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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

JESSE MILLS

TOWN CLERK

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

TREASURER

HUGH B. MORSE

AUDITOR

WILLIAM L. SHIPMAN

CONSTABLES

GAYLORD B. PIKE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

TREE WARDEN

EARL BEMIS

SELECTMEN

MARY M. DANIHER

Term expires 1940

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1941

ARNE J. NIEMI

Term expires 1942

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term expires 1940

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term expires 1941

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term expires 1942

ASSESSORS

CARL H. WOOD	Term expires 1940
FRED E. WATSON	Term expires 1941
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term expires 1942

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1940
HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1941
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1942

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

ALLEN L. HUTCHINS	Term expires 1940
FRANK GRIFFIN (Resigned)	Term expires 1941
GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR. (Appointed)	Term expires 1941
ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1942

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

ELLA B. CATHERWOOD (Resigned)	Term expires 1940
SAMUEL L. CLAPP (Appointed)	Term expires 1940
BESSIE G. WATSON	Term expires 1941
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1942

WATER COMMISSIONERS

WALTER H. BROWN	Term expires 1940
ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1941
WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term expires 1942

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1940
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1940
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN	Term expires 1941
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1941
DR. WILLIAM L. SHIPMAN	Term expires 1942
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1942

PLANNING BOARD

MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1940
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term expires 1941
ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1942
RUFUS B. DUNBAR (Resigned)	Term expires 1943
EDMUND A. REISER (Resigned)	Term expires 1944

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

LEWIS B. CURTIS

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

WESLEY G. FERRY

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

WALTER V. PIKE

CHIEF OF POLICE

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

DOG OFFICER

GEORGE MACCABEE

CARE OF FLAG

GEORGE MACCABEE

POUND KEEPER

ELIOT L. CROUCH

FIRE WARDEN

ROY M. WENTWORTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

J. RALPH BARCLAY

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

REUBEN OJANNE

FENCE VIEWERS — FIELD DRIVERS

ELIOT L. CROUCH

SAMUEL VAN WYCK

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

FRED R. DIFLEY

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

JOHN D. OLMSTEAD

BUILDING INSPECTOR

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

EUCLID R. LOMBARD

CARE OF COMMON

CHARLES W. BEARS

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, 2nd

REPORT OF AN AUDIT
OF THE
GENERAL ACCOUNTS
OF THE
TOWN OF PAXTON
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 8, 1938
TO OCTOBER 15, 1939
and of the
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 1939
TO OCTOBER 15, 1939

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

December 27, 1939.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Mr. George C. Hunt, Chairman
Paxton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from July 8, 1938 to October 15, 1939, and of the accounts of the treasurer for the period from March 1, 1939 to October 15, 1939, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This 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:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from July 8, 1938, the date of the previous audit, to October 15, 1939, and of the accounts of the treasurer for the period from March 1, 1939 to October 15, 1939, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books and accounts in the office of the accounting officer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's records, while the disbursements as recorded were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing payments and with the treasurer's books.

The appropriations and transfers voted by the town, as shown by the town clerk's records, were checked to the accounting officer's ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on October 15, 1939.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash on hand on October 15, 1939, was verified and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks.

The debt and interest payments were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the

treasurer were examined, the income being proved and the disbursements verified.

The tax title deeds representing liens on real estate were listed, and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books and with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were examined and verified by a comparison with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accounting officer's ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the commitment books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The records of licenses granted were compared with the records of licenses issued, and the receipts on account of licenses and permits were checked and proved. The recorded payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books.

The collections on account of sporting licenses issued were verified and compared with the amounts paid to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

The charges for the rental of municipal buildings were checked and verified, and the recorded receipts were proved with the payments to the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the municipal water and light departments were examined and checked. The recorded charges were checked, the collections as recorded were compared with the records of receipts by the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

It was noted that expenditures for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 highway projects exceeded the amounts available on October 15, 1939, by \$5,129.72. Attention is called to the fact that expenditures for highway projects carried on by the town in conjunction with the State and County may not exceed the aggregate amount of the appropriations voted by the town, together with the amount actually received by the town on account of allotments. Whenever the reimbursements from the State and County are not received in time to provide funds for the payment of payrolls and materials, temporary loans under the provisions of Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, may be issued.

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

During the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

ETTA R. ROBINSON, TREASURER

Balance, July 8, 1938,		
per previous audit	\$ 6,606 30	
Receipts July 8 to Dec. 31, 1938	65,235 61	
Unpaid warrant Dec. 31, 1938	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$76,841 91
Payments July 8 to Dec. 31, 1938	\$71,856 69	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1938	4,985 22	
	<hr/>	\$76,841 91
Balance Jan. 1, 1939	\$ 4,985 22	
Receipts Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 1939	14,243 47	
	<hr/>	\$19,228 69
Payments Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 1939	\$11,613 67	
Balance Feb. 28, 1939	7,615 02	
	<hr/>	\$19,228 69

HUGH B. MORSE, TREASURER

Balance Mar. 1, 1939	\$ 7,615 02	
Receipts Mar. 1 to Oct. 15, 1939	64,885 66	
	<hr/>	\$72,500 68
Payments Mar. 1 to Oct. 15, 1939	\$67,819 03	
Balance Oct. 15, 1939	4,681 65	
	<hr/>	\$72,500 68
Balance Oct. 15, 1939	\$4,681 65	
Overdraft Worcester County Trust Co.,		
Oct. 15, 1939, per check register	2 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,684 14

Cash in banks and office Oct. 15, 1939:

In banks:

Guaranty Bank and Trust Co.,		
per check register	\$2,362	14
Mechanics National Bank,		
per check book	549	57
Worcester Co. Institution		
for Savings, per		
book No. 252520	1,111	57
Peoples Savings Bank,		
per book No. 206037	293	40
	<hr/>	\$4,316 68

In office, verified

253 33

Memoranda:

Payments in anticipation	
of warrants	\$ 5 86
Due from former	
treasurer	21 60
Old age assistance	
receipts entered in	
duplicate in 1938,	
to be adjusted	86 87

114 13

\$4,684 14

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST COMPANY

Balance Oct. 15, 1939,		
per statement	\$ 34	58
Deposit in transit,		
Oct. 15, 1939, verified	896	27
Overdraft Oct. 15, 1939,		
per check register	2	49
	<hr/>	\$933 34
Outstanding checks Oct. 15, 1939		
per list		\$933 34

GUARANTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY

Worcester, Massachusetts

Balance Oct. 15, 1939, per statement	\$3,425 15	
Deposit in transit Oct. 15, 1939, verified	2,904 94	
	<hr/>	\$6,330 09
Balance Oct. 15, 1939, per check register	\$2,362 14	
Outstanding checks Oct. 15, 1939, per list	3,967 95	
	<hr/>	\$6,330 09

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK

Worcester, Massachusetts

Balance Oct. 15, 1939, per statement		\$559 57
Balance Oct. 15, 1939, per check book	\$549 57	
Outstanding checks Oct. 15, 1939, per list	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$559 57

BALANCE SHEET—OCTOBER 15, 1939

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Banks and Office	\$4,681 65
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1934	\$ 15 00	
Levy of 1935	463 58	
Levy of 1938	8,243 08	
Levy of 1939	31,392 93	
	<hr/>	40,114 59

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Levy of 1936	\$ 62 67	
Levy of 1937	110 94	
Levy of 1938	37 00	
Levy of 1939	261 17	
	<hr/>	471 78

Special Assessments:

Moth 1937	\$0 10	
Moth 1938	7 05	
	<hr/>	7 15

Tax Titles	9,479 60
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Tax Title Possessions	192 97
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Aid to Highways:

