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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

ALBERT N. PUTNAM

TOWN CLERK

HERBERT S. ROBINSON

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

TREASURER

MARION E. MACCABEE

CONSTABLES

GAYLORD B. PIKE*

ROBERT J. WYLIE*

ARTHUR F. STEVENS

TREE WARDEN

EARL BEMIS

SELECTMEN

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1941

ARNE J. NIEMI

Term expires 1942

MARY M. DANIHER

Term expires 1943

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term expires 1941

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term expires 1942

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term expires 1943

ASSESSORS

FRED E. WATSON	Term expires 1941
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term expires 1942
CARL H. WOOD	Term expires 1943

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1941
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1942
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1943

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term expires 1941
ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1942
ALLAN L. HUTCHINS	Term expires 1943

FEBRUARY

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

BESSIE G. WATSON	Term expires 1941
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1942
EARL BEMIS	Term expires 1943

WATER COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1941
WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term expires 1942
WALTER H. BROWN	Term expires 1943

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN	Term expires 1941
MAY N. LIDSTROM	Term expires 1941
DR. WILLIAM L. SHIPMAN	Term expires 1942
MILTON LADD	Term expires 1942
SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1943
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1943

PLANNING BOARD

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term expires 1941
ROBERT L. CARPENTER	Term expires 1942
J. RALPH BARCLAY	Term expires 1943
CHARLES L. PORTER	Term expires 1944
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1945

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

LEWIS B. CURTISS

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

WESLEY G. FERRY* CHARLES B. STEVENS

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 CROUCH

SAMUEL VAN WYCK

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

FRED R. DIFLY

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

BUILDING INSPECTOR

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

EUCLID R. LOMBARD

CARE OF COMMON

CHARLES W. BAERS*

CHARLES B. STEVENS

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, 2nd

* Resigned.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT
OF THE
GENERAL ACCOUNTS
OF THE
TOWN OF PAXTON
and of the
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 15, 1939,
TO FEBRUARY 27, 1940

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

April 3, 1940.

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. George C. Hunt, Chairman
Paxton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from October 15, 1939, to February 27, 1940, 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:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from October 15, 1939, the date of the previous audit, to February 27, 1940, and report thereon as follows:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by a comparison with the records and reports in the town's treasurer's office.

The records in the office of the accounting officer had not been kept up, and it was therefore necessary to compile ledger accounts from information obtained in auditing the several departments. A balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on February 27, 1940, and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts in the town treasurer's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared 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 payments of maturing debt and interest were verified by a comparison 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 and listed, and the income was proved.

The cash book additions were verified and the treasurer's cash balance on February 27, 1940, was proved by a reconciliation of bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

Due to the resignation of the treasurer on March 6, 1940, reconciliation of his cash was again made as of that date.

The books and accounts of the tax collector 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 books, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

The outstanding taxes 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.

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

The charges for the rental of municipal buildings were checked and verified, and the payments to the treasurer, as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, were verified.

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.

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.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the process 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.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$ 4,681.65	
Receipts, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	48,602.42	
	<hr/>	\$53,284.07
Payments, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$39,061.29	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1939	14,222.78	
	<hr/>	\$53,284.07
Balance, Jan. 1, 1940	\$14,222.78	
Receipts, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	6,249.40	
	<hr/>	\$20,472.18
Payments, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$13,192.87	
Balance, Feb. 27, 1940	7,279.31	
	<hr/>	\$20,472.18
Balance, Feb. 28, 1940	\$7,279.31	
Receipts, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, 1940	1,473.56	
	<hr/>	\$8,752.87
Payments, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, 1940	\$4,490.04	
Balance, Mar. 6, 1940:		
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.,		
per check register	\$1,910.87	
Mechanics National Bank,		
per check register	549.57	
Worcester County Trust Co.,		
per check register	303.21	
Worcester County Institution		
for Savings,		
per book No. 252520	1,193.10	
Peoples Savings Bank,		
per book No. 206037	255.30	
Cash in Office verified	50.78	
	<hr/>	4,262.83
	<hr/>	\$8,752.87

GUARANTY BANK & TRUST CO., WORCESTER

Balance, Mar. 6, 1940, per statement		\$4,652.95
Balance, Mar. 6, 1940,		
per check register	\$1,910.87	
Outstanding checks Mar. 6, 1940,		
per list	2,742.08	
	<hr/>	\$4,652.95

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK, WORCESTER

Balance, Mar. 6, 1940, per statement		\$559.57
Balance, Mar. 6, 1940, per check book	\$549.57	
Outstanding checks Mar. 6, 1940, per list	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$559.57

WORCESTER COUNTY TRUST CO.

Balance, Mar. 6, 1940, per statement		\$453.16
Balance, Mar. 6, 1940, per check register	\$303.21	
Outstanding checks, Mar. 6, 1940,		
per list	149.95	
	<hr/>	\$453.16

TAXES—1936

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$15.00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939, and Feb. 27, 1940,	
per list	\$15.00

TAXES—1937

Oustanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$463.58
Payments to treasurer,	
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$377.83
Oustanding, Dec. 31, 1939, and Feb. 27, 1940,	
per list	85.75
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	\$463.58

TAXES—1938

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit		\$8,243.08
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$2,441.45	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	5,801.63	
	<hr/>	\$8,243.08
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940		\$5,801.63
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$ 638.36	
Outstanding Feb. 27, 1940, per list	5,043.03	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940, verified	120.24	
	<hr/>	\$5,801.63

TAXES—1939

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit:		
Poll	\$ 46.00	
Personal	2,421.66	
Real Estate	28,925.27	
	<hr/>	\$31,392.93
Payments to treasurer		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Poll	\$ 4.00	
Personal	1,595.16	
Real Estate	15,379.87	
	<hr/>	\$16,979.03
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939:		
Poll	\$ 42.00	
Personal	826.50	
Real Estate	13,545.40	
	<hr/>	14,413.90
	<hr/>	\$31,392.93

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1940:

Poll	\$ 42.00	
Personal	826.50	
Real Estate	13,545.40	
	<hr/>	\$14,413.90

Abatements and payments
to be refunded

27.55

\$14,441.45

Payments to treasurer,

Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940:

Poll	\$ 2.00	
Personal	26.60	
Real Estate	918.62	
	<hr/>	\$947.22

Abatements, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940:

Personal	\$33.25	
Real Estate	855.38	
	<hr/>	888.63

Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940,
per list:

Poll	\$ 40.00	
Personal	766.65	
Real Estate	11,798.95	
	<hr/>	12,605.60
	<hr/>	\$14,441.45

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1936

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$62.67
Abatements, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$58.67
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939, and Feb. 27, 1940, per list	4.00
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	\$62.67

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1937

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit		\$110.94
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$10.00	
Abatements, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	83.51	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939,		
and Feb. 27, 1940, per list	17.43	
	<hr/>	\$110.94

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1938

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit		\$37.00
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$ 2.33	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	34.67	
	<hr/>	\$37.00
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940	\$34.67	
Overpayment to treasurer to be refunded	.35	
	<hr/>	35.02
Outstanding Feb. 27, 1940, per list		\$35.02

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1939

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$261.17	
Additional commitment		
per warrant	149.71	
	<hr/>	\$410.88
Abatements and payments refunded		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	9.78	
	<hr/>	\$420.66

Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$292.55	
Abatements, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	9.78	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	118.33	
	<hr/>	\$420.66

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1940	\$118.33	
Additional commitment,		
per warrant	115.12	
	<hr/>	\$233.45
Abatements and payments refunded,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$21.14	
Abatements and payments		
to be refunded	13.43	
	<hr/>	34.57
	<hr/>	\$268.02

Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$102.47	
Abatements, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	31.05	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	134.50	
	<hr/>	\$268.02

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1937

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$0.10
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939,	
and Feb. 27, 1940, per list	\$0.10

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1938

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$7.05
Payments to treasurer,	
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$0.70
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	6.35
	<hr/>
	\$7.05

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940		\$6.35
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$0.50	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	5.65	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940, verified	0.20	
	<hr/>	\$6.35

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Interest and costs collections,

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939:

Taxes:

Levy of 1937	\$ 14.73	
Levy of 1938	104.91	
Levy of 1939	19.43	
	<hr/>	\$139.07

Motor vehicle excise taxes:

Levy of 1937	\$0.50	
Levy of 1939	6.38	
Levy of 1938	0.34	
	<hr/>	7.22
	<hr/>	\$146.29

Payments to treasurer,

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939:

Interest	\$138.94	
Costs	7.35	
	<hr/>	\$146.29

Interest and costs collections,

Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940:

Taxes—

Levy of 1938	\$42.51	
Levy of 1939	10.94	
	<hr/>	\$53.45

Motor vehicle excise taxes:		
Levy of 1939	2.15	
	<hr/>	\$55.60
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940:		
Interest	\$43.30	
Costs	3.15	
	<hr/>	
	\$46.45	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940, verified	9.15	
	<hr/>	\$55.60

TAX TITLES

Balance, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit		\$9,479.60
Tax titles redeemed Oct. 16 to		
Dec. 31, 1939	\$ 3.00	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1939	9,476.60	
	<hr/>	\$9,479.60
Balance, Jan. 1, 1940		\$9,476.60
Tax titles redeemed Jan. 1 to		
Feb. 27, 1940	\$ 20.00	
Balance, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	9,456.60	
	<hr/>	\$9,476.60

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Licenses issued,		
Oct. 25 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Common victuallers'	\$ 4.00	
Innholders'	5.00	
Denatured alcohol	1.00	
Liquor	850.00	
	<hr/>	\$860.00

Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 25 to December 31, 1939		\$860.00

Licenses issued,		
Jan. 1 to Mar. 2, 1940:		
Denatured alcohol	\$2.00	
Revolver permits	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$4.00

Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Mar. 2, 1940		\$4.00

TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand, Oct. 18, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$35.40	
Licenses issued,		
Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Males, 6 at \$2.00	\$12.00	
Females, 2 at \$5.00	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$22.00
Overpayment to treasurer refunded	99.60	
	<hr/>	\$157.00

Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$155.40	
Fees retained Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
8 at 20c	1.60	
	<hr/>	\$157.00

TOWN CLERK

SPORTING LICENSES

Cash on hand, Oct. 17, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$24.75	
Licenses issued Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Series No. 1—		
1 at \$2.00	\$ 2.00	

Series No. 2—		
38 at \$2.00	76.00	
Series No. 5—		
1 at \$2.25	2.25	
Series No. 6—		
1 at \$5.25	5.25	
Series No. 14—		
2 at \$0.50	1.00	
	<hr/>	86.50
		<hr/>
		\$111.25
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game,		
Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$86.75	
Fees retained Oct. 18 to Dec. 31, 1939		
41 at 25c	10.25	
Cash balance, December 31, 1939	14.25	
	<hr/>	\$111.25
Balance, Jan. 1, 1940	\$14.25	
Licenses issued Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940:		
Series No. 1—		
11 at \$2.00	\$22.00	
Series No. 2—		
7 at \$2.00	14.00	
Series No. 3—		
22 at \$3.25	71.50	
Series No. 4—		
2 at \$1.25	2.50	
	<hr/>	110.00
		<hr/>
		\$124.25
Fees retained Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940,		
42 at 25c	\$ 10.50	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940, verified	113.75	
	<hr/>	\$124.25

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Charges, Oct. 15 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$50.75
Payments to treasurer, Oct. 15 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$50.75
Charges, Jan. 1 to Mar. 2, 1940	\$46.25

Payments to treasurer, Jan. 1 to Mar. 2, 1940	\$26.25	
Cash on hand, Mar. 2, 1940, verified	<u>20.00</u>	\$46.25

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

JOSEPH H. PARK, Sealer

Cash balance, Oct. 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$8.37
Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1939, and Feb. 27, 1940	\$8.37

REUBEN O'JANNE, Sealer

Cash on hand, Oct. 25, 1939, per previous audit	\$11.16
Payments to treasurer, Oct. 25 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$11.16

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, October 16, 1939, per previous audit	\$ 40.00	
Charges, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	<u>284.00</u>	\$324.00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939		\$324.00
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940		\$324.00
Payments to treasurer, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$236.00	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	<u>88.00</u>	\$324.00

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, October 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$1,003.34	
Charges, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	52.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,055.34
Payments to treasurer, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939		\$1,055.34

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

RATES

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$1,259.61	
Charges, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	2,879.58	
	<hr/>	\$4,139.19
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$3,228.70	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	910.49	
	<hr/>	\$4,139.19
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940	\$ 910.49	
Charges, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	2,884.96	
Advance payment,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	0.61	
	<hr/>	\$3,796.06
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$2,008.89	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940,		
per list	\$1,197.02	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940,		
verified	590.15	
	<hr/>	1,787.17
	<hr/>	\$3,796.06

METER DEPOSITS

Balance, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$278.40	
Receipts, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Deposits	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$293.40
Deposits refunded,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$35.00	
Interest on deposits refunded,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	3.10	
	<hr/>	\$38.10
Balance, Dec. 31, 1939	255.30	
	<hr/>	\$293.40
Balance, Jan. 1, 1940		\$255.30
Deposits refunded,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$5.00	
Interest on deposits refunded,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$0.31	
	<hr/>	\$5.31
Balance, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	249.99	
	<hr/>	\$255.30

WATER DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, Oct. 16, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$ 793.72	
Charges, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	1,000.78	
	<hr/>	\$1,794.50
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$1,700.00	
Abatements, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	24.99	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939	69.51	
	<hr/>	\$1,794.50

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940	\$ 69.51	
Charges, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	641.99	
	<hr/>	\$711.50
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$481.92	
Abatements, Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	5.45	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	224.13	
	<hr/>	\$711.50

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, Oct. 1, 1939,		
per previous audit	\$85.00	
Charges, Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939:		
Care of lots	\$ 3.00	
Sale of lots	10.00	
	<hr/>	13.00
	<hr/>	\$98.00
Payments to treasurer,		
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939	\$44.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1939	54.00	
	<hr/>	\$98.00
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1940		\$54.00
Payments to treasurer,		
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940	\$ 6.00	
Outstanding, Feb. 27, 1940, per list	45.00	
Cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1940, verified	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$54.00

D. RUSSELL BOYNTON CHARITY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	1,000.00	1,000.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	

Oct. 16, 1939, to Feb. 27, 1940

No transactions recorded

EDWARD D. BIGELOW SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	1,000.00	1,000.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939

No transactions recorded

Jan. 1 to Feb 27, 1940

Income	\$12.50	Transfer to town	\$12.50
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GEORGE L. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$500.00	\$500.00
On hand at end of year 1939	500.00	500.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	500.00	500.00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939			
Income	\$12.58	Transfer to town	\$12.58
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940			
Income	\$6.40	Transfer to town	\$6.40

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$168.87	\$1,500.00	\$1,668.87
On hand at end of year 1939	168.87	1,500.00	1,668.87
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	168.87	1,500.00	1,668.87

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	\$4.23	Transfer to town	\$4.23
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939			
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940			
Income	\$2.10	Transfer to town	\$2.10

EDWARD D. BIGELOW LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$16,906.71	\$5,578.00	\$22,484.71
On hand at end of year 1939	16,869.36	5,578.00	22,447.36
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	16,917.58	5,578.00	22,495.58

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939			
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$ 37.35	Transfer to town	\$161.27
Income	123.92		
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	\$161.27		\$161.27
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940			
Income	\$287.79	Added to savings deposits	\$ 48.22
		Transfer to town	239.57
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	\$287.79		\$287.79

EDWARD D. BIGELOW VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	1,000.00	1,000.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	1,000.00	1,000.00
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	

Oct. 16, 1939, to Feb. 27, 1940

No transactions recorded.

C. D. BOYNTON FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

In Custody of Herbert S. Robinson, Trustee

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$7,648.00	\$7,648.00
On hand at end of year 1939	7,648.00	7,648.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	7,648.00	7,648.00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939			
Income	\$192.37	Transfer to town Administration	\$184.37 8.00
	\$192.37		\$192.37

Jan 1. to Feb. 27, 1940

No transactions recorded

HOWE FARM FUND

	Real Estate Appraised Value	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	4,000.00	4,000.00
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940	4,000.00	4,000.00

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939			
Rent	\$40.00	Transfer to town	\$40.00
Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940			
Rent	\$40.00	Transfer to town	\$40.00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand, Oct. 16, 1939	\$50.00	15,400.96	\$15,450.96
On hand at end of year 1939		15,093.05	15,093.05
On hand, Feb. 27, 1940		15,221.36	15,221.36
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	

Oct. 16 to Dec. 31, 1939

Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$457.91	Deposited in savings bank	\$150.00
Income	255.27	Transfer to town	713.18
Bequest	100.00		
Cash in general treasury, Oct. 16, 1939	50.00		
	\$863.18		\$863.18

Jan. 1 to Feb. 27, 1940

Income	\$128.31	Added to savings deposits	\$128.31
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BALANCE SHEET — FEBRUARY 27, 1940
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Banks and Office	\$7,279.31
Accounts Receivable:	

Taxes:

Levy of 1936	\$ 15.00
Levy of 1937	85.75
Levy of 1938	5,163.27
Levy of 1939	12,578.05
	17,842.07

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1936	\$ 4.00	
Levy of 1937	17.43	
Levy of 1938	34.67	
Levy of 1939	121.07	
	<hr/>	177.17

Special Assessments:

Moth 1937	\$0.10	
Moth 1938	5.85	
	<hr/>	5.95

Tax Titles	\$9,456.60	
Tax Title Possessions	192.97	
	<hr/>	9,649.57

Departmental:

Public Welfare		88.00
Water Charges		224.13

Electric Light Department:

Consumers' Charges	\$1,786.56	
Due Town from Electric Light Dept.	772.56	
	<hr/>	2,559.12

Revenue 1940	\$53,099.53	
Less Estimated Receipts Collected	882.45	
	<hr/>	52,217.08

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1933	\$ 4.00	
Levy of 1937	63.37	
	<hr/>	67.37

Overdrawn Account:

Illig Place Taxes		252.00
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		\$90,361.77

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue 1939	\$10,000.00
C. D. Boynton Fund Income	184.37
Howe Farm Fund Income	140.00
Illig Place Rentals	24.00
Dog Licenses—Due County	6.60
Sale Cemetery Lots Fund	10.00
Tailings	48.07
Highway Machinery Fund	50.00
State Parks and Reservations Assessment	4.80
Veterans' Exemptions Tax	0.18

Federal Grant:

Old Age Assistance:

Relief	\$310.65	
Administration	101.97	
		412.62

Appropriation Balances:

General	\$44,208.36	
Electric Light Operation	798.63	
Water System Construction	549.57	
		45,556.56

Accounts Payable to Town by	
Electric Light Department	772.56
Electric Light Depreciation Fund	393.10
Electric Light Meter Guarantee Fund	249.99
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	895.67

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1936	\$ 15.00	
Levy of 1938	135.56	
Levy of 1939	121.45	
		272.01

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$177.17	
Special Assessment	5.95	
Tax Title	9,649.57	
Departmental	88.00	
Water	224.13	
Electric Light	1,786.56	
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		11,931.38
Surplus Revenue		19,409.86
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		\$90,361.77

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$77,000.00	
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		\$77,000.00
Playground Loan	\$ 4,000.00	
Water System Construction Loan	67,000.00	
Electric Light Loan	6,000.00	
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		\$77,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$54,533.81	
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		\$54,533.81
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	22,495.58	
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	15,221.36	
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		\$54,533.81

**REPORT
OF THE
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

All farms in town were inspected by me, showing 575 head of stock as of January 1, 1941. No contagious diseases were found.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RALPH BARCLAY

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 above:

\$61.08	
43.96	
36.20	
40.25	
<hr/>	181.49

Administration expense	\$ 8.00	
Paid Town Treasurer	173.49	
	<hr/>	\$181.49

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
Trustee.

