

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
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**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE**  
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## **Town Officers for 1954**

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### **Moderator**

JESSE E. MILLS

### **Town Clerk**

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

### **Treasurer**

MARION E. MACCABEE

### **Collector of Taxes**

MARION E. MACCABEE

### **Constables**

AUGUSTUS W. OATELY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

### **Tree Warden**

FRED R. DIFLEY

### **Selectmen**

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN

Term Expires 1955

JESSE E. MILLS

Term Expires 1956

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term Expires 1957

### **Board of Public Welfare**

RUTH B. MCKINLEY

Term Expires 1955

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

Term Expires 1956

J. MACK JOHNSTON

Term Expires 1957



**Assessors**

ROBERT A. BELEY	Term Expires 1955
FRED E. WATSON	Term Expires 1956
GEORGE C. HUNT	Term Expires 1957

**School Committee**

CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term Expires 1955
HARRY CLARK	Term Expires 1956
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	Term Expires 1957

**Municipal Light Board**

DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1955
GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.	Term Expires 1956
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1957

**Cemetery Commission**

JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term Expires 1955
H. RESO KENNEN, Jr.	Term Expires 1956
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term Expires 1957

**Water Board**

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.	Term Expires 1955
NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term Expires 1956
ELWIN K. YOUNG	Term Expires 1957

**Library Trustees**

VERNA E. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1955
HARRY E. WHITCOMB	Term Expires 1955
CONSTANCE C. GREENMAN	Term Expires 1956
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1956
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term Expires 1957
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Term Expires 1957



### Planning Board

BERNARD R. REARDON	Term Expires 1955
(Resigned)	
ALDEN H. O'JANNE	Term Expires 1957
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1958
G. LEONARD TROTTIER	Term Expires 1959

### Board of Health

SALLY H. STANSFIELD	Term Expires 1955
VERNON E. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1956
NORMAN C. DODGE	Term Expires 1957

### Wachusett Regional High School

LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1955
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### Recreation Commission

LOUIS K. CHILDS	Term Expires 1955
RALPH W. WILBUR	Term Expires 1956
JEROME F. MURPHY	Term Expires 1957
EDITH B. CALHANE	Term Expires 1958
ESTHER S. HAMBLIN	Term Expires 1959

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## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

### Finance Committee

WILLIAM J. LAMOTTE	Term Expires 1957
J. ARDEN WOODALL	Term Expires 1957

**Tellers at the Town Election**

ETTA E. ROBINSON  
GENEVA M. CROMPTON  
BERNICE OATLEY  
MARION E. HUNT

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN**

**Care of Clock**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

**Supt. of Streets**

WALTER V. PIKE

**Dog Officer**

CARL H. JOHNSON

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

**Care of Flag and Common**

WILLIAM LINDQUIST

**Veteran's Agent**

WILLIAM LINDQUIST

**Inspector of Wires**

ROY M. WENTWORTH

**Building Inspector**

FRED E. WATSON

**Forest Fire Warden**

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

**Moth Supt.**

FRED R. DIFLEY

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

FRED R. DIFLEY

CHARLES C. CRAIG

**POLICE OFFICERS**

DONALD W. SISTARE (Chief)

GEORGE G. KARLE (Sargeant)

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

AUGUSTUS W. OATELY

GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.

**Special Police Officers**

JOSEPH WHITCHER

ROBERT C. BRUCE

RICHARD PADGETT

F. WYMAN ROGERS, (Boynton Park)

HOWARD CRESWELL (School)

ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Jr.

WILLIAM KNIGHT (School Crossing)

WILLIAM SHEEHAN (School Crossing)

PHILIP RYAN (Swimming Pool)

**Board of Appeals**

FRED A. COOK

REUBEN H. O'JANNE

RAYMOND J. LANTINEN

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.

(Alternate)



### Board of Registrars

VIOLA C. PRENTICE  
GENEVA M. CROMPTON  
ARTHUR LAWLER, Jr.

### Town Accountant

ETTA E. ROBINSON

### Election Officers and Tellers

#### State Primaries

ETTA E. ROBINSON	MARION CLOCKEDILE
GENEVA M. CROMPTON	IOLA WITKOWSKI
MARION E. HUNT	BERNICE OATELY
VERNA E. POTTER	MARY TRUM

#### State Election

ETTA E. ROBINSON	IOLA WITKOWSKI
MARION E. CLOCKEDILE	GEORGE LILYESTROM
MARY T. HARNEY	VERNA E. POTTER
MARY ST. MARTIN	MARY TRUM
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	ALWYN JENSEN
JOHN STANSFIELD	FRED A. COOK
BERNICE OATELY	ARTHUR J. CROMPTON, Jr.
ANNE NICHOLS	

### School Planning and Building Committee

FRANCIS W. CONLIN	MRS. LOUIS K. CHILDS
M. LAWRENCE PRICE	HARRY CLARK
CHARLES C. CRAIG	WILLIAM H. BUKER
	(Holden)
ELWIN K. YOUNG	GEORGE C. HUNT
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	JOHN H. JOHNSON
J. MACK JOHNSTON	

**To fill vacancy caused by resignation**

**DONALD C. ALEXANDER**

**Planning Board**

**Swimming Pool Committee**

**M. LAWRENCE PRICE**

**CLIFFORD DARWIN**

**BERNARD REARDON**

**WILLIAM J. McKINLEY**

**(Res.)**

**LEROY CLOCKEDILE**

**FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, Jr.**

**ALDEN JACOBSON**

**REUBEN H. O'JANNE**

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Plumbing Inspector**

**THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.**

**Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering**

**SUMNER E. TAYLOR**

**Burial Agent**

**LESLIE E. ROBINSON**

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**TOWN CLERK**

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VITAL RECORDS of 1954

**BIRTHS**

**January**

- 7 Frederick Joseph, son of Louis L. and M. Dorothea (Johnson) Harper.
- 15 Dianne Lora daughter of Sumner E., Jr., and Virginia R. (Dostoler) Taylor.
- 29 Herbert Stone, Jr., son of Herbert S. and Florence A. (Baril) Robinson.

**February**

- 1 Peter Harrington, son of Floyd W. and Martha (Morris) Church.
- 19 David Stuart, son of Frederick W. and Ruth M. (Longvall) Knott.
- 25 Dorothy Ellen, daughter of Gerard E. and Mary (Sheehan) Plante.
- 27 Scott Leslie, son of Kenneth C. G. and Eleanor J. (Payne) Lundberg.

**March**

- 17 Lori Jeanne, daughter of Boyen J. and Faith (Wirths) Yongsma.



- 18 Robert Joseph, Jr., son of Robert J. and Mildred L. (Ahearn) Langevin.
- 20 Mary Katharine, daughter of John J. and Irene R. (Morawski) Niemela.
- 23 Robert Alfred, Jr., son of Robert A. and Irene (Pakkola) Lindquist.