State	\$5,098 25	
County	1,915 06	
	<hr/>	7,013 31

Water Charges		793 72
Electric Light Department:		
Consumers' Charges	\$1,259 61	
Due Town from Electric Light Dept.	772 56	
	<hr/>	2,032 17
Estimated Receipts to be collected		10,668 18
Overlay Deficits:		
Levy of 1933	\$ 4 00	
Levy of 1937	63 37	
	<hr/>	67 37
Loans Authorized—Electric Light Dept.		6,000 00
Overdrawn Accounts:		
1938	\$240 52	
1939:		
Highway—Chap. 90,		
Construction	\$788 92	
Highway—Chap. 90,		
Maintenance	2,510 02	
Highway—Chap. 81	1,830 78	
Highway Machinery		
Maintenance	119 54	
Howe Farm Taxes	60 00	
Illig Place Taxes	81 00	
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Income	503 18	
	<hr/>	5,893 44
	<hr/>	6,133 96
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		\$87,656 45

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue 1939	\$20,000 00
Dog Licenses—Due County	175 20
Tailings	48 07
State Tax	2,880 00
State Parks and Reservations	
Assessment	46 49
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax	809 96
Veterans' Exemption Tax	6 50
County Tax	1,601 86
Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance, Relief	\$181 50
Old Age Assistance, Administration	91 78
	<hr/>
	273 28

Appropriation Balances:

General	\$13,890 15
Electric Light Operation	45 61
Water System Construction	549 57
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	14,485 33
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	50 00
Howe Farm Fund Income	320 00
Accounts Payable to Town by	
Electric Light Dept.	772 56
Electric Light Depreciation Fund	1,111 57
Electric Light Meter Guarantee Fund	278 40
Highway Machinery Rental Fund	766 25
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,572 55
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1936	\$ 15 00
Levy of 1938	135 56
Levy of 1939	1,010 08
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	1,160 64

Loans Authorized—Not Issued	6,000 00
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Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$471 78	
Special Assessment	7 15	
Tax Title	9,672 57	
Aid to Highways	7,013 31	
Water	793 72	
Electric Light	1,259 61	
	<hr/>	19,218 14

Surplus Revenue:

Current Year	\$ 8 09	
Previous Years	16,071 56	
	<hr/>	16,079 65
		<hr/>
		\$87,656 45

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$74,000 00
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Water System Construction Loan	\$70,000 00
Playground Loan	4,000 00
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	\$74,000 00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	\$54,752 54
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

D. Russell Boynton Charity 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	22,484 71
Edward D. Bigelow Village Improvement Fund	1,000 00
C. D. Boynton Fund for General Purposes	7,648 00
Howe Farm Fund	4,000 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	*15,450 96
	<hr/>
	\$54,752 54

* Includes \$50.00 in General Treasury.

REPORT
OF THE
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Paxton, Mass., January 11, 1940.

Barns inspected 46

Animals under State and Federal Supervision and inspected by me:

Cows	436
Young Stock	101
Bulls	32
Sheep	17
Goats	3
Swine	69

Respectfully submitted,

J. RALPH BARCLAY,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE C. D. BOYNTON
FUND

Cash in:

People's Savings Bank	\$2,700 00	
Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1,748 00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,648 00
Dividends on the above	\$43 96	
	40 25	
	40 25	
	67 91	
	<hr/>	192 37
Administration expense	\$8 00	
Paid Town Treasurer	184 37	
	<hr/>	\$192 37

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,

Trustee.

December 31, 1939.

REPORT
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paxton, Mass., January 11, 1940.

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

Your Finance Committee, after making a study in detail of all Department Budgets submitted to us, wish to bring the following to your attention.

On February 1, 1940 a Water Note of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) becomes due. Also interest on said Water Bond in the amount of Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$2,740.00) falls due later in the year.

We still have to meet a note on the Illig property for Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and interest of Two Hundred Forty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$247.50) on Illig property note.

The above makes a total of Six Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$6,487.50) which represents approximately \$6.50 of the present tax rate.

At this point we would like to call to the attention of the Voters that every \$1,000.00 appropriation approved on the floor raises the tax rate about One Dollar (\$1.00) a Thousand. Likewise any \$1,000.00 reductions made on the floor in turn decrease the tax rate One Dollar (\$1.00) per Thousand.

We submit the following:

Water Note due Feb. 1, 1940	\$3,000 00
Interest on Water Bond	2,740 00
Note on Illig Property	500 00
Interest on Illig Property Note	247 50
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Sub Total	\$6,487 50
Departmental Budgets	45,806 00
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Grand Total	\$52,293 50

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. PORTER, Chairman,
 SABINA BARCLAY
 DEAN HOWLAND
 ARNOLD H. KLINGELE
 GAYLORD PIKE
 HUGH B. MORSE, Ex-Officio
Finance Committee.

BUDGET FOR 1940

	Recommendations	Appropriations	
	1940	1939	
		Voted	Expended
Assessors	\$325 00	\$325 00	\$321 29
Auditor	1 00	1 00	none
Care of Common	75 00	100 00	51 35
Care of Town Clock:	310 00	75 00	60 00
Salary	\$ 60 00		
Repairs	250 00		
Refinishing face and numerals			
Balancing hands			
Certifications of Notes	10 00	10 00	6 00
Constables	100 00	100 00	72 00
Contingent	300 00	300 00	281 13
Dog Officer	25 00	24 95	24 00
Election	150 00	75 00	72 00
Increase due to State election			
Fire Department	900 00	843 75	823 01
Includes \$243.75 for compensation			
Increase to install engine in truck			

Board of Health		500 00	1,024 00	1,241 00
Highways:				
Chapter 81, Maintenance	State		4,350 00	
	Town	2,900 00	2,900 00	7,196 99
Chapter 90, Maintenance	County		1,600 00	
	Town	800 00	800 00	3,999 97
Hydrant Rental				
Four additional hydrants		1,050 00	950 00	950 00
Inspector of Animals		50 00	50 00	50 00
Inspector of Buildings		50 00	50 00	50 00
Inspector of Meats and Slaughtering				
Plus \$1.00 for each inspection		5 00	5 00	26 00
Insurance and Bonds		1,400 00	1,400 00	1,252 62
Interest On Revenue Loans		75 00	75 00	59 89
Fourth of July		50 00	50 00	46 46
Legal Services		150 00	150 00	208 62
Memorial Day (Requested 100)		75 00	75 00	70 50
Mooreland Cemetery		150 00	150 00	148 28
Moths		200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	Federal		1,519 00	
	Town	1,800 00	1,500 00	3,147 61
Planning Board		25 00	25 00	17 90
Printing		200 00	350 00	246 78

Public Welfare	3,000 00	2,500 00	2,449 75
Richard's Memorial Library	200 00	100 00	1,476 83
Dog Fund	\$227 54		
Income From Trust Funds Invest.	887 40		
Registrars of Voters	125 00	125 00	none
Salaries	\$ 25 00		
Registering	100 00		
Schools, High—Grade	19,590 00	20,000 00	18,798 84
Schools, Trade	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,050 32
School Clinic	50 00	50 00	none
Sealer Weights and Measurers	30 00	30 00	30 00
Selectmen	500 00	500 00	482 14
Snow Removal	1,200 00	1,000 00	999 29
Military Aid	300 00	300 00	62 50
Street Lights	925 00	925 00	863 67
Tax Collector:			
Salary	400 00	400 00	400 00
Expenses	100 00	100 00	127 04
Town Clerk	110 00	110 00	102 47
Town Hall	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,027 23
Treasurer and Town Accountant:			
Salary	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expenses	100 00	100 00	113 42

Adding Machine		130 00		
Tree Warden		100 00	50 00	17 25
Tuberculosis Hospital			1,165 52	1,165 52
Water Department	\$2,000 00	2,400 00	2,000 00	2,272 50
Paint Standpipe outside	400 00			
Inside and outside \$700				

REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR

All new and remodelled buildings that permits have been granted for this year have been inspected.

