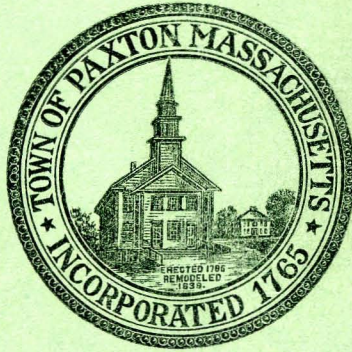


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In Memoriam

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Selectman

Born July 16, 1893

Died October 8, 1952

CHARLES L. PORTER

Water Commission

Born April 30, 1892

Died April 16, 1952

CARL L. WHITTEMORE

Board of Appeals

Born May 9, 1894

Died October 11, 1952

Town Officers for 1952

Moderator

JESSE E. MILLS

Town Clerk

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Treasurer

MARION E. MACCABEE

Collector of Taxes

MARION E. MACCABEE

Constables

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Tree Warden

FRED R. DIFLEY

Selectmen

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

Term Expires 1953

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term Expires 1954

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON

Term Expires 1955

(Deceased)

Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

Term Expires 1953

GEORGE G. CARLSON

Term Expires 1954

RUTH B. MCKINLEY

Term Expires 1955

Assessors

FRED E. WATSON	Term Expires 1953
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term Expires 1954
ROBERT A. BELEY	Term Expires 1955

School Committee

HARRY CLARK	Term Expires 1953
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term Expires 1954
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term Expires 1955

Municipal Light Board

GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.	Term Expires 1953
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1954
DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1955

Cemetery Commission

H. RENO KENNEN, Jr.	Term Expires 1953
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term Expires 1954
JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term Expires 1955

Water Commission

NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term Expires 1953
CHARLES L. PORTER (Deceased)	Term Expires 1954
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term Expires 1955

Library Trustees

HAROLD R. LEFFINGWELL (Resigned)	Term Expires 1953
LAURENS SEELYE	Term Expires 1953
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term Expires 1954
MILTON P. LADD	Term Expires 1954
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1955
HARRY E. WHITCOMB	Term Expires 1955

Planning Board

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1953
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term Expires 1954
BERNARD R. READON	Term Expires 1955
HAROLD F. HANSEN (Resigned)	Term Expires 1956
REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term Expires 1957

Board of Health

THOMAS P. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1953
RICHARD C. DeLONG (Resigned)	Term Expires 1954
SALLY H. STANSFIELD	Term Expires 1955

Wachusett Regional High School

JESSE E. MILLS	Term Expires
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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term Expires 1953
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1953
WILLIAM J. LaMOTTE	Term Expires 1954
J. ARDEN WOODALL	Term Expires 1954
MERVYN E. RICHARDS	Term Expires 1955
ROBERT C. BRUCE	Term Expires 1955

Tellers for Town Election

MRS. ETTA E. ROBINSON
 MRS. MARY ST. MARTIN
 MRS. MARGUERITE HOYT
 MRS. SUMNER TAYLOR

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

Care of Town Clock

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Supt. of Streets

WALTER V. PIKE

Dog Officer

CARL H. JOHNSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Care of Flag and Common

ROBERT SHEEHAN

Building Inspector

FRED E. WATSON

Inspector of Wires

ROY M. WENTWORTH

Moth Superintendent

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Plumbing Inspector

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.

Forest Fire Warden

FRANK G. HATSTAT

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Field Drivers

ELLIOT CROUCH

CHARLES C. CRAIG

FRED R. DIFLEY

Board of Appeals

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN	Term Expires 1953
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term Expires 1954
AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY	Term Expires 1955
REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term Expires 1956
CARL L. WHITTEMORE (Deceased)	Term Expires 1957

Alternate Member, Board of Appeals

ROBERT C. BRUCE

Police Officers

DONALD W. SISTARE, Chief

GEORGE G. KARLE, Sergeant

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

Special Police Officers

RICHARD PADGETT

JOSEPH WHITCHER

GEORGE MACCABEE

ROBERT C. BRUCE

GEORGE G. CARLSON, (State Highway Rep.)

ALDEN W. ABBOTT, (State Highway Rep.)

JOSEPH W. HIMELMAN (State Highway Rep.)

FOSTER T. BORDEAUX, (State Highway Rep.)

F. WYMAN ROGERS, (Boynton Park)

HOWARD CRESWELL, (School)

Committee for Town Garage

GEORGE C. HUNT	FREDERICK G. ANTELL
WALTER V. PIKE	HAROLD A. MARTIN
REUGEN H. O'JANNE	HERBERT F. WENTWORTH
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	BERNARD R. REARDON
HAROLD F. HANSEN	WILLIAM J. LaMOTTE
LOUIS T. HAMBLIN	SHERMAN S. DUDDEN
ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, (Deceased)	

Committee for Observance of Halloween

CLARENCE S. ST. GEORGE	
CHARLOTTE S. ST. GEORGE	RICHARD C. DeLONG
CHARLES C. CRAIG	RUTH SHERBURNE
LAURENS C. SEELYE	RUTH B. WENTWORTH
JEROME F. MURPHY	

Election Officers—Presidential Primaries

ETTA E. ROBINSON	MARY A. ST. MARTIN
LORA M. TAYLOR	MARGUERITE L. HOYT
JOHN H. STANSFIELD	MARGARET L. MURPHY
LILLIAN B. SISTARE	MARY T. TRUM

State Primaries

ETTA E. ROBINSON	MARGUERITE L. HOYT
ISABEL C. MOOR	MARY A. ST. MARTIN
JOHN H. STANSFIELD	FREDERICK A. COOK
CLIFFORD A. DARWIN	DONALD G. WYMAN
VIOLA C. PRENTICE	LILLIAN B. SISTARE
MARY T. TRUM	BERNICE J. OATLEY

Presidential Election

ETTA E. ROBINSON	VERNA M. POTTER
LOYEJOY C. HARRINGTON	M. IOLA WITKOWSKI
ISABEL C. MOOR	MARY T. TRUM
EDITH S. START	CHARLES B. STEVENS
MARION E. HUNT	ANNA MILLER
CHARLES A. CRAIG	MARY M. ROSS
CHARLES C. CRAIG	JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN
FREDERICK A. COOK	JOHN H. STANSFIELD

Appointments to Fill Vacancies

GEORGE C. LaMOTTE	Board of Health
ELWIN K. YONG	Water Board
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Planning Board
CONSTANCE G. GREEMAN	Library Trustee

**REPORT
OF THE
TOWN CLERK**

**VITAL STATISTICS
BIRTHS**

FEBRUARY

L

- 2 Holly Jean, daughter of George F. and Janice M. (Stone) Ahearn.
- 18 Deborah Dawn, daughter of Richard G. and Shirley B. (Wilde) Padgett.
- 21 Susan Elizabeth, daughter of David J. and Mary (Tashkaplian) Albro.
- 26 David Neal, son of Norbert W. and Molly M. (Treadway) Plamondon.

MARCH

- 11 John Francis, son of Frank and M. Patricia (Mullaney) Ranta.
- 12 Janice Beth, daughter of Norman C. and Greta S. (Oberg) Dodge.
- 21 Melanie Ann, daughter of Edmond R. and Bernadeen O. (Smith) Rochette.

APRIL

- 16 Jeffrey Steven, son of George C. and Helyn L. (Austikolins) LaMotte.

MAY

- 11 Barbara Lee, daughter of David D. and Mary C. (Geer) Everleth.
- 21 John James, son of Arther J., Jr. and Carol E. (Sheehan) Crompton.

JUNE

- 2 Deborah, daughter of Floyd W. and Martha (Morris) Church.
- 6 Glenn Stephen, son of Raymond V. and Beatrice C. (Murphy) Kauppila.
- 13 Chester Donald, son of Donald M. and Elizabeth M. (Stuart) Rossier.
- 13 Rodney Smith, son of Lloyd S. and Olive A. (Ayotte) Jenkins.
- 24 Jennifer Marie, daughter of Louis L. and M. Dorothea (Johnson) Harper.

JULY

- 22 Sharen Lee, daughter of Kenneth A. and Patricia A. (O'Hearn) Cutting.

SEPTEMBER

- 30 Barbara Ann, daughter of Francis W. and Ruth E. (Franklin) Ryan.

OCTOBER

- 2 Robert Dennis, son of Michael and Emily S. (St. George) Santoro.

- 12 Barbara Ellen, daughter of Harry, Jr., and Ruth E. (Wharton) Wright.
- 26 William Arthur III, son of Mervyn E. and Elizabeth (Muir) Richards.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Stephan Arthur, son of Arthur J. and I. Carol (Madsen) Manzi.
- 8 Elizabeth Marie, daughter of James and Beatrice (Kelly) Kelley.
- 30 Gordon Richard, son of Edmond J. and Stasia L. (Pieterwcz) Faucher.

DECEMBER

- 16 Jacklyn Ann, daughter of Franklin G. Jr., and Jeanette (Hamel) Fleming.
- 29 Wayne Alan, son of Norman and Esther (Farmer) Schonberg.
- 30 Linda Karen, daughter of Carl and Alice (Wiberg) Larson.

MARRIAGES

FEBRUARY

- 16 John J. Wood, Jr., of Cherry Valley and Gladys E. Clockedile of Paxton

MAY

- 17 Walter D. Wilde, Jr., and Louise Neill of Paxton.
- 24 James T. Lavoie of Auburn and Phyllis L. Robinson of Paxton.

- 30 Lawrence A. Girouard, Jr. of Paxton and Claire McDermott of Worcester.

JUNE

- 14 Richard D. Faucher of Paxton and Elna L. David of Worcester.
- 28 Milton P. Ladd and Erna (Kring) Ryder of Paxton.

JULY

- 14 Sumner Foskett of Paxton and Margaret A. Terk-anian of Spencer.
- 19 Hugh B. Wylie of Paxton and Evelyn R. Ericson of Auburn.
- 22 Charles W. Clarkson and Ellen (Aspinall) Smith of Paxton

AUGUST

- 4 Kenneth A. Cutting of Shrewsbury and Patricia A. O'Hearn of Paxton.
- 9 Samuel J. Staiti of South Barre and Rachel H. Pierce of Paxton.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Ronald K. Johnson of Paxton and Constance C. Greenleaf of Oxford.
- 15 Bruce K. Wylie of Paxton and Joyce L. Eames of Worcester.

DEATHS

MARCH

		Y.	M.	D.
31	Augusta M. Voorneveld (Broncho pneumonia)	84	5	16

APRIL

16	Charles L. Porter (Cerebral hemorrhage)	59	11	17
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MAY

26	Patrick J. Donnelly (Generalized arteriosclerosis)	88	—	—
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JUNE

15	Lawrence P. Greenman (Uremia)	81	5	15
25	Mary E. Pike (Cerebral Thrombosis)	76	5	28

OCTOBER

8	Arthur J. Crompton (Arteriosclerotic heart disease)	59	2	22
11	Carl L. Whittemore (Coronary artery disease)	58	5	1

NOVEMBER

7	Helen F. (Burke) Foy (Uremia)	65	—	—
8	Elizabeth Marie Kelley (Intrauterine asphyxia)	—	—	—

DECEMBER

28 Victoria (Dupre) Emond 68 10 16
 (Arteriosclerotic heart disease with myocardial damage (old))

LICENSSES ISSUED IN 1952

265 Resident Citizen Fishing
 100 Resident Citizen Hunting
 147 Resident Citizen Sporting
 10 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing
 50 Resident Citizen Womens' Fishing
 1 Resident Citizen Trapping
 2 Duplicate
 11 Resident Citizen Sporting & Trapping (Free, over 70 years)
 11 Resident Military or Naval Service (Free)
 1 Resident Old Age Assistance, and Blind (Free)

Paid Division of Fisheries & Game \$1,946.00

Dog Licenses

93 Males
 29 Females
 50 Spayed
 3 Kennel
 1 Transfer

Paid Town Treasurer \$426.25

Report of Voting at Annual Town Meeting

March 3, 1952

Article 1. Election of Town Officers.

Article 2. Acceptance of Reports of Town Officers and acceptance of the budget, item by item, presented by the Finance Committee with changes voted from the floor at the meeting.

The following action was taken under the vote on the budget.

Voted to increase the Town Accountant's salary from \$400.00 to \$500.00.

Voted to transfer amount for Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2800.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1500.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2000.00 as the Town's share of the cost of construction under Chapter 90 on Marshall St.

Voted to transfer \$1875.35 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$5500.00 for snow removal.

Voted to add street lights as follow:

Pleasant St., north	2
West St.	2
Holden Rd.	2
Grove St.	2
Whitney Dr.	1
Spring Dr.	1
Camp St.	1
South St.	1
Suomi St.	2
Streeter Rd.	2

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1315.00 to cover operating expense of street lights.

Voted \$3500.00 for Board of Public Welfare expenses.

Voted to reduce Old Age Assistance from \$5500.00 to 4500.00

Voted to increase Veteran's Benefits Aid from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00.

Voted to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Voted not to have an observance (public) of Fourth of July.

Voted to appropriate \$100.00 for Halloween.

Voted that \$141.25 be used from the amount under Insurance to pay the charges of Surety Company for bonds of Town Officers.

Voted to transfer \$5790.00 from surplus to the Water Dept. expense account.

Article 3. Voted under budget.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time, and to renew any note or notes of the Town in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted under Article 2. (Fourth of July)

Article 6. Voted to appoint the American Legion Post as a committee for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 7. Voted to give the Fire Dept. compensation for their services.

Article 8. Voted under Article 2. (Dog Fund)

Article 9. Voted to transfer \$300.00 from the "Illig Fund" to the "Illig Property Maintenance Fund."

