the coming school year.

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. We will continue to work together to 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 FY21**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 267 students June 7, 2021. To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, the graduation was conducted in the main hall of the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. The ceremonies were very well received by students, families, and staff. Bay Path accepted a class of 327 freshmen in September 2021. Our current enrollment has reached an all-time high of 1,173 students.

Of the 3 Paxton seniors who graduated, 2 are now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 1 is attending an Institute of higher education. Currently, 30 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of the 23 vocational technical programs for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ten Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department. Two Paxton students are taking advantage of our cooperative education program and will be earning while learning at one of the 52 different participating local businesses and industries.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profits, and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2020-2021 school year, our 22 programs completed 176 work orders, of which, 8 were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, our Minuteman Shoppe, and Cosmetology program remain closed to the general public. Our Hilltop Restaurant continues to provide delicious meals to the public through their Curb-Side Pick-Up. We continue to monitor the pandemic along with state and local health officials and will periodically review our options and what services provided by our students may once again be available to residents of the Bay Path district. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs. We hope to again offer this type of work soon.

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10-town district, as well as the additional surrounding towns. While our Fall and Spring program offerings have been significantly reduced, again due to the ongoing pandemic, we had a combined enrollment of 235 students in 23 evening classes. The program also continues to offer a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

Our Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program continues to provide an excellent opportunity to adults in our surrounding communities. I am delighted to share that our LPN Program was just

ranked 15<sup>th</sup> for top nursing schools in Massachusetts. For the 2021-2022 class we have 37 students from eight municipalities and two states.

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 district’s ten member communities and subsequently moved out of district before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where these students now reside must pay an out of district tuition cost for each student ranging in cost between \$16,129 and \$18,091. These towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

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

At Bay Path, we will continue to serve Paxton with the finest career vocational technical education programs available for the high school students and adults, and will, when possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our students’ education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kyle J. Brenner, Superintendent-Director

**WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER**  
**WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

Wachusett Earthday Inc. (WEI) is a seven-town collaborative effort founded to provide local and environmentally responsible solutions to the disposal of difficult items and hazardous substances and materials. WEI operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston on property owned by the DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation). The site is partially funded by contributions from the seven towns of Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston as well as being supported by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the disposal of difficult materials, WEI provides a venue for sharing gently used but still serviceable household items. All work is performed by an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers from both member and several surrounding towns, under the able guidance of one paid staff member.

This year proved as challenging for us as for the rest of the world once the ravages caused by the Covid19 pandemic set in. The site closed on March 13th and remained so until early June when, after much research & discussion, it was determined that we could begin to operate the outside portions of the facility. By the third week of June, we allowed the drop-off of goods for the building – with limitations; and after July 4th, we made the decision to reopen the building with severely limited numbers of visitors and staff at any one time as well as shortened hours. Open hours had to be adjusted to accommodate the requisite spacing and social distancing needed by our volunteers and visitors. The site is now open every Tuesday morning, every Thursday afternoon, and mornings on the first and third Saturday of every month with spacing and reduced numbers.

Due to the pandemic, totals for everything during 2020 were less than in previous years:

Total collections: 2019 – 146 2020 – 110

Total vehicles: 2019 – 31,521 2020 –23,150

Having been closed completely for three and a half months and, upon reopening, having to drop one of our formerly open days, meant a reduction in total open hours. In order to make up for the lost hours, we have now opened the center on both the first AND third Saturday of each month.

Along with the reopening of the site for drop-off of household goods, we have initiated a new procedure for capturing the volume of material that goes in and out of the building. We now have data for the six months from July to December, and on average, the building receives more than a ton of donated materials every day it is open. While we have begun tracking the debris that goes into the dumpsters (in order to get a better idea of how much gets reused with visitors), we are still at the beginning stages of this research.

Due to changes in the requirements for hazardous waste haulers and the consolidation of others, we held only one Hazardous Products collection day in 2020; we have planned two for the upcoming year. Three shredding events were planned during 2020, and one had to be cancelled on account of weather. Three shredding events are planned for 2021.

Wachusett Earthday continues its partnerships with multiple local social service and charitable organizations. We have increased our outreach to teachers and welcome them from any central Massachusetts town to our facility during special evening hours.

We will be continuing our efforts to educate the public using these eight guideposts to encourage less impactful living: rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, refurbish, repair, repurpose, and recycle. We hope to encourage people to make wiser choices when making purchases or disposing of waste and utilizing our natural and manufactured resources. Our earth depends upon our good use and partnership!

In 2021, holiday closings will be July 3, September 4, November 25 & December 23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Townsend

**WACHUSETT GREENWAY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY2021**

**27 Years of Sharing Community Connections**

Sharing smiles is a year round joy on the Mass Central Rail Trail. Here visitors can find solitude and community, rest and strength, harmony and victory, healing, and compassion in the outdoors. Wachusett Greenways' mission is to connect the community through regional trail building. Partnerships among every one of our dedicated volunteers, members and donors, town and state government, local foundations and businesses are key.

**Amazing Volunteers!**

Open the door and come join us. Renew your strength, help advance our mission, and inspire others by volunteering for trail clearing, photography, surveying, trail planning or outreach. Or share your own special skill. Here's the message from one new 2021 volunteer: "Just wanted to say how thankful I am to have joined your 'crew'! It's so cool being a part of all of you and giving some love and work back to the trails that have been a huge part of my family's' lives." Another 2021 arrival expressed delight after helping with clearing ditches: "I had a great time mucking with all of you! And I'm sure I've told anyone who will listen how happy and grateful I am to have found this group and to be doing this work."

In 2021, with small teams, we concentrated on upgrading trail stewardship by mowing, removing dead tree and ditch clearing. One volunteer replaced a bulletin board and built two beautiful new picnic tables. We tackled the Springdale Mill Historic Site to clear brush and clean signs. Community and school groups began returning during the time when Covid cases decreased.

### **Partner Town Support**

All eight Towns--Barre, Holden, Oakham, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling, and West Boylston--contributed toward Wachusett Greenways' annual operating expenses. Towns also helped with some mowing and special maintenance projects.

### **Charnock Mural**

The long-imagined Charnock Tunnel Mural came to life in 2021. Artist Margaret McCandless engaged several other volunteers to join her in painting a mural of four seasons including local plants, and wildlife. Now trail visitors are delighted to find this beautiful surprise when they visit the rail trail in Rutland. Margaret described her vision for the mural, "By painting local scenery on the tunnel walls, the mural will help passers-by notice and appreciate aspects of the natural world outside the tunnel." Wachusett Greenways is grateful to Margaret for initiating this project and for sharing her gifts as an artist, educator, and mural painter.

In 2022 the project will continue with painting on the second wall of the Charnock Tunnel and engagement of more community volunteers. Massachusetts Cultural Council Grants from the towns of Rutland, Paxton and Holden all supported the mural project. Thank you, also, to Clayton Johansen and Nal's Paint for contributing to priming the wall and paint supplies.

### **Mass Central Rail Trail Reaching Across the Commonwealth**

Wachusett Greenways and partners are working to fill the gaps in our thirty mile section of the MCRT. Across the Commonwealth others are building more of the 104 mile MCRT between Northampton and Boston. In 2021, Wachusett Greenways, in partnership with the DCR Watershed Division, advanced construction of two new miles of trail in Holden between Mill and Princeton Streets to be completed in 2022. WG construction is in progress on the MCRT in West Boylston on the new Pleasant Street section and upgrading the Thomas Street section and in Sterling replacing the bridge at West Lake Washacum. The DCR Recreational Trails Program and the MassTrails Program provide fundamental support matching grant support.

### **WG Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting ordinarily scheduled for May was held on December 2, 2021, to review the prior year 2020. The next annual meeting in May 2022 will review and celebrate the year 2021. All are welcome!

### **Let's do it!**

Sadly, we said farewell to Eric Johansen, longtime WG and community supporter, par excellence. In 1994, Eric posed for The Landmark kick-off photo with a new trail development group sporting bicycles, snowshoes, cross-country skis, hiking and running shoes and strollers. Eric continued to encourage Wachusett Greenways, originally spun from Wachusett Earthday, to make the Mass Central Rail Trail and open spaces accessible to all. Continuing in the family tradition, Clayton and Bennett, sons of Eric and Lois Johansen, are also engaged with WG. In 2021 Clayton and this team from EJ's Painting primed the Charnock Tunnel wall in Rutland for the new mural, and Bennett snowplowed the rail trail parking lot at River Street in Holden.

### **THANK YOU to Every Supporter!**

Thank you to each and every donor who contributed to Wachusett Greenways in 2021. New donors and loyal members are key. The total number of donors for the year reached 864 including 40 new members. Donors came from 122 different towns in 17 different states.

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. In addition to membership, Wachusett Greenways has three special Mass Central Rail Trail Funds: MCRT Construction Fund, Dr. Edward P. Yaglou MCRT Maintenance Fund, and the MCRT Stewardship Endowment Fund. Donors are invited to designate gifts to any of these Funds to help complete the trail, carry out regular maintenance, and protect the trail for the future. In 2021 donors expressed gratitude to be among the first to give to the Fund honoring Ed Yaglou, our long-time dedicated volunteer.

We invite you to sign up to volunteer and to contribute at [www.wachusettgreenways.org](http://www.wachusettgreenways.org) or phone 508-479-2123 or by mail at Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:

Colleen Abrams, Chair	Troy Milliken, Treasurer
Christy Barnes	Mike Peckar, Secretary
Stephen Chanis	Christopher Ryan



## *TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS*



**TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
AUGUST 30, 2020**

According to the local bylaws for the Town of Paxton, the Annual Town Meeting should have been held on May 4, 2020, which is the first Monday in the month of May. Out of concerns for the safety of the residents and officials of the Town of Paxton during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on April 16, 2020, to postpone the Annual Town Meeting to the end of June under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39 Section 9. On June 8, 2020, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to further postpone the Annual Town Meeting to Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, with a rain date of Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at noon under the provisions of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020. On August 27, 2020, the Town Moderator declared a recess and continuance of the Annual Town Meeting to August 30<sup>th</sup> at noon due to weather predictions of heavy rain and thunderstorms under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39 Section 10a.

The meeting was held outdoors at Tivnan Field located at 40 Recreation Drive in Paxton and was called to order at 12:10pm. The Town Moderator, Roger Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. 100 registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The return of the warrant showed that it had been properly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. 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 Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**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	\$182,127
Expenses	\$772,495
Debt	<u>\$ 95,901</u>
Total	\$1,050,523

and that \$1,050,523 is raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$1,050,523
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Or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Peter Bogren, the chair of the Select Board, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or other charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise.