Any person wishing to build should obtain a permit from the Selectmen before starting construction.

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Committee met February 28, 1939 with two new members.

George Maccabee, Chairman
Bessie G. Watson, Clerk
Samuel Clapp, Third Member
Euclid Lombard, Superintendent of Cemeteries

During the year two whole lots sold, and two half lots, with two lots remaining unpaid since 1938.

MOORELAND CEMETERY

Appropriated	\$150 00	
Received from Perpetual Care Lots	504 63	
	<hr/>	\$654 63

EXPENSES

Grass seed	\$3 35	
Stationery	1 28	
Gate at Center Cemetery	9 00	
General Care of Cemeteries	641 00	
	<hr/>	\$654 63

RECEIPTS DURING YEAR

Cash received from lots not under perpetual care	\$71 50	
Cash received for perpetual care of		
Alanson Dodge lot	50 00	
Lots sold	210 00	
	<hr/>	\$331 50

GEORGE MACCABEE, *Chairman*
BESSIE G. WATSON, *Clerk*
SAMUEL L. CLAPP

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1939

BIRTHS

FEBRUARY

- 12 Son to William O. and Olive (Emerson) Wylie.

MARCH

- 17 Daughter to George T. and Miriam W. (Estabrook) Dewey.

APRIL

- 4 Daughter to LeRoy T. and Marion (Blanchard) Clocke-
dile.
6 Son to Austin and Grace (Mardigan) Nanigian.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Son to Percy C. and Winifred (Weed) Ryant.
12 Son to James J. and Leona (Godaire) Ahearn.
14 Son to John T. B. and Joan (Kinsley) Carmody.
14 Son to James and Marjorie (St. Martin) Keefe.

OCTOBER

- 17 Daughter to Pellervo F. and Jennie (Hill) Ojanne.

DECEMBER

- 4 Son to Oscar and Ethel (Fontaine) Carlson.
6 Son to Kenneth W. and Catherine (Stafford) Raymond.

MARRIAGES

JANUARY

- 25 Vernon E. Prentice and Viola Crouch.

MAY

- 5 George J. Pellettiere, Jr. and Lizabeth E. Watson.

JUNE

- 3 Eric Hemming and Jeanette Letendre.
28 Walter V. W. Pike and Asta M. Swenson.

JULY

- 10 Charles B. Stevens and Anna Kvalita.
25 Wesley G. Perry and Evelyn M. Kennedy.
29 Ernest H. Prescott and Rosalie F. Black.

AUGUST

- 31 Albert Mathieu and Elenora Harney.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Cyril Black and Cicely Brunt.

OCTOBER

- 28 Arne J. Niemi and Gertrude E. Hills.
28 John B. Molin and Eugenia Robinson.
28 Earl V. Pitcher and Frances A. Rankin of Lincolnville, Me.

DECEMBER

- 16 Donald M. Rossier and Elizabeth Stuart.
28 Donald A. Howard and Charlotte A. Dunbar.

DEATHS

		Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
13	Anna S. Van Wyck	91	8	29
FEBRUARY				
13	George W. Badger	81	1	11
28	Barton H. Grant	61	0	8
MARCH				
16	Robert L. Robinson	1	4	2
APRIL				
4	Nellie M. Pratt	87	1	26
5	Robert C. Jones	0	4	15
MAY				
13	Rena Robinson	80	9	24
JULY				
16	Miriam W. Dewey	0	4	0
AUGUST				
22	Mary V. Wells	51	0	0
30	Henry A. Dupuis	53	0	0
SEPTEMBER				
16	Chandler Dawson	17	6	28

OCTOBER

24	James Beaumont	82	9	13
25	Helen J. Clarkson	39	4	19

NOVEMBER

10	William O. Wylie	63	7	3
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DOG LICENSES

98	Males			
25	Females			
14	Spayed Females			
1	Kennel			
	Paid Town Treasurer			\$444 20

HUNTING, FISHING AND SPORTING LICENSES

75	Fishing Licenses		
51	Hunting Licenses		
56	Sporting Licenses		
20	Women's and Minors'		
1	Minor's Trapping License		
1	Citizen Trapping		
1	Free Sporting License		
2	Duplicate Licenses		
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game		\$416 50

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
Town Clerk.

December 31, 1939.

REPORT OF THE PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

To the Electric Light Commission I present the following report of the department as of December 31, 1939:

ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$35,564 49
General Equipment	1,288 75
Cash	1,697 84
Special Deposits	255 30
Accounts Receivable	845 97
Materials and Supplies	786 52
Depreciation Fund	393 10
	<hr/> \$40,831 97

LIABILITIES

Appropriations for Construction	\$7,090 07
Notes Payable	6,000 00
Consumers Deposits	239 98
Loans Repayment	13,116 00
Profit and Loss	14,385 92
	<hr/> \$40,831 97

COST OF PLANT

Cost of:

Structures	\$ 293 44
Transformer Station and Sub- station Equipment	5,250 82
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	30,569 23

Consumers Meters and Installation	3,644 49
Line Transformers and Installation	8,707 11
Office Equipment	251 65
Transportation Equipment	1,035 60
Laboratory Equipment	126 56
Miscellaneous Equipment	178 87
Street Lighting Equipment	3,707 11
	<hr/> \$53,766 56

The Depreciation Fund for 1940 will be 3% of the cost of the plant, or \$1,613.00.

Our town load has increased to such an extent this year, even if the radio station had not come to town, the department would have had to enlarge the supply of the town. We expect to have the new sub-station in operation the first part of the year as the radio station people have requested full power for about February 1, 1940. This increase in the plant is coming within the estimate we made at last town meeting, we expect now.

Our additional cost of the year for hurricane expense was \$196.66 and balance of expense for the cable change over \$172.88.

The department has installed 5 new distribution transformers and made 12 new range connections.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. WENTWORTH,
Manager.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health was organized February 9, 1940 with George C. Hunt as Chairman, Mary M. Daniher, Clerk and Arnie J. Niemi, Third Member.

It gives us great pleasure to submit the following report for the year 1939 which is by far the best report we have ever submitted, and it has been made possible only through the co-operation of the Parents, School Nurse and School Teachers:

We have had no contagious diseases of any kind among our children during the year 1939.

Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were reported among adults. The three cases originated in Worcester and came to Paxton. Two were hospitalized at the Worcester County Sanatorium and one case has been discharged and is living in Worcester.

The Report of the Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health and conducted by the State Department of Public Health follows and we think it proved very helpful for the Parents and Children of pre-school age.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HUNT, *Chairman*
MARY M. DANIHER, *Clerk*
ARNE J. NEIMI, *Third Member*
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE Clinic held by the State Department of Public Health

Two days in November 1939

Pre-school Population	48
Children examined	32
No. of families	23
Children needing:	
Medical attention	11
Dental attention	8
Both Dental and Medical	4
Nutrition Attention	8
Attention to nose	5
Attention to throat	2
Nose and throat	2
Eyes	1
Ears	1
T. B. test	1
T. A. T.	11
Vaccination	21
Children with major defects	15
Major dental	4
Children with no defects	6
Mothers needing special nutritional teaching (eating habits 7)	25
Mothers needing habit training help (other than eating habits)	4
Children whose mother had good prenatal care	21
Children who had good breast feeding	17

MRS. A. A. McKENZIE.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1940

LEWIS B. CURTISS

CHARLES C. CRAIG

CHARLES W. BEARS

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM

ROBERT A. BELEY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The circulation of books and magazines for the year ending December 1939 was 7,134. Books and magazines purchased 225. Books discarded 100.

Books and magazines donated by Misses Bertha and Lucy Bill, Mr. Robert Carpenter, Mrs. Herbert Estabrook, Miss May Lidstrom, Mr. Fred Morten, Miss Anna Smith, Mr. A. G. Wesson and Mrs. Stuart Whitney.

