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## TOWN OFFICERS 1936

### MODERATOR

RUFUS B. DUNBAR

### TOWN CLERK

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

GEORGE H. WHITNEY (Deceased)

ETTA E. ROBINSON (Appointed)

### TREASURER

ETTA E. ROBINSON

### AUDITOR

EARL BEMIS

### CONSTABLES

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

GAYLORD B. PIKE

### TREE WARDEN

LUCIUS W. PARKER

### SELECTMEN

MARY M. DANIHER

Term expires 1937

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1938

GEORGE H. WHITNEY (Deceased)

Term expires 1939

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

GRACE C. MACCABEE

Term expires 1937

ALBERT N. PUTNAM (Appointed)

Term expires 1937

HAROLD F. HANSEN (Resigned)

Term expires 1938

EDWARD L. MACCABEE

Term expires 1939

## ASSESSORS

CARL H. WOOD	Term expires 1937
HENRY N. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1938
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term expires 1939

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1937
HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1938
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1939

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

CHESTER A. EVERLETH	Term expires 1937
FRANK GRIFFIN	Term expires 1938
FRANK A. REED	Term expires 1939

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

ELLA B. CATHERWOOD	Term expires 1937
GLADYS B. WATSON	Term expires 1938
GUSTAVUS A. ROSSIER	Term expires 1939

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

MARY M. DANIHER	Term expires 1937
GEORGE V. CLAPP	Term expires 1938
WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term expires 1939

## PLANNING BOARD

MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1937
RUFUS B. DUNBAR	Term expires 1938
EDMUND A. REISER	Term expires 1939

## TRUSTEES RICHARDS' MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1937
IRENE M. REED	Term expires 1937
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN	Term expires 1938
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1938
DR. WM. L. SHIPMAN	Term expires 1939
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1939

**Appointments by the Selectmen**

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

LEWIS B. CURTISS

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

JOHN L. JOHNSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

WALTER V. PIKE

CHIEF OF POLICE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

DOG OFFICER

GEORGE MACCABEE

POUND KEEPER

ELIOT L. CROUCH

FIRE WARDEN

ROY M. WENTWORTH

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

EUCLID R. LOMBARD

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

J. RALPH BARCLAY

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

LUCIUS W. PARKER

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

RICHARD VAN WYCK

CARE OF COMMON  
ROBERT S. SMITH

FENCE VIEWERS

ELIOT L. CROUCH                      SAMUEL VAN WYCK  
HENRY N. WILLIAMS

FIELD DRIVERS

ELIOT L. CROUCH                      SAMUEL VAN WYCK  
HENRY N. WILLIAMS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

FRED R. DIFLEY                      CHESTER M. ROSSIER  
JOHN D. OLMSTEAD

**Report**  
**OF**  
**AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF PAXTON**

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Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44,  
General Laws

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December 17, 1936.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MR. GEORGE H. WHITNEY, Chairman  
PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from January 1, 1935 to September 12, 1936, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL  
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from January 1, 1935, to September 12, 1936, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of September 12, 1936. An examination of this balance sheet shows many overdrawn accounts of 1935 and 1936, in which connection attention is called to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which prohibits the incurrence of liabilities in excess of appropriations voted by the town. Action by the town should be taken to provide for these overdrawn accounts.

The accounting officer's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accounting officer's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments by the treasurer were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The savings bank books and securities in the custody of the treasurer representing the investments of the several trust funds were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The cash book additions were verified and the treasurer's cash balance on September 12, 1936, was proved by a reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed, and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination were audited, and all subsequent commitment lists were added and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes for collection.

The collector's cash books were footed, the payments to the treasurer by the collector were checked to the treasurer's and the accounting officer's books, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accounting officer's ledger accounts.

The outstanding accounts were verified by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

A considerable amount of detailed checking was required in order to prove the tax collector's accounts, thereby increasing the length of the audit and, consequently, its cost.

The records pertaining to town hall rentals were examined and found to be incomplete. A detailed record of all hall rentals should be kept showing date on which hall was used, amount charged, date and amount of collection, and the payments to the treasurer. All collections should be promptly paid over to the town treasurer.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen and town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to

furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the electric light department were examined and checked. The commitments were checked, the recorded collections were compared with the records of receipts by the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled. The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked in detail. The records of charges were added and compared with the amounts billed, the collections as recorded were proved with the payments to the treasurer, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand was verified by actual count.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the public welfare department were examined and checked.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the courtesies extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

**TOWN OF PAXTON**  
**BALANCE SHEET — SEPTEMBER 12, 1936**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**  
**ASSETS**

**Cash:**

In Banks and Office	\$ 6,841 68	
Due from Treasurer	84 65	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,926 33

**Accounts Receivable:****Taxes:**

Levy of 1933	\$ 66 47	
Levy of 1934	305 00	
Levy of 1935	7,329 51	
Levy of 1936	27,696 88	
	<hr/>	35,397 86

**Old Age Assistance Taxes:**

Levy of 1932	\$ 3 00	
Levy of 1933	9 00	
	<hr/>	12 00

**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:**

Levy of 1933	\$ 18 42	
Levy of 1934	71 87	
Levy of 1935	113 78	
Levy of 1936	465 42	
	<hr/>	669 49

**Special Assessments:**

Moth 1933	\$ 15	
Moth 1934	40	
Moth 1936	36 70	
	<hr/>	37 25

Tax Titles	7,785 64
State Aid to Highways—Chapter 81	951 25
Water Charges	327 57

## Electric Light Department:

Consumers' Charges	\$2,664 80	
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Due from Electric Light Department	772 56	
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		3,437 36
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Estimated Receipts to be Collected		6,211 92
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## Overlay Deficits:

1931	\$ 42 07	
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1933	93 18	
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		135 25
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## Overdrawn Accounts:

1931:

Snow Removal	\$ 13 03	
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1933 Bills	52 08	
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1935:

Assessors	\$ 7 76	
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Town Hall	154 25	
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Snow Removal	241 06	
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Public Welfare	1,114 10	
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Old Age Assistance	14 61	
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Soldiers' Relief	120 15	
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Trade School	1,301 71	
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Care of Common	26 44	
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Water Department	155 33	
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Highway Equipment		
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Maintenance	227 44	
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E. R. A. Administration	65 57	
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Repairs Koberg Property	35 93	
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		3,464 35
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1936:

Chapter 90, Maintenance	\$ 411 90	
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Highway Equipment:		
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Maintenance	78 96	
Snow Removal	163 30	
Library	342 68	
Care of Common	6 47	
Insurance and Bonds	219 76	
Repairs Koberg Property	27 82	
Water Department	1,290 51	
Interest and Discount	2,171 28	
	<u>4,712 68</u>	
		<u>8,242 14</u>
		<u>\$70,134 06</u>

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

##### Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue 1936		\$10,000 00
State Tax	\$1,818 25	
County Tax	1,477 00	
	<u>3,295 25</u>	

##### Appropriation Balances:

General	\$17,165 34	
Electric Light Operation	587 43	
Water System Construction	2,355 29	
	<u>20,108 06</u>	