Compensation	\$182,127
Expenses	\$772,495
Debt	<u>\$ 95,901</u>
Total	\$1,050,523

and that \$1,050,523 is raised as follows:

From Department receipts	\$1,050,523
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The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton, the chair of the Finance Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 2 – DPW Facility** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$11,426,000 or any other sum, to finalize the design, construct, equip, and furnish a new Public Works Facility on the site of the Town's existing DPW Facility at 107 Holden Road; provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ 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 recommended taking no action on Article 2.

Note: Article 2 was contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ dept exclusion at the Annual Town Election. This was question 1 on the June 29, 2020, Annual Town Election ballot and failed to pass with 139 in favor and 145 opposed.

## **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ARTICLE 2.**

**Article 3 – DPW Roof Replacement** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,300 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the replacement of the DPW Roof, approved under Article 12 at the May 6, 2019, Annual Town Meeting, to the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the DPW Superintendent.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$30,300 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the replacement of the DPW roof, approved under Article 12 at the May 6, 2019, Annual Town Meeting, to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.



Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 4 – Fire Department Hose Replacement**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace 5,500 feet of four inch supply hose for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon. Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC).

Jeffrey Kent, chair of the CIPC, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace 5,500 feet of four-inch supply hose for the Fire Department.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 5 –DPW Dump Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$120,000, or any other sum, to purchase a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$120,000 to purchase a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 6 - Paxton Center School and John Bauer Senior Center Parking Lots**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$230,000 to repave the Paxton Center School parking lot and area behind the John Bauer Senior Center, by borrowing the sum of \$130,000 and transferring the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Stabilization Fund; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$130,000 to repave the Paxton Center School parking lot and area behind the John Bauer Senior Center.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 7 – Water Tank Maintenance** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$105,672, or any other sum, to pay for the inspection, maintenance, repair, or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank in accordance with the second year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$105,672, to pay for the inspection, maintenance, repair, or modification of the Asnebumskit Road Water Storage Tank in accordance with the second year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 8 – OPEB Account** To see if the Town will vote to transfer in accordance with Chapter 32B Section 20(h), of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$33,455.42 or any other sum, from the OPEB Trust Account to pay for the costs of retirees' health insurance, account 0100-1910-5208-00; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to transfer in accordance with Chapter 32B Section 20(h), of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$33,455.42 from the OPEB Trust Account to pay for the costs of retirees' health insurance, account 0100-1910-5208-00.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 9 – 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 DPW Superintendent.

Peter Bogren moved 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.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 10 – 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 2020 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.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as most recently amended, to establish annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2021 for all revolving accounts established under the Town of Paxton's General Bylaws, as set forth below:

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

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 11 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,382 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,382 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 12 – Use funds from the Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,382 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.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$110,382 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED BY MORE THAN A 2/3'S MAJORITY.**

**Article 13 – Gold Star Family - Property Tax Abatement Section 5, Clause 22F** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F, of the Massachusetts General Laws, to provide that the exemptions available to soldiers, sailors, and family members pursuant to Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E and 22F, of said Chapter 59, Section 5, may be granted to otherwise eligible persons who have resided in the Commonwealth for 1 year prior to the date of filing for said exemption, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Veterans Agent.

Jeffrey Kent, Veteran's Agent, moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F, of the Massachusetts General Laws, to provide that the exemptions available to soldiers, sailors, and family members pursuant to Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E and 22F, of said Chapter 59, Section 5, may be granted to otherwise eligible persons who have resided in the Commonwealth for 1 year prior to the date of filing for said exemption.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 14 – Gold Star Family - Property Tax Abatement Section 5, Clause 22H** To see if the Town will vote to accept 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 members of the armed force of the United States, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Veterans Agent.

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22H of the Massachusetts General Laws, to provide an exemption from taxes for real property taxes of the surviving parents or guardians 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 members of the armed forces of the United States.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

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

Doris Huard moved to take no action on Article 14. The motion was seconded by Deirdre Malone.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 14 PASSED.**

**Article 15 – 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.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 16 – Town Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,321,640 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 the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$342,945 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Water Enterprise the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the Overlay Account, the sum of \$100,000, or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$7,087,283, 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, 2020, and especially for any and all the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Finance Committee.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,321,640 and to appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$300,000, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$342,945, and to further appropriate from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings, the sum of \$15,000, and to appropriate from the Overlay Account, the sum of \$100,000, for a total appropriation of \$7,087,283 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, excluding the schools.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.  
Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,087,283 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, excluding the schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 17 - WRSD Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,843,902 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020, and thereby approve the district's budget for said fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,843,902 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Robert Wilby, member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee, introduced the new Superintendent of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Kyle Brenner, to the town residents.

**Article 18 - Bay Path Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,710 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee.

Robert Wilby moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,710 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

# TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

		FY 2020 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2021 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2021 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
	<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>			
0100-1114	<b>MODERATOR</b>			
5101	Salary	0	0	0
5400	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1122	<b>SELECTMEN</b>			
5101	Committee Salary	5,650	5,650	5,820
5103	Administrative Secretary	52,146	53,352	54,953
5200	Purchased Services	10,441	10,441	10,441
5400	Supplies	500	500	500
5700	Other Expenses	<u>18,666</u>	<u>19,651</u>	<u>19,651</u>
		<b><u>87,403</u></b>	<b><u>89,594</u></b>	<b><u>91,365</u></b>
0100-1123	<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>			
5102	Salary	89,128	89,128	91,802
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>
		<b><u>91,828</u></b>	<b><u>91,828</u></b>	<b><u>94,502</u></b>
0100-1124	<b>MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT</b>			
5102	Salary	0	39,333	40,513
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>39,333</u></b>	<b><u>40,513</u></b>
0100-1129	<b>TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR</b>			
5102	Salary	34,216	34,552	35,589
5200	Purchased Services	2,040	2,040	2,040
5400	Supplies	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>
		<b><u>36,859</u></b>	<b><u>37,195</u></b>	<b><u>38,232</u></b>
0100-1131	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
5102	Secretary	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	260	260	260
5400	Supplies	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
		<b><u>275</u></b>	<b><u>275</u></b>	<b><u>275</u></b>
0100-1132	<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
5700	Fund	<b><u>50,000</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>	<b><u>40,000</u></b>

0100-1135	<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			
5102	Salary	36,991	28,600	29,458
5200	Purchased Services	1125	1375	1375
5400	Supplies	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
		<b><u>38,416</u></b>	<b><u>30,375</u></b>	<b><u>31,233</u></b>
0100-1141	<b>ASSESSORS</b>			
5101	Committee Salary (3)	5,012	5,012	5,162
5102	Administrative Assessor	46,793	46,823	48,228
5200	Purchased Services	3,460	3,460	3,460
5400	Supplies	500	500	500
5700	Other Expenses	7,670	24,250	24,250
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>63,435</u></b>	<b><u>80,045</u></b>	<b><u>81,600</u></b>
0100-1145	<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>			
5101	Salary	61,800	61,800	63,654
5103	Assistant to Treasurer/Collector	13,278	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	13,800	14,500	14,500
5400	Supplies	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>
		<b><u>90,003</u></b>	<b><u>77,425</u></b>	<b><u>79,279</u></b>
0100-1151	<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	25,000	22,000	22,000
5201	Chapter 60 Sec. 50B	<u>5,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		<b><u>30,000</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>
0100-1152	<b>PERSONAL ADVISORY BOARD</b>			
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1155	<b>MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SERVICE</b>			
5101	Salary	25,000	25,000	25,000
5200	Purchased Services	37,717	47,432	47,432
5800	Equipment	<u>9,286</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
		<b><u>72,003</u></b>	<b><u>75,432</u></b>	<b><u>75,432</u></b>
0100-1161	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
5101	Salary	40,973	41,289	42,528
5102	Record Keeping/	90	90	90
5103	Assistant Clerk	8,677	0	0
5200	Purchase Services	1,285	1,335	1,335
5400	Supplies	1,600	1,600	1,600
5700	Other Expenses	<u>250</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
		<b><u>52,875</u></b>	<b><u>44,764</u></b>	<b><u>46,003</u></b>



0100-1162	<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
5103	Tellers	4,345	6,550	6,550
5200	Purchased Services	6,100	10,300	10,300
5400	Supplies	2,800	4,000	4,000
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>13,245</u></b>	<b><u>20,850</u></b>	<b><u>20,850</u></b>
0100-1163	<b>REGISTRARS</b>			
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>
		<b><u>4,200</u></b>	<b><u>4,200</u></b>	<b><u>4,200</u></b>
0100-1171	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
5102	Salary	5,324	5,324	5,484
5103	Clerk	656	656	676
5200	Purchased Services	1,210	2,210	1,210
5700	Conferences	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
		<b><u>7,440</u></b>	<b><u>8,440</u></b>	<b><u>7,620</u></b>
0100-1177	<b>REGIONAL PLANNING</b>			
5700	Assessment	<b><u>1,377</u></b>	<b><u>1,411</u></b>	<b><u>1,411</u></b>
0100-1178	<b>MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1183	<b>PAXTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	0	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
		<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>
0100-1910	<b>TOWN EMPLOYEE INSURANCE</b>			
5206	Federal Medicare/Social Security	51,005	53,000	53,000
5207	Employee Assistance Program	0	0	0
5208	Premiums Health Insurance	655,700	758,500	735,650
5209	Life Insurance	1,700	1,700	1,700
	Deduction for Premiums	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		<b><u>718,405</u></b>	<b><u>823,200</u></b>	<b><u>800,350</u></b>
0100-1911	<b>WORCESTER RET. SYSTM. ASSESSMENT</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<b><u>505,956</u></b>	<b><u>553,607</u></b>	<b><u>553,607</u></b>
0100-1913	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>	<b><u>15,000</u></b>

