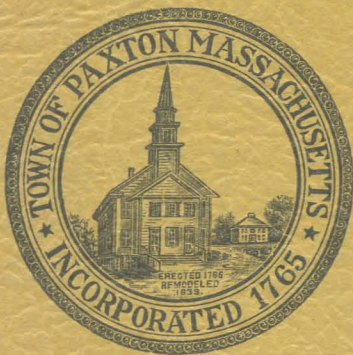


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## **Town Officers for 1948**

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### **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**

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term expires 1951

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

Term expires 1950

CLIFFORD DARWIN

Term expires 1949

### **Public Welfare**

GEORGE G. CARLSON

Term expires 1951

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN

Term expires 1950

EVELYN M. GLEASON

Term expires 1949



**Assessors**

GEORGE C. HUNT	Term expires 1951
FRED E. WATSON	Term expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term expires 1949

**School Committee**

M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term expires 1951
HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1950
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1949

**Municipal Light Board**

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term expires 1951
GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term expires 1950
C. JOHN ABBOTT	Term expires 1949

**Cemetery Commission**

ARTHUR LAWLER, JR.	Term expires 1951
ERDIE G. NICHOLS	Term expires 1950
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term expires 1949

**Water Commission**

HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL	Term expires 1951
LLOYD H. PITCHER	Term expires 1950
CLARENCE LABARGE	Term expires 1949

**Trustees Richards Memorial Library**

MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term expires 1951
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1951
ELIZABETH M. LAWLER	Term expires 1950
HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL	Term expires 1950
SAMUEL L. CLAPP	Term expires 1949
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1949



### Planning Board

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1953
GEORGE G. KARLE	Term expires 1952
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	Term expires 1951
WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term expires 1950
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term expires 1949

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

#### Finance Committee

JOHN T. B. CARMODY	Term expires 1951
WILLIAM J. LAMOTTE	Term expires 1951
ALFRED W. SMITH	Term expires 1950
DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term expires 1950
JOHN H. BENSON	Term expires 1949
MERVYN RICHARDS	Term expires 1949

#### 4th of July Committee

#### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

#### Care of Town Clock

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

#### Janitor Town Hall

GEORGE MACCABEE

#### Supt. of Streets

WALTER V. PIKE



**Chief of Police**

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Dog Officer**

REUBEN O'JANNE

**Care of the Flag**

GEORGE G. CARLSON

**Care of the Common**

GEORGE G. CARLSON

**Building Inspector**

FRED E. WATSON

**Plumbing Inspector**

THOMAS F. HARNEY

**Inspector of Wires**

ROY M. WENTWORTH

**Moth Superintendent**

NAPOLÉON BOUCHER

**Town Accountant**

ETTA E. ROBINSON

**Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering**

SUMNER E. TAYLOR



**Burial Agent**

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

**Veterans Administration**

JOHN WITT

**Fire Warden**

FRANK HATSTAT

**Field Drivers**

ELLOIT CROUCH    CHARLES C. GRAIG (to fill vacancy)  
SAMUEL VANWYCK    FRED R. DIFLEY (to fill vacancy)  
CLARENCE ROSSIER

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

FRED R. DIFLEY    CHARLES C. GRAIG (to fill vacancy)  
SAMUEL VANWYCK    ELLIOT CROUCH (to fill vacancy)  
CLARENCE ROSSIER

**Police Officers**

REUBEN O'JANNE                      WILLIAM O. WYLIE  
AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY, JR.              DONALD SISTARE  
FRED R. DIFLEY

**Board of Appeals**

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN                      Term expires 1953  
ARTHUR LAWLER, JR.                      Alternate Member  
AUGUSTUS W. MULLANEY    (to fill unexpired term of  
WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN)

**Special Police Officers**

F. WYMAN ROGERS                      (Boynton Park)  
AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY              ROBERT BRUCE



**REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN CLERK**

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**BIRTHS**

**January**

- 28 Juanita Marie, daughter of Francis P. and Ruth A. (Latvis) Fanning.

**February**

- 3 Gertrude Alice, daughter of Michael A. and Gertrude I. (Littlewood) Jennette.
- 7 Paula Ann, daughter of George Franics and Janice (Stone) Ahearn.
- 26 Marsha Jane, daughter of Franklin G., Jr. and Jeanette M. (Hamel) Fleming.
- 27 John Harold, son of John S. and Dorothy M. (Galgani) Bird.

**April**

- 12 Richard Lewis, son of Lloyd S. and Olive (Ayotte) Jenkins.
- 27 Carol Jean, daughter of Pentti M. and Hilja M. (Koivisto) Penttila.

**June**

- 3 Philip Neal, son of William J. and Dorothy R. (Fleming) Sheehan.



- 8 Randi Arlene, daughter of Odd N. and Arlene L. (Taylor) Lilleheil.
- 30 Rosemary Elizabeth, daughter of Raymond J. and Alice (Waiz) Trum.

### July

- 5. Sharon Anne, daughter of Sherman S. and Anne (Omelianchuk) Ludden.
- 13 Philip F., son of Clifford F. A. and Joyce (Everleth) Anderson.
- 13 Sally Irene, daughter of George G. and Yvonne (Beckett) Karle.
- 27 Jon William, son of Birger J. and Henrietta (Tapper) Oberg.

### August

- 24 Richard Dana, son of William and Jeanette (Conner) Ahearn.
- 26 ..... Spaulding, son of James and Doris R. (Fiske) Spaulding.

### September

- 1 Judith Lynn, daughter of Herbert B. and Lillian G. (Johnson) Hammar.
- 8 David, son of Arthur, Jr., and Elizabeth A. (Murphy) Lawler.

### October

- 6 John Robert, son of Robert A. and Marguerite F. (Girouard) Hughes.



- 9 Kathleen, daughter of Robert E. and Justine V. (Stewart) Conlon.
- 12 Joyce Lynn, daughter of Veikko A. and Phyllis I. (Garber) Mannila.

### November

- 12 Ann, daughter of Rafael and Teresa F. (Skorupski) Garbarro.
- 19 Helen Christine, daughter of Ralph E. and Jean (Pomeroy) Tupper.
- 26 ..... Hill, son of H. Graig and Martha (Moor) Hill.
- 29 Philip Edward, son of Leslie E. and Beatrice (Stewart) Robinson.

### December

- 17 Albert Lucius, son Lucian and Antoinette (Scirpoli) Manzi.
- 22 Linda Ann, daughter of Donald B. and Kathleen M. (Brady) Leyden.
- 23 Caroline Ann, daughter of Lawrence A. and Beatrice M. (Raymond) Girouard.



## MARRIAGES

## January

- 31 Robert B. Pierce of Paxton and Barbara B. Parker of Holden.

## March

- 12 Tyko K. Kauppila of Paxton and Gloria M. Nyberg of Worcester  
27 Arthur N. Talbot of Worcester and Hazel G. Parker of Paxton.  
28 Frederick W. Halstead of Paxton and Margaret Harper Russell of Worcester.

## April

- 7 Lucian A. Manzi of Paxton and Antoinette M. Scirpoli of Shrewsbury.  
10 Joseph H. Park of Paxton and Frances T. Daly of Leicester.  
24 Anthony J. Renzoni of West Boylston and Janet K. Sheehan of Paxton.

## May

- 1 Frank A. Urbanovitch of Paxton and Doris M. Daigle of Holden.  
15 Donald H. Lewis of North Agawam and Grace R. Langevin of Paxton.  
22 Robert D. Hoyt and Netalie E. (Mossman) Robinson of Paxton.



**June**

- 12 Robert A. Linquist of Paxton and Irene J. Pakkala of Worcester.

**July**

- 10 Donald B. Leyden of Spencer and Kathleen M. Brady of Paxton

**August**

- 9 Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr. of Paxton and Cynthia B. Merritt of Worcester.

**September**

- 3 Burton E. Johnson of Paxton and Anna E. (Chadwick) Johnson of North Whitefield, Maine.  
3 William A. Gorley and Lois A. Whitney of Worcester at 6 West St., Paxton.  
11 Robert W. Faucher of Paxton and Helen D. Kristopovich of Worcester.  
18 David D. Everleth of Paxton and Mary C. Geer of Worcester.

**October**

- 2 Charles A. Craig and Beatrice E. Auger of Paxton.  
9 Frederick A. Gaboury of Worcester and Gertrude M. Langevin of Paxton.

**December**

- 4 Michael Santoro of Worcester and Emily S. St. George of Paxton.



## DEATHS

## March

		Y.	M.	D.
2	Brandt, Fredericka (Jensen)	76	—	—

## April

14	Cutting, George H.	73	3	16
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## May

6	Jaakkola, Akselli	69	11	17
12	Smith, Arthur	19	7	6
13	Dunkerton, Lillian N. (Gilbert)	82	—	—

## June

3	Newcomb, Cora A. (Durgin)	78	6	6
9	Reed, Jennie E. (Reekie)	84	—	—

## July

1	Creedon, Mary E. (Skelly)	61	—	—
12	Putnam, Loretta L. (Proffit)	70	—	—
24	Anderson, Philip F.	—	—	11
26	Rautia, Hilda J. (Esko)	73	3	12

## September

4	Nichols, George M.	67	2	22
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## October

5	Nanigian, Mannasseh	65	—	—
12	Simard, Naubert Oliver	66	—	—

## December

18	Girouard, Caroline A. (Desjardins)	76	—	—
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## LICENSES ISSUED IN 1948

### Hunting and Fishing

132	Resident Citizen Fishing	
82	Resident Citizen Hunting	
78	Resident Citizen Sporting	
46	Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing	
4	Special Non-Resident Fishing	
1	Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	
3	Duplicate	
4	Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
3	Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting (Free)	
41	Licenses for 1949 issued in December 1948	
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$763.25

### Dog Licenses

94	Males	
24	Females	
43	Spayed Female	
4	Kennel	
1	Transfer	
	Paid Town Treasurer	\$431.25

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Robinson

Town Clerk



## Report of Voting at Annual Town Meeting

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March 1, 1948

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Article 1. Election of Town Officers.