#### April

- 2 Philip Joseph, son of Laurence P. and Frances L. (Foley) O'Connell.
- 5 Vincent Albert, Jr., son of Vincent A. and Juliette A. (Arsenault) Piucci.
- 23 Mary Ellen, daughter of Frank and Mary Patricia (Mullaney) Ranta.
- 26 Diane Carol, daughter of William E. and Jeanne F. (Kerin) Lindquist.
- 28 Eric Hugh, son of Hugh B. and Evelyn (Ericson) Wylie.

#### May

- 15 Susan Maureen, daughter of Robert F. and Ellen (Lee) Leighton.
- 16 Ted Albert, son of Leslie H. and Mary Lou (Harmon) Williams.
- 20 Dayle, daughter of James F. and Gayle E. (Johnson) Carroll.
- 22 Timothy James, son of George F. and Janice (Stone) Ahearn.
- 24 Mary Ellen, daughter of Michael and Gertrude (Littlewood) Jennette.

**June**

- 11 Philip Wayne, son of Elmer J. and Miriam (Syrjanen) Suomu.

**July**

- 13 Susan Alice, daughter of Leonard B. and Avis I. (Wyman) Saarinen.

**August**

- 2 Donna Marie, daughter of Robert E. and Patricia M. (Downer) Supernor.

**September**

- 12 Holly Miriam, daughter of Hartwell and June M. (Shattuck) Griffin.
- 15 Darleen Ann, daughter of Herbert B. and Lillian G. (Johnson) Hammar.
- 15 Cynthia Jean, daughter of P. Douglas and Priscilla A. (Towne) Huntington.
- 18 Stephen Scott, son of Robert A. and Marguerite F. Girouard) Hughes.

**October**

- 5 Joanne Lydia, daughter of Robert F. and Irene M. (Styffe) McCauliff.
- 9 Peter Joseph, son of Arthur J. and I. Carol (Madsen) Manzi.
- 29 Cheryl Marion, daughter of Arthur O. and Grace E. (Erickson) Gamache.

**November**

- 1 Alan Michael, son of Raymond V. and Beatrice C. (Murphy) Kauppila.
- 11 Craig Stephen, son of William H. and Jeanette (Conner) Ahearn.
- 15 Terry Ann, daughter of Norman H. and Ruth (Ferrerri) Osgood.
- 22 Nancy Gail, daughter of Frederick W. and Maud I. (Widen) Anderson.
- 23 Raymond Jacques ,son of Raymond J. and Bernadette (Jacques) Savignac.
- 30 Nancy, daughter of Lawrence A., Jr., and Claire A. McDermott) Girouard.

**December**

- 6 George Richard, son of George F. and Ann Mae (Foran) Hair.
- 30 Eugene Richard, son of Eugene M. and Shirley Mae (Peters) Beley.

**MARRIAGES****February**

- 13 Robert C. Skagerlind of Paxton and Eleanor M. Whittemore of Worcester.
- 20 Ronald L. Clockedile of Paxton and Mary Louise Bullock of North Brookfield.

**March**

- 13 Lawrence R. Clockedile of Paxton and Sophie L. Bullock of North Brookfield, at Rindge N. H.



### April

- 24 Gordon L. Benson of Leicester and Dorothy Ahearn of Paxton.

### May

- 12 Hector W. LaBossiere of Paxton and Evelyn I. (Trudeau) Schneider of Worcester.
- 15 William H. Frye of Worcester and Cynthia A. Reardon of Paxton.

### June

- 5 Norman R. Lamarche of Paxton and Virginia M. Fortin of Worcester.
- 19 Earl W. Parks of Paxton and Kathleen E. Mellen of Worcester.
- 26 Louis S. Urbanovitch of Paxton and Sally Rymarz of Sturbridge, Mass.
- 26 William M. Croft of Concord, N. H. and Joan L. Westling of Paxton.

### July

- 3 Philip H. Ryder of Paxton and Maybritt L. Lundberg of Shrewsbury.
- 10 Gaston Lamarche of Paxton and Barbara A. Beford of Auburn.

### August

- 20 Alden W. Abbott of Paxton and Jean M. Boyce of Worcester.
- 21 Allen L. Estabrook of Paxton and Sheila T. Cordingley of Boston.

- 26 Harry E. West of LaVale, Maryland and Rae T. Barron of Paxton.

### September

- 25 Bruce J. Hatstat of Paxton and Patricia M. Anderson of Worcester.

### December

- 18 Donald F. Dillman of Worcester and Marilyn A. Good of Paxton.

## DEATHS

### February

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| 25 Helen A. (Urban) Kortess<br>(Cerebral hemorrhage) | 42 | 2 | 6 |

### March

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|---|----|---|---|
| 8 Agnes D. (Howley) Himelman<br>(Cerebral hemorrhage) | 67 | — | — |
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### July

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|--|----|---|----|
| 10 John J. Niemela, Sr.<br>(Coronary artery disease) | 47 | 9 | 10 |
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### August

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|--|----|---|---|
| 20 Claire (Labossiere) Chaput<br>(Oligodendroglioma (malignant) brain tumor) | 25 | — | — |
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**September**

29	Gladys F. Bordeaux (Acute myelogenous leukemia)	56	11	5
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**December**

23	Mauvitz Johnson (Coronary artery disease)	66	3	5
26	Henry Wilfred Mongeau (Coronary Artery Disease)	54	—	—
30	Murray H. Dash (Malignant lymphoma) (Hodgkin)	45	—	27

**LICENSES ISSUED IN 1954**

344	Resident Citizen Fishing
138	Resident Citizen Hunting
154	Resident Citizen Sporting
21	Resident Citizen Minor Fishing
69	Resident Citizen Women's Fishing
1	Resident Minor Trapping License
4	Special Non-resident Fishng
2	Resident Alien Fishing
10	Duplicate
11	Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)
2	Resident Citizen Fishing (Ald Age Assistance)

Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game	\$2,407.00
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**Dog Licenses**

102	Males
28	Females
57	Spayed
5	Kennel

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$469.60
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## Report of Voting at Annual Town Meeting

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March 1, 1954

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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 this Article.

Voted to increase the salaries of the Selectmen to \$900.00. Article 18.

Voted to increase the salaries of the Fire Engineers to \$600.00 Article 19.

Voted to transfer \$2,477.00 from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,900.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance. Article 14.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,600.00 as the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance. Article 15.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 as the Town's share of the cost of construction on West St. Article 16.

Voted to transfer \$1,668.70 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund. Article 13.

Voted \$600.00 for maintenance of Town Garage.

Voted \$1,617.00 for operating expenses for street lights and to install additional street lights as follows: Article 10.

Richards Ave.	2
Eagle Circuit	1
Ridgewood Road	1
Marshall St.	1
West St.	2
Grove St. to Sunset Lane	1
Sunset Lane	3
Suomi at Marshall	1
Asnebumskit Rd.	1

Voted \$1,200.00 for surfacing new streets.

Voted \$60.00 for care of Town Clock.

Voted \$2,800.00 for insurance and bonds of Town Officers. Article 3.

Article 3. Voted under Article 2.

