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In Memoriam

FRANK G. HATSTAT

Born April 5, 1909

Died June 11, 1953

Chief, Paxton Fire Dept.

Member New England Association of Fire Chiefs

Member Sons of Paxton

Member of the Paxton Men's Bowling Team

Vice-President of the Worcester
West Forest Wardens' Association

**Died while helping to bring
relief from disaster to his
fellow men.**

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1953

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

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term expires 1954

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

Term expires 1955

JESSE E. MILLS

Term expires 1956

Board of Public Welfare

GEORGE G. CARLSON

Term expires 1954

RUTH B. McKINLEY

Term expires 1955

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

Term expires 1956

Assessors

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1954

ROBERT A. BELEY

Term expires 1955

FRED E. WATSON

Term expires 1956

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School Committee

M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term expires 1954
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1955
HARRY CLARK	Term expires 1956

Municipal Light Board

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term expires 1954
DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term expires 1955
GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.	Term expires 1956

Cemetery Commission

GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1954
JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term expires 1955
H. RENO KENNEN, JR.	Term expires 1956

Water Commission

ELWIN K. YOUNG	Term expires 1954
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.	Term expires 1955
NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term expires 1956

Library Trustees

MIRIAM W. DEWEY,	Term expires 1954
MILTON P. LADD	Term expires 1954
VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term expires 1955
HARRY E. WHITCOMB	Term expires 1955
CONSTANCE C. GREENMAN	Term expires 1956
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term expires 1956

Planning Board

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.	Term expires 1954
BERNARD R. REARDON	Term expires 1955
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Term expires 1956
REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term expires 1957
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1958

Board of Health

GEORGE C. LAMOTTE	Term expires 1954
SALLY H. STANSFIELD	Term expires 1955
VERNON E. PRENTICE	Term expires 1956

Wachusett Regional High School

LAURENS C. SEELYE

Term expires 1955

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

REUBEN H. O'JANNE

Term expires 1956

JOHN H. JOHNSON

Term expires 1956

Tellers and Counters at the Town Election

ETTA E. ROBINSON

LILLIAN SISTAIRE

GENEVA CROMPTON

ISABEL MOOR

MARGUERITE HOYT

VERNA POTTER

WILLIAM SHEEHAN

MARGARET MURPHY

Interim Recreation Committee

ESTHER HAMBLIN

EDITH CALHANE

SALLY STANSFIELD

JEROME F. MURPHY

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

BERNARD R. REARDON

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN

Care of Clock

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

Superintendent of Streets

WALTER V. PIKE

Dog Officer

CARL H. JOHNSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

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Care of Flag & Common

ROBERT SHEEHAN

Inspector of Wires

ROY M. WENTWORTH

Building Inspector

FRED E. WATSON

Forest Fire Warden

FRANK G. HATSTAT (Deceased)

Moth Superintendent

FRED R. DIFLEY

Measurers of Wood and Bark

ELLIOTT CROUCH (Deceased) CHARLES C. CRAIG
FRED R. DIFLEY

Board of Appeals

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.
AUGUSTUS G. MULLANEY

REUBEN O'JANNE ROBERT C. BRUCE
RAYMOND J. LANTINEN FRED A. COOK (Alternate)

Police Officers

DONALD SISTAIRE (Chief) GEORGE G. KARLE (Sgt.)
WILLIAM O. WYLIE AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY
GEORGE C. HUNT, JR.

Special Police Officers

JOSEPH WHITCHER GEORGE MACCABEE
RICHARD PADGETT ROBERT C. BRUCE
F. WYMAN ROGERS (Boynton Park)
HOWARD CRESWELL (School)

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Swimming Pool Committee

M. LAWRENCE PRICE	BERNARD REARDON
CLIFFORD DARWIN	WILLIAM McKINLEY
LEROY CLOCKEDILE	ALDEN JACOBSON
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING ,JR.	REUBEN O'JANNE

Constable

DONALD W. SISTAIRE

Board of Registrars

VIOLA C. PRENTICE	GENEVA CROMPTON
ARTHUR LAWLER, JR.	

Board of Fire Engineers

RAYMOND KIMBALL

Chief of Fire Department

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Special Police Officers

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON	WILLIAM KNIGHT
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APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector

THOMAS F. HARNEY, JR.

Burial Agent

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Report of the TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS OF 1953

BIRTHS

JANUARY

- 21—Gary Clayton, son of George C. Jr., and
Grace E. (Riley) Hunt.

FEBRUARY

- 13—Joyce Ann, daughter of Robert J. and
Mildred L. (Ahearn) Langevin.

MARCH

- 3—Judith Alice, daughter of Frank and
Mary P. (Mullaney) Ranta.
- 28—Charlene, daughter of Arthur A. Jr., and
Eileen F. (Butrick) Rheaume.

APRIL

- 7—Loraine, daughter of Kendall G. and
Elaine M. (Becker) Russell.
- 15—Thomas Francis, son of Lawrence A Jr., and
Claire A. (McDermott) Girouard.
- 18—Peter Norman, son of Norman H. and
Ruth (Ferreri) Osgood.
- 29—John Craig, son of Elmer J. and
Miriam (Syrjanen) Suomu.

MAY

- 4—Sandra Estelle, daughter of Sherman S. and
Anne (Omelianchuk) Ludden.
- 22—William Philip, son of Frederick G. and
Rachel M. (Longley) Antell.

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- 24—Cynthia Mary Shaheen, daughter of Rev. George P. and Evelyn M. (Shaheen) Carpenter.

JULY

- 4—Neil Edward, son of Raymond V. and Beatrice C. (Murphy) Kauppila.
6—Ann Jean, daughter of Richard A. and Anna M. (McClintock) Edmond.
18—Wallace Lester, Jr., son of Wallace L. and Mildred E. (Casey) Connor.
19—Catherine, daughter of John T. B. and Joan (Kingsley) Carmody.
30—Russell Elton, son of Elton R. and Joyce A. (Wright) Demas.

AUGUST

- 2—Brian Robert, son of Robert W. and Helen D. (Kristopovich) Faucher.
5—Bruce, son of Jere A. P. and Shirley M. (Littlewood) Scola.
24—Joy Bennett, daughter of Donald E. and Dorothy (Mooney) Smith.

SEPTEMBER

- 5—Stephen Lester, son of Lester H. Jr., and Gloria A. (Shepard) Pease.
17—Jeanne, daughter of George L. and Madeline (Girouard) McGovern.
24—Claire Louise, daughter of Richard C. and Maureen I. (Daley) Mullaney.

OCTOBER

- 6—Deborah Marion, daughter of Arthur Jr., and Elizabeth (Murphy) Lawler.
8—Richard John, son of Sherman J. and Katherine M. (Phelan) Norton.

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- 12—Paul Roger, son of Frederick W. and
Maud I. (Widen) Anderson.
- 19—Daniel Glidden, son of Robert B. and
Barbara B. (Parker) Pierce.

NOVEMBER

- 17—Jody Jean, daughter of Richard G. and
Shirley B. (Wilde) Padgett.
- 23—Cheryl Ann, daughter of G. Leonard and
Ethel S. (Jones) Trottier.
- 28—James Francis, son of Francis W. and
Ruth E. (Franklin) Ryan.

DECEMBER

- 19—Karen Linda, daughter of Norman R. and
Esther (Farmer) Schonberg.

MARRIAGES

JANUARY

- 30—Elton R. Demas of Paxton and
Joyce A. Wright of Shrewsbury.

FEBRUARY

- 11—John F. Casey of Paxton and
Doneta B. Bartash of Worcester at Rindge, N.H.

APRIL

- 18—Richard B. Reardon and Ella S. Robinson of Paxton.

MAY

- 3—John H. Locke of Rutland and
Gwendolyn K. Demas of Paxton.

JUNE

- 13—Robert E. Rosa of Westwood and
Frances L. Rogers of Paxton.

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- 17—Rufus C. Hoyle of Paxton and
Eva M. (Knight) Fisk of Worcester.
- 20—Richard Huard and Norma Perkins of Paxton.

SEPTEMBER

- 5—Ulric J. Emond of Paxton and
Nora (Fisher) Audette of Worcester.
- 5—Robert C. Divoll of Paxton and
Louise A. Nilson of Worcester.

OCTOBER

- 3—Merrill H. Stockbridge of Worcester and
Lillian E. Lindquist of Paxton.

NOVEMBER

- 14—Charles E. Ducharme of Worcester and
Joanne V. Bourgouin of Paxton.

DECEMBER

- 26—Kenneth C. G. Lundberg of Worcester and
Eleanor J. P. Payne of Paxton.

DEATHS

JANUARY

	Y.	M.	D.
21—Chester A. Everleth (Coronary heart disease)	69	10	18
25—Edith L. (Vibbard) Hoyt (Arteriosclerotic heart disease)	89	—	—

FEBRUARY

26—Mary L. (Haselden) Spring (Myocarditis)	90	11	19
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APRIL

2—Joseph C. Young (Acute cardiac failure)	78	—	—
28—Richard D. Whitney (Compound comminuted fracture of skull)	20	0	25

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MAY

27—Eliot L. Crouch (Coronary artery disease)	68	7	16
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JUNE

11—Frank G. Hatstat (Electrocuted)	44	—	—
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JULY

18—Thomas E. Carey (Arteriosclerotic heart disease)	77	—	—
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AUGUST

25—Jennie E. (Moore) Mayall (Coronary thrombosis)	94	10	13
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OCTOBER

13—Mary (Starr) Gilbert (Chronic myocarditis with hypertension)	80	2	—
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NOVEMBER

12—Catherine Carmody (Lobar pneumonia)	—	3	23
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LICENSES ISSUED IN 1953

273 Resident Citizen Fishing	
129 Resident Citizen Hunting	
171 Resident Citizen Sporting	
24 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
62 Resident Citizen Women's Fishing	
1 Resident Citizen Trapping	
3 Special Non-Resident Fishing	
1 Resident Alien Fishing	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	
3 Duplicate	
2 Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting	
6 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	

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8 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting (Free)
2 Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age Assistance)
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$ 2,249 50

Dog Licenses

103 Males
27 Females
50 Spayed
4 Kennel
Paid to Town Treasurer \$ 444 20

REPORT OF VOTING AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 1953

Article 1. Election of Officers.

Article 2. Acceptance of reports of Town Officers and acceptance of the budget as presented by the Finance Committee with changes as made from the floor.

The following action was taken under the budget.

Voted to pay the Town Treasurer a salary of \$500.00 per year.

Voted \$200.00 as Treasurer's expense item.

Voted \$200.00 as Tax Collector's expense item.

Voted to pay the Board of Assessors \$600.00 a year as salary.

Voted to transfer \$3,000.00 from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund.

Voted \$2,000.00 to the Fire Dept. for expenses.

Voted to increase the salary of the Building Inspector to \$250.00.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,900.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,400.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 as the Town's share of the cost of construction on Marshall street.

Voted to transfer \$2,202.75 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Voted \$4,750.00 for snow removal.

Voted \$600.00 to provide vacation and sick leave pay for Highway and Water Dept. employees.

Voted to install additional street lights as follows:

Pleasant St., north	2
West Street	2
Holden Road	2
Grove Street	2
Camp Street	1
Meadowbrook Drive	1
Marshall Street	2
Sunset Lane	3
Eagle Circuit	1

and to raise and appropriate \$1,540.00 for operating expenses for same.

Voted \$7,050.00 as Wachusett Regional High School assessment.

Article 3. Voted \$150.00 from Insurance item to pay for cost of a Surety Co. on bonds of Town Officers.

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 to appoint the American Legion Post as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 6. Voted to give the members of the Fire Department compensation for their services.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate \$336.09 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Article 8. Voted to transfer \$300.00 from the Illig Fund to the Illig Property Maintenance Fund.

Article 10. Voted under Article 2.

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

Article 12. Voted under Article 2.

Article 13 Voted under Article 2.

Article 14. Voted under Article 2.

Article 15. Voted under Article 2.

Article 16. Voted under Article 2.

Article 17. Voted to accept the report of the Town Garage Committee.

Article 18. Voted that \$1,000 be raised and appropriated and used by the Planning Board to bring to a Special Town Meeting, detailed sketches for a town building at the Illig Property, and the Pleasant and David Street property.

Article 19. Voted to transfer from surplus an amount equal to the receipts of the Water Dept. for 1952.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,221.40 to cover an overdraft in the Water Dept. account.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on Grove St., 1,000 feet.

Article 22. Passed over.

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,250.00 to install hydrants as follows:

Ridgewood Road	2
Franklin Street	1
Eagle Circuit	1
Bel Arbor Dr.	1

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00 to purchase a Backhoe attachment for the town tractor.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,300.00 to be used by the School Committee for the purpose of furnishing and completing the unfinished classroom in the Center School.

Article 26. Voted to pass over.

Article 27. Voted under Article 2.

Article 28. Voted under Article 2.

Article 29. Voted under Article 2.

Article 30. Voted that the Town request the Selectmen to file a bill in the Legislature authorizing the Town to pay an annuity of \$1,000.00 per year to the widow of Lucius W. Parker.

Article 31. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Planning Board to jointly appoint a committee to continue the Swimming Pool and Recreational Area project.

Article 32. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500.00 to continue the Swimming Pool and Recreational Area project.