##### Overpayments—to be refunded:

Taxes 1932	2 00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1932	1 31	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	400 00	
Edward D. Bigelow Library Fund	50 00	
Trust Fund Income	245 72	

## Accounts Payable to Town by

Electric Light Department	772 56
Highway Machinery Rentals	501 55
Electric Light Depreciation Fund	1,893 77
Electric Light Meter Guarantee Fund	184 30
Town Clerk's Dog Licenses	93 00
Federal Grant—Old Age Assistance	35 00
Federal Grant—Old Age Assistance	

Administration	1 14
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Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,053 03
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## Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1934	\$ 305 00	
Levy of 1935	243 42	
Levy of 1936	1,011 87	
	<hr/>	1,560 29

## Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 668 18	
Special Assessment	37 25	
Tax Title	7,785 64	
Electric Light	2,664 80	
Water	327 57	
	<hr/>	11,483 44

Revenue 1936	2 00
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Surplus Revenue	18,451 64
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\$70,134 06

**DEBT ACCOUNTS**

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$76,000 00
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	\$76,000 00
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School Building Loan	\$ 6,000 00
Water System Construction Loan	70,000 00
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	\$76,000 00

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$50,797 36
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D. Russell Boynton Charity Fund	\$ 1,000 00
Edward D. Bigelow Village Improvement Fund	1,000 00
Edward D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000 00
George E. Bigelow Library Fund	500 00
Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668 87
Edward D. Bigelow Library Fund	19,822 08
C. D. Boynton Fund for General Purposes	7,648 00
C. D. Boynton Record Building Fund	192 81
Howe Farm Fund	4,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,965 60
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	\$50,797 36

**REPORT**

OF THE

**Trustee of the C. D. Boynton Fund**

Cash in the People's Savings

Bank, Worcester	\$2,700 00
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Cash in the Worcester Five Cents

Savings Bank	1,748 00
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Cash in the Worcester County

Institution for Savings	1,600 00
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Cash in the Worcester Mechanics

Savings Bank	1,600 00
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\$7,648 00

Dividends received on the above	\$74 75
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48 40

44 30

44 30

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\$211 75

Administration expenses	\$ 8 00
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Paid Town Treasurer	203 75
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\$211 75

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

December 31, 1936.

Trustee.

# BUDGET FOR 1937

	Appropriated	Spent	Estimate
	1936	1936	1937
Assessors	\$275 00	\$274 05	\$300 00
Assessors Reports	125 00	116 80	none
Auditor	1 00	none	1 00
Care of Common	60 00	84 82	100 00
Care of Town Clock	60 00	80 21	60 00
Certification of Notes	10 00	6 00	10 00
Constables	75 00	84 50	100 00
Contingent	500 00	435 45	none
Elections	150 00	173 48	75 00
Fire Department	600 00	667 93	600 00
Flag Pole	15 00	15 00	none
Board of Health	125 00	171 14	150 00
Highways, Chapt. 81,			
State	4,350 00		
Town	2,175 00	6,524 98	2,175 00

# Highways, Chapt. 90, Construction

State	3,375 00		
County	3,000 00		
Town	1,500 00	7,874 04	1,500 00

# Highways, Chapt. 90, Maintenance

Town	800 00		800 00
County	1,600 00		
State	1,200 00	3,600 00	800 00
Inspector of Animals	25 00	25 00	50 00
Inspector Meat and Slaughtering	5 00	16 00	5 00

(Plus \$1.00 for each inspection)

Insurance and Bonds	1,200 00	1,558 79	1,600 00
Interest on Notes	300 00	47 03	150 00
July 4th	50 00	45 95	50 00
Legal	100 00	12 50	50 00
Memorial Day	75 00	58 25	75 00
Mooreland Cemetery	150 00	99 75	150 00

Moth	200 00	147 83	200 00
Old Age Assistance	750 00	628 70	1,200 00
Printing	150 00	136 04	150 00
Public Welfare	2,000 00	2,407 24	2,000 00
Boynton Fund			
Richards Memorial Library	none	1,335 26	self-supporting
Schools (High and Grade)	21,000 00	20,569 71	21,000 00
Schools (Trade)	4,000 00	3,805 88	4,000 00
Sealer Weights and Measures	25 00	25 00	25 00
Selectmen	500 00	478 82	500 00
Snow Removal	2,000 00	2,245 55	2,000 00
Soldier's Relief	625 00	13 00	none
Street Lights	800 00	777 80	800 00
Tax Collector	500 00	517 80	500 00
Town Clerk	110 00	106 91	110 00
Town Hall	950 00	906 25	1,000 00
Town Hall, Kitchen Stove	150 00	150 00	none

Treasurer	400 00	400 00	400 00
Tree Warden	50 00	49 85	50 00
Tuberculosis Hospital	1,028 26	1,028 26	1,040 41
Water Department	2,500 00	2,488 94	2,500 00
Overdrafts for 1936			1,232 46

Common	\$24 82
Clock	20 21
Constables	9 50
Elections	23 48
Fire Department	67 93
Health	46 14
Inspector Meats	11 00
Insurance	358 79
Welfare	407 24
Snow	245 55
Tax Collector	17 80

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Daniher, Chairman,  
George C. Hunt,  
Samuel L. Clapp,

Harry Clark,  
Mrs. Etta E. Robinson,  
Henry O'Janne.

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

To the Commission of the Paxton Electric Light Department I present the following report of the department December 31, 1936.

# REPORT OF THE Paxton Electric Light Department

## ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$27,360 24
General Equipment	288 90
Cash	698 66
Special Deposits	161 02
Accounts Receivable	1,734 70
Material and Supplies	942 23
Depreciation Fund	2,099 67
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	\$33,285 42

## LIABILITIES

Appropriation for Construction	\$7,090 07
Consumer's Deposits	150 65
Loans Repayment	13,116 00
Profit and Loss	12,928 70
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	\$33,285 42

## COST OF PLANT

Cost of Structures	\$ 293 44
Cost of Transformer Station and Sub. station Equipment	1,358 00
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	25,908 52
Cost of Meters	2,699 94
Cost of Line Transformers	6,466 27
Cost of Street Lightning Equipment	3,681 24
Cost of Office Equipment	251 65
Cost of General Equipment	99 93
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	\$40,758 99

The Depreciation Fund for 1937 will be three per cent of the cost of the plant or \$1,222.77.

This year the plant has installed automatic switching equipment at Barre Rd. and Richards Ave.

12 new street light fixtures on various streets in Paxton and their cost has come from plant profits.

A further reduction in the charge for current to the consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. WENTWORTH,  
Manager.

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**Board of Health**  
FOR THE YEAR 1936

The Board of Health was organized February 13, 1936, with the late George H. Whitney as Chairman, Mary M. Daniher as Clerk and George C. Hunt, Third Member

We wish to congratulate the Parents, School Teachers including Mr. Gilbert MacDonald, Principal, as well as the School Physician and School Nurse for their splendid co-operation during the past year, thus enabling us to make the following very satisfactory report as compared with the year 1935:

5 Cases Scarlet Fever

1 Case Measles

3 Cases Dogbite

May we continue to have this support during the year 1937 and thus keep illness at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. DANIHER, Clerk,

GEORGE C. HUNT,

Board of Health.

