

# *ANNUAL REPORT*

## *TOWN OF PAXTON*

*Year Ending June 30, 2022*



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*TOWN OFFICERS*  
*May 2021 to May 2022*

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Cemetery Commission	
Brian Brosnihan	2024
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
Director of Public Works	
Travis Thibault	2023
Veteran's Agent	
Jeffrey Kent	2022
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Jeffrey Kent	2022
Inspector of Wires	
John Reece	2022
John Slabich, Asst	2022
Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2022
Richard Travers, Assistant	2022
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
James Robert	2022
Board of Appeals	
Forrest Smith	2025
Kirk Huehls	2022
Paul Robinson	2024
Richard Grensavitch	2023
Roberta Brien	2024
Robert Birbeck	2023
Board of Registrars	
Scott Dzweiten	2023
Jeremy Richards	2022
David Stoica	2024

Town Counsel			Agent for License Commission		
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2022		Donna Graf-Parsons	2022	
Sexual Harassment Officers			Council on Aging		
Carol Riches	2022		Barbara Braley	2023	
Care of Clock			Robert Callahan	2023	
Bruce Cheney	2022		Gino Gangai	2022	
Hazardous Waste Coordinator			Alice Crowley	2023	
Michael Pingitore, Fire Chief	2022		Curtis Hammer	2024	
Emergency Management Director			Jean Wilde	2022	
Michael Pingitore	2022		Joan Bedard	2024	
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden			James Putnam	2024	
Michael Pingitore	2022		Natalie Siemen	2022	
Police Department Chief			Robert Lamotte, Associate		
Mark S. Savasta	2021		June Herron, Associate		
Full Time Officers			Mark Ahearn, Associate		
David Keller, Detective	2023		Historical Commission		
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2023		Donmarie Desrosiers	2023	
Guy Bibeau, Lieutenant	2023		Anita Fenton	2022	
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2023		Pamela Hair	2024	
Forrest Thorpe, Sergeant	2023		Donna Odorski-MacLean	2023	
Edward Santiago , Patrolman	2023		Dante Zamarro	2023	
Corey Buzzell, Patrolman	2023		Sale of Town Owned Land		
Robert Noone, Patrolman	2023		Carol Riches	2022	
James Duggan, Patrolman	2023		Travis Thibault	2022	
Brian Fleury, Patrolman	2023		Richard Trifero	2022	
Stefano Marziale, Patrolman	2023		Donna Couture	2022	
Jacob Moisio, Patrolman	2023		Kateri Clute, Ex Officio	2022	
William Recos, Patrolman	2023		Local Historic District Commission		
Conservation Commission			Donna Odorski-MacLean	2022	
Michael Voorhis	2022		Jay Gallant	2022	
Leonard Anderson	2023		Paul Robinson	2022	
James Robert	2023		Christopher Isperduli	2022	
Robert Ferguson	2022		Anita Fenton	2022	
Holly Robert, Associate	2022		Cultural Council		
Donmarie Desrosiers	2023		Cindy Love	2024	
Mike Oxford	2023		Howard McGinn	2023	
Insurance Advisory Committee			Marybeth Brown	2022	
Donna Couture	2022		Christie Barnes	2023	
Peter DeFLoriao	2022		Donmarie Desrosiers	2024	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2022		Clarence Burley	2023	
Eva Ryan	2022		Anna Maria Scholarship Committee		
James Carleton	2022		Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2022	
Pam Chenevert	2022		Carol Riches	2022	
Cherie Kerxhali	2022		John Malone	2022	
Deirdre Malone	2022		Capital Improvement Committee		
Cable & Communication Committee			Carol Riches	2022	
Nick Powlovich, Chair	2022		Forrest Smith	2024	
Carol Riches	2022		Kateri Clute	2024	
Scott Wilson	2022		Mark Love	2024	
Besnik Cumani	2022				

Robert Pelczarski	2022	Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Timothy Grinham	2023	Carol Riches	2022
Election Officers		Scenic Byway Committee	
Janice Carlson	2022	Anita Fenton	2022
Sheila Latino	2022	Paul Robinson	2022
Lisa Burwell	2022		
Nancy Delle	2022	Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers	
Gino Gangai	2022	Donmarie Desrosiers	2022
Deirdre Malone	2022		
Maryann Paquette	2022		
Sandra Vaudo	2022		
Paula Gangai	2022	<b>APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR</b>	
Melinda Johnson	2022	Finance Board	
Jacqueline LaFlash	2022	Jennifer Lennon	2022
Jane McTigue	2022	Mark Love	2024
Jennifer Wright	2022	Richard Fenton, Chair	2023
Marlo Richard	2022	June Herron	2023
Jonathan Parsons	2022	Cotey Collins	2022
Emma Ryan	2022	Seth Peters	2024
Tiffany Sidhom	2022	Tim Linton	2022
Nancy Wilby	2022	Anthony Domineck	2022
Anita Fenton	2022		
Dina Kilcourse	2022	<b>APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
Amanda Woodward-Mitchell	2022	Plumbing Inspector	
Sarah Forde	2022	Dennis Harney	2022
Emily Fradellos	2022	John P. Dolen, Assistant	2022
Daniel Tropea	2022		
Cornelia White	2022	Sanitary Inspector	
Benjamin Frost (TC appt)	2022	Wayne Curran	2022
Town Hall Renovation Committee		Burial Agent	
Richard Fenton	2022	Laurie Becker	2022
Jay Gallant	2022		
Paul Robinson	2022	Animal Inspector	
		Megan Canavan	2022
Town Building Needs Committee			
Jay Gallant	2022	Animal Control Officer	
Paul Robinson	2022	B. Peter Warren Jr.	2022
		Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
		Pellegrino	2022
DPW Building Committee			
Robert Wilby	2022		
Tiffany Sidhom	2022		
Robert Pelczarski	2022		
Carol Riches	2022		
Peter Bogren, Jr.	2022		
Michael Putnam	2022		
Travis Thibault	2022		
Richard Fenton	2022		



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND  
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND  
BOARDS*



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia N. Pingitore  
Select Board Chair

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

This is my first report in the position of Paxton's Town Administrator, having taken on this role on May 9, 2022 for long-term Town Administrator Carol Riches. The Town of Paxton has a wonderful and engaged community with dedicated hard-working staff.

The Town was successful at obtaining two grants through the State's Community Compact Program: \$21,000 to define and create comprehensive human resource policies; and \$13,500 to create a comprehensive financial management policy.

The Police Department was awarded a Municipal Road Safety Grant in the amount of \$16,949. The funding was used for traffic and crosswalk enforcement, including the purchase of bike helmets and fata vision goggles.

The Fire Department was awarded a FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$14,100 to be utilized for turnout gear and a thermal imager.

The end of Fiscal Year 2022 marked the conclusion of a 22-year career. Carol Riches has served the Town of Paxton in various roles, beginning as admin in the DPW Department in 2010, serving various roles for the Town, before retiring after more than 11 years in the position of Town Administrator. In May of 2022, Carol took on an additional volunteer role for the Town of Paxton having been elected to the three-member Select Board.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Select Board, Community, and our excellent staff over the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather M. Munroe, Town Administrator

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2022:  
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Soil Percolation Tests: 26  
Septic Permits Issued: 27  
Septic Construction Inspections: 59  
Certificate of Compliances Issued: 20  
Food Establishment Inspections: 9  
Summer Camp Inspections: 2  
Pool Inspections: 2  
Well Permit Reviews: 0  
Septic Complaint Inspections: 4  
Group Home Inspections: 1  
Nuisance Complaints: 3

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

To the Citizens of Paxton:

This year the budget process remained particularly challenging for the various departments, in part because of the historically high inflation rate producing a level of uncertainty in estimating expenditures. As approved at the Annual Town Meeting, the municipal operating budget for FY2023 (\$7,512,682) without debt increased 4.9% above that of FY2022. Major points of interest include: 1) Debt service decreased by 5.9% with debt comprising 9% of the municipal budget. 2) Certified Free Cash was \$689,855, an historically high value. It must be pointed out that 100% utilization of Free Cash was required to balance the budget. 3) While the Town Employee Insurance account decreased 9% as a result of a change in providers and plans, County Retirement and Accident and Property Insurance increased significantly (9.3% and 40.6%, respectively). 4) With respect to employee compensation, a Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment of 3% was awarded to non-contractual employees who did not receive step increases. Employees who received a 2.5% step increase were awarded an increase in this value to 3%. 5) The Regional Dispatch account reflects expenditures for Dispatch located in Holden that are presently reduced by a grant. It is anticipated that, in the future, Paxton will be responsible for its full share of Dispatch operations. 6) The Municipal Information Service account increased 33% with the implementation of new online permitting software.

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 FY2023 (\$438,277) increased 36% above that of FY2022 to cover transportation and the minimum local contribution (MLC). Paxton student attendance at Bay Path increased. 2) The Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) committee approved a budget resulting in a Paxton assessment of \$7,177,576, an increase of only 0.3% (excluding debt) from FY2022. This historically low value has not been seen since FY2011 and cannot be assured of being repeated for FY2024. It must be remembered that, in the past, Paxton's non-debt assessment increase has ranged from 4-5%.

The total budget (municipal and educational) for Paxton this fiscal year included an historically high value for Free Cash, and an historically low WRSD assessment. Even with this, a shortfall of funding existed. To achieve a balanced budget for presentation to the town, both revenue and expenditures were addressed. On the revenue side, the charge for waste collection was increased to more closely approximate the cost of this service to the town. On the expenditure side, the process proved more difficult because the town generally works on a tight budget. The departments of Police, Fire, Highway and Library implemented a 1% reduction of their requested budgets. Working together, these managers facilitated the attainment of a balanced town budget for FY2023. It is recognized that our dependence upon high levels of Free Cash, an increased Dispatch expenditure and the unlikely repetition of an exceedingly low WRSD assessment for the next budget year will make achievement of a balanced budget much harder in the future.

Reserve Fund transfers occurring during FY2022 totaled \$18,996 to cover unexpected account expenditures for insurance payments, borrowing for the DPW dump truck, Tree Warden police details, Library boiler and fire alarm issues and an Administrator payment associated with retirement. It must be remembered that Paxton's infrastructure is aging. Associated expenditures related to building maintenance, renovation and replacement (DPW) will need to be seriously addressed in the near future.