Article 33. Voted that the Town create a Recreation Commission under the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 45, of the General Laws to consist of five members to be elected at the next Annual Town Meeting plus one member from the School Committee and one member from the Planning Board appointed as ex-officio members. Also the Moderator to appoint an interim committee.

Article 34. Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 537, Acts of 1951, relative to the Welfare Compensation plan.

Article 35. Voted that the Planning Board be instructed to develop a system for numbering houses on the streets of the Town.

Article 36, 38, 39, 41. Voted to accept them collectively as printed. (Laying out and obtaining easements by the Selectmen for right of way in Eagle Circuit and Bel Arbor Drive.

Article 37. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Eagle Circuit.

Article 40. Voted \$1.00 for the purchase of an easement in Bel Arbor Drive.

Voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON, Town Clerk

REPORT OF VOTING AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 12, 1953

Article 1. Voted to transfer \$850.00 from available funds to provide life guard service, sanitation and maintenance and swimming meets at the Town Pool.

Article 2. Voted to cooperate with the "Woman's Club" and to transfer \$150.00 from the "E. D. Bigelow V. I. S. Fund" for the salaries of two swimming instructors for the 1953 swim program

Article 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 4. Voted to borrow \$35,000.00 in serial notes of \$7,000.00 each, for a period of five years for the purpose of erecting a cinder block or concrete garage on the Water Dept. property on Holden road.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of 5 members to act as Building Committee for the Town Building or Garage, said committee to make all necessary agreements and contracts to accomplish this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON, Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

HARRY A. OSGOOD

FLOYD W. CHURCH

LUCIEN A. MANZI

ALFRED E. BELANGER

LAWRENCE M. PRICE

JEROME F. MURPHY

Report of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen organized on March 12, 1953, with Sherman S. Ludden as chairman, Louis T. Hamblin, Clerk and Jesse E. Mills as third member.

Fifty two permits were issued during the year for new buildings, at an approximate valuation of \$514,900.00.

The following licenses and permits were issued during the year:

Sunday Soft Drink	5
Common Victuallers	9
Inn Holders License	1
Package Store License	1
Cafe License	1
Used Car Dealers	1

New asphalt tile floors were laid in the Selectmen's Office and the Treasurer's Office.

In 1954 it is planned to paint the Town Hall outside.

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN,
Chairman

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Clerk

JESSE E. MILLS, Third member

Report of the BOARD OF HEALTH

1953

The following diseases were reported during the year:

- 60 Chicken Pox
- 5 Dog Bite
- 1 Measles
- 2 German Measles
- 9 Infectious Hepatitis
- 8 Scarlet Fever
- 1 Mumps
- 1 Paralytic Poliomyelitis
- 1 Tuberculosis
- 1 Whooping Cough

The Board of Health urges that all cases of communicable disease be reported as required by law. If there has been no doctor in attendance the parents should report the disease to the Board of Health themselves. We sincerely request your cooperation.

The following appointments were made by the Board:

Thomas F. Harney, Jr., Plumbing Inspector.

Sumner E. Taylor, Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering.

Leslie E. Robinson, Burial Agent.

The following licenses were issued:

- 2 Methyl Alcohol
- 5 Milk and Cream
- 1 Pasteurization
- 1 Nursery School
- 2 Recreational Camp
- 2 Oleomargarine

We think all will agree that the Dump is well cared for, and for the benefit of newcomers the dumping hours are: Saturday from 9 - 5, and on Sunday morning from 9 - 12 m.

The garbage collections have increased considerably this past year. The Swine Breeders, who collect your garbage, render you a service that is very important from the standpoint of public health. Because of certain animal health problems, we must, as of January 1, 1954, cook all garbage fed to swine. It is very expensive, uneconomical, and difficult to cook table-waste that is wrapped in paper or littered with trash. We are asking for your help and support in this important matter.

After doing an excellent job as a member of the Board since 1950, Doctor Cunningham did not run for reelection due to business reasons. We regret losing him very much, but we were very fortunate when Vernon Prentice 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,

GEORGE C. LAMOTTE, Chairman

SALLY H. STANSFIELD, Clerk

VERNON E. PRENTICE,
Third Member

Report of the TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1953:

Appropriations	\$	650 00	
Expenditures:			
Spraying Trees	\$	180 00	
Trimming and removing trees		336 80	
General Care		132 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 649 30
Balance			70

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY, Tree Warden

Report of the SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The swimming pool was officially opened for the use of residents of the Town on July 4, 1953 and remained open until Labor Day. The continuous flow of water into and out of the pool during the entire summer, in spite of unusually dry weather bore out the original studies of the Committee.

The attendance at the pool reached a maximum of nearly 150 on one of the hottest days and was quite good during the entire season. The Committee feels very gratified that the people of the Town were far-sighted enough to support this project financially to the extent of approximately \$7,500.00 and with hundreds of hours of volunteer labor. As a consequence we now have a pool which might easily have cost \$50,000.00 by the usual methods of construction. What is more important, Paxton has made one important step in establishing an organized recreational program.

The work of grading and clearing of the adjacent areas was carried as far as possible in the Fall, but the final grading and seeding, together with additional clearing and burning of brush must be completed in the Spring. The pool must be cleaned and re-filled before the next swimming season and there are a number of minor projects to be concluded before final maintenance of the area is officially turned over to the Parks and Recreation Commission which is to be elected at this Town meeting. Money to complete this work has been carried over from the appropriation of last year and an Article has been entered in the Warrant asking that the same Committee be allowed to complete the construction phases of the project.

It is felt that many of the people of the Town who have not had the opportunity to contribute directly toward the volunteer efforts which went into the construction of the pool, would have a keener sense of enjoyment in this new recreational area if they could have a part in the beautification of the surroundings. Toward this end, it is planned to have some work parties in the Spring, and invitations will be sent out in the hopes of getting a willing turnout.

LEROY CLOCKEDILE

CLIFFORD DARWIN

FRANKLIN FLEMING

ALDEN JACOBSON

REUBEN O'JANNE

BERNARD REARDON

HERBERT WENTWORTH

M. LAWRENCE PRICE

Report of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Polls Assessed		429
Tax on Each Poll	\$	2 00
Rate of Taxation	\$	36 00

Value of Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$ 5,300 00
Machinery	87,398 00
Livestock	46,110 00
All other Tangible Pers. Property	4,100 00
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Total	\$ 142,908 00

Value of Assessed Real Estate

Land, Exclusive of Buildings	\$ 326,699 00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,807,195 00
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Total	\$2,133,894 00
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Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$2,276,802 00

Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes, including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$ 5,144 62
On Real Estate	76,820 18
On Polls	858 00
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	\$ 82,822 87

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	14
Cows	351
Bulls	10
Heifers	43
Swine	30
Sheep	20
Fowl	4,900
All others	300
Acres of land Assessed	8,962a,-27,526 ft.
Number of Dwellings Assessed	400

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RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$ 116,968 40
Appropriations to be taken from	
Available Funds	36,915 00
Debt and Interest Charges	5,470 00
Retirement Fund	1,548 71
State Parks and Reservations	119 56
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	473 99
County Tax	3,797 24
Tuberculosis Hospital	3,016 05
Overlay of current year	5,023 75
Gross Amount to be raised	173,332 70
Estimated Receipts	90,509 83
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	82,822 87

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. HUNT, Chairman

ROBERT A. BELEY, Clerk

FRED E. WATSON

Board of Assessors

Report of the RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Report of the Richards Memorial Library for the year 1953:

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,896 00
Dog Fund	336 09
From Invested Trust Funds	892 44
From sale of American Telephone & Telegraph Company rights	77 92
1952 Balance Brought Forward	316 67
	\$ 3,519 12

EXPENDITURES

Salary, Librarian	\$ 600 00
Salary, Substitute Librarian	221 25
Salary, Janitor	500 00
Salary, Clerk	50 00
Books and Magazines	997 80
Lights	54 10
Water	20 00
Fuel	239 17
Landscaping	245 00
Repairs	26 86
Miscellaneous	202 55
	\$ 3,156 73
Total	
Balance	\$ 362 39

Since the Library is under contract to have the Library painted to the sum of \$230.00, there may be considered a working balance of \$132.39.

The sum of \$81.45 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE A. GREENMAN,
Clerk

Report of the LIBRARIAN

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Librarian of Richards Memorial Library for the year 1953:

Total Circulation	9,263
Adult Fiction	3,011
Adult Non-Fiction	674
Adult Magazines	604
Juvenile Fiction	3,615
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1,093
Juvenile Magazines	284
Number of Volumes Purchased	363
Adult	254
Juvenile	109
Books borrowed	2

We have had re-registration of the Center Grammar school. The increase in the circulation shows that the Library is growing rapidly.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA J. HATCH,

Librarian

REPORTS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

For the Year 1953

As a result of town election and school committee appointments the organization of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee was as follows:

Holden	Term Expires
Harold E. Wiles	1953
George W. Lyman	1953
W. Goulding Warren	1955

Paxton	
Charles C. Craig	1953
Laurens C. Seelye	1954

Princeton	
John Hubbard	1953
Leslie E. Poole	1953

Rutland	
James L. Wood	1953
David A. Darrah	1955

Sterling	
Mrs. Clara R. Brown	1953
Robert W. Mason	1954

At the Annual Meeting held March 9, 1953, officers of the previous year were re-elected, namely:

Chairman	Leslie E. Poole
Vice-Chairman	Robert W. Mason
Secretary	George W. Lyman
Treasurer	W. Goulding Warren

During the year the Committee held 22 regular and 3 special meetings. In addition, special trips were made by various members to visit schools of men being considered for the position of Principal of the Wachusett High School.

The major efforts of your committee were spent in making decisions on problems arising in regard to construction details and in making studies and selection of the many items of equipment necessary for operation of the school. \$77,000 worth of equipment has been ordered, including such items as laboratory equipment, tables, desks, chairs, auditorium and gymnasium seating.

The Committee completed the details of financing the new school by selling the balance of \$1,000,000 of bonds, the details of which are recorded in the report of the Treasurer.

The selection of a Principal involved interviewing 13 men and inspection of schools under the direction of the leading candidates before a final appointment was made. We were fortunate to be able to sign a contract with Gordon M. Thomas of Bennington, Vermont, who has an enviable record of accomplishments to his credit. He started work on the Wachusett High School Project September 1, 1953, and a report of his activities is included in this report.

Superintendents Buker and Fogg and Principal Thomas were most helpful to the Committee in assisting with details on such items as:

1. Salary schedules for teaching staff.
2. Operating rules and regulations for school administration.
3. Selection of equipment.
4. Establishment of a curriculum for the school.
5. Setting up an operating budget for 1954.
6. Appointment of members to the teaching staff.

(Details included in Principal's report).

The Committee arrived at a decision in regard to acceptance of West Boylston High School pupils. It was agreed to accept approximately 150 students on a uniform basis for the school year 1954-1955, 1955-1956, 1956-1957.

Construction of the building is of major interest to all, and the status is best covered in the report of the Committee's Clerk of the Works, Colonel George Schumacher.

GEORGE W. LYMAN,

Secretary

Construction Progress, 1953

During the year 1953 conditions, generally, were favorable for building construction. The material and equipment market was easy, transportation was uninterrupted, availability of labor near normal, and weather conditions better than average. Though the tornado of June 9, 1953, missed the school site completely, it caused temporary inconvenience in the delivery of material and the furnishing of services. One labor strike, that of the carpenters union from February 24th to May 18th, caused delay to phases of the work which required carpenters. However, construction progress during 1953 continued slowly and is approximately seven months behind schedule at the present time. The contract called for completion by November 13, 1953.

The exterior walls and the roof of the building have been substantially completed. Interior masonry partitions are in place in the Academic Section. Those in the Shops Section, in the boys' and girls' locker room area, in the Band area, Gymnasium area, and Auditorium, all in Units "C" and "D" are still under construction.

Interior finish at the close of the year had not progressed beyond the Academic Section of the building — Units "A" and "B." In these units over half of the plaster and acoustic tile work has been finished, all windows are in, and some trim and prime coating of paint have been applied. The tack and chalk boards are three-fourths complete. No doors have been hung and no finished floors have been laid. No cabinet work has been installed.

In Units "C" and "D", which include the Cafeteria, Kitchen, Auditorium, and Gymnasium, the general construction work is still in the "roughing in" stage. The Boiler Room is functioning but is not complete.

The work of the mechanical trades, i.e. Plumbing, Heating, and Electrical is progressing at approximately the same rate as the General Contract.

Some of the plumbing fixtures have been hung and are operating in units "A" and "B" where all of the plumbing roughing is substantially complete. Throughout Units "C" and "D" the roughing in of plumbing is still incomplete.

The Heating System, while still incomplete, has been operating since November in order to provide satisfactory working conditions for the Contractor. None of the permanent heating or ventilating units have been completed. The ventilating system, which is part of and operates in conjunction with the heating system, is not complete in any unit, and is not operating. Until such time as both the heating and ventilating systems are complete, the automatic regulating system will not be in operation. The heat now being delivered must therefore, be manually controlled with a consequent loss in efficiency and high fuel consumption.