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 therefor, 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 \$444.20 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 9. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 10. Voted under Article 2.

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

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$600.00 to be used for vacation and sick leave pay for Highway and Water Department employees.

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 transfer an amount equal to the receipts of the Water Dept. for 1953 to the Water Dept. account.

Article 18. Voted under Article 2.

Article 19. Voted under Article 2.

Article 20. Voted to authorize the Regional School District Committee to establish and maintain State-aided Vocational Education in accordance with Chapter 74, General Laws, if the Committee deems it desirable.

Article 21. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,757.81 to Town Garage Account.

Article 22. Voted to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the real estate, now the site of the Town Garage, from the Board of Water Commissioners to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23. Voted to rescind \$5,000.00 from the loan authorized by Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of June 12, 1953. (Town Garage).

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of surveying Town Property at Pleasant St. and Davis Hill Road.

Article 25. Voted to appropriate the income from the C.D. Boynton Fund (\$829.52) to construct a cement sidewalk on the east side of Pleasant St. starting at the drive way of Stanley H. Moor and continuing southward toward Lawrence St. as far as the funds will permit.

Article 26. Voted to transfer \$5,120.00 from available funds for the construction of a surface sewer from back of the "Sons of Paxton" clubhouse through the "Illig Property" to the brook that flows from "Illig Pond."

Article 27. Voted not to appoint a committee to obtain figures on the possible sale of the Electric Light Plant.

Article 28. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 to extend water main on Grove St. to complete the Grove St. by-pass and to use remaining funds to extend water main along Pleasant St. towards Barre.

Article 29. Voted to pass over the Article. (Water main on Indian Hill Road).

Article 30. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Water Board to execute an agreement with the City of Worcester as to limit and rate of damages to be paid the City of Worcester for any water diversion from Asnebumskit Brook.

Article 31. Voted \$75.00 for the above water diversion account.

Article 32. Voted under Article 2.

Article 33. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to appoint in joint session a "School Planning and Building Committee."

Article 34. Voted \$500.00 for the use of said "School Planning and Building Committee."

Article 35. Voted to authorize the present "Swimming Pool Committee" to continue the work involved in completing the pool and surrounding areas.

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Swimming Pool Activities for 1954.

Article 37. Not voted on. Moderator would not accept any action as Article had not had legal preliminaries. (Amendment to Section IV, paragraph 8, of the Town By-laws).

Article 38. Voted to consider Articles 38 to 46 collectively. (Laying out and obtaining of easements for right of way purposes in Briarcliff Lane; Meadowbrook Drive; Crestwood Road; Pinewood Road; and Oakwood Road).

Voted the sum of \$5.00 to purchase easements in the above named streets.

Voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

## Special Town Meeting

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September 7, 1954

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Article 1. Voted to transfer the amount of money, voted at the Annual Town Meeting of March 1, 1954, under Chapter 90 for construction on West St. to construction on Marshall and Rockland Streets.

Article 2. Voted to transfer \$270.89 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Article 3. Voted to ratify and confirm the action of the Recreation Commission in executing a contract with the City of Worcester for the purpose of making sanitation checks of the Town Pool, the same to cost the Town \$100.00 per year.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to sell the White fire apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

## LIST OF JURORS

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HARRY A. OSGOOD

FLOYD W. CHURCH

JOHN H. JOHNSON

JAMES J. O'HARA

HARRY CLARK

JESSE E. MILLS



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The members of the Board of Selectmen organized March 11, 1954 with Louis T. Hamblin, chairman; Jessie E. Mills, Clerk and Sherman S. Ludden, third member.

Seventy-five permits were issued during the year, including new buildings, alterations and demolishing, at an approximate valuation of \$285,020.00 The building Inspector has reported to the Selectmen that he has inspected all buildings.

The following licenses and permits were issued during 1954.

Inn Holders License	1
Package Store License	1
Cafe License	1
Common Victuallers	7
Sunday Soft Drink	4
Used Car Dealers	1

The Town Hall was painted outside as planned last year.

We propose in 1955 to enlarge the Office of the Board of Selectmen, using the present American Legion quarters, and providing new quarters for the American Legion at the rear of Banquet Hall.

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN, Chairman  
JESSE E. MILLS, Clerk  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN, Third member  
Board of Selectmen

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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In the following report you will notice that dog bite is much more prevalent than it has been in the past. We would appreciate your cooperation in helping to lower this figure.

The following diseases were reported during the year:

- 2 Chicken Pox
- 14 Dog Bite
- 4 Measles
- 1 Infectious Hepatitis
- 3 Mumps
- 1 Paralytic Poliomyelitis
- 1 Tuberculosis
- 2 Whooping Cough
- 1 Meningitis

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
- 6 Milk and Cream
- 1 Pasteurization
- 1 Nursery School
- 2 Recreational Camps
- 2 Oleomargarine
- 2 Removal and Transportation of Garbage

The Dump has had its usual good care by the Stevens family. The dumping hours remain Saturday from 9-5 and Sunday morning 9-12.

We feel that a vote of thanks is due Donald R. Pierce who did an amiable job collecting the garbage to October 15 when it was necessary for us to release him from his contract because of pending Military Service. We feel fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. H. Roscoe Crawford of Oakham as our new garbage collector.

We were sorry that George C. Lamotte did not run for reelection as he made an excellent chairman. Norman Dodge was elected our new member.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of each month and the townspeople should feel free to call on us at anytime for assistance. The co-operation of the Town officials and residents throughout the past year has been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON E. PRENTICE,  
Chairman

NORMAN C. DODGE,  
Third Member

SALLY H. STANSFIELD,  
Clerk

# REPORT

## OF THE

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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Board of Health  
Paxton, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit my report for the past year  
January 1, to December 31, 1954.

Plumbing permits issued	60
Plumbing inspections	101
Permits issued for septic tanks	38
Permits issued for cesspools	5
Permits issued for sewerage disposal systems	1
Inspections	97
Inspections of sub-divisions	2
Soil tests	5
Complaints received of faulty and offensive cesspool conditions	3

Two of these have been corrected. The other owner has been notified that the house is not to be occupied until proper corrections are made and approved by the Health Department.

Eleven violations of the Town Plumbing Regulations, relating to incorrect installations occurred during the past year. The offenders were journeymen plumbers mostly from neighboring Towns that do not have a plumbing code; therefore, there is no Inspector, and the Plumber or any one who claims to be a plumber can do what he pleases, cut corners as he sees fit and nothing can be done to him.

Many people in Paxton are not fully aware of the numerous safe guards that have been incorporated in the Town By-laws for their protection. The many Committees and Boards of the Town have done an outstanding job in looking into the future and being prepared for the rapid growth that has occurred over the past years.

The increased size of Building Lots proposed by the Planning Board and accepted after modification by the voters will do much to solve the sewage disposal question in the area adjacent to and that which can be served by the Town water mains and extentions.

Further study, however, should be given to the size of Building Lots in the areas that will be out of reach of town water or a private extention, as each house will need a well to supply water which shall be at least forty feet from not only the owners sewage disposal but from the abutments on either side.