December 31, 1940.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paxton, Mass., January 10, 1941.

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

The Finance Committee has made a study in detail of the 1941 budgets, and our report is as follows:

We note that an effort has been made in the past year toward a reduction in the operating costs of some of the Departments. This is favorable and worthy of comment.

At this time we wish to stress the importance of the fact that when a Department is granted a special appropriation, same to be used for a specific purpose, it should be used in that current year. If it is not used it automatically goes back into surplus. Only 60% of such appropriation can be used toward tax reductions.

We also wish to call to the attention of the voters that every \$1,000.00 appropriation approved on the floor raised the tax rate about One Dollar (\$1.00) a Thousand. Likewise any \$1,000.00 reductions made on the floor in turn decreases the tax rate One Dollar (\$1.00) per Thousand.

We submit the following:

Water Note due February 1, 1941	\$3,000.00
Interest on Water Bonds for 1941	2,500.00
Note on Illig Property	500.00
Interest on Illig Property Notes	192.50
Total Due on Outstanding Debt	<hr/> \$6,192.50

Departmental Budgets	46,556.00
Grand Total	<u>\$52,748.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. PORTER, Chairman
 MRS. SABINA BARCLAY
 ARNOLD H. KLINGELE
 DEANE O. HOWLAND
 ROGER SIMMONS
 MRS. MARION E. MACCABEE, Ex-Officio

BUDGET FOR 1941

	Recommended 1941	Voted 1940	Expended 1940
Selectmen	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$493.09
Auditor	1.00	1.00	0.00
Accounting Officer:			
Salary	350.00	350.00	320.00
Expenses	15.00	50.00	33.74
Treasurer:			
Salary	250.00	250.00	266.55
Expenses	85.00	50.00	65.58
Tax Title Account	300.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Collector:			
Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	125.00	100.00	124.13
Assessors	300.00	325.00	320.25
Legal	300.00	250.00	402.35
Town Clerk:			
Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	10.00	10.00	10.00
Elections	75.00	150.00	144.05

Registrars of Voters:

Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Registering	100.00	100.00	0.00
Town Clock:			
Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00
Expenses	15.00	250.00	250.00
Town Hall	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,139.26
Contingent	300.00	300.00	120.08
Planning Board	25.00	25.00	25.00
Constables	100.00	100.00	111.50
Chief, Fire Department	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	1,000.00	973.35
Dog Officer	25.00	25.00	13.00
Building Inspector	50.00	50.00	50.00
Sealer of Weights	30.00	30.00	28.85
Moths	200.00	200.00	194.00
Tree Warden	200.00	100.00	89.81
Board of Health	200.00	500.00	315.00
Tubercular Hospital		1,125.41	1,125.41
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering	5.00	11.00	13.00

Plus \$1 for each inspection

Highways—

Chapter 81, Maintenance:

State			4,200.00
Town	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance:			
State			1,200.00
County			1,200.00
Town	800.00	800.00	800.00
Chapter 90, Construction:			
State			2,000.00
County			1,500.00
Reserve Fund			500.00
Town	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Snow Removal	2,000.00	1,200.00	
Special Town Meeting		2,500.00	3,690.92
Street Lights	950.00	980.00	870.86
Public Welfare	2,150.00	3,000.00	2,990.41
Old Age Assistance:			
Federal			
Town	2,200.00	1,800.00	1,603.50
Schools, High and Grade	18,450.00	19,500.00	18,575.44
Trade Schools	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,428.43
School Clinic	50.00	100.00	50.00
Richards Memorial Library:	200.00	200.00	1,402.96
Dog Fund			
Income from Trust Funds	\$367.32		
	900.12		

Care of Common and Flag	100.00	100.00	89.00
Memorial Day	100.00	100.00	99.30
Insurance and Bonds	1,400.00	1,400.00	912.77
Printing	200.00	200.00	180.10
July 4th	50.00	50.00	42.21
Water Department	2,000.00	2,400.00	1,808.07
Painting water tank inside and out	800.00	400.00	0.00
Hydrant Rental	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Mooreland Cemetery	250.00	150.00	145.39
Certification of Notes	10.00	10.00	2.00
Interest on Revenue Loans	75.00	75.00	33.24
Overdrafts, 1940:			
Treasurer—			
Salary	16.55		
Expenses	15.58		
Tax Collector—Expenses	24.13		
Legal	152.35		
Town Hall	139.26		
Constables	11.50		
Inspection of Meat, etc.	2.00		
Illig Place	16.94		
Total		378.31	

**REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR**

All construction for which the Selectmen have issued permits has been visited, a few suggestions offered.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Receipts:

Balance paid on lot	\$30.00	
One-half lot sold	50.00	
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Amount place in Trust Fund		\$80.00
Collected on care of Lots not under perpetual care	\$117.00	
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Amount turned over to Town		\$117.00
Due from sale of Lots		150.00

Payments:

General care of Cemeteries	\$600.00	
Stationery and Stamps	1.39	
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		\$601.39
Income from Trust Funds	\$314.75	
Town Appropriation used	145.39	
Balance from Accrued Interest	141.25	
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		\$601.39

The committee requests an additional \$100 appropriation because of the smaller dividends received from Trust Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, Chairman
BESSIE G. WATSON, Clerk
EARL BEMIS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1940

BIRTHS

MARCH

- 9 Daughter to Robert S. and Ruth I. (Tannahill) Lamotte.
- 14 Daughter to Hyman and Sonia (Zellon) Rabinow.

APRIL

- 26 Daughter to John B. and Eugenia (Robinson) Molin.

MAY

- 17 Son to Roger H. and Doris M. (Jarvis) Lonergan.
- 27 Son to George T. and Miriam W. (Estabrook) Dewey.

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Daughter to Sanborn B. and Elizabeth (Putnam) Hutchins.
- 17 Son to John J. and Irene (Marawski) Niemela.

NOVEMBER

- 17 Son to Alexander A. and Barbara (Garthwaite) McKenzie.

DECEMBER

- 13 Son to Victor E. and Lucille (Sewell) Rosenlund.
- 30 Daughter to Walter C. and Lucille (Valles) Gustafson.

MARRIAGES

FEBRUARY

- 24 Gregory A. Harney, Paxton, and Myrtle I. Young, Rutland.

MARCH

- 24 Andrews Ahlfors, Worcester, and Helmi Koivisto, Paxton.

APRIL

- 6 Clarence R. Streeter, Jr., Paxton, and Margaret Snow, Worcester.

MAY

- 21 Roland M. Peck, Paxton, and Lilly I. Cormack, Worcester.
23 Stanley W. Moren, Worcester, and Helen L. Hughes, Paxton.

JUNE

- 15 Lionel V. Curtis, Worcester, and Betty May Wood, Paxton.
22 William T. Harney, Paxton, and Marion R. Dandro, Leicester.

JULY

- 20 Vaino O. Wickstrom, Paxton, and Eileen E. Beane, Auburn.
21 Leslie E. Robinson, Paxton, and Beatrice Stewart, Worcester.

AUGUST

- 9 Richard DeLong, Worcester, and Barbara Smith, Paxton.

OCTOBER

- 12 Austin W. Whitney, Paxton, and Emma E. Conroy,
Auburn.
12 Lewis H. Shipman, Paxton, and Jane R. S. White,
Worcester.
25 Clifford C. Spongberg, Worcester, and Lilla Crouch,
Paxton.

DEATHS

	Y.	M.	D.
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APRIL

15 William L. Maccabee	73	7	9
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MAY

15 James H. Proffit	87	4	3
19 Roger H. Lanergan	—	—	2
22 Joseph H. Reardon	66	3	1
24 John D. Olmstead	79	2	—

AUGUST

9 Albro M. Clark	50	2	6
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DECEMBER

1 Roger Bouget	9	8	12
9 Willard O. Parker	75	4	3

DOG LICENSES

99 Males
26 Females
16 Spayed females
1 Kennel
Paid Town Treasurer

\$356.60

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

56 Resident Citizens Fishing Licenses	
61 Resident Citizens Hunting Licenses	
38 Resident Citizens Sporting Licenses	
15 Resident Citizens Women's and Minors' Licenses	
1 Resident Minor Trapping Licenses	
2 Resident Citizens Sporting and Trapping Licenses	
(Free)	
2 Duplicate Licenses	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$338.50

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. ROBINSON,
Town Clerk.

December 31, 1940.

REPORT OF THE PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

To the Electric Light Commission I present the following report of the department as of December 31, 1940:

ASSETS

Plant investment	\$37,936.57	
General Equipment	1,075.84	
Cash	1,047.24	
Special Deposits	257.10	
Accounts Receivable	878.26	
Materials and Supplies	1,439.90	
Depreciation Fund	1,271.34	
	<hr/>	\$43,906.25

LIABILITIES

Appropriations for Construction	\$7,090.07	
Notes Payable	4,000.00	
Consumers Deposits	239.98	
Loans Repayment	15,116.00	
Profit and Loss	17,460.20	
	<hr/>	\$43,906.25

COST OF PLANT

Cost of:

Structures	\$ 293.44
Transformer Station and Sub- station Equipment	7,309.55
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	31,592.67

Consumers Meters	3,819.09
Line Transformers and Installation	9,107.89
Street Lighting Equipment	3,988.53
Office Equipment	251.65
Transportation Equipment	1,046.53
Laboratory Equipment	126.56
Miscellaneous Equipment	178.87
	<hr/> \$57,714.78

The Depreciation Fund for 1941 will be 3% of the cost of the plant, or \$1,731.44.