The status of the electrical work is at approximately the same level as plumbing and heating. The permanent light and power lines, together with the transformers, conduits, switchboards, etc., have been substantially completed. Light and power wiring have been installed in Unit "A" and in parts of Units "B," "C," and "D". Permanent electric fixtures are being installed in the second floor rooms of Unit "A". None of the clock or signal systems have been completed, and the emergency generator set has not been received.

GRADING and MUNICIPAL WORK

The Grading and Paving work, under the Walter Reed Corporation Contract, progressed satisfactorily during the summer months. The rough grading was finished and the two entrance roads and parking lot were completed and paved. The pond was dredged and the shore line trimmed in accordance with the plans.

The landscape contractor, the Eastern Tree & Landscape Co., of Dedham, Mass., graded and seeded the Athletic Field, the embankment along the south and west sides of the building, and the northerly slope from the Parking Lot to Highway 122A. They also planted trees and shrubbery

in the Interior Court, and areas adjacent to the Parking Lot. Much of the top soil and seed on slopes was washed away by heavy rains and will have to be re-worked in the spring. The Eastern Tree Co. had to suspend work for the season on December 9, 1953.

Water Line

The six-inch fire hydrant line around the building has been completed with the exception of some back filling and the supplying of the hydrant wrenches.

Sewer Lines

The sanitary sewer lines from the building to the sewer main on Highway 122A have been installed and are functioning. They, like the water line, will not be completed until the back fill is finished.

Electric Lines

The electric service lines from Highway 122A to the terminal pole south of the building and installed by the Town of Holden, are complete and functioning.

Telephone Service

None has been provided to date. The Telephone Engineer made a survey of requirements in December 1953.

CONCLUSION

The Building Project proper, i.e., the J. W. Bishop contract was estimated to be 73% complete on December 31, 1953. This would make the average monthly progress for the past 20 months of operation of 3.65%. The highest progress so far estimated in any one month was 5%. Operations at present are proceeding with somewhat increased activity in an effort to complete the project early in the summer of 1954.

COL. GEORGE SCHUMACHER

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rarely does one have the opportunity to participate in establishing a new type school. The Wachusett Regional High School is the first one of its kind in Massachusetts. The towns represented in this school are Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling.

During the year, my major activities, in conjunction with the Committee, have been:

Assistance to the Committee concerning State legislation applicable to regional schools.

Assistance in preparing rules and regulations pertaining to the management of the school.

Assistance in preparing specifications for equipment.

Assistance in financial matters, such as payrolls and the preparation of the 1954 budget.

Interviews for principal and recommendation for same.

Interviews with teachers, sixteen of whom the Committee has, to date, elected. These interviews were held in conjunction with the Assistant Superintendent and Principal.

Attendance at several regional school conferences held by interested groups in other towns.

Visits to more than twenty high schools in other states

During 1954, my duties will include ordering books and supplies, preparing payrolls and bills, interviewing and recommending the remaining personnel and assisting the Committee in whatever other assignments it may desire. The Principal will have supervision of the school personnel as stated in the Regulations of the Committee.

It has been a pleasure to have been associated with the Committee, Asst. Supt. Lawrence A. Fogg and Principal Gordon M. Thomas who has excellent qualifications for organizing the school.

May this first Regional High School in Massachusetts serve our youth efficiently and be a successful pattern for a broad, democratic education .

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Generally speaking my work has been primarily in the following areas:

1. Planning the over-all curriculum of the school and the specific courses for 1954-55.
2. Assisting in choosing the regular and special teachers, and other members of the staff.
3. Enrolling students for 1954-55.
4. Assisting in preparing specifications for equipment.
5. Selecting textbooks.
6. Speaking to various groups, upon invitation, about the Regional High School.

The major tasks remaining are:

1. Completing enrollment of students.
2. Completing the school staff.
3. Setting up the daily program.
4. Seeing to it that textbooks and equipment are available for the operation of the school.
5. Seeing to it that school organization is ready for the opening in September 1954.

A fine start has been made in selecting the staff with the election and acceptance of the following:

Name	Subject
Gregory F. Bowes	Art
Miss Helen I. Carlin	English and Social Studies
Mrs. Frances C. Creamer	Mathematics
Joseph A. Daniels	Science
Mrs. Marion F. Eames	Homemaking
David W. Eaton	Social Studies
Robert F. Flagg	Social Studies
Mrs. Ruhamah Gaw	Homemaking
P. Douglas Huntington	Physical Education
R. Carroll Jones	Agriculture

Edmund D. Kelsey	Science and Math.
Charles N. LaPrade	Science
Mrs. Jane O. Moulton	Physical Education
Norman A. Rayner	Industrial Arts
Miss Leota E. Schoff	English
Mrs. Mildred H. Sears	Business
Miss Zahea E. Shibley	Business
Miss Jean W. Tuttle	English

Because of the problems that go along with the opening of an entirely new school, it is planned to hold a two weeks' Workshop from August 16-28 for all staff members.

Only very rarely is the opportunity given to a man to work on setting up a completely new high school, and I am not only humbly grateful for that opportunity but am also extremely enthusiastic about the whole undertaking. I am also deeply appreciative of the friendly cooperation and understanding that have been a part of my working relationships with Committee, Superintendent Lawrence A. Fogg, and Superintendent William H. Buker.

May the leadership of the Wachusett Regional School District make it possible to have a school of which the citizens will be proud, to which the students will go with pleasure and a sense of purpose, and toward which all people may look for exemplary ideals and practices.

GORDON M. THOMAS

Report of the WACHUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1953

In the year 1953 the matter of completing the financing for the new Wachusett Regional School was one of outstanding importance to your committee. Late in 1952 interest rates on bond issues began to rise very noticeably and it was decided to hasten as much as possible the sale of the balance of \$1,000,000 of Wachusett Regional School District bonds, before prevailing rates became unreasonably high.

Accordingly, \$1,000,000 in coupon bonds, dated February 15, 1953 and maturing \$50,000 annually over a period of twenty years, were sold to the highest bidders, The First Boston Corporation and Hornblower and Weeks at \$100.349 for a 2.60% coupon rate. The indicated premium made the net rate approximately 2.57%. While the coupon rate of 2.60% seemed to the committee rather high at that time, we were assured that it was quite in line with the current market and it was therefore accepted. Later events proved that hastening the offer of these bonds was wise in that interest rates continued to rise during the next few months. It is therefore felt by the committee that the overall financing of the school was entirely satisfactory.

In order that the complete picture may be seen at a glance the three stages of financing are here tabulated.

Date	Amount	Coupon Rate	Sale Price	Net Rate
Jan. 1, 1951	\$ 100,000	2.20	100.159	2.18
Jan 1, 1952	1,500,000	1.90	100.319	1.866
Feb. 15, 1953	1,000,000	2.60	100.349	2.57

The first issue of \$100,000 was sold to W. E. Hutton & Co., while the two later issues were purchased by The First Boston Corporation and Hornblower and Weeks.

From these figures it will be noted that the weighted average of the coupon rates is 2.18% and the net interest rate is 2.15%, well within the 2.25% top rate as presented to the towns of the district when final approval of the school was voted.

The fact that some of our 1953 bond service requirements became payable prior to the receipt of sufficient funds from the member towns made necessary our first borrowing in anticipation of current revenues. This was in the form of a note dated May 22, 1953 in the amount of \$38,000 sold to the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester at a discount of 1.21%. The note became payable November 18 and was paid when due.

During the latter part of 1952 the District committee believed there was a possibility of making use of the academic portion of the new building in September of 1953 and an operating budget for four months of 1953 was assessed upon the towns of the district. When a further survey proved this impossible the major portion of this part of the budget was withdrawn before the budgets of the member towns were voted. It is now the definite plan to open the new school in September of 1954 and the new budget therefore includes, in addition to the necessary bond service requirements, full operating expenses for four months of the year, together with partial custodial expense and other items incident to the opening of a new building for a longer period. In accordance with this plan your committee voted on November 23, 1953 to appropriate a 1954 budget totaling \$325,258.50 as follows:

1953 Budget

No. 1 General Control	\$ 4,280 00
No. 2 Expenses of Instruction	82,226 00
No. 3 Operation of School Plant	30,690 00
No. 4 Auxiliary Agencies	15,389 00
No. 5 Outlay	9,036 00
No. 6 Debt and Interest Charges	183,637 50
No. 7 Special Charges	0 00
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	\$ 325,258 50

Of these amounts, item No. 1 thru No. 5 totaling \$141,621 constitute expenses of operation. Anticipated receipts for tuition will approximate \$19,000, leaving a balance of \$122,621 to be assessed for these items in proportion to the high school enrollment of the member towns as of October 1, 1953 as follows:

Town	High School Enrollment		Assessment
	Oct. 1, 1953	Percentage	
Holden	291	51.872	\$ 63,605 97
Paxton	35	6.239	7,650 32
Princeton	59	10.517	12,896 05
Rutland	77	13.725	16,829 73
Sterling	99	17.647	21,638 93

Item No. 6, covering debt and interest charges, is assessed according to percentages layed down in the District agreement. The appropriation includes \$130,000 for bond maturities and \$53,637.50 for interest. As an offset to this total of \$183,637.50, however, there are certain credits including \$81,815 from 1954 state reimbursement, a balance of \$41,815 from the 1953 state reimbursement, \$20,139 earned in the investment of our funds in Treasury Bills and the premium of \$3,490 on our February sale of \$1,000,000 in bonds. These credits total \$147,259, leaving a balance of \$36,378.50 to be raised by assessment as follows:

Town	Percentage	Assessment
Holden	45	\$16,370 33
Paxton	9	3,274 06
Princeton	11	4,001 64
Rutland	15	5,456 77
Sterling	20	7,275 70

An Income Statement for the year 1953 and a Statement as of December 31, 1953 follow:

INCOME STATEMENT — 1953

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1953:		No. 1 General Control	\$ 4,206 61
Operating Account	\$ 23,848 89	No. 2 Expenses of Instruction	2,752 40
Construction Account	133,984 82	No. 3 Operation of Plant	25 72
Treasury Bills	800,000 00	No. 6 Debt and Interest	125,303 50
New Bond Issue	1,000,000 00	Building Construction	975,984 42
Premium on Bond Issue	3,490 00	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953:	
Interest accrued on Bonds	1,444 44	Operating Account	86,151 59
Discounts earned, Treas. Bills	22,841 12	Construction Account	258,000 40
Assessment, Five Towns	85,000 00	Treasury Bills	700,000 00
State Reimbursement	81,815 37		
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	\$2,152,424 64		\$2,152,424 64

STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Appropriations 1954:	
Operating Account	\$ 86,151 59	No. 1 General Control	\$ 4,280 00
Construction Account	258,000 40	No. 2 Expense of Instruction	82,226 00
*U.S. Treasury Bills	700,000 00	No. 3. Operation of Plant	30,690 00
1954 Revenue Account	97,853 76	No. 4 Auxiliary Agencies	15,389 00
Accounts Receivable:		No. 5 Outlay	9,036 00
Holden	\$ 79,976 30	No. 6 Debt and Interest	183,637 50

Paxton	10,924 38
Princeton	16,897 69
Rutland	22,286 50
Sterling	28,914 63

\$ 158,999 50

\$1,301,005 25

Unexpended balances 1953	17,746 35
School Construction Account	958,000 40

\$1,301,005 25

*Treasury Bills: \$100,000 due February 4, 1954, Discount 1.52%.
 \$600,000 due March 11, 1954. Discount 1.606%.

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded Debt

\$2,515,000 00

Coupon Bonds dated 6-1-51
 Interest 2.20%, Payable
 \$5,000 yearly thru 1971

\$ 90,000 00

Coupon Bonds, dated 6-1-52
 Interest 1.90%, payable
 \$75,000 yearly thru 1972

1,425,000 00

Coupon Bonds, dated 2-15-53
 Interest 2.60%, payable
 \$50,000 yearly thru 1973

1,000,000 00

\$2,515,000 00

\$2,515,000 00

W. GOULDING WARREN,

Treasurer

Report of DOG OFFICER

Dog Bites (6)

Dogs Destroyed (10)

Dogs Claimed by Owners (2)

Arrested for unlicensed dog (1)

Investigated 21 dog complaints of various causes including one where a goat was killed.

All dogs on assessors list have been licensed for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON,

Dog Officer

Report of the WATER COMMISSIONERS

For the Year of 1953

Receipts from Metered Water	\$ 8,603 99
Receipts from Installations	1,838 39
Rental of Hydrants	1,450 00
Total Receipts	\$11,892 38

The Water Department had at the end of 1953 outstanding bills amounting to \$484.59. It is expected that these bills will be collected very soon.

There were 35 new connections completed during 1953, which now brings the total fully paid installations to 306.

There was one new water extension completed during 1953 on Grove street, 1000 ft. northerly, of 8 in. pipe.

New Developments

Briarcliff Lane	400 ft. of 6 in. pipe
Crestwood Road	800 ft. of 3 in. pipe
Oakwood Road	200 ft. of 6 in. Pipe
Asnebumskit Road	230 ft. of 6 in. pipe

This Pipe was installed by the developers.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN FLEMING, JR., Chairman

NORMAN OSGOOD

ELWIN YOUNG

Board of Water Commissioners

Report of the PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Frederick E. Casey

Agent

Hours at Town Hall, Monday 3 - 5 P.M.

GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation	\$	500 00
Expended:		
Persons, Paxton Settled (non-reimbursable)	0	
Persons, Settled Elsewhere (fully reimbursable by other cities and towns Case No. 48	360 00	
Persons, Unsettled (fully reimbursable by Commonwealth) Case No. 55	102 15	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>462 15</u>
Balance, December 31, 1953	\$	37 85

Welfare Expenses - Salaries

Available Funds:		
Appropriation	\$	150 00
From Federal Funds (Disability Admin.)	75 00	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>225 00</u>
Expended:		
From Appropriation	\$	75 00
From Federal Disability Admin.	75 00	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>150 00</u>
Balance, Town Account, December 31, 1953	\$	75 00

Welfare Expense - Civil Service Employee

Available Funds:

Appropriation	\$	516 00	
From Federal Funds (Old Age Adm.)		151 76	
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Expended:

From Appropriation	\$	388 24	
From Federal Old Age Admin.		151 76	
		<hr/>	540 00

Balance, Town Account, December 31, 1953	\$	127 76
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BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Available Funds:

Appropriation	\$	4,000 00	
Balance, Federal Acct. 12-31-52		194 36	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		2,345 27	
Transfer from Boynton Fund		136 76	
Refund		87 03	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,763 42

Expended:

Case No. 12	\$	1,646 04	
Case No. 26		988 23	
Case No. 36		1,121 76	
Case No. 38		1,433 44	
Case No. 39B		38 05	
Case No. 43		260 98	
Case No. 46		845 43	
Case No. 56		276 49	
Case No. 57		153 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,763 42

Balances:

Town Acct., December 31, 1953	0
Federal Acct., December 31, 1953	0

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$	25 00
Expended		00 00
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Balance, December 31, 1953	\$	25 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE - FEDERAL GRANT ADM.

Available Funds:

Balance, Federal Acct., 12-31-52	\$	146 74	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		241 70	
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	\$		388 44

Expended:

Association Meetings	\$	10 00	
Supplies		25 85	
Transportation		10 08	
Postage		22 70	
Telephone		45	
Agent's Salary		151 76	
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	\$		220 84

Balance, December 31, 1953	\$	167 60
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Available Funds:

Appropriation	\$	2,500 00	
Balance, Federal Acct. 12-31-52		131 65	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		1,140 46	
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	\$		3,772 11

Expended:

Case No. 2	\$	1,920 42	
Case No. 3		76 97	
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	\$		1,997 39
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	\$		1,774 72

Balances:

Town Account, Dec. 31, 1953	\$	1,768 76
Federal Account, Dec. 31, 1953		5 96

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

Available Funds:

Balance, Federal Account			
December 31, 1952	\$	16 74	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		37 00	
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	\$		53 74

Expended			00 00
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Balance, December 31, 1953	\$	53 74
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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Available Funds:

Appropriation	\$	3,000 00	
Balance, Federal Acct., Dec. 31, 1952		257 50	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		858 13	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,115 63

Expended:

Case No. 1	\$	600 00	
Case No. 2		17 85	
Case No. 3		392 41	
Case No. 4		798 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,808 26
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			\$ 2,307 37

Balances:

Town Account, Dec. 31, 1953	\$	2,307 16
Federal Account, Dec. 31, 1953		21

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Available Funds:

Balance, Federal Acct., 12-31-52	\$	21 26	
Federal Reimbursement, 1953		108 30	
		<hr/>	\$ 129 56

Expended:

For Board Salaries	\$	75 00
Balance, December 31, 1953	\$	54 56

Respectfully submitted,

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

Report of the CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Land and Buildings	\$ 14,000 00	
Deposit in Savings Banks	11,787 32	
3 U .S. Bonds	2,814 00	
Personal Property	3,344 00	
Amount Receivable from Towns	1,367 57	
Cash in Warden's Account	300 00	
Cash in Checking Account	1,029 38	
		\$ 34,642 27

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 25 13	
Income from Farm	612 31	
Withdrawn from Savings Banks	1,000 00	
Received from Towns and Boarders	19,546 56	
		\$ 21,184 00

EXPENDITURES

Bills paid	\$ 20,154 62	
Cash in Checking Account	1,029 38	
		\$ 21,184 00
Number of Boarders from Towns		20
Others		12
Total number of Boarders		32

ROBERT F. TUCKER, President

LESTER P. GATES,

Secretary and Treasurer

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

Report of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending, December 31, 1953

Accidents	5
Arrests	2
Investigations	21
Motor Vehicles Transferred	71

Again School Children Protection was provided throughout the entire year, some Church Traffic Duty was performed.

The department again inspected property during owners absence, those requesting the service.

The accident rate was much lower than the preceding year, despite the fact that the year 1953 saw more cars on the roads than ever before.

On October 8th, 1953, I was happy to receive on behalf of the Town, in the presence of the Selectboard, a No-Fatality Award from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for the year 1952; this should be repeated for 1953 as again we have had no fatal accidents on our highways.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. SISTAIRE,

Chief of Police

REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION**Marshall Street****STATION O-19+**

Excavate and widen to 22 ft.
Grade Shoulders and Slopes
Apply 14 in. Gravel - 22 ft. wide
580 feet 12 in. C. C. M. Pipe
42 ft. 15 in C. C. M. Pipe
4 - 2 ft. x 4 ft. Drop Inlets
3 - Manholes
1 - Catch Basin
3 - Headwalls
4900 yds. Fill

SURFACE

.5 Gal. T-6 Tack Coat
.9 Gal. T-5 Mix and Place
.3 Gal. MC-3 Seal Sand Cover

This completes Marshall Street from Leicester Town Line to Spencer Town Line, with exception of one short piece of Surface, a little Grading, and putting up a Fence for which wire and posts have been purchased. This will be done with part of 1954 appropriation for West Street.

REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE**Richards Avenue**

1700 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover
900 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
1200 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover
Widen Curve
Grade 1800 ft. of Shoulder

Holden Road and Grove Street

1100 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover
1200 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover
Grade 2350 ft. of Shoulder

Marshall Street

1200 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover

Reservoir Drive

1050 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

1200 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover

Grade 2750 ft. of Shoulder

West Street

800 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover

600 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

Widen Curve

Grade 2400 ft. of Shoulder

Maple Street

600 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover

Rockland Street

900 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover

Grade 2100 ft. of Shoulder

INVENTORY OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

As of December 31, 1953

- 1—Oliver 77 Tractor Loader, with Mowing Machine Attachment and Back Hoe Attachment
- 1—Frink One Way Snow Plow for Truck, with Under Frame
- 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—Hone for Tar
- 1—Road Drag
- 2—Road Screens
- 7—Tar Barrels
- 1—Roller Wheel Roller

- 450—Cement Bricks
 - 7—Lanterns
- 92—Cement Blocks
- 23—Torches
 - 1—Austin Western Grader 99M
 - 1—Frink One Way Plow for Grader 99M
 - 1—Frink V Plow for Grader 99M
 - 2—Long Handle Shovels
 - 1—No. 3 Round Point Shovel
- 20—No. 2 Round Point Shovels
 - 1—No. 3 Square Shovel
- 12—No. 2 Square Shovels
 - 2—Long Handle Post Hole Shovels
- 12—Picks
 - 6—Extra Handles
 - 3—Grub Hoes
 - 3—16 Pound Sledge Hammers
 - 1—Power Driven Grind Stone
 - 2—Dung Forks
- 12—Push Brooms
 - 3—Crow Bars
- 15—Snow Shovels
 - 5—Axes
 - 4—Extra Handles
 - 1—Hoe
 - 8—Rakes
 - 2—Cross Cut Saws
 - 2—Splitting Wedges
 - 1—Saw Set
 - 1—Pruning Cutter
 - 9—Stone Forks
 - 8—Grass Scythes
 - 1—Set Block and Falls (No Rope)
 - 2—Earth Tamps
 - 2—Stone Drills
 - 3—Stone Wedges
 - 1—Wheelbarrow
 - 4—Brush Scythes
 - 1—Manhole Frame and Cover

- 2—Oil Cans, Five Gals.
- 1—18 in. Monkey Wrench
- 3—Paint Brushes
- 4—Cutting Edges for Truck Snow Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader One Way Plow
- 2—Cutting Edges for Grader V Plow
- 1—Cutting Edge for Small Truck Plow
- 1—Cutting Edge for Grader Wing
- 2—Cutting Edges for Scraper
- 8—Shoes for One Way Plows
- 4—Shoes for V Plows
- 1—Set Gauges for Cetylene
- 1—Bench Grinder $\frac{3}{4}$ H.P.
- 1— $\frac{5}{8}$ " Electric Drill
- Wrenches
- S-Wrenches, Adjustables, Pliers, Chisels and Box

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District No. 3 — Town of Paxton

State Allotment		\$7,975.00	Town Allotment		\$2,900.00	Total Allotment		\$10,875.00	State Pays 73.34%	
No.	Road Name	Total Miles	Mileage by Types			Grav.	Dirt	Allot.	Expend.	Remarks — Work Other Than General Maintenance
			BMA	BMT	BG					
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.89			\$155.00	\$214.21	Chap. 90 0.43 mi.
2	Mill St.	0.25				0.25		70.00	57.85	
3	West St.	2.93			2.93			310.00	617.00	Ch. 90 2.93 mi.
4	Spring St.	1.06			1.06			175.00	197.04	Ditching
5	Brigham St.	1.38			0.26	0.40	0.72	775.00	1,187.19	0.26 mi. new BG surf. P½ T-4S1/3MC-316' wide Gravel 1300x16x4" slope excav. gravel 300x16x6"
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.34	0.81	0.62	570.00	718.90	
7	South St.	0.81			0.81			80.00	202.00	
8	Richards Ave.	2.15		0.48	1.67			275.00	504.46	Ch. 90 2.16 mi.
9	Pleasant St.									
10	Soumi St.	1.10			1.10			395.00	172.05	
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.97			355.00	500.32	Brush
12	Terrace Place	0.11			0.11			65.00		
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			270.00	351.51	Ditching
14	Winter St.	0.40					0.40	70.00	68.99	
15	Marshall St.	2.48			2.09	0.39		225.00	586.61	Ch. 90 2.48 mi. Ch. 90 Const. 0+0-17+00 - 20' wide Gravel 12"x21' 2" RMT surface replacing gravel 281 f. 12" ACCM2HW new loc. extend 12" ACCM cw 0.35
16	Asnebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24			150.00	293.31	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22			160.00	275.46	Ch. 90 1.22 mi.

18	Walbridge Rd.	0:52			0.52	40.00	142.68	
19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.32		215.00	226.65	Regrade shoulders
20	O'Connor Road	0.62		0.06	0.56	90.00	283.29	Brush, gravel patching
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35		0.35		35.00		
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.08	0.38	0.27	635.00	333.63
23	Grove St.	2.51		2.51			555.00	881.62
24	Pond St.	0.35			0.35		100.00	45.47
25	Hillside Road							
26	Streeter Rd.	0.72		0.72		1.95	351.73	Regrade shoulders
27	Maple Street	0.50		0.50		30.00	82.54	Ch. 90 0.24 mi.
28	Holden Rd.	0.81		0.81		100.00	124.41	Ch. 90 0.81 mi.
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13		0.13			22.00	
30	Highland Court	0.16	0.04	0.07	0.05		40.86	
31								
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00			0.45	0.55	1,715.00	1,385.47
								5301.f.12" ACCM purchased for 1954 work
33	Sunset Lane	0.46		0.46		200.00	142.83	
34	Common St.	0.11	0.08	0.03				
35	Colony Lane	0.06		0.06				
36	Whitney Dr.	0.17		0.17			50.43	
37	Center Dr.	0.07		0.07		255.00	188.04	0.07 mi. new BG surf. 1/2T-4, S1/3 MC-320' wide
38	Indian Hill Road	0.12			0.12	185.00	132.26	1DI, 1 1/2T calcium chloride treatment
39	Spring Dr.	0.13		0.13		355.00	67.28	
40	Ridgewood Dr.	0.16		0.16		310.00	90.66	Gravel 840x18'x3' calcium Chloride 840x18'
41	Birchwood Dr.	0.10		0.10		60.00	57.91	Calcium chloride 530x18'
42	Franklin St.	0.06		0.06		50.00	83.05	Calcium chloride 320x18'
43	Meadowbrook Dr.	0.07		0.07		50.00	19.00	
*44	Bel Arbor Dr.	0.15		0.15			31.39	
*45	Eagle Circle	0.13		0.13			116.51	
	Various Roads					910.00	28.05	

Reserve

690.00

TOTALS	28.98	0.04	0.56	20.74	4.00	3.64	\$10,875.00	\$10,874.66
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ROADS ADDED IN 1953

44	Bel Arbor Dr. — Holden St. to end	0.15 gravel
45	Eagle Circle — St. Hwy. Rte. 122 to end	0.13 gravel

SUMMARY

Labor	\$ 5,187.61
Materials	2,650.20
Equipment	3,036.85
Total	<hr/> \$10,874.66

F. W. GUERIN,
District Highway Engineer

Report of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Receipts:

Lots sold and placed in Perpetual Care	\$ 775 00
Care of Lots not in Perpetual Care	110 50
Opening Graves	231 00
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Turned over to Town Treasurer	\$ 1,116 50
Income on Trust Funds	\$ 601 88
Appropriation	700 00
Balance 1952	81 37
	<hr/> \$ 1,383 25

