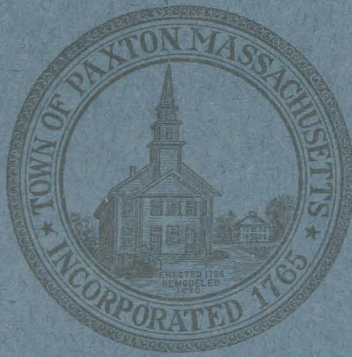


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Town Officers for 1947

Moderator

JESSE E. MILLS

Town Clerk

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

Treasurer

MARION E. MACCABEE

Constables

REUBEN O'JANNE

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Tree Warden

FRED R. DIFLEY

Selectmen

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

Term expires 1950

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term expires 1949

CLIFFORD DARWIN

Term expires 1948

Public Welfare

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN

Term expires 1950

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term expires 1949

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE

Term expires 1948

Assessors

FRED E. WATSON	Term expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term expires 1949
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term expires 1948

School Committee

HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1950
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1949
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term expires 1948

Municipal Light Board

GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term expires 1950
C. JOHN ABBOTT	Term expires 1949
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term expires 1948

Cemetery Commission

ERDIE G. NICHOLS	Term expires 1950
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term expires 1949
GEORGE MACCABEE (Resigned June 11, 1947)	
ROBERT L. EDDY (Appointed to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1948

Water Commission

LLOYD H. PITCHER	Term expires 1950
CLARENCE LABARGE	Term expires 1949
WILLIAM J. McKINLEY	Term expires 1948

Trustees Richards Memorial Library

ELIZABETH M. LAWLER	Term expires 1950
HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL	Term expires 1950
SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1949
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1949
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term expires 1948
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1948

Planning Board

GEORGE G. KARLE	Term expires 1952
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term expires 1951
WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term expires 1949
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1948

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

ALFRED W. SMITH
 DEANE O. HOWLAND
 WM. J. S. LaMOTTE
 HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL
 JOHN W. BENSON
 ETTA E. ROBINSON

(Ex officio)

Municipal Committee

ALFRED W. SMITH
 ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
 LEROY CLOCKEDILE
 M. LAWRENCE PRICE
 ARTHUR LAWLER

Fourth of July Committee

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

Care of Town Clock

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Janitor of Town Hall

GEORGE MACCABEE

Superintendent of Streets

WALTER V. PIKE

Dog Officer

REUBEN O'JANNE

Care of Flag

GEORGE MACCABEE

Pound Keeper

CLARENCE A. ROSSIER

Fire Warden

FRANK HATSTAT

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REUBEN O'JANNE

Field Drivers

ELLIOTT CROUCH CLARENCE A. ROSSIER
SAMUEL VAN WYCK

Measurers of Wood and Bark

FRED R. DIFLEY CLARENCE A. ROSSIER
SAMUEL VAN WYCK

Building Inspector

FRED E. WATSON

Moth Superintendent

NAPOLEON BOUCHER

Town Accountant

ETTA E. ROBINSON

Chief of Police

REUBEN O'JANNE

Care of Common

ARCHIBALD W. TANNAHILL

Police Officers

REUBEN O'JANNE

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

GEORGE MACCABEE

FRED R. DIFLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Inspector of Animals

SUMNER E. TAYLOR

Inspector of Slaughtering

SUMNER E. TAYLOR

Inspector of Wires

ROY M. WENTWORTH

Inspector of Plumbing

THOMAS F. HARNEY

Burial Agent

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Board of Appeals

RAYMOND LANTINEN

ARTHUR LAWLER

Special Police Officer

DONALD W. SISTARE

Veterans Administration

JESSE E. MILLS (Resigned July 10, 1947)

REPORT
OF THE
TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

January

- 10 Andrew Bascom, son of Chapin and Virginia H. (Bascom) Fay.
- 27 Edward Richmond, son of Richmond E. and Edith F. (Beaumont) Calhane.

February

- 5 Robert Austin, son of Austin W. and Emma E. (Conroy) Whitney.
- 17 Ruth Libbie, daughter of Russell F. and Elizabeth (Melanson) White.
- 21 Sandra Ann, daughter of Sanborn B. and Anna M. (Kreiger) Hutchins.

April

- 12 Lewis Harlow, son of Lloyd H. and Helen B. (Bush) Pitcher.
- 14 Christopher Adams, son of Floyd W. and Martha (Morris) Church.
- 29 Raymond Paul, son of Edmund J. and Stasia (Pietrewiecz) Faucher.

May

- 17 Susan, daughter of George L. and Madeline L. (Girouard) McGovern.

June

- 7 Linda Jean, daughter of Chester J. and Mary I. (St. Martin) Witowski.
- 18 Stephen Alan, son of Herbert B. and Lillian G. (Johnson) Hammar.
- 23 Graham Scott, son of Lawrence F. and Marie J. (England) Duffey.
- 24 William David, Jr., son of William D. and Elizabeth A. (Ferrin) Cullen.

July

- 11 Barbette, daughter of Paul and Joan (Lidbury) Quinn.
- 16 John Hicks, Jr., son of John H. and Sarah H. (Crimmins) Stansfield.
- 28 Wendy Ann, daughter of Leonard W. and Muriel A. (Nichols) Morrison.

August

- 15 Leslie Cooke, daughter of Walter C. and Lucille W. (Valles) Gustafson.
- 22 Curtis, son of Proctor E. and Geraldine (Smith) Adams.

October

- 3 Robert Edward, son of Edward J. and Alice M. (Rock) Smith.
- 4 Shirley Louise, daughter of Morton W. and Shirley E. (Morse) Johnson.
- 11 Ralph, son of Rafael and Teresa (Skorupski) Gabarro.

- 12 Faye, daughter of Roy C. and Mary L. (Klimaseski) Larson.

November

- 25 Dennis Robert, son of Clifford A. and Margaret E. (Elwell) Perry.

December

- 6 Linda Catharine, daughter of William J. and Frances E. (Llobell) Maccabee.
- 11 ———, son of Wallace and Anya (Kauppila) Calkins.
- 17 John Robinson, son of Mervyn E. and Elisabeth (Muir) Richards.
- 21 ———, son of Joseph W. and Mildred (Leonard) Grensavitch.
- 23 Jane, daughter of John T. B. and Joan (Kinsley) Carmody.

MARRIAGES

March

- 15 Harry Craig Hill and Martha B. (Moor) Seagraves of Paxton.

May

- 3 Harrison H. Prentice of Worcester and Rachel M. Parker of Paxton.
24 George G. Ahearn of Paxton and Janice Stone of Worcester.

July

- 4 Roland C. Waite of West Boylston and Claire Edwards of Paxton.
12 Gerard B. Harney of Paxton and Dorothy M. Pierce of Worcester.

August

- 1 Clifford F. A. Anderson of Worcester and Joyce Everleth of Paxton.
16 Lester V. Stanley of Paxton and Hazel S. Beauregard of Worcester.
30 Leonard L. Farrar of Worcester and Doris M. Clockedile of Paxton.

September

- 6 Hartwell Griffin of Paxton and June M. Shattuck of Boylston.
26 Donald H. Start of Worcester and Edith Stevens of Paxton.

October

- 31 Edmond R. Rochette of Worcester and Bernadeen O. Smith of Paxton.

DEATHS

January

		Y.	M.	D.
24	Vincent Sulzicki	58	0	4

February

22	Harriett E. Abbott	84	—	—
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March

31	John T. Foy	62	—	—
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April

19	Severy Girouard	77	9	—
28	Robert S. Smith	79	3	11

May

7	Flora B. (Fuller) Moulton	78	11	2
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June

3	Anton Brandt	76	—	—
27	Louisa B. (Eames) Gotha	51	1	19

December

19	A. Edith Bemis	74	—	—
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LICENSES ISSUED IN 1947

Hunting and Fishing

109	Resident Citizen Fishing	
63	Resident Citizen Hunting	
102	Resident Citizen Sporting	
40	Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing	
2	Non Resident Citizen Fishing	
5	Duplicate	
1	Non Resident Military or Naval Sporting	
3	Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
2	Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting (Free)	
1	Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age Asst., Free)	
31	Licenses for 1948 issued in Dec. 1947	
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$727.50

Dog Licenses

94	Males	
23	Females	
38	Spayed Female	
3	Kennel	
	Paid Town Treasurer	\$405.60

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON
Town Clerk

REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expenditures;		
Case 134	\$417.17	
Salaries	150.00	
Expenses	3.85	
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		\$128.98

Board of Public Welfare

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, Chairman
EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk
RAYMOND LANTINEN, Third member

REPORT OF THE AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

No Appropriation

Expenditures;

Case No. 1

June 15 to August 31	\$105.90
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Sept. 15 to Dec. 31	139.44
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Over draft	\$245.34

FEDERAL GRANT O.A.A. ADMINISTRATION

January 1, 1947 Balance	\$11.99
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Reimbursement for Administration	84.52
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	\$96.51

Expenses;

Supplies and Tel. calls, etc.	\$27.06
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Administration expense	36.50
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Association meetings	7.20
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	\$70.76

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	\$25.75

Board of Public Welfare

GLIDDEN B. PIERCE, Chairman

EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN, Third member

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$3800.00	
Federal Reimbursement	2484.23	
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		\$6284.23
Expenditures;		
Case No. 8	\$698.93	
9	290.40	
12	499.48	
23	420.52	
26	554.04	
31	591.05	
33	508.64	
34	497.72	
35	159.48	
36	618.54	
37	148.83	
38	395.04	
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	\$5382.67	
Federal Bal.	361.40	5744.07
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		\$ 540.16

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Public Welfare
GLIDDEN B. PIERCE
EVELYN M. GLEASON
RAYMOND J. LANTINEN

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1947	\$44,897.96	
Receipts—1947	146,995.20	
	<hr/>	\$191,893.16
Payments per Warrants	140,528.90	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1947	51,364.26	
	<hr/>	\$191,893.16

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$46,000.00	
Grader	4,600.00	
Whitney Water Extension	1,800.00	
Grove St. Water Extension	2,800.00	
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DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1948

Water Bond—Due Feb. 1, 1948	\$3,000.00	\$920.00
Due Aug. 1, 1948		860.00
Grader—Due Nov. 1, 1948	2,000.00	57.50
Whitney Water Ext.—Due Nov. 12, 1948	600.00	22.50
Grove St. Water Ext.		
Due March 18, 1948	700.00	35.00
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	\$6,300.00	\$1,895.00

TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1948	Income 1948	Dog Fund 1948
Library Trust Funds	\$24,540.95	\$803.12	\$314.21
Cemetery Trust Funds	16,975.00	333.68	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	20.78	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	17.50	
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund	1,000.00	39.57	