The new substation was put into operation in January and the completing of the installing of enlarged new conductors to the Leicester Road on Pleasant Street in March.

This has been a successful year for the department with the additional load of the radio station's larger capacity about April 1, 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. WENTWORTH,
Manager.

**REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health was organized February 8, 1940 with George C. Hunt, Chairman, Mary M. Daniher, Clerk, and Arne J. Niemi, Third Member.

It gives us great pleasure to submit the following report for the year 1940:

- 2 cases Pulmonary Tuberculosis,
(one coming from Worcester)
- 1 Dog Bite
- 1 Whooping Cough

The two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis reported were among adults. One had moved here from Worcester but left town immediately after reporting the case to us.

We wish to thank the parents, school nurse and teachers for their co-operation in helping to keep Paxton children so free from contagious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Board of Health.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1941

LEWIS B. CURTISS
 CHARLES C. CRAIG
 CHARLES W. BEARS
 CLARENCE L. BONKER
 CHARLES C. BROWN
 J. HENRY GOTH A
 WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN
 EUCLID R. LOMBARD

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. LUNT
 MARY M. DANIEL
 ARNE J. NIEMI

Board of Health

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Worcester Public Library and the Division of Public Libraries, State House, Boston, have been most kind in loaning books to this library. Many technical books have been loaned by the Worcester Public Library. Most of the books loaned by the Division of Public Libraries have been non-fiction. As far as possible all books desired have been purchased.

Books discarded have been sent to Rutland State Sanatorium and the Salvation Army.

Books and magazines donated by:
Professor and Mrs. Charles J. Adams, Mrs. William McKinley, Mrs. William Sheehan, Mr. Joseph Sherer, Mrs. B. W. Smith, and Mr. A. G. Wesson.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION

Circulation of books and magazines for the year ending December 31, 1940 was 6,831.

Books:

Adult	4,059
Juvenile	1,609
Adult non-fiction	259
Juvenile non-fiction	100
Loaned	150

Magazines:

Adult	490
Juvenile	164

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA T. PECK,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Funds for Use in 1940:

Appropriation	\$200.00	
January 1940 Dog Fund	227.54	
	<hr/>	\$427.54
Income from Trust Funds		771.88
Interest on Note, Mrs. Ladd		125.00
Interest on Note, Town of Paxton		82.50
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		\$1,406.92
Less deficit Dec. 31, 1939	\$32.70	
Interest transferred from 1939 to 1940	49.66	
	<hr/>	82.36
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Total funds available in 1940		\$1,324.56

Expenditures:

Salary, Mrs. Peck	\$480.00	
Salary, A. W. Tannahill	366.00	
Books and Magazines	162.25	
Fuel and Light	271.35	
Water	20.00	
Miscellaneous, repairs, etc.	21.00	
	<hr/>	1,320.60
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$3.96

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL L. CLAPP, Chairman
MAY N. LIDSTROM, Clerk
MILTON LADD,
DR. WILLIAM L. SHIPMAN
MARGUERITE E. CALLAHAN,
VERNA HOWLAND,
Board of Trustees of the
Richards Memorial Library.

REPORT
OF THE
MOTH DEPARTMENT

Roadsides	42,863 nests
Personal Property	12,422 nests
Appropriated	\$200.00
Labor	194.00
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Balance	\$6.00

HERBERT S. ROBINSON, 2nd,
Moth Superintendent.

**REPORT
OF THE
PLANNING BOARD**

To the Voters of Paxton, Mass.:

The Planning Board wishes to report that it is making some progress toward the completion of the Town's Master Plan. The board had six copies of the basic plan made in a reduced scale, and these copies will be used to collect data for the basic plan.

At one of our meetings we had a member of the executive board of the State Planning Board. He gave a talk pertaining to the progress of other planning boards in the State.

At this time we also wish to report on the proposed reforestration plan. The vote of the board was favorable. We have made no survey as yet, so cannot comment on any favored location for the above project.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
ROBERT L. CARPENTER
CHARLES L. PORTER
MILTON P. LADD
RALPH BARCLAY

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



FOR THE YEAR 1940

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry Clark, Chairman	Term expires 1941
May N. Lidstrom, Secretary	Term expires 1942
Charles C. Craig	Term expires 1943

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Childs	Holden 12 or 209
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SCHOOL NURSE

Evelyn E. Crossley, R.N.	Holden 265 or 444
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M.D.	Holden 89-2
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Arthur F. Stevens	Paxton 4-6979
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JANITOR

George Maccabee	Paxton 2-0239
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 4 to Dec. 20, 1940
Winter Term—8 weeks	Dec. 30 to Feb. 21, 1941
Spring Term—8 weeks	Mar. 3 to Apr. 25, 1941
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 5 to June 13, 1941

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 1940

Funds for use in 1940:

Appropriation	\$19,500.00
Appropriation for Clinic	100.00
Bigelow Fund Interest	25.00
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	\$19,625.00

Expenditures:

School Committee	\$225.00	
Superintendent	410.20	
Teachers	4,798.17	
Janitor	1,040.00	
Health	208.50	
Books	235.76	
School Supplies	151.55	
Janitors Supplies	25.81	
High School Transportation	2,496.40	
Grade Transportation	2,632.50	
High School Tuition	4,721.62	
Light and Fuel	426.77	
Repairs and Replacements	835.24	
Miscellaneous	54.48	
New Equipment	293.44	
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		18,555.44
Clinic (None)		
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Unexpended Balance		\$1,069.56

Trade Schools:

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
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Expenditures:

Tuition	\$1,652.43
Transportation	776.00
	<hr/> 2,428.43

Unexpended Balance	\$571.57
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Grants and Gifts from the State:

High School Tuition	\$3,490.17
High School Transportation	2,557.92
School Fund	\$2,032.20
School Fund	800.00
Superintendent	193.33
	<hr/> 3,025.53
	<hr/> \$9,073.62

Trade Schools, Tuition \$1,157.86

Trade Schools,

Transportation	979.40
	<hr/> 2,137.26

Total	\$11,210.88
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Total Expenditures	\$20,983.87
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Grants and Gifts from the State	11,210.88
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Net Expenses of School Department	\$9,772.99
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Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CLARK, Chairman
MAY N. LIDSTROM, Secretary
CHARLES CRAIG

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1940.

To the School Committee of Paxton:

I have the honor to present my twenty-third annual report on the public schools, the forty-first in the series since the formation of the present Union. The statistics that follow are of interest in showing changes that take place in our organization and enrollment. The names of graduates from our school are printed each year, and may be of value for future reference.

We were again fortunate in having no changes in our teachers, and I am glad to report that at the last annual joint meeting of the Union it was voted to employ a Supervisor of Music. Miss Elizabeth S. Hagar was appointed for this work and she has made real progress in developing a program and organizing the music throughout the Union. I hope that we may soon be able to employ a Supervisor for the work in Art and Drawing. A part-time teacher of Manual Training would add much to the program for our boys and girls in the elementary grades and would be especially valuable in discovering future interests and occupations.

The reports of our School Physician and School Nurse show what has been done during the year in the interests of the health of our pupils. The Town has been generous in supporting this program and we may be proud of our health record and of the excellent conditions maintained in the school building by Mr. Maccabee. The teachers have cooperated in every way in emphasizing the importance of good health.

During the year there were the usual meetings and conventions attended by the teachers and superintendent. A meeting for School Committee members was held in Worcester under the direction of the State Board of Education. All schools of the Union were visited in November by the State Supervisor of Elementary Education. Safety talks were given and "Safety films" shown by a representative from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. In April the teachers attended a Vocational Guidance conference under the direction of the State Department of Education.

Our pupils took part in the spelling contest, and were represented at North Brookfield by Ralph Belezerian, Doris Clockedile and Arline Taylor. The American Legion awards were presented at graduation by Commander Robert C. Harrington to George Clapp and Gwendolyn Maccabee. The essays prepared by the gradating class were printed in a very attractive issue of the school paper. Our pupils had a generous share in the Children's Crusade for Children conducted in the spring throughout the country. The sum of \$72.95 was raised in our Union.

We have put in new texts in English for Grades III to VIII, new Music books in Grades VII and VIII, a new edition of our History text in the same grades, and the revised Reading method and workbooks in Grades I and II. Additions have been made to the room libraries and to the film library.

Much credit is due the Committee for the excellent condition of the school building and grounds. The play room and back hall have been sheathed overhead, standpipe and fire hose installed and connection made to the Town Water System. This will do much for the safety and comfort of our pupils. The slate blackboards have been re-surfaced and many minor repairs completed.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of gifts of books and material from parents and friends, and for the contributions of the Parent-Teacher Association. I wish especially to thank the School Committee for their cooperation and understanding, and for their continued service in the best interests of Paxton boys and girls, in the grades and in High and Trade School.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

"The school and the home have a common goal. Teachers and parents believe that youth must be prepared for useful and happy living as adult members of our democratic society. But the home should not say, 'Let the school do it.' Parents have the job of teaching discipline, work habits, self-reliance, reverence, getting along with others, courtesy and manners, more than the school. The school will do all it can, but it has the task of building on the foundations which parents erect. It has your children for a few hours a day for less than half the days of the year. Working together, the school and the home can prepare boys and girls for this realistic world, and common sense is still the basis of handling children at home and in school if we want to get them ready for life."—H. S. Pearson.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the health program for the year.