## **List of Jurors for 1936**

HAROLD F. HANSEN

LEWIS B. CURTISS

EUCLID R. LOMBARD

HENRY N. WILLIAMS

CHARLES C. CRAIG

JOSEPH H. PARK

**REPORT**

OF THE

**Board of Trustees of the Richards  
Memorial Library**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1936

Funds for use in 1936:

Unexpended Balance December 31, 1935	\$330 71
Plus late interest returns	151 26
February 1, 1936, Dog Fund	251 05
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	\$733 02

Income on Trust Funds:

George S. Bigelow Fund \$500.00,	
Interest to December 31	\$ 13 84
Library Fund \$1,668.87,	
Interest to December 31	19 66
C. D. Boynton Fund,	
Interest to December 31	203 75
Edward Bigelow Fund,	
Interest to December 31	642 42
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Total Funds Available in 1936	\$1,612 69

## Expenditures:

Salary, Librarian	\$400 00
Salary, Janitor	366 00
Books	308 35
Magazines	24 50
Fuel	152 65
Electric Light	20 69
New Equipment	21 00
Supplies	8 32
Water	15 00
Miscellaneous	18 75
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Total	\$1,335 26
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Unused Balance	\$ 277 43

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL L. CLAPP, Chairman,  
MAY N. LIDSTROM, Clerk,  
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN,  
IRENE M. REED,  
DR. WM. L. SHIPMAN,

Board of Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library.

## REPORT

OF THE

# Librarian of the Richards Memorial Library

To the Citizens of Paxton:

The circulation of books for the year ending Dec. 31, 1936, was 6,861, an increase of 135 over the preceding year. The circulation of books and magazines to the Town's people as well as to the summer residents has been most gratifying.

## Book Stock—

Number of books in the Library	6,000
Number of books purchased	300
Number of books donated	25
Number of magazines donated	50

## Circulation—

Books adult	3,620
Books juvenile	3,241
Books adult non-fiction	160
Books juvenile non-fiction	150
Books and magazine school reports	165

Magazines, adult	379
Magazines, juvenile	170
Books discarded	100

Books and magazines donated by Mrs. Herbert Esterbrook, Misses Bertha and Lucy Bill and Mrs. A. G. Wesson.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA T. PECK,  
Librarian.

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Mooreland Cemetery**

Appropriated	\$150 00
General care	99 75
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Unexpended	\$ 50 25

Five and three half lots sold.

EUCLID R. LOMBARD,

Superintendent.

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**Moth Department**

Paxton, Mass., Jan. 11, 1936

Board of Selectmen:

Property Owners—Town Labor	6,046 nests
Town Roads—W. P. A. Labor	19,014 nests
State Road	2,416 nests

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27,476 nests

Appropriated	\$200 00
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Personal Property, Labor	\$ 96 00
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Stock and Tools	51 83
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Balance on hand	\$ 52 17
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L. W. PARKER,

Supt. of Moth Dept.

**REPORT**

OF THE

**Board of Public Welfare**

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1936

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**EXPENDITURES**

Case No. 59	\$261 42	
Case No. 73	313 80	
Case No. 84	198 21	
Case No. 86	7 25	
Case No. 89	313 80	
Case No. 91	3 00	
Case No. 93	146 50	
Case No. 95	100 88	
Case No. 98	88 00	
Case No. 99	264 00	
Case No. 100	12 00	
Case No. 102	265 00	
Case No. 103	150 00	
Case No. 113	18 00	
Case No. 114	162 14	
Salaries	80 00	
Supplies	38	
Letter File	19 35	
Miscellaneous	1 10	
Postage	2 41	
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		\$2,407 24
Appropriation	\$1,000 00	

Interest Boynton Fund

27 69

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 \$1,027 69
 

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Overdraft

\$379 55

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation

\$750 00

Expenditures:

Case No. 3

\$323 00

Case No. 6

216 00

Case No. 8

54 00

Case No. 9

35 00

Supplies

70

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 \$628 70
 

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Balance

\$121 30

## REIMBURSEMENT FROM PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 73

\$312 73

Case No. 102

315 00

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 \$627 73
 

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## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No. 3

\$283 00

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 \$283 00
 

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ALBERT N. PUTNAM, Chairman

GRACE C. MACCABEE, Clerk

EDWARD L. MACCABEE

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1936

**School Committee**

HARRY CLARK, Chairman	Term expires 1938
MAY N. LIDSTROM, Secretary	Term expires 1939
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1937

**Superintendent of Schools**

JAMES R. CHILDS	Holden 12 or 209
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**School Nurse**

EVELYN E. CROSSLEY, R.N.	Holden 265
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**School Physician**

WILLIAM T. KNOWLTON, M.D.	Holden 246
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**Attendance Officer**

ALFRED MACCABEE	2-2436
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**Janitor**

GEORGE MACCABEE	2-0239
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**School Calendar**

Fall Term	16 weeks	Sept. 9 to Dec. 23, 1936
Winter Term	8 weeks	Jan. 4 to Feb. 26, 1937
Spring Term	8 weeks	Mar. 8 to Apr. 30, 1937
Summer Term	6 weeks	May 10 to June 18, 1937
Fall Term	16 weeks	Sept. 8 to Dec. 24, 1937

**Holidays**

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day, October 12, November 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE YEAR 1936

Funds for use in 1936:

Appropriation	\$21,000 00
Bigelow Fund, interest	27 50
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	\$21,027 50

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$ 151 00
Superintendent	582 22
Teachers	4,724 59
Janitor	810 40
Health	290 55
Books	121 04
School Supplies	146 43
Janitor's Supplies	55 87

High School Transportation	3,162 74
Grade Transportation	2,565 00
High School Tuition	6,664 00
Light and Fuel	396 87
Miscellaneous	62 55
New Equipment	155 83
Repairs	680 62

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\$20,569 71

Unused Balance \$457 79

Trade School:

Appropriation \$4,000 00

Expenditures:

Tuition \$2,832 85

Transportation 973 03

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\$3,805 88

Unused Balance \$ 194 12

## Grants and Gifts from the State:

High School Tuition	\$3,855 46
High School Transportation	3,143 90
School Fund	2,540 00
Superintendent	290 00

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 \$9,829 36

Trade Schools	2,359 73
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Total	\$12,189 09
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Total School Expenditures	\$24,375 59
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Grants and Gifts from State	12,189 09
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Net	\$12,186 50
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Respectfully submitted,

MAY N. LIDSTROM,

Secretary.

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**Superintendent of Schools**

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1936.

To the School Committee of Paxton:

This report is the thirty-seventh in the series since the formation of the present Union and the nineteenth by the writer. The statistics which follow show that we had an average membership of 103 during the school year ending in June, and 145 between the ages of 5 and 16 in the Registration of Minors as of October 1st. There were 17 in the graduating class. We have had this year an average of 38 attending high school and 15 in Trade School.