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE

Treasurer

REPORT
OF THE
C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	Int. 1947	Int. Accrued
People's Savings Bank	\$2,700	\$57.60	\$223.68
Wor. Five Cents Savings Bank	1,748	37.57	158.88
Wor. Cty. Ins. for Savings	1,600	34.13	132.54
Wor. Mechanics Sav. Bank	1,600	34.29	141.12
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Totals	\$7,648	\$163.59	\$656.22

All of the Accrued interest was withdrawn and used for the sidewalk on West Street in 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE
Trustee

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1947 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$39,486.59	
Tax abatements refunded	133.68	
Payments to Treasurer		\$34,373.70
Tax abatements		324.30
Outstanding taxes		4,922.27
	\$39,620.27	\$39,620.27

1947 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$4,777.66	
Payments to Treasurer		\$3,858.21
Tax abatements		113.85
Outstanding taxes		805.60
	\$4,777.66	\$4,777.66

1947 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$2,819.14	
Tax abatements refunded	6.34	
Payments to Treasurer		\$2,451.23
Tax abatements		74.91
Outstanding taxes		299.34
	\$2,825.48	\$2,825.48

1947 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$636.00	
Tax abatements refunded	10.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$590.00
Tax abatements		56.00
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	\$646.00	\$646.00

1946 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$4,940.84	
Payments to Treasurer		\$4,480.04
Outstanding taxes		460.80
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	\$4,940.84	\$4,940.84

1946 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$884.66	
Payments to Treasurer		\$566.60
Tax abatements		25.20
Outstanding taxes		292.86
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	\$844.66	\$884.66

1946 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$162.19	
1947 Commitments	108.50	
Payments to Treasurer		\$224.56
Tax abatements		46.13
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	\$270.69	\$270.69

1945 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$503.44	
Payments to Treasurer		\$503.44
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	\$503.44	\$503.44

1945 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$132.34	
Payments to Treasurer		\$125.30
Tax abatement		7.04
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	\$132.34	\$132.34

INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of 1947	\$9.41
Taxes of 1946	125.36
Taxes of 1945	50.59
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	\$185.36

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER	\$9.45
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Respectfully submitted.

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY
Collector of Taxes

REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

- No. 23—Grove Street
Surface Treatments—
1150 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover.
- No. 17—Reservoir Drive
Surface Treatments—
1150 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover.
- No. 3—West Street
Surface Treatments—
1200 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover. 800 Gals. T-6 Tar,
Sand Cover.
- No. 27—Maple Street
Surface Treatments—
700 Gals. T-6 Tar, Sand Cover.
- No. 15—Marshall Street
Surface Treatments—
350 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover.
- No. 8—Richards Avenue
100 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover.
- No. 3—West Street
At Station 18—Widen Curve by Removing 1500 Yds.
of Earth and Grading Shoulders and Slopes.
Surface Treatments—
- Marshall Street
1850 ft. of New 90 Road—22 ft. wide, with 18 in. depth of
gravel, graded shoulders and slopes, and two new culverts.
The surface consists of two applications of tar, and one
of asphalt.

INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1947

- 1—Cletrac Tractor and Sargent Snow Plow, 5 ton
- 1—Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Frink V Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Motor Driven Sand Spreader
- 1—1-Barrel Tar Heating Tar Kettle
- 1—Walsh Snow Plow for Truck
- 2—Blow Torches
- 1—Road Drag
- 2—Road Screen
- 9—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller
- 75—Chimney Bricks
- 9—Lanterns
- 4—Torches
- 1—Roll Stock Fence Wire
- 1—Road Hone
- 1—Austin Western Grader 99M
- 1—Frink One Way Plow for Grader 99M
- 1—Frink V Plow for Grader 99M
- 2—Long Handle Shovels
- 10—Snow Shovels
- 12—Worn Out Shovels
- 8—#3 Round Point Shovels
- 6—#2 Round Point Shovels
- 4—#3 Square Point Shovels
- 4—#2 Square Point Shovels
- 12—Picks
- 3—Grub Hoes
- 6—16-Pound Sledge Hammers
- 6—Pick Handles
- 2—Dung Forks
- 3—Push Brooms
- 2—Crow Bars

- 1—Hoe
- 6—Rakes
- 3—Axes
- 2—Cross Cut Saws
- 1—Splitting Wedge
- 1—Saw Set
- 1—Pruning Cutter
- 6—Stone Forks
- 8—Grass Scythes
- 1—Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
- 1—Pipe Tamp
- 2—Earth Tamps
- 2—Stone Drills
- 3—Stone Wedges
- 1—Wheelbarrow
- 4—Brush Scythes
- 1—Oil Can
- 1—Manhole Frame and Cover
- 1 18" Monkey Wrench
- 3—Paint Brushes
- 1—Cutting Edge for Truck Snow Plow
- 3—Cutting Edges for Grader One Way Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader V Plow
- 6—Shoes for One Way Plows
- 3—Shoes for V Plows
- S Wrenches, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box
Wrenches

CHAPTER 81—FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947

District No. 3—Town of Paxton

State Allotment \$6300.00

Town Allotment \$2800.00

Total Allotment \$9100.00

State Pays 70%

No.	Road Name	Total Miles	Mileage By Types					Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—Work other than Gen. Maint.
			B.M.A.	B.M.T.	Gravel	Dirt	B.G.			
1	Rockland St.	0.89					0.89	151.00	93.86	Chap. 90 0.09 Mi.
2	Mill St.	0.25			0.25			85.00	84.65	
3	West St.	2.93					2.93	220.00	943.30	Chap. 90 2.93 Mi.
4	Spring St.	1.06					1.06	401.00	497.57	
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38			0.66	0.72		330.00	306.13	0.13 Mi. gravel surfacing 12' x 6"
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.81	0.69	0.27	430.00	455.90	
7	South St.	0.81					0.81	1268.00	1403.63	Widening Excav. 0.30 mi. Sc. & Re 16' x "4 gr. added P½T-4 S½T-6.
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48			1.67	365.00	581.88	Chap. 90 2.16 Mi.
9	Pleasant St.	—	State Highway						—	
10	Soumi St.	1.10					1.10	100.00	61.50	
11	Laurel St.	.97					0.97	419.00	396.45	
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.08	0.03		120.00	—	
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			460.00	188.85	0.33 Mi. gravel surfacing 14' x 4"

14	Winter St.	0.40		0.40		55.00	—	
15	Marshall St.	2.48		1.63	0.85	660.00	598.18	Chap. 90—85 mi. Ch. 90 Constr. Sta. 52+00—Sta. 68+75 (over)
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24	259.00	162.30	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22	115.00	60.07	Chap. 90 1.22 Mi.
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52		0.52		260.00	222.16	
19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.19	0.13	90.00	22.27	
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62			0.56	150.00	7.50	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35				40.00		
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.38	0.27	145.00	181.57	
23	Grove St.	2.51				2.51	1308.00	1685.80 Chap. 90 1.07 Mi. 0.32 Mi. new BG Surf. P½ T-4 S½ MC-3 gravel 16' x 4"
24	Pond St.	0.35		0.35		115.00		
25	Hillside Rd.							
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72			0.72	340.00	389.34	
27	Maple St.	0.50			0.50	185.00	98.95	Chap. 90 0.24 Mi.
28	Holden St.	0.81			0.81	295.00	340.87	Chap. 90 0.81 Mi.
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13			0.13	40.00	—	
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.04	0.05	0.07	53.00	18.96	
31	(combined with 6)							
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00		0.45	0.55	180.00	116.79	
33	Sunset Lane	0.46			0.46	188.00	181.30	
34	Common St.	0.11	0.08		0.03	20.00		
	Reserve					253.00		

SUMMARY

Labor	3568.48
Materials	1965.24
Hired Equipment	3341.47
Machinery Rental	224.50
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	9099.69

Totals	27.76	0.04	0.56	5.80	3.87	17.49	9100.00	9099.69
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N. J. DALTON, Dist. Highway Engineer

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the year of 1947

FUNDS FOR USE IN 1947

Appropriation	\$450.00	
Dog Fund	314.21	
Unexpended Balance	201.72	
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Total	\$965.93	
Income from Trust Funds	\$22,872.08	\$756.28
Income from Geo. Bigelow Fund	500.00	10.00
Income from Library Fund	168.87	3.36
Income from Sale of A.T.&T. Stock Rts. Sold		33.48
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Total		803.12
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Total		\$1769.05

EXPENDITURES

Salary, Mrs. Robinson	\$500.00
Salary, A. W. Tannahill & Mr. Carlson	398.00
Books & Magazines	343.13
Lights	29.74
Fuel	246.75
Water	15.00
Repairs & Replacements	61.76
Miscellaneous	117.16
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Total	\$1711.54
Unexpended Balance	\$57.51

Respectfully submitted,

VERNA T. HOWLAND, Clerk
 SAMUEL L. CLAPP, Chairman
 DR. HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL
 MILTON P. LADD
 MRS. GEORGE DEWEY, JR.
 MRS. ARTHUR LAWLER, 3rd

REPORT
OF THE
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

I hereby state that during the year 1947 the number of nests destroyed were 5600 on the roadside and 7160 on private property.

Respectfully submitted,

NAPOLEON BOUCHER,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Polls Assessed	316
Tax on each poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$34.50
Value of—	
Taxable Personal Property	\$116,483.00
Taxable Real Estate	1,144,539.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$1,261,022.00
Tax on—	
Personal Property	4,018.66
Real Estate	39,486.59
Polls	632.00
Total Tax Assessed	\$44,137.25
Number of Livestock Assessed—	
Horses	40
Cows	380
Bulls	14
Heifers	91
Swine	26
Sheep	17
Fowl	11,100
Ponies	4
Turkeys	50
Rabbits	65
Goats	29
Fox	10 pr.
Pelts	50
Number of Dwelling Houses	269
Value of—	

Stock in Trade	\$8,200
Machinery	43,083
Live Stock	63,700
All other Tangible Property	1,500

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON, Chairman

GEORGE C. HUNT, Clerk

ROBERT A. BELEY

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the activities of the Police Dept. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1947, as follows:

Election Duty

Patrolling

Investigations	7
Breaks and Thefts	2
Auto Accidents	7
Fatal	1
Sliding Accident	1
Court Cases	2
Arrests	2

I would also like to state that the Police Dept. has formed during the past year an Association which we know will be very helpful to the Dept. as well as to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN O'JANNE
Chief of Police

LIST OF JURORS

HENRY F. O'JANNE

JOHN P. McHALE

GEORGE M. NICHOLS

THOMAS B. MORSE

FRANK DUSO

LLOYD H. PITCHER

EARL BEMIS

ROGER H. CRISTY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

For The Year 1947

Receipts from metered water	\$3,683.09
Receipts from installations	782.74
Miscellaneous receipts	27.45
Rental of hydrants	1,050.00
Total Receipts	\$5,543.28

As of the close of December 31, 1947, the Water Department had only three small bills outstanding, amounting to \$19.72. It is expected that these bills will be collected very soon.