Dr. Bessie Scott, dentist, completed the fourth consecutive dental clinic in January.

Number examined	98
Number found to be without defects	4
Number receiving treatments at school clinic	47
Number having treatments by family dentists	10
Total receiving State Dental Certificates	61

Again we urge yearly dental care to enable each child to reach maturity with a full set of normal, healthy teeth.

In May, five pre-school children were vaccinated and examined by Dr. Mayo. Two children were advised at that time to have tonsil operations. One child was operated on by Dr. Arnold Rice at the school tonsil clinic held in June at Holden Hospital. The other child was operated on privately.

The school children added their contributions to the health seal sale by purchase of Christmas buttons. One boy enjoyed the privilege of spending eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp.

Dr. Mayo completed the annual physical examinations in September. No major defects were found. A marked improvement in general health was evident.

Children have been weighed and measured three times during the year. Cleanliness, posture and health habits are discussed individually at this time.

Monthly sanitary inspection found the building in excellent condition. Much credit must be given to the janitor for his interest and co-operation.

Diphtheria immunization has been transferred from the State Department of Health to the local Board. It is hoped a clinic will be held in the near future.

I am grateful to the teachers for their co-operation in making the school health program a success.

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:

I wish to send you the following as the annual report of my work as School Physician in this Union.

During the past year I carried out the following activities as School Physician:

In the Spring clinics were held for the pre-school children in all the schools. An opportunity was given at this time for parents to have their pre-school children examined and vaccinated.

In September of this year and early October, all the pupils of each school of the Union were given a physical examination. At this time, also, the buildings were inspected for sanitation.

We were fortunate during the past year in not having any major epidemics during the school term. More than the usual number of cases of measles broke out in Holden just before the close of school. The disease continued to spread among the children most of the summer. At present there is an epidemic of measles in Rutland which involves more children than is usual for this disease at this time of the year.

The Paxton School at every visit we make is always in first class condition both from the standpoint of equipment and cleanliness.

I wish to thank Miss Crossley for her cooperation and valuable assistance in supervising the health program of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ORGANIZATION, 1939-1940

Grades	Teacher	Training	Began here
7-8	George M. Leonard, Bridgewater S.T.C.		Sept. 1939
5-6	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, 1939-1940

Grades	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Atten.	Per cent. Atten.
7-8	29	27	27	97
5-6	29	27	26	97
3-4	27	24	23	96
1-2	23	21	20	96
Totals	108	99	96	96.5

ENROLLMENT — FALL TERM 1940

Grades	Boys	Girls	Total
8	8	9	17
7	12	6	18
6	9	2	11
5	7	7	14
4	7	3	10
3	8	2	10
2	6	6	12
1	5	5	10
Totals	62	40	102

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1940

Children in Paxton		Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7 years of age		9	9	18
From 7 to 14 years of age		51	33	84
From 14 to 16 years of age		10	10	20
		—	—	—
Totals		70	52	122

AGE AND GRADING CHART

October 1, 1940

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
I	3	5	2										10
II		2	9	1									12
III			1	6		2							10
IV				1	9								10
V					2	10				1			13
VI							5	2	3				10
VII							3	10	2	3			18
VIII								1	8	4	3	1	17

ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

First Prize - Blue Ribbon Medal—

Thomas Cunningham, Jr.

Second Prizes - Red Ribbon Medal—

George Clapp, Jr.

David Palisoul

David Raitto

Honorable Mention—

Ralph Belezorian

Grace Langevin

William Maccabee

GRADUATES — JUNE 1940

Ralph Belezerian	Gwendolyn Maccabee
George Clapp, Jr.	Lois Ross
Thomas Cunningham, Jr.	Mary Sheehan
Cathryn Everleth	

HONOR ROLL

Ralph Belezerian	Kenneth Clockedile
Ernest Bigwood	Hazel Gotha
Pearl Bigwood	Barbara Raitto
George Carlson	Robert Ryant

REPORT
OF THE
**PRE-SCHOOL CHILD HEALTH
CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27, 1940

All the children who attended the Pre-School Child Health Conference of 1939 were visited during the spring of 1940. Arrangements were made by the nurse who did this visiting for several vaccinations and examinations.

The Health Conference for 1940 was held in the Town Hall September 26 and 27. We secured the services of a doctor and a dentist and through the State Board of Health a nutritionist was also in attendance. Appointments were made for 29 children of whom 21 attended. Of these 21 children, 15 have been visited since the clinic.

It has been found that the families have been most cooperative and in nearly all instances the recommendations of the clinic have been carried through. Although there were six children requiring dental attention and eight requiring medical attention, the children were found, on the whole, to be in good physical condition.

MRS. A. A. McKENZIE.

**REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The members of the Board of Selectmen met February 8, 1940 and organized as follows:

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

Building Permits were issued for new buildings and remodelling during the year at a total cost of approximately \$25,935.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued:

- 1 Sale of Fireworks
- 3 Pistol Licenses
- 5 Common Victualler
- 1 Innholder's
- 6 Sunday Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, etc.
- 4 Special Malt
- 3 Amusement
- 1 Innholders' All Alcoholic Beverages for 1941
- 2 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1941
- 1 Retail Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages for 1941

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HUNT, Chairman
MARY M. DANIHER, Clerk
ARNE. J. NIEMI, Third Member
Board of Selectmen.

CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940

District No. 3

State Allotment—\$4,200		Town Allotment—\$2,800				Total Allotment—\$7,000				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	B.G.	Allot.	Expend.	Maintenance	
1	Rockland St.	0.89	—	—	—	—	0.44	—	0.45	\$385.00	\$394.70	Gr. 600 ft.; 300 ft.—8 in. PCC M Side Drain; 2 ft. x 4 ft. S.D.I.; 1900 ft. N. Surf. Gr. 350 ft. x 15 ft. x 8 in. Gr. 200 ft. x 15 ft. x 8 in.; 20 ft.—15 in. C.C.M. Repl. Gr. 650 ft. x 18 ft. x 6 in. Ch. 90.
2	Mill St.	—	0.25	—	—	—	0.02	0.23	—	45.00	22.00	
3	West St. (Ch. 90) ..	2.93	—	—	—	—	—	2.93	80.00	196.75		
4	Spring St.	1.06	—	—	—	—	—	1.06	1,447.00	1,493.37		
5	Brigham St.	—	1.38	—	—	—	0.47	0.91	—	380.00	228.05	Gr. 500 ft. x 16 ft. x 8 in. Gr. 400 ft. x 14 ft. x 8 in. 20 ft.—15 in. R.C., Repl. S.S.D. 600 x 3 x 3; 26 ft.—15 in BCCM Repl. S. F. 200 ft. x 18 ft. x 8 in.; Gr. 200 ft.
6	Davis St.	1.77	—	—	—	—	0.04	1.73	—	295.00	290.04	
7	South St.	0.81	—	—	—	—	0.75	0.06	—	300.00	624.20	
8	Richards Ave.	2.15	—	—	—	0.48	—	—	1.67	69.00	180.05	
9	Pleasant St.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gr. 250 ft. x 12 ft. x 6 in.
10	Soumi St.	1.10	—	—	—	—	—	1.10	248.00	136.65		
11	Laurel St.	0.97	—	—	—	—	0.93	0.04	—	400.00	244.85	
12	Terrace Place	—	0.11	—	—	—	0.08	0.03	—	160.00	63.40	
13	Hill St.	0.71	—	—	—	—	0.71	—	—	165.00	197.60	S.S.D. 600 x 3 x 3; 26 ft.—15 in BCCM Repl. S. F. 200 ft. x 18 ft. x 8 in.; Gr. 200 ft.
14	Winter St.	—	0.40	—	—	—	—	0.40	—	27.00	10.30	
15	Marshall St.	2.48	—	—	—	—	0.95	1.53	—	951.00	1,084.33	
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	—	0.24	—	—	—	0.24	—	—	35.00	73.77	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.22	5.00	2.40	20 ft.—15 in. BCCM; Stone Side Drain 100 ft. x 2 ft. x 3 ft.
18	Walbridge Rd.	—	0.52	—	—	—	—	0.52	—	214.00	148.89	
19	Crystal St.	—	0.32	—	—	—	0.15	0.17	—	100.00	85.45	
20	O'Connor Rd.	—	0.62	—	—	—	—	0.62	—	95.00	97.40	

CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940 (continued)

District No. 3

		TOTAL MILES		MILEAGE BY TYPES							Remarks — Work Other Than General	
No.	Road Name	Prim.	Sec.	B.M.A.	B.M.T.	Gr.	Dirt	B.G.	Allot.	Expend.	Maintenance	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	—	0.35	—	—	—	0.35	—	10.00	—	26 ft.—15 in. BCCM; Ditch 200 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Ch. 90—1.07 Mi.	
22	Camp St.	0.73	—	—	—	—	0.73	—	184.00	247.13		
23	Grove St.	2.51	—	—	—	0.26	0.61	1.64	235.00	297.77	Ch. 90—0.24 Mi. Ch. 90—0.81 Mi.	
24	Pond St.	—	0.35	—	—	—	0.35	—	35.00	—		
25	Hillside Rd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ch. 90—0.24 Mi. Ch. 90—0.81 Mi.	
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72	—	—	—	—	—	0.72	125.00	42.60		
27	Maple St.	0.50	—	—	—	—	—	0.50	25.00	15.80	Ch. 90—0.24 Mi. Ch. 90—0.81 Mi.	
28	Holden Rd.	0.81	—	—	—	—	—	0.81	15.00	2.00		
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	—	0.13	—	—	—	—	0.13	65.00	66.50	Gr. and New Surf. 550 ft. x 16 ft.; 100 C.Y. Exc.	
30	Highland Court	0.16	—	0.04	—	0.05	—	0.07	7.00	472.03		
31	Combined with 6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gr. 250 ft. x 16 ft. x 8 in.; Stone Fill 50 ft. x 16 ft. x 8 in.	
32	Brooks Rd.	—	1.00	—	—	0.17	0.83	—	414.00	163.30		
33	Sunset Lane	0.46	—	—	—	—	—	0.46	7.00	—	Payroll \$5,129.16 Material 1,498.84 Mach. Rental 371.53 Total \$6,999.53	
34	Common St.	—	0.11	—	0.08	—	—	0.03	3.00	—		
	Reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	474.00	—		
	Sand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00		
	Tar Pre-Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.12		
	Tools	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.70		
	Signs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.00		
	Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.38		
	Totals.....	21.98	5.78	0.04	0.56	5.26	9.11	12.79	\$7,000.00	\$6,999.53		
		27.76										