0100-1192	<b>PUBLIC BUILDING PROPERTY</b>			
5103	Custodian	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	23,600	21,600	21,600
5400	Supplies	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>
		<b><u>25,500</u></b>	<b><u>23,500</u></b>	<b><u>23,500</u></b>
0100-1193	<b>INSURANCE AND BONDS</b>			
5200	Premiums	<b><u>125,900</u></b>	<b><u>129,500</u></b>	<b><u>129,500</u></b>
0100-1196	<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<b><u>950</u></b>	<b><u>950</u></b>	<b><u>950</u></b>
0100-1199	<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	360	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>360</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>
0100-1930	<b>CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND</b>			
5810	Capital Depreciation Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
0100-1250	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	43,355	43,355	43,355
5400	Supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
		<b><u>46,355</u></b>	<b><u>46,355</u></b>	<b><u>46,355</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b><u>2,062,985</u></b>	<b><u>2,268,879</u></b>	<b><u>2,252,377</u></b>
	<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
0100-1210	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
5102	Salary - Chief	92,269	95,037	95,046
5103	Compensation	965,782	894,603	874,323
5200	Purchased Services	47,678	42,908	75,908
5400	Supplies	51,750	54,750	54,750
5700	dues	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>
		<b><u>1,159,129</u></b>	<b><u>1,088,948</u></b>	<b><u>1,101,677</u></b>
0100-1215	<b>REGIONAL DISPATCH</b>			
5200	Compensation	<u>0</u>	<b><u>81,399</u></b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>
0100-1220	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
5102	Salary - Chief	43,159	43,597	44,905
5103	Compensation	250,342	276,214	263,674
5200	Purchased Services	43,431	59,496	59,496
5800	Equipment	<u>46,500</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>46,500</u>
		<b><u>383,432</u></b>	<b><u>425,807</u></b>	<b><u>414,575</u></b>

0100-1232	<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>			
5103	Compensation	550,052	566,553	566,553
5200	Purchased Services	60,400	60,400	60,400
5400	Supplies	40,850	40,850	40,850
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>651,302</u></b>	<b><u>667,803</u></b>	<b><u>667,803</u></b>
0100-1241	<b>BUILDING COMMISSIONER</b>			
5102	Compensation	27,302	28,475	29,329
5103	Local Inspector	2,375	3,500	3,500
5200	Purchased Services	250	250	250
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>29,927</u></b>	<b><u>32,225</u></b>	<b><u>33,079</u></b>
0100-1243	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>			
5102	Compensation	<b><u>4,000</u></b>	<b><u>4,000</u></b>	<b><u>4,000</u></b>
0100-1245	<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRES</b>			
5102	Compensation	5,305	5,411	5,464
5103	Assistant	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>5,705</u></b>	<b><u>5,811</u></b>	<b><u>5,864</u></b>
0100-1291	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
5102	Compensation	6,900	6,900	7,107
5103	Assistant	0	3450	3450
5200	Purchased Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
5400	Supplies	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>
		<b><u>10,900</u></b>	<b><u>14,350</u></b>	<b><u>14,557</u></b>
0100-1292	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
5102	Compensation	8,267	8,267	8,515
5200	Purchased Services	1,780	1,878	1,878
5400	Supplies	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>
		<b><u>10,222</u></b>	<b><u>10,320</u></b>	<b><u>10,568</u></b>
0100-1295	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>			
5101	Salary/Hire	1,393	1,393	1,435
5103	Hourly Paid Employees	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	6,699	6,699	6,699
5400	Supplies	50	50	50
5700	Trees	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<b><u>9,142</u></b>	<b><u>9,142</u></b>	<b><u>9,184</u></b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b><u>2,263,759</u></b>	<b><u>2,339,805</u></b>	<b><u>2,271,307</u></b>

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

0100-1421

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

5102	Superintendent	77,270	79,248	81,625
5103	Compensation	384,245	389,035	389,035
5200	Purchased Services	188,338	205,042	205,042
5400	Supplies	39,806	42,787	42,787
5700	Type 1 Blacktop	0	0	0
5800	Equipment	<u>41,028</u>	<u>41,028</u>	<u>41,028</u>
		<b><u>730,687</u></b>	<b><u>757,140</u></b>	<b><u>759,517</u></b>

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>
		<b><u>188,683</u></b>	<b><u>188,683</u></b>	<b><u>188,683</u></b>

0100-1424

**STREETLIGHTS**

5200	Electricity	<u>19,152</u>	<u>18,109</u>	<u>18,142</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		<b><u>938,522</u></b>	<b><u>963,932</u></b>	<b><u>966,342</u></b>

**SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

0100-1443

**WASTE COLLECTION**

5200	Contract	<u>259,880</u>	<u>338,521</u>	<u>338,521</u>
		<b><u>259,880</u></b>	<b><u>338,521</u></b>	<b><u>338,521</u></b>

0100-1491

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

5101	DPW Superintendent Salary	3,183	3,265	3,363
5102	Compensation	4,946	4,946	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>
		<b><u>12,279</u></b>	<b><u>12,361</u></b>	<b><u>12,607</u></b>

0100-1510

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

5101	Committee Salary	405	414	417
5200	Purchased Services	3,500	3,500	3,500
5400	Supplies	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>
		<b><u>4,093</u></b>	<b><u>4,102</u></b>	<b><u>4,105</u></b>

0100-1515

**SANITATION ENGINEER**

5102	Compensation	<u>12,266</u>	<u>12,511</u>	<u>12,634</u>
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0100-1519

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

5102	Salary	<u>1030</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2060</u>
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**TOTAL SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT**

<b><u>289,548</u></b>	<b><u>369,495</u></b>	<b><u>369,927</u></b>
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## **HUMAN SERVICES**

0100-1541	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			
5102	Director	25,581	25,988	26,768
5104	Outreach Coordinator	6,390	6,390	6,582
5103	Van Drivers	20,367	20,367	20,978
5200	Purchased Services	5,100	5,700	5,700
5400	Supplies	4,600	4,900	4,900
5700	Other expenses	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>
		<b><u>63,228</u></b>	<b><u>64,535</u></b>	<b><u>66,118</u></b>
0100-1543	<b>VETERAN'S AID</b>			
5101	Compensation Agent	1,050	1,050	1,082
5200	Purchased Services	100	100	100
5700	Benefits	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>
		<b><u>10,450</u></b>	<b><u>10,450</u></b>	<b><u>10,482</u></b>
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		<b><u>73,678</u></b>	<b><u>74,985</u></b>	<b><u>76,600</u></b>

## **CULTURE AND RECREATION**

0100-1610	<b>LIBRARY</b>			
5102	Library Director	53,873	55,005	56,655
5104	Children's Librarian	40,448	40,696	42,126
5103	Compensation	40,499	40,899	41,917
5200	Purchased Services	13,487	13,487	13,487
5400	Supplies	40,728	41,546	42,538
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>189,035</u></b>	<b><u>191,633</u></b>	<b><u>196,723</u></b>
0100-1630	<b>RECREATION</b>			
5102	Recreation Director	21,672	24,783	25,526
5103	Seasonal Employees	0	0	0
5104	Parks Director	0	0	0
5105	Administrative Assistant	2,307	2,376	2,447
5200	Purchased Services	5,000	5,000	5,000
5400	Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
		<b><u>30,979</u></b>	<b><u>34,159</u></b>	<b><u>34,973</u></b>
0100-1691	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	350	350	350
5400	Supplies	0	0	0
5700	Other expenses	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
		<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		<b><u>220,414</u></b>	<b><u>226,192</u></b>	<b><u>232,096</u></b>

0100-1915	<b>CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>			
5812	Heating Oil	41,500	49,400	49,400
5813	Postage	7,000	7,000	7,000
5814	Telephones	15,500	15,500	15,500
5815	Electricity	76,290	72,890	72,890
5816	Diesel	42,000	42,000	42,000
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>		<b><u>182,290</u></b>	<b><u>186,790</u></b>	<b><u>186,790</u></b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
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 dump truck I (250,000)	0	0	0
	PCS School Reconstruction Bond	0	0	0
	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	67,000	67,000
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	10,000	10,000	10,000
	SCBA State House Serial Loan (998767)	23,000	23,000	23,000
	Title V Betterment Grant Repayment	7,698	7,698	7,698
	State House Notes	50,000	50,000	50,000
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	26,000	26,000	26,000
		<b><u>548,698</u></b>	<b><u>548,698</u></b>	<b><u>548,698</u></b>
0100-1715	<b>INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS</b>			
	DPW Building Renovation (40,100)	757	669	669
	school windows replacement (114,500)	1,785	1,545	1,545
	DPW dump truck I (250,000)	0	0	0
	PCS School Reconstruction Bond	0	0	0
	PSC USDA Long Term Loan	65,625	63,438	63,438
	PSC conventional Long Term Loan	117,303	105,031	105,031
	PCS State House Serial Loan (998767)	7,363	4,884	4,884
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	1,110	740	740
	SCBA State House Serial Loan (998767)	1,702	851	851
	State House Note 366000	3,630	2,530	2,530
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	4,446	3,458	3,458
		<b><u>203,721</u></b>	<b><u>183,146</u></b>	<b><u>183,146</u></b>
1752-5715	<b>SHORT-TERM LOAN INTEREST</b>			
	Short Term Interest	<b><u>3500</u></b>	<b><u>3500</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b><u>755,919</u></b>	<b><u>735,344</u></b>	<b><u>731,844</u></b>
<b>SUBTOTAL (TOWN OPERATING BUDGET ONLY)</b>		<b><u>6,787,115</u></b>	<b><u>7,165,422</u></b>	<b><u>7,087,283</u></b>

**Article 17 - WRSD Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,843,902 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the School Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends

Finance Committee recommends

		FY 2020 <u>APPROVED</u>	FY 2021 <u>REQUEST</u>	FY 2021 <u>RECOMMEND</u>
1300	WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT			
5300	Minimum Local Contribution	4,397,455	4,397,455	4,600,004
5320	Regional Agreement Spending Assessment	1,483,181	1,473,919	1,577,286
5310	Long-Term Debt Repayment Assessment	229,520	229,520	215,283
5315	Transportation	435,203	435,203	443,770
	Oil Remediation Debt Assessment	<u>7,916</u>	<u>7,916</u>	<u>7,558</u>
	TOTAL WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT	<b><u>6,553,275</u></b>	<b><u>6,544,013</u></b>	<b><u>6,843,901</u></b>

**Article 18 - Bay Path Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,710 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the School Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends

Finance Committee recommends

		FY 2020 APPROVED	FY 2021 REQUEST	FY 2021 RECOMMEND
1310	BAY PATH REGIONAL VOC. TECHNICAL SCHOOL			
5300	Bay Path Debt	59,932	61,213	61,213
	Bay Path Assessment	173,187	194,497	194,497
		<b><u>233,119</u></b>	<b><u>255,710</u></b>	<b><u>255,710</u></b>
	SUBTOTAL (SCHOOL BUDGETS ONLY)	<b><u>6,786,394</u></b>	<b><u>6,799,723</u></b>	<b><u>7,099,611</u></b>
	GRAND TOTAL (TOWN OPERATING & SCHOOL BUDGET)	<b><u>13,573,509</u></b>	<b><u>13,965,145</u></b>	<b><u>14,186,894</u></b>

**Article 19 – Board of Assessors** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the General Laws, to appoint a member of said board to serve as the Town’s Principal Assessor, a position under the supervision of said board; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Assessors.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the General Laws, to appoint a member of said board to serve

as the Town's Principal Assessor, a position under the supervision of said board.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Recognitions:**

Peter Bogren recognized out-going Select Board member, Jack Malone, and Michael Putnam, the Superintendent of the Department of Works retiring on September 30, 2020. The residents of Paxton thank them for their dedication and service to the Town of Paxton.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 1:06 pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Town Clerk





**TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2021, 6:00PM**

According to the local bylaws for the Town of Paxton, the Annual Town Meeting should have been held on May 3, 2021, which is the first Monday in the month of May. Out of concern for the safety of the residents and officials of the Town of Paxton during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on March 22, 2021, to postpone the Annual Town Meeting to June 21, 2021, under the authority of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 9. The later date and earlier time were chosen to allow the residents to meet safely outside at Tivnan Field when the temperatures are warmer and there is more daylight.