There were no changes in teachers and it was decided to continue the organization of eight elementary grades with two in each room. There has as yet been no increase in enrolment that would justify having more teachers or changing the organization.

Miss Parker resigned as School Nurse after one year of service, to be married. Miss Evelyn E. Crossley was chosen to carry on the health program and assumed her duties Sept. 21. Her report and that of Miss Parker indicate that we are trying to place more emphasis on this important part of our program. The audiometer test of hear-

ing may now be secured without cost from the State Department of Health. Meetings are being conducted throughout the state by this Department to determine ways and means of securing more effective service. The last issue of CONTACT, the bulletin of the Department, contains an offer to make a survey of any school health program and follow it with recommendations. Of clinical service they say, "The function of the school is to teach and not treat disease. Clinical service should be an incidence—not an end of the program."

Rules governing attendance at High and Trade Schools were adopted and printed this year so there should be no question as to the extent of these privileges. Attendance at Evening Trade School must have the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The building and playground have been maintained in good condition and improvements made as funds permitted. Membership in the N. E. A. is again reported as 100 per cent and the Paxton-Rutland Teachers' Club has been valuable in the social and professional life of the teachers. I am glad to record the formation of 4-H Clubs among both boys and girls and to give credit to the leaders for their service. The Girl Scouts have been under the leadership of Mrs. Coulthard. American Education Week was observed by invitations to parents to visit school. It has been said that the aim of public school education is the formation of good habits and the avoidance of bad habits. It sounds simple

enough but it calls for the combined intelligent effort of the home, the church and the school. The habits formed in youth, if of the right kind, take us over the crises in life—habits of body and of mind. The closer the sympathetic understanding between the parents and the school the more successful each will be in helping the boy and the girl to self-respect and achievement.

The school paper has been continued this year. The June issue contained essays by the graduates, among them a brief history of the town. The Public Speaking Contest sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar was held in April. Richard Reed and Madelyn Girouard won first prizes and George Wylie and Dorothy Ahearn second prizes. The American Legion awards were made to Adam Urbonovitch and Barbara Smith. In the Animal Poster Contest first prizes were won by George Clapp, David Wylie and Betty Bemis. Second prizes were won by Robert Anderson, Patience Haley, Gwendolyn Maccabee and Stella Nanigian. Joyce Everleth, Sumner Foskett, Jacob Nanigian, Alex Urbonovitch and Douglas Williams had Honorable Mention.

Our thanks are due to the Parent-Teacher Association for their interesting and helpful programs, to the American Legion Auxiliary and to many other friends of the school for their cooperation. In the hands of the teachers themselves rests the ultimate success of the school. Sympathetic understanding combined with a keen sense of justice mark the real teacher. She will teach children and not subjects,

and she will be well informed, in love with her work and an inspiration to her pupils.

I want to thank the Committee for the loyal support they have given us and for their splendid service for our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**School Nurse**

**JANUARY—JUNE**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Following is my report of the health work in our schools from January through June.

Regular visits were made to the school and the health of the pupils discussed with the teachers. Thanks to their careful watch and prompt exclusion of pupils suspected of having a contagious disease, a possible epidemic was averted. A pre-school clinic for children expecting to enter school in the fall, was held in May with Mrs. Reiser assisting the Nurse and School Physician. Ten children were examined and vaccinated. Parents were notified of defects and urged to have them corrected during the summer.

All pupils were weighed and measured and the majority showed normal growth in height and weight. Such records help to determine the general physical health of the child and if they were given on the report cards they would help to keep the parents informed.

I wish to thank the Committee, parents, teachers and members of the P. T. A., who have so kindly cooperated.

## Summary:

## Pre-School Clinic

Examined	10
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Vaccinated	10
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Throat defects	5
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Poor teeth	3
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Glands	1
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## Exclusions

Pediculosis	1
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Com. Disease	5
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Impetigo	1
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Scabies	2
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Home visits	74
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Respectfully submitted,

IRENE PARKER, R. N.

**REPORT**

OF THE

**School Nurse**

SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The compilation of school health facts reveals many interesting phases. Facts are after all our best guide, and our achievements through local organizations, the State

Board of Health, the Southern Worcester County Health Association and others, have made school health protection a sound economic policy. The discovery of defects in their early stages will prevent epidemics and save the tax-payers money.

The Von Pirquet test was given to ten pupils in October by the Glidden Clinic. This test is given to determine the susceptibility of the child to tuberculosis. There were no positive reactions.

A general sanitary inspection was made with the School Physician and his report sent to the Committee. They deserve high praise for their prompt action in carrying out the recommendations. Pupils were weighed and only a very small percent failed to make normal gains both in weight and height. Class-room inspections are made monthly and more frequently if the occasion demands. Home visits were made as necessary. These home visits are a connecting link between school and home and are intended to give a better understanding of the problems or defects of the child. I found the parents appreciative and ready to cooperate in correcting existing conditions.

Dr. Bessie Scott has offered to conduct a dental clinic. First examinations have been made and reports sent to parents. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of her splendid services.

The annual physical examination was made in the fall.

Number examined

102

## Defects:

Carious teeth	45
Poor nutrition	8
Poor posture	10
Tonsils and glands	12

I wish to thank all individuals and organizations that have cooperated in carrying on the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN E. CROSSLEY, R. N.

**REPORT**

OF THE

**School Physician**

To the Superintendent of Schools:

A detailed report of the annual examination of school children will be found in the report of the School Nurse. No major defects were noted. Seven children were given a complete examination at the pre-school Clinic and ten were vaccinated. On my visits to the school I found the rooms well ventilated and clean in appearance. A thorough inspection was made in October and recommendations made to the Committee. They are to be congratulated on their prompt action in installing new sanitariums in the boys' basement. The school plant is in excellent condition. I wish to thank the Committee, the Superintendent, the teachers and School Nurse for their hearty cooperation.

WM. T. KNOWLTON, M.D.

## ORGANIZATION, 1935-1936

Grades	Teacher	Training	Began Here
7—8	Gilbert G. MacDonald	Northeastern Univ.	Sept. 1935
5—6	Kathryn W. Mullen	Worcester S. T. C.	Sept. 1932
3—4	Margaret A. O'Brien	Lesley N. S.	Sept. 1931
1—2	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester S. N. S.	Sept. 1929

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, 1935-1936

Grades	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Atten.	Percent of Atten.
7—8	30	27	26	93
5—6	31	31	28	92
3—4	23	21	20	93
1—2	28	24	22	91
	—	—	—	—
Totals	112	103	96	92

## GRADUATES, JUNE 1936

Dorothy Mary Ahearn	Madeline Loretta Girouard
Shirley Tiffany Bears	Elizabeth Teresa Harney
Yvonne Carolyn Beckett	Anna Louise Hines
Elizabeth Dillingham Bemis	Elfreda May Johnson
Grace Ilene Beyea	Evelyn Winifred Lawler
Joyce Everleth	Barbara Alison Smith
Doris Isabel Garber	Mary Iola St. Martin
Phyllis Isabel Garber	Adam Paul Urbonovitch
George Forbes Wylie	

## REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1936

Children of Paxton	Boys	Girls	Totals
Between 5 and 7 years of age	15	8	23
Between 7 and 14 years of age	44	41	85
Between 14 and 16 years of age	19	18	37
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Totals	78	67	145

## AGE AND GRADING CHART

October 1, 1936

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tls.
Grade												
I	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
II	1	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
III	—	2	7	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
IV	—	—	2	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	12
V	—	—	—	1	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	10
VI	—	—	—	—	1	5	8	2	1	—	—	17
VII	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	3	—	—	—	13
VIII	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	3	2	—	12
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Totals	12	8	12	11	14	9	17	11	4	2		100

## ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM, 1936

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Totals
Boys	4	8	9	8	4	9	9	5	56
Girls	5	1	5	4	6	8	4	5	38
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Totals	9	9	14	12	10	17	13	10	94

**ROLL OF HONOR**

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR

Ralph Belezerian

Owen McCullough

Francis Whitney

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

FOR THE YEAR 1936

The Board of Selectmen met in their office in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, February 13, 1936, with the following members present:

George H. Whitney                      Mary M. Daniher  
George C. Hunt

As there had been no change in members at the Annual Town Meeting a motion was made and seconded that the same officers serve in their respective capacities for the year 1936 and it was so voted unanimously:

George H. Whitney, Chairman  
Mary M. Daniher, Clerk  
George C. Hunt, Third Member

Building Permits were issued during the year for remodelling and new buildings at a total estimated cost of \$18,085.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued:

6 Common Victuallers  
5 Sunday

- 1 Inn Holder
- 3 Permits to carry Firearms
- 1 Safe Fireworks
- 1 Auctioneer
- 1 Inn Holder All Alcoholic Beverage License for 1937
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverage License for 1937
- 21 Special Beer Licenses

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

By Mary M. Daniher, Clerk

George C. Hunt

**REPORT OF**  
**Collections of Taxes and**  
**Assessments**  
**for the Year 1936**

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**TAXES—1933**

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 588 00	
Overpayments to treasurer	27 04	
	<hr/>	\$615 04
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 38 04	
Abatements 1936	175 17	
Tax titles taken by town 1936	303 49	
Transferred to tax titles 1936	4 83	
Outstanding December 31, 1936	93 51	
	<hr/>	\$615 04

**TAXES—1934**

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$3,096 96	
Overpayments to treasurer	6 84	
	<hr/>	\$3,103 80
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$1,603 97	

Howe Farm rentals transferred

to taxes 1934	126 63
Tax titles taken by town 1936	557 06
Transferred to tax titles 1936	504 30
Outstanding December 31, 1936	232 85
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	78 99

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\$3,103 80

TAXES—1935

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$19,891 25
Overpayments to treasurer	11 50
Abatements and payments, refunded	20 25
Commitment in excess of warrant	10

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\$19,923 10

Payments to treasurer 1936	\$13,204 10
Abatements 1936	34 51
Transferred to tax titles 1936	2,139 27
Outstanding December 31, 1936	4,263 50
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	281 72

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\$19,923 10

## TAXES—1936

Commitment per warrants	\$32,116 59	
Collection not committed	2 00	
Overpayments to treasurer	05	
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		\$32,118 64
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$16,798 06	
Abatements 1936	475 37	
Commitment moth assessments included		
in tax commitment	41 75	
Outstanding December 31, 1936	14,740 76	
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	62 70	
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		\$32,118 64

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAXES—1932

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 3 00	
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Outstanding December 31, 1936	\$ 3 00	

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAXES—1933

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 9 00	
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Outstanding December 31, 1936	\$ 9 00	

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1932

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 33 98
Abatements 1936	\$ 33 98

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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1933

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$102 65
Overpayment to treasurer	64
Abatements and payments	14 51

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\$117 80

Abatements 1936	\$ 84 23
Outstanding December 31, 1936	19 06
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	14 51

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\$117 80

## INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1933

Collections 1936	\$ 1 74
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Cash on hand December 31, 1936	\$ 1 74
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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1934

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$426 79
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$354 92

Outstanding December 31, 1936	37 52	
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	34 35	
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		\$426 79

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1935

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$234 87	
Commitment per warrant 1936	59 61	
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		\$294 48

Payments to treasurer 1936	\$194 94	
Abatements 1936	69	
Outstanding December 31, 1936	98 46	
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	39	
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		\$294 48

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1936

Commitment per warrants	\$1,675 79	
Abatements and payments	47 82	
Overpayments to treasurer	3 28	
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		\$1,726 89
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$1,331 94	

Abatements 1936	124 38
Outstanding December 31, 1936	270 57

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\$1,726 89

#### MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1933

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 1 15
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 75
Abatements 1936	10
Tax titles taken by town 1936	15
Outstanding December 31, 1936	15

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\$ 1 15

#### MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1934

Outstanding January 1, 1936	\$ 5 10
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 3 00
Tax titles taken by town 1936	95
Added to tax titles 1936	75
Outstanding December 31, 1936	30
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	10

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\$ 5 10

#### MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1936

Commitment per warrant 1936	\$ 41 75
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Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 21 25	
Outstanding December 31, 1936	20 50	
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		\$ 41 75

## INTEREST TAXES—1934

Collections 1936		\$141 95
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$140 20	
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	1 75	
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		\$141 95

## INTEREST TAXES—1935

Collections 1936		\$492 01
Payments to treasurer 1936	\$469 68	
Cash on hand December 31, 1936	22 33	
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		\$492 01

## INTEREST TAXES—1936

Collections 1936		\$26 17
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Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 26 17	

## INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1934

Collections 1936	\$ 3 35
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Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 14
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Cash on hand December 31, 1936	3 21
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\$ 3 35

# INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1935

Collections 1936	\$ 2 73
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Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 2 73
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# INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1936

Collections 1936	\$ 6 84
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Payments to treasurer 1936	\$ 6 84
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**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Town Clerk**

**VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1936**

**BIRTHS**

**JANUARY**

- 1 Son to James T. and Ethel (Carlson) Putnam.

**APRIL**

- 21 Son to James J. and Leona (Godaire) Ahearn.

**MAY**

- 5 Daughter to Henry N. and Lyde (Gordon) Williams.

**JULY**

- 6 Daughter to Herbert S. and Florence (Baril) Robinson.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4 Son to Joseph and Hazel (Martin) Lauzon.

**OCTOBER**

- 13 Son to Nazareth and Queen (Hargopian) Nanigian.

**MARRIAGES**

**MARCH**

- 22 Clarence A. Rossier, Paxton, and Olive H. Neil, Taunton

**JUNE**

- 21 John Saraydarian and Hranoosh Bilezarian.

- 27 Jacob Goparian, Worcester, and Margaret Nanigian,  
Paxton.

## AUGUST

- 22 Gustaf L. Johnson, Jr., and Beatrice E. Smith.  
29 Ovila E. St. Martin, Paxton, and Cecile B. Huard,  
Spencer.