Article 2. Acceptance of reports of town officers and vote on town budget.

Voted to take up Article 5 and 6 under highway maintenance item of budget.

Under Article 5, twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2800) was appropriated as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 maintenance.

Under Article 6, eleven hundred dollars (\$1100.00) was appropriated as the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance.

Article 3. Voted to pay the charges of a Surety company on bonds of town officers.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money with the approval of the Selectmen and to renew any note or notes of the Town.

Article 5. Voted under Article 2.

Article 6. Voted under Article 2.

Article 7. Voted to transfer one thousand, one hundred nineteen dollars (\$1119.00) from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Article 8. Moderator appointed Fire Dept. in charge of Fourth of July celebration.



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

Article 10. Voted that one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) be taken from the expenses of the Fire Dept. for compensation for their services.

Article 11. Voted that money received from the Dog Fund be appropriated to the Richards Memorial Library.

Article 12. Voted to allow the Assessors to use 60% of the surplus funds available to set the tax rate.

Article 13. Voted seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to be used for street lights and the terms of the article accepted as read.

Article 14. Voted to allow the School Committee to appoint any one of their members to another position, the salary to be forty-five dollars (\$45.00).

Article 15. Voted two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for construction on Marshall St., under Chapter 90.

Article 16. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 17. Voted three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to have the names of World War I men put on the monument, American Legion in charge.

Article 18. Voted 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.

Article 19. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 20. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred fifty-four dollars sixty-five cents (\$554.65) for pension fund.

Article 22. Voted to pass over the Article.



Article 23. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 24. Voted to transfer three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from money received from the sale of the Howe Farm to establish a Howe Cemetary Perpetual Care Fund, an effort to be made to collect the original bequest of Georgiana Howe before setting up the Fund.

Article 25. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 26. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 27. Voted to use the balance from the sale of the Howe Farm, seventy-two hundred dollars \$(7200.00), to set up a Fund to be known as the Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe Fund, said fund to be used as a building fund for a future town building.

Voted to add two hundred eighty-one dollars eighty-seven cents (\$281.87), income from rent of Howe Farm to the above fund.

Article 28. Vote to raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to repair or relocate the bell hangar in the Church.

Article 29. Vote to accept eighty dollars (\$80.00) from George Maccabee to add to an amount already paid to put lot in Mooreland Cemetery under perpetual care.

Article 30. Voted to pass over the Article.

Article 31. Voted to adopt by-law pertaining to new way of appointing Finance Committee and new terms of office.

By-law approved by Attorney Genral, Nov. 10, 1948.

Article 32. Voted to raise and appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) from the tax levy of 1948 to extend water main on proposed street now owned by Franklin G. Fleming, Jr.



Article 33. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk



## LIST OF JURORS

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JOHN P. McHALE

FRANK DUSO

LLOYD H. PITCHER

EARL BEMIS

ARMAND L. BOURGET

GEORGE MACCABEE

AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY

FOSTER T. BORDEAUX



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health was organized on March 4, 1948 with the following officers:

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Chairman  
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Clerk  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN, Third member

The following contagious diseases were reported during the year.

15 Measles  
2 Chicken-pox  
3 Dog bite  
2 Scarlet Fever

We are listing below common diseases which must be reported to the Board of Health, as required by Law, and no child may return to school without a certificate from the Board of Health.

Chicken Pox  
Dog Bite (rabid dog)  
Diphtheria  
German Measles  
Mumps

Measles  
Scarlet Fever  
Tuberculosis of all forms  
Typhoid Fever  
Whooping Cough



I have found our towns people very willing to cooperate in my endeavors to enforce the laws and regulations in regards to the installation of plumbing in this town. At first there was some misunderstanding on the part of a few, but when they realized that it is the plumber that is held liable to perform his work in a safe and sanitary manner, thereby assuring the owner of the complete job that he is paying for, they, the owners, are convinced that these regulations have been of much benefit to them.

Up to now, I have found only three cases of serious violations. One in particular was installed by an experienced steamfitter without a license. The soil piping was run without venting and there was no trap under the bathtub, thereby allowing all the sewer gases and odor to escape into the bathroom, causing not only a disagreeable odor but a very serious menace to the health of the occupants. The other violations were not as serious, but all have been remedied and the work has been inspected and accepted.

I would like to call your attention to another hazard that should be reported to this office without delay. This concerns the installation of radiant heat and using an anti-freeze solution in the system as a safeguard against freezing. If a break should occur in the water main within a reasonable distance, this anti-freeze could be drawn into the town water supply thereby poisoning the water. I have been keeping a watchful eye on this hazard, and would appreciate notification of all radiant heat installations, so that they can be inspected to safeguard against a cross connection to our water supply system.

To date there has been twenty-three plumbing permits issued. Of these twenty-two have had the roughing inspect-



ed and accepted, and eleven have been completed and certificates issued.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.  
Inspector of Plumbing

We have endeavored to keep the dump clean and gravelled over. It would help considerably if the rubbish was thrown over the edge; no inflammable material should be put in the dump.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON  
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN



**REPORT  
OF THE  
TREE WARDEN**

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I hereby submit the following report for the year 1948.

Appropriations	\$800.00
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Expenditures:

Spraying trees	\$110.00
To Howard Tree Co., trimming and removing trees	572.56
General care	88.40

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\$770.96

Balance

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\$29.04

Respectfully submitted,

FRED R. DIFLEY

Tree Warden



**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

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I hereby state that during the year 1948 the following work was done under my direction:

1206 moth nest were destroyed on the roadsides

1110 moth nest were taken on private property.

The state recommends that more work be done further in the woodlands.

**NAPOLEON BOUCHER,**  
Moth Superintendant



# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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## 1498 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$43,090.55	
Tax abatements refunded	210.80	
Payments to Treasurer		\$37,975.22
Tax abatements		640.05
Outstanding taxes		4,686.08
	\$43,090.55	\$43,301.35

## 1948 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$4,283.59	
Paymenth to Treasurer		\$3,753.70
Outstanding Taxes		529.89
	\$4,283.59	\$4,283.59

## 1948 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$4,588.92	
Tax abatements refunded	102.57	
Payments to Treasurer		\$3,933.51
Tax abatements		102.57
Outstanding taxes		655.41
	\$4,691.49	\$4,691.49



## 1948 POLL TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$668.00	
Payments to Treasurer		\$608.00
Tax abatements		20.00
Outstanding taxes		40.00
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	\$668.00	\$668.00

## 1947 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrant	\$4,922.27	
Payments to Treasurer		\$4,562.25
Outstanding taxes		360.02
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	\$4,922.27	\$4,922.27

## 1947 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$805.60	
Payments to Treasurer		\$557.53
Outstanding taxes		248.07
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	\$805.60	\$805.60

## 1947 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$299.34	
Commitment 1-15-48	102.43	
Payments to Treasurer		\$347.18
Outstanding taxes		54.59
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	\$401.77	\$401.77



## 1946 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$460.80	
Payments to Treasurer		\$460.80
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	\$460.80	\$460.80

## 1946 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Due per Warrants	\$292.86	
Payments to Treasurer		\$292.86
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	\$292.86	\$292.86

## INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Taxes of 1948	\$14.05	
Taxes of 1947	141.98	
Taxes of 1946	59.51	
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		\$215.54

DEMAND PAYMENTS TO TREASURER	\$8.05
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Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN W. WHITNEY

Collector of Taxes



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

For the Year 1948

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Receipts from Metered Water	\$4,339.22
Receipts from Installations	899.11
Miscellaneous receipts	1.00
Rental of Hydrants	1,150.00
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Total receipts	\$6,389.33

As of December 31, 1948 the Water Department had six bills outstanding, amounting to \$86.56. It is expected that these bills will be collected very soon.

There were 19 new connections completed during 1948 which now brings the total to 184.

Two extensions to the water system were completed during the year. One for the development being carried on by Mr. Fleming and one on Crystal Street.

A new rotor was installed in the pump. Repairs to the fence around the pump station and repairs to cement work around the stand pipe were completed.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD H. PITCHER, Chairman  
HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL  
CLARENCE A. LABARGE



# REPORT OF THE PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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4 Chimney Fires  
3 Brush Fires  
3 Car Fires  
1 Shed Fire  
2 Grass Fires  
2 Dump Fires  
2 House Fires  
2 False Alarms  
217 Permits Issued to burn

Department called for two brush fires resulting from burning with a permit.

Three investigations of burning without a permit.

Department called to aid in search for lost Child.

The Fire Dep't. took part last fall in Muster in Spencer, also in Fire Prevention Week activities in Worcester.