Article 10. Voted under Article 2. (Street Lights)

Article 11. Electric Light Dept. Article. Voted to accept as printed.

Article 12, 13, 14, 15, Voted under Article 2. (Highway Dept.)

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3500.00 for the purchase of a new tractor with bucket loader.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$405.00 for the purchase of a new sand spreader.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to provide vacation and sick leave pay to employees of the Highway and Water Dept.

Article 19. Voted to authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to sell surplus wooden extension and roof ladders belonging to the Fire Dept.

Article 20. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee, to include the Planning Board, to study the question of a Town Garage.

Article 21. Voted to accept the list of Juros as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 22. Moved and seconded to pass over the Article. (\$1000.00 to the Planning Board for services for an architect for plans of a Town Building.)

Article 23. Voted under Article 2. (Water Dept. expense.)

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4500.00 for water extensions, \$2800.00 for Holden Rd. and \$1700.00 for Grove St.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1095.30, as voted in the budget, as the Town's share of the assessment of the Wachusett Regional School District for the current year.

Article 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37. Voted to accept them collectively as printed. (Laying out and obtaining

easements for right of way by Selectmen of Brichwood Rd., Ridgewood Rd., Meadowbrook Dr. and Franklin St.)

Article 27. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Birchwood Rd.

Article 30. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Ridgewood Rd.

Article 33. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Meadowbrook Dr.

Article 36. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Franklin St.

Article 38. 39, 40. Voted to pass over these Articles.
Voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Robinson

Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

Harry A. Osgood

Alfred E. Belanger

Floyd W. Church

Stanley H. Moor

Lawrence M. Price

Lucien A. Manzi

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen organized on March 6, 1952 with Louis T. Hamblin as Chairman, Sherman S. Ludden as Clerk, and Arthur J. Crompton as third member.

Permits were issued during the year for new buildings, remodeling and repairs at an approximate cost of \$420,400.00

The following licenses and permits were issued during the year.

Junk Dealers	1
Auctioneer	1
Common Vicutallers	5
Sunday Soft Drink	4
Inn Holders	1
Cafe License	1
Package Store	1
Driving School	1
Nursery School	1

Another in our series of Town Official meetings was held in November. It was well attended and worthwhile.

We are deeply shocked at the death of Selectman Arthur J. Crompton. Arthur had rendered long and faithful service in various capacities to our Town. His loyalty and sense of justice were constant examples for all our public servants.

We replaced the piano in Allen Hall as the old one was worn out beyond repair.

A new electric drinking fountain has been installed in the Banquet Hall.

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Chairman
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN, Clerk
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health again urges all Paxton residents to report to us any communicable diseases.

The following diseases were reported during the year:

- 8 Mumps
- 1 German Measles
- 3 Measles
- 2 Dog Bites
- 1 Scarlet Fever
- 1 Tuberculosis

In June, through the cooperation of the Worcester County Tuberculosis Association and the Massachusetts Department of Health, we were able to have a Chest X-ray Survey made. The reports show that there were 403 persons X-rayed which was 58.15% of the eligible population. We wish to thank all who participated in the planning and those who worked so hard to make the Survey a successful one.

The following appointments were made by the Board:

Thomas F. Harney, Jr., Plumbing Inspector
Sumner E. Taylor, Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Leslie E. Robinson, Burial Agent

The following licenses were issued:

- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 7 Milk and Cream
- 2 Oleomargarine
- 1 Pasteurization

- 1 Nursery School
- 2 Recreation Camps

We think all will agree that the Dump is well cared for, and we would call your attention to the dumping hours. On Saturday from 9 - 5, and on Sunday morning from 9 - 12 m. This year we had constructed a small shelter for the caretaker.

The garbage collections have increased considerably this past year. There were 57 new homes added to the route, and another 33 will be added shortly. We believe that townspeople feel that the service has been excellent.

In June, Richard C. DeLong resigned from the Board as he was moving from Town. Mr. DeLong had served competently as chairman since this Board's organization in 1950. We were sorry to lose Mr. DeLong but were fortunate when Mr. George LaMotte agreed to become a member.

Our Board meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month, and we hope that the townspeople will feel free to call on us at any time for assistance. The co-operation of the Town Officials and residents throughout the past year has been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. CUNNINGHAM,
M. D.
Chairman

GEORGE C. LaMOTTE,
Third Member

SALLY H. STANSFIELD,
Clerk

THOMAS P. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

36 Pleasant Street

Worcester, Mass.

January 22, 1953

Board of Selectmen
Paxton
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your advise and cooperation while I have served on the Board of Health.

My fellow board members and the members of the other Boards have been helpful, and my association with them has been most pleasant.

However, this year I will not be able to serve and ask that my name be withheld from the renomination. The new hospital at St. Vincent's will take up a great deal of my time; and I do not wish to be on the Board of Health, if I can not have the time to do a good job.

Sincerely,

THOMAS P. CUNNINGHAM,
M. D.

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit my report for the year Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1952:

Plumbing Permits Issued	50
Plumbing Inspections	92

(There are two inspections for each permit, a roughing and a final, and at times there are three. If the work does not comply with the regulations, it must be corrected and inspected.)

Permits issued for septic tanks	14
Permits issued for cesspools	34
Permits issued for sewerage disposal systems	2
Inspections for above	112

Two inspections are required for each installation, one when the excavation is ready so that a test can be made to determine the type of installation that will be best suited for the type of soil and a final inspection when the installation is ready to be covered and back filled, and on a number of occasions, I have been requested to locate the best suitable location.

Two additional faulty sewerage systems in the center of Town have been rectified. They no longer overflow into the Town surface drain, and I wish to thank the owners for their whole hearted co-operation and good-will in eliminating these offensive conditions.

Under the New State Regulations, certain soil tests must be made by the Board of Health of the Area contained in proposed Sub-Divisions before approval by the Planning Board. Two of these Sub Divisions were viewed, inspected for surface drainage and the soil tested by the infiltration method to determine the suitability for drainage of septic tanks or cesspools,—The results were affirmative and approval by this department was granted.

A case of very unsanitary and obnoxious conditions in and around a group of Buildings located close to the shore of a pond that overflows into one of the reservoirs was overcome by serving notices and evicting the occupants of three of the buildings and serving notice that these buildings were not to be occupied until conditions were made suitable to the regulations of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.
Inspector of Plumbing

R E P O R T
OF THE
TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1952

Appropriations		\$650.00
Expenditures:		
Spraying Trees	\$160.00	
Planting Trees	72.00	
Trimming and removing Trees	305.00	
General Care	97.50	
		\$634.50
Balance		\$15.50

15 Maple Trees were given to the town last spring by
 Mrs. Spaulding.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Tree Warden

R E P O R T
OF THE
MOTH CONTROL

There were 845 gypsy moth nests located and destroyed this year.

One of our elm trees was found to have had the dutch elm disease and had to be destroyed.

Appropriations	\$200.00
Expenditures	196.25
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Balance	\$3.75

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Moth Supt.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Most of the primary objectives of the original Swimming Pool Project have now been accomplished and the funds voted at the Special Town Meeting of Oct. 3, 1951 have been spent. In addition to these funds made available by the Town, hundreds of hours of effort have been contributed by a large number of interested citizens. Following is a list of some of the major items which have been accomplished:

1. Clearing of trees and brush from approximately two acres.
2. Purchase and donation of about eight acres of land directly adjacent to the pool area and ball field.
3. Construction of a retaining dam for the control of water flowing into the pool area.
4. Construction of channel to control flow of water out of the pool area.
5. Removal of approximately 10,000 cu. yds. of muck from the pool area.
6. Gravel fill for pool area to bring about proper contour and grade, amounting to approximately 5,000 cu. yds.
7. Rough grading of the area surrounding the pool.
8. Exploration, excavation, and construction of a clay-filled earth dam with necessary pipe and control

valve. The valve was donated by an intrested citizen and saved the expenditure of about \$250.00.

9. Construction of overflow diversion channel.

The pool is roughly 150 x 200 ft. and provides a maximum depth of approximately eight feet and will have a capacity of nearly a million gallons of water. At present the water is supplied by natural run-off and several springs directly within the pool or adjacent areas. Illig pond is at such a level that it may be used as additional source should the springs prove inadequate in extremely dry seasons. The use of this pond would require the repair of the old dam, a diversion channel, and suitable means of filtering or chlorination.

Although the pool proper has been constructed, there still remain several projects for the full development and use of the area:

1. Construction of a small over-flow flume for control of depth of water in the pool.
2. Sanding of beach area, and shallow end of pool.
3. Rip-rap of steep face of dam.
4. Final grading and seeding.
5. Roadway and parking area.
- 6 Lighting.
7. Sanitary Facilities.
8. Connection of water supply with Illig Pond.
9. General clearing of brush in the vicinity of the pool area.
10. Bath house.
11. Fireplace, shelter, and picnic tables.

Some of these developments can be spread out over a number of years but there are others which should be completed this year in order to be able to put the swimming pool to use this summer. An article is included in the Warrant to cover the most essential of the remaining projects.

It is felt that the construction of the swimming pool is just one of several recreational projects which should be carried out during the next few years. It is further suggested that a parks and recreation committee be established to continue the efforts toward a well organized development of the Illig property for recreational purposes.

Bernard Reardon, Chariman
 Herbert Wentworth, Clerk
 M. Lawrence Price
 Walter Pike
 Clifford Darwin
 William McKinley
 Leroy Clockedile
 Franklin Fleming
 Alden Jacobson
 Rouben O'Janne

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Polls Assessed	405
Tax on each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$34.00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate—	
Stock in Trade	\$5,450.00
Machinery	89,673.00
Live Stock	45,995.00
All other tangible Per. Prop.	3,100.00
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Total	\$144,218.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate—	
Land exclusive of buildings	\$308,674.00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,592,575.00
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Total	\$1,901,249.00
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Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$2,045,467.00
Taxes for State, County, and Town Purposes, including overlay:	
On Personal Estate	\$4,903.41
On Real Estate	64,642.47
On Polls	810.00
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Total Taxes Assessed	\$70,355.88

Number of Live Stock Assessed:

Horses	16
Cows	350
Bulls	10
Heifers	10
Swine	14
Sheep	18
Fowl	5,175
All others	182
Acres of land Assessed	8,962a,-27,526 ft.
Number of Dwellings Assessed	374

RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$95,110.66
Appro. to be taken from Available Funds	27,490.00
Debt and Interest Charges	9,660.00
Retirement Fund	1,516.44
State Parks and Reservations	168.56
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	243.35
County Tax	3,918.84
Tuberculosis Hospital	1,739.66
Overlay of Current Year	2,000.00
Under Estimate 1951 County Tax	133.91
Gross Amount to be raised	141,981.42
Estimated Receipts	71,625.54
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	70,355.88

Respectfully submitted,

Fred E. Watson, Chairman

George C. Hunt, Clerk

Robert A. Beley

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1952

Income:

Town Appropriation	\$1,740.00
Dog Fund	370.85
From Invested Trust Funds	885.46
Credit	10.00
Insurance For Damages	15.00
From Town For New Furnace	775.00
1951 Balance Brought Forward	457.43

Total	\$4,253.74
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Expenditures:

Salary Librarian	\$600.00
Salary Substitute Librarian	36.75
Salary Janitor	500.00
Salary Clerk	50.00
Books & Magazines	867.33
Lights	46.61
Water	20.00
Fuel	147.50
Repairs	*1,565.64
Miscellaneous	103.24

Total	\$3,937.07
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*Balance	\$316.67
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*\$1,015.00 for new furnace

The sum of \$82.57 in Fine Money turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENS C. SEELYE, Clerk

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I herewith submit my forth annual report as Librarian of Richards Memorial Library for the year 1952.

Total Circulation	7,737
Adult Fiction	2,866
Adult Non Fiction	619
Adult Magazines	420
Juvenile Fiction	2,817
Juvenile Non Fiction	680
Juvenile Magazines	325
Number of Volumes Purchased	347
Adult	214
Juvenile	133
Number of books borrowed	9
Vocational pamphlets borrowed	85

Our circulation shows that your library has been a busy place this last year.

Respectfully submitted

ANNA J. HATCH, Librarian.

R E P O R T
OF THE
Wachusett Regional School District Com.

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During the year, the Committee held 23 regular meetings and 7 special meetings.

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Following is a report on the status of the construction work:

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Therefore due to the delays listed above, it is probable that the school building will not be completed until the spring of 1954.