If I irritate some of my fellow Town's People by these comments I do so with good intentions, as I believe that proper private sewage disposal can eliminate the need of a public sewerage system that would be very costly to all the taxpayers, (even those who would not have access to it), would share the burden of sharply increased taxes for many years.

Let us work with our Planning Board. They are working for us and doing a mighty fine job.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. HARNEY, Jr.  
Plumbing Inspector

# REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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I hereby submit the following report for the year 1954:

Appropriation		\$600.00
Expenditures:		
Spraying Trees	\$180.00	
Trimming and removing Trees	246.92	
General Care	167.00	
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		\$593.92
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Balance		\$6.08

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Tree Warden

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**MOTH CONTROL**

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I hereby submit the following report for the year 1954:

Appropriation	\$200.00
Expenditures:	
Labor	\$193.00
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Balance	\$7.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,  
Moth Superintendent

**R E P O R T**  
OF THE  
**M O T H   S U P E R I N T E N D E N T**

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I hereby submit the following report for the year 1954

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Expenditures:

Labor	\$197.00
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Balance	\$3.00
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Trimming Elms, cutting and destroying diseased Elm  
Trees.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Superintendent



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Number of Polls Assessed	448
Tax on each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$39.00

Value of Assessed Personal Estate—

Stock in Trade	\$5,825.00
Machinery	188,998.00
Live Stock	47,635.00
All other tangible Per. Prop.	2,700.00

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\$245,158.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate—

Land exclusive of Buildings	\$346,169.00
Buildings exclusive of land	2,023,695.00

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\$2,369,864.00

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Total Value of Assessed Estate	\$2,615,022.00
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Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes,

including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$9,561.16
On Real Estate	92,424.69
On Polls	896.00

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\$102,881.85

## Number of Live Stock Assessed:

Horses	16
Cows	352
Bulls Steers Heifers	101
Swine	6
Sheep	19
Fowl	5,470
All Others	452
Acres of Land	8,962a,-27,526 ft.
Dwellings Assessed	448

## RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$129,974.38
Appropriations from Available Funds	44,907.23
Tax Title Foreclosure	72.00
Debt and Interest Charges	11,935.00
Retirement Fund	1,808.30
State Parks and Reservations	282.24
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	533.77
County Tax	3,688.75
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,364.93
Overlay of Current Year	7,273.31
Gross Amount to be Raised	203,839.91
Estimated Receipts	100,958.06
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	102,881.85

Respectfully submitted,

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

# REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1954

Income:

Town Appropriation	\$2,300.00
Dog Fund	362.99
From Invested Trust Funds	895.54
Brought Forward to paint Library	230.00
1953 Balance Brought Forward	132.39
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	\$3,920.92

Expenditures:

Salary Librarian	\$750.00
Salary Substitute Librarian	280.50
Salary Janitor	500.00
Salary Clerk	50.00
Books and Magazines	1,009.02
Lights	48.21
Water	20.00
Fuel	232.79
Landscaping	69.50
Painting of Library	230.00
Repairs	94.49
Librarians supplies, rebinding, etc.	115.79
Miscellaneous	25.00
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	\$3,425.30
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Balance	\$495.62

The Library is under contract to have new book shelves installed to the sum of \$300.00, sso that the working balance may be considered to be \$195.62.

The sum of \$126.74 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LAWRENCE P. GREENMAN,  
Clerk

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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I hereby submit my sixth annual report as Librarian of Richards Memorial Library for the year 1954.

### Circulation:

Adult Fiction	3,379	
Adult Non-Fiction	886	
Adult Magazines	683	
		4,948
Juvenile Fiction	4,205	
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1,419	
Juvenile Magazines	234	
		5,858
Total Circulation		10,806

### Volumes Purchased

Adult	339	
Juvenile	110	
Total Volumes Purchased		449
Books borrowed		38

The increase in circulation was over 1,500 with the Juvenile borrowers showing that access to the library during school hours, has been of great benefit to the majority.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA J. HATCH,

Librarian

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**DOG OFFICER**

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Dog Bites (6)

Dogs Claimed by Owners (1)

Dogs Destroyed (8)

Dogs Restrained for Year (1)

Dogs Killing Fowl (3)

Fowl Killed by Dogs (236)

Investigated 24 Dog Complaints

All Dogs on Assessors List for Year 1954 have been  
licensed.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON,

Dog Officer

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	\$67,817.55	
Receipts—1954	259,667.60	
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		\$327,485.15
Payments per Warrants—1954	\$263,555.14	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	63,930.01	
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		\$327,485.15

## OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$25,000.00	
Town Garage	24,000.00	
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		\$49,000.00

## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT—1955

		Interest
Water Bonds—Due Feb. 1, 1955	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Water Bonds—Due Aug. 1, 1955		440.00
Town Garage—Due Dec. 15, 1955	6,000.00	480.00
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	\$9,000.00	\$1,420.00

## TRUST FUNDS

	Dec. 31, 1954	Income 1954	Dog Fund 1954
Library Trust Funds	\$24,540.95	\$895.54	\$362.99
Cemetery Trust Funds	21,600.00	644.33	
D. Russell Boynton Fund	1,000.00	32.76	
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	1,000.00	30.00	
E. D. Bigelow V.I.S. Fund	1,000.00	32.73	
Howe Farm Fund	1,291.87	74.47	
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	\$50,432.82	\$1,709.88	\$362.99
War Bonds	\$5,000.00	\$125.00	

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Town Treasurer

## C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	1954 Int.	Int. Accrued
People's Savings Bank	\$,2700.00	\$90.08	
Worc. Five Cent Sav. Bank	1,748.00	87.94	
Worc. Cty. Inst. For Savings	1,600.00	53.84	
Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600.00	53.45	\$123.11
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	\$7,648.00	\$285.31	\$123.11

\$970.82 was used from accrued interest of these accounts for a sidewalk in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Trustee.



# REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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**Reciepts:**

Lot sold and placed in Perpetual Care	\$175.00	
Care of Lots not in Perpetual Care	95.50	
Opening Graves	115.00	
Turned over to Town Treasurer		\$385.50
Income on Trust Funds	\$644.38	
Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Balance 1953	19.50	
		\$1,863.88

**Payments:**

Maintenance of Cemeteries, including general care, opening graves, spaying trees, tar and gravel new roads, grass seed and Supt. Salary	\$961.16	
Other expenses, including power mower repairs, office supplies and Clerical assistant	85.70	
		\$1,046.86
Balance Dec. 31, 1954		817.02
		\$1,863.88

The work on the new road was not completed in 1954 but will be done early this year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RENO KENNEN, Ch.

JOSEPH R. PEARSON, Clerk

GEORGE MACCABEE

Commissioners.