17 more men took part in the training program which we started in 1947 under an instructor furnished by the State.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WYLIE  
LESLIE ROBINSON  
GEORGE CARLE  
LAWRENCE PRICE  
FRANK HATSTAT

Board of Engineers



## REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

### No. 23—Grove Street

#### Surface Treatments—

270 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover

2600 Gals. SC-5 Asphalt, Sand Cover

### No. 17—Reservoir Drive

#### Surface Treatments—

830 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover

### No. 3—West Street

#### Surface Treatments—

4080 Gals. T-6 Tar, Sand Cover

### No. 27—Maple Street

#### Surface Treatments—

250 Gals. MC-2 Asphalt, Sand Cover

### No. 8—Richards Avenue

1225 Gals. MC-3 Asphalt, Sand Cover

815 Gals. T-6 Tar, Sand Cover

### West Street at Station 32

Widen curve by removing 1200 yds. of earth, 80 yds. of ledge, and refilling with 250 yds. of gravel, and tarring with 300 gals. of tar, sand cover.

## REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION

### Marshall Street

1950 ft of New 90 Road—22 ft. wide, with 18 in. depth of gravel, graded shoulders and slopes, and three new culverts.



## INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1948

- 1—Oliver 70 Tractor Loader and Mowing Machine Attachment
- 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
- 1—Blow Torch
- 1—Road Drag
- 2—Road Screens
- 9—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller
- 75—Chimney Bricks
- 5—Lanterns
- 4—Torches
- 1—Roll Stock Fence Wire
- 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
- 10—Worn Out Shovels
- 6—No. 3 Round Point Shovels
- 6—No. 2 Round Point Shovels
- 3—No. 3 Square Point Shovels
- 4—No. 3 Square Point Shovels
- 12—Picks
- 3—Grub Hoes
- 6—16-Pound Sledge Hammers
- 4—Pick Handles
- 2—Dung Forks



- 6—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)
- 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
- 4—Paint Brushes
- 3—Cutting Edges for Truck Snow Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges For Grader One Way Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader V Plow
- 4—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 1948  
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	365.00	268.90	Chap. 90 0.43 miles
2	Mill St.	0.25				0.25		395.00	395.39	0.25 mi. gravel surfacing 12' x 8"
3	West St.	2.93					2.93	375.00	474.80	Chap. 90
4	Spring St.	1.06					1.06	1,308.00	1,506.44	Slope excav. widening 0.14 mi. S & R (below)
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38			0.66	0.72		385.00	271.43	0.15 mi. gravel capping, 30 L. F. (below)
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.81	0.69	0.27	350.00	502.05	
7	South St.	0.81					0.81	742.00	788.10	
8	Richard Ave.	2.15		0.48			1.67	400.00	313.08	Chap. 90
9	Pleasant St.		(State Highway)							
10	Soumi St.	1.10					1.10	100.00	102.98	
11	Laurel St.	0.97					0.97	212.00	244.36	
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.08	0.03		35.00		
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.46		0.25	560.00	1,086.22	0.25 mi. new BG Surface 16.0' wide (below)
14	Winter St.	0.40				0.40		90.00	19.20	



15	Marshall St.	2.48		1.63	0.85	605.00	727.58	Chap. 90 0.85
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24	215.00	144.09	Ditching
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22	120.00	91.89	Chap. 90
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52		0.52		195.00	54.23	
19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.19	0.13	255.00	237.66	Widening excav. 0.15 mi. graveling 14' x 6"
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62			0.56	140.00	165.49	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35			0.35	55.00		
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.38	0.27	250.00	401.89	0.16 mi. graveling 12' x 4"
23	Grove St.	2.51			2.51	588.00	613.44	Chap. 90 1.07 widening, fill shoulders
24	Pond St.	0.35		0.35		175.00	180.49	0.15 mi. graveling 10' x 6'
25	Hillside Rd.		(Discontinued)					
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72			0.72	145.00	100.08	
27	Maple St.	0.50			0.50	205.00	87.16	Chap. 90 0.24
28	Holden Rd.	0.81			0.81	200.00	101.64	
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13			0.13	45.00	10.61	
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.04	0.05	0.07	40.00	31.09	
31			(Combined with 6)					
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00		0.45	0.55	190.00	167.05	
33	Sunset Lane	0.46			0.46	70.00	12.59	
34	Common St.	0.11		0.08	0.03	25.00		
	Reserve					265.00		



# SUMMARY

Labor	\$3,720.69
Equipment	3,504.45
Materials	1,874.79
Total	<u>\$9,099.93</u>

TOTALS	27.76	0.04	0.56	5.31	3.87	17.98	\$9,100.00	\$9,099.93
No. 4 Spring Street, Gravel added 16' x 12' Penn ½ T-4, seal ⅓ MC-3								
No. 5 Brigham Road, 15" BCCM culv. 2 HW'S								
No. 13. Hill Street, Pen. ½ T-4, seal ⅓ MC-3, gravel added 16' x 6"								

N. J. DALTON, Dist. Highway Engineer



# REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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Appropriation	\$3800.00
Federal reimbursement	2223.45

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\$6023.45

## Expenditures:

Case No.	8	\$331.07
	12	533.94
	23	168.88
	23A	100.00
	26	575.34
	31	182.00
	33	525.42
	34	528.48
	34B	51.68
	34B	136.11
	36	136.11
	36	1,062.23
	38	431.54
	39B	17.12
	43	90.80
	44	131.12
	45	25.85

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\$4891.58

Advance payment for Jan. paid in 1948	240.50
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\$5132.08      \$891.37



**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

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Appropriation		\$700.00
Expenditures:		
Case No. 1	\$430.83	
Case No. 2	68.77	
Salaries	150.00	
Expenses	5.00	
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		\$654.60
Balance		<hr/>
		\$45.40

Respectfully Submitted,

RAYMOND LANTINEN, Chairman  
EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk  
GEORGE CARLSON, third member  
Board of Public Welfare



# REPORT OF THE AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$550.00
State reimbursement	308.42
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	\$858.42
Expenditures:	
Case No. 1	509.76
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	\$348.66

## FEDERAL GRANT O. A. A. ADMINISTRATION

Jan. 1, 1948 balance	\$25.75	
Reimbursement for Adm.	17.36	
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		\$43.11
Expenses:		
Supplies and Tel. calls	\$16.80	
Assoc. meetings	19.80	
Administrative expense	7.00	
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		\$43.60
due from O. S. S. Adm.		<hr/> .49

Respectfully Submitted,

RAYMOND LANTINEN, Chairman  
EVELYN M. GLEASON, Clerk  
GEORGE CARLSON, third member  
Board of Public Welfare



**REPORT  
OF THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1948

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The following is a report of the Police Department for 1948

Accidents	10
Fatalities	1
Arrests	1
Investigations	25
Assaults with intent to rob	1
House breaks	3
Larceny and attempt	6
Summons served for outside police	11
Motor vehicles transfers	16

An officer has been in attendance at the Pleasant street crossing for the safety of the school children approximately one hundred hours during the school terms.

The report received by this department from the State Police Shows 3 arrests made by them during the year 1948 against 22 for 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O'JANNE, Chief



# REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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Lots Sold	\$300.00	
Amount Placed in Trust Fund		\$300.00
Collected for Care of Lots, Not in Perpetual Care	30.00	
Opening Graves	66.00	
Turned Over to Town Treasurer	396.00	
Paid for Upkeep of Cemetery	912.26	
Income from Trust Funds	339.43	
Balance from Income Account	322.83	
Cemetery Appropriation	250.00	

The commissioners feel that under the present plan with Walter Pike as Superintendent, the cemeteries are in very excellent condition. We have had to spend a good deal of money, leveling graves, sowing new seed and keeping a general good condition of both Moreland and Center cemeteries.

The Board has voted to increase the cost of lots from \$100 to \$150, but this increase will not go into effect until June 30, 1949 giving the town people more time in which to buy their lot. This increase in perpetual care lots is very necessary and essential due to the increase in costs and lower rates of interest coming from the banks.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTHUR LAWLER, Chairman  
HILTON CUNNINGHAM, clerk  
ERDIC G. NICHOLS



# REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948

## ASSETS

### Plant Investment:

Land	\$311.67
Structures	67.57
Transformer Station and Substation Equipment	5,337.23
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	22,837.47
Consumer's Meters	3,406.23
Line Transformers	8,322.52
Street Lighting Equipment	3,068.73
Office Equipment	197.55
Transportation Equipment	3,489.33
Labratory Equipment	187.28
Miscellaneous Equipment	876.11

Total Plant Investment less depreciation	\$48,101.69
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### Current:

Cash	\$5,468.73
Consumer's Deposits	188.91
Accounts Receivable	956.90
Material and Supplies	5,307.42

Total current Assets	\$11,921.96
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Depreciation Fund (see note)	\$15,805.87
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## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Appropriation from Tax Levy for Construction in past years	\$3,000.00	
Consumer's Deposits	158.41	
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		\$3,158.41
Appropriation Surplus:		
Loans Repayment: Bonds and notes Paid out of Earnings	\$19,116.00	
Appropriation from Tax Levy— Repaid	4,090.07	
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Total Appropriation Surplus		\$23,206.07
Profit and Loss:		49,465.04
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Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$75,829.52

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

## Income

Meter Sales to Private Consumers	\$35,169.28	
Municipal Revenue—Municipal Buildings	683.25	
Municipal Revenue—Street Lighting	617.14	
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Total Electric Operating Revenue		\$36,469.67



## Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased	\$22,311.97	
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	488.98	
Maintenance Street lines	64.33	
Commercial Salaries	187.00	
Salaries Light board and Manager	2895.19	
General Office Supplies & Expenses	214.93	
Insurance	367.37	
Operation Transmission and Distribution	60.00	
General Office Rents	180.00	
Transportation Expenses	429.01	
Depreciation (See Note)	2,322.95	
Miscellaneous General Expenses	132.66	

Total Operating Expenses		<u>\$29,654.39</u>
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Net Operating Revenue		<u>\$6,815.28</u>
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## Other Income

Interest on Depreciation Fund	\$278.87	
Interest on Meter Deposits	4.42	283.29

## Other Expenses

Taxes Assignable	\$38.00	
Interest on Meter Deposits	4.50	42.60

Profit and Loss Balance		<u>\$7,055.97</u>
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## STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948

Balance December 31, 1947	\$43,589.57
Add Net Profit for the Year	7,055.97
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	\$50,645.54
Deduct Paid to Town Treasurer for Appropriation from Tax Levy Repaid	\$1,000.00
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Balance, December 31, 1948	\$49,645.54

The Depreciation fund represents the accumulation of 3% of the value of the Department's plant deducted from income each year as required by state statute, and can be used only for certain purposes prescribed by statute.