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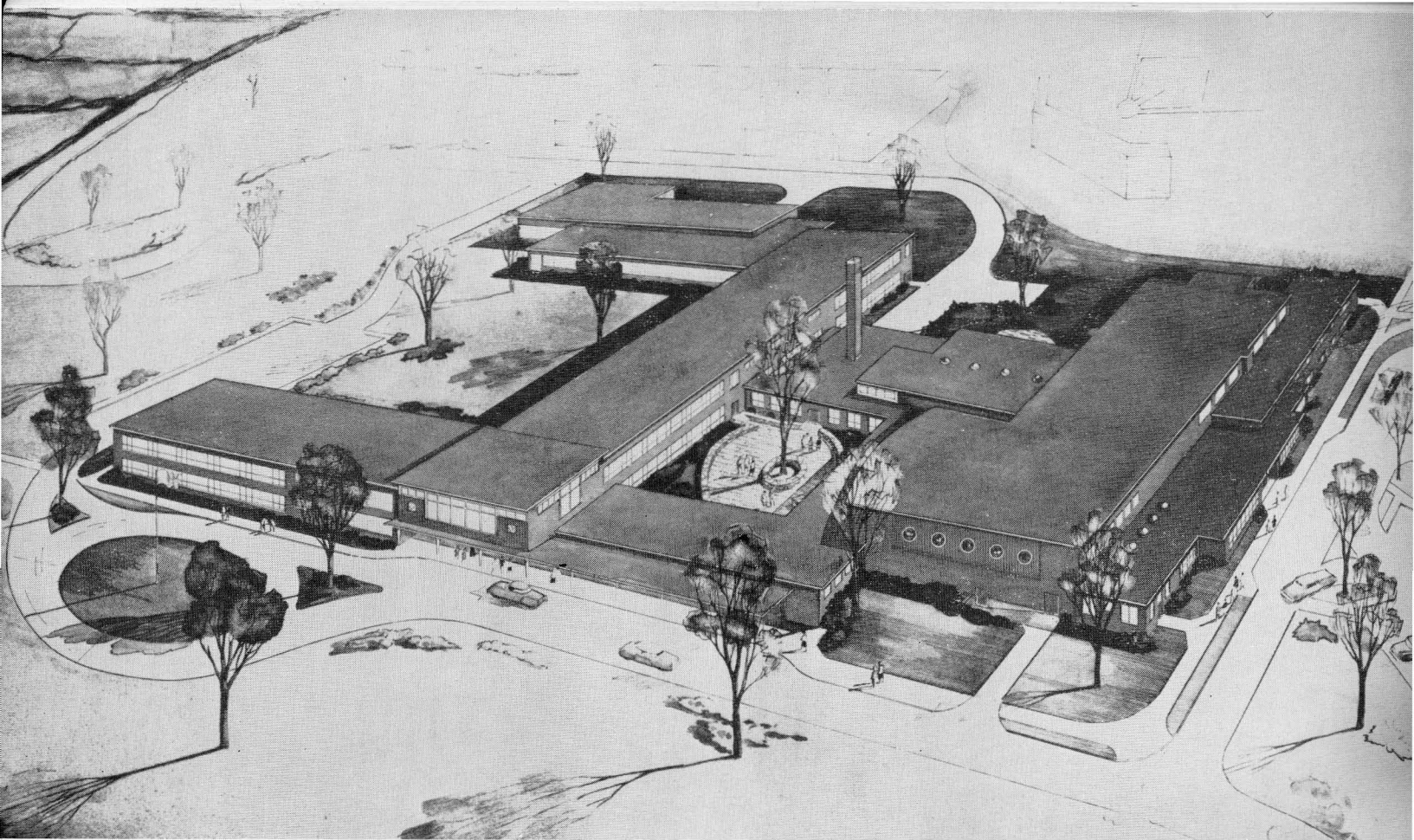
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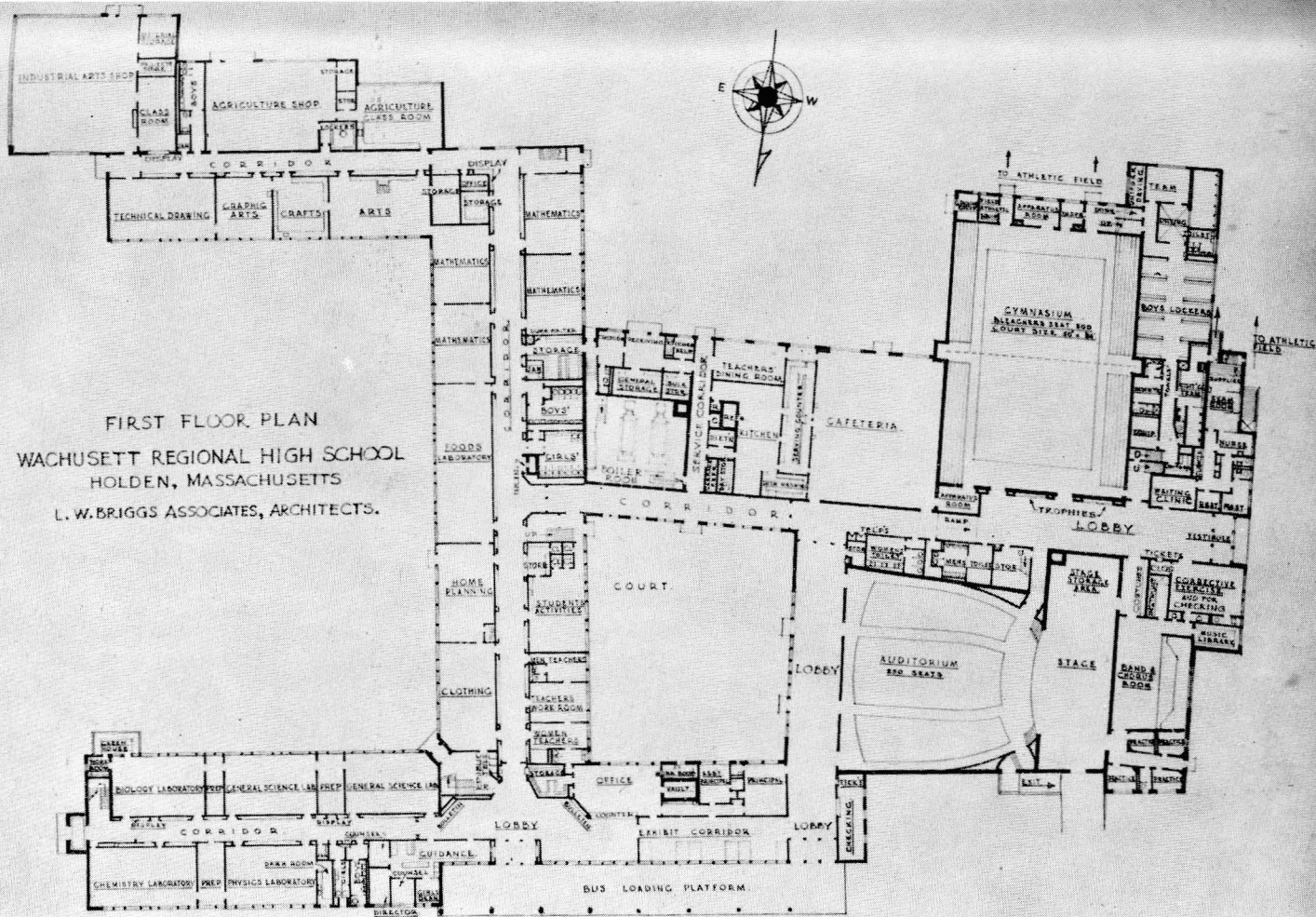
REPORT OF WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

AUDITORIUM FOUNDATIONS





ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



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6% DEBT AND INTEREST CHARGES

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High School
Enrollment
Oct. 1, 1952

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Statement as of December 31st, 1952

ASSETS

Cash:

Maintenance Account	\$ 23,848 89
Construction Account	133,984 82

*U. S. Treasury Bills	800,000 00
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1953 Revenue Account	39,741 25
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Accounts Receivable:

Assessments due in 1953:

Holden	\$70,050	00
Paxton	10,350	00
Princeton	13,750	00
Rutland	19,200	00
Sterling	26,650	00

140,000 00

\$1,137,574 96

*Treasury Bill: \$100,000 due January 2, 1953, Discount 1.75%
 \$100,000 due February 5, 1953, Discount 1.95%
 \$600,000 due March 5, 1953, Discount 2.02%

\$1,137,574.96

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt

\$1,595,000 00

Coupon Bonds, 6/1/51

Interest 2.20%, Payable

\$5,000 yearly through

1971

\$ 95,000 00

Coupon Bonds, 6/1/52

Interest 1.90%, Payable

\$75,000 yearly through

1972

1,500,000 00

\$1,595,000 00

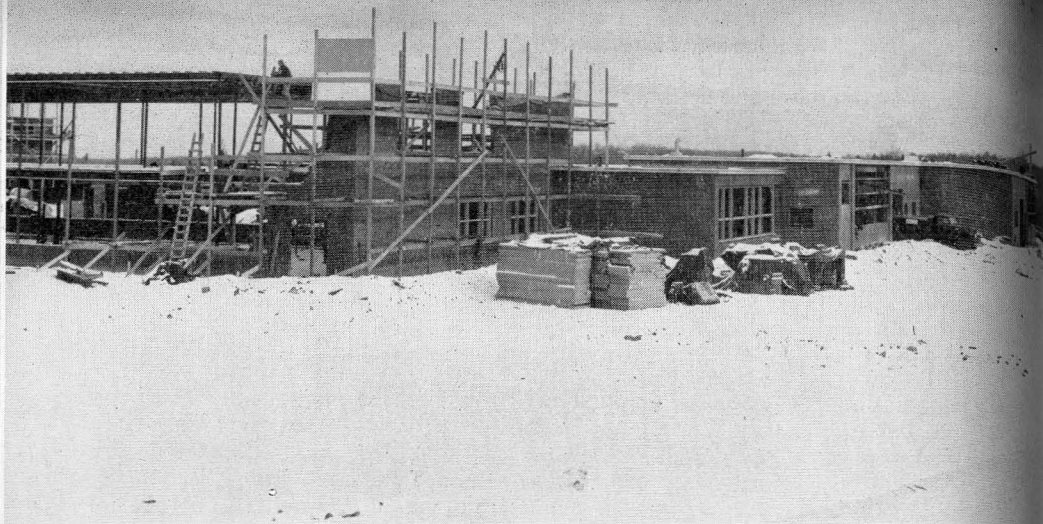
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W. GOULDING WARREN, Treasurer

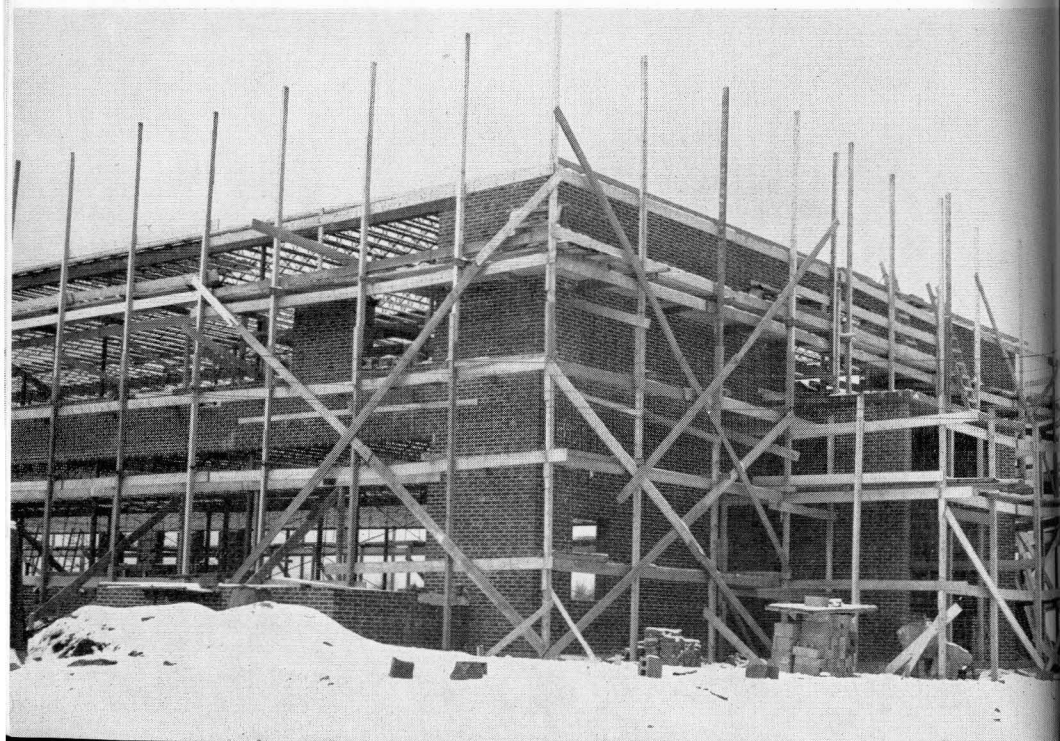
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LABORATORY WING



WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT

As of December 31, 1952

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Appropriation Balances:	
Maintenance Account	\$23,848.89	No. 1 General Control	\$8,767.64
Construction Account	133,984.82	No. 2 Expense of Instruction	50,000.00
		No. 3 Operating School Plant	10,000.00
*U. S. Treasury Bills	800,000.00	No. 6 Debt and Interest	124,822.50
		No. 7 Special Charges	10,000.00
1953 Revenue Account	39,741.25	School Construction A/c	933,984.82
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Coupon Bonds, 6/1/51 Interest 2.20 %

Payable \$5,000 yearly thrus 1971

95,000.00

Coupon Bonds, 6/1/52 Interest 1.90 %

payable \$75,000 yearly thru 1972

1,500,000.00

\$1,595,000.00

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W. GOULDING WARREN,

Treasurer

REPORT
OF THE
DOG OFFICER

Dog Bites (3)
Dogs Destroyed (1) \$2.00
Dogs Claimed by Owners (2)
Dogs Sold (1) \$3.00
Sheep killed by dogs damage paid by county
All Dogs on assessors list have been licensed for the year
1952

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON

Dog Officer

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporation and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

June 23, 1952

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Louis T. Hamblin, 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 March 14, 1951 to February 28, 1952, 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

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

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Paxton for the period from

March 14, 1951, the date of the previous audit, to February 28, 1952, the following report being submitted thereon:

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

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The ledgers were analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records or appropriations and transfers voted, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on February 28, 1952, was prepared and is appended to this report.