M. J. DALTON, District Highway Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES OF 1940

Due per Warrants:

Real	\$32,814.50
Personal	3,148.13
Poll	616.00

Overpayments to Treasurer:

Real	1.80
Poll	2.00

Payments to Treasurer:

Real	\$20,443.33
Personal	2,303.39
Poll	528.00

Abatements:

Real	522.90
Personal	35.28
Poll	22.00

Taxes Transferred to Tax Title 216.72

Uncollected Taxes:

Real	11,633.35
Personal	809.46
Poll	68.00

\$36,582.43 \$36,582.43

1940 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Due per Warrants:	\$2,490.33	
Payments to Treasurer		\$2,305.69
Abatements		7.15
Uncollected Taxes		177.49
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	\$2,490.33	\$2,490.33

TAXES OF 1939

Due Per Warrants:

Real	\$14,286.21
Personal	826.50
Poll	62.00

Overpayment on Real 13.50

Payments to Treasurer:

Real	\$7,952.52
Personal	364.92
Poll	12.00

Abatements:

Real	858.99
Personal	33.25
Poll	20.00

Taxes Transferred to Tax Title 740.81

Uncollected Taxes:

Real	4,747.39
Personal	428.33
Poll	30.00

\$15,188.21 \$15,188.21

1939 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Due per Warrants:	\$246.53	
Payments to Treasurer		\$184.71
Abatements		13.08
Uncollected Taxes		48.74
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	\$246.53	\$246.53

TAXES OF 1938

Real	\$5,091.31	
Moth	6.35	
Personal	661.31	
Poll	26.00	

Payments to Treasurer:

Real	\$5,054.25	
Moth	6.35	
Personal	636.93	
Poll	6.00	

Abatements:

Real	28.28	
Personal	3.12	
Poll	16.00	

Uncollected Taxes:

Real	8.78	
Personal	21.26	
Poll	4.00	

\$5,784.97 \$5,784.97

1938 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Due Per Warrants	\$34.67	
Overpayment to Treasurer	.35	
Payments to Treasurer		\$13.77
Uncollected Taxes		21.25
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	\$35.02	\$35.02

TAXES OF 1937

Due per Warrants:

Real	\$ 7.94	
Personal	77.81	
Payments to Treasurer on Personal		\$77.81
Uncollected Real		7.94
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	\$85.75	\$85.75

1937 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Due per Warrants:	\$17.43	
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 5.24
Uncollected Taxes		12.19
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	\$17.43	\$17.43

TAXES OF 1936

Due per Poll Warrant	\$15.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$9.00
Poll Abatements		6.00

INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of:

1940	\$ 17.66
1939	215.09
1938	360.07
1937	9.67
1936	.95
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	\$603.44

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER ON POLLS

Taxes of:

1940	\$12.25
1939	1.75
1938	1.05
1936	1.75
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	\$16.80

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER ON MOTOR
VEHICLE EXCISE

Taxes of:

1940	31.50
1939	6.65
1937	.70
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	\$38.85

Demand Payments to Treasurer on 1938

Personal and Real \$18.90

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1940 as per audit	\$ 14,222.78	
Receipts—1940	117,903.75	
	<hr/>	\$132,126.53
Payments per warrants	\$105,701.73	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1940	26,424.80	
	<hr/>	\$132,126.53

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Revenue Loan	\$15,000.00	
Recreation Field	3,500.00	
Water Bonds	67,000.00	
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DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT — 1941

		Interest
Revenue Loan—		
Due Apr. 8, 1941	\$15,000.00	
Recreation Field—		
Due Mar. 31, 1941	500.00	\$192.50
Water Bond—		
Due Feb. 1, 1941	3,000.00	1,280.00
Due Aug. 1, 1941		1,220.00
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Total amount due 1941	\$18,500.00	\$2,692.50

TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1940	1940 Income	Dog Fund
Library Trust Funds and			
Notes Receivable	\$24,540.95	\$979.38	\$227.54
Cemetery Trust Funds	13,400.00	314.75	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	23.18	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	75.00	3 yrs. Int.
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund	1,000.00	77.25	2½ yrs. Int.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I herewith submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1940.

General Revenue:

Taxes—Poll, Personal and Real Estate:

Current Year	\$23,274.72	
Previous Years	14,113.43	
Tax Title Redemptions	1,996.49	
		\$39,384.64

From State:

Income Tax	\$2,613.82	
Corporation Tax	90.67	
		2,704.49

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor, Stands and Permits	\$909.00	
		909.00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	\$10.00	
		10.00

Grants and Gifts from the State:

School Fund	\$2,032.20	
School Superintendent	193.33	
High School Tuition	3,490.17	
High School Transportation	2,557.92	
Trade School	2,137.26	
Highways, Chapter 504	2,809.18	
		13,220.06

Grants and Gifts—Federal:

Old Age Assistance	\$1,626.40	
Old Age Assistance Administration	54.18	
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		1,680.58

From the County:

Dog Licenses Refunded	\$227.54	
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		227.54

Total General Revenue		<hr/>
		58,136.31

Special Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Current Year	\$2,305.69	
Previous Years	203.72	
Moth—Levy of 1938	6.35	
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Total Special Assessments		\$2,515.76
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Commercial Revenue—Departmental:

General Government:

Collector's Demands	\$ 74.55	
Fire Dept. Sale of Materials	18.96	
Rents—		
Town Hall	181.25	
Illig Place	324.00	
Howe Place	240.00	
Town Hall Settees	2.00	
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		\$840.76

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealer—Weights and Measures Fees	\$18.58	
Forestry	50.00	
Disposal of Dogs	12.00	
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		80.58

Health and Sanitation:

Inspection of Animals	\$ 25.00	
From State	232.86	
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		257.86

Highways:

State—

Chapter 81	\$686.05
Chapter 81	3,794.25
Chapter 90, Maintenance	196.08
Chapter 90	504.73
Chapter 90, Construction	1,275.54

County—

Chapter 90, Maintenance	504.73
Chapter 90, Construction	956.65
Road Machinery Rentals	929.26
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	8,847.29

Charities:

Reimbursements for Relief:

Individuals	\$ 99.50	
Military Aid	25.00	
Cities and Towns	236.00	
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		360.50

Old Age Assistance:

Reimbursements:

State	\$376.01	
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		376.01
Taxes—Illig Place	252.00	
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		252.00

Total Commercial Revenue	<hr/>	\$11,015.00
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Commercial Revenue, Public Service:

Electric Light Department

Light and Power Rates	\$23,456.25
Meter Deposits	85.00
Interest on Meter Deposit Fund	5.64
Interest on Depreciation	2.12

Water Department:

Meter Rates and Installations	3,837.51
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Total Commercial Revenue, Public Service	\$27,386.52
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Commercial Revenue, Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 30.00
Care of Lots	117.00

Total Commercial Revenue, Cemeteries	\$147.00
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Commercial Revenue—Interest:

Interest on—

Taxes	\$603.44
Tax Titles	109.48
Library Funds	979.38
C. D. Boynton Fund	173.49
School Fund	25.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	456.00

Total Commercial Revenue, Interest	\$2,346.79
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Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$15,000.00
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Total, Municipal Indebtedness	\$15,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment:

Dog Licenses for the County	\$356.60	
Total, Agency, Trust and Investment		\$356.60

Refunds and Transfers:

Highways, Tractor Equipment	\$ 7.95	
Bancroft Trust Co. Check	.74	
Schools	20.00	
Health	165.00	
Memorial Day	10.00	
Public Welfare	20.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	3.52	
Electric Light Dept.,		
Accounts Payable to Town	772.56	
Total Refunds and Transfers		\$999.77

PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen's Department:

Salaries	\$300.00	
Clerical	150.00	
Stationery, Postage	43.09	
		\$493.09

Accounting Department:

Salary	\$320.00	
Veritical File	18.95	
Supplies	14.79	
		353.74

Treasury Department:

Salary	\$266.55	
Expenses	65.58	
	<hr/>	\$332.13

Collector's Department:

Salary	\$400.00	
Expenses	124.13	
	<hr/>	\$524.13

Adding Machine

\$130.00	
<hr/>	\$130.00

Assessor's Department:

Expenses	\$320.25	
	<hr/>	\$320.25

Legal Department:

Town Counsel	\$402.30	
	<hr/>	402.30

Town Clerk's Department:

Salary	\$100.00	
Printing	7.00	
Travel	2.00	
Postage	1.00	
	<hr/>	110.00

Election and Registration:

Registrars	\$ 25.00	
Election Officers	102.00	
Printing	42.05	
	<hr/>	144.05

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$520.00	
Fuel and Lights	396.13	
Janitor's Supplies	35.47	