The meeting was held outdoors at Tivnan Field located at 40 Recreation Drive in Paxton and was called to order at 6:07pm. The Town Moderator, Roger Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. 68 registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The return of the warrant showed that the meeting had been properly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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 Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.**

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
Or act in any way thereon.	

Article submitted by the Water Commissioners.

Travis Thibault, the director of the Department of Public Works, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums to operate the Water Enterprise.

Compensation	\$211,530
Expenses	\$762,310

Debt	\$ 95,915
Total	\$1,069,755

and that \$1,069,755 be raised from Department Revenues.

The motion was seconded by the chair of the Board of Selectmen, Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.  
Capital Improvement Committee recommended approval.

Travis Thibault moved that the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$231,710, to purchase a Freightliner M2 4x4 Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works and trade-in the existing 1997 International Dump Truck.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED WITH MORE THAN A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY.**

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.  
Capital Improvement Committee recommended approval.

Travis Thibault moved that the Town 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.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED WITH MORE THAN A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY.**

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.

Travis Thibault moved that the Town vote to appropriate from retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$107,189, 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.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.

Travis Thibault moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,142 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.

Travis Thibault moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$113,142 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED WITH MORE THAN A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY.**

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.

Travis Thibault moved 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 Director of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.

Richard Fenton, chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2022, for all revolving accounts established under the Town of Paxton's General By-Laws, in the following amounts:

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

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used for the expenses for Wachusett Greenways, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

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.

Jeffrey Kent, the Veterans Agent, moved that the Town vote to accept 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 members of the armed forces of the United States.

The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Article 11 - General 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 .

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,314,283, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$300,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$619,198, for a total appropriation of \$7,233,481 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, excluding schools.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,233,481 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the Town Operating Budget contained in the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Article 12 - Wachusett Regional School District 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 Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) Committee.

Karl Ottmar, member of the WRSD Committee, moved that the Town 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.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Article 13 - Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School 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 Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational (SWCRV) School District Committee.

Robert Wilby, member of the SWCRV School District Committee, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$321, 509 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**TOWN OPERATING BUDGET**

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>				
0100-1114	<b>MODERATOR</b>			
5101	Salary	0	0	0
5400	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1122	<b>SELECTMEN</b>			
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>
		<b><u>91,365</u></b>	<b><u>93,105</u></b>	<b><u>93,105</u></b>
0100-1123	<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>			
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>
		<b><u>94,502</u></b>	<b><u>97,256</u></b>	<b><u>97,256</u></b>
0100-1124	<b>MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT</b>			
5102	Salary	40,513	19,769	19,769
		<b><u>40,513</u></b>	<b><u>19,769</u></b>	<b><u>19,769</u></b>

0100-1129	<b>TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR</b>			
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>
		<b><u>38,232</u></b>	<b><u>39,105</u></b>	<b><u>39,105</u></b>
0100-1131	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
5102	Secretary	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	260	260	260
5400	Supplies	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
		<b><u>275</u></b>	<b><u>275</u></b>	<b><u>275</u></b>
0100-1132	<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
5700	Fund	<b><u>40,000</u></b>	<b><u>40,000</u></b>	<b><u>40,000</u></b>
0100-1135	<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>			
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>
		<b><u>31,233</u></b>	<b><u>31,875</u></b>	<b><u>31,875</u></b>
0100-1141	<b>ASSESSORS</b>			
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>
		<b><u>81,600</u></b>	<b><u>82,959</u></b>	<b><u>82,959</u></b>
0100-1145	<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>			
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>
		<b><u>79,279</u></b>	<b><u>80,852</u></b>	<b><u>80,852</u></b>
0100-1151	<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>			
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>
		<b><u>30,000</u></b>	<b><u>23,000</u></b>	<b><u>23,000</u></b>
0100-1152	<b>PERSONAL ADVISORY BOARD</b>			
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>



0100-1155	<b>MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SERVICE</b>			
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>
		<b><u>75,432</u></b>	<b><u>70,432</u></b>	<b><u>70,432</u></b>
0100-1161	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
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>
		<b><u>46,003</u></b>	<b><u>47,274</u></b>	<b><u>47,274</u></b>
0100-1162	<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
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>
		<b><u>20,850</u></b>	<b><u>6,750</u></b>	<b><u>6,750</u></b>
0100-1163	<b>REGISTRARS</b>			
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>
		<b><u>4,200</u></b>	<b><u>4,200</u></b>	<b><u>4,200</u></b>
0100-1171	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
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>
		<b><u>7,620</u></b>	<b><u>7,744</u></b>	<b><u>7,744</u></b>
0100-1177	<b>REGIONAL PLANNING</b>			
5700	Assessment	<b><u>1,411</u></b>	<b><u>1,446</u></b>	<b><u>1,446</u></b>
0100-1178	<b>MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1183	<b>PAXTON HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	0	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
		<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

0100-1910	<b>TOWN EMPLOYEE INSURANCE</b>			
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>
		<b><u>823,200</u></b>	<b><u>827,200</u></b>	<b><u>827,200</u></b>
0100-1911	<b>WORCESTER RET. SYSTM. ASSESSMENT</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<b><u>553,607</u></b>	<b><u>642,115</u></b>	<b><u>642,115</u></b>
0100-1913	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b><u>15,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1192	<b>PUBLIC BUILDING PROPERTY</b>			
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>
		<b><u>23,500</u></b>	<b><u>17,850</u></b>	<b><u>17,850</u></b>
0100-1193	<b>INSURANCE AND BONDS</b>			
5200	Premiums	<b><u>129,500</u></b>	<b><u>149,900</u></b>	<b><u>149,900</u></b>
0100-1196	<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<b><u>950</u></b>	<b><u>950</u></b>	<b><u>950</u></b>
0100-1199	<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>
0100-1930	<b>CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND</b>			
5810	Capital Depreciation Fund	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1250	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	43,355	41,500	41,500
5400	Supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
		<b><u>46,355</u></b>	<b><u>44,500</u></b>	<b><u>44,500</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b><u>2,234,714</u></b>	<b><u>2,329,157</u></b>	<b><u>2,329,157</u></b>
	<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
0100-1210	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
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>
		<b><u>1,101,677</u></b>	<b><u>1,113,952</u></b>	<b><u>1,113,952</u></b>

0100-1215	<b>REGIONAL DISPATCH</b>			
5200	Compensation	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
0100-1220	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
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>
		<b><u>414,575</u></b>	<b><u>413,935</u></b>	<b><u>414,593</u></b>
0100-1232	<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>			
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>
		<b><u>667,803</u></b>	<b><u>705,621</u></b>	<b><u>705,621</u></b>
0100-1241	<b>BUILDING COMMISSIONER</b>			
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>
		<b><u>33,079</u></b>	<b><u>33,816</u></b>	<b><u>33,816</u></b>
0100-1243	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>			
5102	Compensation	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
0100-1245	<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRES</b>			
5102	Compensation	5,464	5,573	5,573
5103	Assistant	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>5,864</u></b>	<b><u>5,973</u></b>	<b><u>5,973</u></b>
0100-1291	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
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>
		<b><u>14,557</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1292	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
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>
		<b><u>10,568</u></b>	<b><u>11,478</u></b>	<b><u>11,478</u></b>

0100-1295	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>			
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>
		<b><u>9,184</u></b>	<b><u>18,213</u></b>	<b><u>18,213</u></b>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b><u>2,261,307</u></b>	<b><u>2,316,988</u></b>	<b><u>2,317,646</u></b>
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**PUBLIC SERVICE**

0100-1421	<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
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>
		<b><u>759,517</u></b>	<b><u>734,736</u></b>	<b><u>734,736</u></b>

0100-1423	<b>SNOW &amp; ICE</b>			
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>
		<b><u>188,683</u></b>	<b><u>188,683</u></b>	<b><u>188,683</u></b>

0100-1424	<b>STREETLIGHTS</b>			
5200	Electricity	<u>18,142</u>	<u>17,722</u>	<u>17,722</u>

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		<b><u>966,342</u></b>	<b><u>941,141</u></b>	<b><u>941,141</u></b>
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**SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

0100-1443	<b>WASTE COLLECTION</b>			
5200	Contract	<u>338,521</u>	<u>399,860</u>	<u>399,860</u>
		<b><u>338,521</u></b>	<b><u>399,860</u></b>	<b><u>399,860</u></b>

0100-1491	<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>			
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>
		<b><u>12,607</u></b>	<b><u>12,607</u></b>	<b><u>12,607</u></b>

0100-1510	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			
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>
		<b><u>4,105</u></b>	<b><u>4,113</u></b>	<b><u>4,113</u></b>

0100-1515	<b>SANITATION ENGINEER</b>			
5102	Compensation	<u>12,634</u>	<u>12,887</u>	<u>12,887</u>
0100-1519	<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</b>			
5102	Salary	<u>2060</u>	<u>2101</u>	<u>2101</u>
<b>TOTAL SANITATION &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>		<b><u>369,927</u></b>	<b><u>431,568</u></b>	<b><u>431,568</u></b>
<b><u>HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>				
0100-1541	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			
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>
		<b><u>66,118</u></b>	<b><u>67,340</u></b>	<b><u>67,340</u></b>
0100-1543	<b>VETERAN'S AID</b>			
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>
		<b><u>10,482</u></b>	<b><u>10,504</u></b>	<b><u>10,504</u></b>
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		<b><u>76,600</u></b>	<b><u>77,844</u></b>	<b><u>77,844</u></b>
<b><u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u></b>				
0100-1610	<b>LIBRARY</b>			
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>
		<b><u>196,723</u></b>	<b><u>194,257</u></b>	<b><u>194,257</u></b>
0100-1630	<b>RECREATION</b>			
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>
		<b><u>34,973</u></b>	<b><u>28,681</u></b>	<b><u>28,681</u></b>
0100-1691	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	350	400	400
5400	Supplies	0	0	0
5700	Other expenses	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>