During 1947, we had 22 new water connections completed which now brings the total to 165.

Two extensions to the water system were completed during the year; one on Grove Street and one on Crystal Street.

At a Special Town Meeting, an extension was voted to take care of the development being carried on by Mr. Fleming, and this extension was voted on the basis of a regulation passed by the Water Department which provided for the full cost of such extension being repaid to the Town by the water takers on such extension over a period of fifteen years.

Over the years that the Water Department has been operating, certain growth accumulated in our reservoir and it was recommended by the Public Health Department that we drain the basin and have it thoroughly cleaned. This has

now been done as well as having some of the cement work around the reservoir repaired.

We are sorry to announce that our Superintendent, Mr. George V. Clapp, found it necessary to tender his resignation as of December 31, 1947, due to the pressure of other business. The Water Department is indeed sorry to lose the services of Mr. Clapp for he has given willingly of his time and effort to the development of our water system. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Walter V. Pike as the new Superintendent of the Water Department, and we feel that there will be some economy in this arrangement as Mr. Pike will also be doing work for other departments in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY, Chairman
CLARENCE A. LABARGE
LLOYD H. PITCHER

For a few years prior to the completion of the Paxton water system, your Chairman has been much interested in water connections for the residents of Paxton, and has been a member of the Water Board since the system was completed, acting as Chairman throughout the years. It is with regret that I find it necessary to decline to further serve as a member of the Water Board. This is due to the pressure of business and that I find it difficult to be able to give sufficient time to the many activities in the Town. I want the previous members of the Board as well as the present members to know that their cooperation over the years has been sincerely appreciated, and I wish the Board continued success.

WILLIAM J. McKINLEY, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen met Feb. 7, 1947 and organized as follows:

CLIFFORD DARWIN, Chairman
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Clerk
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Third member

Permits were issued during the year for new buildings, remodeling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$205,600.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued;

- 13 Pistol
- 2 Milk and Cream
- 7 Common Victualers
- 5 Sunday Ice Cream and Soft Drinks
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Innholder All Alcoholic Beverages for 1948
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1948
- 1 Retail Package Goods All Alcoholic Beverages
for 1948
- 6 Discharge of Dynamite
- 2 Sunday Amusement
- 1 Slaughtering License

Certain changes in the Town Hall demanded by the State were completed during the year

These consisted of;

1. Installing two tie rods across the upper part of the building to correct the spreading of the walls which has been increasing during the last few years.

2. Correcting the exit door on the West St. side, and the front entrance to the Banquet Hall to swing outwards.
3. Changing the location of the swinging doors at the foot of the stairs in Banquet Hall so that they will swing both ways.
4. Building a fireproof ceiling over the boiler and plastering the walls near it.
5. Filling up the cracks under the roof to prevent leakage of rain and snow

It has been brought to our attention that all closets under the stairs will have to be removed. The three closets in question are now used by the Janitor, the Grange and the Woman's Club; other locations will have to be found

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD DARWIN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health was organized February 7, 1947 with the following officers.

CLIFFORD DARWIN, Chairman
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Clerk
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Third member

The following contagious diseases were reported during the year.

4 Chicken pox
1 Dog bite
5 Mumps
1 Undulant Fever

We are listing below the common diseases declared by the State Department of Public Health as dangerous to the public health, and urge parents to cooperate by promptly reporting them to the Board of Health as required by Law.

Chicken Pox
Dog Bite (rabid dog)
Diphtheria
German Measles
Measles
Mumps
Scarlet Fever
Tuberculosis of all forms
Typhoid Fever
Whooping Cough

In conformity with the By Laws of 1947 we have appointed a Plumbing Inspector, Thomas F. Harney. All applications for permits for plumbing installations must be made to him.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD DARWIN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY
MODERATOR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO
THE ILLIG PROPERTY, A WAR MEMORIAL AND A NEW
TOWN HALL**

To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

As a result of action taken by the Town on Article 10 of the Warrant for the regular Town Meeting of February 3, 1947, a Committee of five was appointed by the Moderator.

Several meetings were held by the Committee and a start was made on a program of visitation to other towns to observe the arrangement, construction and facilities of their town buildings and Civic Centers.

As a result of our meetings and discussions, we wish to make the following observations

1. The present town hall is inadequate from the standpoint of—

- a. office space
- b. seating capacity
- c. fire resistance
- d. structural firmness

Furthermore, our school building is lacking in recreational facilities. The gymnasium is too small for use as a basketball court. There are no shower facilities available after using either the gymnasium or the school playground.

2. Present arrangements for the storage of town equipment are far from ideal. Storage is at several locations, not all of which are of fireproof construction and the cost of such storage, while not out of line, is still a considerable amount in the aggregate.

3. The Illig Property, already owned by the town, is the biological site for whatever the town sees fit to do.

It is our belief this property should be used in such a way as to eventually contain a "civic center" made up of a group of buildings providing—

a. A Town Hall with necessary and adequate office space and an auditorium with sufficient seating capacity to take care of all town meetings and gatherings.

b. A garage or storehouse to adequately store all town trucks, supplies and equipment.

c. Recreational and playground facilities for year round use.

4. Nothing in our opinion could surpass the above as a fitting and useful "War Memorial".

All of the foregoing will seem quite an ambitious program. It is, and, of course, a great deal of study and planning must be carried out to determine a well integrated solution of the needs, arrangement of buildings and grounds, and the proper financing of such a project.

We believe that our ideas are sound and hope that they will appeal to the citizens of the town. We trust that they will also be further pursued. Such studies are within the scope of the Planning Board and we trust that they will be aided by the pooling of the talent and resources of other organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Special Committee

M. LAWRENCE PRICE, Chairman

LEROY CLOCKEDILE

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

ARTHUR LAWLER

ALFRED W. SMITH

REPORT
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR

With the expansion of home construction by those who wish to do their own labor, I would advise that they contact the Building Inspector in regard to same before doing much work that may have to be taken down or done over.

With the Town laws and some State laws that I understand go into effect this year, it becomes more necessary than before, that the inexperience get started correctly to avoid costly mistakes, which are sure to arise with those inexperienced in building. All new buildings in the Town have been personally inspected by me and as always the poor workmanship and mistakes are by the inexperienced.

There have been some changes made in the Town Hall this year that I have felt for some time should be made to comply with Section 21a of Chapter 143 of the General Laws. There are also other places of assembly in the Town that must comply with all State provisions of the laws, rules and regulations as required by Section 49 of Chapter 143 and by Section 52 of the same chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

ASSETS

Plant Investment:

Land	\$311.67
Structures	76.37
Transformer Station and Substation Equipment	5,591.70
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	20,785.48
Consumer's Meters	2,595.43
Line Transformers	7,685.85
Street Lighting Equipment	2,838.59
Office Equipment	3,603.80
Transportation Equipment	3,603.80
Laboratory Equipment	195.64
Miscellaneous Equipment	907.43

Total Plant Investment

\$44,799.91

Current:

Cash	4,910.94
Consumer's Deposits	184.09
Accounts Receivable	861.83
Material and Supplies	5,125.53

Total Current Assets

11,082.39

Reserve Fund:

Depreciation Fund

14,066.75

Total Assets

69,949.05

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Appropriation for Construction	4,000.00
Consumer's Deposits	153.41
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	4,153.41

TOTAL LIABILITIES

Appropriated Surplus:

Loans Repayment: Bonds and Notes Paid out of Earnings	19,116.00
Appropriation from Tax Levy— Repaid	3,090.07
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Total Appropriated Surplus 22,206.07

Profit and Loss: 43,589.57

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$69,949.05

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income

Metered Sales to Private Consumers	32,611.45
Municipal Revenue—Municipal Building	658.06
Municipal Revenue—Street Lighting	606.78
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Total Electric Operating Revenue	33,876.29

Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	17,590.29
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	1,341.28
Maintenance Street Lights	49.64
Commercial Salaries	145.00
Salaries Light Board and Manager	3,325.00
General Office Supplies and Expenses	98.50
Insurance	308.98

Legal Expense	403.00	
Rent	180.00	
Transportation Expenses	533.93	
Depreciation	2,164.67	
Miscellaneous General Expenses	133.10	
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Total Operating Expenses		26,273.39
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Net Operating Revenue		7,602.90
Other Income		
Interest on Depreciation Fund	249.09	
Interest on Meter Deposits	4.49	253.58
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		7,856.48
Other Expenses		
Taxes Assignable	8.01	
Interest on Meter Deposits	4.70	12.71
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Profit and Loss Balance		7,843.77
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947

Balance December 31, 1946	37,745.80
Add Net Profit for the Year	7,843.77
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	45,589.57
Deduct Paid to Town Treasurer for	
Appropriation from Tax Levy Repaid	2,000.00
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Balance, December 31, 1947	43,589.57
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We have a total of 357 customers on our lines of which 25 were new in 1947. They consumed 1,140,400 K.W.H. of electricity. We have installed 97½ K.W. of transformer ca-

capacity and removed 23 K.W. which means removing 9 transformers and installing 15 new transformers. We have added or replaced 60 new poles, added 23,291 feet of wire and auxiliary equipment. We have installed 10 new type street lights and 5508 feet of wire for them.

In December the department announced effective Jan. 1, 1948 our General Rate is further reduced on all current consumed above 200 K.W.H. per month per bill from $2\frac{3}{4}$ cents per K.W.H. to $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per K.W.H.

The department has added the American Telephone & Telephone Co.'s short wave relay station on Asbunskit Hill and will add in 1948 station W.T.A.G.—FM new station on Asbunskit Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON
GEO. F. DEWEY, JR.
C. JOHN ABBOTT
Commissioners

ROY M. WENTWORTH, Manager

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Lots Sold	\$200.00	
Amount Placed in Trust Fund		\$200.00
Collected for care of lots, Not in Perpetual Care	67.50	
Opening Graves	153.00	
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Turned over to Town Treasurer		220.50
Paid for upkeep of Cemetery	543.13	
Income from Trust Funds	333.68	
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Balance from Income Account		209.45
Cemetery Appropriation	300.00	
Paid for upkeep of Cemeteries		300.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. EDDY, Chairman
H. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk
E. NICHOLS
Board of Cemetery Comm.

REPORT
OF THE
TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1947.