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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## 1953 Personal Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953	\$267.84	
Abated		\$23.40
Collected		244.44
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	\$267.84	\$267.84

## 1953 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953	\$3,051.70	
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Collected		\$3,021.40
Tax Title		3.60
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		26.70
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	\$3,051.70	\$3,051.70

## 1953 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953	\$719.14	
Committed for 1953 in 1954	1,016.03	
Refunded-1954	99.37	
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Collected		\$1,481.17
Abated		238.45
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		114.92
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	\$1,834.54	\$1,834.54

## 1954 Polls

Committed	\$902.00	
Refunded	2.00	
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Collected		\$836.00
Abated		64.00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		4.00
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	\$904.00	\$904.00

## 1954 Personal Taxes

Committed	\$9,561.16	
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Collected		\$8,933.46
Abated		411.45
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		216.25
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	\$9,561.16	\$9,561.16

## 1954 Real Estate Taxes

Committed	\$92,424.69	
Refunded	493.35	
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Collected		\$88,064.24
Abated		2,354.63
Tax Title		3.90
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		2,495.27
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	\$92,918.04	\$92,918.04

## 1954 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed	\$18,782.96	
Refunded	409.29	
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Collected		\$16,492.45
Abated		1,055.99
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954		1,643.81
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	\$19,192.25	\$19,192.25

## Interest Payments to Treasurer

1953	\$78.92	
1954	29.58	
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		\$108.50

## Poll Demands to Treasurer

1954	\$14.35
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Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Collector of Taxes.

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

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For the Year of 1954

Receipts from Metered Water	\$8,276.90
Receipts from Installations	2,118.06
Rental of Hydrants	1,450.00
	<hr/> \$11,844.96

There were 44 new water connections completed during 1954, which now brings the total fully paid installations to 352.

There were two new water extensions with the completion of Grove Street with 622 feet of 8 inch pipe used and the balance was spent on Barre Road with 378 feet of 8 inch pipe.

**New Developments**

Walbridge Road—320 feet of 6 inch pipe.

Cutler Road—690 feet of 6 inch pipe.

This pipe was installed by the developer.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN FLEMING, Jr., Ch.  
NORMAN OSGOOD  
ELWIN YOUNG  
Board of Water Commissioners

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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For the year Ending December 31, 1954

## GENERAL RELIEF

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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Expended:

Persons, Paxton settled (non-reimbursable)	none
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Persons, settled elsewhere (fully reimbursable by other cities/towns)	
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*Case No. 48	\$322.50
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Persons, unsettled (fully reimbursable by Commonwealth)	
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*Case No. 48	37.50
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Case No. 55	1,020.87
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\$1,380.87

Balance, town account, December 31, 1954	\$119.13
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\*Settlement lost during year 1954 with divided reimbursement

**WELFARE EXPENSE-BOARD SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$150.00
Expended	141.67
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Balance, December 31, 1954	\$8.33

**REPORT OF CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSN.**

**of which Paxton is a member town**

**For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954**

Land and Buildings	\$14,000.00	
Deposit Savings Banks	12,147.84	
3 U. S. Bonds	2,895.00	
Personal Property	3,940.50	
Amount Receivable from Towns	1,599.80	
Cash in Warden Account	300.00	
Cash in Checking Account	960.42	
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		\$35,843.56

**RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	\$1,029.38	
Income from Farm	563.45	
Withdrawn from Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Windstorm Insurance	230.00	
Received from Towns and Boarders	17,480.88	
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		\$20,303.71

**EXPENDITURES**

Bills Paid	\$19,343.29	
Cash in Checking Account	960.42	
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		\$20,303.71



Resident Members	13
Boarders	16

DONALD R. PERKINS, Pres.  
LESTER P. GATES, Sec.-Treas.  
CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

### WELFARE EXPENSE—CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE

Appropriation	\$588.00	
Expended	435.37	
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Balance, Town Account, December 31, 1954		\$152.63

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Balance, Federal Acct., 12/31/53	00.00	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	2,246.63	
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		\$6,746.63

#### Expended:

Case No. 12	\$1,598.25
Case No. 36	1,138.28
Case No. 38	1,359.16
Case No. 39B	32.65
Case No. 46	1,415.47
Case No. 56	96.95
Case No. 57	633.00
Case No. 58	91.68
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\$6,365.44

## Balances:

Town Account, Dec. 31, 1954	\$232.84	
Federal Account, Dec. 31, 1954	148.35	
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		\$381.19

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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(Funds unavailable to Welfare Board)		
Credited to Town Receipts, 1954		
From Commonwealth of Mass. (State share, old age granted)	\$3,157.23	
From other Cities/Towns (Their share, old age granted)	93.60	
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		\$3,250.83

### OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$25.00	
Expended	0.00	
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Balance, December 31, 1954		\$25.00

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL ACCOUNT

Balance, December 31, 1953	\$221.85	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	249.39	
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		\$471.24

## Expended:

Agent's Salary	\$152.63
Meetings	4.00
Postage	13.98
Supplies	12.23
Transportation	5.39

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Balance, December 31, 1954		\$283.01

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Balance, Federal Acct., 12/31/53	166.59	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	444.50	
	<hr/>	\$2,611.09

## Expended:

Case No. 1	\$710.00	
Case No. 4	251.65	
	<hr/>	\$961.65

## Balance:

Town Acct., Dec. 31, 1954	\$1,531.29	
Federal Acct., Dec. 31, 1954	118.15	
	<hr/>	\$1,649.44

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

(Funds unavailable to Welfare Board)

## Credited to Town Receipts, 1954:

From Com. of Mass.	\$724.74
(State share, Disability Assist. granted)	

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMR.  
FEDERAL ACCOUNT**

Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	\$37.00	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	54.39	
		<hr/> \$91.39
Expended:		
Postage	\$9.35	
Supplies	1.58	
Transportation	10.03	
		<hr/> \$20.96
		<hr/> \$70.43
Balance, December 31, 1954		\$70.43

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMR.**

(Funds unavailable to Welfare Board)

Credited to Town Receipts:	
From Commonwealth of Mass.	\$27.20
(State share, Disability Asst. Admr.)	

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Bal., Fed. Acct., 12/31/53	50.53	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	226.29	
		<hr/> \$2,776.82
Expended:		
Case No. 4	\$314.33	
Case No. 5	64.35	
		<hr/> \$378.68

## Balances:

Town Acct., Dec. 31, 1954	\$2,262.00	
Federal Acct., Dec. 31, 1954	136.14	
	<hr/>	\$2,398.14

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

(Funds unavailable to Welfare Board)

## Credited to Town Receipts, 1954:

From Commonwealth of Mass.	\$202.72
(State share, Aid to Dependent Children Granted)	

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMR.  
FEDERAL ACCOUNT**

Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	\$53.74	
Federal Reimbursement, 1954	41.01	
	<hr/>	\$94.75

## Expended:

Salary, Board Member	\$8.33	
Supplies	32.50	
Telephone	1.60	
Transportation	6.02	
	<hr/>	\$48.45

Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	\$46.30
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN, Ch.  
RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk  
J. MACK JOHNSTON, 3rd Mem.