We have a total of 384 customers on our lines of which 27 were new in 1948. They have consumed 1,302,000 K.W.H. of Electricity. We have installed 118 K.W. of transformer capacity and removed 15½ K.W. which means removing Transformers and installing 13 new transformers. We have added or replaced 70 new poles and added 24,616 ft. of wire and auxiliary equipment.

We have improved the street lighting in the center by replacing the 2 all night street lights and installing 4 new improved street light fixtures which very much improves the lighting at the intersection of Pleasant St. and Richards Ave. The 8 older type enclosed fixtures in the center have been replaced with new type as used in the all night fixtures.

The department has lost the Yankee Network's large transmitter load because of Federal Communication Commission ruling, but have added W. T. A. G.—F. M. transmitter which will take up a very small part of the load lost.



Due to widening and straightening of Marshall St. the complete rebuilding of the line was required.

Respectfully submitted,

C. JOHN ABBOTT  
GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.  
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON  
Commissioners

ROY M. WENTWORTH, manager



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Number of Polls assessed	332
Tax on each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$34.00

## Value of Assessed Personal Estate—

Stock in Trade	\$6600
Machinery	61,958
Live Stock	55,930
All other Tangible Personal Property	1,500
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Total	\$125,988.00

Land—Exclusive of Buildings	\$253,429
Buildings—Exclusive of Land	1,013,940
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	\$1,267,369.00

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate	\$1,393,357.00
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## Taxes for State, County and Town, including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$4,283.59
On Real Estate	43,090.55
On Polls	664.00
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Total	\$48,038.14



## Number of Live Stock Assessed:

Horses	52
Cows	351
Bulls, Yearlings, Steers and Heifer	76
Swine	37
Sheep	23
Fowl	8115
Broilers	2200
All Others	296
Acres of Land Assessed	8,962a.,—27,526 ft.
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	278

## RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$66,800.97
Appropriations to be taken from available funds	8,798.57
Debt and Interest Charges	8,195.00
State Parks and Reservations	59.97
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	336.36
County Tax	2,463.57
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,436.57
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment— Underestimated—1947	93.11
Overlay of Current Year	2,054.58
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$90,238.65
Estimated Receipts	\$42,200.51
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property	\$48,038.14

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON, Chairman  
 GEORGE C. HUNT, Clerk  
 ROBERT A. BELEY  
 Board of Assessors



# REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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For the Year of 1948

## FUNDS FOR USE IN 1948

Appropriation	\$1150.00	
Dog Fund	345.27	
Unexpended balance	57.51	
Total		\$1552.78
Income from Trust Funds	\$719.41	
Income from George Bigelow Fund (\$500)	10.00	
Income from Library Fund (\$1,668.87)	22.11	
Total		\$751.52
TOTAL		\$2,304.30



## Expenditures

Salary - Librarian Mrs. Robinson & substitute	\$543.75
Salary - Janitor - Mr. Carlson	499.98
Books and Magazines	181.71
Electric Light Company	33.99
Fuel	301.90
Water Department	25.00
Repairs & replacements	128.45
Catalogueing	369.97
Miscellaneous	70.81

Total	<u>\$2,155.66</u>
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Balance	<u>\$148.64</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

VERNA T. HOWLAND

Clerk



# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bal. Jan. 1, 1948	\$51,364.26	
Receipts - 1948	148,937.73	
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Payments per Warrants	\$147,271.08	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1948	53,030.81	
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## OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$43,000.00	
Grader	2,600.00	
Whitney Water Extension	1,200.00	
Grove St. Extension	2,100.00	
Chap. 90 Cons. Anticipation re-imburement	6,000.00	
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Total		\$54,900.00

## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1949

		Int.
Water Bond-Due Feb. 1, 1949	\$3,000.00	\$860.00
Due Aug. 1, 1949		800.00
Grader-Due Nov. 1, 1949	2,000.00	32.50
Whitney Ext.-Due Nov. 12, 1949	600.00	15.00
Grove St. Ext.-Due Mar. 18, 1949	700.00	26.25
Chap. 90 Cons.	6,000.00	Discounted
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Totals	\$12,300.00	\$1,733.75



## TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1948	Income 1948	Dog Fund 1948
Library Trust Funds	\$24,540.95	\$751.52	\$345.27
Cemetery Trust Funds	17,275.00	339.43	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	21.20	
E. D. Bigelow Fund-School	1,000.00	20.00	
E. D. Bigelow Fund-V. I. S.	1,000.00	25.49	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$44,815.95</b>	<b>\$1,157.64</b>	<b>\$345.27</b>
War Bonds - Post War Rehabilitation			\$8,500.00
Interest on War Bonds			730.08

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Treasurer



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

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	Prin.	Int. 1948
People's Savings Bank	\$2,700	\$54.27
Worc. Five Cents Savings Bank	1,748	35.13
Worc. Cty. Ins. for Savings	1,600	32.16
Worc. Mechanics Sav. Bank	1,600	32.16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,648</b>	<b>\$153.72</b>

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Trustee.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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

Total Circulation	4398
Adult Fiction	2659
Adult Non Fiction	269
Adult Magazines	426
Juvenile Fiction	838
Juvenile Non-Fiction	129
Juvenile Magazines	66
Miscellaneous	11
Number of Books Purchased	97
Adults	60
Juveniles	37
Number of Books Borrowed	5
Boston	5

The books in the Library have been catalogued and re-arranged on the shelves making this Library up-to-date and in conformance with the State Library.

It is hoped that more and more of you will take advantage of the materials here provided for your leisure.

Respectfully yours,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Librarian.



# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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I hereby submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Paxton of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1948.

## RECEIPTS

### General Revenue

#### Taxes:

#### Levy of 1948

Polls	\$608.00
Personal	3,753.70
Real Estate	37,975.22

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\$42,336.92

#### Levy of 1947

Personal	529.93
Real Estate	4,589.85

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\$5,119.78

#### Levy of 1946

Real Estate	753.66
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\$753.66



## Tax Title Possessions

Sold

1,550.00

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\$1,550.00

## From State

Income Tax

9,947.93

Corporation Tax

3,347.47

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\$13,295.40

## Licenses and Permits

Liquors, Stands

904.50

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\$904.50

## Grants and Gifts—State

School Fund

835.04

School Supt. 1947

191.05

School Supt. 1948

193.33

High School Tuition 1947

1,544.06

High School Tuition 1948

1,826.05

Vocational School

1,061.23

O. A. A. Meal Tax

147.85

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\$5,798.61

## Grants and Gifts—Federal

Old Age Assistance

2,223.45

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\$2,223.45



## From County

Dog Fund	345.27	
Dog Destroyed	4.00	
Bounty-Wild Cat	10.00	
		\$359.27
Total—General Revenue		\$72,341.59

## Special Assessments

## Motor Vehicle Taxes

Levy of 1948	\$3,923.70	
Levy of 1947	347.18	
		\$4,270.88
Total—Special Assessments		\$4,270.88

## Commercial Revenue—Departmental

## General Government

Tax Collector—Demands	\$8.05	
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	431.25	
Rents—Town Hall	343.67	
Rents—Illig Place	327.00	
		1,109.97

## Protection of Person and Property

Sealer's Fees	10.63	
		10.63



Health and Sanitation  
Inspector of Animals

25.00

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 25.00

Highways

State

Chapter 81 4,658.79

Chapter 90, Construction 4,000.00

County

Chapter 90, Construction 2,000.00

Town

Tractor Rentals 1,964.30

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 12,623.09

Charities

Individuals 162.00

O. A. A. - State 1,894.97

Aid Dependent Child 313.36

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 \$2,370.33

Schools

Refunds 306.09

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 306.09

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Total—Commercial Revenue - Departmental \$16,445.11



## Commercial Revenue—Public Service

## Electric Light Dept.

Light and Power	\$40,227.35	
Meter Guarantee	55.00	
Interest on Meter Funds	3.62	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	278.87	
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		\$40,564.84

## Water Department

Meter Rates	4,452.09	
Construction	325.54	
Hydrants	1,150.00	
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		\$5,927.63

Total—Commercial Revenue—Public Service	\$46,924.47
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## Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Bequests	\$280.00	
Care of Lots	30.00	
Opening Graves	51.00	
Foundation	15.00	
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		\$376.00

Total—Commercial Revenue—Cemeteries	\$376.00
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## Commercial Revenue—Interest

On Taxes	\$225.35	
On School Fund	20.00	
On Savings Account	72.95	
On Library Funds	751.52	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Fds.	662.26	
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Total—Commercial Revenue—Interest	\$1,732.08
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## Loans Authorized