## SEPTEMBER

- 19 Erdic G. Nichols and Marian S. McGovern.

## DECEMBER

- 18 Robert S. Lamotte, Worcester, and Ruth I. Tannahill,  
Paxton.

## DEATHS

## JANUARY

- 14 Elizabeth (Warpula) Lantinen      62 y.      1 m.      2 d.

## APRIL

- 6 Liisa (Hannula) Niemi      62      —      —

## JULY

- 27 Samuel J. Knipe      55      1      25

## AUGUST

- 23 Dorothy L. Smith      10      11      11

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 Thomas F. Sullivan      82      11      28

## OCTOBER

5	Albert A. Wright	63	11	15
26	William V. Campbell	65	1	11

## DECEMBER

14	Emil Pekkarinen	56	—	—
29	George H. Whitney	55	—	10

## HUNTING LICENSES, 1936

60	Resident Citizen's Fishing
34	Resident Citizen's Hunting
47	Resident Citizen's Sporting
13	Resident Minors' Fishing
3	Resident Citizen's Sporting Free
1	Resident Citizen Trapping
2	Non-Residents Hunting
3	Duplicate Licenses

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game \$346 00

## DOG LICENSES

86	Males
27	Females
10	Spayed Females
1	Kennel

Paid Town Treasurer on above \$318 80

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

December 31, 1936.

Town Clerk.

**REPORT**

OF THE

**Town Treasurer**

I herewith submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1936.

**RECEIPTS****General Revenue:****Taxes:**

Levy of 1934	\$ 1,253 03	
Levy of 1935	12,498 12	
Levy of 1936	16,575 14	
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		\$30,326 29

Polls 1935	\$ 6 00	
Polls 1936	448 00	
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		\$454 00

**Motor Vehicle Excise:**

Levy of 1934	\$ 354 92	
Levy of 1935	169 18	
Levy of 1936	1,294 90	
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		\$1,819 00

Tax Titles	\$1,171 71	
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		\$1,171 71
From State:		
Income Tax	\$1,930 02	
Corporation Tax, Business	93 56	
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		\$2,023 58
Licenses:		
Liquors, Stands and Permits	\$638 00	
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		\$638 00
Grants and Gifts from the State:		
School Fund	\$2,540 00	
School Supt.	290 00	
High School Tuition	3,855 46	
High School Transportation	3,143 90	
Trade Schools	2,359 73	
Inspection of Animals	12 50	
Temporary Aid	312 73	
Race Tracks	65 92	
Old Age Assistance	283 00	
Federal Grant	116 74	
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		\$12,979 98

## From County:

Dog Licenses Refunded	\$251 05
Dog Officer	4 00

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\$255 05

## Other Revenue:

Rent of Hall	\$ 62 00
Rent of Howe Farm	240 00
Anniversary Book	50
Koberg Place	1,000 00
Sealer's Fees	20 60

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\$1,323 10

## Special Assessments:

Moth 1934	\$ 90
Moth 1935	2 00
Moth 1936	20 75

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\$23 65

## From Tax Collector:

Costs	\$ 7 00
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\$7 00

## From Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses	\$318 80
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\$318 80

## Highways:

State, Chapter 81	\$3,834 85
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Chapter 90, Maintenance	618 01
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Chapter 90, Construction	3,153 39
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County, Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,600 00
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Chapter 90, Construction	2,280 00
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Tractor Equipment, Maintenance	504 00
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Sale of Snowplow	10 00
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\$12,000 25

## Interest:

On Taxes	\$642 76
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On Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	334 50
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On C. D. Boynton Fund	203 75
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On D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	27 69
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On Record Building Fund	130 00
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On Library Funds	751 20
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On School Fund	27 50
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\$2,117 40

## Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$20,000 00	
Highway	5,000 00	
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		\$25,000 00

## Cemetery Funds:

Perpetual Care Lots	450 00	
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		\$450 00

## Electric Light Department:

Light and Power	\$12,203 40	
Depreciation Fund	1,146 15	
Interest on Depreciation	36 78	
Meter Guarantee Fund	90 00	
Interest on Meter Guarantee	5 17	
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		\$13,481 50

## Water Department:

Collections and Installations	\$2,736 51	
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		\$2,736 51

## Refunds:

Trade Schools	\$152 40	
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Schools	2 74	
Public Welfare	46 30	
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		\$201 44
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Total Receipts		\$107,327 26
Cash Balance, January 1, 1936		4,780 85
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Total		\$112,108 11

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#### PAYMENTS

## Moderator:

Services	\$ 15 00	
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		\$15 00

## Selectmen:

Services and Clerical	\$450 00	
Expenses	28 82	
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		\$478 82

## Treasurer:

Services	\$340 00	
Travelling	15 00	
Expenses	45 00	
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		\$400 00

## Tax Collector:

Services	\$300 00
Expenses	217 80

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\$517 80

## Assessors:

Clerical and Expenses	\$274 05
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\$274 05

## Legal:

Town Counsel	\$12 50
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\$12 50

## Town Clerk:

Services	\$100 00
Expense	6 91

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\$106 91

## Elections:

Registrars	\$25 00
Tellers	86 00
Booths	22 40
Ballots	26 50

All others	13 58
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\$173 48

## Contingent:

Office Safe	183 00
Clearing Dump	83 20
Spraying Trees	42 16
Tractor Registration	2 00
Repair of Adding Machines	30 42
Lawn Benches	20 07
Toll Calls	11 67
Raising Flag	9 00
Damages to Car	8 45
All others	24 48

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\$414 45

## Town Hall:

Janitor	\$491 00
Water	15 00
Fuel	288 55
Lights	49 20
Janitor's Supplies	8 85
Repairs	40 60

All others	19 05
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\$912 25

## Constables:

Services and Expenses	\$75 00
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Dog Officer	4 00
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Badges and Express	5 50
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\$84 50

## Fire Department:

Rent	\$300 00
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Watchmen	136 75
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Apparatus	105 17
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Maintenance	117 01
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Siren	9 00
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\$667 93

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Fee	\$25 00
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\$25 00

## Moth:

Labor and Supplies	\$147 83
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\$147 83

## Tree Warden:

Labor

\$49 85

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 \$49 85

## Health:

Services

\$ 25 00

Hospital Treatment

52 14

Medical

4 00

Garbage Collection

90 00

Tubercular Hospital

1,028 26

Inspection of Animals

25 00

Inspection of Meat

16 00

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 \$1,240 40

## Highways:

Chapter 81

\$6,524 98

Chapter 90, Maintenance

3,600 00

Chapter 90, Construction

7,874 04

Equipment Maintenance

689 92

Snow Removal

2,245 55

State Bond Issue

1,450 00

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 \$22,384 49

## Street Lights:

Current	\$777 80
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\$777 80

## Public Welfare:

Services	\$ 80 00
Postage	2 79
File	19 35
Groceries and Provisions	92 00
Fuel	6 75
Board and Care	1,933 33
State Institution	261 42
Other Cities and Towns	295 00
Rent	10 00
Express	1 60