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

## **PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

Fiscal year 2022 remained busy for the Paxton Fire Department. Moral within the department remains at an all-time high, and we have made huge strides in retaining and recruiting on-call firefighters. Safety of the firefighters remains a top priority We have remained aggressive with our training so we can stay on top of ever-changing trends in firefighting and to help our firefighters stay safe.

In FY 2022 the Paxton Fire Department added a Fire Prevention Officer who oversees fire inspections, fire permitting, and fire and life safety education delivery to the public. This job is crucial to Paxton Fire Department's daily operations. Each year we see more than 250 fire inspections. Fire prevention is just as important, if not more so than fire suppression. Paxton Fire's goal is to prevent the fires before they start. Also, in FY 2022 the town and the Paxton Professional Firefighters Local 5099 agreed to a new three-year contract.

In Fiscal Year 2022 the Paxton Fire Department was able to order under contract a new piece of fire apparatus with the help of ARPA funds. The new truck will replace two existing trucks that are 27, and 35 years old. By combining both trucks into one the department is reducing its capital footprint, its maintenance costs, and overall cost of operating. The best part of the new truck is that it comes with no added cost to the taxpayers of Paxton. The Paxton taxpayer has not had to fully purchase a new piece of fire suppression apparatus in 21 years. For comparison purposes if the town were to have purchased the truck without ARPA funds it would have cost the average taxpayer an increase of \$56.00 per year over the next 10 years, and because the town would have had to borrow the funds, it would have been another approximately \$150,000 in interest on top of the purchase price. ARPA funds saved the taxpayer in higher taxes and a lot of wasted money on interest.

Also, as noted in previous years and just as important in FY 2022, the Paxton Fire Department can not function with out 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.

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 families and friends the mission of the Paxton Fire Department and the safety of the citizens of Paxton could not have been 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.

**Paxton Fire Dept. Calls for Service**  
**July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

Month	Fire calls	EMS calls	Public Service & Inspections	Mutual Aid	Totals
<b>July</b>	17	75	15	2	109
<b>August</b>	24	99	19	1	143
<b>September</b>	37	108	28	1	174
<b>October</b>	23	118	28	0	169
<b>November</b>	16	86	39	4	145
<b>December</b>	10	81	17	0	108
<b>January</b>	18	116	21	2	157
<b>February</b>	11	73	8	3	95
<b>March</b>	19	68	19	1	107
<b>April</b>	17	76	16	4	113
<b>May</b>	25	91	16	4	136
<b>June</b>	15	79	20	1	115
<b>Totals</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>23</b>	1571

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Pingitore, Fire Chief

**TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY22**

The Paxton Department of Public Works has a total of 11 full time employees. There are 6 Highway Department staff that work in the field daily, two Water Department staff, a Mechanic, the Administrative Assistant, and the Director of Public Works.

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, as well as plowing and treating of all the public roadways, sidewalks, and town parking lots.

Besides all the regular maintenance that the D.P.W. employees do for Highway, Recreation, and the Town Cemeteries, and some of the Town Buildings 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 the Fall of 2021 the Paxton D.P.W. was able to reclaim and pave Davis Hill Road using Chapter 90 funds. In the Spring of 2022, the D.P.W. milled and paved Suomi Street using Chapter 90 funds and Road Stabilization funds. The D.P.W. also was able to use Road Stabilization funds to mill and pave a portion of Route 31 from the Spencer/Paxton town line to just before Nanigian Road. All of the reclamation, milling and paving done in FY22 included a lot of work that the D.P.W. staff had to get completed in a timely fashion, and the employees put their best foot forward to accomplish this.

The winter season started with our staff having to treat roadways near the end of November. The plowing events were minimal last winter season, but treating roadways was above normal with many rain events that caused a lot of icing throughout the winter season. Our last major even of the season fell on March 13<sup>th</sup> where we had to plow and treat roadways.

The D.P.W. staff work diligently throughout the winter season to keep all Town-owned parking areas, roadways, sidewalks, and Mooreland Cemetery areas safe for all residents, and commuters.

In FY22 the Paxton Department of Public Works applied for two separate grants. The first grant that was applied for in FY22 was the annual MIIA Grant. The D.P.W. applied for funds to purchase chainsaw safety equipment for a total of \$5,869.50. Unfortunately, the Department was not awarded the funding for this grant. The second grant that the D.P.W. applied for was the MASSDOT Shared Street and Spaces Grant. The Department was awarded a total sum of \$19,729.00 to purchase a radar speed sign message board which will get used on construction jobs or placed around town as needed.

In becoming a Complete Streets Community, the department, with the assistance of consultant Howard Stein Hudson, was able to fulfill all obligations of the Tier 2 requirements and is now ready to start utilizing the Tier 3 funding opportunities through the Complete Streets Program starting in FY23.

The Department was also pleased to participate in Paxton Days in June of 2022 with its table and demonstration of stormwater systems. Residents young and old were able to learn about how contaminants affect our ecosystems and stormwater systems, and what they can do to help protect these systems.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travis Thibault, Director of Public Works

**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY22**

The Paxton Water Department had a challenging and productive year for FY22 with many obstacles, and accomplishments to note.

The Paxton Water Department purchased a total of 98,800,605 gallons of water from the City of Worcester to supply water to all our customers. Our customer base consists of 1,297 residential services, 5 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 8 major emergency water main repairs, some of which were done in sub-zero temperatures. The Department also located 5 other main or service breaks using sound sensitive leak detection equipment 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 a great team to work with.

In FY22 two grants were applied for that would benefit both the Highway Department and the Water Department. The first was the annual MIIA Grant. The Departments were seeking a total sum of \$5,869.50 for chainsaw safety equipment. Unfortunately, the Departments were not awarded the grant. The second grant that was applied for was through the MADOT Shared Streets & Spaces Program. The Departments applied for (and were awarded) 100% funding for the purchase of a speed radar message board trailer. This trailer will be used by both the Highway Department and the Water Department for all planned or emergency road work as needed and will be a valuable asset to both Departments. The total sum the Departments were awarded for this purchase was \$19,729.00.

In FY22 the American Rescue Plan Act Committee put forth to the Board of Selectman a request for a total of \$140,000.00 of the town's allotted ARPA funds to complete the engineering for the West Street Water Main in preparation to replace roughly 1.25 miles of water main. The Select Board approved the funding, and Tata & Howard were contracted to complete the engineering project for the Department.

In FY22 The Department hired OEM Services to do some much-needed upgrades at the Booster Pump Station. They replaced all the PLCs in the main control panels, as well as upgraded the SCADA system.

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 FY22, the Paxton Water Department had installed a total of roughly 1,034 meters, which is roughly 77% of all meters throughout the distribution system.

The Board of Water Commissioners met on a monthly basis 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 for upgrades to the pumping station.

Finally, like other town departments and residents, the Water Department navigated through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout a good portion of FY22. Many times the department was short staffed because of this, and we continued to do whatever was needed to continue to provide high quality water to each and every tap.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank all of the Water Department staff for their hard work and dedication to providing residents of Paxton with clean and safe drinking water.

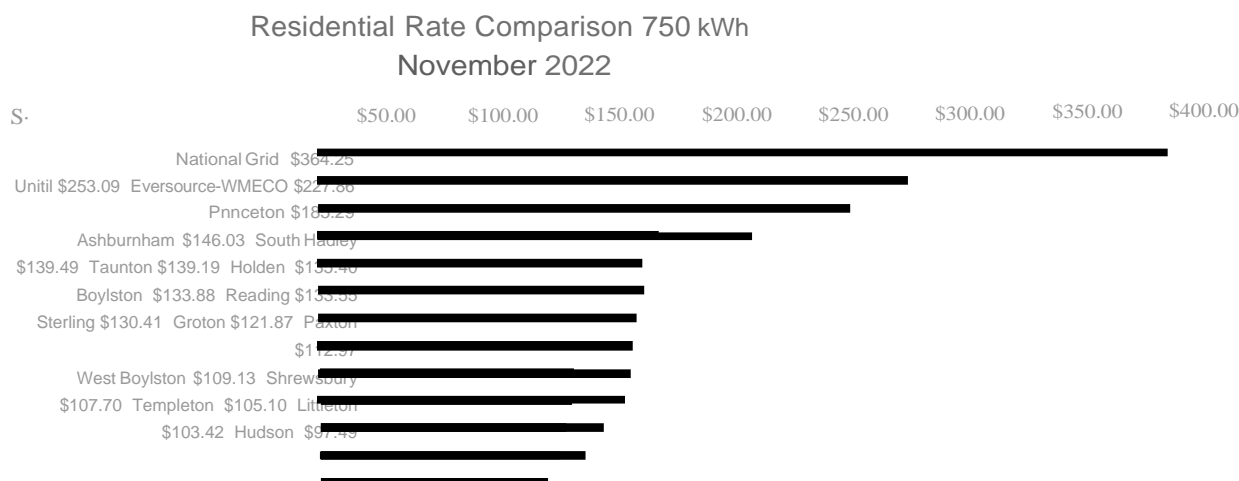
Respectfully Submitted,  
John F. Malone, Chair  
David Trulson, Vice Chair  
Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

2022 was a tough and challenging year for the electric industry. Energy costs were unpredictable, fueled by historically high natural gas prices, supply chain issues, capacity constraints, extreme weather events, cybersecurity issues and nationwide physical threats to electrical substations. Through power supply management



and a diverse power portfolio, Paxton Municipal Light Department (PMLD) was able to mitigate the increases and keep electricity rates stable. A direct pass-through charge, Power Cost Adjustment, of \$.02-\$.025 per kWh was added the last 4 months of the year to balance PMLD's actual energy costs versus estimated costs. The below chart provides a comparison of PMLD's rates in the month of November versus the rates of Investor-Owned Utilities, all Central MA. municipal light departments as well as a few other municipals from other regions of MA.



Due to a nationwide shortage of qualified linemen, PMLD ended 2021 with a 3-man line crew. In February of 2022, PMLD took on another apprentice once again bringing our line crew back to 4. Having 2 apprentices and 2 First Class linemen created a whole new set of operational challenges for PMLD. Due to the extra efforts and added on call duties required of the First-Class Linemen, Ben Bassett was promoted to Lead Lineman. Timothy White completed one full year as a General Foreman. He has done a tremendous job of scheduling, coordinating jobs, generating revenue, and improving our inventory accuracy.

Through a collaborative effort of all the PMLD employees, a new mission statement, vision and set of values were created for PMLD.

**New Mission:** Paxton Municipal Light Department's mission is to professionally and cost effectively provide electric services that meet the present and future environmental health and safety of our rural community while maintaining the highest quality, efficiency, and reliability through the constant improvement of our team and work processes to surpass the expectations of our customers.