<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		<b><u>232,096</u></b>	<b><u>223,338</u></b>	<b><u>223,338</u></b>
0100-1915	<b>CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>		<b><u>186,790</u></b>	<b><u>186,790</u></b>	<b><u>186,790</u></b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
0100-1710	<b>DEBTS NOTES &amp; BONDS</b>			
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
		<b><u>548,698</u></b>	<b><u>556,000</u></b>	<b><u>556,000</u></b>
0100-1715	<b>INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS</b>			
	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
	SCBA State House Serial Loan (998767)	851	0	0
	State House Note 366000	2,530	1,485	1,485
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	3,458	2,470	2,470
		<b><u>183,146</u></b>	<b><u>168,297</u></b>	<b><u>168,297</u></b>
1752-5715	<b>SHORT-TERM LOAN INTEREST</b>			
	Short Term Interest	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>1700</u></b>	<b><u>1700</u></b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b><u>731,844</u></b>	<b><u>725,997</u></b>	<b><u>725,997</u></b>
<b>SUBTOTAL (TOWN OPERATING BUDGET ONLY)</b>		<b><u>7,059,620</u></b>	<b><u>7,232,823</u></b>	<b><u>7,233,481</u></b>

**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

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		<b><u>6,843,901</u></b>	<b><u>7,156,440</u></b>	<b><u>7,156,440</u></b>

**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

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
		<b><u>255,710</u></b>	<b><u>321,509</u></b>	<b><u>321,509</u></b>
SUBTOTAL (SCHOOL BUDGETS ONLY)		<b><u>7,099,611</u></b>	<b><u>7,477,949</u></b>	<b><u>7,477,949</u></b>
GRAND TOTAL (TOWN OPERATING & SCHOOL BUDGET)		<b><u>14,159,231</u></b>	<b><u>14,710,772</u></b>	<b><u>14,711,430</u></b>

The Moderator announced that there are vacancies on the Finance Committee and requested that registered voters, interested in joining the committee, reach out to him for more information. His contact information is available on the Town website.

A motion was made by Glenn Sullivan and seconded by Peter Bogren to dissolve the meeting. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 6:38pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

Town of Paxton					
Annual Town Election					
May 10, 2021					
Official Results					
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>
Julia N. Pingitore	143		Yvette M. Orell	141	
Write-ins	4		Write-ins	1	
Blanks	13		Blanks	18	
<b>ASSESSOR</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>
Lisa L. Paciello-Reece	143		Robert J. Pelczarski	143	
Write-ins	1		Write-ins	1	
Blanks	16		Blanks	16	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 2)</b>
Thomas B. Carroll	143		Heather L. Larson	120	
Write-ins	0		Christina Marie Cormier	89	
Blanks	17		Rebecca Lynn Ross	62	
			Write-ins	0	
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	Blanks	49	
Brian Brosnihan	143				
Write-ins	0		<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>
Blanks	17		William D. Fields	35	
			Diane K. McMorrow	108	
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	Write-ins	0	
Joanna A. MacGugan	142		Blanks	17	
Write-ins	0				
Blanks	18		<b>WRSD COMMITTEE</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>
			Scott P. Runstrom	145	
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 2)</b>	Write-ins	0	
Catherine Mary McCourt	135		Blanks	15	
Christopher James Isperduli	127				
Write-ins	0		<b>WATER BOARD</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>
Blanks	58		David L. Trulson	147	
			Write-ins	0	
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>(Vote for 1)</b>	Blanks	13	
Sandra M. Fields	141				
Write-ins	0		<b># of Voters to Vote by Mail:</b>	10	
Blanks	19		<b># of In Person Voters:</b>	150	
			<b>Total Ballots Cast:</b>	160	
			<b>Total # of Registered Voters:</b>	3460	
			<b>% Turnout</b>	4.6%	





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**TOWN CLERK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

**VITAL STATISTICS REPORT**

	<b><u>7/1/20-12/31/20</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/21-6/30/21</u></b>	<b><u>FY21 Total</u></b>
Births	22	16	38
Marriages	24	3	27
Deaths	16	26	42
Burial Permits	8	6	14

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

	<b><u>7/1/20-12/31/20</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/21-6/30/21</u></b>	<b><u>FY21 Total</u></b>
Male/Female (unaltered)	34	106	140
Neutered/Spayed	54	717	771
Total Dogs Licensed	88	823	911
Kennel Licenses	1	1	2
Service Dogs	0	2	2
No fee licenses issued (MGL c140 §139c)	8	85	93
Transferred from another town midyear	0	0	0

**BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED/RENEWED**

	<b><u>7/1/20-12/31/20</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/21-6/30/21</u></b>	<b><u>FY21 Total</u></b>
New	6	11	17
Renewal	2	6	8
Total DBAs Issued	8	17	25

Amount Paid to General Fund:	<b><u>7/1/20-12/31/20</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/21-6/30/21</u></b>	<b><u>FY21 Total</u></b>
Town Clerk Fees	\$1,305.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 2,565.00
Dog License Fees	\$1,055.00	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 9,010.00
Dog License Late Fees	\$ 555.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,465.00
Replacement Tags	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00
Animal Control Officer Fines	\$1,575.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,325.00
Total -	\$4,491.00	\$10,878.00	\$15,369.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY21**

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

**Registered Voters as of June 30, 2021**

<u>Party Enrollment / Political Designation</u>		<u>Percentage of Total Voters</u>
A - Conservative:	9	0.26%
CC - United Independent Party:	16	0.46%
D - Democrat:	738	21.20%
J - Green Rainbow:	1	0.03%
K - Constitution Party:	1	0.03%
L - Libertarian:	12	0.34%
O - MA Independent Party:	3	0.09%
Q - American Independent:	4	0.11%
R - Republican:	442	12.70%
T - Inter 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party:	1	0.03%
U - Unenrolled:	2,253	64.72%
Z - Working Families:	1	0.03%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Voting was held at the Paxton Center School. In person Early Voting was held at the Town Hall.

**Population as of June 30, 2021**

Active Voters: 2,894  
Inactive Voters: 587  
Non-Voters: 1,257  
Total Residents: 4,738

**Board of Registrars Members**

Laurie Becker, Chairman  
Scott Dziewietin, Member  
Jeremy Richard, Clerk  
David Stoica, Vice Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Becker, Chairman of the Board of Registrars



# *TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

**Combined Balance Sheet  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-term Debt	Total (Memorandum)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,942,807	1,447,123	130,920	3,188,650	1,345,146		8,054,645
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	457,697						457,697
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	(88,522)						(88,522)
Other Receivables	22,625	443,302		262,782			728,710
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations						5,113,602	5,113,602
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,334,606</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,425</b>	<b>\$ 130,920</b>	<b>\$ 3,451,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,146</b>	<b>\$ 5,113,602</b>	<b>\$ 14,266,131</b>
Warrants & Accounts Payable	264,581	50,558		164,825	1,024		480,988
Other Liabilities	22,260						22,260
Deferred Revenue:							
Property & Excise Taxes	369,175						369,175
Other Departmental	22,625	443,302		262,782			728,710
Bonds Payable						5,113,602	5,113,602
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 678,640</b>	<b>\$ 493,860</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 427,608</b>	<b>\$ 1,024</b>	<b>\$ 5,113,602</b>	<b>\$ 6,714,733</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	248,371			30,000			278,371
Reserved for Expenditures	619,198			107,189			726,387
Other Reserves	1,061						1,061
Unreserved Retained Earnings				2,886,636			2,886,636
Undesignated Fund Balance	787,337	1,396,565	130,920		1,344,122		3,658,944
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,655,966</b>	<b>\$ 1,396,565</b>	<b>\$ 130,920</b>	<b>\$ 3,023,825</b>	<b>\$ 1,344,122</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,551,398</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,334,606</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,425</b>	<b>\$ 130,920</b>	<b>\$ 3,451,432</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,146</b>	<b>\$ 5,113,602</b>	<b>\$ 14,266,131</b>

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2021**

	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>
AMBULANCE REC RESERVED	358,364
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	93,991
P.S.C. SEPTIC REPLACEMENT	6,585
DPU/TNC FUNDING	924
TITLE V LOAN PROGRAMS	157,196
INSURANCE CLAIMS UNDER 150K	0
AMC FUNDS	(3,571)
POLICE ROAD DETAILS	(3,615)
LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	2,143
FIREARMS LICENSING	2,200
HOLDEN HOSPITAL FUND	11,365
FIRE DETAILS	(305)
POLICE GIFTS & DONATIONS	48,370
EMD DONATIONS	187
FIRE GIFTS & DONATIONS	26,650
AMBULANCE DONATION/GIFTS	644
HISTORICAL GIFT & DONATIONS	5,514
COA GIFTS & DONATIONS	16,599
LIBRARY DONATIONS	279
250th ANNIVERSARY	225
RECREATION 53D FUND	9,631
PAXTON DAYS 53E 1/2	312
COA 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	3,245
LIBRARY 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	3,402
RECREATION 53E 1/2 REVOLVING	134,212
CONSERVATION WETLAND PROTECTION	29,897
CABLE ACCESS FUND	339,778
COVID-19 CARES	(100,312)
AFG FEMA	0
COVID-19 FEMA	(35,171)
COVID-19 ARPA GRANT	259,735
COMMUNITY COMPACT GRANT	2,183
S.E.T.B GRANT	4,688
GOV HWY SAFETY GRANT	(1,470)
BULLET PROOF VEST	239
JAG GRANT	0
DCR-VFA GRANT	0
FIRE SAFETY GRANT	5,413
FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	(9,280)
HWY CHAPTER 90	(18,322)
MEMA EMPG GRANT	1,506
CULTURAL GRANT	8,128
COUNCIL ON AGING GRANT	0
LIBRARY STATE GRANT	29,076
MOD STATE GRANT	0
BOH STATE GRANT	5,932
COVID19 STATE GRANT	0