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\$2,702 24

## Old Age Assistance:

Aid	\$628 00
Blanks	70

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\$628 70

## Soldiers' Relief:

Groceries and Provisions	\$13 00
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\$13 00

## Schools:

Committee	\$ 150 00
Superintendent	510 00
Superintendent's Expenses	109 90
Census	10 00
Teachers' Salaries	4,724 59
Health	290 55
Books	111 87
Supplies	163 17
Transportation	2,565 00
Janitor	810 00
Fuel and Lights	396 87
Repairs	552 20
Janitor's Supplies	54 53
Tennis Court	122 42
Playground	90 73
Boiler Inspection	5 00
Graduation	13 22
All others	62 92
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	\$10,742 97

## High Schools:

Tuition	\$6,664 00
Transportation	3,162 74
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	\$9,826 74

## Trade Schools:

Tuition	\$3,009 42	
Transportation	948 86	
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		\$3,958 28

## Library:

Librarian	\$400 00	
Janitor	366 00	
Books	332 85	
Supplies	3 10	
Binding	3 72	
Fuel	152 65	
Lights	20 69	
Magazine Rack	18 00	
Care of Grounds	18 75	
Janitor's Supplies	3 00	
Water	15 00	
Postage	1 50	
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		\$1,335 26

## Care of Common:

Labor	\$71 95	
Seed	4 87	
Flag	8 00	
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		\$84 82

## Fourth of July:

Celebration

\$45 95

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 \$45 95

## Flagpole:

Painting

\$15 00

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 \$15 00

## Koberg Place:

Advertising

\$ 1 82

Preparing deeds, etc.

26 00

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 \$27 82

## Memorial Day:

Observance

\$58 25

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 \$58 25

## Town Clock:

Cable

\$13 21

Labor

7 00

Care

60 00

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 \$80 21

## Record Building:

Wall and Fence	\$211 10	
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		\$211 10

## Insurance:

Bonds	\$ 102 00	
Fire and Liability	1,456 79	
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		\$1,558 79

## Printing:

Town Reports	\$125 00	
Check Lists	7 75	
Check Books	3 29	
Assessor's Reports	91 80	
Clerical	25 00	
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		\$252 84

## Kitchen Stove and Warming Oven:

\$150 00	
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	\$150 00

## Water Department:

Commissioners	\$275 00
Superintendent	300 00

Clerical	43 50
Books and Stationery	95 44
Court and Travelling	161 53
Labor	651 26
Pipe and Fittings	489 74
Equipment	168 17
Fuel and Power	291 42
Others	44 16

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\$2,520 22

Hydrant Rental: \$950 00

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\$950 00

Electric Light Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	143 25
Meter Reader	300 00
Printing, Telephone and Postage	35 19
Legal	9 50
Care of Lights	45 00
Repair of lines	813 52
Meters and Transformers	439 51
Current	6,795 70
Materials and Supplies	2,156 53

Insurance	148 97
Street Light Extensions	569 26
Meter Guarantee Refunds	112 22
Depreciation	1,146 11
Rent	48 00
Street Lamps	65 51
Others	433 15

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\$13,336 42

Cemeteries:

Mooreland	\$ 99 75
Perpetual Care Funds	391 50

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\$491 25

Interest and Discount:

Revenue Notes	\$ 43 92
Highway Note	3 11
School Building Notes	440 00
Water Bonds	2,440 00

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\$2,927 03

Certification of Notes	\$ 6 00
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\$ 6 00

## Municipal Indebtedness:

Revenue	\$10,000 00	
Highway	5,000 00	
School Building	2,000 00	
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		\$17,000 00

## Agency:

State Tax	\$1,400 00	
Auditing	468 45	
State Parks and Reservations	10 96	
Veteran's Exemption	5 45	
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		\$1,884 86

County Tax	\$1,477 00	
Dog Licenses	318 80	
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		\$1,795 80

## Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

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\$50 00

\$50 00

## Refunds:

On Taxes	\$20 25
On License	5 00

On Motor Vehicle Excise 1936	36 13
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	\$61 38
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Total Payments	\$101,397 99
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Cash Balance, December 31, 1936:

Town	\$6,515 92
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Electric Light	144 59
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Depreciation Fund	2,099 67
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Meter Guarantee	253 87
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Water	405 02
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Cash	1,291 05
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Total	\$112,108 11
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# OUTSTANDING NOTES, DECEMBER 31, 1936

Anticipation of Revenue	\$10,000 00
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School Building Loan:

Notes Nos. 85, 86, 87 due Sept. 12,

1937-8-9	6,000 00
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	\$16,000 00
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Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Treasurer.

CHAPTER 81—FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1936—TOWN OF PAXTON

No.	State Allot. Road Name	\$4350.00		Town Allot. \$2,175.00		Total Allot. \$6,525.00		Remarks—	State Pays 66.67%
		Total Miles	Changes in Type	From	To Miles	Allot.	Expend.		
		Prim.	Sec.					Work Other Than General Maintenance.	
1	Rockland		.9			\$300.00	\$398.00	Scraped Patched with 40 yds. gravel. Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned drainage structures. Applied 850 gals. oil.	
2	Mill		.7			50.00	620.35	Scraped twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned drainage structures. Repaired washout with 460 yds. gravel and 372 yds. stone.	
3	West St.	3.					455.15		
4	Spring St.		1.1			300.00	429.50	Scraped twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Built 420 ft. side drain 3 x 3. Repaired washout using 110 yds. gravel, 40 yds. stone.	
5	Brigham		1.4			75.00	323.20	Scraped twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Repaired washout using 260 yds. gravel, 60 yds. stone.	
6	Davis		1.7			100.00	161.25	Scraped twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned gutters.	
7	South St.		.8			150.00	246.55	Scraped twice. Dragged twice. Patched with 80 yds. gravel. Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned drainage structures.	
8	Richards Ave.	2.5				150.00	129.70		
9	Pleasant St. (State Rd)								
10	Suomi St.		1.			600.00	43.30	Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned gutters.	
11	Laurel St.		.9			175.00	114.65	Cut and Burned Brush. Scraped and Dragged twice.	
12	Terrace Pl.		.1			10.00	—	Cut and Burned Brush. Scraped twice. Installed 112" Culvert, 20 feet long.	
13	Hill St.		.7			50.00	355.70	Scraped and Dragged twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Repaired washout, using 120 yds. gravel, 110 yds. stone.	