**Vision:** To maintain significant, sustainable value to our community and employees.

#### Values:

**integrity-**Building trust, showing respect, and always acting in an honest and ethical manner by holding ourselves to high standards and complying with the laws, regulations, and policies that govern us.

**Safety-**Leading a culture where safety is paramount to our employees and customers.

**Unity-Working** as a team united in cause and actions to serve our customers and community.

**Customer Focused-**Providing superior customer service experiences and quality support while maintaining our customers' needs and expectations.

#### Operations

- 4 new home services were added to the PMLD's electric distribution system. The linemen ran 521' feet of underground wire and 150' of overhead wire for new house services. They updated and replaced 613' of overhead wire and 168' of underground wire for house services.
- PMLD installed 3 new transformers and replaced 5 older transformers showing deterioration or stress, upgrading 1 of those transformers to prevent overloading.
- The linemen added 756' feet of underground primary wire and 430' of overhead primary wire to our

distribution system. They upgraded or replaced 1677' of overhead primary wire and 1928' of underground primary wire.

- The linemen installed 3 new utility poles and replaced 12 old poles.
- The linemen swapped out 930 AMR meters with new AMI meters.
- The linemen repaired and/or replaced LED streetlights: Pleasant St (11), Crocker Hill Rd. (1), Lancelot Dr. (1), Baxter Dr. (4), West St. (2), Richards Ave. (2), Brigham Rd. (2), Rockland St. (2), Crowningshield Dr. (3), Old Lantern Circle (1), Suomi St. (1), Shanandoah Dr. (1), and Holbrook Lane (2). Also replaced were leased lights at the library and 1 on Pleasant Street.
- PMLD continued preventative tree trimming maintenance to decrease the risk of outages caused by fallen tree limbs: Brigham Rd., Streeter Rd., Marshall St., Suomi St., Nipmuck Rd., Indian Hill Rd., and West Street.

## **System Reliability**

In 2022, PMLD experienced 28 power outages, affecting a total of 535 customers. Quick response times to these outages by the PMLD line crew, resulted in 69% of those customers electricity restored within an hour and a half or less. Weather related issues, such as branches on wires and fallen trees, accounted for 54% of those outages, 28.5% of the outages were caused by equipment failure, 11% were due to wildlife and 6.5% motor vehicle accidents.

## **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 long-term power supply strategy that best suits our community's needs. A diverse energy portfolio like PMLD's remains vital to managing fuel price fluctuations, demand spikes, weather related emergencies and related disruptions.

PMLD's existing energy portfolio is comprised of nuclear, wind, hydro, natural gas, and oil. 21% of energy received in 2022 was from renewable energy sources and 64% of all energy supplied was non- greenhouse gas emitting. This puts us ahead of the states "MA 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap" that requires 50% of all energy supplied by MLP's be from non-greenhouse gas emitting sources.

In 2022, we took steps toward making our portfolio even cleaner and more diverse in a prudent, reliable, and economic manner. The Board voted to participate in an Offshore Wind PPA (Purchase Power Agreement) which would provide PMLD with a % of non-carbon emitting energy. At this time, the offshore wind projects are in negotiations with the state of MA and no further information is available.

Electric demand rose 4.2% above 2021. The load peak for PMLD in 2022 was 5764 kW, which was reached on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. With increasing capacity and transmission costs, PMLD is in negotiations to enter into a PPA with a battery storage company to help lower our peak and decrease these costs.

## **In-Kind Contributions**

During 2022, PMLD contributed \$9,165 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, installing new utility poles and lights on the Little League Field, and adjusting the net on the baseball field. They also assisted the DPW in fixing guard rails at the Paxton Center School and held poles for them while replacing a catch basin on Richards Ave. 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 2022, PMLD:

- Participated in Paxton Days and 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.
- During the holiday season, the PMLD designated a special mailbox for Letters to Santa. Each child, who wrote a letter, received a personalized response back from Santa.

## **NextZero**

PMLD continues to provide its customers with free home energy audits through the NextZero program, formerly Munihelps, as well as rebates on certain high energy appliances and home improvements. To provide even further value to our rate payers, PMLD added electric yard equipment rebates. In 2022, 42 customers had home energy audits, 69 customers received rebates for high energy efficiency appliances, 2 customers received rebates under the home efficiency incentives, 4 customers received rebates for Wi-Fi thermostats, and 14 customers received rebates under the cool home incentives, totaling \$13,215 in rebates back to PMLD customers. That is a 43.5% increase from 2021. We were very pleased to see that more of our customers took advantage of the rates and incentives available.

## **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, AMI deployment, and clean energy sources were the focus of 2022. System upgrades, AMI deployment, cybersecurity, employee retention, cleaner energy options, stronger community engagement, and grant funding will be the focus of 2023.

In the interest of possibly providing further utility options to the residents and businesses of Paxton, the light board authorized a Broadband Fiber Feasibility Study and Pro Formato be conducted. The results of which will be available at the beginning of 2023.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Tara Rondeau, General Manager

For the Paxton Municipal Light Commission: Michael Benoit,

Chairman

Yvette M. Orell, Vice-Chair

Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Clerk

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

With the world emerging from the pandemic, we were excited to see everyone become more active in our community. We were glad to see the return of many town events and were privileged to take part in them. It was great to see everyone who attended the Public Safety Open House, Senior Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Tree Lighting, Memorial Day Parade, and Paxton Days. Events like these and community involvement are one of the many things that makes this town so great.

While we have struggled to recruit new officers, all shifts have been covered and there have been no impacts to response times or handling of calls for service due to the dedication of our staff. Even with the challenge of keeping our staff healthy through the ups and downs of Covid-19, we made it through this fiscal year on budget. With the continuing increase in calls for service, arrests, and overall police activity, our dedicated staff has never wavered from the commitment to our mission of protecting and serving Paxton with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism, and integrity.

We continue to seek alternate funding options to better our services and upgrade our equipment at no cost to the town. We have been fortunate to continue receiving several grants and donations this year. Grants for traffic enforcement, radar equipment and speed signs, along with a donated police motorcycle enhance our ability to provide the best service possible to our residents.

Please feel free to call us at 508-755-1104 if you have any questions or comments as we strive to continue serving Paxton to our utmost ability.

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 FY22**

The Council on Aging and John Bauer Senior Center provides advocacy and support for our older adults and their families. We assist in preparing individuals for life's changes while maintaining their independence. Councils on Aging are human service agencies that focus on information and referral services, health awareness, home and health support.

Our Senior Center is considered a community wellness center as we continue to identify the needs of older adults through education, preventative health programs, activities, socialization, and volunteer opportunities.

Capital improvements and expansions during the year included the replacement of our handicap ramp, entrance stairs, cabinets, shelving for our food pantry. Funding was provided by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We welcomed many new seniors to our center this year. We continue to expand our programs and events while identifying their individual needs.

We host a variety of programs and events throughout the year, including our annual health fair, summer picnic, holiday luncheons, wellness programs, informational speakers, all focusing on our seniors well-being. Expanded weekly activities include piano lessons, bowling, fitness, card games, bocce, and an active veteran's group and book club.

Our Outreach provides all types of social services. We continue to experience an increase in the number of seniors and their families looking for assistance and services to accommodate seniors to remain in their homes. We independently coordinate with other human service and health care providers to ensure our seniors are receiving the best care to help them maintain an independent life at home.

Our COA van provides transportation to seniors five days a week. Transportation is available for medical appointments, pharmacy pick up, grocery shopping, and other various errands.

Our nutrition program offers lunch at our senior center three days a week while providing home delivered meals five days a week. This past year we served over 6,500 meals.

Our COA Food Pantry supports the needs of our seniors and all residents by providing non-perishable items throughout the year. Our pantry is open five days a week for pick up or delivery. For the holidays, the Wachusett Area Rotary Club donates turkeys and hams and through our food pantry we provide a complete meal for those that need that assistance.

Our Council on Aging staff consists of a director, who also handles our Outreach Services, a Program Assistant, and three Van Drivers.

The Council has a nine-member board and three associate members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

As we look ahead to 2023, we will continue to support and provide services for all seniors to help them maintain a healthy and independent lifestyle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Love, Director

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FY22**

It is with great pride that I present to you our FY22 Annual Report. This year was full of remarkable accomplishments and meaningful impact. During FY21, in the midst of the pandemic, the library was successfully able to reorganize operations in response to the pandemic, and offer new twists on traditional library services, including contactless curbside service. In FY22, when we reopened our doors to patrons, we continued to achieve exciting transformational change. Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the support of our dedicated Board of Trustees, incredible Friends of the Library group, our phenomenal team of staff and volunteers, fellow town departments, and our kind and grateful patrons!

#### **Better than “Back to Normal”**

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. With a new director and staff, the library welcomed patrons back into the library for one of their favorite activities, in-person browsing. We offered live programming for all ages, in-person tech help and reference assistance, direct access to the library's printers and computers, and the restoration of regular hours including two evenings until 8pm, and Saturday hours. We put patrons first, and serve all age groups in Paxton, from babies to school-aged children, through the tween and teen years, adults of all ages, and seniors. We are committed to free expression and free access to ideas for all.

With regular hours reinstated in FY22, the library experienced an increase of 10,782 circulations, for a total of **39,411** circulation transactions, as verified through the CW Mars network. Of the 39,411 circulated items, 5,080 were items sent into delivery shared with other libraries. The circulation staff received 3,830 items through interlibrary loan through the CW Mars network for Paxton library users. Paxton patrons are able to access these materials from libraries across the state of Massachusetts due to the fact that the Richards Memorial Library is certified through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). In FY22, RML Paxton received continued certification for complying with the state standards of free public library service. These standards include the number of hours we are open, and having a budget which meets the “Municipal Appropriation Requirement” (MAR) as stated in Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L., c.78, s.19A).

Mid-way through FY22 we asked our patrons to share what they love most about the Richards Memorial Library. In addition to “interlibrary loan,” “wonderful selection of books,” the librarians, the puzzles, the LEGOs, and Math Club, they also liked “access to educational materials for all ages,” “the people, the vibe, and the activities,” and “information and experiences for everyone.”