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2021**

<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>
CEMETERY PERPETUAL	139,685	3,506
VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT	1,000	1,777
D. RUSSELL POOR	7,675	11,232
C.D. BOYNTON	1,000	67,999
BIGELOW SCHOOL BOOK	1,000	596
RICHARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	214,169	84,726
HOWLAND LIBRARY	10,026	15,561
E BIGELOW LIBRARY	63,490	3,788
HAZEL GAY	393	256
AT&T & LUCENT LIBRARY	522	10,502
WAR BOND TRUSTS		7,022
CONSERVATION TRUST		18,896
STABILIZATION FUND		457,541
CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND		119,614
OPEB TRUST FUND		0

<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	167
DPW DUMP TRUCK FY21	120,000
PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT	0
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	109
SCHOOL GREEN PROJECT	10,644

<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>
HIGHLAND PERFORMANCE BOND	100,071
FOX RUN/MOLUMCO PERFORMANCE BOND	2,073

**GENERAL FUND**  
**Appropriation / Expenditure Report**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
SALARIES	5,820	(5,820)		-
ADMIN ASSIT. SECRETARY	54,953	(53,845)		1,108
PURCHASED SERVICES	10,441	(7,616)		2,825
SUPPLIES	500	(389)		111
OTHER EXPENSES	19,651	(19,249)		402
TOWN LAND SELLING FEES	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
SALARY	91,802	(91,802)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,100	(600)		500
CAR ALLOWANCE	1,500	(1,500)		-
SUPPLIES	100	(100)		0
MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT COMPENSATION	40,513	(39,001)		1,512
<u>TOWN SERVICE COORDINATOR</u>				
SALARY	35,589	(35,337)		252
PURCHASED SERVICES	2,040	(166)		1,874
SUPPLIES	603	(316)		287
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	260	(160)		100
SUPPLIES	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	28,640	-		28,640
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
SALARY	29,458	(29,458)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,375	(125)		1,250
SUPPLIES	400	(302)		98
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
BOARD SALARY (3)	5,162	(5,162)		0
ADM. ASSESSOR	48,228	(44,950)		3,278
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,460	(816)	(2,000)	644
SUPPLIES	500	(294)		206
OTHER EXPENSES	24,250	(18,900)		5,350
<u>TREASURER/ COLLECTOR</u>				
SALARY	63,654	(63,654)		-
ASSISTANT WAGES	0	-		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	14,500	(11,726)		2,774
SUPPLIES	1,125	(1,023)		102
TREASURER - ENCUMBRANCE	673	(204)		469
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
LEGAL SERVICES	22,000	(19,131)		2,869
TAX TITLE LEGAL FEES	8,000	(7,435)		565



	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
COMPENSATION	25,000	(25,000)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	47,432	(43,499)		3,933
EQUIPMENT	3,000	(3,000)		-
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
SALARY	42,528	(42,435)		93
RECORD KEEPING	90	(90)		-
ASSISTANT	0	-		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,335	(642)		693
SUPPLIES	1,600	(1,478)		122
OTHER EXPENSES	450	(228)		222
ELECTION TELLERS	6,550	(4,705)		1,845
ELECTIONS- PURCH SERV	10,300	(6,989)		3,311
ELECTIONS SUPPLIES	4,000	(3,480)		520
REGISTRARS SALARY	1,700	(1,650)		50
REGISTRARS CLERK	250	(250)		-
REGISTRARS CENSUS TAKER	500	(500)		-
REGISTRARS PURCH SERV	900	(743)		157
REGISTRARS SUPPLIES	850	(347)		503
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
CLERK	6,160	(6,160)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,210	(815)		395
CONFERENCES	250	-		250
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,411	(1,411)		0
HISTORICAL DIST PURCH SERV	200	-		200
WACHUSETT GREENWAYS	1,000	(1,000)		-
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	21,294	(14,822)	(3,720)	2,751
SUPPLIES	1,900	(1,778)		122
TOWN HALL EXTERIOR REPAIR	24,314	(20,168)	(4,146)	-
COA BOILER REPLACEMENT	800	-		800
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	129,500	(128,134)		1,366
TOWN REPORTS PURCH SERV	950	(823)		127
TOWN CLOCK PURCH SERV	435	(435)		-
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY-CHIEF	95,046	(95,046)		-
COMPENSATION	874,323	(822,776)		51,547
PURCHASED SERVICES	75,908	(75,898)		10
SUPPLIES	54,750	(56,664)	(3,100)	(5,014)
DUES	1,650	(1,650)		-
POLICE - ENCUMBRANCE	247	(247)		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
REGIONAL DISPATCH	10,000	-		10,000
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
SALARY CHIEF	44,905	(44,905)		-
COMPENSATION	263,674	(246,575)		17,099
PURCHASED SERVICES	56,996	(49,832)		7,164
EQUIPMENT	49,000	(37,478)		11,522
FIRE HOSE REPLACEMENT	25,000	(25,000)		-
FIRE - ENCUMBRANCE	166	(166)		-
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</u>				
COMPENSATION	566,553	(549,617)		16,936
PURCHASED SERVICES	60,400	(60,373)		27
SUPPLIES	40,850	(39,846)		1,004
EMS - ENCUMBRANCE	105	(105)		-
<u>INSPECTORS</u>				
BUILDING COMPENSATION	29,329	(28,201)		1,128
BUILDING LOCAL INSPECTOR	3,500	(3,263)		237
BUILDING PURCHASED SERV	250	-		250
PLUMBING COMPENSATION	4,000	(3,815)		185
WIRING COMPENSATION	5,464	(5,464)		-
WIRING ASSISTANT	400	(400)		-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	43,355	(36,029)	(6,693)	633
SUPPLIES	3,000	(2,955)		46
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
COMPENSATION	7,107	(7,107)		-
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT	3,450	(1,725)		1,725
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,000	(1,561)		1,439
SUPPLIES	1,000	(971)		29
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
COMPENSATION	8,515	(8,515)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,908	(1,885)		23
SUPPLIES	145	(42)		103
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
SALARY/HIRE	1,435	(676)		759
PURCHASED SERVICES	16,159	(16,159)		-
SUPPLIES	50	-		50
TREES	1,000	(1)		999
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
WRSD ASSESSMENT	6,843,902	(6,830,064)		13,838
VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	255,710	(249,197)		6,513

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	87,899	(87,899)		-
COMPENSATION	382,761	(371,834)		10,927
PURCHASED SERVICES	205,042	(169,138)	(15,404)	20,499
SUPPLIES	42,787	(30,908)		11,879
EQUIPMENT LEASES	41,028	(38,594)		2,434
DPW ROOF REPLACEMENT	30,300	(30,300)		-
DPW SITE PLAN DESIGN PHASE ONE	34,250	-	(34,250)	-
ROAD SURFACING	216,585	(95,252)	(121,333)	-
DPW ENCUMBRANCE	8,500	(6,047)		2,453
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME	52,633	(44,068)		8,565
SNOW REMOVAL - SALT & SAND	130,000	(122,808)		7,192
SNOW REMOVAL - EQUIPMENT	6,050	(1,452)		4,598
STREET LIGHTS ELECTRICITY	18,142	(18,141)		1
<u>WASTE COLLECTIONS</u>				
CONTRACT	338,521	(326,011)		12,510
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
SALARY	3,363	(3,363)		-
COMPENSATION	5,094	(4,577)		517
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,650	(180)		1,470
SUPPLIES	2,500	(2,500)		-
PAVEMENT OF ROADS	12,525	-	(12,525)	-
HEADSTONE RESTORATION	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
SALARY	417	(417)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	3,500	(3,471)		29
SUPPLIES	188	-		188
SANITATION ENGINEER COMPENSATION	12,634	(12,634)		-
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	2,060	(2,060)		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
DIRECTOR	26,768	(26,389)		379
VAN DRIVERS	20,978	(1,295)		19,683
OUTREACH COORDINATOR	6,582	(836)		5,746
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,700	(5,531)		169
SUPPLIES	4,900	(4,900)		-
OTHER EXPENSES	1,190	(1,190)		-
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
SALARY	1,082	(1,082)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	100	-		100
BENEFITS	9,571	(9,571)		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
<u><b>LIBRARY</b></u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	63,058	(63,058)		0
COMPENSATION	35,514	(26,970)		8,544
CHILDRENS LIBRARIAN	42,126	(42,126)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	13,487	(10,772)	(200)	2,515
SUPPLIES	42,538	(41,527)		1,011
<u><b>RECREATION</b></u>				
DIRECTOR SALARY	25,526	(25,526)		-
ADM. ASSISTANT	2,447	(2,447)		-
PURCHASED SERVICES	5,000	(5,000)		-
SUPPLIES	2,000	(2,000)		-
<u><b>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</b></u>				
PURCHASED SERVICES	350	(45)		305
OTHER EXPENSES	50	-		50
<u><b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b></u>				
<u><b>PRINCIPAL</b></u>				
SCHOOL WINDOWS	6,000	(6,000)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	2,200	(2,200)		-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	366,800	(366,800)		-
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	67,000	(67,000)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	23,000	(23,000)		-
AMB & DUMP TRUCK	50,000	(50,000)		-
DPW BACKHOE	26,000	(26,000)		-
TITLE V BETTERMENT REPAYMENT	7,698	(7,549)		149
<u><b>INTEREST</b></u>				
SCHOOL WINDOWS	1,545	(1,545)		-
DPW DOORS & WINDOWS	669	(668)		1
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	169,209	(169,208)		1
PCS GREEN REPAIRS	4,884	(4,884)		-
FIRE BREATHING APPARATUSES	851	(851)		-
AMBULANCE & DUMP TRUCK	2,530	(2,530)		-
DPW BACKHOE	3,458	(3,458)		-
SHORT TERM INTEREST	1,900	(1,900)		-
<u><b>STATE ASSESSMENTS</b></u>				
RETIRED TEACHERS HEALTH INSURANCE	12,018	(12,018)		-
AIR POLLUTION	1,380	(1,380)		-
REGISTRY- NON-RENEWAL	1,900	(1,900)		-
MBTA	32,635	(32,635)		-
REGIONAL TRANSIT CHARGE	1,017	(1,017)		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
<u>OTHER</u>				
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	53,000	(38,066)		14,934
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	769,105	(664,473)		104,632
LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,700	(1,176)		524
INSURANCE DEDUCT.FOR PREMIUMS	10,000	-		10,000
RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	553,607	(553,607)		-
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>				
UNEMPLOYMENT	15,000	-		15,000
<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>				
HEAT OIL	49,400	(25,760)		23,640
POSTAGE	7,000	(6,978)		22
TELEPHONE	15,500	(14,106)		1,394
ELECTRICITY	72,890	(54,888)		18,002
DIESEL	42,000	(27,333)		14,667
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 14,668,765.90</b>	<b>\$ (13,884,723)</b>	<b>\$ (248,371)</b>	<b>\$ 535,672.48</b>