## Highways

Chap. 90 Construction	\$6,000.00
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Total—Loans Authorized	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
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## Refunds

Insurance	\$162.73
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Old Age Assistance	26.00
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Water	2.76
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Electric Light Construction	1,000.00
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Taxes	88.11
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	<u>1,279.60</u>
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Total Receipts	<u>\$148,937.73</u>
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## P A Y M E N T S

## General Government

## Selectmen

Salaries	\$300.00
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Expenses	245.72
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	<u>\$545.72</u>
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## Town Accountant

Salary	400.00
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Expenses	14.84
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	<u>414.84</u>
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Treasurer			
Salary		350.00	
Expenses		84.94	
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Tax Collector			
Salary		400.00	
Expenses		94.53	
		<hr/>	494.53
Assessors			
Salaries		300.00	
Expenses		291.67	
		<hr/>	591.67
Legal			
Town Counsel		200.00	
		<hr/>	200.00
Town Clerk			
Salary		150.00	
Expenses		80.00	
		<hr/>	230.00
Elections			
Ballots		47.75	
Tellers		150.04	
		<hr/>	197.79



## Registration

Registrars	25.00
Expenses	39.44

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 64.44

## Planning Board

Expenses 1948	659.95
Expenses 1947	575.00

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 1,234.95

## Town Hall

Janitor	761.99
Fuel	507.70
Lights	78.91
Repairs	321.38
Water	20.00
Telephone	25.55
Janitor's Supplies	32.48

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 1,748.01

## Contingent

Delivering Town Reports	12.00
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Moderator	10.00
Sealer's Expenses	6.60
Sending Assessor's Reports	9.00
Election Tellers	48.04
Bell Hanger	55.00
Town Hall	139.71
Town Clerk Expenses	6.64

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 296.99

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 Total—General Government

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 \$6,453.88



## Protection of Persons and Property

Constables Services	\$861.90	
		<u>\$861.90</u>
Dog Officer		
Dog Destroyed	4.00	
Salary	21.00	
		<u>25.00</u>
Fire Engineers		
Services	400.00	
		<u>400.00</u>
Fire Department		
Siren	9.00	
Telephone Alarm	137.00	
Compensation	175.00	
Maintenance	181.02	
New Equipment	604.54	
Rent	360.00	
Others	17.63	
		<u>1,484.19</u>
Building Inspector		
Services	150.00	
		<u>150.00</u>
Sealer of Weights		
Services	25.00	
Expenses	4.36	
		<u>29.36</u>



## Moth Dept.

Labor

199.98

199.98

## Tree Warden

Labor

770.96

770.96

Total—Protection Persons and Property

\$3,921.39

## Health and Sanitation

Salaries

\$25.00

Clearing Dump

158.48

Collecting Garbage

400.00

Tubercular Hospital

1,455.60

Inspector of Animals

50.00

Inspector of Meat

5.00

Total—Health and Sanitation

\$2,094.08

## Highways

Chapter 81

\$9,099.93

Chapter 90, Maint.

3,296.59

Chapter 90, Const.

8,992.18

Equipment Maint.

1,707.59

Snow Removal

4,999.21

Snow Fence

246.50

Street Lights

619.23

Total—Highways

\$28,961.23



## Charities

## Public Welfare

Salaries	\$150.00
Expenses	504.60

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 \$654.60

## Old Age Assistance

Federal	2,610.91
Town	2,521.17
Administration	43.60

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 5,175.68

## Aid Dependent Children

Federal	165.90
Town	343.86

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 509.76

## Total—Charities

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 \$6,340.04

## Schools

## Grade, High and Trade

School Committee	\$225.00
Payrolls	14,406.08
Grade Transportation	3,040.00 ✓
High and Trade Trans.	2,734.80 ✓
High and Trade Tuition	6,328.55
Books and Supplies	838.68
Lights	133.29
Water	29.69
Repairs	880.20
Fuel	912.37



Graduation	13.90
Miscellaneous	150.47

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\$29,693.03

#### Library

Librarian	540.00
Janitor	499.98
Books and Magazines	181.21
Binder	25.66
Lights	33.99
Fuel	310.35
Repairs	129.15
Water	25.00
Catalogueing	380.56
Others	29.26

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\$2,155.16

#### Total—Schools and Library

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\$31,848.19

#### Recreation and Unclassified

Common and Flag	\$200.00
Town Clock	60.00
Bell Hanger	250.00
Memorial Day	83.58
Honor Roll	202.00
July 4th	50.00
Insurance	2,865.46
Halloween	50.00
Printing	397.70
Reserve Fund	331.60
Retirement Fund	554.65
Illig Place	365.34
Howe Place	281.87

#### Total—Recreation and Unclassified

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\$5,683.20



## Enterprises and Cemeteries

## Electric Light Department

Commissioners	\$75.00	
Clerical	187.00	
Insurance	367.37	
Travel and Office Supplies	402.79	
Meter Deposits Refunded	54.60	
Employees	6,737.16	
Current	22,311.97	
Trucks	432.48	
Dues	15.00	
Materials	6,462.54	
Rents	180.00	
Taxes	38.00	
Construction Loan Refunded	1,000.00	
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		\$38,263.91

## Water Department

Salaries	125.00	
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		\$125.00

## Expenses

Superintendent	900.00	
Labor	1,189.45	
Pipes and Maintenance	2,314.64	
Fuel	59.31	
Light and Power	441.51	
Others	40.37	
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		4,945.28

## Fleming Construction

644.11	
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	644.11



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Hydrant Rentals	1,150.00	
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Cemeteries		
Center and Mooreland	912.26	
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Total—Enerprises and Cemeteries		<hr/> \$46,040.56
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## Interest

On Water Bonds	\$1,780.00	
On Water Extension	87.43	
On Grader	22.89	
On Highways	23.34	
On Post War Bonds	30.00	
Certification of Notes	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,945.66
Total—Interest		

## Maturing Debts

Water Bonds	\$3,000.00	
Grove Street Ext.	700.00	
Whitney Avenue	600.00	
Grader	2,000.00	
Post War Bond	3,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,800.00
Total—Maturing Debt		

## Agency—Trust and Invested Funds

## Agency

State Parks	\$70.28	
Auditing	336.36	
County Tax	2,802.60	
Dog Licenses	373.45	
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Trust Funds	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	, 300.00
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	300.00
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Total—Trust and Agency	\$3,882.69
Refunds	
Real Estate	\$210.80
Motor Vehicle Excise	89.36
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Total—Refunds	\$300.16
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$147,271.08

## SUMMARY

## Receipts

General Revenue	\$72,341.59
Special Revenue	4,270.88
Commercial Revenue Dept.	16,445.11
Public Service	46,492.47
Cemeteries	376.00
Interest	1,732.08
Loans Authorized	6,000.00
Refunds	1,279.60
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	\$148,937.73
Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	51,364.26
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	\$200,301.99



## PAYMENTS

General Government	\$6,453.88
Protection Persons & Property	3,921.39
Health and Sanitation	2,094.08
Highways	28,961.23
Charities	6,340.04
Schools and Library	31,848.19
Recreation and Unclassified	5,683.20
Enterprises and Cemeteries	46,040.56
Interest	1,945.66
Maturing Debt	9,800.00
Agency and Trust	3,882.69
Refunds	300.16
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	\$147,271.08
Cash on hand, December 31, 1948	53,030.91
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	\$200,301.99



# BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1948

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$53,030.91	Highways Machinery	\$1,285.80
Personal 1947	275.67	Electric Light Dept. Depreciation	15,805.87
Real Estate 1947	332.42	Meter Deposits	188.71
Polls 1948	40.00	Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	57.80
Personal 1948	529.89	Illig Plance Rents	1,510.43
Real Estate 1948	4,686.08	Low Value Taxes	150.00
Moter Vehicle Excise 1947	54.59	Revenues:	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1948	646.21	Motor Vehicle Excise	671.30
Tax Title Possessions	2,991.63	Tax Titles Possessions	3,891.63
State Aid to Highways 81	1,641.21	Aid to Highways	3,841.28
State Aid to Highways 90	1,100.00	Electric Light	956.90
County Aid to Highways 90	1,100.00	Water Dept.	202.31
Electric Light Dept.		Overlays:	
Consumers Charges	956.90	Reserve	43.12
Water Dept.		Levy 1946	342.73
Accounts Receivable	202.31	Levy 1947	788.10
State Parks	10.31	Levy 1948	1,394.53
County Tax	339.03	Cemetery Lot sold	10.00
Assessors' Expense	41.67	Tailings	48.07
Constables	41.90	Temporary Loan	6,000.00
Fire Dept.	4.19	Excess and Deficinecy	29,429.72



Tubercular Hospital	19.08
Highways, Ch. 90 Maint.	596.59
Highways, Marshall St.	492.18
O. A. A. Admin. Federal	.49
Highways Loan	6,000.00

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\$75,133.26

Balances:

Record Building	50.00
Reserve Fund	168.40
Highways Equip. Maint.	.90
Snowplows	230.75
O. A. A.—Federal	181.56
A. D. C.—Federal	187.34
A. D. C.—Admin.	4.94
Library	149.14
Electric Light Construction	5,468.93
Water Dept. Extensions:	
Richards Avenue	107.68
Highland St.	1,500.00
Whitney Avenue	192.85
Grove Street	116.58
Fleming Street	155.80

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\$75,133.26



# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$48,900.00	Water Bonds	\$43,000.00
		Grader	2,600.00
		Whitney Avenue	1,200.00
		Grove Street	2,100.00
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	\$48,900.00		\$48,900.00

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Invested	\$72,522.13	D. R. Boynton Poor Fund	\$1,176.41
		E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00
		G. E. Bigelow Library Fund	500.00
		E. D. Bigelow Library Funds	22,372.08
		Richards Memorial Library Fund	1,668.87
		E. D. Bigelow Village Improvement	1,039.77
		C. D. Boynton General Purpose Fund	7,740.64
		Howe Farm Fund	7,923.64
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	18,574.81
		Post War Bonds	10,625.91
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	\$72,522.13		\$72,522.13



# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF THE

ACCOUNTS



TOWN OF PAXTON



To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Arthur J. Crompton, 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, 1947 to July 24, 1948, 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

FXL:JRB

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

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from July 11, 1947, the date of the previous audit, to July 24, 1948, and report thereon as follows:

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



The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriations being checked to the town meeting records of financial votes passed, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on July 24, 1948, was prepared and is appended to this report.