Appropriations	\$800.00
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Expenditures:

Feeding trees	\$178.50
Spraying	66.00
To Brewer Tree Co., trimming and removing trees	278.75
General care	227.45
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	\$750.70
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Balance	\$49.30

Respectfully submitted,

FRED R. DIFLEY
Tree Warden

**REPORT
OF THE
PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Dept. answered 16 calls as follows:

- 1 Chimney Fire
- 4 House Fires
- 1 Barn Fire
- 1 Auto Fire
- 7 Grass Fires
- 1 Dump Fire
- 1 Fire in Rutland
- 212 Fire Permits Issued

Dept. called to 2 grass fires resulting from burning without a permit.

4 Investigations of burning without a permit.

We wish to thank the Police Dept. and members of the Fire Dept. who contributed their time and cars to patrol all roads during the fire hazard caused by the severe dry season last fall. As a result and with the cooperation of the townspeople we had no fires during that crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

F. HATSTAT
W. PIKE
W. WYLIE
L. ROBINSON
B. REARDON

Board of Engineers

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PAXTON:

During the year 1947, your Finance Committee approved the transfer of the Reserve Fund of \$1,000.00 to the Snow Removal Account. This complied with a request of the Selectmen and partially covered an overdraft in the Snow Removal Account caused by the unusually heavy snow storms during the year.

We have also examined the 1948 Budget requests of each of the various Town Departments and our recommendations thereto will be found in the tabulation headed "Budget for 1948".

We believe that most persons, as were we, will at first reading be disturbed by the increases which seems to be general in all departments. However, each request has been carefully examined and fully discussed.

It is our conclusion that the requests are reasonable and while they are higher than we would all like to see them, we must face the fact that most costs have increased and that these particular costs are the costs of basic town government. They can hardly be done away with or saved on. We must, therefore, if we are to avoid a prohibitive tax rate, carefully consider each special appropriation. We urge each voter to do so.

We desire to express our appreciation and thanks to each of the officials and department heads of the town for their helpfulness and cooperation with us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. SMITH, Chairman
JOHN W. BENSON
DEANE O. HOWLAND
J. S. WILLIAM LaMOTTE
HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL
ETTA E. ROBINSON

Ex Officio

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS
OF THE TOWN OF
PAXTON



MASSACHUSETTS

Year Ending December 31, 1947

The Hoyle Press, 91 Exchange St., Worcester

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 1947- 1948**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

M. Lawrence Price, Chairman	Term expires 1948
Harry Clark, Secretary	Term expires 1950
Charles C. Craig	Term expires 1949

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Childs	Phone, Holden 4633
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ART SUPERVISOR

Cecelia E. Hall	Worcester
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TEACHERS

Grade VIII—Ralph W. Wilbur (Also Principal)	Worcester 2-8530
Grades VI - VII—Margaret E. Ratcliffe	
Grades IV - V—Dorothy K. Wilbur	
Grades II - III—Kathleen King	
Grade I—Beryl W. Barnes	

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M. D.	Holden 4441
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SCHOOL NURSE

Brenda T. Sullivan, R. N.	Holden 4633
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ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Reuben O'Janne.	Worcester 6-1489
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JANITOR

George G. Carlson	Worcester 3-2609
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The work of the School Department involves the education and training of approximately 150 pupils and the expenditure of roughly forty percent of the total amounts of money raised in Paxton by local taxation. The School Committee feels a very deep sense of responsibility in the discharge of its share of the duties required to successfully carry out such a program and hopes that each voter will carefully study the following pages comprising the report of the Department. A more intelligent voting of funds is greatly aided by a complete understanding of the Financial Report and continued progress in instruction will be made easier if each voter will take a more active part in the educational activities of the Town.

Center school sets apart Tuesday afternoon of every week from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. for visiting and consultation. All teachers extend a hearty welcome and Townspeople should really make an honest effort to visit the school at least once a year.

The School Committee meets once a month from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the last Thursday of the month and welcomes all those interested in discussing School Department problems. Other meetings are held when necessary.

The Town is very fortunate in having five teachers all of whom are of exceptional ability and display keen interest and hard work in giving the very best possible instruction. Although teacher salaries have been slowy but steadily raised for the past few years, the level of pay is still not high enough to be consistent with general income levels and cost of living index. The School Committee hopes that it has the backing of the Town in its plan to recognize outstanding teaching ability by a continued increase in salary.

The school lost an efficient and loyal custodian when Mr. George Maccabee was forced to retire because of poor health. We are, however, very fortunate to have been able to secure the services of Mr. George Carlson as our new custodian.

The Fall term began last September with an unprecedented enrollment of 21 pupils in the first grade and it became necessary to add another teacher, Mrs. Kathleen King, and to fit out another classroom, making a present total of five rooms for the eight grades. A thorough survey and census has been made and it becomes apparent that the next five years will require the addition of three more teachers and classrooms. There are at present 115 children of pre-school age in the Town and, without any new residents, the present Grade School enrollment of 104 will be increased to about 160 by 1953. It will thus be absolutely necessary to continue to increase School Budgets in order to meet the need of expanding enrollment and teaching facilities. It is interesting to note that the average Grade School attendance in 1945 was only 83 pupils.

On the basis of present valuation of taxable property within the Town, the State Laws allow a Grant or rebate of fifty percent paid to the City of Worcester by the Town for High School and Trade School Tuition. The State also grants a rebate of approximately 100% of expense of transportation. Until this past year rebates for transportation applied to High and Trade School only but new legislation enacted last July now extends this to Grade Schools as well. This accounts for approximately \$3,000.00 additional State-aid.

Parents of High and Trade School pupils would be of considerable help in solving one very serious problem if they could succeed in reducing the amount of skipping or "playing hookey". The School Committee is frequently required to check up on pupils who are thus delinquent. Some pupils have admitted to skipping as many as 10 days of school in a four week period. This is very serious from the standpoint of lost opportunities for the pupil and it means a total loss of from \$250.00 to \$300.00 per year since the State does not grant

transportation rebate for those days when the pupil uses the bus service and then does not report to school.

The financial report shows a substantial unexpended balance in spite of a number of expenses not anticipated in the preparation of the annual budget. Two factors are primarily responsible for this surplus; a reduction in the number of High School pupils because of withdrawal or change of residence, and a change in the payment of teacher salaries from a 10 month to a 12 month basis as requested by the teachers. Actually the teachers earned approximately \$700.00 last Fall which will not be paid until the Summer months. This will not affect future budgets unless the teachers request a return to a 10 monthly payment schedule near the beginning of a calendar year.

The Parent-Teacher Association and the School Committee have been studying the possibility of instituting a school lunch program to provide well planned hot meals for the pupils of Center School. An article is included in the Warrant to see if the Town will provide the necessary funds to set up and equip a small kitchen in the school. The State and Federal Governments are to provide some help in the form of surplus food supplies and milk. Remaining expenses would be paid for by a nominal charge for each meal served. (About 20 cents) The parents of about 75 pupils have thus far stated that they were in favor of the plan.

The first purpose of our Grade School instruction is to provide a well-planned background for High School but it is also of great importance to provide opportunities to develop along the lines of Citizenship, general usefulness to Society, and the enjoyment of the Arts and Crafts. Our teachers are doing a fine job in arousing the interest of the pupils in music, art, civic affairs, news events and world affairs, nature study, craftsmanship, the school paper, athletics, and many similar activities.

In conclusion, the School Committee wishes to thank the people of the Town, our Teachers and Superintendent for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past year and also

to express the hope for continued support in the next few difficult years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. CRAIG

HARRY CLARK, Secretary

M. LAWRENCE PRICE, Chairman

Paxton School Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the year 1947

FUNDS FOR USE IN 1947

Appropriation, Grade, High, and	
Trade Schools	\$25,000.00
Bigelow Fund Interest	17.50
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	\$25,017.50

EXPENDITURES

School Committee (including clerical)	\$ 225.00
Superintendent	534.72
Teachers Salaries (including art and	
music Supervisors)	8,299.90
Janitor services	1,631.69
Health (Doctor and Nurse)	284.00
Books	518.47
School Supplies	221.55
Janitors Supplies	56.27
Grade School Transportation	3,010.00
High and Trade School Transportation	2,438.40
High and Trade School Tuition	4,808.82
Lights and Fuel	515.39
Repairs and Replacements	505.69

New Equipment	506.10	
Water	35.03	
Misc.	37.35	
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Total Expenditures		\$23,628.38
Refunds:		
City of Worcester	\$33.75	
C. A. Gregory Co.	9.74	
Out of Town Tuition	48.00	
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Net Expenditures		23,536.89
Unexpended Balance		1,480.61
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		\$25,017.50

GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM THE STATE

High School Tuition	1,544.06	
Trade School Tuition	320.00	
Agricultural School Tuition	225.00	
Trade School Transportation	273.10	
School Fund (Chapt. 70), Part I	820.00	
School Fund (Chapt. 70), Part II	650.04	
High, Grade, and Agricultural Transp.	4,836.80	
Superintendent	193.33	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,862.33
Actual Cost to the Town		14,674.56
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Net Expenditures		\$23,536.89

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass. Dec. 31, 1947

To the School Committee of Paxton:

Following customary procedure this report will summarize the year's work in our schools and present the usual statistics for record. It is the forty-eighth in the series since the formation of the present School Union, and the thirtieth by the writer.

Early in the year Mrs. Gonyer resigned as School Nurse, and Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan was chosen as her successor. She has kept in close touch with the Department of Health and her report will indicate the scope of the health program. We miss Dr. Scott who carried on the dental work so successfully. We have not yet found a School Dentist. Miss Weed resigned in June and at present we have no Music Supervisor. Because of larger enrollment it seemed wise to divide Grades I and II, and we were fortunate in securing Mrs. Kathleen King who teaches Grades II and III, with Mrs. Beryl W. Barnes in Grade I. Mrs. Barnes came to Paxton in January with a splendid background of training and successful experience. This arrangement leaves Mr. Wilbur with Grade VIII only, and a better opportunity to prepare our pupils for Worcester high schools. It has also enabled Mr. Wilbur to expand the "activities program" and to take a complete census of all children to 16 years of age.

Achievement tests have been given in all grades during the year. New text books have been added in Reading, Music and Arithmetic, and a set of the new Compton's Encyclopedia purchased for the reference library. Some alterations and repairs have been made, and the building is in good working

condition. New shades have been hung in seven rooms, and more storm windows purchased.

Several bills for increased financial support for public schools were introduced in the State Legislature last year, and Paxton will benefit materially from one that was passed giving more state aid for transportation. Other bills will be presented to the Legislature this winter looking to increased state support for education. There is still a shortage of teachers in Massachusetts and salaries are far behind factory wages. Paxton has done well in facing this problem and our salaries are being raised, though they are still below the median of Group IV, towns under 5000 population without high schools. Other specific matters that are being given careful study relate to Certification of Teachers, In-Service Training, Courses of Study, and Consolidation of School Districts to Construct and Maintain High Schools.