Repairs	159.41	
All Others	28.25	
	<hr/>	1,139.26
Town Hall:		
Fire Hose	\$135.00	
	<hr/>	135.00
Total for General Government		<hr/> \$4,108.95
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Constables:		
Services	\$69.00	
Equipment	42.50	
	<hr/>	\$111.50
Fire Department:		
Fire Chief Salary	\$25.00	
	<hr/>	25.00
Fire Department:		
Rent	\$384.00	
Maintenance and Equipment	580.35	
Siren	9.00	
	<hr/>	973.35
Sealer—Weights and Measures		
Salary	\$25.00	
Equipment	3.85	
	<hr/>	28.85
Moth:		
Labor	\$194.00	
	<hr/>	194.00

Tree Warden:

Labor	\$78.05	
Equipment	11.76	
	<hr/>	89.81

Dog Officer:

Expense	\$13.00	
	<hr/>	13.00

Total for Protection of Persons and Property \$1,435.51

Health and Sanitation:

Salaries	\$ 25.00
Board and Treatment	165.00
Garbage Disposal	125.00
Tubercular Hospital	1,125.41
Inspection of Animals	50.00
Inspection of Meat and Slaughtering	13.00
Building Inspector	50.00
Planning Board	25.00
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Total for Health and Sanitation \$1,578.41

Highways:

Highway Maintenance, Chapter 81:

Labor	\$4,093.12	
Trucks	1,407.57	
Materials	1,499.04	
	<hr/>	\$6,999.73

Highways, Maintenance, Chapter 90:

Labor	1,327.50	
Trucks	600.70	
Materials	1,271.76	
	<hr/>	3,199.96

Highways, Construction, Chapter 90:

Labor	\$ 739.00	
Trucks	2,101.05	
Materials	498.41	
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		3,338.46

Highways, Equipment Maintenance:

Repairs, Parts and Gasoline	\$393.28	
Rent of Garage	90.00	
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		483.28

Street Lights:

Current	\$870.86	
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		870.86

Snow Removal:

Labor	\$2,649.84	
Trucks	1,041.08	
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		3,690.92

Total for Highways	\$18,583.21
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Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Public Welfare:

Salaries	\$ 80.00	
Board and Care	345.02	
State Institution	261.42	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	2,058.97	
Cash Grants	245.00	
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		\$2,990.41

Old Age Assistance:

Administration	\$ 48.47	
Relief	1,603.50	
Relief—Federal	1,599.00	
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		3,250.97

Soldier's Benefit:

Cash Grant	\$70.00	
	<hr/>	70.00

Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits \$6,311.38

Schools and Library:

Schools:

Salaries of School Committee	\$180.00	
Salary of Superintendent	340.20	
Traveling Expense	70.00	
Truant Officer	2.00	
Clerical and Postage	68.87	
Teachers' Salaries	5,025.17	
Books and Supplies	427.66	
Transportation Grade	2,632.50	
Fuel and Light	430.85	
Janitor	1,040.00	
Maintenance	1,113.21	
Graduation	5.80	
All Others	21.16	
	<hr/>	\$11,357.42

High Schools:

Tuition	\$4,721.62	
Transportation	2,496.40	
	<hr/>	7,218.02

Pre-School Clinic:

Services	\$50.00	
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Trade Schools:

Tuition	\$1,652.43	
Transportation	776.00	
	<hr/>	2,428.43

Library:

Librarian	\$480.00
Janitor	366.00
Books	154.00
Periodicals	8.25
Repairs	21.00
Fuel and Light	271.35
Water	20.00
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	1,320.60

Total for Schools and Library	\$22,374.47
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Recreation and Unclassified:

Care of Common	\$ 49.00
Care of Flag	40.00
Memorial Day	99.30
Care of Clock	60.00
Repairs to Clock	250.00
Printing Town Reports	180.10
Illig Place Maintenance	91.94
Illig Place Taxes	408.56
Howe Place Taxes	292.96
Insurance, Fire, Liability and Bonds	912.77
Fourth of July	42.21
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Total for Recreation and Unclassified	\$2,426.84
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Contingent:

Moderator	\$20.00
Distribution of Town Reports	3.75
Sealer 1938	8.37
General Laws	20.00
Toll Calls	3.90
Worcester County Commissioners	3.00
Highland Court Survey	25.00

Damages	32.00
Town Lines	3.00
Election Supper Supplies	1.06

Total for Contingent Fund

\$120.08

Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Electric Light Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75.00
Clerical	292.70
Office Expense	113.13
Note	2,000.00
Interest on Notes	37.50
Employees	1,176.14
Current Purchased	13,314.66
Tools	193.35
Care of Lights	45.00
Repair of Lines	1,218.59
Meters and Transformers	1,874.08
Street Lamps	58.52
Truck	112.31
Insurance	167.74
Sub Station	815.61
Meter Deposits	88.84
Materials and Supplies	747.24
Range Installations	363.00
Rents	84.00
Accounts Payable to Town	772.56
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	23,549.97

Water Department:

Commissioners	\$ 75.00
Superintendent	385.00
Clerical	48.25
Labor	224.42
Pipe and Fittings	534.46

Fuel and Light	390.62	
Repairs	36.25	
Equipment and Maintenance	148.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,842.20
Hydrant Rentals	\$1,050.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,050.00
Richards Avenue:		
Extension	\$5.39	
	<hr/>	\$5.39
Cemeteries:		
Mooreland:		
Labor	\$145.39	
Perpetual Care Lots:		
Labor	456.00	
	<hr/>	\$601.39
Total for Enterprises and Cemeteries		\$27,048.95
Interest:		
Revenue Loan	\$ 33.24	
Water Bonds	2,740.00	
Recreational Field	220.00	
Certification of Notes	2.00	
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Total for Interest		\$2,995.24
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	\$10,000.00	
Water Bond	3,000.00	
Recreational Field	500.00	
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Total for Municipal Indebtedness		\$13,500.00

Agency, Trust and Investment:

State Tax	\$2,560.00	
Auditing	575.81	
State Parks and Reservations	31.48	
Veterans' Exemption	7.08	
County Tax	1,440.90	
Dog Licenses for County	363.20	
	<hr/>	4,978.47

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Funds for Deposit	\$56.00	
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Total for Agency, Trust and Investment	\$5,034.47
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Refunds and Transfers:

Taxes	\$ 63.35
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	120.87
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Total for Refunds and Transfers	\$184.22
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$58,136.31
Special Assessments	2,515.76
Commercial Revenue:	
Departmental	11,015.00
Public Service Enterprises	27,386.52
Cemeteries	147.00
Interest	2,346.79
Municipal Indebtedness	15,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	356.60
Refunds and Transfers	999.77
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Total Receipts	\$117,903.75

Cash on hand January 1, 1940	14,222.78
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	\$132,126.53

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$4,108.95
Protection of Persons and Property	1,435.51
Health and Sanitation	1,578.41
Highways	18,583.21
Charities	6,311.38
Schools and Library	22,374.47
Recreation and Unclassified	2,426.84
Contingent	120.08
Enterprises and Cemeteries	27,048.95
Interest	2,995.24
Municipal Indebtedness	13,500.00
Agency and Trust	5,034.47
Refunds and Transfers	184.22
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Total Payments	\$105,701.73
Cash on hand December 31, 1940	26,424.80

\$132,126.53

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Accounting Officer.

December 31, 1940

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Cash	Revenue Loan
Accounts Receivable:	\$15,000.00
Tax Levy—	Highways, Chap. 504
1936	2,809.18
1937	Machinery Rentals
1938	975.26
1939	Highways, State
1940	13.81
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, Levy—	Departmental
1936	288.01
1937	Electric Light Depreciation
1938	1,271.34
1939	Electric Light Meter Guarantee
1940	257.10
Moth—	Rents—
1937	Howe Place
Tax Titles	340.00
Tax Title Possession	Flig Place
Highways—	324.00
Chap. 81, State	State Parks and Reservations
Chap. 90, Maintenance	2.48
Chap. 90, Maintenance, County	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue
Chap. 90, Construction	290.21
Electric Light Consumers' Charges	Special Assessment Revenue
Water Dept. Accounts Receivable	.50
Agency, Veterans' Exemption	Tax Title Revenue
Overlay, 1939	7,673.08
Cemetery Bequests	Departmental Revenue
Revenue 1940	88.00
Estimated Receipts	Electric Light Revenue
Overdrafts	1,177.98
Water Department Revenue	154.02
Overlay—	Overlay—
1936	15.00
1938	135.56
1940	173.84
Overlay Surplus for Reserve Fund	895.67
Income C. D. Boynton Fund	357.86
Cemetery Lot Sold	10.00
Tailings	48.07
Excess and Deficiency	18,886.35
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	7,365.19
\$58,552.51	\$58,552.51

NET Funded or Fixed Debts

DEBT ACCOUNTS

\$74,500.00

Recreational Field Loan
Water Construction Loan
Electric Light Loan

\$ 3,500.00
67,000.00
4,000.00

\$74,500.00\$74,500.00

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities

TRUST ACCOUNTS

\$54,533.81

D. R. Boynton Poor Fund
E. D. Bigelow School Fund
George E. Bigelow Library Fund
Richards Memorial Library Fund
E. D. Bigelow Library Fund
E. D. Bigelow Village Improvement Fund
C. D. Boynton General Fund
Howe Farm
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

\$1,000.00
1,000.00
500.00
1,668.87
22,495.58
1,000.00
7,648.00
4,000.00
15,221.36

\$54,533.81\$54,533.81

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Paxton, Mass., January 9, 1941.

Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Paxton, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

As Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners, I am pleased to enclose the report of said Board covering the year 1940, to be made a part of the Annual Report of the Town of Paxton.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY, Chairman
Board of Water Commissioners.