#### **WiFi Enhancements - Connecting You to the Library and the World**

With an ARPA grant awarded to RML Paxton, the director was able to focus on upgrading the outdated WiFi to meet the current and future connectivity needs of the Paxton community. The WiFi project included two new wireless access points, extending the WiFi reach to the far ends of the parking lot, and the library yard. The additional access points enable WiFi devices to connect in all sections of the library including the middle school and young adult room, as well as in the preschool room downstairs. The library's computer network is now housed in a secure network case. By continuing to receive our Spectrum Internet connection through our CWMars network, we are able to receive Internet at a substantial discount.

With the boosted WiFi, which extends to the far ends of the parking lot, the backyard, the front steps, and the side yard, the community's use of the WiFi increased. Access to materials also breaks past the barrier of the library's walls, and the use of electronic books and electronic audio books doubled in FY22. The library staff continued to provide instruction and tutorials on how to access these electronic resources.

### **Volunteers Make it Happen**

With the availability of the Paxton Senior Tax Program, Larry "The Librarian" Spongberg was able to lend his library expertise and volunteer his time to organize and weed the adult nonfiction book collection. We also welcomed a team of teen volunteers who have been integral to the success of our take and make craft bags, helping with LEGO club, and assisting with outdoor programming. Young adult volunteers also ran the Crazy 8s Math Club, to help students struggling with a gap in math skills created by the pandemic.

### **Classroom connections**

The library strengthened its partnership with Paxton Center School. We hosted 10 classroom visits, welcoming students to explore the library, and for some, to receive their very first library card ever. In response to the disruption in students' reading skills during the pandemic, the library assembled Literacy Kits for children, from preschool to middle school. As part of our response to the literacy crisis, we partnered with Therapy Dogs International to offer "Read to Shamrock" events, encouraging participating children to boost their reading fluency by reading to a judgment-free and utterly adorable Goldendoodle.

### **As the Collection Develops**

In addition to the improvements made to the adult nonfiction collection, the library also created new sections for Classics, Oversized Nonfiction, Adult Graphic Novels, and Public Television DVDs. For the youth population, the library expanded its STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) kits, generously supported by the Barre Savings Bank Charitable Trust. In FY22 the collection contained 34,016 circulating print items. The most popular categories based on the highest number of checkouts



were adult books, adult ebooks, children's books, and adult DVDs. The number of young adult book circulations doubled from FY21 to FY22.

## **Community Partnerships**

During FY22, the library experienced an influx of patrons, including familiar faces, and quite a few new ones. New library card accounts were created for 265 new library users. Library staff was involved in community activities at the Paxton Town Common including Christmas festivities and Paxton Days. We also forged relationships and continued partnerships with Wachusett CFCE, Turn Back Time, Aldrich Astronomical Society, and the Paxton Recreation After School Program. We were able to donate weeded large print books to the Hills at Paxton Village.

## **“Excellent service: Educational, Entertaining, Enhancing**

Through the continuing and generous support of the Friends of the Richards Memorial Library we offered large performances for audiences of all ages. The library offered 60 programs for youth, from babies to young adults, and all ages in between. The library continues to expand outside of its “walls” by offering an engaging outdoor story and play time that embraces the natural world and helps teach us all that we are resilient and strong, even during not so sunny times. The library initiated the popular and successful 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. We provided teens and tweens a break from the gray winter months with personalized subscription boxes, focused on literacy and their likes. Families enjoyed the Summer Reading program, Tails and Tales, as well as an improv workshop, a drumming circle, Playful Engineers, and one of our favorite live, educational programs for families, Talewise - a “science telling” program with pirates.

The library boosted its adult programming offerings to new levels, averaging two programs per month. We hosted a rainbow soap-making program, historical actor Sheryl Faye as Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a summer reading give-away program for adults, Tech Help, figure drawing, yoga, and a mini succulent program. We encouraged our patrons to try new recipes with our monthly Spice Club, featuring a new spice each month. Without the continued support of the Friends of Richards Memorial Library and its small but mighty board of volunteers, and the support of each and every donating member of the Friends, these programs would not be possible. We would like to especially thank Anita Fenton as the President of the Friends of Richards Memorial Library.

We would like to thank our wonderful library patrons, and the Paxton community, for their continuing support of the Richards Memorial Library. We are here for you. We are a patron-driven library, we will continue to bring engaging programs and materials to fill the community's wants and needs. As we look ahead to FY23, the Richards Memorial library will continue to rise to the challenges that come our way, and continue to fulfill our mission to enrich lives, build community, and grow knowledge by bringing people, information and ideas together.

The Board of Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library are Patricia Dawson (Clerk), Sandra Fields (Vice Chair), Chris Isperduli (Treasurer), Joanna Macgugan, Catherine McCourt (Chair), and Karen Putney.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Chenevert, Library Director

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

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 FY22**

Chris Stone (Clerk) was re-elected to the Cemetery Commission. He joins continuing committee members Brian Brosnihan (Vice Chair) and Joanna MacGugan (Chair). The Commission members work closely with Tiffany Sidhom and Travis Thibault from the Department of Public Works.

In the past fiscal year there were 12 full burials, 13 cremation burials, and 15 lots sold.

The Commission approved the FY23 budget for \$24,335.08.

The second phase of gravestone restoration in the Center Cemetery began over the summer. Historic Gravestone Services are performing the restoration work.

The contract for this year is for the preservation of (46) gravestones a cost of \$19,800.00. The preservation work will be completed in the fall of 2022 and the Commission will receive a full report on all gravestones that have been restored. In September 2022, the Commission approved a new proposal for preservation of one additional slate gravestone that was damaged in a car accident. The cost for restoring this additional gravestone is \$550.00.

In August 2022 the Commission sent a certified letter to the Congregational Church's daycare center to ask them to please keep the children in their care from playing in the cemetery for their own safety. This is an ongoing issue, and the Commission will continue to discuss other options, such as ropes or other kinds of boundaries, to keep children a safe distance from gravestones that are in danger of falling over.

The Cemetery Commission is organizing a historic cemetery walk for Paxton Days in June 2022 in collaboration with the Historic Commission. If this event is successful, it may become an annual tradition.

The Commission is exploring the possibility of establishing a space for green burials, which is an increasingly popular option for burials.

As always, the Commission thanks the Department of Public Works for their continued efforts in 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,  
Joanna MacGugan, Chair

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

For FY22, the Planning Board had a busy year. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments heard throughout the fiscal year along with three Approval Not Required, ANR's. They also approved five Storm Water Permits and three Site Plan Reviews. Planning Board Member, Robert Jacobson, was appointed again as the Planning Boards delegate for CMPRC. The board met ten times and approved minutes are available on the towns' website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

In FY22, the Paxton Board of Appeals (BOA) received one Variance petition for relief from the Paxton Zoning Bylaws. The petition was approved by adjusted to a Finding. A Special Permit application was also approved. Three meetings were held to provide the petitioners a public meeting to present their reasons for appealing a ruling by the Paxton Building Commissioner or to satisfy Zoning Bylaw requirements. All BOA members remained the same from the previous FY, still leaving two open positions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Brien, Chairman

**PAXTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

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 began initial preparations for an annual historical calendar for 2023 with unique archival photos from Paxton's past to be sold in the fall of 2022.

The Commission was also able to schedule town hall, town common and Paxton Center Cemetery tours for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as well as a monthly Open House at the Commission office on the second Saturday of each month.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, an historical lecture was presented by Thomas Kelleher, Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village, on Phrenology: 1830s Quakery or the Science of the Mind. What does the shape of your head really say about you?

The Commission planned the purchase of a large metal historical sign to be located near the homestead of Major Willard Moore. It also gave a brief talk to Spectrum News about their wish to annually hold a celebration each June to commemorate the death of Major Willard Moore at the Battle of Bunker Hill. A copy of the famous painting by John Trumbull called The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1775 was put on display in the Historical Commission office.

The Commission also participated in talks with residents, Brian Brosnihan and Gordon Snyder, and the Local Historic District Commission about restoration efforts for the Record Building that included repainting with appropriate colors and the future replacement where necessary of the slate roof, fencing, and a front window.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

### **PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

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 2022:

The Paxton Cultural Council is pleased to announce the awarding of grants to local applicants for a variety of cultural events in Paxton during 2022. 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: Kerrie Flynn, Rachel Grabek, Cindy Love

**WIRING INSPECTOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

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 Building Department. 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 FY22**

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) is comprised of seven members...which is required to include the Town Administrator, one member from the Finance Committee, one member from the Board of Assessors, and four members from the electorate as appointed by the Select Board. All seven members are equal voting members.

The Committee meets with sponsors having various capital needs and requests of a project, improvement, vehicle, equipment, or like capital nature which cost exceeds \$10,000. Such sponsors generally includes, but are not limited to, town department heads that are invited to make all manner of presentations to explain and support the request of, the need for, and the cost associated with such proposals.....and to respond to any questions which any given CIPC member may pose. All such meetings are likewise open to the general public, who too are invited to speak and to have their respective questions addressed as well.

Thereafter, the entire CIPC membership individually scores and ranks each capital request...and the committee in turn lists the preferred choices in priority order from the highest to lowest score. Decision is then made as to which capital needs projects to put forward to the Select Board for warrant article consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. Projects selected to put forward are done so formally in the form of an official Committee Report as is submitted in accordance with the CIPC's own by-laws dated March 15, 2013.

That which was submitted by the Committee on March 7, 2022 is attached...and is an integral part

of this CIPC Annual Report. Notes and highlights of the Committee Report and related matters are as follows:

1. The Committee Report was dated and submitted on March 7, 2022. All items contained in that attached report were advanced as Warrant Articles for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting that was scheduled for and held on May 2, 2022. Note that there were six capital needs initiatives listed.
2. At the CIPC meeting held on March 1, 2022, whereupon the aforementioned ranking, scoring, and priority listing took place...there were originally seven capital needs initiatives selected by the CIPC Committee to put forward.
3. The seventh initiative (which was actually fifth in priority ranking) was that of the Security System and Cameras for the Paxton Center School which the CIPC Committee *gave* strong and considerate regards to.
4. But, after the CIPC meeting of March 1, 2022 and before the submission of the CIPC Committee Report on March 7, 2022....the CIPC was advised to *remove* that single particular capital initiative from our Committee Report by town administration....as information had been obtained that the Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD), the sponsor of the initiative, had agreed to subsidize that particular initiative.....the PCS Security System and Cameras.
5. Request for follow up confirmation as to that matter was made by the CIPC to town administration and return email confirmation was received...in the affirmative that the WRSD would indeed subsidize that initiative...and to please *remove* same from the CIPC Committee Report before submission. The Committee did so. Hence, six initiatives appeared in the report. and not seven as first planned.
6. Unfortunately, that information to and from the WRSD was subsequently determined to have been incorrect. However, the Warrant Article closing date of March 8, 2022, for all Warrant Article to have been submitted had since expired.
  7. Note too that the Tanker/Pumper fire truck was a high priority of the CIPC Committee. But also note that it was submitted as a Warrant Article. That was the clear choice of the CIPC Committee notwithstanding that it had full knowledge that recommendation had been made by the ARPA Committee to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for the acquisition of that fire truck.
  8. A clear distinction should be made here....that such use of ARPA funds was the ARPA committee's recommendation...and subsequently the Select Boards decision

on a split vote to do so but it was not the CIPC Committees recommendation to do so.....as is reflected in our Committee Report that is attached.