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

The cash book footings were verified, and the treasurer's cash balance on February 28, 1952 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The maturing debt and interest payments were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

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

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The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked, and the payments to the proper agencies were verified.

The records of tax title transactions were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked. The commitments of taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise 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 assessor's records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

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

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. The recorded charges were proved, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts.

The outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, electric light and water accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

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

The records of charges for rentals of municipal buildings were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified.

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

It is recommended that all departments sending out bills for collection notify the town accountant promptly of the total amount of such bills, in order that the ledger may at all times reflect the true condition of the departmental accounts receivable.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as table showing the transactions and conditions of the trust and investment funds.

During the audit cooperation was received from the various 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

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

For the year 1952

Receipts from Metered Water	\$7,732.34
Receipts from Installations	1,851.28
Rental of Hydrants	1,325.00
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Total Receipts	\$10,908.62

The Water Department had at the end of 1952 outstanding bills amounting to \$371.01. It is expected that these bills will be collected very soon.

There were 39 new connections completed during 1952, which now brings the total water connections to 290.

There were two new water extensions completed during 1952, one on the Holden Road, with 702 feet of 6 inch pipe and the other on Grove Street with 354 feet of 8 inch pipe used.

New Developments

Bel Arbor Drive—800 feet of 6 inch pipe.

Orchard Drive—250 feet of 6 inch pipe.

This pipe was installed by the developer.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN FLEMING, Ch.

NORMAN OSGOOD

ELWIN YOUNG

Board of Water Commissioners

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation (Gen. Relief and Disability Assistance)	\$3,500.00
Federal Reimbursement, Dis. Asst. 1952	257.50

\$3,757.50

Expenditures: (General Relief)

Case No. 2	\$229.42
Case No. 48	360.00
Case No. 51	971.35
Case No. 54	229.00

\$1,789.77

(Disability Assistance)

Case No. 1	\$375.00
Case No. 2	788.41
Case No. 3	186.88

\$1,350.29

Postage	.45
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Total Expenditure	\$3,140.51
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Balance, Town Account, Dec. 31, 1952	\$616.99
Balance, Federal Acct. Dec. 31, 1952 (allotted but not received)	60.00
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Total Balance, Dec. 31, 1952	\$616.99

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. CARLSON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN,
 Third Member

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$2.65	
Appropriation (trans. from reserve)	800.00	
Federal Reimbursement	129.00	
	<hr/>	\$931.65
Expenditures		798.78
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		\$132.87
Balance, Fed. Acct., Dec. 31, 1952	\$131.65	
Balance, Town Acct., Dec. 31, 1952	1.22	
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Total Balance Dec. 31, 1952		\$132.87

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

ADMINISTRATION

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$16.74	
Federal Reimbursement	00.00	
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		\$16.74
Expended		00.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$16.74

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. CARLSON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN,
 Third Member

Frederick E. Casey
 Welfare Agent
 Hours at Town Hall
 Monday 3-5 P. M.

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$180.64	
Appropriation, 1952	4,500.00	
Federal Reimbursement	2,587.45	
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		\$7,268.09

Expenditures:

Case No. 12	\$734.15	
Case No. 26	948.00	
Case No. 36	1,029.99	
Case No. 38	682.29	
Case No. 39-B	8.64	
Case No. 43	962.50	
Case No. 46	843.22	
Case No. 49	120.33	
Case No. 55	449.11	
Case No. 56	9.16	
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		\$5,787.39
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		\$1,480.70
Balance, Fed. Acct., Dec. 31, 1952	\$194.36	
Balance, Town Acct., Dec. 31, 1952	1,286.34	
Total Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$1,480.70

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. CARLSON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN,
 Third Member

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADM.

Appropriation	\$75.00	
Expenditures	00.00	
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$75.00

FEDERAL GRANT ADM.

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$30.41	
Federal Reimbursement	249.76	
		<hr/> \$280.17
Expenditures:		
Supplies and Postage	\$114.58	
Assoc. Meetings	8.00	
Administration Expense	10.85	
		<hr/> \$133.43
Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		<hr/> \$146.74

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. CARLSON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN,
 Third Member

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Federal Grant

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	None	
Federal Grant, 1952	21.26	
	<hr/>	\$21.26
Expended		00.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$21.26

WELFARE EXPENSES—SALARIES

Appropriated	\$150.00	
Expended	150.00	
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		00.00

WELFARE EXPENSE—CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE

Appropriated	\$516.00	
Expended	506.08	
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1952		\$9.92

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. CARLSON, Ch.
 RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk
 JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN,
 Third Member

REPORT OF THE CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSN.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952

Land and Buildings	\$14,000.00	
Deposit in Savings Banks	12,496.55	
3 U. S. Bonds	2,600.00	
Personal Property	3,733.52	
Amount Receivable from Towns	899.15	
Cash checking account	25.13	
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		\$33,754.36

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952	\$535.65	
Income from Farm	700.36	
Withdrawn from Savings Banks	1,899.30	
Received from Towns and Borders	22,065.15	
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		\$25,200.46

EXPENDITURES

Bills Paid	\$25,175.33	
Cash in checking account	25.13	
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		\$25,200.46
Number of Boarders	34	

ROBERT F. TUCKER, Pres.
 LESTER P. GATES, Sec.-Treas.
 CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

**REPORT
OF THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Accidents	6
Arrests	3
Investigations	19
Motor Vehicle Tranfers	57

School Children Protection was again provided throughout the entire year of 1952, and Church Traffic Duty for the first seven months.

The department again inspected property during owners absence of those requesting it. Many more took advantage of this service in 1952.

The report received by this department from the Massachusetts State Police, shows only 2 arrests made by them in town in 1952.

In 1952 the accidents were kept at a minimum despite the rapid increase in the population of the town, and the heavy traffic on the highways.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. SISTARE,
Chief of Police

INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1952

- 1—Oliver 77 Tractor Loader and Mowing Machine Attach.
New in 1952
- 1—Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Frink V Snow Plow for Truck
- 2—Motor Driven Sand Spreaders
- 1—1 Barrel Tar Heating Tar Kettle
- 1—Walsh Snow Plow for Truck
- 1—Blow Torch
- 1—Road Drag
- 1—Road Screen
- 7—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller
- 710—Cement Bricks
 - 1—Lantern
 - 1—Lantern
- 10—Torches
 - 1—Austin Western Grader 99M
 - 1—Frink One Way Plow for Grader 99M
 - 1—Frink V Plow for Grader 99M
 - 3—Long Handle Shovels
 - 8—Worn Out Shovels
 - 1—No. 3 Round Point Shovels
 - 5—No. 2 Round Point Shovels
 - 1—No. 3 Square Shovel
 - 5—No. 2 Square Shovels
 - 2—Long Handle Post Hole Shovels
- 10—Picks
 - 3—Grub Hoes
 - 3—16 Pound Sledge Hammers
 - 1—Power Driven Grind Stone
 - 2—Dung Forks
 - 6—Push Brooms
 - 2—Crow Bars

- 1—Hoe
- 4—Rakes
- 2—Cross Cut Saws
- 2—Splitting Wedges
- 1—Saw Set
- 1—Pruning Cutter
- 5—Stone Forks
- 14—Grass Scythes
- 1—Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
- 1—Earth Tamp
- 2—Stone Drills
- 3—Stone Wedges
- 1—Wheelbarrow
- 4—Brush Scythes
- 1—Manhole Frame and Cover
- 2—Oil Cans, Five Gals.
- 1—18 in. Monkey Wrench
- 1—Paint Brush
- 4—Cutting Edges for Truck Snow Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader One Way Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader V. Plow
- 6—Shoes for One Way Plows
- 2—Shoes for V Plow
- Wrenches
- S Wrenches, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box

REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

Richards Avenue

- 1200 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover
- 650 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
- 700 Gals. Amulsion Stone Cover

Holden Road and Grove Street

1900 Gals T-6 Sand Cover
900 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover
650 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

Marshall Street

600 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover

Reservoir Drive

750 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

West Street

1250 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover
1300 Gals. Amulsion Stone Cover

Maple Street

60 ft. of Side Drainage with 6 in. Perforated Pipe

West Street

6600 ft. Shoulder Work

Richards Avenue

2600 ft. Shoulder Work

Maple Street

300 ft. Shoulder Work

Holden Road and Grove Street

4200 ft. Shoulder Work

Marshall Street

450 ft. Shoulder Work

REPORT ON CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION**Marshall Street**

Station 30+50 - 42+50

Excavate and Widen to 22 ft.

Apply 18 in. Gravel

52 ft. - 12 in. Pipe

90 ft. - 24 in. Pipe

1 - 2 ft. x 4 ft. Drop Inlet

Surface with $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. Tack Coat

5500 yds. Fill

200 ft. Cable Guard Rail

240 ft. Guard Rail

CHAPTER 81—FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1951

District No. 3—Town of Paxton

State Allotment \$7,700.00			Town Allotment \$2,800.00			Total Allotment \$10,500			State Pays 73.34%	
No.	Road Name	Miles	B.M.A.	Milage By Types		Dirt	Allot.	Expend.	Remarks—Work other than Gen. Maint.	
				B.M.T.	B.G.					
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.89		235.00	211.83	Ch. 90, 0.43 miles	
2	Mill St.	0.25				0.25	30.00	222.68	Gravel Patching	
3	West St.	2.93			2.93		310.00	891.54	Ch. 90, Regrade shoulders	
4	Spring St.	1.06			1.06		440.00	596.70	Surface Treatments	
5	Brigham Rd.	1.38				0.66	0.72	510.00	560.10	26 L.F. — 15" Assm, 2 HW's replacing Gravel 400 x 14 x 6 and 150 x 14 x 6
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.34	0.81	0.62	935.00	886.58	
										007 Mi. new BG sur., P½ T-4, S 1/3 Mc-3 18' wide, 6" gravel added Gravel 600 x 16 x 6"
7	South St.	0.81			0.81		450.00	352.11	Surface treatment	
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48	1.67		275.00	604.60	Chap. 90, Regrade shoulders	
9	Pleasant St.		State Highway							
10	Soumi St.	1.10			1.10		415.00	421.90	Surface Treatments	
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.97		380.00	536.01	Surface Treatments	
12	Terrace Pl.	0.11			0.11					
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71		320.00	245.92		
14	Winter St.	0.40				0.41	110.00	39.81		
15	Marshall St.	2.48			1.27	0.71	340.00	702.41	Gravel patching, calcium chloride treatment	

16	Asnebumsket Rd.	0.24		0.24		190.00	28.30	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22		1.22		160.00	133.35	Chapter 90
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52			0.52	110.00	57.95	
19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.32		35.00	171.48	Surface Treatment
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62		0.06	0.56	70.00	97.16	
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35		0.35				
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.08	0.38	0.27	540.00	186.00
23	Grove St.	2.51		2.51		1,220.00	1,431.25	Ch. 90 1.07 mi. Surf. Treat.
24	Pond St.	0.35			0.35	45.00		
25	Hillside Rd.		Discontinued					
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72		0.72		205.00	565.91	Regrade shoulders
27	Maple St.	0.50		0.50		115.00	149.83	Ch. 90 0.24 Mi.
28	Holden Rd.	0.81		0.81		100.00	115.57	Ch. 90
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13		0.13		25.00		
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.04	0.07	0.05	55.00	43.43	
31								
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00			0.45	0.55	195.00	261.34
33	Sunset Lane	0.46		0.46			42.42	Gravel patch
34	Common St.	0.11	0.08	0.03				
35	Colony Lane	0.06		0.06			60.96	
36	Whitney Dr.	0.17		0.17		805.00	863.16	0.17 Mi. new BG surg., P-1/2 T-4, S-1/3Mc-3 (20' wide Gravel added 900 x 20 x 4", 275 L. F. Conc. curb set
37	Center Dr.	0.07		0.07				
38	Indian Hill Rd.	0.12		0.12				
39	Spring Dr.	0.13		0.13				
40	Ridgewood Rd.	0.16		0.16				

41	Birchwood Rd.	0.10	0.10	
42	Franklin St.	0.06	0.06	
43	Meadowbrook Dr.	0.07	0.07	
	Various Roads			1,110.00
	Reserve			770.00

SUMMARY

Labor	\$5,085.87
Material	1,986.12
Equipment	3,480.30

Total	<u>\$10,480.30</u>
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0.04	0.56	20.09	4.37	3.64	10,500.00	10,480.30
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F. W. GUERIN, Dist. Highway Engineer

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Receipts:

Lots sold and placed in Perpetual Care	\$1,375.00	
Care of Lots not in Perpetual Care	90.00	
Opening Graves	150.00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		\$1,615.00
 Income on Trust Funds	 \$531.37	
Appropriation	525.00	
Balance, 1951	6.93	
		\$1,063.30

Payments:

Maintenance of Cemeteries, including general care, opening graves and Supt. Salary	\$668.09	
Other expenses, including Power Mower, water connections, office supplies, corner markers for lots and clerical assistant	313.84	
		\$981.93
Balance		\$81.37

Opening another section in Mooreland Cemetery was started during the year and will be completed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, Ch.

H. RENO KENNEN, Clerk

JOSEPH R. PEARSON

Commissioners

R E P O R T
OF THE
BUILDING INSPECTOR

To whom it may concern:—

I have received 45 permits from the Selectmen, ending Dec. 1952.

Some personal advice has been given those seeking the same, as well as manual labor to one in difficulty.