Payments:

Maintenance of Cemeteries, including general care, opening graves, excavating new road, setting corner markers on lots, grass seed and Supt. salary	\$ 1,268 25
Other expenses, including power mower repairs, water connections, office supplies and clerical assistant	95 50
	<hr/> \$ 1,363 75
Balance, December 31, 1953	\$ 19 50

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MACCABEE, Chairman

H. RENO KENNEN, Clerk

JOSEPH R. PEARSON

Commissioners

Report of the TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 64,210 38	
Receipts	260,689 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 324,899 68
Payments per warrants - 1953	\$ 257,082 13	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	67,817 55	
	<hr/>	\$ 324,899 68

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$ 28,000 00	
Town Garage	30,000 00	
Fire Truck	1,250 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 59,250 00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT — 1954

		Interest
Water Bonds—Due Feb. 1, 1954	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 560 00
Water Bonds — Due Aug. 1, 1954		500 00
Town Garage — Due Sept. 10, 1954	6,000 00	600 00
Fire Truck — Due Dec. 15, 1954	1,250 00	20 00
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	\$ 10,250 00	\$ 1,680 00

TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31 1953	Income 1953	Dog Fund 1953
Library Trust Funds	\$ 24,540 95	\$ 981 61	\$ 336 09
Cemetery Trust Funds	21,425 00	601 88	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000 00	36 63	
E D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000 00	30 00	

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E. D. Bigelow VIS Fund	1,000 00	36 33	
Howe Farm Fund	1,291 87	69 39	
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	\$ 50,257 82	\$ 1,755 84	\$ 336 09
War Bonds	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 125 00	

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Town Treasurer

C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	Interest 1953	Accrued Int.
Peoples Savings Bank	\$ 2,700 00	\$ 75 90	\$ 272 76
Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank	1,748 00	57 34	206 41
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	52 33	181 84
Worcester Mech. Savings Bank	1,600 00	49 75	168 51
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	\$ 7,648 00	\$ 235 32	\$ 829 52

Respectfully submitted

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Trustee

Report of the TAX COLLECTOR

1951 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952	\$	67 08			
Collected 1953			\$		67 08

1952 Poll Taxes

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952	\$	2 00			
Collected 1953			\$		2 00

1952 Personal Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952	\$	204 34			
Collected 1953			\$		172 04
Abated					32 30
					204 34
	\$	204 34	\$		204 34

1952 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952	\$	2,852 64			
Collected 1953			\$		2,852 64

1952 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1952	\$	763 21			
Committed 1953		780 41			
Over Payment		7 24			
Collected 1953			\$		1,442 05
Abated 1953					108 81
					1550 86
	\$	1550 86	\$		1550 86

1953 Poll Taxes

Committed	\$	858 00			
Refunded		2 00			
Collected			\$		786 00
Abated					74 00
					860 00
	\$	860 00	\$		860 00

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1953 Personal Taxes

Committed	\$ 5,144 69	
Collected		\$ 4,873 25
Abated		3 60
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953		267 84
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	\$ 5,144 69	\$ 5,144 69

1953 Real Estate Taxes

Committed	\$ 76,820 18	
Refunded 1953	295 20	
Collected		\$ 72,342 78
Abated		1,717 30
Tax Title		3 60
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953		3,051 70
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	\$ 77,115 38	\$ 77,115 38

1953 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed 1953	\$ 14,096 52	
Refunded 1953	442 07	
Collected		\$ 13,179 36
Abated		640 09
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953		719 14
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	\$ 14,538 59	\$ 14,538 59

Interest Payments to Treasurer

1951	\$ 1 84	
1952	71 15	
1953	21 56	
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		\$ 94 55

Poll Demands to Treasurer

1952	\$ 35	
1953	13 65	
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		\$ 14 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

ASSETS

	Balance Jan. 1 1953	Additions	Depreciation credit in year	Adjustments in year	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
Land	\$ 311 67				\$ 311 67
Structures	32 37		\$ 11 74		20 63
Transformer Station and Equipment	15,269 87		796 14		14,473 73
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead					
Conductors	31,066 04	\$ 3,637 71	2,337 96		32,221 33
Consumer Meters	5,270 24	958 92	341 66		5,880 50
Line Transformers	10,766 07	1,467 79	721 31		11,512 35
Street Light Equipment	7,208 43	952 81	413 22		7,748 02
Office Equipment	155 95		13 87		142 08
Trucks	3,125 75		156 64		2,969 11
Laboratory Equipment	153 84		11 14		142 70
Miscellaneous	844 26		45 74		798 52
Total	\$ 74,204 49	\$ 7,017 23	\$ 4,849 42		\$ 76,220 84
Total property owned by department (depreciated value)					\$ 76,220 84
Construction Fund				\$ 3,036 40	
Special Deposits				257 48	

Accounts Receivable
Material & Supplies
Depreciation Fund

1,700 00
4,497 48
10,126 15

\$ 19,617 51

Total Assets

\$ 95,838 35

LIABILITIES

Of the original amount appropriated by the Town
for Construction of the Plant the Department
still owes

\$ 1,000 00

The Department owes Consumers for their deposits

255 87

Total owned by the Department

\$ 1,255 87

Surplus of the Department

\$ 19,116 00

Appropriation for Construction Repayment

6.090 07

Earnings for this and prior years invested in Plant
and other Assets

69,376 41

Total Liabilities and Assets

\$ 95,838 35

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Income:—

Metered Sales to		
Private Consumers	\$ 46,549 67	
Street Lighting	1,385 47	
Municipal Building and		
Pumping	1,189 40	
Sale to Other Utilities	89 20	
Merchandising and Jobbing	471 40	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	327 30	
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Total Income		\$ 50,012 44

Expenses:—

Electric Energy Purchased	\$ 29,328 85	
Maintenance Transmission and		
Distribution Lines	5,440 89	
Maintenance Consumers' Meters	51 13	
Operation and Maintenance		
of Street Lights	130 20	
Salary of Manager and		
Light Board	4,039 76	
General Office Supplies		
and Expenses	203 54	
Rent	336 00	
Insurance and Bonds	724 69	
Transportation Expenses	1,040 56	
Commercial Salaries	251 00	
Depreciation	4,849 42	
Miscellaneous General Expenses	117 16	
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		\$ 46,513 20
Net Profit for Year		3,499 24
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		\$ 50,012 44

This year again has been a busy year having added 38 new customers and numerous electric water heaters and constantly enlarging the secondary part of our system.

This year has also been a sad year because of suffering the loss of our very dependable and reliable employee,

Frank G. Hatstat who was in our department about 12 years. While trying to help our neighbor Holden, after the tornado, he was accidentally killed.

We were successful in November of securing the services of Stanley Bondrian who comes to us from Millbury and will try to take Frank's place.

Toward the end of the year we connected a new TV station on Asnebumskit Hill.

There have been added 16 new street lights and three lights in the center changed to mercury vapor.

The Plant has a built a five pole line on Pine street and is building a line on Crestwood road (Carlson Development).

This year on December 23, we reached a peak demand of 600 Kilowatt at 5:45 P.M. and with a total Kilowatt hour consumption of 202,800 Kilowatt hours for the month of December, an all time high.

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

GEO. T. DEWEY, JR.

DEANE O. HOWLAND

ROY M. WENTWORTH, Manager

Report of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Dept. wishes to thank the people of the Town for their cooperation during the past year. As a result the property loss was approximately \$300.00 for the year.

The Fire Dept. answered 15 alarms during the year as follows:

- 11 grass fires
- 1 chimney fire
- 1 brush fire
- 1 furniture
- 1 rescue call

Three of the grass fires started from defective incinerators and one other incinerator was found defective while putting out a grass fire.

Engine No. 1 was sent to assist at a brush fire near the Leicester Airport.

The Fire Dept. wishes to thank the Depts. of Rutland and Holden for their work at a brush fire at Pine Hill Reservoir last fall.

Engines No. 1 and 2 were in a parade at Spencer and Engine No. 1 and a team of men took part in the muster that followed the parade, placing first in the second event.

The Department is pleased to announce that an "Emerson" resuscitator is now part of our regular equipment and is available at any time.

Seven more members received their badges during the year by completing the course of instruction in the use of equipment and apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

GORDON M. RICHARDS

GEORGE G. KARLE

GEORGE C. HUNT, JR.

RAYMOND H. KIMBALL

Fire Department Engineers

Report of the PLANNING BOARD

January 27, 1954

At the Town meeting last year, one thousand dollars was appropriated to hire an engineer to draw up plans for a combination town building and garage and to recommend sites for this building. It was the opinion of the board that the Illig property was the location for a combination building and that the site on Water Department land on Holden Road was the best location for just a garage.

The board then retained Mr. Frederick H. Gagnon as architect to draw up a sketch for a combination garage and town building. This sketch was submitted at a special Town meeting in June 1953, at which time the town voted to build a garage on the Water Department land, instead of a combination town building and garage. The architect, Mr. Gagnon, has assured us that at any future date the town wishes to retain him to finish the plans for this building or to make plans for a new building, he would credit us with the five-hundred dollars we have paid him.

During the past year the Planning Board has approved two Sub-divisions with a total of thirty-three house lots.

We are still working on an over-all map of the town.

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH

ALDEN JACOBSON

FRANK FLEMING

BERNARD REARDON

RUEBEN O'JANNE

Report of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

General Revenue:

Taxes:

Levy of 1953

Polls	\$ 786 00	
Personal	4,873 28	
Real Estate	72,342 78	
		\$ 78,002 06

Levy of 1952

Polls	\$ 2 00	
Personal	172 04	
Real Estate	2,874 74	
		\$ 3,148 78

From State:

Income Taxes	\$ 2,905 89	
Corporation Tax, Business	4,463 80	
		\$ 7,369 69

Licenses & Permits:

Liquors	\$ 866 00	
Stands	47 00	
		\$ 913 00

Grants and Gifts — State

School Superintendent	\$ 331 03	
High School Transportation	7,318 00	
Old Age Meal Tax	127 18	
Mass. School Fund	2,350 01	
Vocational Schools	619 34	
		\$ 10,745 56

Grants — Federal

Old Age Assistance	\$ 2,345 27	
Old Age Assistance Admin.	241 70	
Disability Assistance	858 13	
Disability Assistance Admin.	108 30	

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Aid to Dependent Children	1,140 46	
Aid to Dependent Children Adm.	37 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,730 86

From County

Dog Fund	\$ 336 09	
Dogs Destroyed	60 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 396 59

Total General Government		\$ 105,206 54
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Special Assessments:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Levy of 1953	\$ 13,179 36	
Levy of 1952	1,419 95	
Levy of 1951	67 08	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,666 39

Total — Special Assessments		\$ 14,666 39
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Commercial Revenue:

General Government:

Tax Collector - Demands	\$ 14 00	
Town Clerk - Dog Licenses	456 80	
Town Hall - Rents	165 02	
Illing Place - Rents	360 00	
Fire Dept. - Extinguishers	10 00	
Sealer - Fees	19 95	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,025 77

Health:

Inspector of Animals	\$ 25 00	
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Highways:

State - Chapter 81	\$ 6,956 25	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,899 64	
Chapter 90, Construction	3,995 66	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,851 55

County - Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,899 64	
Chapter 90, Construction	1,997 83	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,897 47

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Town - Tractor Rentals	\$ 1,668 70	\$ 1,668 70
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Charities:

State

Old Age Assistance	3,098 56
Aid Dependent Children	94 35
Disability Assistance	1,018 95

Cities

Old Age Assistance	208 42
Public Welfare	750 00

Individuals

Refund	31 00
Check Returned	87 03
State	
Veterans Benefits	539 27

	\$ 5,827 58
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Schools

Outside Tuition	\$ 630 68
Milk for Lunches	641 47
State - Chapter 70	6,028 35

	\$ 7,300 50
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Library:

Fines	\$ 81 45
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	\$ 81 45
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Insurance

Dividends	\$ 354 98
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	\$ 354 98
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Total - Commercial Revenue	\$ 35,033 00
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Commercial Revenue - Public Service

Electric Light Dept.	\$ 50,902 27
Meter Guarantee	55 00
Interest - Meter Fund	6 22
Interest - Depreciation Fund	327 30

	\$ 51,290 79
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Water Department

Meter Rates	\$ 8,415 14	
Hydrant Rentals	1,325 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,740 14

Total - Public Service	\$ 61,030 93
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Commercial Revenue

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Bequests	\$ 775 00	
Care of Lots	110 50	
Opening Graves	231 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,116 50

Total - Cemeteries	\$ 1,116 50
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Commercial Revenue:

Interest:

On Taxes	\$ 94 52	
On School Funds	30 00	
On Savings Account	512 84	
On Library Funds	981 61	
On Cemetery Per/Care Funds	601 88	
On D. R. Boynton Charity Fund	136 76	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,357 61

Total - Interest	\$ 2,357 61
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Maturing Debts:

Town Garage Notes	\$ 30,000 00	
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Agency:

Withholding Taxes	\$ 5,779 11	
Retirement Funds	1,730 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,509 91

Refunds:

Town Hall - Coal	\$ 25 60	
Farm Bureau	59	
Health	191 43	
Swimming Pool	10 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 228 42

Transfers:

Howe Fund - Town Clock	\$	2,390 00	
Village Improvement Fund			
Swimming Pool		150 00	
Electric Light Dept.			
Construction Fund		1,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,540 00

Total Receipts			\$ 260,689 30
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PAYMENTS

Moderator

Salary	\$	35 00	
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Selectmen

Salaries	\$	600 00	
Clerical		175 00	
Postage		18 65	
Town Reports		35 90	
Travel		5 00	
Maps		48 00	
Perambulating Lines		12 00	
Others		38 35	
		<hr/>	\$ 932 90

Town Accountant

Salary	\$	500 00	
Postage		4 00	
Supplies		4 12	
		<hr/>	\$ 508 12

Treasurer

Salary	\$	500 00	
Postage - Printing		86 78	
Travel		35 00	
File		25 98	
Understudy		29 00	
Others		20 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 696 73

Collector of Taxes

Salary	\$	600 00	
Printing - Postage		146 79	
Understudy		29 00	
Tax Taking		11 90	
Others		9 58	
		<hr/>	\$ 797 27

Assessors

Salaries	\$	600 00	
Abstracts		139 69	
Printing - Postage		54 84	
Travel		30 00	
Clerk		200 00	
Dues		9 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,033 53

Certification

Notes	\$	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 10 00

Legal

Town Counsel	\$	761 75	
		<hr/>	\$ 761 75

Town Clerk

Salary	\$	200 00	
Recording Statistics		52 00	
Printing - Postage		20 30	
Annual Meeting		6 75	
		<hr/>	\$ 279 05

Elections

Registrars	\$	25 00	
Election Officers		76 00	
Printing Ballots		63 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 164 00

Planning Board

Dues	\$	12 50	
Subscriptions		4 00	
Advertisements		13 49	

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Stencils	2 00	
Postage	9 00	
Others	14 70	
	<u> </u>	\$ 55 69

Board of Appeals

Advertising - Postage - Clerical	\$ 29 21	
	<u> </u>	\$ 29 21

Town Hall

Janitor	\$ 1,133 00	
Fuel	596 45	
Lights	98 65	
Janitors Supplies	21 34	
Repairs	279 88	
Telephone	123 97	
Water	20 00	
Water Cooler	135 34	
Tuning Piano	6 00	
Trans. of Wood	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,414 83

TOTAL — General Government	\$ 7,718 11
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Protection — Persons - Property

Police Dept.:

Patrolling	\$ 1,144 75	
Expenses	28 72	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,173 47

School Traffic Payroll	\$ 805 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 805 00

Court Fines	\$ 13 85	
	<u> </u>	\$ 13 85

Fire Department

Engineers	\$ 400 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 400 00

Expenses:

Alarm	\$	131 96	
Maintenance		365 01	
Hose		403 25	
Gas & Oil		12 57	
Resuscitator		597 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,291 49

Sealer - Weights - Measures

Salary	\$	50 00	
Die		1 23	
		<hr/>	\$ 51 23

Building Inspector

Salary	\$	250 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 250 00

Moth Department

Labor	\$	121 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 121 00

Tree Warden

Labor	\$	649 30	
		<hr/>	\$ 649 30

Dutch Elm

Labor	\$	161 84	
		<hr/>	\$ 161 84

Dog Officer

Dogs Destroyed	\$	60 50	
		<hr/>	\$ 60 50

TOTAL — Protection Persons and
Property

\$ 5,977 68

Health and Sanitation

Health Department

Salaries	\$ 30 00
Clerical	22 00
Printing - Postage	86 00
Reports	4 75

Tuberculosis

Board - Treatment	\$ 882 00
Hospital Assessment	3,022 61
Dump	811 00
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	\$ 4,858 36

Inspection of Animals

Salary	\$ 50 00
Inspection of Meat	
Salary	5 00
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	\$ 55 00

Collection of Garbage

Disposal	1,790 00
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	\$ 1,790 00

TOTAL — Health & Sanitation	<hr/>	\$ 6,703 36
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Highways

Chapter 81

Salaries - Wages	\$ 5,187 61
Trucks	3,036 85
Materials	2,549 32
Repairs	100 88
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	\$ 10,874 66

Snow Removal

Salaries - Wages	\$ 2,654 10
Trucks	1,957 87
Repairs	137 69
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	\$ 4,749 66

Street Lights

Current	\$ 1,385 47
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	\$ 1,385 47

Tractor Equipment Maintenance

Rents	\$	420 00	
Repairs		737 03	
Parts		561 46	
Express		9 88	
Traffic Lights		32 82	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,761 19

Back Hoe

Purchase	\$	1,862 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,862 00

Snow Fence

Purchase	\$	240 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 240 00

Vacation - Sick Leave

Expense	\$	524 88	
		<hr/>	\$ 524 88

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Salaries - Wages	\$	822 07	
Trucks		1,154 44	
Materials		2,222 83	
		<hr/>	\$ 4,199 34

Tornado

Wages - Trucks	\$	250 65	
		<hr/>	\$ 250 65

Town Garage

Plans	\$	500 00	
Construction		18,793 50	
Doors		2,225 00	
Express		75 68	
Heater		2,930 00	
Heater		58 79	
Oil Tank		765 00	
Oil		136 54	
Oil Pump		698 00	
Installation		75 12	
Water		314 10	

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Bulldozer	131 50	
Labor and Trucks	630 79	
Paint & Painting	182 40	
Lights	4 09	
	<hr/>	\$ 27,520 51

Chapter 90 Construction

Wages	\$ 2,573 03	
Trucks	6,138 98	
Materials	3,287 64	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,999 65

TOTAL - Highways	<hr/>	\$ 65,368 01
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Charities

Public Welfare

Salaries	\$ 75 00	
Cash Grants	360 00	
Groceries	51 80	
Fuel	7 85	
Rent	37 50	
Others	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 537 15

Aid to Dependent Children

Cash Grants	\$ 1,754 28	
Medical	243 16	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,997 39

Old Age Assistance

Aid	\$ 6,407 97	
Cities	38 05	
Medical	317 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,763 42

Old Age Assistance

Administration	\$ 220 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 220 84

Disability Assistance

Aid	\$ 955 29	
Medical	852 97	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,808 26

Administration	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 75 00
Civil Service Employee		
Salary	\$ 388 24	
	<hr/>	\$ 388 24
Veterans Benefits		
Agent - Salary	\$ 50 00	
Aid	1,035 00	
Fuel	5 53	
Medical	195 00	
Taxes	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,345 53
TOTAL — Charities		<hr/> \$ 13,135 83

Schools

School Committee	\$ 270 00
Superintendent Salary	419 98
Clerical	414 82
Postage	8 88
Telephone	102 57
Travel	94 60
Census	40 00
Office Rent	25 00
Supt. Supplies	54 74
Moving Piano	34 00
Teachers' Salaries	20,650 50
Books	676 75
Supplies	716 52
High Tuition	7,429 01
Trade Tuition	1,000 40
Transportation	8,604 80
Janitor	2,433 36
Fuel - Lights	869 31
Repairs	671 27
Janitors Supplies	195 24
Water	55 89
Squeegee	42 26
Express	1 90
Furnishings	74 07

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Diplomas	21 00	
Physician	100 00	
Nurse	279 68	
Medical Supplies	21 15	
	<hr/>	\$ 45,310 79

New Classroom

Desk - Chairs	570 94	
Teachers - Desk - Chair	79 27	
Labor	1,802 48	
Heating	272 00	
Lights	99 16	
Materials	276 15	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,100 00

Wachusett Regional High
Assessment

\$ 7,050 00	
<hr/>	\$ 7,050 00

School Milk
Project

\$ 632 45	
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Library

Librarian	\$ 600 00	
Asst. Librarian	221 25	
Janitor	500 00	
Books	872 60	
Magazines	61 85	
Binding	52 35	
Fuel	220 67	
Lights	54 10	
Repairs	15 90	
Furnishings	123 90	
Grounds	102 00	
Janitors Supplies	31 31	
New Fence	145 00	
Water	20 00	
Furnace	18 50	
Others	31 00	
Supplies	24 20	
Clerical	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,162 73

TOTAL — Schools & Library

\$ 59,255 97

Recreation — Unclassified

Common

Salary	\$	200 00	
Expense to mower		29 15	
		<u> </u>	\$ 229 15

Swimming Pool

Construction	\$	1,934 75	
		<u> </u>	\$ 1,934 75

Instruction	\$	650 00	
Badges, Supplies		31 93	
Materials		248 67	
		<u> </u>	\$ 930 60

Memorial Day

Celebration	\$	83 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 83 00

Town Clock

Purchase of	\$	2,390 00	
Care of		60 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,450 00

Town Reports

Printing	\$	850 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 850 00

Insurance - Bonds

	\$	3,684 98	
		<u> </u>	\$ 3,684 98

Illig Place - Taxes

	\$	93 60	
		<u> </u>	\$ 93 60

TOTAL — Recreation - Unclassified			\$ 10,256 08
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Public Services

Water Department

Commissioners	\$	75 00	
Clerical		100 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 175 00

Expenses

Superintendent	\$ 1,200 00	
Printing - Postage	77 05	
Insurance	68 50	
Others	12 90	
Labor	3,134 68	
Trucks	657 20	
Pipe-Fittings	2,616 30	
Equipment	168 29	
Materials	115 80	
Lights - Power	870 18	
Others	29 26	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,949 45

Extensions

Labor	\$ 860 79	
Trucks	197 90	
Pipes - Fittings	2,898 32	
Liability Insurance	92 72	
Installing Pipes	440 55	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,490 08

Hydrants

Installing	\$ 1,196 09	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,196 09

Hydrants

Rentals	\$ 1,325 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,325 00
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		\$ 16,135 62

Electric Light Department

Commissioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	251 00
Rents	336 00
Postage	68 41
Printing	94 11
Travel	102 16
Telephone	24 00
Meter Refunds	33 22
Others	27 67

Employees	10,597 95	
Current	29,328 85	
Tools	5 98	
Meters - Transformers	1,379 28	
Materials	4,288 56	
Trucks	1,012 91	
Insurance	724 69	
Gas - Oil	23 69	
Express	26 49	
Trimming Trees	506 00	
Refund - Construction	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 49,905 97

Cemeteries

Superintendent	\$ 52 00	
Labor	675 13	
Tress - Spraying - Pruning	40 00	
Equipment - Maintenance	35 62	
Trucks	405 30	
Postage	6 00	
Grass Seed	99 70	
Clerical	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,363 75

TOTAL — Enterprises - Public Services \$ 67,405 34

Interest

On Water Bonds	\$ 1,180 00	
On Fire Truck Notes	40 52	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,220 52

Municipal Indebtedness

Water Bond	\$ 3,000 00	
Fire Truck Note	1,250 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,250 00

TOTAL — Interest - Maturing Debt \$ 5,470 52

Agency

State Parks	\$ 158 89	
Auditing	399 36	
	<hr/>	\$ 558 25

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County Tax	\$ 3,627 69	
Pension - Retirement	1,548 71	
Dog Licenses	450 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,627 20

Withheld Taxes	\$ 6,194 62	
Retirement Funds	1,879 44	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,074 06

Cemetery		
Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 775 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 775 00
TOTAL — Agencies		\$ 15,034 51

Refunds

On Taxes	\$ 297 20	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	450 52	
Overpaid - Dog Licenses	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 756 72

TOTAL - Payments		\$ 257,082 13
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SUMMARY

Receipts

General Revenue	\$ 105,206 54
Special Assessments	14,666 39
Commercial Revenue	
General Government	35,033 00
Public Services	61,030 93
Cemeteries	1,116 50
Interest	2,357 61
Maturing Debts	30,000 00
Agencies	7,509 91
Refunds	228 42
Transfers	3,540 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 260,689 30
Cash Balance, January 1, 1953	64,210 38
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	\$ 324,899 68

PAYMENTS

General Government	\$ 7,718 11
Protection - Person - Property	5,977 68
Health - Sanitation	6,703 36
Highways	65,368 01
Charity	13,135 83
Schools - Library	59,255 97
Recreation - Unclassified	10,256 08
Enterprise - Cemeteries	67,405 34
Interest - Maturing Debts	5,470 52
Agencies - Trust	15,034 51
Refunds	756 72

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 257,082 13
Cash Balance, December 31, 1953	67,817 55
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	\$ 324,899 68

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON — BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1953

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 67,817 55
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1953		
Personal	\$ 267 84	
Real Estate	3,051 70	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,319 54
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1953	\$ 719 14	
Tax Titles	\$ 21 28	
Tax Possessions	3,654 49	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,676 37
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent		
Children	\$ 62 76	
Old Age Assistance	51 99	
Veterans' Services	296 50	
Cemetery	104 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 515 25
Electric Light Rates	1,700 00	
Water Rates	707 86	

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

Electric Light Deposits	\$ 257 48
Excess Sale of Lands of Low Value	109 40
Federal Grants:	
Disability Admin.	\$ 37 00
Disability Assistance	166 59
Aid to Dependent	
Children - Admin.	53 74
Aid to Dependent	
Children Aid	50 53
Old Age Admin.	221 85
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	\$ 529 71
School Lunch	79 43
Appropriation Balances:	
Planning Board	\$ 694 31
Street Easements	19 00
Library	367 64
Swimming Pool Project	691 09
Swimming Pool Instruction	69 40
Electric Light	
Depreciation	10,126 15