**WATER ENTRPRISE**  
**Appropriation / Expenditure Report**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2022	Closed to Surplus
COMPENSATION	182,127	(159,413)		22,714
EXPENSES	772,495	(707,461)	(30,000)	35,034
DEBT	95,901	(95,900)		1
TANK ASNEBUMSKIT RD	105,672	(105,672)		-
TRANSFER TO G/F	15,000	(15,000)		-
ENCUMBRANCES	82,628	(82,217)		411
<b>WATER FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,823</b>	<b>\$ (1,165,663)</b>	<b>\$ (30,000)</b>	<b>\$ 58,160</b>



*TREASURER/COLLECTOR*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER / COLLECTOR

### SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS

**Cash and Equivalents:**

Petty Cash	400.00	
Country Bank	2,517,990.08	
Century Bank	103,184.41	
Easthampton Bank	2,557,672.19	
Unibank	336,284.29	5,515,530.97

**Investments:**

Bank of America (Trust Fund)	214,168.64	
Bartholomew - Commonwealth Financial Network		
PMLD	1,202,121.74	
Trust Funds	1,122,823.99	2,539,114.37

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Total Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2021	\$	8,054,645.34
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### SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL	MARKET VALUE EXPENDABLE
<i>Cemetery Funds:</i>		
Non-Expendable Perpetual Care	139,685.37	
Expendable Perpetual Care		3,506.35
Sale of Lots		93,991.35
<i>Stabilization Funds:</i>		
General Stabilization		457,540.75
Capital Stabilization		119,613.50
OPEB Fund		-
<i>Miscellaneous Trusts:</i>		
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000.00	67,996.88
D. Russell Boynton Poor	7,675.00	11,210.14
E.D. Bigelow School Book	1,000.00	596.38
Post World War II Rehabilitation		7,046.68
Bigelow Village Improvement	1,000.00	1,776.69
Conservation		18,895.92
Hazel Gay	393.15	255.61
<i>Library Funds:</i>		
E. Bigelow Library	63,490.32	3,788.47
R.M. Library	214,168.64	84,726.42
V. Howland Library	10,025.93	16,584.89
AT & T / Lucent	521.92	10,502.27
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Total Trust Funds as of June 30, 2021	\$438,960.33	\$898,032.30

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**SCHEDULE OF COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES**  
**JUNE 30, 2021**

	Uncollected July 1, 2020	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Transfer to Tax Title/Deferral	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2021
Real Estate							
2021	-	11,496,208.73	25,302.23	(33,333.96)	(3,105.50)	(11,403,564.08)	81,507.42
2020	129,084.43		556.46	(1,805.79)	(31,999.77)	(95,835.33)	-
Liens added to Tax							
Water	101.44	16,303.57				(15,028.14)	1,376.87
Electric	1,857.73	34,863.65			(837.39)	(33,330.65)	2,553.34
Trash	66.60	2,150.41				(2,039.41)	177.60
							-
	<u>131,110.20</u>	<u>11,549,526.36</u>	<u>25,858.69</u>	<u>(35,139.75)</u>	<u>(35,942.66)</u>	<u>(11,549,797.61)</u>	<u>85,615.23</u>

	Uncollected July 1, 2020	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2021
Personal Property						
2021		192,067.23	2,022.25		(193,791.52)	297.96
2020	3,839.50				(3,717.39)	122.11
2019	142.77				(73.53)	69.24
2018	258.75			(171.92)	(86.83)	-
2017	310.52			(310.52)		-
2016	46.04			(46.04)		-
2015	8.86			(8.86)		-
2014	36.18			(36.18)		-
2013	53.66			(53.66)		-
	<u>4,696.28</u>	<u>192,067.23</u>	<u>2,022.25</u>	<u>(627.18)</u>	<u>(197,669.27)</u>	<u>489.31</u>

	Uncollected July 1, 2020	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements & Exemptions	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2021
Other						
In Lieu of Tax	-	44,388.32			(44,388.32)	-
Tax Title	89,969.10	36,388.82			(38,635.03)	87,722.89
Tax Deferrals	8,723.09	3,105.50				11,828.59
Tax Foreclosures	201,428.80					201,428.80
Rollback	-	-			-	-
Farm/Animal Excise	296.50				(296.50)	-
Title V Loans	42,797.48	30,053.00			(32,332.07)	40,518.41
	<u>343,214.97</u>	<u>113,935.64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(115,651.92)</u>	<u>341,498.69</u>



	Uncollected July 1, 2020	Commitments	Refunds	Abatements	Collections	Uncollected June 30, 2021
Motor Vehicle						
2021	-	683,771.45	7,169.94	(9,408.67)	(637,998.36)	43,534.36
2020	43,730.10	80,129.31	8,368.86	(9,152.64)	(109,937.74)	13,137.89
2019	10,596.54		343.86	(343.86)	(7,098.02)	3,498.52
2018	3,007.20				(1,507.93)	1,499.27
2017	1,372.93				(398.65)	974.28
2016	1,486.36				(210.42)	1,275.94
2015	1,606.25					1,606.25
2014	2,359.57					2,359.57
2013	629.38				(28.75)	600.63
2012	3,418.65					3,418.65
2011	3,199.58				(42.50)	3,157.08
2010	1,267.40				(88.75)	1,178.65
2009	1,488.86			(1,063.34)	(103.96)	321.56
2008	1,588.35			(1,588.35)		-
2007	1,451.36			(1,451.36)		-
2006	747.50			(747.50)		-
2005	1,878.75			(1,878.75)		-
2004	2,574.35			(2,574.35)		-
2003	3,862.18			(3,862.18)		-
2002	3,301.37			(3,301.37)		-
2001	5,375.22			(5,375.22)		-
2000	1,626.98			(1,626.98)		-
1999	927.52			(927.52)		-
	<u>97,496.40</u>	<u>763,900.76</u>	<u>15,882.66</u>	<u>(43,302.09)</u>	<u>(757,415.08)</u>	<u>76,562.65</u>

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT  
JUNE 30, 2021**

	Outstanding July 1, 2020	Issued	Retired	Outstanding June 30, 2021	Fiscal 2021 Interest
<u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u>					
Water Tank	1,140,997		60,395	1,080,602	22,820
DPW Bldg Renovations	15,400		2,200	13,200	669
School Windows	36,000		6,000	30,000	1,545
Public Safety Complex	2,423,600		316,800	2,106,800	105,771
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,450,000		50,000	1,400,000	63,438
Center School Green Project	132,000		67,000	65,000	4,884
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	23,000		23,000	-	851
Ambulance & Dump Truck	140,000		50,000	90,000	2,530
DPW Backhoe	104,000		26,000	78,000	3,458
DPW Truck & Paving Project		250,000	-	250,000	
Title V Loan Program	7,549		7,549	-	
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<u>\$ 5,472,546</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 608,944</u>	<u>\$ 5,113,602</u>	<u>\$ 205,966</u>



## *TOWN ASSESSORS REPORT*

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Respectfully submitted,

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

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>FY2020</u></b>	<b><u>FY2019</u></b>	<b><u>FY2018</u></b>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$13,104,728.00	\$13,062,613.00	\$12,309,509.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$1,152,970.00	\$782,630.00	\$934,082.00
Offset Items/Enterprise	\$1,156,195.00	\$1,050,936.00	\$1,105,445.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$52,818.00	\$49,438.00	\$49,615.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$45,000.00	\$88,652.48	\$60,488.99
Cherry Sheet Offset, other Deficits	\$7,472.00	\$7,008.00	\$6,776.00
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.22
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$15,519,183.00	\$15,041,277.48	\$14,490,916.21
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$1,022,478.00	\$1,019,987.00	\$1,005,059.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$703,924.03	\$717,270.27	\$694,736.20
Water Department	\$1,156,195.00	\$1,050,936.00	\$1,105,445.00
Other Local Receipts	\$486,225.97	\$443,829.73	\$374,263.80
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$552,480.00	\$351,720.00	\$395,384.00
Available Funds - Other	\$520,489.00	\$430,910.00	\$538,698.00
 Total Estimated Receipts	 \$4,441,792.00	 \$4,014,653.00	 \$4,113,586.00
 Net Amount to be Raised	 \$11,077,391.00	 \$11,026,624.48	 \$10,377,330.21
 Maximum Allowable Levy	 \$11,351,869.07	 \$11,030,580.00	 \$10,377,896.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$565,510,292.00	\$548,436,184.00	\$499,016,014.00
Personal Property	\$9,850,532.00	\$10,156,748.00	\$8,929,664.00
 Total Taxable Property	 \$575,360,824.00	 \$558,592,932.00	 \$507,945,678.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$19.73	\$19.74	\$20.43
Open Space	\$19.73	\$19.74	\$20.43
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$19.73	\$19.74	\$20.43

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

<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>	<b><u>FY2020</u></b>		<b><u>FY2019</u></b>		<b><u>FY2018</u></b>	
	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows		\$0.00	1	\$175.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Clause 22E	7	\$7,000.00	8	\$8,000.00	7	\$7,000.00
Clause 22: Veterans	25	\$10,000.00	20	\$8,000.00	16	\$6,400.00
Clause 37: Blind	2	\$875.00	1	\$437.50	1	\$437.50
Clause 41: Elderly	5	\$3,750.00	3	\$2,250.00	6	\$4,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	1	\$2,947.66	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:		\$8,994.91	2	\$14,112.12	1	\$8,455.98
Totals	41	\$34,317.57	36	\$33,724.62	32	\$27,543.48

**Abatements**

Real Estate	4	\$5,435.05	9	\$20,582.82	7	\$4,067.61
Personal Property	0	\$0.00	2	\$431.66	0	\$0.00
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	170	\$19,032.40	200	\$22,434.21	200	\$22,434.21
Total	174	\$24,467.45	211	\$43,448.69	207	\$26,501.82

**Motor Vehicle Excise Bills**

Bills Processed	\$692,133.15	\$695,736.20	\$695,736.20
Dollar Value Less Abatements	\$673,100.75	\$674,417.51	\$674,417.51