I wish to call attention especially to the 20 volumes of The Book of Knowledge, the Children's Encyclopedia, given to the Library by Mrs. Herbert Estabrook, which is used for research work by the grammar and high school pupils.

CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCULATION

Books:

Adult	4,464
Juvenile	1,895
Adult non-fiction	310
Juvenile non-fiction for school reports	46
Books from Division of Public Library, Boston	85

Magazines:

Adult	524
Juvenile	165

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA. T. PECK,
Librarian.

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
RICHARDS MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

Funds for Use in 1939:

Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1938	\$160 58	
Appropriation	100 00	
Feb. 1, 1939, Dog Fund	245 65	
	<hr/>	\$506 23
Income from Trust Funds		\$730 40
Interest on Note, Mrs. Alice Ladd		125 00
Interest on Note, Town of Paxton		82 50
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Total Funds Available in 1939		\$1,444 13

Expenditures:

Salary, Mrs. Peck	\$480 00	
Salary, A. W. Tannahill	365 00	
Books	248 16	
Light	25 95	
Magazines	37 50	
Water	20 00	
Miscellaneous	42 32	
Repairs, painting, etc.	98 00	
Fuel	159 90	
	<hr/>	\$1,476 83
Deficit		<hr/> \$32 70

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL L. CLAPP, *Chairman*
MAY N. LIDSTROM, *Clerk*
MARGUERITE E. CALLHAN,
VERNA HOWLAND,
DR. WILLIAM L. SHIPMAN,
MILTON LADD,

Board of Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library.

REPORT
OF THE
MOTH DEPARTMENT

Roadsides	38,119 nests
Appropriated	\$200 00
Labor	\$200 00

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, 2nd,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Paxton, Mass., December 31, 1939.

At the first meeting of the Board, Arthur J. Crompton was elected Chairman and Edmund A. Reiser was elected Secretary.

During the year some minor corrections have been made on the original drawing of the Town Plan. The data assembled by the engineer showing property corners has been added. Prints subdividing the plan into sixteen sheets have been made and bound into loose leaf binders. Copies of these have been provided for the Assessors, Water Commissioners, Electric Light Board and the Planning Board.

The copy of the plan which was on display at the last annual meeting has been put up in the lower hall of Allen Hall. A similar plan has been mounted on board. This was on display at the Annual Conference of Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards at Hotel Bancroft in October. It was then delivered to the School Committee at the school house to be on permanent display there. The original drawing of the map has been put into a tight tube and is deposited in the Record Building. A set of prints therefrom has been put into a similar tube and deposited in the Richards Memorial Library.

The plan of Paxton Acres including Trafton Road was approved last year by the Planning Board with the understanding that Trafton Road was to be constructed. No construction has resulted. The owners explain that with no arrangements provided for a water extension, proposed con-

struction of several houses and of the road has been delayed. The Board proposes for consideration of the Town an extension of water with the understanding construction of road and houses will promptly proceed.

Amendment of the by-law establishing quorum for Town Meetings is proposed for consideration.

The Planning Board offers its co-operation to and with other departments of the town and in turn asks co-operation.

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
ROBERT L. CARPENTER

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



FOR THE YEAR 1939

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry Clark, Chairman	Term expires 1941
May N. Lidstrom, Secretary	Term expires 1942
Charles C. Craig	Term expires 1940

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

Leroy E. Mayo, M.D.	Holden 89-2
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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. 5 to Dec. 22, 1939
Winter Term—8 weeks	Jan. 2 to Feb. 23, 1940
Spring Term—8 weeks	Mar. 4 to Apr. 26, 1940
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 6 to June 14, 1940
Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 4 to Dec. 20, 1940

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 1939

Funds for use in 1939:

Appropriation	\$20,000 00
Appropriation for Clinic	50 00
Bigelow Fund Interest	25 00
	<hr/> \$20,075 00

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$225 00
Superintendent	415 20
Teachers	4,781 35
Janitor	1,060 00
Health	204 92
Books	172 41
School Supplies	198 20
Janitors Supplies	33 10
High School Transportation	2,749 94
Grade Transportation	2,565 00
High School Tuition	5,081 88
Light and Fuel	466 52
Repairs and Replacement	840 31
Miscellaneous	47 03
New Equipment	38 92

\$18,879 78

Clinic (none)

18,879 78

Unexpended Balance

\$1,195 22

Trade Schools:

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Expenditures:		
Tuition	\$2,105 78	
Transportation	863 60	
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	2,969 38	
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Unexpended Balance		\$30 62
Grants and Gifts from the State:		
High School Tuition	\$3,336 00	
High School Transportation	2,494 40	
School Fund	\$2,051 77	
	336 25	
	413 75	
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	2,801 77	
Superintendent	193 33	
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	\$8,825 50	
Trade Schools	1,529 94	
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Total	\$10,355 44	
Total Expenditures		21,849 16
Grants and Gifts from the State		10,355 44
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Net Expenses of School Department		\$11,493 72

Respectfully submitted,

MAY N. LIDSTROM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., December 31, 1939.

To the School Committee of Paxton:

It is my privilege to present my twenty-second report, the fortieth in the series, for your consideration, together with the usual statistics for record.

We had more than the usual number of changes in teachers this last summer. This is unfortunate for it takes considerable time for any new teacher to adjust to new conditions, to become acquainted in the community and to know the pupils. The voters have always been loyal in support of their schools, generous in appropriations, and genuinely interested in the progress of our boys and girls, so that I believe we should pay salaries that will attract and hold the best teachers. No matter how modern and complete our equipment, the real success of the school depends in very large degree on the teacher.

Mr. George M. Leonard of Abington was elected as Principal to succeed Mr. Glazier. Miss Edith Klinglof resigned in December and Miss Hope Bancroft was elected to take her place. These grades were so large we engaged Miss Davis of Worcester to assist from April to June. I hope that we may be able to have a Music Supervisor and a part-time teacher for Manual Training. We have room for wood-working and the equipment would not be expensive. We are using uniform outlines for the work in Drawing so that the need for a Drawing Supervisor is not as great as for one in Music.

The usual meetings and conventions were held during the year and regular school work has been successful. Our enrollment is a little larger than a year ago, and we have forty attending high school and twelve in the vocational schools. Our graduating class of fifteen was larger than usual, two boys entering Trade School.

Repairs have been made as needed and the building and grounds are in good condition. The building was painted during the summer. The new steel flag pole is a welcome gift from the Paxton Post No. 306, American Legion, and very much appreciated. We shall need new texts in English this year. Otherwise books and supplies are in good condition and sufficient for our needs. We thank Mrs. Hyde for the material presented to the school and all others who have contributed to the success of the school year by gifts or personal services. The teachers have continued 100% membership in both state and national professional organizations. The Parent-Teacher Association has held regular meetings during the year and has presented some very helpful programs. This group sponsored the conference held in November by the Division of Child Hygiene.

Judith Bemis and John Nanigian were the winners of the American Legion awards and the presentation was made at graduation by Commander George Beley. The annual poster awards made by the American Humane Education Society are listed at the end of this report. The health program has been carried on successfully by our school nurse whose report is given in full.

Revised laws relating to school attendance and the employment of children under sixteen went into effect last August. No child under twelve years of age is permitted to engage in street trades, selling or delivering papers or magazines, and no child under sixteen permitted to work in factories, workshops or manufacturing plants. Children

between fourteen and sixteen may work on farms or in private domestic service if they have an employment permit. "No boy under twelve and no girl under eighteen shall sell, expose or offer for sale any newspapers, magazines, periodicals or any other articles of merchandise of any description, or exercise the trade of bookblack or scavenger, or any other trade, in any street or public place." In short this practically means that the school age is raised from fourteen to sixteen.