All buildings called to my attention have been inspected by me.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1952	\$66,108.26	
Receipts—1952	206,902.25	
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		\$273,010.51
Payments per Warrants—1952	\$208,800.13	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1952	64,210.38	
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		\$273,010.51

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$31,000.00	
Fire Truck	2,500.00	
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		\$33,500.00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1953

		Interest
Water Bonds—Due Feb. 1, 1953	\$3,000.00	\$620.00
Water Bonds—Due Aug. 1, 1953		560.00
Fire Truck Note—Due Dec. 15, 1953	1,250.00	40.00
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	\$4,250.00	\$1,220.00

TRUST FUND

	Dec. 31, 1952	Income 1952	Dog Fund 1952
Library Trust Funds	\$24,540.95	\$885.46	\$370.85
Cemetery Trust Funds	20,650.00	531.37	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	34.79	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	26.25	
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund	1,000.00	33.84	
Howe Farm Fund	3,681.87	143.04	
	<hr/> \$51,872.82	\$1,654.75	\$370.85
War Bonds	\$5,000.00	\$125.00	
	1952	1952	1952

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Town Treasurer.

C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	Int. 1952	Accrued Int.
People's Savings Bank	\$2,700.00	\$71.07	\$196.86
Worc. Five Cent Sav. Bank	1,748.00	53.36	149.07
Worc. Cty. Inst. For Savings	1,600.00	50.67	129.51
Worc. Mech. Sav. Bank	1,600.00	44.24	118.76
	<hr/> \$7,648.00	\$219.34	\$594.20

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Trustee

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1950 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951	\$44.11	
Collected 1952		\$44.11

1951 Poll Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951	\$8.00	
Collected 1952		\$4.00
Abated 1952		\$4.00
	\$8.00	\$8.00

1951 Personal Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951	\$201.79	
Collected 1952		\$201.79

1951 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951	\$601.77	
1951 Committment in 1952	462.91	
Collected 1952		\$932.79
Abated 1952		64.81
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952		67.08
	\$1,064.68	\$1,064.68

1951 Real Estate

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951	\$2,427.64	
Collected 1952		\$2,424.24
Tax Title		3.40
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	\$2,427.64	\$2,427.64

1952 Poll Taxes

Committed	\$812.00	
Collected		\$744.00
Abated		66.00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952		2.00
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	\$812.00	\$812.00

1952 Personal Taxes

Committed	\$4,903.41	
Collected		\$4,692.27
Abated		6.80
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952		204.34
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	\$4,903.41	\$4,902.41

1952 Real Estate Taxes

Committed	\$64,642.47	
Refunded	357.00	
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Collected		\$60,559.88
Abated		1,583.55
Tax Title		3.40
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952		2,852.64
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	\$64,999.47	\$64,999.47

1952 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed	\$11,364.06	
Refunded	250.15	
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Collected		\$10,305.62
Abated		545.38
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952		763.21
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	\$11,614.21	\$11,614.21

Interest Payments to Treasurer

1950	\$2.65
1951	66.30
1952	22.28
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Total	\$91.23

Poll Demands to Treasurer

1951	\$.70
1952	17.15
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Total	\$17.85

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

ASSETS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1951	Additions	Depreciation Cred. in yr.	Adjustment in year	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Land	\$311.67				\$311.67
Structures	41.17		\$8.80		32.37
Transformer Station and Equipment	9,592.10	\$6,092.11	414.34		15,269.87
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead					
Conductors	28,303.95	4,384.04	1,621.95		31,066.04
Consumer Meters	5,132.20	404.16	244.12	22.00	5,270.24
Line Transformers	9,805.81	1,457.51	497.25		10,766.07
Street Light Equipment	5,812.54	1,656.12	260.23		7,208.43
Office Equipment	166.35		10.40		155.95
Trucks	3,243.23		117.48		3,125.75
Labratory Equipment	162.20		8.36		153.84
Miscellaneous	878.56		34.30		844.26
Total	\$63,449.78	\$13,993.94	\$3,217.23	\$22.00	\$74,204.49

Total property owned by department (depreciated value)	\$74,204.49
The Department has:—	
Construction Fund	\$1,564.05
Deposits made by Consumers	229.48
Accounts Receivable	1,719.91
Materials and Supplies on Hand	5,351.50
Depreciation Fund on Deposit in Savings Bank	10,241.67
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	\$19,106.62
Total Assets	<hr/>
	\$93,311.11

LIABILITIES

Of the Original Amount Appropriated by the Town for Construction of the Plant the Department still owes	\$2,000.00
The Department owes Consumers for their Deposits	227.87
Total owed by the Department	<hr/>
	\$2,227.87

Surplus of the Department:

Notes Paid out of Earnings of the Depaprtment	\$19,116.00
Appropriation for Construction Repaid the Town	5,090.07
Earning for this and prior years invested in Plant and other Assets	66,877.17
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Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$93,311.11

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952

Income:—

Metered Sales to Private Consumers	\$41,547.72	
Street Lighting	1,251.19	
Lighting Municipal Bld. and Pumping	1,004.51	
Sales to Other Utilities	87.35	
Merchandising and Jobbing	62.41	
Misc. Receipts	11.80	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	500.65	
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Total Income		\$44,465.63

Expenses:—

Electric Enery Purchased	\$26,161.91	
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	3,965.43	
Maintenance Consumer's Meters	61.46	
Operation and Maint. St. Lighting	261.78	
Salaries of Mgr. and Light Board	4,508.00	
Gen. Office Sup. and Exp.	245.75	
Rent	336.00	
Legal Expense	21.50	
Insurance and Bonds	595.62	
Transportation Expense (Trucks)	494.18	
Comercial Salaries	414.11	
Depreciation	3,217.23	
Misc. Expenses	152.18	
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Total Expenses		\$40,435.15

Net Profit for Year

\$4,030.48

\$44,465.53

This year has proved to be a busy a year as last with the constant building of new homes on present streets and those in new developements.

We feel much more secure with the replacing of 3 - 50 kilo-volt-ampere transformers at the substation at city line with 3 new 250 kilo-volt-ampere transformers at a cost of \$6,092.11. This now gives us a total capacity of 1,050 kilo-volt amperes in substation transformers.

We feel with the restrictions on equipment as they have been we were very fortunate to have received these transformers before the winter's peak.

We reached a peak demand December 10 of 504 kilowatt which was about 10 per cent more than 1951 and a kilowatt hour use in December of 189,000 kilowatt hours or about 31 per cent more than December of 1951.

The department has completed the rebuilding of Grove St. from Holden Rd. to Sunset Lane, and the entire length of Sunset Lane from single phase to 3 phase and installed 30 kilowatt of transformer capacity at Anna Marie College.

There have been installed 16 new street lights, 47 new meters, 67 kilowatt of distribution transformer capacity and as above stated 600 kilowatt of added substation capacity.

We have made extensions of about 2900 feet of lines in new developements.

DEAN O. HOWLAND
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON
GEO. T. DEWEY, Jr.

ROY M. WENTWORTH, Manager

R E P O R T
OF THE
BOARD OF ENGINEERS

The department answered nineteen calls as follows:

- 1 Chimney Fire
- 1 Car Fire
- 1 Barn Fire
- 2 House Fires
- 1 Shed Fire
- 1 Sawmill Fire
- 3 Grass Fires
- 2 Brush Fires
- 2 Forest Fires
- 5 calls out of town

There were several calls to pump out cellars.

There were two calls to irrigate gardens.

326 burning permits were issued, and there were several investigations of burning without a permit.

10 members completed the departments instruction course on the use and running of equipment and were granted badges.

Our department took part in the Auburn Firemens Muster this year with good results.

We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Paxton Fire Department this coming March.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK HATSTAT
LESLIE ROBINSON
GEORGE HUNT, Jr.
GEORGE KARLE
GORDON RICHARDS

R E P O R T
OF THE
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board submits its 30th Annual Report.

Good Town Planning in it's simplest terms can be defined as intelligent forethought applied to the development of the Town. A study plan is an outline which attempts to set down in words, map and chart, a guide for the different Town Boards to use in the development of the Town. No private business today, can continue without looking ahead to the efficient development of its plant, both physical and financial. There is no basic difference in planning for business and planning for the Community. The difference lies in the subject, the type of objectives to be attained. Planning a modern community is business all the way.

One of the important tools of a town is a public improvement program; it's importance to the community is to stamp the date on various proposals of the town program of Building, Highway, Schools, Fire Equipment, Police, Water Extensions and Recreational development. A proper study of the needs of each department can not be made by any one department and be made to fit into the all overfinancial development of the town. This program requires an impartial study of the different departments and is a function of your planning board. There has been a misunderstanding in the past of the duties of the planning board. Our job is to study and advise so that each department may devote its time to the operation of the individual board.

May we cite the Town of Lunenburg which estimates its Planning Board has saved the Town \$200,000 in 8 years of operation.

The various needs of each department were continually before its board.

Our problem will be more complex as the town grows; it is much better to plan constructively, now, than look back regretfully, later.

The Planning Board has approved three plans of subdivisions that were presented to them:

Bal-Arbor Drive — Sven Kappilia, app. 850'.

Eagle Lane — Charles Hoyle, app. 600'.

Orchard Drive — O Augustus Mullaney, app. 300'.

There are three more sub-divisions in the Planning stage.

We, as members of the Swimming Pool Committee, spent many hours working on that project; and much has been accomplished for the amount of money spent.

In April, a joint meeting of Selectmen, Board of Health and Planning Boards was held. Our guests from Worcester were, Charles Downe, Planning Board and Dr. Whitkow, Health Director. The discussion was on cooperation between city and town boards.

Work has been completed on our map of Pleasant St. at 40 scale. We hope to continue map work in 1953.

There will be an article in the warrant about charging the cost of hydrants to the developer. A National survey shows that 80% of the communities pay for this installation. The safety of the new members of the Town are the responsibility of the Community.

There will also be an article to bring street numbering up to date.

The Town should start the piping of the brook that goes behind the school. This is a health hazard to the children as well as to the whole Town.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH,
Chairman
ALDEN JACOBSON, Clerk
FRANKLIN FLEMING, Jr.
BERNARD REARDON
RUBEN O'JANNE
HAROLD HANSON (Resigned)

The privilege of serving you has made it possible for your chairman to be elected and serve as Chairman for the Mass. Federation of Planning Boards, a non-political organization working for good of town and city government.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS

General Revenue:

Taxes:

Levy of 1952

Polls	\$744.00
Personal	4,692.27
Real Estate	60,762.18

\$66,198.45

Levy of 1951

Polls	\$4.00
Personal	201.79
Real Estate	2,424.24

\$2,630.03

Levy of 1950

Real Estate	\$44.11
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\$44.11

Tax Titles

\$150.00

\$150.00

From State:

Income Tax	\$8,450.76
Corporation Tax, Business	6,130.68

\$14,581.44

Licenses & Permits:

Liquors	\$861.00
Stands	55.50

\$916.50

Court Fines	\$3.00
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\$3.00

Grants and gifts — State

School Supt.	\$373.01
High School Transportation	8,000.15
Old Age Meal Taxes	241.56
Mass. School Funds	1,426.99

\$10,041.71

Grants — Federal

Old Age Assistance	\$2,587.45
Old Age Assistance — Adm.	249.76
Disability Assistance	257.50

\$3,094.71

From County:

Dog Fund	\$370.85
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\$370.85

Total—General Government

\$98,030.80

Special Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1952	\$10,305.62
Levy of 1951	932.79

\$11,238.41

Total—Special Assessments

\$11,238.41

Commercial Revenue:

General Government:

Tax Collector—Demands	\$17.85
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	424.45
Town Hall—Rents	110.65
Illig Place—Rents	360.00
Fire Dept.—Ladders Sold	61.05
Sealer—Fees	22.45
Dog Officer—Dog Sold	3.00

 \$999.45

Health:

Inspection of Animals	\$25.00
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 \$25.00

Highways:

State—Chapter 81	\$9,890.00
Chapter 90, Maint.	1,499.89
Chapter 90, Const.	3,999.84
County—Chapter 90, Maint.	1,499.89
Chapter 90, Const.	1,999.92
Town—Tractor Rentals	2,202.75

 \$21,092.29

Charities:

State—Temporary Aid	\$70.33
O. A. Assist.	2,366.71
Aid Dep. Children	129.00
Disability Assist.	310.00
Disability Assist. Adm.	21.26
Cities—O. A. Assist.	1,880.75
State—Veterans Benefits	380.00
Check refunded	65.30

 \$5,223.35

Schools:

Outside Tuition	\$203.80
Milk for Lunches	538.98
Grass Seed sold	17.25
Refunded Tuition	259.31

\$10,19.34

Library:

Fines	\$72.57
Accident Refund	15.00
Book sold	5.50
Refund—Cash	10.00

\$103.07

Insurance:

Dividends	\$479.90
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\$479.90

Total—Commercial Revenue

\$28,943.40

Commercial Revenue—Public Service

Electric Light Dept.