FREDERICK E. CASEY, Agent

Hours: Monday 3—5 P. M.

Town Hall

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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For the year ending December 31, 1954

Accidents	15
Arrests	4
Investigations	30
Motor Vehicles Transferred	63

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

More property owners had their houses inspected during their absence than in the past year.

Even though the accidents show a sharp increase over last year, with the increase in both registrations and traffic through Town, percentagewise both years are nearly comparable.

On March 23, 1954, Sgt. Karle and myself went to Boston to receive, on behalf of the Town, a Certificate of Honorable Mention presented by the Massachusetts Safety Council. Paxton was awarded this for being the third safest Town in the Commonwealth, under 5,000 population.

On November 8th, I had the pleasure to accept, in the presence of Jesse E. Mills, Selectman, a Certificate of Achievement, presented to the Town, by the Governor's High-

way Safety Conference through the Registry of Motor Vehicles Department, for completing the year of 1953, without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident. The Town will receive another such award this coming Fall, as the year of 1954 passed without a fatal highway accident.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. SISTARE

Chief of Police

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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**REPORT ON CHAPTER 81**

All dirt and gravel roads were scraped two times during the year.

Brush was cut on all roads.

**Brigham Road**

Excavated, widened, gravelled and surfaced for .3 mile

**Brooks Road**

Excavated, widened, and gravelled for 700 ft.

550 ft. 12 in. Corrugated Pipe and 1 Catch Basin were used in this Project

The following roads were gravelled:

O'Connor Road

Camp Street

Davis Road

**Hill Street**

650 ft. of Shoulder Work and Ditching

The following roads were surfaced:

**Rockland Street**

300 Gals. MC-3, 700 Gals. T-6

**Spring Street**

2120 Gals. MC-3, 2200 Gals T-6

**South Street**

700 Gals. MC-3



**Suomi Street**

1330 Gals. MC-3

**Laurel Street**

1300 Gals. T-6

**Hill Street**

500 Gals. MC-3

**Asnebumskit Road**

500 Gals. MC-3, 850 Gals. T-6

**Grove Street**

100 Gals. MC-3, 700 Gals. T-6

**Streeter Road**

1050 Gals. T-6, 1400 Gals. MC-3

**Maple Street**

800 Gals. MC-3

**Sunset Lane**

610 Gals. MC-3

**Brigham Road**

750 Gals. T-4, 600 Gals. MC-3

All with Sand Cover

Labor	\$4,763.61
Materials	2,264.09
Equipment	3,847.29

Total	<hr/> \$10,874.99
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**REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION****ROCKLAND STREET AND MARSHALL STREET****Station 23 to 37—50**

Excavate and widen to 22 ft.

Grade Shoulders and Slopes

Apply 14 in. Gravel — 22 ft. wide

72 ft. 12 in. C. C. M. Pipe  
 700 ft. 15 in. C. C. M. Pipe  
 5 - 2 ft. x 4 ft. Drop Inlets  
 600 yds. Fill

**Surface — Rockland Street**

.5 Gal. T-6 Tack Coat  
 .9 Gal. T-5 Mix and Place  
 .3 Gal. RC-3 Seal Stone and Cover

**Surface — Marshall Street**

The Surfacing and Fencing of Marshall Street was done out of this appropriation.

1200 ft. Surface Gravel  
 .25 Gals. T-6 Tack Coat  
 .9 Gals. T-5 Mix and Place  
 .3 Gals. MC-3 Seal Sand Cover  
 2600 ft. Stock Fence with Iron Posts

**REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE**

**Richards Avenue**

1600 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 700 Gals. RC-3 Sand Cover  
 1500 Gals. T-9 Stone Cover  
 Grade 4500 ft. of Shoulder

**Holden Road and Grove Street**

2400 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover  
 1200 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 Grade 2800 ft. of Shoulder

**Marshall Street**

600 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover  
 800 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 900 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 Grade 1600 ft. of Shoulder

**Reservoir Drive**

1050 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 1200 Gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 Grade 3200 ft. of Shoulder

**West Street**

600 Gals. T-9 Sand Cover  
 700 Gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 Widen Curves  
 Grade 4200 ft. of Shoulder  
 1700 Gals. AP-67 Sand Cover

**Rockland Street**

1200 Gals. RC-3 Stone Cover  
 Grade 600 ft. of Shoulder

**Drainage Behind School**

800 ft. of 30 in. Pipe and 3 Manholes were put in behind school.

This was connected to State Drain in front of Boys' Club and ends in woods back of Ball Field.

Material	\$4422.67
Labor	650.61
Equipment	609.14
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	\$5,682.42

**Sidewalk**

390 ft. of Cement Sidewalk was put in on Easterly Side of Pleasant Street, in Center of Town.

Materials	\$261.67
Labor	500.20
Equipment	208.95
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	\$970.82

**New Streets**

Spring Drive

Ridgewood Road

Crestwood Road

Were Surfaced and Treated with two applications of Tar.

.3 Gals. T-4

.7 Gals. MC-3

Material	\$901.29
Labor	42.10
Equipment	150.00
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	\$1093.39

## **REPORT**

OF THE

## **PLANNING BOARD**

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Meeting night, first Wednesday of the Month

The Planning Board submits its 32nd Annual Report.

At the request of the Selectmen the Board was asked to make a Zoning study of the Town. Allan Benjamin, of Wayland, a Planning and Zoning Consultant, was retained to make studies of our present Zoning and also to bring up to date our By-Laws. This study was presented to the voters in October at an open meeting of the Board, a public hearing was held in November. We felt that the study was of great importance to the Town and recommended to the Selectmen that a Special Town Meeting be called to act on it.

On January 20th, 1955, you the voters adopted a lot size By-Law, that requires a lot must contain 20,000 sq. ft. and have a frontage of 125 ft. by 160 ft. depth. It is our belief that this By-Law will be of great benefit to the Town. You also made an amendment to this By-Law which will give developers one year protection of their proposed lay-outs that have been presented to the Planning Board to date. This amendment covers 236 lot under the old By-Law.

The Board has requested in the Warrant, that money be set aside for a Land Use Map. This study is to be made by Clark University School of Geography. These studies will make available a picture of our Town and its possibilities

for development. This is one of the tools the Board will use for future study and reports such as school, recreation, traffic, water sewerage and off street parking.

The Planning Board has during the year approved three streets, Cutler Road, Holbrook Lane and a plan for a street as yet not named. A total of 24 lots were approved in these plans.

This year we have required that the developer surface the streets and install water connections across each street, to serve the lots on the opposite side from the water main.

During the year Bernard Reardon resigned and Donald C. Alexander was appointed to finish out his term.

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH  
G. LEONARD TROTIER  
REUBIN O'JANNE  
BERNARD REARDON (res.)  
ALDEN JACOBSON  
DONALD C. ALEXANDER  
(appointed)

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Fire Department had 37 calls for service, not all actual burning, in 1954. This is against 15 calls for 1953. They are as follows:

17 Grass fires	1 Automobile
1 Brush	1 Lightning
2 Woods	1 Rekindle
4 House	2 No Service
2 Chimney	6 Still Alarms

7 of the grass fires started from incinerators of residents of the town and one started from an incinerator just over the town line in Leicester. This type of fire could have been prevented if a little judgement had been used.