In checking the appropriations voted by the town it was noted that in several instances the amounts appropriated for certain purposes were in excess of the amounts called for by the articles in the warrants for the town meeting. There is no authority to appropriate an amount greater than that specified in the article, since no action may be taken by the town which is beyond the notice given to the voters by the article in the warrant.

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

The cash book additions were verified, and the treasurer's cash balance on July 24, 1948 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the bank of deposit, by examination of three savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

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

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding according to the previous examination,



as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the accounts for collection.

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

Verification of the outstanding accounts 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 assessors' computation of the tax rate for 1948 was examined and checked and it was noted that several appropriations from available funds voted by the town in 1948 were not considered by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate.

In this connection attention is called to Section 23, Chapter 59, General Laws, which requires that the assessors raise all sums appropriated since the last preceding annual tax assessment, and which also provides that deductions on account of appropriations voted from available funds in the treasury may be made by the assessors only upon the written approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. All appropriations voted by the town whether they are to be raised by taxation or transferred from available funds in the treasury, should therefore be certified by the town clerk to the assessors, as required by Section 15-A, Chapter 41, General Laws.

The town clerk's records of dog licenses issued on behalf of the county, and of sporting licenses, the proceeds of



which are paid to the State, were checked, and the payments to the town and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were 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 selectmen, as well as of the public welfare, school, electric light, water, 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, excise, departmental, municipal light, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts

HBD:JRB



TOWN OF PAXTON  
BALANCE SHEET—JULY 24, 1948  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		State Parks and Reservations Assessment	\$59.97
In Banks and Office	\$41,088.52	State Audit of Municipal Accounts	
Accounts Receivable:		Assessment	336.36
Taxes:		County Tax	2,463.57
Levy of 1946	\$497.34	Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	3,530.00
Levy of 1947	1,587.61	Illig Place Rentals	1,519.02
Levy of 1948	39,377.97	Dog Licenses - For County	129.05
		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	10.00
	<u>\$41,462.92</u>	Tailings	48.07
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Highway Machinery Rental Fund	532.30
Levy of 1947	\$62.21	Excess on Low Value Tax Titles Sales	
Levy of 1948	1,452.75	Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws	150.00
		Federal Grants:	
	1,514.96	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Tax Possessions	3,891.63	Aid	\$131.82
Electric Light	1,469.55	Administration	4.94
Water	646.56	Old Age Assistance:	
State:		Assistance	306.32
Chapter 81	\$6,300.00	Administration	16.31
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,100.00		
Chapter 90 Construction	4,000.00		<u>459.39</u>



County:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,100.00
Chapter 90 Construction	
1948	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	
1947	2,000.00
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	16,500.00
Estimated Receipts to be Collected	18,326.85
Underestimate 1948 - Tuberculosis	
Hospital Assessment	19.08

Appropriation Balances:	
General	\$46,546.44
Water Main Extensions	2,104.10
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	48,650.54
Electric Light:	
Maintenance	\$2,011.95
Depreciation Fund	14,345.62
Construction Fund	4,911.14
Meter Deposit Fund	194.93
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	21,463.64
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus	43.12
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1946	\$342.73
Levy of 1947	788.10
Levy of 1948	2,034.58
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	3,165.41
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	\$1,514.96
Tax Possession	3,891.63
Electric Light	1,469.55
Water	646.56
Aid to Highways	16,500.00
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	24,022.70



Surplus Revenue:

Current Year

\$2.00

Prior Years

20,334.93

20,336.93

\$126,920.07

\$126,920.07

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$51,500.00

Departmental Equipment Loan

\$4,600.00

Water System Loan

43,000.00

Water Main Extension Loans

3,900.00

\$51,500.00

\$51,500.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer

\$63,131.49

In Custody of Trustee

7,740.64

D. Russell Boynton Charity Fund

\$1,076.41

Edward D. Bigelow School Fund

1,000.00

George E. Bigelow Library Fund

500.00

Richards Memorial Library Fund

1,668.87

Edward D. Bigelow Library Funds

22,372.08

Edward D. Bigelow Village

Improvement Fund

1,039.77

Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe Fund

7,923.64

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

18,424.81

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

\* 9,125.91

\$63,131.49



C. D. Boynton Fund for  
General Purposes

7,740.64

\$70,872.13

\$70,872.13

\* Includes \$3,530.00 in General Treasury



**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**OF THE TOWN OF**  
**PAXTON**



**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Year Ending December 31, 1948**



**ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT****DECEMBER 31, 1948****SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

M. Lawrence Price, Chairman	Term expires 1951
Harry Clark	Term expires 1950
Charles C. Craig, Clerk	Term expires 1949

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

William H. Buker	Phone, Holden 2370
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**ART SUPERVISOR**

Charlotte Kaminski	Holden 2235
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**MUSIC SUPERVISOR**

Leonard L. Maher	Worcester
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**TEACHERS**

Grade VIII—Ralph W. Wilbur to Nov. 26, 1948  
 Grades VIII—Freida Kelsey (substitute and Principal)  
 Grades VI-VII—Margaret Ratcliffe  
 Grades IV-V—Dorothy K. Wilbur  
 Grades II-III—Kathleen King  
 Grade I—Beryll W. Barnes

**SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

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

Brenda T. Sullivan, R. N.	Holden 4634
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**ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

Reuben O'Janne	Worcester 6-1489
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**JANITOR**

Howard Cresswell	Rutland 128-12
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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The School Committee submits the following pages of reports of the various activities of the School Department and hopes that citizens of the Town will give them careful study. The problems of the Department continue to increase as the total enrollment increases and as the corresponding costs of instruction increase.

The Committee has given a great deal of study toward the preparation of the budget for the coming year and has submitted detailed explanations of necessary increases over last years' budget to the Finance Board. It is hoped that the voters of the Town will vote the required funds. The Committee stands ready and willing to answer all questions regarding the budget.

First grade enrollment continues to increase and it will be necessary to start the Fall term with six classrooms and the addition of another teacher. Desks have already been purchased and the new budget includes the cost of more books and supplies. It will be necessary to purchase new desks and other equipment each year as the enrollment continues to increase.

It is hoped that, by next September, all of the rooms in the school will have been painted and that the outside of the building will also have been given at least one coat of paint. Plans are also under way to provide bookshelves in all of the class-rooms.

Included in the Warrant are articles for the provision



of funds to remedy the inadequate lighting in the classrooms, and for the installation of a hot water heater on the boiler. Recent surveys show that the present lighting system provides only about one-eighth of the intensity of light considered to be a healthful minimum on cloudy days during the winter months. A hot water heating system attached to the present boiler would inexpensively provide hot water during most of the school year. The Committee placed these items in the Warrant instead of the regular budget so as to give each voter a chance to voice his or her opinion regarding the desirability of providing additional safeguards to the comfort and health of our children.

A great deal of effort is being spent regarding the possibility of providing a Union High School to take care of the Towns of Holden, Rutland, Oakham, Princeton, and Paxton. There is much to be said in favor of such an enterprise and it is quite possible that public meetings will be held during the next year to determine the feelings of the Townspeople regarding steps to be taken toward the formation of such a school.

The Committee wishes to call to the attention of parents of children under the age of sixteen, that such children may not be gainfully employed unless they obtain an employment certificate from the Superintendent of Schools.

During the past year, quite a number of the residents of the Town have attended evening school in Worcester. Provision for tuition costs in the schools had not been considered in the preparation of the annual budget. The Committee must ask, in all fairness, that those who wish to attend such classess should first contact the Superintendent of Schools.