Light and Power	\$43,485.34
Meter Guarantee	70.00
Interest—Meter Guarantee	5.15
Depreciation Fund	500.65

\$44,061.14

Water Dept.:

Meter Rates	\$9,074.80
Hydrant Rentals	1,200.00

\$10,274.80

Total—Public Service

\$54,335.94

Commercial Revenue:

Cemeteries—Center and Mooreland

Perpetual Care Bequests	\$1,375.00
Care of Lots	90.00
Opening Graves	150.00

 \$1,615.00

Total Cemeteries

 \$1,615.00

Commercial Revenue:

Interest:

On Taxes	\$91.23
On School Fund	26.25
On Savings Acct.	519.85
On Library Funds	885.46
On Cemetery Perp. Care Funds	538.30

 \$2,061.09

Total—Commercial Revenue—Interest

 \$2,061.09

Agency:

Withholding Taxes	\$5,178.48
Retirement Funds	1,600.35

 \$6,778.83

Total Agency

 \$6,778.83

Refunds:

Snow—Check refunded	\$6.25
Dog destroyed	2.00
Others	.53

 \$8.78

Total—Refunds

 \$8.78

Transfers:

Howe Farm—Swimming pool
project\$3,800.00\$3,800.00

Total—Transfers

\$3,800.00

Total Receipts

\$206,812.25

PAYMENTS

General Government:

Moderator

Salary

\$35.00

\$35.00

Selectmen

Salaries

\$600.00

Clerical

175.00

Postage

26.57

Travel

15.36

Floral Tributes

30.00

Dues

15.00

Others

11.00

\$872.93

Town Accountant

Salary

\$500.00

Postage

7.13

Supplies

7.87

\$515.00

Treasurer

Salary	\$350.00
Postage	40.00
Envelopes	27.58
Travel	35.00
Safe Deposit Rental	7.00
Supplies	10.93

 \$470.51
Collector of Taxes

Salary	\$600.00
Envelopes	16.70
Stamps	40.57
Tax Bills	48.42
Dues	2.00
Meeting	5.00
Supplies	12.31

 \$725.00
Assessors

Salaries	\$300.00
Abstracts	141.31
Clerical	225.81
Carfare	20.00
Binding report	11.85
Dues	15.00
Forms	13.46
Others	11.77

 \$725.00
Legal

Town Counsel

 \$1,138.55

 \$1,138.55

Town Clerk

Salary	\$200.00
Recording Statistics	42.00
Meeting	6.50
Postage & Supplies	13.30

 \$261.80

Elections

Tellers	\$275.00
Ballots	63.00

 \$338.00

Registration

Registrars	
Salary	\$25.00
Printing Voting Lists	47.50
Supplies	3.50

 \$76.00

Planning Board

Map	\$350.00
Travel	52.00
Swimming Pool	450.00
Advertising	25.12
Dues	12.50
Others	14.00

 \$903.62

Board of Appeals

Clerical	\$36.00
Registered letters	10.33
Notices	7.10

 \$53.43

Town Hall		
Janitor	\$1,155.00	
Fuel	380.25	
Lights	101.64	
Repairs	247.86	
Water	20.00	
Telephone	107.67	
Janitors Supplies	9.25	
Water Fount	200.00	
Piano	125.00	
Flagpole repairs	30.00	
Electric Clock	13.95	
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		\$2,399.87
Pension Fund		
Town Employees	\$1,516.44	
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		\$1,516.44
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Total—General Government		\$10,031.15
Protection of Persons & Property		
Police		
Patrolling	\$875.70	
Uniforms & Badges	60.70	
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		\$936.40
School Traffic		
Protection of Children	\$744.00	
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		\$744.00

Dog Officer

Dog destroyed

\$2.00

Salary

23.00

 \$25.00

Fire Dept.

Engineers

\$400.00

 \$400.00

Fire Dept.

Rents

\$462.50

Sirens

18.00

Equipment Maintenance

364.52

Hose

95.00

Telephone Alarm

119.98

Compensation

187.50

Gasoline & Oil

80.21

Helmets & Boots

457.24

Repairs to watch

14.00

Refreshments at Fire

8.55

Express

2.25

Others

12.17

 \$1,821.92

Building Inspector

Salary

\$150.00

 \$150.00

Sealer—Weights & Measures

Salary

\$25.00

Seals

1.23

 \$26.23

Moth Dept.

Labor	\$196.25	
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\$196.25

Tree Warden

Labor	\$229.50
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Cutting Trees	245.00
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Spraying Elms	160.00
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\$634.50

Total—Protection Persons Property	\$4,934.30
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Health & Santitation

Health

Salaries	\$30.00
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Board & Treatment	402.85
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Board & Treatment T. B.	282.00
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Care & lease of Dump	681.50
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Fill for Dump	148.95
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Shed for caretaker	180.00
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Supplies	11.75
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\$1,737.05

Inspection of Animals

Inspector Salary	\$50.00
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\$50.00

Inspection of Meat

Inspector Salary	\$5.00
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\$5.00

Collection of Garbage
Services

\$1,235.36

\$1,235.36

Tubercular Hospital
Assessment

\$1,641.77

\$1,641.77

Total—Health

\$4,669.18

Highways:

Chapter 81

Labor

\$5.095.11

Trucks

3,408.31

Materials

1,986.30

\$10,489.72

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Labor

\$1,162.55

Trucks

1,438.56

Materials

1,898.48

\$4,499.59

Chapter 90, Construction 1951

Labor

\$320.88

Trucks

216.35

\$537.23

Chapter 90, Construction 1952

Labor	\$2,382.90
Trucks	3,944.79
Materials	1,662.62

\$7,991.31

Tractor Equipment Maintenance

Rents	\$405.00
Repairs	1,055.71
New Tractor	550.00
Traffic Lights	34.31

\$2,049.02

Snow Removal

Labor	\$2,945.22
Trucks	2,461.61
Sand and Materials	134.33

\$5,541.06

Snow Fence

Purchase 1951	\$250.00
Purchase 1952	247.47

\$497.47

Bucket Loader

Purchase	\$3,500.00
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\$3,500.00

Sand Spreader

Purchase	\$405.00
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\$405.00

Vacation and Sick Leave

Paid out

\$458.47

\$458.47

Street Lights

Current

\$1,251.19

\$1,251.19

Total—Highways

\$37,220.06

Charities

Public Welfare:

Salaries

\$150.00

Expenses

3,140.51

Civil Service Employee

506.08

\$3,796.59

Old Age Assistance:

Town

\$3,213.66

Federal

2,573.73

Federal Administration

133.43

Aid Dependent Children

789.78

\$6,719.60

Veterans Benefits:

Agent salary

\$50.00

Agents expense

3.50

Aid

1,053.55

\$1,107.05

Total - Charities

\$11,623.24

Schools and Library

Grade, High and Trade:

School Committee	\$305.00	
Superintendent	676.80	
Clerical	355.67	
Census	25.00	
Teachers	15,453.22	
Janitor	2,427.03	
Tuition	7,364.23	
Transportation	8,000.00	
Books	620.42	
Supplies	604.90	
Fuel & Lights	840.84	
Telephone & Office	100.17	
Printing & Postage	43.18	
Water	71.04	
Janitor Supplies	302.14	
Repairs	510.21	
New Equipment	435.91	
Health	389.13	
Dues	10.00	
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		\$38,534.89

School Lunches

Milk Project	\$544.32	
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		\$544.32

Wachusett Regional High School

Assessment	\$1,095.30	
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		\$1,095.30

Richards Memorial Library

Librarian	\$600.00
Asst. Librarian	36.75
Janitor	500.00
Janitor Supplies	18.71
Books	774.68
Magazines	62.25
Binding books	53.73
Fuel & Lights	194.11
Repairs	547.64
New Heater	1,015.00
Water	20.00
Clerical	50.00
Summer School	25.00
Supplies	12.85
Petty Cash	10.00
Ashes removed	16.35

 \$3,937.07

Total - Schools & Library

 \$44,111.58

Recreation and Unclassified

Common

Salary	\$200.00
Expenses	47.55

Town Clock

Salary	\$60.00
Repairs	12.68
Insurance & bonds	3,279.90
Printing Town Reports	722.68
Memorial Day	81.20
Halloween	90.90

Illig Place - Taxes	88.40	
Swimming Pool	2,274.53	
	<hr/>	\$6,857.84
Total - Recreation and Unclassified		\$6,857.84

Public Services:

Electric Light and Water

Electric Light Dept.		
Commissioners	\$75.00	
Clerical	396.12	
Insurance	595.62	
Travel & Office Expense	445.42	
Meter Refunds	53.40	
Employees	10,725.80	
Current	26,161.91	
Trucks	228.41	
Gas & Oil	244.87	
Meters and Transformers	6,419.26	
Materials	5,497.44	
Rents	336.00	
Express	98.28	
Tools	7.18	
Other	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$51,260.81

Water Dept:

Salaries	\$175.00	
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Superintendent	\$1,200.00	
Printing - postage	35.62	
Clerical	100.00	
Others	11.85	
Labor	1,856.71	
Trucks	985.18	
Equipment	152.69	
Concrete	92.58	
Light & Power	599.51	
Boiler	34.65	
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		\$8,011.40
Hydrant Rentals	\$1,200.00	
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		\$1,200.00
Extensions:		
Holden & Grove Streets		
Labor	\$3,788.32	
Trucks	415.15	
Pipe	296.50	
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		\$4,499.97
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Total - Public Services		\$65,147.18
Cemeteries		
Superintendent	\$69.34	
Labor	492.25	
Trucks	106.50	
New Mower	120.00	
Maintenance	23.93	
Markers	91.62	

Clerical	50.00
Others	28.29

\$981.93

Total - Cemeteries \$981.93

Interest and Funded Debts

Interest

Water Bonds	\$1,300.00
Grove Street Note	45.25
Fire Truck Loan	60.91

\$1,406.16

Maturing Debts

Water Bond	\$3,000.00
Grove Street Note	4,000.00
Fire Truck Loan	1,250.00

\$8,250.00

Total - Interest and Maturing Debts \$9,656.16

Agency

State Parks	\$180.59
Auditing	317.98
County Tax	3,601.24
County - Dog Licenses	424.45
Withholding Taxes	5,125.85
Retirement Taxes	1,587.27
Bank Charge	.90

\$11,237.38

Total - Agency \$11,237.38

Trust Funds

Cemeteries - Perpetual Care
Bequests

\$1,375.00

\$1,375.00

Total - Trust Funds

\$1,375.00

Refunds

Real Estate
Motor Vehicle Excise
Polls 1952

\$559.30

313.59

4.00

\$876.89

Total Refunds

\$876.89

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$208,710.13

SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

\$98,030.80

Special Revenue

\$11,238.41

Commercial Revenue

Departmental

28,943.40

Public Services

54,335.94

Cemeteries

1,615.00

Interest

2,061.09

Agency

6,778.98

Refunds

8.78

Transfers

3,800.00

TOTAL

\$206,812.25

Cash Balance, January 1, 1952

66,108.26

\$272,920.51

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$10,031.15
Protection, Persons & Property	4,934.30
Health & Sanitation	4,669.18
Highways	37,220.06
Charities	11,623.24
Schools & Library	44,111.58
Recreation & Unclassified	6,857.84
Enterprises	65,147.18
Cemeteries	981.93
Interest	1,406.16
Maturing Debts	8,250.00
Agency	11,237.38
Trust	1,375.00
Refunds	876.89

TOTAL

\$208,710.13

Cash Balance, December 31, 1952

64,210.38

\$272,920.51

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1952

ASSETS		LIBALITIES	
Cash:		Overestimates:	
In Bank and Office	\$64,210.38	County Tax	\$317.60
		T. B. Hospital	97.89
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			\$365.49
Levy of 1951	\$3.40	Federal Taxes Withheld	\$415.51
Levy of 1952		County Retirement Fund	148.64
Polls	2.00	Illig Place—Rents	988.43
Personal	204.34	Dog Sold—County	3.00
Real Estate	2,856.04	Highways Machinery—Rentals	\$2,202.75
		Excess Low Value Taxes	\$109.40
	\$3,065.78	Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Public Welfare, Accts. Rec.	\$625.69
Levy of 1951	\$67.08	Old Age Assistance	97.26
Levy of 1952	763.21	Veterans Benefits	138.50
		Unexpended Balances:	
	\$830.29	Carried over	\$1,588.96
Tax Titles:		Electric Light Dept:	
Possessions	\$3,654.49	Depreciation Fund	\$10,241.68
	\$3,654.49	Construction Fund	1,564.05
		Meter Guarantee Fund	229.48

Underestimates:

State Parks	\$12.03
Auditing	74.63

\$86.66

Aid to Highways:

State:

Chapter 81	\$3,247.00
Chapter 90, Maint.	1,500.00
Chapter 90, Const.	4,268.77

County:

Chapter 90, Maint.	\$1,500.00
Chapter 90, Const.	4,134.39

\$14,650.16

Departmental Revenue	\$670.40
Overdraft	
Highway Equipment Maint.	170.67
Water Dept. Expenses	2,221.40

Electric Light:

Consumers Charges	1,719.91
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Water Dept.:

Accounts Receivable	13.93
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Cemeteries:

Care of lots	120.00
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Total \$91,503.32

Reserve Funds:

Overlay Surplus	\$3,050.39
Levy of 1951	420.25
Levy of 1952	339.65

Revenue—Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$334.29
Tax Title Revenue	3,654.49
Electric Light	1,719.91
Water	13.63
Aid to Highways	14,654.16

Surplus Revenue \$48,047.71

Total \$91,503.32

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debts	\$33,500.00	Water System Bonds	\$31,000.00
		Fire Truck Loan	2,500.00
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	\$33,500.00		\$33,500.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		D. R. Boynton Charity Fund	\$1,151.11
Cash and Securities	\$66,634.73	Edward D. Bigelow, School	1,000.00
		George E. Bigelow, Library	500.00
		Richards Memorial Library	1,668.87
		Edward D. Bigelow, Library	22,373.08
		Edward D. Bigelow, Vil. Imp.	1,120.16
		Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe	4,736.72
		Cem. Perpetual Care Funds	20,750.00
		Post War Rehabilitation	5,312.93
		C. D. Boynton (Trustee)	8,022.86
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Total	\$66,634.73	Total	\$66,634.73

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON, Town Accountant

ANNUAL REPORT
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN of PAXTON
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1952

The Hoyle Press, 91 Exchange St., Worcester, Mass.