We have begun use of the new Course of Study for Grades I-III. We need to consider the possibility of a Consolidated High School for the three towns, Oakham, Paxton and Rutland. At recent Joint Committee meetings of the Union there has been discussion of a change. Holden is growing rapidly and is ready to consider withdrawal from the Union. The other three towns could constitute a compact and effective unit with many obvious advantages over the present arrangement. At present Paxton sends its high school pupils to Worcester and Oakham sends to Barre. With a consolidated high school in Rutland, you would have full control of the course of study, the teachers, transportation, athletics, and supervision of your children from the first grade through high school.

The Animal Poster awards presented by The American Humane Education Society were received by the following pupils; First Prizes—David Morse and Jane Smith. Second Prizes—Charles Putnam and Jean Perkins. Honorable Mention—Richard Whitney and Joan MacKenzie.

The American Legion awards were presented by Commander George Hunt to George Carlson and Janice Rabinow.

The sum of \$186.43 is reported as having been collected in the School Savings program.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Committee, the teachers and janitor, and all others who have demonstrated their cooperation and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is a pleasure to submit the following report of the Art Department.

Our objectives in providing art activities in the school program are:

- a) to encourage creative expression;
- b) to develop good taste;
- c) to provide worthy leisure time activity;
- d) to discover the talented child.

Through the wholehearted cooperation on the part of the parents and Mrs. Wilbur, the 3rd and 4th grades made and costumed marionettes, painted scenery for the marionette theatre and presented successful productions of "Pinnochio."

Posters were made and sent to the annual S.P.C.A. Poster Contest by pupils in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, and prizes were received.

For Christmas cards the 8th grade cut linoleum block prints. Windows were painted with religious designs in the 4th and 5th grades. The 1st and 2nd grades showed great ability to express their own original ideas.

Many types of handwork were done and we feel that another successful year has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILIA E. HALL

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is a brief report of the work done in the schools of this district by the school physician during the year 1947.

Soon after school started in September physical examinations were begun of all the pupils in the district. These examinations were completed in early December.

In general the health of the students during the past year has been very good. Physical examinations showed very few cases of major defects. The most frequent defect noted was that of dental caries.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. MAYO

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The yearly physical examination of the school children has been completed by Dr. Mayo. Defects have been recorded on the individual physical record cards of each pupil. The predominating defects were diseased tonsils and carious teeth. The parents are urged to have corrections made.

The Visual and Auditory tests were made. Most of the defects have been corrected.

Throughout the year routine work goes on, such as home visits, personal interviews, weighing and measuring, inspections, first aid, excluding sick children, planning and assisting the school physician in clinics.

Field visits	11
First aid	82
Physical examinations with Dr.	104
Pupils weighed and measured	104
Group inspections	32

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

Respectfully submitted,

BRENDA T. SULLIVAN, R. N.

ORGANIZATION 1946-1947

Grades	Teacher	Training	Began Here
VII-VIII	Ralph W. Wilbur	Fitch. S.T.C.	Sept. 1946
V-IV	Alice Z. Morley	Tufts Col.	Oct. 1945
	Margaret E. Ratcliffe	Worc. S.T.C.	Oct. 1946
III-IV	Dorothy K. Wilbur	Worc. S.T.C.	Sept. 1946
I-II	Celestine Terroy	Worc. S.T.C.	Sept. 1946
	Beryl W. Barnes	Worc. S.T.C.	Jan. 1947
Music	Winona A. Weed	Ithaca	Sept. 1944
Art	Cecelia E. Hall	R.I. Sch. of Des.	Sept. 1946

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1947

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Boys	9	7	8	6	5	6	7	7	55
Girls	11	8	4	4	2	4	6	7	46
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	20	15	12	10	7	10	13	14	101

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS

1946-1947

Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	% of Attendance
VII-VIII	27	26	24	96
V-VI	24	24	22	95
III-IV	20	18	17	96
I-II	28	26	24	92
	—	—	—	—
Totals	99	94	87	95

HONOR ROLL

(Neither absent nor tardy)

TWO YEARS	Jean Perkins
ONE YEAR	Lynn Johnson
	James Putnam

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1947

Children in Paxton	Boys	Girls	Total
Aged 4 years or under	49	45	94
5 years of age (Enter school, Sept. 1948)	12	9	21
6 years of age	10	9	19
7-16 years of age	58	42	100
	129	105	234

GRADUATES — JUNE 1947

Mildred Loretta Ahearn	Donald Reed Pierce
George Robert Carlson	Janice Rabinow
Gladys Evelyn Clockedile	Cynthia Ann Reardon
Robert Joseph Langevin	Patricia Ann Sheehan
David Richard Morse	Charles Gustaf Sjoberg
Robert Charles Phoenix	Richard Dana Whitney

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Night the first Thursday of the month.

The Planning Board hereby submits its twenty-fifth report.

At the first meeting of the year, an "Advisory Board" was appointed. Members are: Alfred W. Smith, M. Lawrence Price, Walter Gustafson, Harold Leffingwell, and Miss Mary M. Daniher. This board worked with us on future developments of the town and the layout of our Capital Outlay Program—the first copy you will receive this year.

On the request of the Selectmen these two Boards—also Water and Finance—met as a group to find some possible solution to the water extension question. During the year, meetings were held with different town boards to check on future outlays they had, and what capital investments must be made by the town in the next five years.

One part that was brought out at these meetings was that the town should request that the Planning Board make a study of these projects:

1st—A garage and storehouse for town equipment

2nd—A new town building of fireproof material to replace the present hall

3rd—The development of the Illig property with complete recreational facilities

A public hearing was held October 9, 1947 at the request of John J. O'Day . . . To see if the town would vote to amend the zoning bylaws, so that a piece of property owned by him could be changed from residence to a business district.

This property is located on the south corner of Asnebumskit Road at Pleasant Street.

Forty-eight people were present at this hearing.

Howe Farm:

The Howe Farm has now been sold, the sale price being \$7500.00.

Illig Property:

The survey of the property was completed late this fall, and the original cost of \$250.00 was increased to \$450.00, caused by the many hours of reeseach that the engineer had to spend tracing old records. The town gained 50 ft. on the west line of the property, from a mistake that was made in the Registry of Deeds some 75 years ago. We are unable to show any of the contour maps of this property; (funds for which were voted at the fall town meeting) too much snow has held up the engineer on this project.

Master Plan:

On September 3, 1947, the Planning Board engaged the services of Maynard O. Saunders, Planning Engineer, who was recommended by the State Planning Board; he is also Planning Engineer for the City of Springfield. Because of too much work, and illness, we are unable to show the town meeting the first part of this project. We are asking for \$500.00 to continue this Plan, this year.

The following is a copy of Mr. Saunders' letter of what the finished "Master Plan" will be:

January 23, 1948

Mr. Herbert F. Wentworth
Paxton Planning Board
Paxton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wentworth:

The following is a resumé of what the Planning Board should be thinking of and might accomplish during the coming year.

It is true of Paxton, as it is of any other town located on the border of a large city, that every effort should be made to plan well in advance for the influx of city dwellers who find small town life attractive. There are two types of people who usually make the change. One is the kind of citizen who appreciates good living, spacious grounds and a well regulated community. He looks for the type of town that keeps its front yards looking neat, keeps its zoning regulations up-to-date and well enforced, has control over its subdivisions and has an idea where it is going, generally. By this I mean what the future may bring in the way of public utilities, town services, new roads, new schools and the possible effect on the tax rate of these necessary improvements. Such a citizen makes a very fine addition to a community, is usually a good tax payer and is worth the trouble it takes to make things attractive for him.

There is another type of citizen who moves out of the larger community into the smaller ones because things in the larger city are becoming too difficult for him. Either the building codes and zoning regulations are so well enforced that he can no longer do as he pleases, to the detriment of his neighbors, so that he must seek greener pastures for his endeavors. He is some times a small builder who would ordinarily build cheaply and sell dear, or who has been forced into more expensive building by the big cities' regulations, and seeks a town where he can get away with everything possible. Citizens of this latter type are no asset in any community. They seek out places that are lacking in regulations

or lack enforcement of those they have, and by their disregard of the future often present an expensive and troublesome problem when they eventually have to be taken care of by providing services that were not planned or that are costly to build.

To take care of the first type of citizen and to combat the latter, your zoning and subdivision regulations are going to be an immense asset especially if you avail yourself of the advantages in any changes in State laws, court decisions and new technics in planning and subdivision control. You will however need one more very important aid so that you will then have what might be referred to as a three point plan, namely a Master Plan for the town. The framers of the state laws were wise in making such a plan mandatory, because without planning, a town has no direction and without direction, unforeseen pitfalls can be expensive.

A master plan consists, first of an inventory of present existing facilities. The results of this inventory are placed on a map, or maps, so that they will be available at all times. Such maps will have the sizes, locations and depths of all utilities, width and grades of all streets both public and private, contours showing present elevation of the ground and public and private property. On such maps the town through its Planning Board, Selectmen, Finance Committee and other agencies may do its thinking out loud, so to speak. Base maps with the present data shown may be used to record ideas for future development and extensions of facilities. The maps will show the correct relation of each present facility to any other facility and what will be involved in any extension or new development. Eventually the town will be enabled through its Planning Board to estimate, well in advance, the expected cost of capital improvements as well as recurring annual expenses. Planning on paper is only part of the job. An accurate estimate of the cost of such planning is every bit as essential.

The outline above may sound like a large order but

when undertaken in an orderly manner on a year to year basis, definite progress can be made each year so that each year's accomplishments can be a unit in themselves and may be used to complete the picture when all parts of the puzzle are placed together.

Yours very truly,

M. O. SAUNDERS, Engineer

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The members of the Planning Board wish to thank the different town officers for their co-operation, and also the members of the Advisory Board for the many evenings they gave of their time to work with the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH, Chairman
ROBERT BELEY
WILLIAM O. WYLIE, JR.
GEORGE KARLE
ARTHUR CROMPTON

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I herewith submit my sixth report as Librarian of the Richards Memorial Library:

Total Circulation	6275
Adult Fiction	3375
Juvenile Fiction	1692
Adult Non-Fiction	386
Juvenile Non-Fiction	154
Adult Magazines	526
Juvenile Magazines	107
Number of Books Purchased	142
Adults	83
Juvenile	59
Number of Books Borrowed	4
Worcester	2
Boston	2
Number of Books donated	27
Pamphlets loaned	27
Encyclopedias loaned	4

Our thanks goes to those patrons who have given books to the Library.