The Committee wishes to thank the people of the Town, our new Superintendent, Mr. William H. Buker, our Teachers, and our building custodian, Mr. Howard Cresswell, for



the fine spirit in which they are administering the affairs of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CLARK  
CHARLES C. CRAIG  
M. LAWRENCE PRICE  
Paxton School Committee

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
For the Year 1948

**FUNDS FOR USE IN 1948**

Appropriation for Grade, High, and	
Trade Schools	\$29,385.00
Bigelow Fund Interest	20.00
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	\$29,405.00

**EXPENDITURES**

**GENERAL CONTROL**

Committee Salary	\$225.00
Superintendent Salary	479.24
Supt. Office expense	55.46
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	\$759.70



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## EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teacher salaries	11,767.49	
Books	394.26	
School supplies	317.83	
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		12,479.58

## OPERATION OF PLANT

Janitor services	1,712.57	
Janitor supplies	98.70	
Fuel and Lights	1,017.16	
Water	29.69	
Phone and Misc.	96.34	
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		2,954.46

## MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Repairs and replacements	536.65
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## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	259.00	
Grade transportation	3,040.00	
High and Trade transportation	2,650.00	
High and Trade tuition	6,312.46	
Recreation	28.50	
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		12,289.96

## OUTLAY

New equipment	350.27	
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Total Expenditures	\$29,370.62	



## REFUNDS

City of Worcester	\$33.75	
Out of Town tuition	114.00	
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		147.75
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Net Expenditures		\$29,222.87

## GIFTS AND GRANTS FROM THE STATE

Superintendent (2 years)	\$384.38	
High School tuition (1947-48)	1,826.05	
High School tuition (1946-47)	1,544.06	
School Fund Part I (Chapt. 70)	1,020.00	
School Fund, Part II, (Chapt. 70)	835.04	
Trade School tuition,	786.93	
Trade School transportation	274.30	
High and Grade transportation, Chapt. 71, Sec. 7a	4,888.00	
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Total Grants		\$11,558.76
Actual cost to the Town		17,664.11
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Net Expenditures		\$29,222.87



## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1948

To the School Committee of Paxton:

Since I have been Superintendent for only four and a half months, this report will be brief.

May I pay my respects to Mr. James Childs who had so efficiently served your schools as Superintendent for many years.

I found the office records, books and supplies, and equipment in excellent condition. Also the teaching staff is experienced and well trained.

On November 26, Mr. Ralph Wilbur, the Principal, resigned to accept a position in the business field at a much larger salary. Mr. Wilbur brought about many improvements and raised the standards of the school during his two years as Principal of the Center School. To date we have not been able to fill the position. Mrs. Freida Kelsey is acting principal.

The enrollment of the school is increasing and it will be necessary to add another teacher in September, 1949. This will provide Grades I, II, III, and VIII with a teacher for each grade. For the present, one teacher will have Grades IV and V, and one Grades VI and VII.



Paxton is fortunate to have a building large enough. We have two rooms which can be immediately used for classrooms and another unfinished room. We will be able to provide for the increased school enrollment for several years. The lighting of the classrooms is inadequate and should be changed at an early date. Many of the pupils have not more than one-fourth of the light needed. It is considered that twenty-five to thirty footcandles of light is essential for school work.

The teachers of Grades VI and VII are emphasizing functional grammar and accuracy in Arithmetic. Tests will be given in these subjects from time to time.

An Art Supervisor and a Music Supervisor were employed in September. Mrs. Charlotte Kaminski, a graduate of Boston Normal College and Mr. Leonard L. Maher, a graduate of Brown University, teach and supervise in these fields. They have a weekly schedule for this instruction.

The penmanship of the school needs to be improved. We have provided in the budget a sum in order to have uniform instructions in this field. At present, we have as many penmanship systems as we have teachers.

Our form of reimbursement from the state will change January 1, 1949. School Funds Parts I and II are replaced by a formula given in the statutes. This formula will not change noticeably the amount of State Aid for Paxton.

The Animal Poster awards were given as follows: First, Gail Pike and Jane Smith; Second, Robert Price and Charles Putnam.

The American Legion awards were given to Jean Perkins, and Maurice E. Pouttu.

Essay Contest awards were given as follows: First,



Lorna Rabinow; Second, Jean Perkins; Third, Joan Niemela.

The sum of \$373.96 is reported as having been collected since September in the Stamp Savings program.

I wish to thank all you who have assisted me in any way in directing the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BUKER



## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with progressive educational ideas the art course throughout the elementary grades has been based upon the following objectives:

1. To develop the visual memory and creative imagination through the use of drawing.
2. To develop the power of discriminating observation.
3. To develop the skill necessary for the free use of the tools.
4. To cultivate the enjoyment of the best beauty in nature and art.

These first few months, in getting acquainted we've dabbled a little in the various phases of drawing. In the next few months we'll review some and broaden our scope!

It seems to me that the children here are more alert and spontaneous than in city schools.

I've had wonderful cooperation from both teachers and children and it's been a pleasure the short time we've worked together.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE W. KAMINSKI



**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**MUSIC SUPERVISOR**

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is difficult at this time to give a complete analysis of the Music Department in the school system. Several changes have been attempted this year but at present they have not been in operation for a sufficient length of time to provide sufficient returns.

The most important work that we hope to undertake is the giving to each student a complete knowledge in the fundamentals and mechanics of music. Only in complete and through mastery of these points can the student be expected to understand and thus enjoy music. In this regard we must express our gratitude to the teachers in the classrooms for their complete cooperation and hard work.

The help and cooperation of the Superintending Committee has been most welcome and we solicit the continuation of this as a vital help to our program.

Respectfully submitted.

LEONARD L. MAHER



## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The school physician submits the following report for the district for 1948:

Diphtheria clinics were held in all the schools of the district with the exception of Oakham. Permission was requested from parents to administer toxoid to children in three doses as recommended by the State Department of Health. Booster injections were given to immunized children who had not had toxoid within three years.

Diphtheria, once almost as common as measles and much more fatal, has become a rare disease only because of toxoid immunization. The disease has shown a slight increase through-out the state in the past two years. It is very important therefore that every child be immunized.

Pre-school children were examined and vaccinated at clinics held in each school last May.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. MAYO, M. D.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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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.

A pre-school clinic was held in May. The parents at these clinics gave the doctor an excellent opportunity to explain the defects found.

Three diptheria immunization clinics were held and 81 students were inoculated by Dr. Mayo.

Throughout the year routine work goes on, such as home visits, personal interviews, weighing and measuring, inspections, first aid, excluding sick children, planning with and assisting the school physician in clinics and physical examination, ordering of supplies for school clinics, first aid, and notifying parents of physical defects.

Field visits	8
First aid	66
Physical examinations with doctor	127
Pupils weighed and measured	107
Individual inspections	102
Eye examinations	64



Hearing examinations	52
Physically handicapped	1
Defect notices	32

## Clinics:

Diphtheria	3
Vaccination	1
Mentally retarded	1

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.



## STAFF 1948

Grades	Teacher	Training	Began Here
VIII	Ralph Wilbur	Fitch. S.T.C.	Sept. 1946
		(Resigned-Nov. 26, 1948)	
	Mrs. Freida Kelsey	substitute	
VI-VII	Margaret Ratcliffe	Worc. S.T.C.	Oct. 1946
IV-V	Dorothy Wilbur	Worc. S.T.C.	Sept. 1946
II-III	Kathleen M. King	Bridgewater	Sept. 1947
I	Beryl W. Barnes	Worc. S.T.C.	Jan. 1947
Music	Leonard Maher	Brown Univ.	Sept. 1948
Art	Charlotte Kaminski	Boston T. C.	Sept. 1948

## ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1948

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Boys	15	9	6	7	9	4	7	6	63
Girls	8	8	8	7	5	2	5	7	50
	23	17	14	14	14	6	12	13	113

## SUMMARY OF REGISTER

1947-1948

Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	% of Attendance
VIII	15	14.37	13.82	95.50
VI-VII	27	25.98	24.36	93.10
IV-V	19	16.43	16.04	97.17
II-III	30	26.79	25.26	94.14
I	21	17.56	16.20	92.25
	112	101.13	95.68	94.43



## HONOR ROLL

(Neither absent nor tardy)

## ONE YEAR

Irene Clockdile

Joan Hughes

Everett Lupien

## TWO YEARS

Lynn Johnson

James Putnam

## REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1948

Aged 4 years or under	43	53	96
5 years of age (Enter school, Sept. 1949)	16	4	20
6 years of age	9	14	23
7-16 years of age	48	59	107
	<hr/> 116	<hr/> 130	<hr/> 246

## GRADUATES—JUNE 1948

Donald Faucher

Gayle E. Johnson

Dorothy A. Flevaris

Richard Faucher

Robert H. Frigo

James T. Putnam, Jr.

Joanne V. Bourgouin

John Larson

Marjorie A. Livingston

Donald W. Oatley

Jean Perkins

Gail Pike

Edwin Pouttu

Grace Flevaris



## TUITION PUPILS

School	Number	Rate Per Yr.
North High	4-Agricultural	\$150.00
	4-Regular	\$135.00
Classical	6	\$135.00
General Vocational	1	\$135.00
Commerce	10	\$135.00
South High	11	\$135.00
Trade School for Boys	5	\$219.50
Trade School for Girls	1	\$219.50
Evening School	6	\$.20 per hr.
Holden High	1	\$117.00
Total	49	.



## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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Meeting Night first Thursday of the Month

The Planning Board submits its twenty-sixth report

The survey of the Illig property started two years ago is now finished. We have a land title map showing 47.6 acres of land and the contour map to be used for an overall development map.

We also submit a proposal showing what could be done if the town decides to grade the field, this can be done in sections or in one complete job.

Mr. Saunders our Planning Engineer, who drew up the above proposal, is also working on our official map, which eventually will tie into our land use maps and then the "Master Plan".

One of the subjects most discussed at other meetings was that in the near future some type of a building must be built to store town equipment.

The investment that we have in equipment is large and now stored in buildings that are fire hazards, (less the fire trucks) this condition should be corrected.

In the next year a study should be made to find out the cost of installing fire sprinklers in the school house, also the town hall.

The replacement value of the school at to-days values would probably cost us \$150,000 to \$250,000 dollars.



We have also completely revised the sub-division regulations, for better protection of the town.

A public hearing was held Aug. 27, 1948 at the request of George Maccabee who wished to have some of his land on Pleasant St. re-zoned from residence to a business zone.

The board at its meeting of Oct. 7, 1948 recommended to the Selectmen that the zoning lines remain the same as noted on the zoning map.