School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

M. Lawrence Price, Chairman	Term Expires 1954
Harry Clark, Secretary	Term Expires 1953
Charles C. Craig	Term Expires 1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.

TEACHERS

Mrs. Freda T. Kelsey, Principal (Resigned 1/31/52)	Grades VII, VIII
Chester O. Gay, Principal	Grade VIII
Robert F. Calkin (Resigned 6/13/52)	Grades V, VI
Mrs. Mary C. Connelly	Grades VI, VII
Mrs. Irma T. Gray	Grade V
Mrs. Dorothy K. Wilbur	Grades III, IV
Mrs. Mary L. Williamson (Resigned 6/13/52)	Grades II, III
Mrs. Grace A. Winchester	Grades II, III
Mrs. Hazel M. Gay	Grade I

SUPERVISORS

ART, Gregory F. Bowles, Princeton, Mass.

MUSIC, Ruth S. Innes, Andover, Mass.

PENMANSHIP, Rinehart Handwriting System,
Waltham, Mass.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M. D. Holden, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, R. N. Holden, Mass.

CUSTODIAN

Howard K. Cresswell Rutland, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION

Samuel L. Clapp Paxton, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald W. Sistare, Chief of Police Paxton, Mass.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following pages of reports covering the many activities of the School Department. It is hoped that each voter will give these reports

careful consideration. The committee stands ready and willing to provide additional information relative to any of its activities.

Center School is now operating with six classrooms but it will be necessary to expand to eight rooms by this Fall. The eighth room is at present unfinished and an Article has been placed in the Warrant calling for the necessary funds to complete and furnish this room. There will be no assembly room beginning this Fall and our analysis of child population and attendance statistics indicates that our present facilities will become inadequate within from five to seven years. This situation has been called to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Board, and the Planning Board, and we now encourage the voters of the Town to give thought to the expanding needs of the educational system of the Town.

The Grade School enrollment has increased 100 per cent since 1944 and has now reached a total of 159. The total costs have increased in proportion and will continue to increase as time goes on. The School Committee will continue to try to provide the very best of educational opportunity to our younger generation but, at the same time, will also operate within the lowest possible budget.

We have provided a steady pay increment for our teachers for the past eight years so that we have just about reached a fair comparison with surrounding towns and cities in this respect. We plan to continue to try to attract and hold the very best teachers and our 1953 budget includes an additional pay increment beginning September 1953.

There are many improvements which the committee would like to introduce. Our gymnasium is inadequate,

more play-ground facilities are needed, a lunch-room would be a fine addition, and physical education program would be very helpful. All of these improvements, and many more, would be of immense value but they call for careful planning in view of the expanding tax burden of the Town.

The committee wishes to express it's appreciation to the people of the Town, our Superintendent, our Teachers, and to our Building Custodian for the very fine sprit of co-operation shown in these changing and difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. CRAIG
HARRY CLARK
M. LAWRENCE PRICE

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the year 1952

FUNDS FOR USE IN 1952

Appropriation for Grade, High, and Trade	\$38,286.00
Bigelow Fund Interest	26.25
	\$38,312.25

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL

Committee Salaries	\$225.00
Committee Expense	80.00
Superintendent Salary and Travel	676.01
Superintendent Office Expense	398.57

\$1,379.58

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teacher Salaries	\$14,316.15
Supervisor Salaries and Travel	1,001.31
Substitute Teachers	135.76
Books	621.93
Supplies	604.90

\$16,680.05

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Costodian Salary	\$2,427.03
Custodian Supplies	302.14
Fuel	657.26
Light	183.58
Water	71.04
Phone and Misc.	100.17

\$3,741.22

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs and Replacements	\$531.02
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\$531.02

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$389.13	
Transportation	8,000.00	
Tuition, High and Trade Schools	7,105.92	
Misc.	12.55	
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		\$15,507.60

OUTLAY

New Equipment	\$435.91	
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		\$435.91

Total Expenditures	<hr/>	\$38,275.38
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GRANTS FROM THE STATE

Chap. 70, State Aid	\$6,028.35	
Supt. Salary	373.01	
Transportation	6,950.00	
Vocational School Aid	1,050.15	
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		\$14,401.51

ACTUAL COST TO TOWN		\$23,873.87
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Total Expenditures	<hr/>	\$38,275.38
Balance Unexpended		36.87
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Total Funds Available		\$38,312.25

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Paxton:

The following is the 53rd annual report of the superintendent of school:

In September 1952, it became necessary to add a teacher to the staff of Center School.

In September 1953, with an estimated enrollment of 170 to 175, it will be necessary to add at least one more teacher. Two grades in a room is not desirable for efficient teaching. We have been fortunate in the new teachers. They are well-trained and experienced.

The reports that we receive from the secondary schools that take our graduates are, in most cases, gratifying. At Holden High School, several are on the Honor Roll.

Standardized Achievement Tests are given each year. Our pupils compare favorably with the norms of the tests. We find that we should make some adjustments in the social science studies in the upper grades.

The Committee has endeavored to furnish sufficient supplies and textbooks. The Committee has been very conscious of a desire to keep the building in good repair. The floors have been sanded and polished, the walls and ceilings have been refinished where needed, desks have been sanded, the front lawns have been reseeded and many other minor repairs have been made.

The increased enrollment which is taking up space leads me to believe that eight classrooms will be needed in September 1953.

The Union Committee, in November, granted me the opportunity to accept the superintendency of the Wachusett Regional High School. This means that a part of the superintendent's salary will be paid by the Wachusett Regional Committee and part by the towns comprising the Union, \$420 by Paxton as a member of Union 29 and \$175 by Paxton as a member of the Wachusett Regional District. The State will reimburse Paxton \$233.33 on superintendent's salary.

The School Committee has been notified that the town has been credited with the following reimbursements: Chapter 70—General School Fund \$6,028.35, Transportation \$6,950.00, Superintendent's Salary — \$373.01, Vocational Schools—\$1,050.15, making a total of \$14,401.51.

We are confident that the Wachusett Regional District High School will be completed and equipped by September 1954. Charles C. Craig and Jesse E. Mills have been very active members on the Wachusett Regional Committee.

Secondary tuitions have been increased in the Worcester high and trade schools and the rate at Holden High will be increased as of January 1953.

The School Committee has for the past few years increased the teacher's salaries to keep in line with surrounding towns. The 1953 budget includes such an increase. The teachers appreciate the efforts of the Committee in their behalf.

School transportation is being efficiently carried on by

Samuel Clapp. Paxton is very fortunate in having so excellent a carrier.

The community organizations have been of assistance to the school program. Without such cooperation, it would not be possible to have such an efficient school.

I wish to express my appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to the educational system.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,
Supt. of Schools

R E P O R T

OF THE

Principal Paxton Center School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The enrollment at the Center School has been increasing steadily this past year. The current membership by grades is:

Grade 1	23	Grade 5	28
Grade 2	23	Grade 6	16
Grade 3	21	Grade 7	18
Grade 4	14	Grade 8	16
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Total		159	

Considering all factors, attendance has been good.

The pupils, under the guidance of an experienced staff, have been performing favorably scholastically. It has been reported that Center School graduates are maintaining

satisfactory records in high school. In order to continue this desirable condition, the faculty must insist upon intense work and high standards of achievement.

The Class of 1952 has entered the following schools: Holden High School—David Bruce, Ronald Carlson, Jeffry Cunningham, Richard Johnson, Everett Lupien, Arthur Pentilla, Ann Smith, and Patricia Wirths; Boys Trade School—John Ahearn; Classical High School—Gerald Jenkins; Commerce High School—Lynn Johnson; and Concord High School—Kendall Tupper.

The school has enjoyed the use of the movie projector and looks forward to the values that may be derived from the record player given by the Parent-Teacher Association.

The extra-curricular activities have appeared to provide pleasure and training for the participating pupils. The athletic teams, basketball for both boys and girls, and baseball for the boys, have provided valuable lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship. Musical activities, glee club and orchestra, have appealed to a large number of pupils and have furthered the understanding of various musical skills.

The school has continued the savings stamp program and participated in various fund drives. The milk program has received financial support as a member of the National School Lunch Program. During the period December 1, 1951 to November 30, 1952, more than 8000 half-pints of milk have been distributed to the children at a nominal cost. Receipts from sales have been \$334.08. Reimbursements from the United States Department of Agriculture have totalled \$168.28. Expenditures have amounted to \$479.00. The U. S. D. A. aid has permitted the sale of milk at a cost of about 4 cents per bottle whereas the dairy charge has averaged about 6 cents per bottle.

The Parents, School Committee, and Superintendent have been most helpful and interested in facilitating the functions of the Center School. This spirit of friendly co-operativeness has been appreciated by the entire school staff.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER O. GAY

R E P O R T
OF THE
ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The objectives of the art program this year have been a variety of experiences in using different types of media, a variety of approaches to art projects and problems, and encouragement of self-expression in art work.

In the primary grades, the children, working mostly with crayons, occasionally with paints, colored construction paper, and an assortment of materials such as cloth, metallic paper, cotton, etc., have created pictures, designs and murals covering such varied matters as games, activities around the school and home, holiday projects and decorations, and seasonal projects. The objectives of these lessons have been — the use of color, design, organization of the paper, and fundamental consideration of the shapes of things, houses, the human figure, trees, animals, and other familiar objects.

In the intermediate and junior high school grades water-color is used, and many experiments and projects are worked out using this medium, so that the children may become competent in its use. Landscapes, figures engaged in various activities, the seasons and their related colors, perspective, and the study and use of color, and the experiences with which the children are familiar, are worked out. Again on these grade levels work is done with other materials, including colored paper, metallic paper, cotton, cloth and the possibilities of waste and scrap materials.

The cooperation of the classroom teachers, upon whom much depends for the success of such a program, has always been very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY F. BOWES,
Supervisor of Art

R E P O R T
OF THE
MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Since singing is the universal medium of musical expression, the correct use of the singing voice in spontaneous song is considered in the schools.

Provision for independent reading is made with a readiness program in the primary grades and the application in the intermediate grades.

Certain pupils in the 6, 7 and 8 grades elected glee club and performed on a few occasions. An ensemble rehearsal is held weekly for all interested instrumentalists.

Appreciation of music is dependent upon contact with good music and upon training in musical judgment and discrimination. A record library available to all schools in the Union has been started and the individual schools have expressed their desire to supplement this supply. With one exception, each school in the Union has an adequate record player. Two are very recent acquisitions.

Throughout the program, a linking up with daily life and a feeling of cooperation and service has been emphasized. It is hoped that through the youngsters' participation they have received an emotional lift.

Much credit is due the grade teachers upon whom the success of the music program is dependent.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. INNES

R E P O R T
OF THE
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The school physician submits the following report for Paxton for 1952:

The annual physical examinations have been completed.

Immunization clinics were conducted last spring using diphtheria and tetanus toxoid provided by the State.

Clinics are being planned for this coming spring.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY E. MAYO, M. D.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Physical examinations of the children in grades 1, 4, 7 has been completed by Dr. Mayo. The predominant defect was carious teeth. The parents are urged to have corrections made. Children with decayed and aching teeth can not do good school work.

Three diphtheria immunization clinics were held and 72 students were inoculated.

A pre-school clinic was held with the parents present. The purpose of this examination is to check the health of the child and to insure his best physical condition when he begins school. Any defects that are found should be remedied during the summer.

The annual vision test has been given and most of the defects have been corrected.

The testing of hearing for all school children has been completed. The children's hearing is tested by means of pure tone or descete frequency audiometry. Pure tone test-

ing may briefly described as a determination of a child's ability to hear soft sounds at different pitches. It enables the tester to detect beginning hearing losses before they have advanced sufficiently to constitute an educational or social handicap to the child.

All contagious diseases must be reported to the Board of Health. School permits must be obtained before a child may be readmitted to school. Permits may be obtained either from the family physician or the Board of Health.

The health of a child in the school and community is important. A few suggestions are offered to the parents.

1. A child with a beginning cold should be kept home. Beginning symptoms of many communicable diseases include early signs of a cold. Prompt isolation from may prevent spread.
2. Do not send a sick child to school.
3. Do not send a child to school who has been in pain or has been nauseated the night before.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has established the following regulation.

The child shall be examined by a physician six months before entering school or during the first year after entrance and at intervals of either three or four years.

Throughout the year routine work went on, such as home visits, personal interviews, weighing and measuring, inspections, first aid, excluding sick children who either come to school ill or who become ill at school, planning and assisting the school physician in clinics.

Weighed and measured	187
First aid	29
Field visits	14
Vision test	92
Hearing test	185
Physical examinations	82
Pupils excluded	12
Pupils re-admitted	12

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.