9. Attention is also directed to the final Warrant Articles that were submitted at the May 2, 2022, Annual Town Meeting (which Articles are not included as part of this report, but which can be found on the towns website)

- That the Pumper/Tanker which was listed on the attached CIPC Committee report was thereafter not listed as a Warrant Article.
- That the Security System and Cameras for the Paxton Center School which the CIPC Committee was directed to remove from its report and so it is not listed on the attached CIPC Committee report.....is listed on the ATM Warrant Article which is a violation of the aforementioned CIPC by-laws. That matter was first disclosed/discovered by a member of the town's Board of Registrar's....and subsequently deemed to be an inappropriate inclusion on the Town Warrant by Town Counsel and the Town Moderator at the ATM.
- N.b. Fortunately, the proper voting on this matter did take place at the subsequent Special Town Meeting held on July 18, 2022.
- That certain Town Warrants were changed from the original submission by the CIPC Committee report to insert language to the effect of "assessing additional real estate and property taxes" to the taxpayer ....with the accompanying notation...."Capital Improvements Planning Committee Recommends Approval". That notation is not at all correct. The CIPC did not approve of that, nor was the Committee ever contacted, consulted, or asked about such "recommend approval" matters.

While this may not be seen as a typical Annual Report. this was not a typical year for the CIPC. Mention then of

these matters serves to point to the clear fact that consequential errors were made this past year, and certain misrepresentations were also made. All of which need to be recognized and corrected and a certain reform of process needs to occur going forward.

From our CIPC Committee's view, this is currently not a perfectly functioning system especially to have our CIPC

Committee associated with declarations such as... "recommends approval" ....when we, in fact, do not approve.

Furthermore, the resignation of two extremely valuable and outstanding members from our CIPC committee over just the past few years...both of whom candidly stated their reasons for resigning is testimony that the

current process....once the CIPC Committee Report is tendered is in need of amending or clearer understanding.

That said, we pledge to discuss, to improve, and to work to remedy these matters with all appropriate persons and boards going forward.....as the public deserves nothing less than a perfectly functioning system and process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Love, Chairman

**VETERANS AGENT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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 \$9356.00 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey L. Kent

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

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

It is an honor to write on behalf of the Wachusett Regional School District to thank our member towns for their continued support. This year has included several significant transitions in leadership as we welcomed four new principals to the district: Joy Wilde at Dawson Elementary, Carla Squier at Mayo Elementary, Kristina Pelczarski at Naquag Elementary, and Ace Thompson at the Thomas Prince School. In addition to myself, three district administrators: Jon Krol, Director of Social and Emotional Learning & Equity, Pamela Rutkowski, Director of Human Resources, and Michelle Grisé, Director of Business and Finance also joined our central office team. I am thankful for the energy, professionalism, and perspectives that all of these individuals have demonstrated in their new roles.

The focus of our work this year has been to provide an honest and transparent accounting of where we stand in terms of our student experience as well as the management of the district as a



whole. In both of these areas we still have much to accomplish. We are striving to make each of our schools a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment where all of our students belong and get the support they need. We will also continue to prioritize school safety - not only training our staff and students, but advocating for improvements to our facilities. Nearly all of our capital improvement requests this year focus on addressing the security infrastructure of our buildings by the addition of upgraded entry systems and cameras.

In terms of district management, there is a dire need to update and correct many of our operational systems. This includes our budgeting process, which has not provided a true accounting of what it costs to run the district or properly advocated for student needs. We have placed a particular emphasis this year on following School Committee guidance on appropriate class size. This is essential as we try to support all our students placed at increased risk due to the disrupted learning of the past three years.

I would like to thank our families, teachers, staff, and community members for their continued support and dedication to the children of the Wachusett Regional School District. I know we all share the goal of providing our students with a quality education that will prepare them to pursue their dreams.

James M. Reilly, MSW, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

### **BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY22**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 274 students on June 3, 2022. Graduation was held at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA. The ceremony was very well received by students, families and staff. To celebrate the school's 50<sup>th</sup> commencement, students were unexpectedly showered by a blast of purple & gold confetti from hidden cannons. Bay Path accepted a class of 313 freshmen in September 2022. Our current enrollment has reached an all-time high of 1,185 students.

Of the 3 Paxton seniors who graduated, 1 is now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 2 are attending an institute of higher education. Currently, 34 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of the 23 vocational technical programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

Six Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department. Four Paxton students are taking advantage of our cooperative education program and will be earning while learning at one of the 202 different participating businesses and industries of which 127 are located in one of our ten communities. Currently, we have students in cooperative education programs at one business located in Paxton.

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 2021-2022 school year, our 23 programs completed 432 work orders, of which, 4 were for residents of the Town of Paxton. Our current House Building Project is in the Town of Auburn on Crowl Hill Road.

Since COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, our Minuteman Shoppe, and Cosmetology program are open to the general public. Our Hilltop Restaurant has reopened to provide delicious meals to the public along with the continuation of a modified Curb-Side Pick-Up. We will continue to monitor health conditions along with state and local health officials, periodically reviewing our options and what services can continue to be provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs.

Our Evening Adult Education Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10-town district, as well as the additional surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall 2022 program offerings have steadily increased and are getting back to normal. We had a combined enrollment of 1,361 students in 196 evening classes of which 16 were residents of Paxton. The program also continues to offer a wide variety of over 500 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers and an array of day and week long trips.

Our Practical Nursing (PN) Program continues to provide an excellent opportunity to adults in our surrounding communities. For the 2022-2023 class we have 42 students from thirteen 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 \$17,969 and \$20,143. 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 FY22**

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Townsend

## **WACHUSETT GREENWAY** **ANNUAL REPORT FY2022**

### **Onward Together – 28<sup>th</sup> Year**

What do you say the Mass Central Rail Trail is? New words came from partners this year: a sanctuary, transformative. And we heard the perennial drumbeat: Keep up the good and important work! Together we continue to build community with this shared use path through Sterling, West Boylston, Holden, Rutland, Oakham and Barre. Our partnership with these towns and Princeton and Paxton, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, local foundations, other nonprofits and businesses along with every individual donor and volunteer is our foundation.

### **Incredible Volunteers!**

“I’ll help!” These words came from a trail visitor and new resident here. She immediately signed up to volunteer, and now brings her encouraging spirit to trail clearing days. “The mowers are all set for next spring,” declared a pair of volunteers who cleaned and serviced our small fleet. Many volunteers helped mow, clean ditches, rake leaves, remove dead trees, offer hospitality, mail letters, reach out, stake new trail and more!

### **Partner Town Support**

All eight Towns--Barre, Holden, Oakham, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston--contributed toward Wachusett Greenways’ annual operating expenses. Special thanks to the DPW teams in Sterling, West Boylston and Holden for help with maintenance.

### **Filling Gaps on the MCRT**

In 2022, with support from MassTrails, Wachusett Greenways completed two new miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Holden between Mill Street and Princeton Street and installed the new bridge in Sterling at West Washacum Lake. WG is also conducting an enhanced maintenance program to upgrade trail surfaces.

In 2023, WG will begin construction of a new accessible MCRT route over the hill in Holden from Wachusett Street (Route 31) at Mill Street toward Manning Street. Filling the gaps and reconstructing MCRT sections for accessible shared use is part of a statewide effort to complete the 104 mile MCRT between Northampton and Boston. MassTrails and DCR guidance and matching grant support is essential for linking the whole MCRT.

### **Tunnel Murals**

MCRT Charnock Tunnel Mural grew in 2022. Trail visitors express delight with the beautiful scenes created by artist Margaret McCandless and several volunteers. In 2023 Margaret will engage volunteers with painting a new Pommogussett Tunnel Mural which “weaves human history and natural history into one presentation.” These WG mural projects are produced with support from grants from Rutland, Paxton and Holden Cultural Councils, local agencies, which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

### **WG Annual Meeting**

The 2022 annual meeting took place on June 16 at Trout Brook Reservation, Holden, with an outdoor picnic, review of progress and shared plans for the future. All are welcome to the 2023 annual meeting in the spring!

### **Each Donor Counts**

Thank you to every one of the 936 donors for 2022, including 148 new donors from 117 different towns in 17 different states. As a member you help with operating expenses. Please also contribute to the Mass Central Rail Trail Funds: MCRT Construction Fund, Dr. Edward P. Yaglou MCRT Maintenance Fund, and the permanent MCRT Stewardship Endowment Fund. Contribute or volunteer at [www.wachusettgreenways.org](http://www.wachusettgreenways.org) or phone 508-479-2123 or Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520.

Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors: Colleen Abrams, Chair; Troy Milliken, Treasurer; Mike Peckar, Secretary, Christy Barnes, Stephen Chanis, Christopher Ryan.



## *TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS*



**TOWN OF PAXTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, 7:00PM**

The meeting was held in the cafeteria at Paxton Center School at 19 West Street and was called to order at 7:05pm. The Town Moderator, Roger Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. 89 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.**

Before the business of the meeting began, Selectboard Member Julia Pingitore came forward to make a presentation. Julia introduced the new Town Administrator (TA), Heather Munroe, whose term begins on May 9, 2022. Julia recognized the TA Search Committee who put in many hours, including late nights, to ensure that a new qualified TA was selected within strict time constraints. Lastly, Pingitore recognized Peter Bogren, Jr. for his twelve years on the Board of Selectmen noting that he led with presence, poise, and professionalism.

**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	\$221,488
Expenses	\$741,109
<u>Debt</u>	<u>\$107,158</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.

Peter Bogren, chair of the Selectboard, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, the following sums to operate the Water Enterprise.