This year the Library is to be opened two Thursdays a month at noon to allow the school children an opportunity to take books, especially those who have to travel on the school bus.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON, Librarian

BUDGET FOR 1948

	Appropriated 1947	Spent 1947	1948 Recom.
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Expenses	235.00	221.48	250.00
Town Accountant			
Salary	350.00	350.00	400.00
Expenses	15.00	3.50	15.00
Treasurer			
Salary	300.00	300.00	350.00
Expenses	85.00	80.46	85.00
Tax Collector			
Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	100.00	95.95	100.00
Assessors			
Salaries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	191.00	90.84	250.00
Legal	200.00	8.00	200.00
Town Clerk			
Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	80.00	60.25	80.00

Record Building			50.00
Elections	75.00	75.00	200.00
Registrars of Voters			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	50.00		50.00
Contingent	300.00	288.16	300.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,750.00
Planning Board	1,000.00	380.95	750.00
Constables	500.00	499.99	820.00
Fire Department			
Salaries	320.00	320.00	320.00
Expenses	1,275.00	1,235.31	1,480.00
Dog Officer	25.00	25.00	25.00
Building Inspector	150.00	150.00	150.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	5.00	5.00	5.00
Moth Dept.	200.00	199.65	200.00
Tree Warden	800.00	750.70	800.00
Board of Health			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	650.00	627.10	800.00
Tubercular Hospital	1,436.52	1,436.52	1,455.60

400.00
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	Appropriated 1947	Spent 1947	1948 Recom.
Pre School Clinic	55.00		55.00
Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering	5.00	5.00	5.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Highways—Chapter 81 Maintenance			
State	6,300.00		
Town	2,800.00	9,099.69	2,800.00
Highways—Chapter 90 Maintenance			
County	800.00		
State	800.00		
Town	800.00	2,399.69	1,400.00
Snow Fence	250.00	493.95	250.00
Street Lights	650.00	607.57	650.00
School Dept.	2,500.00	23,461.01	29,385.00
Public Welfare			
Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expense	550.00	421.02	650.00
Old Age Assistance			
Federal	2,484.23		
Federal Administration	96.51		
Town	3,800.00	5,814.83	3,800.00
Richards Memorial Library			

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700.00

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Dog Fund	314.21		
Income on Trust Funds	803.12		
Balance—1946	201.72		
Town	450.00	1,711.54	1,000.00
Care of Common and Flag	150.00	150.00	150.00 = 200
Memorial Day	100.00	74.20	100.00
Fourth of July	50.00	50.00	50.00
Halloween	50.00	38.12	50.00
Soldiers Relief	300.00	40.00	200.00
Insurance and Bonds	1,600.00	1,581.30	2,800.00
Printing	400.00	362.37	400.00
Care of Town Clock			
Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00
Expense	15.00	3.75	15.00
Water Department			
Salaries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Expenses	6,804.97	4,840.32	5,675.00
Hydrant Rentals	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,150.00
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	250.00
Certification of Notes	10.00	8.00	10.00
Interest on Notes	25.00		25.00
Aid to Dependent Children—Overdraft		246.47	550.00
Snow Removal	3,000.00	3,999.15	3,800.00
Overdraft		553.60	

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF THE

ACCOUNTS



TOWN OF PAXTON

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Clifford Darwin, 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 July 11, 1946 to July 10, 1947, 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,

FRANCIS X. LANG
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from July 11, 1946, the date of the previous audit, to July 10, 1947, 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 or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting

records of appropriations and transfers voted, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on July 10, 1947.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on July 10, 1947 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

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

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were compared with the warrants issued by the board of assessors, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the controlling accounts.

Verification of the outstanding taxes was made 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 the town were verified.

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

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, water, electric light, and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

Cooperation was received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BOIUE

Assistant Director of Accounts

HBD:GPT

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET—JULY 10, 1947
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		State Parks and Reservations Assessment	\$59.97
In Banks and Office	\$31,342.36	State Audit of Municipal Accounts	
Accounts Receivable:		Assessment	308.27
Taxes:		County Tax	2,628.29
Levy of 1945	\$ 50.16	Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequest	100.00
Levy of 1946	2,179.94	Trust and Investment Fund Income:	
Levy of 1947	43,597.25	Howe Farm Fund	988.37
	45,827.35	Illig Place Rentals	1,723.81
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Dog Licenses—For County	192.00
Levy of 1946	\$ 74.02	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	10.00
Levy of 1947	310.54	Tailings	48.07
	384.56	Highway Machinery Rental Fund	780.16
Tax Possessions	4,104.83	Excess on Low Value Tax Title Sales	
Electric Light	3,651.76	Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws	150.00
Water	677.50	Federal Grants:	
Aid to Highways:		Old Age Assistance:	
State:		Administration	\$6.93
Chapter 81	\$6,300.00	Assistance	8.25
Chapter 90 Maintenance	800.00		15.18
Chapter 90 Construction 1946	500.23	Appropriation Balances:	
Chapter 90 Construction 1947	4,000.00	General	\$44,843.64
County:			

Chapter 90 Maintenance	800.00	
Chapter 90 Construction 1946	250.12	
Chapter 90 Construction 1947	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	14,650.35
Appropriation from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund		1,500.00
Estimated Receipts to Be Collected		15,067.72
Underestimate 1947—Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment		93.11
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Highways—Chapter 90		
Construction 1946	\$749.38	
Highway Machinery Maintenance	220.87	
Aid to Dependent Children	35.30	
	<hr/>	1,005.55
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		\$118,305.09

Water Main Extensions	6,633.85	
	<hr/>	51,477.49
Electric Light:		
Maintenance	\$ 723.86	
Depreciation Fund	13,548.77	
Construction Fund	3,763.81	
Meter Deposit Fund	214.39	
	<hr/>	18,250.83
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		718.75
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1945	\$ 50.16	
Levy of 1946	367.93	
Levy of 1947	1,258.25	
	<hr/>	1,676.34
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 384.56	
Tax Possessions	4,104.83	
Electric Light	3,651.76	
Water	677.50	
Aid to Highways	14,650.35	
	<hr/>	23,469.00
Surplus Revenue		15,708.56
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		\$118,305.09

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$57,800.00		
		Departmental Equipment Loan	\$6,600.00
		Water System Loan	46,000.00
		Water Main Extension Loans	5,200.00
	<u>\$57,800.00</u>		<u>\$57,800.00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash		D. Russell Boynton Charity Fund	\$1,044.77	
and Securities:		Edward D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	
In Custody of Town Treasurer,	\$60,521.54	George E. Bigelow Library Fund	500.00	
In Custody of Trustee	8,229.47	Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668.87	
		Edward D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,372.08	
		Edward D. Bigelow Village		
		Improvement Fund	1,143.49	
		Howe Farm Fund	4,000.00	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds*	18,329.44	
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	10,462.89	
			<u>60,521.54</u>	
		C. D. Boynton Fund for General		
		Purposes	8,229.47	
	<u>\$68,751.01</u>			<u>\$68,751.01</u>

* Includes \$100.00 in general treasury

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS

General Revenue:

Taxes:

Levy of 1947

Polls	\$ 590.00
Personal	3,858.21
Real Estate	34,373.70

\$38,821.91

Levy of 1946

Personal	566.60
Real Estate	4,516.37

5,082.97

Levy of 1945

Personal	125.30
Real Estate	467.36

592.66

Tax Titles

575.00

575.00

From State:

Income Tax	4,340.56
Corporation Tax	2,279.23

 6,619.79

Licenses and Permits:

Liquors, Stands	900.50
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 900.50

Court Fines

Fees	65.00
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 65.00

Grants and Gifts from State:

School Fund	1,470.04
High School Tuition	4,836.80
Vocational School	818.10
Child Guardianship	137.60
O. A. Assistance Meal Tax	174.42
Gasoline Tax	2,190.02

 9,626.98

Grants and Gifts—Federal:

Old Age Assistance	2,484.23
Old Age Administration	84.52

 2,568.75

From County:

Dog Licenses Refunded	314.21
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 314.21

Total—General Revenue

 \$65,167.77

Special Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Taxes

Levy 1947	2,451.23
Levy 1946	224.56

 2,675.79

Total—Special Assessments

 \$2,675.79

Commercial Revenue—Departmental:

General Government:

Tax Collector—Demands	\$ 9.45
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	405.60
Rents—Town Hall	207.29
Illig Place	324.00
Howe Place	175.00

 1,121.34

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers' Fees	11.79
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 11.79

Health and Sanitation:

Inspector of Animals	25.00
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 25.00

Highways:

State:

Chapter 81, 1946	2,381.09
Chapter 81, 1947	6,300.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	799.89
Chapter 90, Construction	1,934.16

County:

Chapter 90, Maintenance	799.89
Chapter 90, Construction	966.08

Town:

Tractor	1,681.16	
Road Scraper sold	10.00	
	<hr/>	14,872.27

Charities:

Reimbursements:

Individuals	168.00	
Old Age Assistance—State	1,826.48	
Aid Dependent Children	71.20	
	<hr/>	2,065.68

Total—Commercial Revenue—Dept. \$18,096.08

Commercial Revenue—Public Service

Electric Light Dept.:

Light and Power	\$34,936.44	
Meter Guarantee	40.00	
Interest on Meter Fund	4.49	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	249.09	
	<hr/>	35,230.02

Water Department:

Meter Rates	4,522.57	
Hydrants	1,050.00	
	<hr/>	5,572.57

Total—Commercial Revenue—Public Service \$40,802.59

Commercial Revenue Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Bequests	200.00	
Care of lots	77.50	
Opening Graves	153.00	
		430.50

Total—Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries \$430.50

Commercial Revenue—Interest

On Taxes	185.11	
On School Fund	17.50	
On Savings Account	42.11	
On Library Funds	803.12	
On Cemetery Perpetual Fund	543.13	
On C. D. Boynton Fund	656.22	
On Village Improvement Fund	143.49	
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		2,390.68

Total—Commercial Revenue—Interest	\$2,390.68
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Water Notes—Grove Street	2,800.00
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Total—Maturing Debts	2,800.00
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Trust and Invested Funds

Howe Farm	7,500.00
Post War Bond	5,000.00

12,500.00

Total—Trust and Invested Funds	12,500.00
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Refunds:

On Advertising	7.75
On Fire Dept. Compensation	20.00
On Old Age Assistance	4.00
On Highways	1.00
On Snow	1.55
On Schools	91.49
On Health	6.00
On Electric Light Const.	2,000.00

2,131.79

Total—Refunds	2,131.79
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$146,995.20
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PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$300.00
Expenses	221.48

 \$521.48

Town Accountant:

Salary	350.00
Expenses	3.50

 353.50

Treasurer:

Salary	300.00
Expenses	80.46

 380.46

Tax Collector:

Salary	400.00
Expenses	95.95

 495.95

Assessors:

Salaries	300.00
Expenses	190.84

 490.84

Legal:

Town Counsel	8.00
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 8.00

Town Clerk:

Salary	150.00
Expenses	60.25

 210.25

Elections:

Tellers	38.50
Ballots	36.50

75.00

Registration:

Registrars	25.00
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25.00

Planning Board:

Statisticians	289.40
Expenses	91.55

380.95

Town Hall:

Janitor	884.00
Fuel	481.50
Lights	89.02
Repairs	495.76
Water	20.00
Telephone	19.95
Others	9.77

2,000.00

Contingent:

Moderator	15.00
Board of Appeals	3.39
Record Building	16.01
Clearing Dump	18.75
Binder	8.00
July Fourth	2.59
Tax Titles	13.70
Postage	2.48
Meat Inspection	14.00
Town Hall	153.47
Common	38.76

Sealer	3.00	
	<hr/>	289.15
Reserve Fund:		
Snow	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	1,000.00
		<hr/>
Total—General Government		\$6,230.58
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Constables:		
Services	499.99	
	<hr/>	499.99
Dog Officer:		
Services	25.00	
	<hr/>	25.00
Fire Engineers:		
Services	320.00	
	<hr/>	320.00
Fire Department:		
Siren	9.00	
Telephone Alarm	124.00	
Compensation	195.00	
Maintenance	551.81	
New Equipment	355.50	
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Building Inspector:		
Services	150.00	
	<hr/>	150.00

Sealer—Weights and Measures:

Salary	25.00	
Expenses	5.00	
	<hr/>	30.00

Moth Department:

Labor	199.65	
	<hr/>	199.65

Tree Warden:

Labor	750.70	
	<hr/>	750.70

Total—Protection of Persons and Property	<hr/>	\$3,210.65
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Health and Sanitation:

Salaries	25.00	
Hospital Care	82.50	
Grading Dump	94.60	
Disposal of Garbage	450.00	
Tubercular Hospital	1,436.52	
Inspection of Animals	50.00	
Inspection of Meat	5.00	
	<hr/>	2,143.62

Total—Health and Sanitation	<hr/>	\$2,143.62
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Highways:

Chapter 81:	
Payrolls	9,099.69
Chapter 90, Maintenance	
Payrolls	2,399.69
Equipment Maintenance	
Repairs	1,148.92

Snow Removal		
Payrolls	3,552.79	
Chapter 90, Construction '46		
Payrolls	999.49	
Snow Fence		
Purchase of	493.95	
Snowplows		
Purchase of	589.25	
Chapter 90, Construction '47		
Payrolls	8,000.00	
Sidewalks		
Construction of	997.02	
Street Lights		
Current	607.57	
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		27,888.37
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Total—Highways		\$27,888.37
Charities:		
Public Welfare		
Salaries	150.00	
Board and Care	413.00	
Expense	8.02	
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		571.02
Old Age Assistance:		
Federal	2,054.39	
Town	3,328.28	
Administration	70.76	
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		5,453.43
Soldiers' Relief		
Aid	40.00	
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		40.00

Aid Dependent Children

Care	245.25	
	<hr/>	245.25
Total—Charities		<hr/> \$6,309.70

Schools and Library:

School Committee	225.00	
Payrolls	10,740.31	
Grade Transportation	2,942.00	
High Transportation	2,131.60	
High Tuition	3,196.13	
Trade Tuition	1,534.77	
Trade Transportation	374.80	
Books and Supplies	903.32	
Lights	83.93	
Water	35.03	
Miscellaneous	180.93	
Repairs	673.08	
Fuel	431.46	
Graduation	9.65	
	<hr/>	23,461.01

Library:

Librarian	500.00	
Janitors	398.00	
Books and Magazines	416.69	
Lights	29.74	
Fuel	254.10	
Repairs	98.01	
Water	15.00	
	<hr/>	1,711.54

Total—Schools and Library	<hr/> \$25,172.55
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Recreation and Unclassified:

Care of Common	150.00
Care of Town Clock	60.00
Repairs—Town Clock	3.75
Memorial Day	74.20
Insurance and Bonds	1,581.30
Printing	362.37
July Fourth	50.00
Halloween	38.12
Howe Farm	706.50
Illig Place	334.89

 3,361.13

Total—Recreation and Unclassified

 \$3,361.13

Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Electric Light Dept.:

Commissioners	75.00
Clerical	145.00
Insurance	308.98
Office Supplies	245.51
Meter Deposits	93.10
Employees	5,850.50
Current	17,590.29
Trucks	527.92
Dues	15.00
Materials	6,262.87
Rents	180.00
Taxes	8.01
Express	43.53
Legal	150.00
Construction Refund	2,000.00

 33,495.71

Water Department:

Salaries	125.00
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 125.00

Superintendent	1,039.92	
Office Supplies	113.68	
Insurance	7.50	
Labor	1,243.07	
Maintenance	1,879.34	
Fuel	59.50	
Power	445.60	
Others	51.71	
	<hr/>	4,840.32
Hydrant Rentals	1,050.00	
	<hr/>	1,050.00
Water Extensions:		
Whitney Ave.	1,216.74	
Grove Street	3,337.89	
Crystal Street	1,245.53	
	<hr/>	5,800.16
Cemeteries:		
Mooreland and Center		
Labor	587.43	
Mower	255.70	
	<hr/>	843.13
Total—Enterprises and Cemeteries		<hr/> \$46,154.32
Interest:		
On Water Bonds	1,900.00	
On Recreational Field	27.50	
On Grader	77.22	
On Water—Whitney Ave.	29.00	
Certification of Notes	8.00	
	<hr/>	2,041.72
Total—Interest		<hr/> \$2,041.72

Maturing Debts:

Water Bond	3,000.00
Recreational Field	500.00
Whitney Avenue	600.00
Grader	2,000.00

 6,100.00

Total—Maturing Debts

 \$6,100.00

Agency—Trust and Invested Funds:

Agency:

State Tax	950.00
State Parks	43.79
Auditing	308.27
County Tax	2,365.37
Dog Licenses	405.60

 4,073.03

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	200.00
Howe Farm	7,500.00

 7,700.00

Total—Trust and Agency

 \$11,773.03

Refunds:

Polls '47	10.00
Real Estate	133.68
Motor Vehicle Excise	.54

 144.22

Total—Refunds

 144.22

TOTAL PAYMENTS

 \$140,528.90

SUMMARY

Receipts

General Revenue	\$65,167.77	
Special Revenue	2,675.79	
Commercial Revenue		
Departmental	18,096.08	
Public Service	40,802.59	
Cemeteries	430.50	
Interest	2,390.68	
Loans Authorized	2,800.00	
Trust Funds	12,500.00	
Refunds	2,131.79	
Total Receipts		146,995.20
Cash on hand, January 1, 1947		44,897.96
Total		\$191,893.16

Payments

General Government	\$6,230.58	
Protection—Persons and Property	3,210.65	
Health and Sanitation	2,143.62	
Highways	27,888.37	
Charities	6,309.70	
Schools and Library	25,172.55	
Recreation and Unclassified	3,361.13	
Enterprises and Cemeteries	46,154.32	
Interest	2,041.72	
Maturing Debt	6,100.00	
Agency and Trust	11,773.03	
Refunds	144.22	
Total Payments		140,528.90
Cash on hand, December 31, 1947		51,364.26
Total		\$191,893.16

ETTA E. ROBINSON Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1947

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$51,364.26	Polls 1947	
Accounts Receivable:		Overpayment	\$10.00
Taxes:		Highway Machinery	440.50
Levy of 1945	43.12	Electric Light Dept.	
Levy of 1946	710.54	Depreciation Fund	14,066.75
Levy of 1947	5,711.49	Meter Guarantee	184.69
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Rents:	
Levy of 1947	401.97	Howe Place	281.87
Tax Title Possessions	3,604.83	Illig Place	1,539.77
State Aid to Highways	4,000.00	State Parks:	
County Aid to Highways	2,000.00	Over Assess	16.18
Electric Light Department:		County Taxes:	
Consumer's Charges	861.83	Over Assess	262.92
Water Department:		Revenue:	
Accounts Receivable	68.51	Motor Vehicle Excise	401.97
Post War Bonds		Excess Low Value Taxes	150.00
Water Extension	1,500.00	Tax Titles	4,104.83
Tubercular Hospital		Aid to Highways	6,000.00
Under assess	93.11	Electric Light	861.83
Snow Removal		Water Dept.	68.51
Overdraft	552.79	Overlay Surplus—Reserve Fund	718.75
Highways, Marshall St.		Overlay:	
Construction	6,000.00	Levy of 1945	50.16
Aid to Dependent Children	245.25	Levy of 1946	335.69
		Levy of 1947	761.72

Post War Bond	5,000.00
Sale of Cemetery Lot	10.00
Tailings	48.07
Planning Board	619.05
Highway Equipment Maintenance	589.49
Snow Plows	230.75
O. A. A. Federal	68.44
O. A. A. Federal Administration	25.75
Library	57.51
Electric Light Construction	4,911.14
Water Dept. Extension	
Richards Ave.	107.68
Highland St.	1,500.00
Whitney Ave.	192.85
Grove St.	116.58
Excess and Deficiency—Surplus	33,424.25

Total \$77,157.70

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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$55,200.00

Water Bonds	\$46,000.00
Grader	4,600.00
Whitney Ave. Extension	1,800.00
Grove St. Extension	2,800.00

\$55,200.00

\$55,200.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Invested	\$71,640.33	D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	\$ 1,044.77
		E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00
		G. E. Bigelow Library Fund	500.00
		Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668.87
		E. D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,372.08
		E. D. Bigelow Village Improvement	1,014 28
		C. D. Boynton General Purpose Fund	7,648.00
		Howe Farm	7,500.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	18,429.44
		Post War Bonds	10,462.89
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	\$71,640.33		\$71,640.33

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,
Town Accountant

Report of Voting at Annual Town Meeting

Meeting Feb. 3, 1947

Article 2. The following votes were made under a motion to take up the budget as presented and accept with amendments as made.

Voted expenses for Town Clerk \$80.00

Voted to take one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) out of surplus for the use of the Planning Board for 1947.

Voted expenses for Police Dept. \$500.00

Voted one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the expenses of the Building Inspector to be spent on a basis of fifty dollars (\$50.00) minimum or at the rate of five (\$5.00) dollars per house inspected.

Voted to appropriate sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600.00) for insurance and bonds, the additional to be for insurance on the School House, the Selectmen to make an insurance survey to see that the building is adequately covered.

Voted that one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) be transferred from Overlay Surplus to Reserve Funds and strike the item from the budget.