During the year of 1940, seven new water installations were made, bringing the total connections to 101. Three of these installations were for new homes, and four were for homes built in former years.

A survey of the Town indicates to us that there are approximately thirty dwellings still unconnected on the water mains, and it is hoped that before long they will all be customers of the Water Department.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1940

Water Consumption	\$2,454.50
Hydrant Rentals	1,050.00
Water Installations	333.01
	\$3,837.51
Total	

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FOR THE YEAR 1940

Water Installations	\$148.42
Water Consumption	5.60
Total	<u>\$154.02</u>

Your Board of Water Commissioners is indeed pleased to report that the suit against the Town of Paxton by the contractor who installed the water system, has now been settled favorably for the Town. The claim was for the 15% of the contract price retained by the Town, plus a claim for extras of approximately \$4,652. This claim for extras was objected to by your water commissioners, and we placed the matter in the hands of Atty. Frank W. Crocker, of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge & Rugg, Boston.

The case was tried before an auditor in 1936, who found in favor of the Town. The contractor appealed and the case went before the Superior Court in 1938. The Superior Court ruled in favor of the Town in September, 1940, stating that the contractor was only entitled to the 15% retained, amounting to \$4,619.99, with interest at 6%. The amount of \$4,652 for extras claimed by the contractor was not allowed by the Court, so the Town has been saved this expense, which means considerable to the taxpayers of the Town. The attorneys have done a splendid piece of work in protecting the Town's interests, and your Board is most appreciative of their fine services.

An article is in the warrant for the Town Meeting providing for the raising and appropriating of the funds necessary to settle the amount due the contractor and to pay the very reasonable bill rendered by the attorneys.

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, 1940

Appropriation \$3,000.00

Expenditures:

Case No. 26	\$	5.88
59		286.28
84		30.00
89		262.36
91		64.00
95		1,096.80
102		258.25
116		353.25
123		22.00
125		265.90
126		103.30
130		4.50
132		3.50
133		141.50

\$2,897.52

Delivery of Commodities	\$	6.14
Postage and Supplies		6.75
Salaries		80.00

2,990.41

Balance

\$9.59

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

**REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE .**

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Federal Reimbursement	1,653.00
	<hr/> \$3,453.00

Expenditures:

Case No.	3	\$160.00
	8	360.00
	9	165.00
	11	312.00
	12	312.00
	14	240.00
	15	300.00
	16	300.00
	19	300.00
	20	312.00
	23	288.00
	24	123.50
	36	30.00
		<hr/> 3,202.50
Balance		<hr/> \$250.50

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

Federal Grant O.A.A. Administration:

January 1, Balance	\$92.52
Reimbursement for Administration	54.18
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	\$146.70

Expenses:

Supplies	\$16.55	
Postage	9.97	
Telephones	.55	
Administration Expense	21.40	
	<hr/>	48.47
Balance		<hr/>
		\$98.23

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

REPORT
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

December 30, 1940.

Board of Selectmen,
Paxton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Transportation Committee appointed on the floor at the 1940 Annual Town Meeting herewith submits its findings in regard to improving bus service to and from Worcester.

The management of the bus service offered the committee complete cooperation and offered to test the feasibility of any plan for increased service which might be offered by running additional busses for a trial period with the intention of continuing any added service indefinitely should the traffic warrant the service.

Your committee awaited suggestions from townspeople who might benefit by any change in service, but few concrete suggestions were presented to any member of the committee. Whenever expedience permitted suggestions were solicited.

Some consideration was given to the idea of running a Thursday night bus to meet the late West Tatnuck bus, in order that domestics working in Paxton could spend their Thursday afternoon and evening in Worcester. The management of the bus service was willing to try this, but said past experience would not justify it as when this trip

was tried previously it was finally discontinued after the driver had made many trips without a single passenger.

It was ultimately decided to run a bus to meet the West Tatnuck during the Christmas Shopping Season. An afternoon bus was run for the two weeks prior to Christmas and an evening bus on the one evening before Christmas. These trips were regarded somewhat as experiments and if they showed any promise at all they were to be continued in modified form. Notices were posted about town and a notice was put in the paper. The results of this experiment follow: In fourteen trips, a total of seven passengers took advantage of the service. On the one evening trip which went to Worcester—there were no fares. The total revenue for all trips was \$1.05.

Your committee concludes that under present conditions there is insufficient traffic to warrant any increase in service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DEANE O. HOWLAND
SAMUEL L. CLAPP
ARNOLD H. KLINGELE

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

January 1, 1941.

During the year 1939 little expense was incurred on the town's shade trees, it being the intent and policy of the writer to save as much of the taxpayer's money as was consistent with safety, and little was done more than to remove dead wood, fallen branches, and threatening limbs.

However during the present year, when trained tree experts hired by the Telephone Company asked permission to prune trees interfering with the wires, attention was directed to the great need of much surgery on certain large trees if their period of usefulness was to be prolonged for any great length of time. Injury from the hurricane and from ice and wind storms years previous to that time have left pockets where decay has penetrated deeply and is rapidly working into the heart of the tree in many instances. Two or three large trees on the Common are already becoming a hazard and must be removed, and unless considerable preventive work is done on various trees located on all the town streets radiating from the Center, these will soon meet the same fate.

Should the town appropriate a sum sufficient to exceed emergency requirements for two or three years successively, this extra sum can be applied to the restoration of such trees as are worth the expense.

Grateful acknowledgment is tendered Mr. Clarence Skagerlind of Skagerlind Nurseries for invaluable aid in advice and appraisal on various occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL BEMIS,

Tree Warden.

INVENTORY

January 1, 1941

- 30 ft. 1/2" Rope
- 1 Saw
- 1 Life-belt
- Partial set of Climbers
- 2 Chisels
- 1 Mallet
- 1 Long Tree Pruner

ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1940

Polls Assessed	308
Tax on each poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$36.00

Value of—

Taxable Personal Property	\$87,448.00
Taxable Real Estate	\$911,464.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$989,912.00

Tax on—

Personal Property	\$3,148.13
Real Estate	\$32,812.70

Poll Tax	\$616.00
Total Tax Assessed	\$36,576.83

Number of—

Cows Assessed	436
Horses Assessed	50
Swine Assessed	72
Fowl Assessed	10,525
Cattle other than Cows	89
Dwelling Houses	330
Acres of Land	8,928

Value of—

Stock in Trade	\$2,990.00
Assessed Livestock	\$33,710.00
Assessed Machinery	\$50,048.00
Other Assessed Tangible Personal Property	\$700.00

EXEMPT PROPERTY

Worcester, City of,

C. D. Boynton Farm, 87 acres	\$8,700
First Congregational Church	4,000
First Congregational Society (Parsonage)	2,500

Town of Paxton:

2 Fire Trucks	1,800
Tractor	1,500
Library Books	2,000
Record Building	1,250
School House	25,150
Town Hall	5,000
Library	10,300
Clark Land	250
Common and Soldiers' Monument	1,500
2 Cemeteries	2,000
Playground	300
Water Department Land	1,200
Illig Land	1,320
Boys' Scout Land	2,200
West Tatnuck Heights. Lots 1 and 2, Sec. A	100

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Paxton,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed 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, February 3rd, 1941, at 12 o'clock, Noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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, each for the term of one year. One member of the Board of Selectmen for three 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; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years; one member of the Water Commissioners for three years; two Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library for three years; and one member of the Planning Board for five years.

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 P. M.

Business to begin 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, 1941, 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 extend the street lights on one or more streets, the expense to be taken from the Electric Light Revenue, or act in any way thereon.

Article 6. 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 make any needed repairs, or act in any way thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to hear the

report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual meeting 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 8. To see if the Town will vote to use the income from the C. E. 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 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 act in any way thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for construction on Marshall Street and 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, one-half of the total amount of money available to be spent on each street, or act in any way thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant as provided in Section 55 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Town Accountant's Department, or act in any way thereon (see budget).

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the office of Auditor.

Article 13. To see if the Town will adopt the following by-law revision relative to the Finance Committee members:

A Finance Committee of at least five members shall be appointed at each annual meeting. The Moderator shall appoint the Finance Committee.

The members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Board of Public Welfare, Municipal Light Board and Water Commissioners shall not be eligible for membership on the Finance Committee. The Town Accountant shall be ex-officio a member of the Finance Committee.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to give the Fire Department members compensation for their services, or act in any way thereon.

Article 15. 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Moderator \$10.00 for his services at the Annual Meeting and \$5.00 for any Special meetings, charging same to Contingent, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from 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 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money to pay the balance due on Water Supply System as ordered by the Court, together with attorney's bill for services and expenses, and to provide funds by borrowing or transfer from available funds; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate a sum of money for a pre-school Child Health Conference and for carrying on of follow up work on the conference of 1940 and on said conference of 1941, or act in any way thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the overlay surplus to the Reserve Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

Article 22. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights, the sum of \$950.00 and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power and for sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Lighting 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 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that if said sum and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 23. To see if the Town will install a fire signal at the school house, or act in any way thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use up to 60% of the surplus funds in the hands of 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 25. To hear the report of the Town Treasurer in regard to the disposal of certain properties acquired by Tax Titles and act thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will accept the sum of \$80.00 from the estate of Ella B. Catherwood, which together with \$20.00 which she paid for her lot in Mooreland Cemetery would make a total of \$100.00, said lot to be then placed under perpetual care, or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws and Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1939 due to all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed in rivers and streams of the town in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 513, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.

Article 28. 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 29. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to have charge of the Fourth of July, or act in any way thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, seven days at least before the time set for holding said meeting as directed by by-law.

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 twenty-third day of January A. D. 1941.

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

Selectmen of Paxton.