Compensation:	\$221,488
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Expenses:	\$741,109
<u>Debt</u>	<u>\$107,158</u>
Total:	\$1,069,755

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 2 – Police Vehicles**

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 three year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a SUV and Utility Pick Up Truck for the Police Department in the amount of \$88,500 to replace two existing cruisers/vehicles with a first-year lease payment of \$29,500, and the remaining two annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Police Department budget; or act any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Police Department.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to enter into a three year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring an SUV and a Utility Pick Up Truck for the Police Department in the amount of \$88,500 to replace two existing cruisers/vehicles, with a first-year lease payment of \$29,500, and the remaining two annual payments to be raised and appropriated as part of the Police Department budget.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

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 – Tivnan Field**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$80,000 for the replacement of outdoor lights at Tivnan Field and the basketball court at the Center Field Recreation Area; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½ ), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Recreation Commission.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$80,000 for the replacement of outdoor lights at Tivnan Field and the basketball court at the Center Field Recreation Area; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of

Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½ ), of the General Laws.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

Jeff Cormier, Chair of the Recreation Commission, moved that the Town amend the original motion to move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$80,000 for the replacement of outdoor lights at Tivnan Field; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½ ), of the General Laws.

The amended motion was seconded.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED.**

Discussion ensued. Jack Malone made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared the motion to move the question failed. Discussion continued.

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

**Article 4 – New Security System and Cameras at Paxton Center School** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000 to install a new security system and cameras at the Paxton Center School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½ ), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Karl Ottmar, member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$50,000 to install a new security system and cameras at the Paxton Center School; provided, however, that this appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of Proposition 2 ½ capital expenditure exclusion referendum to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes for a single year under Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½ ), of the General Laws.

The motion was seconded by Emerson Wheeler, III.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommend disapproval.

Discussion ensued. The Board of Selectmen wanted to pass over this article at this meeting because they believe there was an administrative error, and this item was not on the final report of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) as required by the CIPC bylaws. Julia



Pingitore stated that if voters supported Question 2 on Election Day, then it was likely that a Special Town Meeting would be called. If a properly posted warrant for a Special Town Meeting is held within ninety days of the Annual Town Election, and if a majority of voters passed Question 2 and the Article at the Special Town Meeting then they could move forward with the project.

Karl Ottmar moved that this motion be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded.

Roger Brunelle clarified that the motion is to table the pending motion.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ARTICLE 4.**

**Article 5 – New Phone System for Town Buildings** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum \$27,500 to update/upgrade the telephone systems for the Town Hall, Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, and Richards Memorial Library; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Selectboard.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum \$27,500 to update/upgrade the telephone systems for the Town Hall, Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, and Richards Memorial Library.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 6 –Deck for Side Boom Mower** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,500 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a new Side Boom Mower Deck for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Department of Public Works.

Travis Thibault, Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$18,500 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a new Side Boom Mower Deck for the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**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 \$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 fourth year of the existing contract with Suez Advanced Solutions.

The motion was seconded.

It was noted that the warrant incorrectly stated it was the third year of the existing contract and that the motion stating it was the fourth year was correct.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 8 – Appropriate Funds to Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,971 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Selectboard.

Travis Thibault moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,971 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 9 – Use Funds from the Road Improvement** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,971 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Selectboard.

Travis Thibault moved that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$115,971 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 10 – 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 Selectboard 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 Julia Pingitore.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 11 – Revolving Accounts** To see if the Town will vote to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2023 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 Selectboard.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended, to set the annual expenditure limits for fiscal year 2023, 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 Julia Pingitore.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 12 – 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, an eight-town collaborative, said funds to be administered and expended by Wachusett Greenways.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 13 - Health Agent** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to appoint a member of said Board to serve as the Town's Health Agent, a position under the supervision of said Board; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Health.

Sheryl Lombardi, Town Services Coordinator, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Health, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to appoint a member of said Board to serve as the Town's Health Agent, a position under the supervision of said Board.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 14 – Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 19K of the Massachusetts General Laws providing for additional compensation for the Town Clerk upon obtaining certification by the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association as a certified Massachusetts municipal clerk; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Town Clerk.

Peter Bogren moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 19K of the Massachusetts General Laws providing for additional compensation for the Town Clerk upon

obtaining certification by the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association as a certified Massachusetts municipal clerk.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.  
Selectboard recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommend approval.

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

**Article 15 – Transfer of Land to Conservation Commission** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Title Custodian to transfer the parcel of Town-owned land consisting of 25.7 acres +/- located off of Wildewood Road and identified in Assessors Map 12 as Prevel 28, from the care, custody, and management of the Tax Title Custodian to the care, custody, and management of the Paxton Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purpose pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by Conservation Commission.

Robert Ferguson, member of the Conservation Commission, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Tax Title Custodian to transfer the parcel of Town-owned land consisting of 25.7 acres +/- located off of Wilde Wood Road and identified in Assessors Map 12 as Prevel 28, from the care, custody, and management of the Tax Title Custodian to the care, custody, and management of the Paxton Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purpose pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

The motion was seconded.

Roger Brunelle suggested a friendly amendment to change the word "Prevel" to "Parcel" which was accepted by Robert Ferguson.

(Town Clerk's Note: In the Assessor's Database this parcel is referred to as being on Wilde Wood Road. All other parcels are listed as Wilde Wood Drive. In both the Assessor's Database and for Voter Registration Wilde Wood is listed as two words, but the physical street sign is listed as Wildewood Drive.)

Selectboard recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 16 – Amendment to the Regional School Agreement** To see if the Town will vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, to delete Section 16,Capital Expenditures from Surplus, which currently reads as follows;

Section 16. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM SURPLUS

The Regional District School Committee may authorize capital expenditures from surplus funds for those purposes cited in General Laws, Chapter 71 Section 16, not to exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year for any single project and provided two thirds of the members of the Committee voting on the question to authorize said expenditure.

And further to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by renumbering Sections 17, 18 and 19 to Sections 16, 17, and 18; or act in anyway thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Karl Ottmar, WRSD Committee member, moved that the Town vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, to delete Section 16, Capital Expenditures from Surplus, and he moved that the Town further vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by renumbering Sections 17, 18 and 19 to Sections 16, 17, and 18.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 17 – Amendment to the Regional School Agreement** To see if the Town will vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 14E, by changing the language of Section 1 from:

Section 1 MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*1.1.1* The Wachusett Regional District School Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee", shall consist of members from each Member Town, each such member to be a registered voter of the town such member represents. The Member Town with the smallest population as determined in accordance with paragraph 1. shall be entitled to elect two members to the committee, and the other Member Towns shall be entitled to elect members to the Committee on the following basis:

Proportion of Town's Population Number of Committee to that of Smallest Town Members

1.0 to 1.499	2
1.5 to 2.599	4
2.6 to 3.699	6
3.7 to 4.799	8
4.8 to 5.999	10
6.0 to 6.999	12
7.0 to 7.999	14

8.0 to 8.999	16
9.0 to 9.999	18

For every digit after 9.999, a Member Town shall be entitled to elect one additional member to the Committee. In 1994 and every year thereafter, members shall be elected to serve on the Committee at the annual town meeting of the Member Towns. The method of nomination and election of the members to the Committee from a particular Member Town, shall be the same as if they were candidates for an elective office in such Member Town.

- 1.1.2 All members elected thereafter, except as provided in paragraph 1.1.4, shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
- 1.1.3 The population of the Member Towns shall be determined every five (5) years in accordance with the towns' annual census with the next five (5) year review to be conducted in calendar 2021 and certified by the respective town clerks. Any increase in membership resulting from population changes shall be elected at the annual town meeting following the review year.
- 1.1.4 In the event of a population change in a Member Town resulting in an increase in the number of members to be elected to the Committee, such increase shall be effective at the annual town meeting following the certification of the census. Initial terms of office shall be established by the Committee so as to equalize the number of expirations for each Member Town per year and secondarily, to equalize the number of expirations each year on the Committee.
- 1.1.5 In the event of a population change in a Member Town resulting in a decrease in the number of members to be elected to the Committee from a Member Town, such decrease shall be effective upon the earliest expiration of the term of office of the Member Town's representation of the Committee.
- 1.1.6 If a vacancy occurs on the Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectboard of the Member Town to which the vacancy relates shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and a successor is qualified; at such annual meeting, a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

To:

## Section 1. MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Wachusett Regional District School Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee," shall consist of a total of sixteen (16) members, each member

hereinafter referred to as a “Member.” Each Member shall be elected at their respective Member Town elections as detailed in Section 1.1.1. below, and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, s. 14E (4). Six (6) Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town of Holden, three (3) Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town of Rutland, three (3) Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town of Sterling, two (2) Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town of Paxton, and two (2) Members of the Committee shall be residents of the Town of Princeton. As used in this Agreement, a person shall be deemed to be a “resident” and/or to meet the “residency” requirement for a particular Member Town only if such person is properly registered to vote in the respective Member Town.

**1.1.1** The decreasing of the size of the School Committee shall occur as follows,

commencing at the 2023 town elections. Just one (1) Member from the town of Sterling whose term is to expire in 2023 shall have their seat abolished at the conclusion of their term in 2023. The two (2) Members from the town of Holden whose terms are to expire in 2023 and who have received the least, and second-to-least elective votes shall have their seats abolished at the conclusion of their terms in 2023. The two (2) Members from the town of Holden whose terms are to expire in 2024 and who have received the least, and second-to-least elective votes shall have their seats abolished at the conclusion of their terms in 2024. The Member from the town of Rutland whose term is to expire in 2024 and who received the least elective votes shall have their seat abolished at the conclusion of their term in 2024. The Committee shall recalculate the weight of each Member’s vote, pursuant to Section 1.2, every time the number of Members on the Committee changes at any time for any reason.

1.2 To ensure compliance with federal, state, and regulatory laws, the weighted vote of all Members shall be recalculated by the Committee every five (5) years, or recalculated every time the number of members on the Committee changes, based upon Member Town population data taken from most recent Member Town census data, as certified by the Member Town Clerks, and shall be, as nearly as possible, in direct proportion to the population of the member town compared to the population of all member towns combined so that the actual weighted vote of each individual member is as nearly equal to one (1) as possible.

1.3. Commencing at the Reorganizational Meeting occurring on or after May 2023, all individual Committee votes, including Subcommittee votes, shall be based upon the allocation of proportional (weighted) votes of individual Committee Members, as detailed in Section 1.7.