**Board of Assessors**  
**Table III**

## **Property Classification**

	<b><u>FY2020</u></b>	<b><u>FY2019</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/ Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Residential	\$548,917,568.00	\$532,329,184.00	\$16,588,384.00	3.1%
Commercial	\$11,221,524.00	\$10,739,700.00	\$481,824.00	4.5%
Industrial	\$5,371,200.00	\$5,367,300.00	\$3,900.00	0.1%
Personal Property	\$9,850,532.00	\$10,156,748.00	(\$306,216.00)	(3.0%)
 Total Taxable Property	 \$575,360,824.00	 \$558,592,932.00	 \$16,767,892.00	 3.0%
Exempt Property	\$78,580,600.00	\$76,744,100.00	\$1,836,500.00	2.4%
 Total Valuation	 \$653,941,424.00	 \$635,337,032.00	 \$18,604,392.00	 2.9%

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Appropriations from Available Funds	\$849,780.42	\$1,152,970.00	\$782,630.00
Offset Items/Enterprise	\$1,171,195.00	\$1,156,195.00	\$1,050,936.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$48,950.00	\$52,818.00	\$49,438.00
Tax Title	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$88,652.48
Cherry Sheet Offset, other Deficits	\$7,832.00	\$7,472.00	\$7,008.00
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Snow & Ice Deficit		\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$15,757,391.42	\$15,519,183.00	\$15,041,277.48
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$685,362.00	\$1,022,478.00	\$1,019,987.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$703,037.45	\$703,924.03	\$717,270.27
Water Department	\$1,171,195.00	\$1,156,195.00	\$1,050,936.00
Other Local Receipts	\$676,852.55	\$486,225.97	\$443,829.73
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$342,945.00	\$552,480.00	\$351,720.00
Available Funds - Other	\$506,835.42	\$520,489.00	\$430,910.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$4,086,227.42	\$4,441,792.00	\$4,014,653.00
Net Amount to be Raised	\$11,671,164.00	\$11,077,391.00	\$11,026,624.48
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$11,678,305.28	\$11,351,869.07	\$11,030,580.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$582,159,685.00	\$565,510,292.00	\$548,436,184.00
Personal Property	\$9,734,783.00	\$9,850,532.00	\$10,156,748.00
Total Taxable Property	\$591,894,468.00	\$575,360,824.00	\$558,592,932.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$19.74
Open Space	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$19.74
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$19.73	\$19.73	\$19.74



## **Board of Assessors**

### **Table II**

#### **Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>	<b><u>FY2021</u></b>		<b><u>FY2020</u></b>		<b><u>FY2019</u></b>	
	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	1	\$175.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Clause 22E	7	\$7,000.00	7	\$7,000.00	8	\$8,000.00
Clause 22: Veterans	22	\$8,800.00	25	\$10,000.00	20	\$8,000.00
Clause 37: Blind	2	\$875.00	2	\$875.00	1	\$437.50
Clause 41: Elderly	5	\$3,750.00	5	\$3,750.00	3	\$2,250.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	1	\$3,105.50	1	\$2,947.66	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$9,160.64		\$8,994.91	2	\$14,112.12
Totals	39	\$33,441.14	41	\$34,317.57	36	\$33,724.62

#### **Abatements**

Real Estate	4	\$2,787.85	4	\$5,435.05	9	\$20,582.82
Personal Property	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$431.66
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	122	\$15,637.11	170	\$19,032.40	200	\$22,434.21
Total	126	\$18,424.96	174	\$24,467.45	211	\$43,448.69

#### **Motor Vehicle Excise Bills**

Bills Processed	\$760,239.26	\$692,133.15	\$695,736.20
Dollar Value Less Abatements	\$744,602.15	\$673,100.75	\$674,417.51

**Board of Assessors**  
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Residential	\$565,109,212.00	\$548,917,568.00	\$16,191,644.00	2.9%
Commercial	\$11,639,273.00	\$11,221,524.00	\$417,749.00	3.7%
Industrial	\$5,411,200.00	\$5,371,200.00	\$40,000.00	0.7%
Personal Property	\$9,734,783.00	\$9,850,532.00	(\$115,749.00)	(1.2%)
Total Taxable Property	\$591,894,468.00	\$575,360,824.00	\$16,533,644.00	2.9%
Exempt Property	\$79,922,300.00	\$78,580,600.00	\$1,341,700.00	1.7%
Total Valuation	\$671,816,768.00	\$653,941,424.00	\$17,875,344.00	2.7%



## *TOWN PAYROLL*

**Light Department**

Bassett,	Benjamin	76,279
Benoit,	Michael	1,000
Desaulniers-Drumm,	Amy	57,425
Kerxhalli,	Cheryl	67,347
Miller,	Christie	492
Orell,	Yvette	1,000
Renzetti,	David	116,446
Wheeler III,	Emerson	1,000
Stone,	Matthew	88,968
White,	Timothy	106,604
Peto	Derek	19,869
Rondeau,	Tara	114,490

**Fire**

Conte,	Jay	10,474
Andexler,	Nicholas	5,446
Benoit,	Michael	11,401
Carleton Jr,	James	87,538
Conte,	Peter	10,474
Doughty,	Richard	802
Flynn,	Nolan	3,562
Hansson,	James	6,345
Hansson,	Matthew	4,779
Killelea,	Brian	108
King,	Katherine	1,539
Kiriungi,	Joram	1,171
Mead,	Sean	78,692
Murphy,	Ryan	676
Olson,	Jeffrey	76,126
Pingitore,	Michael	115,528
Putnam,	Jason	3,463
Quinn,	Kevin	6,202
Richards,	Gary	8,297
Swan,	Alexander	4,089
Gaudet,	Cynthia	94,165
McGinn,	Richard	105,516
Savage Jr,	Thomas	57,323
Stevens,	Meghan	59,267
Walton,	John	2,691
Whynot,	Christopher	83,356

**Police**

Bibeau,	Guy	145,358
Dugan,	James	88,356
Fleury,	Brian	72,702
Keller,	David	71,371
Lang,	William F	69,772
Marziale,	Stefano	67,195
Moisio,	Jacob	67,615
Noone,	Robert	102,778
Recos,	William	84,991
Santiago,	Edward	74,515
Savasta,	Mark	171,692
Silvestri,	Jason	124,866
Thorpe III,	Forrest	120,221
Belliveau,	Mark	1,670
Buzzell,	Corey	36,063
Ciance Jr,	Paul	4,033
Davis,	Shawn	51,064
Jovan Jr,	John	2,953
Legere,	Steven	144
Sturgis,	Jonathan	969
Warren,	David	52,834
Watkins,	Lamar	734
Ryan,	Eva	70,558
Sweeney,	Ryan	5,604
McMillan,	Scott	11,676

**Communication**

Anderson,	Ashley	6,861
Beland,	Danielle	423
Bennett,	Adriana	896
Cassady,	Laura	6,836
Gambrell,	Sarah	1,304
Martin,	Tannya	2,347
Padgett,	Anna	1,565
Parkinson,	Abbi	236
Pike,	Eric	2,972
Tasca,	Jeffrey	10,995

**COA**

Rauschl,	Dolores	647
LaFlash,	Francis	505
Love,	Cynthia	33,874
Berthel	Donald	238

**Town Hall**

Riches, Carol	92,812
Savasta, Michael	27,000
Bogren Jr, Peter	2,211
Huehls, Kirk	1,804
Pingitore, Julia	1,943
Graf-Parsons, Donna	54,176
Lombardi, Sheryl	36,289
Couture, Donna	63,314
Malone, Deirdre	776
Clute, Kateri	33,290
Huard, Doris	1,720
Paciello-Reece, Lisa	1,720
Stanley, Kathleen	13,400
Kennedy, Larissa	29,158
Becker, Laurie	42,733
Kilcourse, Dina	1,188
McDonald, Mia	5,840
Canavan, Megan	2,060
Carroll, Thomas	139
Hatstat, Judy	139
Curran, Wayne	12,634
Kent, Jeffrey	1,082
Harney, Dennis	2,450
Travers, Richard	1,925
Trifero, Richard	29,251
Reece, John	5,464
Slabich, John	400
Warren, Peter	8,515
Robert, James	676
Dziewietin, Scott	550
Richard, Jeremy	550
Stoice, David	550

**DPW**

Putnam, Michael	34,922
Benoit, Andrew	44,024
Clark, Andrew	59,198
Flanders, Cameron	52,675
Huard, Roni	65,745
Leveillee, Mark	7,647
Paldino, Matthew	59,073
Putnam, Michael	3,703
Richards, Gary	69,827
Ross, Christopher	66,286
Sidhom, Tiffany	40,257
Jenkins, Rodney	600
Malone, John	600
Trulson, David	600
Tardie, David	59,190
Thibault, Travis	111,575
DeFlorio, Peter	37,722

**Library**

Bailey, Deborah	55,426
Braley, Barbara	2,407
Steinmetz, Kristin	1,717
Chenevert, Pamela	41,614
Childs Jr., Arnold	6,421
Dziewietin, Benjamin	2,564
Galvin, Jamie	4,073
Schmalz, Katherine	1,822
Wheeler, Suzanne	7,954

**Recreation**

Card, Kathy A	27,819
Parsons, Jonathan	57
Bedard, Amanda	384
Reece, Anthony	96
Swan, Alysha	366

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

*Website: [townofpaxton.net](http://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. Hours vary by department so check the Town website for specific department hours.

Town Administrator	Heather M Munroe	Town Hall	508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Board of Selectmen	Julia N. Pingitore, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons	Board meets every other Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Town Services Coordinator	Sheryl Lombardi	Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health	508-753-2803 Ext. 11
Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" Basis	
Board of Health	Julia N. Pingitore, 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	Call direct for an inspection	508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran	Call direct for an inspection	508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Steve Gaspar	Call direct for an inspection	508-882-3500
Wire Inspector	John Reece	Call direct for an inspection	774-535-1200
Fire Department	Michael Pingitore, Fire Chief	Office: 576 Pleasant Street	(508) 793-3170
Town Accountant	Larissa Kennedy	Town Hall	508-799-7231 Ext. 16
Assessors	Doris Huard, Chair Kateri Clute, 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
Department of Public Works	Travis Thibault, Director of Public Works	Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm	508-753-9077
Municipal Light Department	Tara Rondeau, Manager	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 Department	Kathy Card, Recreation Director	Commission meets the third Monday of each month	508-363-1822
Council on Aging	Cindy Love, Director	Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	508-756-2833
Conservation Commission	Sarah Fortune	Board meets the second Thursday of each month	413-626-7084
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	Pamela Chenevert, Librarian	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month Check website for hours	508-754-0793