May I thank the members of the School Committee for their cooperation and fine support and testify to their devoted service in the welfare of our children in school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report of the school health program for the year 1939 shows definite progress in health education.

Very few cases of communicable disease existed. Constant observation and prompt isolation have been helpful in preventing spread of disease.

Twenty-one pupils requested the "Mantou Test" by the "Glidden Clinic" in April and four pupils re-acted to the test. These children were found negative for tuberculosis upon X-ray and further examination. This clinic is made possible by the local sale of Christmas seals.

Tonsil clinic held in June was attended by two pupils.

Eleven children attended the pre-school vaccination and examination clinic held in May.

Annual fall physical examinations given by our school physician showed general health improvement and correction of many defects previously recommended.

Dental clinic, conducted by Dr. Bessie Scott, was very successful and it is hoped the habit of dental examination at least once yearly has been firmly established.

Children have been weighed four times during the year. Diet, nutrition, posture and cleanliness are discussed at this time.

Ear and eye testing by the teachers and rechecked by mechanical method, found very few children handicapped by auditory or visual defects.

Sanitary inspections once monthly, find the building in excellent hygienic conditions.

Parents have been extremely co-operative on all home visits.

Credit must be given to the teachers for their excellent co-operation in making the school clinics a success, and raising the health status to a high level.

I sincerely wish to thank everyone who has helped throughout the year to make my work pleasant and effective.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN E. CROSSLEY, R. N.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is a brief report of my work as School Physician in the schools of the Union the past year.

In May and June the pre-school clinics were conducted. An opportunity was thus afforded parents to have children who were to enter school this fall, examined and vaccinated. These clinics were held at Jefferson, Rice and Chaffins Schools in Holden, and also at Paxton and Rutland.

This Fall during September and October examinations were held at the High School, Rice, Chaffins and Jefferson Schools in Holden, and at both schools in Rutland, at Paxton and at Oakham. Each pupil was given a physical examination.

Miss Crossley and I made a sanitary inspection of the school buildings of the district in October. We found that the Holden High School and Chaffins School, the Paxton and Oakham Schools were very clean and well equipped. The Rice and Jefferson Schools in Holden are in need of better lighting facilities and new equipment in the toilets. In the Rutland High School the toilet rooms are dark and some of the new equipment has unfortunately rusted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. MAYO, M.D.,
School Physician.

ORGANIZATION, 1938-1939

Grades	Teacher—Training	Began Here
7-8	Melvin H. Glazier, Middlebury College	Sept. 1937
5-6	Edith C. Klinglof, Worcester S.T.C.	Sept. 1938
	Hope C. Bancroft, Washington S.T.C.	Jan. 1939
3-4	Dorothy C. Simpson, Worcester S.T.C.	Sept. 1937
1-2	Ruth E. Butterfield, Worcester S.T.C.	Sept. 1929

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, 1938-1939

ENROLLMENT — FALL TERM, 1939

Grades	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Atten.	Per Cent of Atten.
7-8	26	25	23	96
5-6	40	35	34	96
3-4	24	22	21	96
1-2	23	20	19	96
Totals	113	102	97	96

GRADUATES - JUNE 1939

George Ahearn	Priscilla Pierce
Judith Bemis	Jean Reiser
Carolyn Everleth	Evelyn St. Martin
Gloria Flint	Aleck Urbonovitch
Margaret Lawler	Joseph Urbonovitch
Eugene Lemay	Doris Walsh
Robert Lindquist	Paul Wells
John Nanigian	

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1939

Children in Paxton	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7 years of age	8	8	16
From 7 to 14 years of age	50	33	83
From 14 to 16 years of age	12	13	25
	—	—	—
Totals	70	54	124

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Totals
Boys	7	6	11	5	7	12	11	4	63
Girls	6	2	3	6	2	6	10	4	39
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	13	8	14	11	9	18	21	8	102

AGE AND GRADING CHART

October 1, 1939

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
I	13	1										14
II	1	7										8
III		1	11	2								14
IV			1	10								11
V					5	3	1					9
VI					3	10	1	3				17
VII							12	4	3	1	1	21
VIII								5	2	1		8
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tot.	14	9	12	12	8	13	14	12	5	2	1	102

ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

First Prizes—

William Ahearn, V
Beverly Flint, VI

Wallace Sands, VII
Aleck Urbonovitch, VIII

Second Prizes—

Roland O'Neil, VI
Grace Langevin, VI

Clyde Badger, VII
Robert Lindquist, VIII

Honorable Mention—

Alwyn Jensen, V
Thomas Cunningham, VII

Joseph Urbonovitch, VIII

HONOR ROLL

Ralph Belezerian
Robert Bourget
Louis Clockedile
Thomas Cunningham

Hazel Gotha
Paul Hemming
Eugene Lemay
Louis Urbonovitch

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen met February 9, 1940 with the following members present:

George C. Hunt Mary M. Daniher Arnie J. Niemi

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the following officers be elected:

George C. Hunt, Chairman
Mary M. Daniher, Clerk
Arnie J. Niemi, Third Member

Building Permits were issued for remodelling and new buildings during the year at a total cost of approximately \$8,500.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued:

- 1 Sale of Fireworks
- 6 Pistol
- 6 Common
- 1 Innholder
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 6 Special Malt
- 8 Sunday Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, etc.
- 1 Amusement
- 1 Innholder's All Alcoholic Beverages for 1940
- 2 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1940
- 1 Retail Package Store Alcoholic Beverages for 1940

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HUNT, *Chairman*
MARY M. DANIHER, *Clerk*
ARNE J. NIEMI

Board of Selectmen.

CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1939

District No. 3

State Allotment—\$4,350			Town Allotment—\$2,900						Total Allotment—\$7,250		State Pays 3/5%		
TOTAL MILES			MILEAGE BY TYPES						Remarks—Work Other Than General				
No.	Road Name	Prim.	Sec.	B.M.A.	B.M.T.	Gr.	Dirt	Oil Gr.	Allot.	Expend.	Maintenance		
1	Rockland St.	0.89	—	—	—	—	0.44	—	0.45	\$ 80.00	\$116.67	New Gravel 120 ft. long, 12 in. wide, 8 in. deep. Installed—32 ft.-12 in. C.C.M. Pipe; 32 ft.-18 in. R.C. Pipe; 22 ft.-12 in. R.C. Pipe and 2x4 Catch Basin with Frame and Grate.	
2	Mill St.	—	0.25	—	—	—	0.02	0.23	—	155.00	77.25		
3	West St.	2.93	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.93	100.00	130.88		
4	Spring St.	1.06	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.16	0.7	869.00	647.52	Side Drain 340 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, 3 ft. deep.	
5	Brigham Rd.	—	1.38	—	—	—	0.4	0.98	—	145.00	203.12	New Gravel 150 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, 10 in. deep. New Gravel 950 ft. long, 14 ft. wide, 4 in. deep and 285 ft. long, 12 ft. wide, 8 in. deep.	
6	Davis Rd.	1.77	—	—	—	—	—	1.77	—	434.00	300.52		
7	South St.	0.81	—	—	—	—	0.62	0.19	—	235.00	494.50		
8	Richards Ave.	2.15	—	—	—	0.48	—	—	—	1.67	60.00	78.78	New Gravel 315 ft. long, 12 ft. wide, 8 in. deep.
9	Pleasant St.	Now State Highway						—	—	—	70.00	53.75	
10	Soumi St.	1.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.1	—	315.00	403.67	
11	Laurel St.	0.97	—	—	—	—	0.75	0.22	—	—	—	—	Side Drain, 400 ft. long, 3 ft.
12	Terrace Place	—	0.11	—	—	—	—	0.11	—	—	35.00	—	
13	Hill St.	0.71	—	—	—	—	0.71	—	—	—	118.00	121.26	
14	Winter St.	—	0.40	—	—	—	—	0.4	—	—	40.00	46.00	
15	Marshall St.	2.48	—	—	—	—	0.91	1.57	—	1,011.00	1,211.32		

CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1939 (*continued*)

District No. 3

No.	Road Name	TOTAL MILES		MILEAGE BY TYPES						Remarks—Work Other Than General		
		Prim.	Sec.	B.M.A.	B.M.T.	Gr.	Dirt	Oil Gr.	Allot.	Expend.	Maintenance	
												long, 3 ft. deep; relayed 36 ft.-12 in. C.C.M. Pipe; installed 26 ft.-15 in. C.C.M. Pipe.
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	—	0.24	—	—	0.24	—	—	20.00	6.88		
17	Reservoir St.	1.22	—	—	—	—	—	1.22	30.00	25.50		
18	Elm St.	—	0.52	—	—	—	0.52	—	124.00	83.00		Installed 16 ft.-12 in. C.C.M. Pipe.
19	Crystal St.	—	0.32	—	—	0.10	0.22	—	241.00	98.32		New Gravel 240 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, 6 in. deep.
20	O'Connor Rd.	—	0.62	—	—	—	0.62	—	90.00	121.50		
21	Silver Spring Rd.	—	0.35	—	—	—	0.35	—	45.00	6.25		
22	Camp St.	0.73	—	—	—	—	0.73	—	235.00	146.88		
23	Grove St.	2.51	—	—	—	0.26	0.61	1.64	745.00	693.50		New Gravel 655 ft. long.
24	Pond St.	—	0.35	—	—	—	0.35	—	45.00	—		
25	Hillside Rd.	Discontinued										
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72	—	—	—	—	—	0.72	473.00	363.15		Widened road 125 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep.
27	Maple St.	0.50	—	—	—	—	—	0.50	25.00	3.29		New Side Drain 450 ft. long.
28	Holden Rd.	0.81	—	—	—	—	—	0.81	20.00	—		
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	—	0.13	—	—	—	—	0.13	285.00	179.10		New Surfacing with Asphalt 700 ft. of roadway wide using — gals. per sq. yd. and new gravel 200 ft. long, 16 ft. wide, 4 in. deep.
30	Highland Court	0.07	—	0.04	—	—	—	0.03	10.00	—		
32	Brooks Rd.	—	1.00	—	—	0.12	0.88	—	220.00	606.79		Side Drain 425 ft. long, 2 ft.

CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1939 (continued)

District No. 3

No.	Road Name	TOTAL MILES		MILEAGE BY TYPES							Remarks—Work Other Than General	
		Prim.	Sec.	B.M.A.	B.M.T.	Gr.	Dirt	Oil Gr.	Allot.	Expend.	Maintenance	
33	Sunset Lane	0.46	—	—	—	—	—	0.46	110.00	77.00		wide, 2 ft. long; installed 22
34	Common St.	—	0.11	—	0.08	—	—	0.03	—	—		ft.-12 in. C.C.M. Pipe; new
	Compressor Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.42		gravel 500 ft. long, 15 ft.
	Loam	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.50		wide, 8 in. deep and 50 ft.
	Tools	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104.07		long, 12 ft. wide, 8 in. deep.
	Tool Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.25		
	Express	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.62		
	Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.79		
	Tar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246.07		
	Asphalt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	295.73		
	Pipe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108.40		
	Gravel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.30		
	Signs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.50		
	Lumber	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00		
	Kerosene	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.85		
	Wire and Posts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.84		
	Total	21.89	5.78	0.04	0.56	4.77	9.91	12.39	\$6,385.00	—		
	Reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	865.00	—		
	Allotment Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$7,250.00	\$7,176.74		

M. J. DALTON, District Highway Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES OF 1939

DR.

Due per:

Real Warrant	\$33,675 94
Personal Warrant	2,616 22
Poll	590 00

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Payments to Treasurer:

Real	\$19,389 73
Personal	1,789 72
Poll	528 00

By Uncollected:

Real	14,286 21
Personal	826 50
Polls	62 00

\$36,882 16	\$36,882 16
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1939 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

DR.

Due per Warrants 1-4	\$1,975 15
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer	\$1,843 74
By Uncollected M.V.E.	131 41
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	\$1,975 15 \$1,975 15

TAXES OF 1938

DR.

Due per:

Real Warrant	\$16,586 57
Moth Warrant	16 00
Personal Warrant	2,436 21
Poll Warrant	30 00

CR.

By Payments to Treasurer on:

Real	\$10,787 42
Moth	8 35
Personal	678 11
Poll	6 00

By collected:

Real	4,946 21
Moth	7 65
Personal	1,758 10
Polls	24 00
By Taxes transferred to Tax Titles	852 94

\$19,068 78 \$19,068 78

MOTOR VEHICLE OF 1938

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$102 42
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer	\$50 77	
By Uncollected Taxes	51 65	
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	\$102 42	\$102 42

TAXES OF 1937

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$5,005 25
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer on:

Real	\$4,543 36	
Moth	2 30	
Personal	247 28	
Poll	2 00	
By Abatements on Poll	16 00	
By Uncollected Taxes	77 89	
By Abatements on Personal	28 67	
Taxes taken by Tax Title	87 75	
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	\$5,005 25	\$5,005 25

MOTOR VEHICLE OF 1937

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$126 10
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer	\$25 16	
By Abatements	83 51	
By Uncollected Taxes	17 43	
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	\$126 10	\$126 10

TAXES OF 1936

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$260 38
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer:		
Real	\$156 75	
Personal	65 86	
By Uncollected Polls	15 00	
By Abatements	22 77	
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	\$260 38	\$260 38

MOTOR VEHICLE OF 1936

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$62 67
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CR.

By Payments to Treasurer	\$ 4 00	
By Abatements	58 67	
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	\$62 67	\$62 67

TAXES OF 1934

DR.

Due per Warrant	\$37 72
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CR.

By Payment to Treasurer		\$37 72
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	\$37 72	\$37 72

INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of:		
1939		\$ 22 73
1938		305 98
1937		338 18
1936		14 52
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		\$681 41

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER ON POLLS

Taxes of:		
1939		\$13 30
1938		0 70
1937		0 35
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		\$14 35

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY,
Collector of Taxes.

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, 1939.

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Levy of 1934	\$ 37 72	
Levy of 1936	222 61	
Levy of 1937	4,789 64	
Levy of 1938	11,478 83	
Levy of 1939	21,179 45	
	<hr/>	\$37,708 25

Polls:

Levy of 1934	\$ 2 00	
Levy of 1935	4 00	
Levy of 1937	2 00	
Levy of 1938	6 00	
Levy of 1939	528 00	
	<hr/>	536 00

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1933	\$ 3 47	
Levy of 1936	2 00	
Levy of 1937	46 14	
Levy of 1938	50 77	
Levy of 1939	1,845 84	
	<hr/>	1,944 75

Tax Titles:

Redemptions	60 37	
	<hr/>	60 37

From State:

Income Tax	\$2,270 00	
Corporation Tax	15 94	
	<hr/>	2,285 94

Licenses:

Liquors, Stands and Permits	\$911 00	
	<hr/>	911 00

Grants and Gifts from State:

School Fund	\$2,051 77	
School Superintendent	193 33	
High School Tuition	3,336 00	
High School Transportation	2,494 40	
Trade School	1,529 94	
Military Aid	52 50	
Inspector of Animals	25 00	
Old Age Assistance	1,055 34	
Federal Aid	1,519 00	
Federal Aid Administration	50 59	
	<hr/>	12,307 87

From County:

Dog Licenses Refunded	\$245 65	
	<hr/>	245 65

Other Revenue:

Rent of Hall	\$156 75	
Rent of Howe Place	260 00	
Rent of Illig Place	297 00	

Sealer's Fees	11 16	
Court Fines	32 00	
	<hr/>	756 91
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1936	\$1 85	
Moth 1937	8 35	
	<hr/>	10 20
From Tax Collector:		
Demands	\$46 00	
	<hr/>	46 00
From Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	\$450 80	
	<hr/>	450 80
Board of Health:		
Refund	\$194 75	
	<hr/>	194 75
Highways:		
State:		
Chapter 81	\$4,887 95	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	3,976 89	
Chapter 90, Construction	815 00	
Chapter 232	2,809 18	
County:		
Chapter 90, Maintenance	4,432 91	

Town:

Tractor Equipment Maintenance	759 75	
	<hr/>	17,681 68
Public Welfare	\$823 19	
	<hr/>	823 19
Old Age Assistance	\$70 00	
	<hr/>	70 00

Interest:

On Taxes	\$ 681 36	
On C. D. Boynton Fund	184 37	
On Library Funds	888 24	
On School Funds	25 00	
On Cemetery P/C Funds	1,148 18	
On Electric Light Note	7 29	
	<hr/>	2,934 44

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$20,000 00	
Electric Light	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	26,000 00

Cemetery Funds:

Perpetual Care Lots	\$460 00	
Care of Lots	81 50	
	<hr/>	541 50

Library Funds:

Bigelow	\$2,500 00	
	<hr/>	2,500 00

Electric Light Department:

Light and Power	\$14,566 30	
Depreciation Fund	300 00	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	12 59	
Meter Guarantee	122 50	
Interest on Meter Fund	3 19	
Error	4 50	
	<hr/>	15,009 08

Water Department:

Collections	\$3,043 32	
	<hr/>	3,043 32

Refunds:

Land Court	\$120 00	
Highways	5 04	
Insurance	4 67	
Deficit	955 64	
Miscellaneous Receipts	224 97	
	<hr/>	1,310 32

Total Receipts	\$127,372 02
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PAYMENTS

Selectmen:

Services	\$300 00	
Clerical	150 00	
Expenses	32 87	
	<hr/>	\$482 87

Treasurer:

Services	\$600 00	
Expenses	113 42	
	<hr/>	713 42

Tax Collector:

Services	\$400 00	
Expenses	127 04	
	<hr/>	527 04

Assessors:

Services and Expenses	\$321 29	
	<hr/>	321 29
Legal	\$208 62	
	<hr/>	208 62
Land Court	\$120 00	
	<hr/>	120 00

Town Clerk:

Services	\$100 00	
Expenses	2 47	
	<hr/>	102 47

Elections:

Registrars	\$20 00	
Tellers	24 00	
Ballots	28 00	
	<hr/>	72 00

Contingent:

Land Damage	\$100 00	
Delivering Reports	3 00	
Safe	68 00	
Flag	21 88	
Moderator	20 00	
Military Aid	2 50	
Repairs and Town Fence	3 00	
Signs	45 00	
Others	17 75	
	<hr/>	281 13

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$520 00	
Water	20 00	
Fuel	297 35	
Lights	45 32	
Repairs and Supplies	227 20	
Miscellaneous	22 44	
	<hr/>	1,027 23
Repairs to Roof	\$106 00	
	<hr/>	106 00

Constables:

Services	\$72 00	
Dog Officers	24 00	
	<hr/>	96 00

Fire Department:

Rent	\$364 00	
Siren	9 75	
Maintenance	205 51	
Compensation	243 75	
	<hr/>	823 01

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Services	\$25 00	
Supplies	5 00	
	<hr/>	30 00

Building Inspector:

Services	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	50 00

Planning Board:

Supplies	\$17 90	
	<hr/>	17 90

Moth:

Labor	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	200 00

Tree Warden:

Labor	\$17 25	
	<hr/>	17 25

Health:

Services	\$ 25 00	
Board and Treatment	1,091 00	
Garbage Collection	125 00	
Tubercular Hospital	1,165 52	
Inspection of Animals	50 00	
Inspection of Meat	26 00	
	<hr/>	2,482 52

Highways:

Chapter 81	7,216 99	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	3,999 97	
Chapter 90, Construction	1,872 25	
Equipment Maintenance	759 33	
Snow Removal	999 29	
	<hr/>	14,847 83

Street Lights:

Current	\$863 67	
	<hr/>	863 67

Public Welfare:

Services	\$ 75 00	
Clerical	4 50	
Board and Care	2,370 25	
	<hr/>	2,449 75

Old Age Assistance:

Administration
Aid

\$ 29 79

3,117 82

3,147 61

Military Aid:

Aid

\$62 50

62 50

Trade Schools:

Tuition

\$2,170 78

Transportation

879 54

3,050 32

Schools:

Committee

\$ 225 00

Superintendent

340 20

Superintendent's Expenses

94 57

Census

10 00

Teachers' Salaries

4,764 10

Health

204 92

Books

171 62

Supplies

203 54

Transportation

2,362 50

Janitor

1,060 00

Fuel and Lights

471 02

Repairs

849 81

Janitor's Supplies

24 35

New Equipment

17 82

Boiler Inspection

5 00

Graduation

11 53

Others

29 48

10,845 46

Library:

Librarian	\$480 00	
Janitor	365 00	
Books and Periodicals	285 66	
Fuel and Lights	185 85	
Water	20 00	
Others	140 32	
	<hr/>	1,476 83

Care of Common:

Labor	\$34 50	
Supplies	5 35	
Flag	11 50	
	<hr/>	51 35

Fourth of July:

Celebration	\$46 46	
	<hr/>	46 46

Memorial Day:

Observance	\$70 50	
	<hr/>	70 50

Town Clock:

Care	\$60 00	
	<hr/>	60 00

Illig Place:

Repairs	\$552 69	
	<hr/>	552 69

Insurance:

Bonds	\$ 42 00	
Fire and Liability	1,210 62	
	<hr/>	1,252 62

Printing:

Town Reports	\$127 78	
Assessors Reports	99 75	
Others	19 25	
	<hr/>	246 78

Water Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00	
Superintendent	325 00	
Clerical	4 40	
Labor	567 74	
Pipe and Fittings	525 35	
Equipment	232 84	
Fuel and Power	477 98	
All Others	61 19	
	<hr/>	2,272 50
Richards Avenue Extension	\$4,830 83	
	<hr/>	4,830 83
Hydrant Rental	\$950 00	
	<hr/>	950 00

Electric Light Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	267 61
Meter Reader	303 00
Printing, Telephone and Postage	57 48
Legal	30 00
Care of Lights	49 50
Repair of Lines	1,283 80
Meters and Transformers	815 02
Current	8,663 78
Materials and Supplies	6,515 02
Insurance and Bonds	261 12
Installations	454 78
Meter Guarantee Refunds	154 57

Depreciation Fund	300 00	
Rent	84 00	
Taxes	7 34	
Truck Maintenance and Operation	97 31	
All Others	193 86	
	<hr/>	\$19,613 19

Cemeteries:

Mooreland	\$148 28	
Perpetual Care Funds	506 35	
	<hr/>	654 63

Interest and Discount:

Revenue Notes	\$ 59 89	
School Buildings	110 00	
Recreation	247 50	
Water	2,800 00	
	<hr/>	3,217 39

Certification of Notes:

Fees	\$6 00	
	<hr/>	6 00

Municipal Indebtedness:

Revenue Loan	\$15,000 00	
School Building	2,000 00	
Recreation	500 00	
	<hr/>	17,500 00

Agency:

State Tax	\$2,880 00	
Auditing	809 96	
State Parks and Reservation	41 69	
Veterans' Exemption	6 32	
	<hr/>	3,737 97

County Tax	\$1,601 86	
Dog Licenses	344 60	
	<hr/>	1,946 46
Cemeteries:		
Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 620 00	
Trust Funds Library	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	3,120 00
Overdrafts 1938	\$23 25	
	<hr/>	23 25
Howe Farm Taxes	\$454 47	
	<hr/>	454 47
Illig Place Taxes	\$252 00	
	<hr/>	252 00
Refunds:		
Taxes 1938	\$ 13 30	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1939	78 13	
Adjustment	186 27	
	<hr/>	277 70
Total Payments		\$113,511 89
Balance December 31, 1939		13,860 13
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Total		\$127,372 02

OUTSTANDING DEBT, DECEMBER 31, 1939

Revenue Loan	\$10,000 00	
Recreational Field	4,000 00	
Water Bonds	70,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$84,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH B. MORSE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Paxton, Mass., January 8, 1940.