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1952

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot.
	23	21	23	15	28	15	18	16	159

(Enrollment Fall Term 1951-134) (1950-129) (1949-116)

SUMMAARY OF REGISTERS 1951-52

Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	% of Attendance
VIII-VII	29	27.59	96.07
VI-V	29	29	94.68
IV	26	24.79	93.58
III-II	29	27.28	94.05
I	27	25.26	92.27
	140	133.92	94.13

CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1592

	Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	29	19	48
7 to 16 years of age	78	72	150
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	107	91	198
In Public Schools			170
In Trade Schools			2
In Private Schools			9
Not in School (5 to 7 yrs.)			17
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			198

GRADUATES JUNE 1952

John T. Ahearn	Lynn K. Johnson
David D. Bruce	Everett L. Lupien
Ronald A. Carlson	Arthur J. Penttila
Jeffry Hilton Cunningham	Bethea Ann Smith
Gerald P. Jenkins	Ralph Kendall Tupper
Richard H. Johnson	Patricia G. Wirths

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Four Years

Everett Lupien VIII

Two Years

Carolyn Berglund VI

Joseph Grensavitch VI

One Year

Arthur Penttila VIII

Ann Pouttu VI

Peter Girourd IV

Edward Lupien IV

Sanford Wreschinsky II

AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY—POSTER AWARDS

First Prize

Grade VIII Ronald Carlson

Grade VII Linda O'Janne

Second Prize

Grade VIII John Ahearn

Grade VII Lois Pickett

First Prize

Grade VI William Cunningham

Second Prize

Grade VI Gail Prentice

Special Second Prize

Robert Livingstone

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS

First Prize

Girls

Lynn Johnson

Boys

Ronald Carlson

ESSAY CONTEST

"Conservation"

First Prize

Gail Prentice

Second Prize

Priscilla St. George

Second Prize

Deborah Gustafson

TUITION PUPILS

Sept. 1952

School	Number	Rate Per Year
South High School	3	\$274.00
Classical High School	2	274.00
Commerce High School	7	247.00
Holden High School	18	175 to 223.00 as of 1/1/53
Worcester Trade Schools (Boys)	3	300.00
Worcester Trade Schools-Evening	10	.20 per hr.

BUDGET 1952

Account	Appro. 1952	Spent 1952	Recom. 1953
Moderator			
Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Selectmen			
Salaires	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	300.00	272.93	300.00
Town Accountant			
Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	15.00
Treasurer			
Salary	350.00	350.00	500.00
Expenses	100.00		
Reserve	20.51	120.51	125.00
Tax Collector			
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	125.00	125.00	125.00

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Assessors				Art 28
Salaries	300.00	300.00	300.00 600 —	
Expenses	425.00	425.00	500.00	
Legal				
Counsel	600.00			
Reserve	538.55	1,138.55	700.00	
Town Clerk				
Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Expenses	90.00	61.80	90.00	
Elections	500.00	338.00	150.00	
Registrars				
Salaries	25.00	25.00	25.00	
Expenses	50.00			
Reserve	1.00	51.00	50.00	
Town Hall				
Expenses	2,400.00	2,399.87	2,400.00	
Planning Board				
Expenses	700.00			
Bal. 1951	363.14	903.62	750.00	

Account	Appro. 1952	Spent 1952	Recom. 1953
Board of Appeals			
Expenses	25.00		50.00
Reserve	28.43	53.43	
Reserve Fund			
Transfer Overlay Surplus	3,000.00	2,923.05	3,000.00
Police Dept.			
Patrolling	900.00	875.70	1,200.00
Expenses	50.00		
Reserve	10.70	60.70	50.00
School Traffic			
Expenses	744.00	744.00	930.00
Dog Officer	25.00		
Dog Destroyed		2.00	
Salary		23.00	25.00
Fire Dept:			
Engineers	400.00	400.00	400.00
Fire Dept.			
Expenses	1,892.00	1,821.92	2,100.00

Building Inspector			
Salary	150.00	150.00	250.00
Sealer			
Salary	25.00	25.00	50.00
Expenses	5.00	1.23	5.00
Moth			
Expenses	200.00	196.25	200.00
Dutch Elm			
Expenses			200.00
Tree Warden			
Expenses	650.00	634.50	650.00
Health			
Salaries	30.00	30.00	30.00
Expenses	1,049.00		1,740.00
Reserve	150.00		
Reserve	508.05	1,707.05	
Inspector of Animals			
Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Inspector of Meat			
Salary	5.00	5.00	5.00

Account	Appro. 1952	Spent 1952	Recom. 1953
Collection of Garbage			
Expenses	1,179.36	1,235.36	1,970.00
Reserve	56.00		
Highways:			
Chapter 81	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,900.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Highway Equipment Maint.			
Transfer	1,878.35	2,049.02	2,202.75
Overdrawn	170.67		
Snow Removal			
Town	5,500.00		
Refund	6.25		4750-
Reserve	34.81	5,541.06	5,500.00
Snow Fence			
Ba. 1951	250.00	250.00	
1952	250.00	247.47	250.00
Vacation - Sick Leave	600.00	458.47	
Street Lights	1,315.00	1,251.91	1,315.00
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Public Welfare			
Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	3,500.00	3,140.51	500.00
Disability Assistance			3,000.00
Civil Service Employee			
Salary	516.00	506.08	516.00
Old Age Assistance			
Town	4,500.00	3,213.66	4,000.00
Federal	2,768.09	2,573.73	
Old Age Assistance Administration			
Town	75.00		25.00
Federal	280.17	133.43	
Aid Dependent Children			
Reserve	800.00	798.78	2,500.00
Federal	131.65		
Aid Dependent Children Administration	16.74		

Account	Appro. 1952	Spent 1952	Recom. 1953
Veterans Benefits			
Agent			
Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Expenses	10.00	3.50	10.00
Assistance	1,500.00	1,053.55	1,500.00
Schools			
Income	26.25		
Refunds	276.86		
Expenses	38,286.00	38,534.89	42,088.00
School Milk			
Project	614.73	544.32	
Wachusett Regional High School			
Assessment	1,095.30	1,095.30	10,350.00
Richards Memorial Library			
Bal. 1951	457.43		
Dog Fund	370.85		
Refunds	25.00		
Income	885.46		
Reserve	775.00		
Town	1,740.00	3,937.07	1,896.00

Common			
Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	50.00	47.55	50.00
Town Clock			
Care of	60.00	60.00	60.00
Repairs	25.00	12.68	25.00
Insurance			
Refund	479.90		
Town	2,800.00	3,279.90	3,330.00
Printing			
Town Reports	750.00	722.68	850.00
Memorial Day			
Celebration	100.00	81.20	100.00
Halloween			
Celebration	100.00	90.90	100.00
Illig Place			
Maintenance - Transfer	300.00	88.40	
Swimming Pool			
Bal. 1951	2,400.00	2,274.53	

Account	Appro. 1952	Spent 1952	Recom. 1953
Water Dept.			
Salaries	175.00	175.00	175.00
Expenses (Transfer Suplus)	5,790.00	8,011.40	8,950.00
Overdrawn	2,221.40		
Water Dept:			
Extensions	4,500.00	4,499.97	
Hydrant Rentals			
Town	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,325.00
Cemeteries			
Town	500.00		700.00
Income	563.30	981.93	
Interest on Notes			
Temporary Loans	25.00		25.00

Certification of Notes
Expenses

10.00

10.00

Respectfully submitted,

REUBEN O'JANNE, Ch.
HILTON CUNNINGHAM
WILLIAM J. LAMOTTE
J. ARDEN WOODALL
MERVYN E. RICHARDS
ROBERT C. BRUCE

Finance Board

TOWN WARRANT

WORCESTER,ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

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 Town affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall", on Monday the second (2nd) day of March, 1953, at 12:00 noon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1, To bring to the election officers their votes for Town Officers to be voted for upon the official ballot, as follows:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Collector of Taxes	1 year
Treasurer	1 year
2 Constables	1 year
Tree Warden	1 year
Selectman	3 years
Selectman	3 years
Public Welfare	3 years
Assessor	3 years
School Committee	3 years
Municipal Light Board	3 years
Cemetery Commission	3 years
Water Board	3 years
Water Board	1 year
2 Library Trustees	3 years

Planning Board	5 years
Planning Board	3 years
Board of Health	3 years
Board of Health	1 year
Regional High School	2 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 noon till 8 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 such sums of money as may be required in accordance with said reports or otherwise, or act in any way thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (see budget) with which to pay the proper charges of a Surety Company for acting as surety on bonds required 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, 1953, 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 the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day, or act in any way thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to give the members of the Fire Department compensation for their services, or act in any way thereon.

336.09 Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library, or act in any way thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) from the "Illig Fund" to the "Illig Property Maintenance Fund", the same to be used to pay taxes and make necessary repairs, or act in any way thereon.

Article 10, To see if the Town will vote to install additional street lights as follows:

- 2 Pleasant St., north
- 2 West St.
- 2 Holden Rd.
- 2 Grove St.
- 1 Camp St.
- 1 Eagle Circuit
- 1 Birchwood Rd.
- 1 Richards Ave.
- 1 Meadowbrook Dr.
- 2 Marshall St.

5 Sunset Lane

and raise and appropriate additional funds to cover the necessary operating expense, or act in any way thereon.

Article 11. To see that there be included in the tax levy for electricity, a sum to be used for street lights, and that this sum and the income from the sales of electricity to

private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for Municipal Light Plants, the whole to be expended by the manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant for the current fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws and Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937, and that if this sum and this income shall exceed the expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board. ✓

✓ Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to provide vacation and sick leave pay to employees of the Highway and Water Departments as follows:

"After having worked for the town one full year, one week vacation with pay and one week sick leave with pay; after having worked for the town two full years, two weeks vacation with pay and one week sick leave with pay. After having worked for the one year, the Superintendent to receive two weeks vacation with pay and one week sick leave, and after two years, three weeks vacation with pay and one week sick leave; sick leave may be accrued up to two weeks only." or act in any way thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to transfer two thousand two hundred two dollars seventy-five cents ✓ (\$2,202.75) 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 14. To see if the town will vote to cooperate



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with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars (\$2900.00) to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway maintainence and that in addition the sum of seventy-nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$7,975.00) be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) to cover the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 highway maintainence and that in addition the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00) be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction on Marshall St. under Chapter 90 and that in addition the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to cover the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or act in any way thereon.

Article 17. To hear a report of the Special Committee authorized at the last Town Meeting to study the question of a Town Garage, or act in any way thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate, or borrow the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) for the erection of a Town Garage, or act in any way thereon. *special town meeting*

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer from surplus, an amount equal to the receipts of the Water Dept. for 1952, to the account of the Water Dept., or act in any way thereon. ✓

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred twenty-one dollars forty cents (\$2,221.40) to cover an overdraft on the account of the Water Depart. expense, or act in any way thereon. ✓

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) to extend the water main on Grove St. one thousand feet (1,000) ft. on the southerly end, or act in any way thereon. ✓

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to establish, as a requirement, the installation of a hydrant on new developments at the required distances, or act in any way thereon. *Passed over*

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) for the purpose of installing hydrants on the following streets at the cost of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per hydrant: ✓

- 2 Ridgewood Rd.
- 1 Franklin St.
- 1 Eagle Circuit
- 1 Bel Arbor Drive.

or act in any way thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) to purchase a Backhoe attachment for the town tractor loader, or act in any way thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three hundred dollars (\$3,300.00) to be used by the School Committee for the purpose of completing and furnishing the unfinished classroom in the Center School, or act in any way thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three hundred ninety dollars (\$2,390.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new, hour-striking, motor driven movement, new gear mechanisms, new hands, and a new striking hammer, in the Town Clock, or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise the salary of the Town Treasurer to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and raise and appropriate one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in addition to the sum in the budget. for this purpose, or act in any way thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to increase the salaries of the Assessors to two hundred dollars, each, and raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in addition to the budget for this purpose, or act in any way thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to increase the salary of the Building Inspector to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to the budget, for this purpose, or act in any way thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to request the Selectmen to sponsor a bill to be filed in the General Court to authorize the Town of Paxton to pay an annuity of one

thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year to the widow of Lucius W. Parker, or act in any way thereon.

Article 31 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Planning Board to jointly appoint a Committee to continue the Swimming Pool and Recreational Area Project, this committee to make all contracts and agreements necessary to accomplish this purpose, or act in any way thereon. ✓

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the continuation of the improvement of the Swimming Pool and Recreational Area as referred to in the report of the Swimming Pool committee, or act in any way thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to create a Recreation Commission under the provisions of Sec. 14, Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or act in any way thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 537, Acts of 1951, relative to the Welfare Compensation Plan, or act in any way thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Planning Board to develop a numbering system for streets in the town, or act in any way thereon.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Eagle Circuit by the Selectmen under date of February 12, 1953, as shown on a plan designated, Plan and Profile, Eagle Circuit complete, drawn by the Robinson Engineering, Inc. dated January 22, 1953, or act in any way thereon.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring

by purchase or taking by right of eminent domain an easement for public purposes in Eagle Circuit, or act in any way thereon.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase or acquire by right of eminent domain from Charles R. Hoyle an easement for public way purposes in Eagle Circuit being a way fifty feet wide extending westerly from Pleasant St. for a distance of three hundred feet (300 ft.) to a one hundred ft. (100 ft.) circle, and then southerly for a distance of three hundred forty-seven feet (347 ft.) to a one hundred foot (100 ft.) circle as shown on a plan designated; Plan and Profile, Eagle Circuit complete, drawn by Robinson Engineering, Inc. dated January 22, 1953.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Bel Arbor Drive by the Selectmen under date of February 12, 1953, as shown on a plan designated; Plan of Bel Arbor Drive, drawn by H. L. Crocker, registered Land Surveyor, dated April 22, 1952, or act in any way thereon.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or taking by right of eminent domain an easement for public way purposes in Bel Arbor Drive, or act in any way thereon.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase or acquire by right of eminent domain from Sven Kauppila an easement for public way purposes in Bel Arbor Drive being a way fifty feet wide extending southerly from Holden Road for a distance of eight hundred fifty feet (850 ft.) as shown on a plan designated; Plan of Bel Arbor Drive, drawn by H. L. Crocker, registered Land Surveyor, dated April 22, 1952, or act in any way thereon.

AND YOU ARE directed to serve this Warrant by posting two (2) attested copies thereof, one (1) at the Post Office and one (1) 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 30th day of January, 1952,
A. D.

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN
Selectmen of Paxton

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