Voted that the sum of six thousand eight hundred four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$6804.97) be used for the operating expenses of the Water Dept. for 1947, five thousand five hundred four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$5504.97) of this sum to be transferred from surplus and the sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300.00) be raised in the tax levy of 1947 also the walls of the basin to be repaired, basin cleaned, pumps fixed, fence straightened, etc., as said were needed by the Superintendent.

Voted under Cemeteries that the word "Mooreland" be stricken out and the word "Cemeteries" be substituted.

Article 3. Moved and seconded that Article 3 be accepted as read.

Article 4.

Moved and seconded that Article 4 be accepted as read.

Article 5. Voted that twenty eight hundred dollars (\$2800.00) be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of sixty-three hundred dollars (\$6300.00) be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 6. Voted that eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600.00) be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of four hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventy-five cents (\$497.75) be transferred from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Article 8. Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee to have charge of Fourth of July celebration.

Article 9. Voted that the American Legion have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of five (5) to make recommendations as to the Illig Property, a War Memorial, and a new Town Hall, this committee to submit its report and recommendations not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 11. Voted that one hundred ninety-five dollars

(\$195.00) be used to give the members of the Fire Dept. compensation for their services.

Article 12. Voted under Article 2. To appropriate the money from the Dog Fund to the Library.

Article 13. Moved and seconded that the terms of Article 13 be accepted.

Article 14. Moved and seconded that the terms of Article 14 be accepted.

Article 15. Voted that street lights be placed on Highland St. and the cost to be taken from the Electric Light Construction Fund.

Article 16. Voted that the School Board be authorized to appoint any one of their members to another position the salary to be forty-five dollars (\$45.00).

Article 17. Voted to pass over the Article.

Voted to take up Article 31.

Article 31. Voted to rescind the vote passed on the fourth day of Feb. 1946, authorizing four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) to be borrowed and one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to be raised and appropriated, for the purchase of a Highway Garage, and to transfer the amount raised, to construction on Marshall St. under Chapter 90, and the Town to cooperate with the State and County or both to raise and appropriate an additional one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for said construction.

Article 18. Voted that the town use the money voted under Article 31, for construction on Marshall St.

Article 19. Voted under Article 2 to increase the salaries of the Assessors to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Article 20. Voted that the last sentence of paragraph 2 of the By-laws section headed "Finance Committee" be amended by striking out the words "Town Treasurer" and inserting the words "Town Accountant" so that the line shall read;

"The Town Accountant shall be, ex officio, a member of the Finance Committee".

Article 21. Voted that the town adopt a By-law that the Planning Board require all developers of a sub-division to post a bond covering the cost of roads in said sub-division constructed in accordance to plans submitted to and approved by the Planning Board.

Article 22. Voted that the town accept the addition to the Building By-laws as recommended by the Planning Board.

Article 23. Voted that the town accept the amendment to Art. 9. sec. 4, of the Revised Zoning By-laws, said section to be known as sec. B, and the existing section to be labeled A. This section laid down the regulations for Antique and Gift Shops.

Boston, Mass., May 29, 1947.

The foregoing Zoning By-law is hereby approved with the exception of paragraph 8, which is hereby disapproved.

(signed) Clarence Barnes

Attorney General

Paragraph 8. The business can only be sold with "Board of Appeal" approval.

In reference to the recent vote of your town in amending Article 9, section 4, of the zoning by-laws, I am returning the same with the action of the Attorney General thereon, which shows the first seven paragraphs approved but the eighth paragraph disapproved inasmuch as a prohibition against the right of contract between parties cannot be placed in a zoning act.

(signed) Nathan B. Bidwell

Asst. Attorney General

Article 24. Voted to pay the Moderator ten dollars (\$10.00) for his services at the Annual Town Meeting and five dollars (\$5.00) for each adjourned meeting thereof, and five dollars (\$5.00) for each Special Town Meeting and adjourned meeting thereof.

Article 25. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$3500.00) to extend the water main 820 ft. or more on Grove St., starting at Maple St. Seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to be raised in the tax levy of 1947 and the balance in four serial notes of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) each, beginning in 1948 and payable each year together with the interest on the same.

In favor one hundred one (101) Opposed none (0)

Voted to take up Article 30.

Article 30. Voted to extend the water line approximately four hundred (400) ft. on Crystal St. and that twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) be raised and appropriated for the same.

Question of quorum raised. Count showed 105 voters present.

Voted to consider Article 29.

Article 29. Voted that the income from the C. D. Boynton fund be used for construction of sidewalks under the direction of the Selectmen, said sidewalks to be constructed on West St., from the Schoolhouse to the State Road, said sidewalk to be on the same side of West St. as the Schoolhouse.

Article 26. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1946, sec. 1, pertaining to equal pay for men and women teachers.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to complete the laying of water pipe on Austin Whitney's development.

Article 28. Moved and seconded to appropriate the sum of two thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$2625.00)

for extending the water main six hundred (600) ft. in an easterly direction on the Holden Road.

In favor twenty (20) Opposed thirty-eight (38)

Article 32. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Meeting dissolved at 11:57 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON
Town Clerk

Report of Voting at Special Town Meeting

November 7, 1947

Article 1. Voted to amend the by-law pertaining to Annual Town Meetings by changing the date from the first Monday in February to the first Monday in March. Approved by the Attorney General.

Article 2. Voted to amend Art. nine (9), sec. four (4) of the Revised Zoning By-laws by adding the word ski-tow at the end of this section.

In favor seventy-eight (78) Opposed none (0)

Article 3. Voted to have the Town Clerk have printed in the Annual Report, the votes of the previous town meeting or meetings.

Article 4. Voted to transfer the sum of one thousand two hundred forty dollars and sixty-six cents, (\$1240.66) from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Article 5. Voted to take the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from surplus to complete the sidewalk on the southerly side of West St. to the Schoolhouse.

Article 6. Voted that Article 6 be laid on the table. This was in reference to a cataloging system in the Library.

Article 7. Voted that Article 7 be laid on the table until the Annual Town Meeting. This article was for a water extension on Holden Road.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to extend a water main approximately two hundred (200) ft. on the proposed street now owned by Franklin G. Fleming, Jr., said money to be raised in two (2) serial notes of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) each, the first payable in 1948 together with the interest on the same.

In favor seventy-two (72)

Opposed none (0)

Voted that the regulations of the Water Board as of Oct. 21, 1947, and in the records of the Town, be carried out in this extension.

In favor thirty-six (36)

Opposed twenty-one (21)

Article 9. Voted to transfer two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from surplus to pay the extra charge on the survey of the Illig Property.

Article 10. Voted to take two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) from the income of the Illig Property for the use of the Planning Board to start a topographical survey of the Illig Property..

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to exchange the Cletrac Tractor for a Tractor with a front end loader.

Article 12. Voted to pass over Article 12. (Police radio equipment).

Article 13. Voted that five hundred fourteen dollars and sixteen cents (\$514.16) be taken from the Howe Farm account to pay the expense incurred in selling the property.

Article 14. Voted to amend the town by-law pertaining to "Finance Committee" by having the Moderator appoint a committee of five (5) members; one for a term of five (5) years, one for a term of four (4) years, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of one year, this committee to be appointed at

the Annual Town Meeting, 1948; and each year thereafter appoint a member for a term of five (5) years.

Not approved by the Attorney General as this is contrary to State Law which limits the term of a member of the Finance Committee to three (3) years.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

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 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, the first (1st) day of March, 1948, at 12:00 o'clock noon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To bring 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, two (2) Constables, Tree Warden, each for a term of one (1) year; one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen for three (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, one member of the Cemetery Commission for three years, one member of the Water Commission for three years, two (2) trustees for the Richards Memorial Library for three (3) years, and one (1) member of the Planning Board for five (5) years.

All of the above officers to be voted for upon one (1) ballot.

Also to choose any other necessary officers of the Town for the ensuing year.

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

Business will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and committees and act thereon and to act upon 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 charges of a Surety Company for acting as surety on bonds required by town officers and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefore, 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, Chap. 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of four hundred forty dollars and fifty cents (\$440.50) from Highway Equipment Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and main-

tain the town's highway equipment or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to have charge of the Fourth of July celebration, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 9. 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 10. To see if the town will vote to give the members of the Fire Dept. compensation for their services or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity a sum to be used for street lights, and that this sum and the income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for Municipal Light Plants, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for the current fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws and Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937, and that if this sum and this income shall exceed the 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.

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 ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will authorize the members of the School Committee to appoint any one of their Board to another position, the salary to be fixed by vote of the town, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for construction on Marshall St. under Chapter 90, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County, or both, for this purpose, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400.00) to extend the water main six hundred (600) feet in an easterly direction on the Holden Road or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for an Honor Roll for Paxton Men that served in World War I, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Treasurer from three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per year, retroactive to January 1, 1948, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the purpose of installing a new cataloging system in the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to form a water district, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred fifty-four dollars, sixty-five cents (\$554.65) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, of the General Laws as amended, relative to the pension fund.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) for

the installation of a School Lunch Program at the Paxton Center School, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for transportation, as a temporary safety measure, of those children forced to walk along the main highways, the same to apply only during periods when highways are dangerous due to weather conditions, and to be administered by the School Committee, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from the Howe Farm Fund to establish a Howe Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the income to be used for the care of the Howe lot in the Center Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to accept, as a town way, the road beginning on the southeasterly side of Maple St. and known as Whitney Drive, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to purchase the dishes, silver-ware, cooking utensils, and warming oven from the Ladies Social Union, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to take the money from the sale of the Howe Farm Property and to set up a fund that will be known as the Howe Farm Building Fund, said fund to be used for a future Town Building, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to repair the bell hanger for the Town bell, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will accept the sum of eighty dollars (\$80.00) from George Maccabee, which together with twenty dollars (\$20.00) which he paid for his lot in Mooreland Cemetery would make a total of one hundred

dollars (\$100.00), said lot to be then placed under perpetual care, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to establish a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a building permit on dwellings or business establishments, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to amend the town by-law pertaining to Finance Committee adopted by the town at the Annual Town Meeting, February, 1938, by striking out the first two (2) sentences of the by-law and inserting the following in place thereof: "A Finance Committee of six (6) members shall be appointed by the Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting, 1948; two members for a term of three (3) years, two members for a term of two (2) years, two members for a term of one (1) year, and each year thereafter two members to be appointed for a term of three (3) years, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote, taken under Article eight (8) of the Special Town Meeting of Nov. 7, 1947, to appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) to extend a water main on a proposed street now owned by Franklin G. Fleming, Jr., said money to be raised in two (2) serial notes of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) each and instead raise and appropriate eight hundred dollars from the tax levy 1948 for said extension, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act in any way 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 (7) days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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 fifth (5th) day of February,
1948.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD DARWIN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN
Selectmen of Paxton

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