The year 1939 has been a very successful one for the Water Department. During the year eighteen new house connections have been made, making ninety-four installations and 4,990 feet of 8-inch water main and four hydrants have been added to our system.

The long drought caused a demand for water installations greater than expected and made it necessary to ask the Finance Committee for an additional appropriation of \$300.00 which was granted.

Several dwellings on our water mains are in need of water as their wells are dry and we expect twelve new installations during 1940.

No decision has been given on the suit of the contractor against the town.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

Water consumption	\$1,839 97
Hydrant rentals	950 00
Water installations	412 53
Miscellaneous	39 82
	<hr/> \$3,242 32

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Water installations	\$128 33
Water consumption	22 91
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	\$151 24

RICHARDS AVENUE EXTENSION

In complying with a vote of the town, the Water Commissioners completed the installation of a 8-inch water main from the Hair Farm on Richards Avenue to the residence of Wallace Tannahill. The work was done with W. P. A. labor and the town provided the material except 546 feet of 8-inch water main given by the U. S. Government.

Four hydrants were installed and six new services were added to the system on this extension.

The extension was 4,990 feet and the cost to the town was \$6,386.93. The work on this job was started December 5, 1938 and completed May 29, 1939.

This extension has added nearly one mile to our water mains, it has also opened up for the same distance a number of highly desirable building sites on an improved road with unlimited water and electrical service adding greatly to the town's wealth and future prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. MCKINLEY, *Chairman*
WALTER H. BROWN
ROBERT L. CARPENTER

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939

Appropriation \$2,500 00

Expenditures:

Case No.	59	\$260	71
	84	107	99
	89	339	52
	91	12	91
	102	276	00
	113	168	36
	114	533	37
	120	303	45
	124	8	00
	126	7	98
	127	174	60
	128	162	55

\$2,355 44

Delivery of Commodities	6 82
Office Supplies	0 53
Postage	4 50
Salaries	80 00
State Assessment	9 00

\$2,456 29

Balance \$43 71

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, *Chairman*
EVELYN M. GLEASON, *Clerk*
GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

REPORT
OF THE
BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Special Appropriation	139 00	
Federal Reimbursement	1,519 00	
		\$3,158 00

Expenditures:

Case No. 3	\$312 00	
8	360 00	
9	360 00	
11	312 00	
12	312 00	
14	130 00	
15	300 00	
16	300 00	
19	300 00	
20	325 00	
22	100 00	
		\$3,111 00
		\$47 00

Federal Grant O.A.A. Administration:

January 1, Balance	\$38 21	
Reimbursement for		
Administration	50 59	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies		\$2 41
Adm. Expense		16 96
Postage		3 77
Office Supplies		4 75
Telephone		1 90
Balance		59 01
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	\$88 80	\$88 80

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, *Chairman*
 EVELYN M. GLEASON, *Clerk*
 GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

TOWN WARRANT

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 the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in "ALLEN Hall," on MONDAY the FIFTH day of February A. D. 1940, at 12 o'clock, NOON, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To bring in to the Election Officers their votes for town officers to be voted for on the official ballot as follows:

Moderator, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Two Constables, and Tree Warden, all for the term of one year. One member of the Board of Selectmen for 3 years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one member of the Board of Assessors for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, and one member for one year to fill vacancy, one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for 3 years, one member of the Water Commissioners for three years, two trustees of the Richards Memorial Library for three years, one member of the Planning Board for five years, one member for four years and one member for three years to fill existing vacancies.

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

Also to choose any other necessary town officers.

The Polls will be open from Noon until 8 o'clock P. M.

The Business Meeting will open at 7 o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and committees and act thereon and act upon any recommendations contained in said reports, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required in accordance with said reports or otherwise, or act in any way 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 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, 1940, 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 raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the balance of 1938 taxes on the Howe Farm and Illig property (so called) as well as the 1939 taxes on both pieces of property, or act in any way thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to extend the street lights on one or more streets, the expense of same to be taken from the Electric Light Revenue, or act in any way thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the Koberg lot in Centre Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160.56 to cover an overdraft on Welfare for 1937. Also to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79.96 for Old Age Assistance for the year 1938, or act in any way thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money with which to pay the Water bill on the Illig Property (so called), and also to install a septic tank, or act in any way thereon.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Illig property purchased by the town for playground purposes.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote that a committee be appointed to bring in a report on the advisability of erecting a building over the cellar hole of the barn on the Illig property to house town equipment, or act in any way thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to use the income of the C. D. Boynton Fund for general purposes for the construction of sidewalks under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

Article 13. 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 act in any way thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for construction on Rockland Street 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, provided however, that if this money is not allotted by April 15, 1940, this money shall not be raised.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day, or act in any way thereon.

Article 16. 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 17. To see if the town will adopt the following by-law in substitution for the existing by-law establishing a quorum for Town Meeting.

"At the Annual Town Meeting fifty registered voters shall constitute a quorum for all business, except a vote to adjourn or dissolve."

At all Special Town Meetings the warrant for said meeting shall require in addition to other notice, a notice of the time and place thereof by delivery or mail, seven days at least before said meeting, to every residence in town occupied by registered voters, and if the return shows compliance with such order of notice, fifty registered voters shall constitute a quorum for all business except a vote to adjourn or dissolve.

Article 18. To see what action the town will take to officially establish Walbridge Road as the name of the street leading from Pleasant Street, from a point about

5,700 feet from the Worcester-Paxton line, southerly to the Leicester-Paxton town line, confusion having arisen by reason of a sign bearing the name Elm Street recently erected at the intersection with Pleasant Street.

Article 19. To hear report of the Selectmen of action taken by them under the vote at the Annual Town Meeting of February 1939 under Article 30 directing layout of Highland Street and act in any way in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a town Accountant as provided for in Section 55 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, for a term of three years, raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Town Accounts Department, or act in any way thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to abolish the office of Auditor.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to give the Fire Department members compensation for their services or act in any way thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to pay the chief of the Fire Department a salary of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year, or act in any way thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services at the Annual Town meeting and \$5.00 for any special meetings, charging same to Contingent, or act in any way thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$766.25 from Highway Equipment Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to fur-

nish supplies and maintain the town's highway equipment, or act in any way thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from overlay surplus to the Reserve Funds, or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors 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, as recommended by the Tax Commissioner for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year, or act in any way thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote that the income from the 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 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, including any new business.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to allow the use of the Selectmen's room for the committees as listed, Welfare Department, Water Department and Electric Light Department, in which to hold their regular meetings, or act in any way thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote that all elective officers of the town, who have offices in the Town Hall,

have a key to the front door of the Town Hall, or act in any way thereon.

Article 32. To hear the report of the Town Treasurer in regard to the disposal of certain properties acquired by Tax Titles through foreclosure of rights to redeem, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall 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 nineteenth day of January
A. D. 1940.

GEORGE C. HUNT
MARY M. DANIHER
ARNE J. NIEMI

Selectmen of Paxton.