Aid to Highways:

State - Chapter 81	\$	1,989	00
State - Chap. 90			
Construction		6,000	00
County - Chapter 90			
Construction		3,000	00
	\$	10,989	00

Loan Authorized	5,000	00
State Parks and Reservations	51	36
Tuberculosis Hospital	6	56

\$ 94,502 63

Electric Light

Construction	3,036	40
Garage Construction	3,504	49
	\$	18,508 48

Loan Authorized - Unissued	5,000	00
County Tax	169	55
Illing Place - Rentals	1,254	83
Machinery Rentals	1,939	59
Overlay Surplus	2,477	76
Overlay 1953	3,228	85
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	719	14
Tax Title Revenue	3,676	37
Departmental Revenue	515	25
Electric Light Revenue	1,700	00
Water Revenue	707	86
Aid to Highways Revenue	10,989	00
Surplus Revenue	42,639	93

\$ 94,502 63

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debts:

Inside Debt Limit	\$	31,250	00
Outside Debt Limit		28,000	00

Inside Debt Limit:

Departmental			
Equipment	\$	1,250	00
Municipal Garage		30,000	00
	\$	31,250	00

Outside Debt Limit
Water System

28,000 00

\$ 59,250 00

\$ 59,250 00

TRUST and INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

In custody of Treasurer

\$ 56,973 68

In custody of Trustee

8,477 52

In custody of Treasurer:

D. Russell Boynton

Charity \$ 1,084 97

Edward D. Bigelow

School 1,000 00

Library:

George E. Bigelow 500 00

Richards Memorial 1,668 87

Edward D. Bigelow 22,372 08

Edward D. Bigelow

Village

Improvement 1,040 33

Dr. Andrew Jackson

Howe 2,365 85

Cemetery Perpetual

Care 21,425 00

Post War

Rehabilitation 5,516 58

\$ 56,973 68

In custody of Trustee:
C. D. Boynton

8,477 52

\$ 65,451 20

\$ 65,451 20

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Town Accountant

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF PAXTON

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1953

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following pages of reports covering the many activities of the School Department. Increasing school enrollment will bring about many new problems during the next few years and it is hoped that each voter with study these reports in order to be familiar with these problems.

The Wachusett Regional High School will open this Fall and Paxton pupils will, for the first time in history participate in a High School which truly "belongs to them." Those pupils at present enrolled in Worcester High Schools will be allowed to continue if they wish. Those who would like to transfer to the Wachusett school may do so and it is hoped that some will make this choice. In the future, all pupils graduating from Center School in Paxton will be expected to enter Wachusett school unless they choose to go to a Trade or private school. The Town will continue to provide tuition and transportation to Trade schools as provided by law.

The enrollment in Center school has now reached a total of 193 pupils as compared to 159 a year ago, and in contrast to 82 in 1944. Indications are that this growth will continue for some time with a predicted enrollment of close to 300 by 1960. We are now operating with eight teachers in eight rooms and have no additional classrooms in which to expand. One grade already has near the maximum number of pupils for efficient operation. We now have no assembly room, the recreational facilities are inadequate, and the total enrollment is such that a lunch program could be handled with economy.

The time has now come when the Town should undertake the task of making the necessary studies and plans required to meet these expanding needs at the proper time. We have been very fortunate in having more than enough classrooms since the size of the school was doubled in 1929. However, many of the classrooms will be overcrowded within three years. The School Committee has already held two meetings with the School Building Assistance Commis-

sion, a State Commission, and they have begun to help us in working out our future needs. This Commission is in a position to render a very considerable amount of help at no cost to the Town. However, it is vitally important that a number of the people of the Town assist in the working out of the solutions to the many problems involved. An Article has been placed in the Warrant asking for the appointment of a School Building Committee.

One of the problems which continually faces the School Committee is that of providing safe and adequate transportation. It is the intention of the Committee to continue to increase the transportation facilities to meet growing population and increasing traffic hazards.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all of those who are helping out 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 1953

FUNDS FOR USE IN 1953

Appropriation for Grade, High and Trade Schools	\$ 45,088 00
Article No. 25, Warrant, March 1953 New Room)	3,300 00
Bigelow Fund	30 00
	<hr/> \$ 48,418 00

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL

Committee Salaries	\$ 225 00
Committee Expense	105 18
Superintendent Salary & Travel	479 98
Superintendent Office Expense	509 56
	<hr/> \$ 1,319 72

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 19,279 86
Supervisors' Salaries & Travel	1,050 56
Substitute Teachers	320 00
Textbooks	600 68
Supplies	758 63
	<hr/> \$ 22,009 73

OPERATION OF PLANT

Custodians' Salary	\$ 2,433 36
Custodians' Supplies	187 04
Fuel	664 51
Light	204 80
Water	55 89
Telephone and Misc.	98 02
	<hr/> \$ 3,643 62

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Repairs and Replacements	\$ 516 02	
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AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$ 400 91	
Transportation (All Schools)	8,604 80	
Tuition (Trade & High)	8,429 41	
Miscellaneous	68 35	
	<hr/>	\$ 17,503 47

OUTLAY

New Equipment	\$ 118 23	
New Room (Completion and Furnish)	3,300 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,418 23
Total Expenditures		\$ 48,410 79

GRANTS OR RETURNS FROM THE STATE

Chap. 70, State Aid, General Fund	\$ 7,523 36	
Supt. Salary	331 03	
Transportation	7,318 00	
Vocational (Trade School Assistance)	619 34	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,791 73

Report of the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Paxton:

The following is the fifty-fourth annual Superintendent's report in the series and my sixth.

In presenting this report I shall endeavor to mention the most important educational events of the year and recommend the future needs of the school.

In September we increased our teaching staff to eight, thus providing a teacher for each grade. This will give the pupils a far better type of instruction. The staff is an experienced group, having an average of sixteen years experience. Experienced teachers are an asset to any school system. It is hoped that we may retain the present staff for some time.

The average salary of the Paxton teachers is \$2,862.00. Residing near a large city and several communities it behooves Paxton to raise this amount in the coming year.

In October the California Achievement Tests were given to Grades IV, VI and VIII. The results were very satisfactory in English.

Grade IV

Reading Arithmetic Spelling Language

Norm for Test	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Paxton Score	4.3	4.6	4.9	5.1

Grade VI

Norm for Test	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Paxton Score	6.1	6.1	6.6	7.0

Grade VIII

Norm for Test	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Paxton Score	8.2	8.1	9.4	9.3

The teachers make use of these standardized tests by giving additional instruction to those who are below the norms in their subjects. These tests are given to thousands of pupils in the country, thereby establishing a fairly good sampling of what is taking place in similar schools.

The increased enrollment and an anticipated increase for several years means that additional school facilities will be needed in the very near future. Also we shall be giving our pupils further educational advantages. We do not have any room for industrial arts, home economics, physical education, a school lunch program or a kindergarten room. It seems to me that a committee, in conjunction with the school officials should be appointed at the coming town meeting to study and recommend to the town the future physical needs of the school.

ENROLLMENT

Elementary School	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	113	116	129	134	159	192
High School	—	—	—	—	—	39
Estimated Enrollment				1954	1955	1960
				215	240	300
High School				—	—	90 to 100

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS

1948—\$29,370 62	1951—\$37,306 47
1949—\$32,092 43	1952—\$39,370 68
1950—\$33,453 15	1953—\$48,410 79
Estimated 1954—\$53,911 00	1960—\$70,000 00 to \$75,000 00
will be needed for current expenses	

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS

1952 - 1953

Grades	Total Membership	Average Membership	% of Attendance
VIII	16	16.00	93.20
VII - VI	34	33.36	92.81
V	28	27.98	92.63
IV - III	27	26.05	83.01
III - II	32	30.98	91.06
I	24	23.38	93.49
	<hr/> 161	<hr/> 157.75	<hr/> 91.03

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ENROLLMENT FALL TERM

1953

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
	26	28	24	21	21	32	16	22	190
(Enrollment Fall Term 1952 - 159)	1951 - 134)				(1950 - 129)				

CENSUS - OCTOBER 1, 1953

	Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	53	42	95
7 to 16 years of age	86	81	167
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	139	123	262
In Public Schools			212
In Trade Schools			0
In Private Schools			24
Not in School (5 to 7)			26
			<hr/>
			262

GRADUATES — JUNE 1953

Dennis R. Abbott	Raymond J. Lantinen
George J. Ahearn	Gerald A. Mullaney
Patrick A. Ahearn	Denis E. Murphy
Ruth M. Clockedile	Linda A. O'Janne
Lawrence H. Cournoyer	Linda M. Pearson
Carol A. Demas	Lois M. Pickett
Priscilla A. George	Ralph P. St. George
Janet M. Jones	Richard E. Wylie

GRADUATES PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Eileen N. Hyland	Commerce
Doris A. Mullaney	Commerce
Charles S. Putnam	Commerce
James T. Putnam, Jr.	Commerce
Lorna Rabinow	Classical

REGISTERED AT HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Alfred Belanger	Arthur J. Pentilla
Terrance M. Connor	Jeffrey H. Cunningham
Robert L. Price	Bethea N. Smith
Barbara R. Robinson	Patricia J. Worths
Kay F. Woodall	George J. Ahearn
William E. Harris	Patrick A. Ahearn
Bruce J. Hatstat	Stanley B. Amidon

Jon C. Marden
Donald P. Whitney
Barbara J. Blaisdell
David D. Bruce
Ronald A. Carlson
Richard H. Johnson
Everett L. Lupien

Raymond J. Lantinen
Gerald A. Mullaney
Richard E. Wiley
Ruth M. Clockedile
Linda A. O'Janne
Linda M. Pearson
Lois L. Pickett

REGISTERED AT COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL

Carol A. Demas
Sandra M. Girouard

Violet D. Miller
John Rickertson

REGISTERED AT CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Gerald D. Jenkins

REGISTERED AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Dennis R. Abbott

Lawrence H. Cournoyer

REGISTERED AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Barbara A. Lupien

George H. Nanigian

GIRLS TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Mary Harney

BOYS' TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

James J. Ahearn

John T. Ahearn

David A. Putnam

AWARDS, JUNE 1953

ANIMAL POSTER AWARDS

First Prize

Lois Pickett, Grade 8

James Cuninghame, Grade 7

Robert Pickett, Grade 6

Maureen Abbott, Grade 4

Second Prize

Lawrence Cournoyer, grade 8

Marguerite Sinkewich, Grade 6

Third Prize

Gail Price, Grade 7

Francis Sheckleton, Grade 5

William Kelley, Grade 4

SOIL CONSERVATION ESSAY

Linda O'Janne, Grade 8

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

First Prize

Janet Jones, Grade 8

Second Prize

Gail Price, grade 7

Third Prize

Robert Pickett, Grade 6

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD (grade 8 only)

Linda O'Janne

Gerald Mullaney

TUITION RATES

School	No. of Students	Rate
Holden High	28	\$223 00
		(\$250 00 Jan. 1, 1954)
North High	2	220 00
Commerce High	3	274 00
South High	2	274 00
Classical High	1	274 00
Girls' Trade High	1	
Boys' Trade High	3	300 00
Evening Trade		20c per hour

Beginning September 1954, the amount Paxton is now paying for tuition will become a part of the Wachusett Regional High School budget.

Pupil enrollment at the Center School continues to increase and is currently 18% above registration for last year. Also, attendance has improved slightly over the previous year.

In October, standardized achievement tests were administered in grades 4, 6 and 8. The scores revealed that Grade 4 is .5 above grade level; Grade 6 is .3 above grade level and Grade 8 is .5 of a year above the norms for grade level. These results indicate that the school is serving its

pupils favorably. However, adjustments must be made in Reading Comprehension and certain Arithmetic Fundamentals in order to meet the needs of the children better.

The School continues to offer a weekly defense savings stamp day and many youngsters are participating in this thrift experience. Savings that many parents could realize are those that result from the school being a member of the National School Lunch Program. During the period December 1, 1952 to November 30, 1953, 11,553 half pints of milk were sold. The United States Department of Agriculture provided a reimbursement of \$231.06 which permitted the sale of milk at a rate of 4 cents per bottle or about 16 cents a quart.

The addition of the new room and the hiring of one teacher per grade has enabled the teachers to better meet the problems associated with the instruction of pupils.

The parents and School Committee, have been very willing and interested in contributing to the constant improvement of the Center School. This spirit of friendly cooperativeness has been appreciated by the entire school staff.

Dr. Leroy E. Mayo, the school physician reports that the annual physical examinations have been completed and immunization clinics were conducted using Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid provided by the State. This coming spring further clinics are being planned.

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, the school nurse, reports that sixty-three pupils were inoculated against diphtheria. A pre-school clinic was held with the parents present. The annual vision tests were given and many defects have been corrected.

The nurse reports that all contagious diseases must be reported to the Board of Health. Certificates must be secured from the family physician or Board of Health before pupils who have had a contagious disease can return to school. Parents are urged to keep children home, who have beginning colds or early signs of illness.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has established a regulation whereby the child shall be examined by a physician six months before entering school or during the first year after entrance and at intervals of three or four years.