The Department assisted in 2 grass and woods fires in Rutland and one in Leicester all of these occurring at the town boundary lines.

Please remember that the law clearly states that no fires shall be started in the open without first obtaining a permit from the Forest Warden or a Deputy.

2 of the calls to houses resulted from oil burning equipment and 2 from electric wiring.

During the past year the old "White" fire truck was sold to Stuart Goddard of Charlemont, Mass. as he was the highest bidder. 7 bids were received on this truck.

New signs with street names on them were completed and hung by the door to the Fire Department Garage. The sign over the door was newly painted also.

2 new fog nozzles of 1½" size were purchased and connected to hose of the same size on Engine No. 1.

A new clutch was installed in Engine No. 2.

On Hallowee'n Eve it was discovered that the bell on the "red phone" at the Garage was not operating. This was remedied and another bell was installed out in the main room of the Garage so that an alarm would be more audible. On this same night Engine No. 2 and a crew of men stood by at a bonfire at Briarcliff Lane and Pleasant Sts.

During the time that daylight saving was in effect, the instruction on equipment and handling of the trucks was carried out one night a week as in previous years. 7 members received badges at the completion of these instruction sessions.

On June 6, 1954, the oxygen generating masks were used for the first time by members of the Department in the cellar of the house at 837 Pleasant St. The fire caused by an oil hot water heating system was very smoky and the masks served to a good use.

We wish to repeat the Department has a resuscitator on Engine No. 2 and this is ready for use at any time that it may be needed.



Although the number of calls were more than double those of last year, property loss was about \$2,800.00.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

GEORGE G. KARLE

GORDON M. RICHARDS

GEORGE C. HUNT, Jr.

RAYMOND H. KIMBALL

Board of Fire Engineers

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION BOARD

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This newly elected Board organized for its first meeting in March 1954 and met regularly once a month thereafter. One of its purposes is to maintain and improve a safe and sanitary area for the enjoyment of the people of the Town of Paxton.

In the early spring a successful general work day was organized. Raking, sanding, brush burning and pool cleaning are a spring time project and require the work of volunteer help for one day. It is hoped that the response will be spontaneous each year.

Mr. Philip Ryan was lifeguard for the 1954 season and he reports that the peak day totalled three hundred people enjoying the area. The ten swimming lessons, with two instructors provided, were very successful with an attendance of 106 children.

The Town of Paxton was fortunate to be able to enter into an agreement with the Heath Department of the City of Worcester for a weekly test of the water. This is a step forward in the picture of community relationships and community health.

One discouraging reverse was due to hurricane Carol and hurricane Edna which took out Illig dam and washed the sand from the beach into the pool. Repairs and replacements

must be undertaken in the spring to maintain the ground water level.

The Board has ideas and projects for the future and considerable study must be made, cooperation and help from other Boards must be given, we hope to maintain the facilities already provided and expand toward an orderly goal for the future. For 1955 the following improvements are being planned for:

Backboards and baskets for basketball

Quoits

Shuffle board

The Paxton Boy's Club have raised money to install drinking water

Six additional benches will be placed around the pool

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LOUIS HAMBLIN, Ch.

MRS. RICHMOND CALHANE,

Clerk

MR. JEROME MURPHY

MR. RALPH WILBUR

MR. LOUIS CHILDS

MR. M. LAWRENCE PRICE

MR. HERBERT WENTWORTH

# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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## RECEIPTS

### General Revenue:

#### Taxes:

#### Levy of 1954

Polls	\$836.00
Personal	8,933.46
Real Estate	88,064.24

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\$97,833.70

#### Levy of 1953

Personal	\$244.44
Real Estate	3,021.40

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\$3,265.84

### From State:

Income Taxes	\$7,347.86
Corporation Tax, Business	4,560.00

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\$11,907.86

### Licenses—Permits

Liquor	\$863.00
Stands	48.50
Auctioneer	5.00

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\$916.50

## Grants and Gifts—State

School Superintendent	\$262.91
High School Transportation	7,798.20
Old Age Meal Tax	184.39
Mass. School Fund	3,800.00
Vocational Schools	518.40
Schools, Ch. 70	1,900.00

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\$14,463.90

## Grants—Federal

Old Age Assistance	\$2,246.63
Old Age Assistance Admin.	249.39
Disability Assistance	444.50
Disability Assistance Admin.	66.73
Aid Dependent Children	226.29
Aid Dependent Children Admin.	28.67

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\$3,262.21

## From County:

Dog Fund	\$362.99
Dogs Destroyed	32.50

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\$395.49

## Total—General Revenue

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\$132,045.50

## Special Assessments:

## Motor Vehicle Taxes:

Levy of 1954	\$16,492.45
Levy of 1953	1,481.17

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\$17,973.62

## Total—Special Assessments

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\$17,973.62

## Commercial Revenue:

## General Government:

Collector of Taxes—Demands	\$14.35
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	438.20
Town Hall—Rents	210.02
Illig Place—Rents	300.00
Fire Dept.—Truck Sold	60.00
Sealers Fees	21.70

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 \$1,044.27

## Health:

Tubercular Hospital	\$387.86
Inspector of Animals	25.00

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 \$412.86

## Commercial Revenue:

## Highways:

State—Chapter 81	\$8,668.50
Chapter 90, Maint.	1,596.77
Chapter 90, Const.	5,999.81
County—Chapter 90, Maint.	1,596.77
Chapter 90, Const.	2,999.91
Tractor Rentals	2,355.10
Garage Rentals	718.72

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 \$23,935.58

## Charities:

## State:

Old Age Assistance	\$3,157.23
Temporary Aid	1,120.52
Aid Dependent Children	202.72
Disability Assistance	724.74
Disability Assist. Admin.	27.20

## Cities:

Old Age Assistance 51.99

Public Welfare 360.00

## Individuals:

Public Welfare 135.61

## State:

Veterans Services 522.50

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 \$6,302.51

## Schools:

Outside Tuition \$565.78

Milk—School Lunches 909.43

Typewriter—Sold 10.00

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 \$1,485.21

## Library:

Fines \$112.24

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 \$112.24

## Insurance:

Dividends \$129.13

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 \$129.13

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 Total—Commercial Revenue \$33,421.80

## Commercial Revenue—Public Service

Electric Light Dept.—Rates \$52,738.18

Meter Guarantee 65.00

Interest on Meter Fund 7.23

Interest on Depreciation Fund 312.78

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 \$53,123.19

Water Department	\$10,260.74	
Hydrant Rentals	1,450.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,710.74
Total—Public Services		<hr/> \$64,833.93

## Commercial Revenue:

## Cemeteries:

Perpetual Care Lots	\$175.00	
Care of Lots	95.50	
Opening Graves	115.00	
	<hr/>	\$385.50
Total—Cemeteries		<hr/> \$385.50