1.4 Each Member must reside in the Member Town which she or he represents, as described in Section 1.1. Each Member must be elected consistent with the process for the election of Member Town officials in said Member Town and will be elected to open seats during the annual election or a special election in said town. The term of each elected member will begin on the first business day after their election and after being sworn in by the respective Town Clerk. A member who has not otherwise vacated their seat will continue to serve until their successor is elected and sworn.



1.5 Except as otherwise stated in Section 1.1.1. in the year first following the acceptance of this Amended Regional Agreement by all Member Towns and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, hereinafter referred to as the “Commissioner,” each member will serve a three (3) year term after being duly elected to a three-year seat at the Member Town’s Annual Election.

1.6 If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the Selectboard from the Member Town involved shall appoint a Member to serve until the next annual town election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve the balance of the unexpired term, if any. This Section 1.6 shall apply to all Member seats, including those Member seats that are vacated prior to being abolished pursuant to Section 1.1.1.

1.7 Commencing at the Reorganizational Meeting occurring on or after May 2023, each Member’s vote shall be weighted, as nearly as possible, in direct proportion to the population of the member town compared to the population of all member towns combined so that the actual weighted vote of each individual member is as nearly equal to one (1) as possible. For example, and for illustrative purposes only, if the 2020 Town census figures were used in calculating weighted voting for the sixteen (16) Member Committee, this 2020 data would result in the following weighted voting factors:

Individual Member Weighted Factor per Member Town	Census Population	Percentage of Combined Population	Committee Members	Total Voting Weight
Total 5 Towns	45,438	100%	16	16
HOLDEN	19,905	43.81%	6	7.01
1.16/Member				
PAXTON	5,004	11.01%	2	1.76
0.88/Member				
PRINCETON	3,495	7.69%	2	1.23
0.62/Member				

RUTLAND	9,049	19.92%	3	3.18
1.06/Member				
STERLING	7,985	17.57%	3	2.82
0.94/Member				

1.8 The quorum for the transaction of Committee business shall be a majority of the total vote value (i.e., 16.0) of all of the Committee Members as defined in Section 1.7 above. A weighted vote total less than a majority may adjourn but may take no other action.

1.9 The quorum for the transaction of each Subcommittee's business shall be a majority of the total vote value of all of the appointed Members to the respective Subcommittee. A weighted vote less than a majority as defined in this Section may adjourn but may take no other action.

1.10 Except where otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or by the terms of this Agreement, actions by the Committee will be taken by the weighted vote pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order's protocols that correspond to the particular type of vote being taken.

1.10.1 In order to approve the District's annual budget, to approve the incurring of debt, or to apportion among the Member Towns the amounts necessary to be raised in order to support the budget, or any other vote requiring a two-third majority vote by statute or regulation, a combined total of weighted votes equal to or exceeding 66.67% of the weighted vote of the entire Committee (i.e., not merely two thirds of the weighted vote of those present) shall be required.

1.11 Except where otherwise provided by statute, regulation, or by the terms of this Agreement, actions by a Subcommittee will also be taken by weighted vote total pursuant to "Roberts Rules of Order's" protocols that correspond to the particular type of vote being taken. For these purposes, a majority vote shall mean an affirmative vote by more than half of the weighted vote total of the Members present at a properly called meeting of the respective Subcommittee for which a quorum is present.

or act in anyway thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Karl Ottmar moved that I move that the Town vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 14E, by changing the language of Section 1 from its current content to the proposed language for section 1 contained in Article 17 of the Town Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 18 – Amendment to the Regional School Agreement** To see if the Town will vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as follows:

1. By changing the language of Section 11.3 from:

11.3 The Committee may determine by a majority vote to assign pre-kindergarten through grade eight (8) pupils to schools in other than their town of residence in case of an emergency that prevents use of a building in whole or part, for enrollment in special education classes or with parental approval.

To:

11.3 The Committee may determine by a majority vote to assign pre-kindergarten through grade eight (8) pupils to schools in other than their town of residence in case of an emergency that prevents use of a building in whole or in part.

2. By changing the language of Section 11.4 from:

11.4 Parents may request attendance in any of the Member Town schools, subject to approval of the Superintendent.

To:

11.4 Parents/Guardians may request attendance in any of the Member Town schools, subject to approval of the Superintendent or their designee, with the presumption the parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation of the pupil unless otherwise allowed by the Superintendent or their designee.

3. And by adding a new section 11.5 immediately following Section 11.4 as follows:

11.5 The Superintendent or their designee may assign pre-kindergarten through grade eight (8) pupils to schools in other than their town of residence for enrollment in special education classes, with parent/guardian approval, with transportation provided pursuant to Section 6. The Committee will yearly review special education programming and the choice of schools that host district-wide programs.

or act in anyway thereon.

Article submitted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee.

Karl Ottmar moved that the Town vote to approve a proposed amendment to the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, by changing the language of Section 11.3 from its current content to the proposed language for section 11.3 contained in Article 18 of the Town Warrant  
AND

by changing the language of Section 11.4 from its current content to the proposed language for section 11.4 contained in Article 18 of the Town Warrant  
AND

by adding a new section 11.5 immediately following Section 11.4, with proposed language for section 11.5 contained in Article 18 of the Town Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 19 – Town Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,512,828 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$310,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from Free Cash the sum of \$689,855 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$7,512,683 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, 2022, 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, Chair of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,512,828, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$310,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$689,855, for a total appropriation of \$7,512,683 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, excluding schools.

	<b><u>TOWN OPERATING BUDGET</u></b>			
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<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	5,936	6,114	6,114
5103	Administrative Secretary	56,327	58,032	60,986

5200	Purchased Services	10,441	10,441	10,441
5400	Supplies	500	600	600
5700	Other Expenses	<u>19,901</u>	<u>20,291</u>	<u>20,291</u>
		<b><u>93,105</u></b>	<b><u>95,478</u></b>	<b><u>98,432</u></b>
0100-1123	<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>			
5102	Salary	94,556	130,000	130,000
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>97,256</u></b>	<b><u>132,700</u></b>	<b><u>132,700</u></b>
0100-1124	<b>MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT</b>			
5102	Salary	19,769	20,374	20,374
		<b><u>19,769</u></b>	<b><u>20,374</u></b>	<b><u>20,374</u></b>
0100-1129	<b>TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR</b>			
5102	Salary	36,462	37,599	37,599
5200	Purchased Services	2,040	2,040	2,040
5400	Supplies	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>
		<b><u>39,105</u></b>	<b><u>40,242</u></b>	<b><u>40,242</u></b>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
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	30,100	30,992	30,992
5200	Purchased Services	1375	1375	1375
5400	Supplies	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
		<b><u>31,875</u></b>	<b><u>32,767</u></b>	<b><u>32,767</u></b>
0100-1141	<b>ASSESSORS</b>			
5101	Committee Salary (3)	5,371	5,371	5,532
5102	Administrative Assessor	48,228	45,054	45,054
5200	Purchased Services	3,460	3,460	3,460

5400	Supplies	500	500	500
5700	Other Expenses	25,400	25,575	25,575
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>		
		<b><u>82,959</u></b>	<b><u>79,960</u></b>	<b><u>80,121</u></b>
0100-1145	<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>			
5101	Salary	64,927	66,875	66,875
5103	Assistant to Treasurer/Collector	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	14,800	15,500	15,500
5400	Supplies	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>
		<b><u>80,852</u></b>	<b><u>83,500</u></b>	<b><u>83,500</u></b>
0100-1151	<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	15,000	15,000	15,000
5201	Chapter 60 Sec. 50B	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		<b><u>23,000</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	45,432	62,564	62,564
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
		<b><u>70,432</u></b>	<b><u>93,564</u></b>	<b><u>93,564</u></b>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1161	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
5101	Salary	43,799	49,587	49,587
5102	Record Keeping/	90	90	90
5103	Assistant Clerk	0	0	0
5200	Purchase Services	1,335	1,340	1,340
5400	Supplies	1,600	1,600	1,600
5700	Other Expenses	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
		<b><u>47,274</u></b>	<b><u>53,067</u></b>	<b><u>53,067</u></b>
0100-1162	<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
5103	Tellers	1,650	7,000	7,000
5200	Purchased Services	3,450	10,000	10,000
5400	Supplies	1,650	2,600	2,600
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>6,750</u></b>	<b><u>19,600</u></b>	<b><u>19,600</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>500</u>	<u>500</u>
		<b><u>4,200</u></b>	<b><u>3,850</u></b>	<b><u>3,850</u></b>
0100-1171	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
5102	Salary	5,594	5,594	5,762
5103	Clerk	690	690	711
5200	Purchased Services	1,210	1,210	1,210
5700	Conferences	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
		<b><u>7,744</u></b>	<b><u>7,744</u></b>	<b><u>7,933</u></b>
0100-1177	<b>REGIONAL PLANNING</b>			
5700	Assessment	<b><u>1,446</u></b>	<b><u>1,506</u></b>	<b><u>1,506</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>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1910	<b>TOWN EMPLOYEE INSURANCE</b>			
5206	Federal Medicare/Social Security	50,000	50,000	50,000
5207	Employee Assistance Program	0	0	0
5208	Premiums Health Insurance	765,500	718,827	718,827
5209	Life Insurance	1,700	1,700	1,700
	Deduction for Premiums	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>827,200</u></b>	<b><u>770,527</u></b>	<b><u>770,527</u></b>
0100-1911	<b>WORCESTER RET. SYSTM. ASSESSMENT</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<b><u>642,115</u></b>	<b><u>642,115</u></b>	<b><u>701,576</u></b>
0100-1913	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
0100-1192	<b>PUBLIC BUILDING PROPERTY</b>			
5103	Custodian	0	10400	10400
5200	Purchased Services	15,600	18,645	18,645

5400	Supplies	<u>2,250</u>	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,200</u>
		<u>17,850</u>	<u>32,245</u>	<u>32,245</u>
0100-1193	<b>INSURANCE AND BONDS</b>			
5200	Premiums	<u>149,900</u>	<u>210,800</u>	<u>210,800</u>
0100-1196	<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	<u>950</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,150</u>
0100-1199	<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	400	450	450
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>400</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
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	41,500	42,750	42,750
5400	Supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
		<u>44,500</u>	<u>47,250</u>	<u>47,250</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<u>2,309,388</u>	<u>2,432,364</u>	<u>2,495,129</u>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
	<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
0100-1210	<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
5102	Salary - Chief	97,898	100,836	100,836
5103	Compensation	886,152	936,583	925,123
5200	Purchased Services	78,338	48,338	48,338
5400	Supplies	49,914	58,650	58,650
5700	dues	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>
		<u>1,113,952</u>	<u>1,146,057</u>	<u>1,134,597</u>
0100-1215	<b>REGIONAL DISPATCH</b>			
5200	Compensation	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
0100-1220	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
5102	Salary - Chief	124,249	128,849	128,849
5103	Compensation	192,518	228,601	233,599
5200	Purchased Services	51,326	56,100	52,600
5800	Equipment	<u>46,500</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>29,000</u>