No.	Road Name	Total Miles		Changes in Type		Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—	
		Prim.	Sec.	From	To Miles			Work	Other Than General Maintenance.
14	Winter St.		.4			20.00	29.05	Scraped and Dragged twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
15	Marshall St.		2.3			500.00	1001.80	Scraped and Dragged twice.	Cut and Burned Brush. Repaired washout, using 420 yds. gravel, 210 yds. stone.
16	Asnebumskit St.		.25			35.00	22.70	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
17	Reservoir Drive		1.2			—	37.40		
18	Walbridge		.5			75.00	68.75	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush. Removed ledge. Patched with 60 yds. gravel.
19	Crystal		.3			75.00	30.80	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
20	O'Connor Rd.		1.			25.00	93.70	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush. Removed ledge.
21	Silver Spring		.5			25.00	20.00	Scraped.	Cut and Burned Brush.
22	Camp St.		.7			50.00	143.45	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned drainage structures. Repaired washout, using 50 yds. gravel and 40 yds. stone.
23	Grove St.	3.				400.00	449.95	Scraped and dragged twice.	Cut and Burned Brush. Cleaned gutters. Repaired washout, using 160 yds. gravel and 20 yds. stone.
24	Pond St.		.3			25.00	—	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
25	Combined with No. 23						—		
26	Streeter Rd.		.7	G	OG .2	300.00	487.45	Cut and Burned Brush.	Cleaned drainage structures. Applied 275 gals. 65% oil.
27	Maple St.		.6			75.00	50.25		
28	Holden Rd.		.8			100.00	46.90	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
29	Turkey Hill Rd.		.1			10.00	—	Scraped twice.	Cut and Burned Brush.
30	Highland Court		.1			75.00	8.40	Cleaned drainage structures.	

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No.	Road Name	Total Miles		Changes in Type		Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—	
		Prim.	Sec.	From	To Miles			Work	Other Than General Maintenance.
32	Brooks Rd.	1.				75.00	608.74	Scraped twice. Cut and Burned Brush. Installed 665 ft. side drain 3 x 3. Repaired washout, using 120 yds. gravel, 20 yds. stone.	
33	Sunset Lane	.3				25.00	—		
	Tools						41.65	Summary:	
	Tools Repairs						18.00		
	Sign Posts						72.80		
	Gravel						6.00		
	Miscellaneous						9.84		
	Balance not allotted					\$2675.00		Total Payroll	\$5574.85
								Total Material	645.63
								Machinery Rental	304.50
	Totals					\$6525.00	\$6524.98	Grand Total	\$6524.98

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Board of Water Commissioners**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1936**

The Commissioners are pleased to report that satisfactory progress is being made with the Paxton Water Project.

During the past year our connections have reached a total number of 57. We expect that there will be additional takers during the present year.

A tremendous amount of time has been spent by the Commissioners the past year in defending a suit brought against the Town by the Contractors who installed the system, claiming Extras which we felt were not justified and we are pleased to report that the Auditor handed down a decision in favor of the Town so that the Contractor will be entitled only to the retained 15 per cent unless appeal is taken.

Monthly tests are made by the State Department of Public Health and the water has in every instance been pronounced very pure.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS,  
By William J. McKinley, Chairman  
Mary M. Daniher, Clerk.  
George V. Clapp, Supt.

# TOWN WARRANT

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.:

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Paxton:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall", on Monday the FIRST day of February, A. D. 1937, at 6 A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

To bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers to be voted for on the official ballot:

Moderator 1 yr., Town Clerk 1 yr., Collector of Taxes 1 yr., Treasurer 1 yr., Auditor 1 yr., two Constables 1 yr., Tree Warden 1 yr., one Selectman 3 yrs., one Selectman 2 yrs. to fill vacancy, one member Board of Public Welfare 3 yrs., one member Public Welfare Board 1 yr. to fill vacancy, one Assessor 3 yrs., one member School Committee 3 yrs., one member Municipal Light Board 3 yrs., one Cemetery Commissioner 3 yrs., one Water Commissioner

3 yrs., one member Planning Board 3 yrs., two Trustees Richards' Memorial Library 3 yrs.

All the above officers to be voted for upon one ballot.

Also to choose any other necessary town officers.

The polls will be opened at 6 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (see budget) with which to pay the proper charge of a Surety Company for acting as surety on bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1937, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town officers with the approval of the Selectmen, to employ counsel when deemed necessary in the performance of their duties, or act in any way thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and printed in the town report, raise and appropriate such sums of money as are set forth for the various departments and expenses of the town for the ensuing year or act in any way thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 for the improvement of Holden or Grove Sts., under Chapter 90, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose or act in any way thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used on Chapter 90 roads, for maintenance; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day or act in any way thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appoint a Committee to have charge of the observance of the Fourth of July or act in any way thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services at the Annual Town Meetings and \$5.00 for any Special Meetings or act in any way thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the highway equipment fund to the highway equipment maintenance fund, to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the town's highway equipment or act in any way thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1000.00 from the overlay surplus to the Reserve Fund or act in any way thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to use up to 60% of the surplus funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer, available when the tax rate is ready to be set, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year, or act in any way thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the Dog Fund, the George Bigelow Fund and the C. D. Bcynton Fund toward the expenses of the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase of a used Wales Adding Machine for the use of the various town departments in the Town Hall Building, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the installation of a hardwood floor in the Banquet or Lower hall of the Town Hall building, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will authorize the payment of the slight overdraft on the Record Building Account, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to purchase the new tractor and snow plow which has been rented until the town meeting, turning in the old tractor and plow in part payment of same, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 21. To see what action the town wishes to take relative to the Tax Collector's office being in the Town Hall, and all records kept there at all times.

Article 22. To see what instructions, if any, the Town wishes to give the Cemetery Commissioners relative to the sale of lots in Mooreland Cemetery.

Article 23. To see if the town will authorize the

Selectmen to appoint a Building Inspector, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$950.00 for hydrant rental for fire protection, this money to be paid to the Water Department and set aside to create a fund to be used and applied to the interest or principal of the water debt in the discretion of the Water Commissioners or act in any way thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote that no extensions of water mains will be considered by the town unless by recommendation of the Water Commissioners or by vote of at least two thirds of the vote of the meeting.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to extend the town water for domestic use and fire protection on Richards Ave. to the residence of Frank Griffin, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to extend Highland Court as a town way four hundred feet from the end of the present town way.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to continue as an Official Committee, the committee appointed to study the proposals relative to Highland Court, and authorize the same to continue its work and report at or before the next annual meeting, or act in any way thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to buy a new fire truck or act in any way thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to give the Fire Department members compensation for their services, or act in any way thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to extend the Electric Light line to the property of Wilfred Streeter, on Pond St., or act in any way thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936 and authorize the establishment of a Planning Board under the provisions of said Chapter and to elect and constitute the present Planning Board a planning Board under the provisions of said Chapter and to elect two additional members to the Planning Board under said Chapter so as to constitute a Planning Board of five members and to provide for the future election of all members on the official ballot or act in any way thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will authorize the Planning Board to act as a committee to draw up zoning laws and present same for the consideration of the voters of some future meeting to be called by the Planning Board, or act in any way thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote that the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or

for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or municipal power during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, to be expended by the manager of the municipal light plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to reimburse J. Ralph Barclay the sum of \$270.92 for overpayment on his taxes from 1930 to 1936, or act in any way thereon.

Article 36. To see what action the town will take relative to providing recreational facilities which will permit coasting and skating in safety, raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, appoint a committee to have charge of same, or act in any way thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time set for holding said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 16th day of January, 1937.

MARY M. DANIHER,  
GEORGE C. HUNT,

Selectmen of Paxton.