This year (1949) you will find in the Warrant an article requesting a sum of money for a drainage line from the Whitney Development on Maple St. to Richards Ave.

This drain will run down in back of the Post Office and down the present open ditch which will all be covered. The town will at the same time remove a health hazard, which the State Board of Health has recommended to our local board.

When this has been done Mr. Whitney will then be able to finish the drains and then the Planning Board will be able to approve the street for acceptance by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Members of the Board of Selectmen met March 4, 1948 and organized as follows;

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Chairman  
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Clerk  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN, Third Member

Permits were issued during the year for new buildings, remodeling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$215,725.00.

The following Licenses and Permits were issued during the year;

- 15 Pistol
- 3 Milk and cream
- 5 Common Victualers
- 6 Sunday Ice Creaem and Soft Drinks
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Innholders All Alcoholic Beverages for 1949
- 1 Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages for 1949
- 1 Retail Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages for 1949
- 5 Discharge of Dynamite
- 1 Sunday Amusement
- 5 Special Malt

The Insurance Plan to cover the Town adequately with insurance, started in 1947, has now been completed. An appraisal was made to establish the present value of all the town buildings, and insurance placed to give complete cover-



age. This necessitated practically doubling the insurance in some cases.

Liability insurance has been placed on the Town Hall, the School, the tractor and grader and also the fire trucks to protect the drivers against any personal damages due to accidents. Fire insurance was placed on the fire trucks.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Ch.  
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Clerk  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN,  
Third Member



**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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To the Voters of the Town of Paxton:

During the year 1948, your Finance Committee approved the transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$877.69, leaving a balance in the Reserve Fund of \$122.31. Of the amount transferred, \$500 was to cover Chapter 90 Construction on Marshall Street and the balance was to cover overdrafts in several departments.

We have also examined the 1949 Budget requests of each department and our recommendations with respect to these requests will be found in the tabulation headed "Budget for 1949."

We desire to express our 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  
JOHN T. B. CARMODY  
DEANE O. HOWLAND  
J. S. WILLIAM LaMOTTE  
MERVYN E. RICHARDS  
ETTA E. ROBINSON Ex Officio  
Finance Committee



# BUDGET FOR 1949

Accounts	Appropriated 1948	Spent 1948	Recom. 1949
Selectmen			
Salaries	\$300.00	\$300.00	<del>\$300.00</del>
Expenses	250.00	245.72	250.00
Town Accountant			
Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	15.00	14.84	15.00
Treasurer			
Salary	350.00	350.00	350.00
Expenses	85.00	84.94	85.00
Tax Collector			
Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	100.00	94.53	100.00
Assessors			
Salaries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expenses	250.00	291.67	366.00
Legal	200.00	200.00	300.00

600.00



	1948	SPENT	1949
Town Clerk			
Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	80.00	80.00	80.00
Elections	200.00	197.79	100.00
Registrars			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	50.00	39.44	50.00
Town Hall	1,750.00	1,748.01	2,400.00
Planning Board	750.00	659.95	750.00
Contingent	300.00	296.99	300.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	877.69	1,000.00
Board of Appeals	-----	-----	25.00
Pension Fund	554.65	554.65	673.20
Constables	820.00	820.00	1,200.00
Dog Officer	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fire Engineers	400.00	400.00	400.00
Fire Department	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,531.00
Building Inspector	150.00	150.00	150.00
Sealer			
Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Expenses	5.00	4.36	5.00
Moth Department	200.00	199.98	200.00

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820.00

1780.00



Accounts	Appropriated 1948	Spent 1948	Recom. 1949
Tree Warden	800.00	770.96	650.00
Health			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	30.00
Expenses	800.00	558.48	800.00
Tubercular Hospital	1,455.60	1,455.60	1,212.04
Inspector of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Inspector of Meat	5.00	5.00	5.00
Highways, Chapter 81	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Highways, Chapter 90 Mt.	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Snow Removal	5,000.00	4,999.21	3,500.00
Street Lights	700.00	619.23	720.00
Public Welfare			
Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	650.00	504.60	650.00
Old Age Assistance	3,800.00	2,521.17	4,000.00
Old Age Administration	.....	43.60	75.00
Aid Dependent Children	550.00	343.86	500.00
Veterans Benefits	200.00	.....	600.00
Schools	29,385.00	29,693.03	34,220.00

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3000.00

300.00



	1948	SPENT	1949
Library	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,050.00
Common	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Clock	60.00	60.00	60.00
Town Clock Repairs	15.00	.....	15.00
Memorial Day	100.00	83.58	100.00
Insurance and Bonds	2,800.00	2,865.46	2,500.00
Printing Reports	400.00	400.00	500.00
Fourth of July	50.00	50.00	50.00
Halloween	50.00	50.00	50.00
Water Department			
Salaries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Expenses	5,675.00	4,619.74	4,975.00
Hydrant Rentals	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Cemeteries	250.00	250.00	250.00
Interest on Notes	25.00	23.34	25.00
Certification of Notes	100.00	2.00	10.00





## TOWN WARRANT

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### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, ss:

To either of the Constables 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 seventh (7) day of March, 1949, 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 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, one (1) member of the Board of Public Welfare, one (1) member of the Board of Assessors, one (1) member of the School Committee, one (1) member of the Municipal Light Board, one member of the Cemetery Commission, one (1) member of the Water Commission, two (2) trustees of the Richards Memorial Library, each for a term of 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 12:00 o'clock noon until eight o'clock P. M.

The business meeting will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the town officers and the committees and act thereon, and to act upon recommendations contained in said reports and to raise and appropriate said 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 of 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, 1949, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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. \$ 175.00

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropri-



ate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 9. ✓ To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use up to fifty (50) per cent of the surplus funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer available when the tax rate is ready to be set, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 10. ✓ To see if the town will vote to install street lights on Holden Road, and to extend two (2) additional street lights on all other streets, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 11. ✓ To see if the town will vote to keep the street lights on until one (1) A. M., or act in any way thereon. 225.00

ARTICLE 12. ✓ 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 be thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 13. ✓ To see if the town will vote to accept the proposed street of Franklin G. Fleming, Jr., known as Colony Lane. This street is recorded at the Registry of Deeds in Worcester and has been approved by the Planning



Board of Paxton as a part of the approved subdivision of the above owner or act in any way thereon.

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 authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three (3), to work in conjunction with the School Committee to investigate the possibility of building a Regional High School to accommodate the pupils from Rutland, Oakham, Princeton, Holden, and Paxton, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 16. ✓ To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) for the installation of an adequate lighting system in the School to replace the present one, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 17. ✓ To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the installation of equipment to provide hot water for toilet facilities in the School, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 18. ✓ To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the remaining land of the "Howe Farm", so-called, in lots suitable for building homes, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to extend the present water main on Pleasant St. to the remaining land of the "Howe Farm", so-called, and to help defray the cost of such extension by using the funds now held under the "Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe Fund", and the proceeds from the sale of such land remaining in the "Howe Farm", or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise



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On Crystal St. 1947

and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-five dollars fifty-four cents (\$325.54) to pay for one hundred (100) feet of water line extension on Crystal St., or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote under Article 16 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of Feb. 4, 1946, said vote being to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund for the purpose of extending the water main approximately five hundred (500) feet along Highland St., or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 22. 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 act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 23. 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 act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) 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, or County, or both, for this purpose, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer one thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and eighty cents (\$1,285.80) from Highway Equipment Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the town's highway equipment, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and



appropriate the sum of six hundred seventy-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$678.57) to pay for the increase in price on the wing for the grader, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy dollars (\$170.00) to buy a power lawn mower, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00) for the construction of a drain from the "Whitney" development to Richards Ave., or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the overdraft of the Board of Assessors, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty cents (\$673.20) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32, of the General Laws as amended, relative to the pension fund.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred forty-four dollars (\$744.00) for the purpose of providing Police protection at the State Highway crossing for School children, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of each Selectmen from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to two hundred (\$200.00) per year retroactive to January 1, 1949, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to give to the "Paxton Post No. 306, American Legion", a portion of



the "Illig" land, suitable in size and location for the construction thereon of a Legion memorial building, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will vote to buy from Mr. John J. Callahan a fifty (50) foot right-of-way from West St. into the "Illig" land, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and set aside, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the "Post-War Rehabilitation Fund", said money to be used in the development of the "Illig" land, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to elect a Board of Health as provided in Chapter 41, Sections 1 and 2, of the General Laws, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following by-law in substitution of the existing by-law establishing a quorum for Town Meetings:

"Fifty (50) registered voters shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting or adjournment thereof, except such parts of the meetings as shall be devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, provided that any meeting may be adjourned to a later date though less than a quorum be present, and that no meeting for the transaction of town business shall be called earlier than seven (7) o'clock P. M."

ARTICLE 39. To see if the town will vote to amend Section IV, article 9, paragraph A, of the "Revised Zoning By-laws" to include the words "Radio Stations", or act in any way thereon.



ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to amend Section VII article 2, of the "Revised Zoning By-laws" so that it will read:

"Front yards.

In a residence zone no building shall be erected or placed within twenty (20) feet of any street line. In a business zone no building shall be erected within twenty (20) feet of any street line. In any zone there shall be in front of every dwelling on a lot abutting on a street less than fifty (50) feet in width, a yard not less than thirty (30) feet deep, or act in any way thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting two (2) attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall as required by by-law, 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 time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth (24th) day of February, 1949, A.D.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON  
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Selectmen of Paxton



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