The nurse has weighed and measured two hundred and forty, given first aid to thirty-one, made twenty-eight field visits, one hundred twenty vision tests, ninety-four physical examinations, excluded eight and assisted four who are physically handicapped.

The music supervisor, Miss Ruth Innes, reports that rote and reading music has been provided. Favorite songs from the classics, romantic and contemporary composers have been taught. The Glee Club and Orchestra will be ready to perform at the Graduation Program.

Gregory F. Bowes, Supervisor of Art, reports that the policy of self expression and experimentation have been encouraged. In the upper grades such varied activities as murals, stained glass windows and three dimensional paper sculpture projects have been carried on, as well as consideration of figures in action, seasonal projects, color theory and practice in using water colors, poster paints and crayons.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all for assistance received in conducting the school for the past year. May 1954 be a greater educational year for the children and young people of Paxton.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,

Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET - 1954

Account	Appro. 1953	Spent 1953	Recom. 1954
Moderator			
Salary	\$ 35 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 35 00
Selectmen			
Salaries	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expenses	300 00		
Reserve	32 90	332 90	325 00
Town Accountant			
Salary	500 00	500 00	500 00
Expenses	15 00	8 12	15 00
Treasurer			
Salary	500 00	500 00	500 00
Expenses	200 00	196 76	175 00
Collector of Taxes			
Salary	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expenses	200 00	197 27	175 00
Assessors			
Salaries	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expenses	500 00	433 53	550 00

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Account	Appro. 1953	Spent 1953	Recom. 1954
Legal			
Town Counsel	700 00		
Reserve	61 75	761 75	700 00
Elections			
Expenses	150 00	139 00	250 00
Registrars			
Salaries	25 00	25 00	25 00
Expenses	50 00		90 00
Town Clerk			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expenses	90 00	79 05	100 00
Planning Board			
Expenses	750 00	55 69	500 00
Town Building Plan	1,000 00	500 00	
Board of Appeals	50 00	29 21	50 00
Town Hall	2,400 00		
Reserve	14 83	2,414 83	2,900 00
Reserve Fund			
Transfer from Overlay Surplus	3,000 00	1,300 23	3,000 00

Police			
Patrolling	1,200 00	1,144 75	1,200 00
Expenses	50 00	28 72	50 00
School Traffic			
Expenses	930 00	805 00	930 00
Court Fines			
Reserve	13 85	13 85	
Fire Engineers			
Salaries	400 00	400 00	400 00
Fire Department			
Expenses	2,000 00		
Reserve	300 00	2,291 49	2,000 00
Building Inspector			
Salary	250 00	250 00	250 00
Sealer			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Expenses	5 00	1 23	5 00
Moth			
Expenses	200 00	121 00	200 00
Dutch Elm Beetle	200 00	161 84	200 00
Tree Warden			
Expenses	650 00	649 30	650 00

Account	Appro. 1953	Spent 1953	Recom. 1954
Dog Officer	25 00		
Reserve	35 50	60 50	25 00
Health			
Salaries	30 00	30 00	30 00
Expenses	1,740 00		
Reserve	65 75	1,805 75	2,204 00
Inspection of Animals			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Inspection of Meat			
Salary	5 00	5 00	5 00
Collection of Garbage			
Expenses	1,970 00	1,790 00	2,560 00
Highways:			
Chapter 81	2,900 00	2,900 00	3,000 00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,400 00	1,400 00	1,600 00
Chapter 90, Construction	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Tornado			
Reserve	250 65	250 65	
Highways Equipment Maintenance			
Transfer	2,202 75	1,931 86	1,940 59

Town Garage Maintenance			600 00
Snow Removal Expenses	4,750 00	4,749 66	5,500 00
Snow Fence Purchase of	250 00	240 00	250 00
Street Lights Current	1,540 00	1,385 47	1,315 00
Surfacing Streets New Roads			1,200 00
Public Welfare			
Salaries	150 00	75 00	150 00
Expenses	500 00	462 15	1,500 00
Disability Assistance	3,000 00	1,808 26	2,000 00
Civil Service Employee Salary	516 00	442 49	588 00
Old Age Assistance Aid	4,000 00	6,763 42	4,500 00
Old Age Assistance Administration	25 00	166 59	25 00
Aid Dependent Children Aid	2,500 00	1,997 39	2,500 00

Account	Appro. 1953	Spent 1953	Recom. 1954
Veterans Benefits			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Expenses	10 00		10 00
Aid	1,500 00	1,295 53	1,500 00
Schools			
Expenses	45,088 00		
Income	30 00	45,310 79	53,911 00
Classroom	3,300 00	3,100 00	
Wachusett Regional High School			
Assessment	7,050 00	7,050 00	10,924 38
Library			
Expenses	1,896 00	3,162 73	2,300 00
Common			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expenses	50 00	29 15	50 00
Swimming Pool			
Construction - Transfer	2,625 84	1,934 75	Bal. 691 09
Swimming Pool			
Maintenance - Transfer	1,000 00	930 60	Bal. 69 40

Halloween Celebration	100 00		
Memorial Day Celebration	100 00	83 00	100 00
Town Clock Care of Expenses	60 00 25 00	60 00	10 00
Town Reports Printing	850 00	850 00	1,600 00
Insurance Expenses Refunds	3,300 00 384 98	3,684 98	2,800 00
Illeg Place Maintenance - Transfer	300 00	93 60	
Water Department Salaries Expenses - Transfer	175 00 8,950 00	175 00 8,949 45	175 00 8,935 00
Hydrant Rentals Assessment	1,325 00	1,325 00	1,450 00

Cemeteries			
Expenses	700 00		
Income	301 88	1,363 75	1,200 00
Interest on Notes			
Temporary Loans	25 00		25 00
Certification of Notes	10 00	10 00	10 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. ARDEN WOODALL
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Finance Board

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To any 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 1st day of March, 1954, at 12:00 noon, then and there to act on the following article:

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
Treasurer	1 year
Collector of Taxes	1 year
2 Constables	1 year
Tree Warden	1 year
Selectman	3 years
Public Welfare	3 years
Assessor	3 years
School Committee	3 years
Light Board	3 years
Cemetery Board	3 years
Water Board	3 years
2 Library Trustees	3 years
Planning Board	5 years
Board of Health	3 years
Recreation Committee	5 years
Recreation Committee	4 years
Recreation Committee	3 years
Recreation Committee	2 years
Recreation Committee	1 year

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

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

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 o'clock P.M.

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

At this time the voters will be called upon to act on the following Articles, namely:

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, 1954, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes of the Town as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to 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.

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 \$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 9. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

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

- 2 Richards Ave.
- 1 Eagle Circuit
- 1 Ridgewood Rd.
- 1 Marshall St.
- 2 West St.
- 2 Grove St. to Sunset Lane
- 5 Sunset Lane
- 1 Suomi at Marshall
- 1 Asnebumskit Rd.

and raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the necessary operating expense for street lights, 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 \$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 town for one full 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 \$1,668.70 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 with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway maintenance and that in addition the sum of \$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 \$1,600.00 to cover the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 highway maintenance and that in addition the sum of \$3,200.00 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 \$3,000.00 to cover the town's share of the cost of construction on West St., under Chapter 90 and that in addition the sum of \$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 see if the town will vote to transfer from surplus, an amount equal to the receipts of the Water Dept. for 1953 to the account of the Water Dept., or act in way thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of increasing the Salaries of the Selectmen or act in any way thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the Fire Dept. Engineers, or act in any way thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Regional School District Committee to establish and maintain State-aided Vocational Education, acting as trustees therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, General Laws and Acts mandatory thereto, or dependent thereon; if the Regional School District Committee deems it desirable; or act in any way thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,757.81 to the Account of the Town Garage, or act in any way thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the real estate hereinafter described, and now the site of the Town Garage, from the Board of Water Commissioners to the Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.

Said real estate is described as follows:

"Beginning at a Worcester County Highway Bound on the northerly line of Holden Road;

Thence N. 81 41' 20" W. one hundred fifteen (115) feet by said northerly line of Holden Road to a stake;

Thence N. 8 18' 40" E. by land of the Town of Paxton four hundred (400) feet to a stake;

Thence S. 81 41' 20" E. by land of said Town of Paxton two hundred fifty (250) feet to a stake;

Thence S. 8 18' 40" W. by land of the said Town of Paxton three hundred eighty-eight and six hundredths (388.06) feet to a stake on the northerly line of Holden Road;

Thence by a curve to the right with a radius of seven hundred seventy (770) feet by said northerly line of Holden Road one hundred thirty - five and seventy hundredths (135.70) feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 2.28 acres, more or less."

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to rescind the amount of \$5,000.00 from the loan authorized by a vote passed under Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of June 12, 1953, or act in any way thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of surveying the Town property at Davis and Pleasant Sts., or act in any way thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the accumulated income, including the income for 1954, on the C. D. Boynton Fund, to construct a cement sidewalk on the east side of Pleasant street, starting at the driveway of Stanley Moor and continuing south toward Lawrence St. as far as the funds will permit, providing the State Dept. of Public Works first installs a curbing along the State Highway where the sidewalk is to be built, or act in any way thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$5,120.00 for the purpose of constructing a surface sewer from its present terminus behind the Sons of Paxton building westerly through the so-called "Illig" property to the brook which flows from "Illig's Pond," or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to obtain exact figures on the possible sale of the Electric Light Plant to the Worcester County Electric Co., in order to determine if such sale would be to the benefit of the town, or act in any way thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on Grove street 475 feet on the northerly end said extension completing the Grove St. by-pass and cost approximately \$2,200.00. The remaining \$2,300.00 to be used to extend water main 500 feet along the Barre Road, or act in any way thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of installing water main on Indian Hill Road, or act in any way thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners and the Selectmen to sign, seal and deliver, an agreement with the City of Worcester, to limit and set the rate of damages to be paid as a result of any water diverted by the Town of Paxton from Asnebumskit Brook, or act in any way thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for water diversion account, or act in any way thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of surfacing the streets, that have been made public by the Town, with tar, or act in any way thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the School Committee to jointly appoint a "School Planning and Building Committee" for the purpose of making studies and recommendations relative to expansion of facilities at the Center School, or act in any way thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used by the "School Building and Planning Committee" in carrying out the necessary work in connection with studies of the facilities of the Center School, or act in any way thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the present "Swimming Pool Construction Committee" to continue the work involved in the completion of the pool and surrounding areas as outlined in the report of the Committee, or act in any way thereon.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Swimming Pool Activities for 1954, or act in any way thereon.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to amend Section IV, paragraph 8, of the town By-Laws, by adding the following to be known as sub-section 6:

"Home occupations carried on in the residence of the occupant and not in an accessory building, provided that not more than one-half the floor area of such residence shall be devoted to such uses."

or act in any way thereon.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Meadowbrook Drive, from its present terminus 300 ft. to Briarcliff Lane, by the Selectmen under date of February 11, 1954, as delineated on a Plan, designated; Mountain View, Section B, dated November 25, 1953, drawn by P. R. Grout, R.P.E., or act in any way thereon.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to purchase a deed or acquire by right of eminent domain an easement for public way purposes in Meadowbrook Drive, or act in any way thereon.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase or acquire by right of eminent domain from Franklin G. Fleming, Jr., an easement for public way purposes in Meadowbrook Drive being a way 50 feet wide extending southerly from its present terminus 300 feet to Briarcliff Lane as shown on a plan of land designated; Mountain View, Section B, dated November 25, 1953, drawn by P. R. Grout, R.P.E., or act in any way thereon.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Briarcliff Lane by the Selectmen as shown on a plan designated; Mountain View, Section B, or act in any way thereon

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or taking by right of eminent domain an easement for public way purposes in Briarcliff Lane, or act in any way thereon.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase or by right of eminent domain an easement from Franklin G. Fleming, Jr., for public way purposes in Briarcliff Lane, being a way 50 feet wide extending easterly from Pleasant St. and shown

on a plan designated; Mountain View, Section B, dated Nov. 25, 1953, drawn by P. R. Grout, P.R.E., or act in any way thereon.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Crestwood Road, Pinewood Road, and Oakwood Road by the Selectmen under date of February 11, 1954, as shown on a plan designated; Asknebumskit Hill Homesites, dated Sept. 21, 1953, drawn by Francis B. Thompson, C.E., or act in any way thereon.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or taking by right of eminent domain easements for public way purposes in Crestwood Road, Pinewood Road, and Oakwood Road, or act in any way thereon.

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase or by right of eminent domain easements from Clarkson-Giffin Realty Corp. for public way purposes in Crestwood Road being a way 50 feet wide extending 950 feet southeasterly from Asknebumskit Road; Pinewood Road being a way 50 feet wide and extending 200 feet between Ridgewood Road and Crestwood Road; Oakwood Road being a way 50 feet wide extending 200 feet between Ridgewood Road and Crestwood Road; as shown on a plan designated; Asknebumskit Hill Homesites, dated Sept. 21, 1953, drawn by Francis B. Thompson, C.E., or act in any way thereon.

AND YOU ARE directed to serve this Warrant by posting two attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall as required by by-law, seven days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN under our hands this 12th day of February, 1954, A.D.

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

JESSE E. MILLS

Selectmen of Paxton

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