		<u>414,593</u>	<u>443,550</u>	<u>444,048</u>
0100-1232	<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>			
5103	Compensation	618,771	663,000	663,000
5200	Purchased Services	65,800	67,300	67,300
5400	Supplies	21,050	29,500	29,500
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>705,621</u>	<u>759,800</u>	<u>759,800</u>
0100-1241	<b>BUILDING COMMISSIONER</b>			
5102	Compensation	30,066	30,818	30,968
5103	Local Inspector	3,500	3,500	3,500
5200	Purchased Services	250	325	325
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>33,816</u>	<u>34,643</u>	<u>34,793</u>
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	5,573	5,573	5,740
5103	Assistant	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>5,973</u>	<u>5,973</u>	<u>6,140</u>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1292	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
5102	Compensation	8,685	8,685	8,946
5200	Purchased Services	2,618	2,742	2,742
5400	Supplies	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>175</u>
		<u>11,478</u>	<u>11,602</u>	<u>11,863</u>
0100-1295	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>			
5101	Salary/Hire	1,464	1,464	1,508
5103	Hourly Paid Employees	0	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	15,699	15,699	5,699
5400	Supplies	50	50	50
5700	Trees	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<u>18,213</u>	<u>18,213</u>	<u>8,257</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<u>2,307,646</u>	<u>2,433,838</u>	<u>2,411,498</u>

	<b><u>PUBLIC SERVICE</u></b>			
0100-1421	<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
5102	Superintendent	79,047	79,047	81,023
5103	Compensation	427,085	427,085	458,343
5200	Purchased Services	176,402	176,402	176,402
5400	Supplies	38,478	38,478	31,700
5700	Type 1 Blacktop	0	0	0
5800	Equipment	<u>13,724</u>	<u>13,724</u>	<u>13,724</u>
		<b><u>734,736</u></b>	<b><u>734,736</u></b>	<b><u>761,192</u></b>
0100-1423	<b>SNOW &amp; ICE</b>			
5130	Overtime	52,633	52,633	53,950
5400	Salt & Sand	130,000	130,000	140,000
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>200,000</u></b>
0100-1424	<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>			
5200	Electricity	<u>17,722</u>	<u>17,711</u>	<u>17,711</u>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		<b><u>941,141</u></b>	<b><u>941,130</u></b>	<b><u>978,903</u></b>
	<b><u>SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT</u></b>			
0100-1443	<b>WASTE COLLECTION</b>			
5200	Contract	<u>399,860</u>	<u>401,618</u>	<u>408,983</u>
		<b><u>399,860</u></b>	<b><u>401,618</u></b>	<b><u>408,983</u></b>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
0100-1491	<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>			
5101	DPW Superintendent Salary	3,363	3,363	3,447
5102	Compensation	5,094	5,094	14,238
5200	Purchased Services	1650	1650	1750
5400	Supplies	2,500	2,500	4,900
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>24,335</u></b>
0100-1510	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>			
5101	Committee Salary	425	425	438
5200	Purchased Services	3,500	3,500	3,500
5400	Supplies	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>
		<b><u>4,113</u></b>	<b><u>4,113</u></b>	<b><u>4,126</u></b>

0100-1515	<b>SANITATION ENGINEER</b>			
5102	Compensation	<u>12,887</u>	<u>12,887</u>	<u>13,274</u>
0100-1519	<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</b>			
5102	Salary	<u>2101</u>	<u>2101</u>	<u>2164</u>
<b>TOTAL SANITATION &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>		<u>431,568</u>	<u>433,326</u>	<u>452,882</u>
	<b><u>HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>			
0100-1541	<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>			
5102	Director	27,438	28,294	28,294
5104	Outreach Coordinator	6,714	6,915	6,915
5103	Van Drivers	21,398	22,040	22,040
5200	Purchased Services	5,700	5,700	5,700
5400	Supplies	4,900	4,900	4,900
5700	Other expenses	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,190</u>
		<u>67,340</u>	<u>69,039</u>	<u>69,039</u>
0100-1543	<b>VETERAN'S AID</b>			
5101	Compensation Agent	1,104	1,104	1,137
5200	Purchased Services	100	100	100
5700	Benefits	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,500</u>
		<u>10,504</u>	<u>10,704</u>	<u>10,737</u>
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		<u>77,844</u>	<u>79,743</u>	<u>79,776</u>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
	<b><u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u></b>			
0100-1610	<b>LIBRARY</b>			
5102	Library Director	58,076	52,907	52,907
5104	Children's Librarian	42,825	45,263	45,263
5103	Compensation	43,931	45,254	45,254
5200	Purchased Services	10,274	11,047	13,617
5400	Supplies	39,151	42,814	41,616
5800	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>194,257</u>	<u>197,285</u>	<u>198,657</u>
0100-1630	<b>RECREATION</b>			
5102	Recreation Director	26,135	29,615	29,615
5103	Seasonal Employees	0	0	0
5104	Parks Director	0	0	0

5105	Administrative Assistant	2,546	0	0
5200	Purchased Services	0	0	0
5400	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<b><u>28,681</u></b>	<b><u>29,615</u></b>	<b><u>29,615</u></b>
0100-1691	<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>			
5200	Purchased Services	400	400	400
5400	Supplies	0	0	0
5700	Other expenses	<u>0</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>223,338</u></b>	<b><u>227,300</u></b>	<b><u>228,672</u></b>
0100-1915	<b>CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>			
5812	Heating Oil	49,400	49,400	49,400
5813	Postage	7,000	10,000	10,000
5814	Telephones	15,500	13,500	13,500
5815	Electricity	72,890	67,750	67,750
5816	Diesel	42,000	42,000	42,000
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING</b>		<b><u>186,790</u></b>	<b><u>182,650</u></b>	<b><u>182,650</u></b>
		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
	<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)	45,000	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)	65,000	0	0
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	10,000	0	0
	Truck/Ambulance (State House Note 366000)	45,000	45,000	45,000
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	26,000	26,000	26,000
	DPW Truck (March 2022)	0	41,710	41,710
		<b><u>556,000</u></b>	<b><u>522,710</u></b>	<b><u>522,710</u></b>
0100-1715	<b>INTEREST ON NOTES &amp; BONDS</b>			
	DPW Building Renovation (40,100)	581	493	493
	school windows replacement (114,500)	1,305	1,065	1,065

	DPW truck and Senior/PCS paving (Feb 2021)	5,672	4,613	4,613
	PSC USDA Long Term Loan	61,250	59,063	59,063
	PSC conventional Long Term Loan	92,759	80,487	80,487
	PCS State House Serial Loan (998767)	2,405	0	0
	PSC State House Serial Loan (998767)	370	0	0
	State House Note 366000	1,485	495	495
	DPW Backhoe (May 2018)	2,470	1,482	1,482
	DPW Truck (March 2022)	0	8,065	8,065
		<b><u>168,297</u></b>	<b><u>155,763</u></b>	<b><u>155,763</u></b>
1752-5715	<b>SHORT-TERM LOAN INTEREST</b>			
	Short Term Interest	<b><u>1700</u></b>	<b><u>1700</u></b>	<b><u>1700</u></b>
17__	<b>STATE HOUSE NOTE FEES</b>			
	Purchased Services	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>3000</u></b>	<b><u>3000</u></b>
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<b><u>725,997</u></b>	<b><u>683,173</u></b>	<b><u>683,173</u></b>
	SUBTOTAL (TOWN OPERATING BUDGET ONLY)	<b><u>7,203,712</u></b>	<b><u>7,413,524</u></b>	<b><u>7,512,683</u></b>

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,512,683 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the Town Operating Budget contained in the Warrant.

**Article 20 - WRSD Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,177,576 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, 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.

Karl Ottmar moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,177,576 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022.

		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
1300	<b>WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>			
5300	Minimum Local Contribution	4,694,011	4,733,160	4,733,160
5320	Regional Agreement Spending Assessment	1,801,230	218,945	218,945
5310	Long-Term Debt Repayment Assessment	217,745	1,698,287	1,698,287
5315	Transportation	436,224	520,517	520,517
	Oil Remediation Debt Assessment	<u>7,230</u>	<u>6,667</u>	<u>6,667</u>
<b>TOTAL WACHUSETT REG. SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		<b><u>7,156,440</u></b>	<b><u>7,177,576</u></b>	<b><u>7,177,576</u></b>

The motion was seconded.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

**Article 21 - Bay Path Budget** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$438,277 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022; or act in any way thereon.

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

Robert Wilby, member of the SWCRVSD Committee, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$438,277 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022.

		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023
		<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>
1310	<b>BAY PATH REGIONAL VOC. TECHNICAL SCHOOL</b>			
5300	Bay Path Debt	63,815	63,576	63,576
	Bay Path Assessment	257,694	374,701	374,701
		<b><u>321,509</u></b>	<b><u>438,277</u></b>	<b><u>438,277</u></b>

The motion was seconded.  
Selectboard recommended approval.  
Finance Committee recommended approval.

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

SUBTOTAL (SCHOOL BUDGETS ONLY)	<u>7,477,949</u>	<u>7,615,853</u>	<u>7,615,853</u>
GRAND TOTAL (TOWN OPERATING & SCHOOL BUDGET)	<u>14,681,661</u>	<u>15,029,377</u>	<u>15,128,536</u>

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 to dissolve the meeting.  
The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 8:24pm.

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%	





*TOWN CLERK*

**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 Richards, 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
<u>MUNICIPAL ASSISTANT COMPENSATION</u>	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
							-
	131,110.20	11,549,526.36	25,858.69	(35,139.75)	(35,942.66)	(11,549,797.61)	85,615.23

	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)		-
	4,696.28	192,067.23	2,022.25	(627.18)	(197,669.27)	489.31

	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	-	-			-	-
FarmAnimal Excise	296.50				(296.50)	-
Title V Loans	42,797.48	30,053.00			(32,332.07)	40,518.41
	343,214.97	113,935.64	-	-	(115,651.92)	341,498.69



	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 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

Open 24 hours to provide information and assistance to the residents of Paxton.

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