## Commercial Revenue:

## Interests:

On Taxes	\$108.50	
On School Fund	30.00	
On Savings Account	492.31	
On Library Funds	910.04	
On Cemeteries—Perpetual Care	644.38	
On C. D. Boynton Fund	970.82	
	<hr/>	\$3,156.05
Total—Interest		<hr/> \$3,156.05

## Agency:

Withholding Taxes	\$5,869.27	
Retirement Funds	1,962.08	
	<hr/>	\$7,831.35



## Refunds:

Welfare	\$2.50
Old Age Assistance	15.40
Library	1.95

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 \$19.85

Total Receipts

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 \$259,667.60

## PAYMENTS

## Moderator

Salary	\$35.00
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 \$35.00

## Selectmen

Salaries	900.00
Clerical	175.00
Postage—Printing	52.30
Carfare	13.92
Advertising	18.38
Others	64.00

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 \$1,223.60

## Town Accountant

Salary	500.00
Postage	.99
Supplies	14.01

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 \$515.00

## Treasurer

Salary	500.00
Postage—Printing	91.00
Travel	35.00
Understudy	25.00
Others	24.00

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 \$675.00

## Collector of Taxes

Salary „ ,	\$600.00
Postage—Printing	119.00
Understudy	25.00
Others	31.00

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 \$775.00

## Assessors

Salaries	\$600.00
Abstracts	120.42
Printing—Postage	65.78
Travel	21.00
Clerk	250.00
Dues	9.00

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 \$1,066.20

## Legal

Town Counsel	\$700.00
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 \$700.00

## Town Clerk

Salary	\$200.00
Recording Statistics	60.00
Postage—Stationery	20.45
Annual Meeting	15.00

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 \$295.45

## Elections

Registrars	\$25.00
Election Officers	198.00
Printing Ballots	65.00
Printing Voting Lists	47.50
Listing Voters	55.92

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 \$391.42

## Planning Board

Consultant	\$170.00
Dues	12.50
Subscription	8.00
Advertisement	204.19
Clerical	51.50
Map File	307.68
Census	60.00
Map	450.00
Others	25.75

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 \$1,289.62

## Board of Appeals

Clerical—Notices—Advertising	\$8.00
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 \$8.00

## Town Hall

Janitor	\$1,166.00
Fuel	475.80
Lights	95.77
Janitors Supplies	28.24
Repairs	48.50
Telephone	126.80
Water	20.00
Painting Building	1,140.00
Cleaning Windows	8.00

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 \$3,132.31

## Total—General Government

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 \$10,106.60

## Protection—Persons &amp; Property

## Police Department

Patrolling	\$1,200.00
Uniforms—Supplies	49.70
Dues	5.00

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 \$1,254.70

## School Traffic

## Payrolls

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 \$818.75

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 \$818.75

## Dog Officer

## Dogs Destroyed

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 \$49.50

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 \$45.50

## Fire Department

## Engineers

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 \$600.00

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 \$600.00

## Expenses:

Alarm—Telephones	\$195.04
Maintenance	694.21
Gas & Oil	83.43
Signs	47.20
Siren	18.00
Rent	570.00
Insurance	187.50
Others	28.49

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\$1,823.87

## Sealer—Weights &amp; Measures

Salary	\$50.00
Die	1.15

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\$51.15

## Building Inspector

Salary	\$250.00
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\$250.00

## Moth Dept.

Labor	\$193.00
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\$193.00

## Dutch Elm

Labor	\$197.00
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\$197.00

## Tree Warden

Labor	\$518.92
Tree Removed	75.00

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\$593.92

School Tree		
Labor	\$88.76	
	<hr/>	\$88.76
Total—Protection of Persons & Property		\$5,916.65
Health and Sanitation		
Salaries:	\$30.00	
	<hr/>	\$30.00
Expenses		
Clerical	\$32.00	
Dump Maintenance	834.00	
Others	5.23	
Tuberculosis		
Board—Treatment	865.50	
Assessment	4,855.17	
	<hr/>	\$6,634.40
Inspection of Animals		
Salary	\$50.00	
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Inspection of Meat		
Salary	\$5.00	
	<hr/>	\$5.00
Collection of Garbage		
Disposal	\$2,219.98	
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Total—Health and Sanitation		\$8,939.38

## Highways:

## Chapter 81

Salaries and Wages	\$4,764.61
Trucks	3,849.29
Materials	2,033.83
Repairs	90.61
Street Signs	139.65

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 \$10,874.99

## Snow Removal

Salaries and Wages	\$3,058.87
Trucks	2,259.43
Salt and Sand	180.92

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 \$5,499.22

## Snow Fence

Purchase	\$219.90
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 \$219.90

## Surface Sewer

Labor	\$650.61
Trucks	609.14
Materials—Culverts	4,422.67

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 \$5,682.42

## Hurricane

Labor	\$558.36
Trucks	433.20

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 \$991.56

## Street Lights

Current	\$1,477.29
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 \$1,477.29

## Tractor Equipment

Maintenance	\$1,638.22
Tools	616.76
Traffic Lights	22.62

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 \$2,277.60

## Vacation—Sick Leave

Expenses	\$598.08
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 \$598.08

## Chapter 90—Construction

Labor	\$2,587.07
Trucks	4,152.24
Materials	3,453.89

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 \$10,193.20

## Chapter 90—Maintenance

Labor	\$1,260.53
Trucks	1,237.20
Materials	2,292.60

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 \$4,790.33

## Sidewalk—Construction

Labor—Trucks	\$709.15
Materials	261.67

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 \$970.82

## Municipal Garage

Construction	\$6,259.82
Maintenance	600.00

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 \$6,859.82



## Surfacing Streets

Materials

\$1,093.39\$1,093.39

Total—Highways

\$51,528.62

## Charities

## Public Welfare

Salaries

\$141.67

Civil Service Employee

435.37

Cash Grants

364.50

Groceries

651.44

Fuel

176.75

Others

188.18

\$1,957.91

## Aid—Dependent Children

Cash Grants

\$378.68

Administration

48.45

\$427.13

## Old Age Assistance

Cash Grants

\$6,332.79

Other Cities

32.65

Administration

188.23

\$6,553.67

## Disability Assistance

Aid

\$961.65

Administration

20.96

\$982.51

## Veterans Services

Agent—Salary	\$50.00
Expenses	10.00
Aid	1,065.00

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 \$1,125.00

## Total—Charities

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 \$11,046.22

## Schools:

School Committee	\$270.00
Superintendent Salary	429.28
Clerical	436.08
Office Supplies	73.40
Telephone	106.85
Travel	60.00
Office Rent	95.00
Typewriter Rental	9.00
Teachers Salaries	25,024.95
Boos	855.72
Supplies	1,238.55
Tuition—High	6,042.92
Tuition—Trade	2,132.13
Transportation	10,009.40
Janitor	2,533.46
Repairs	657.43
Janitors Supplies	270.68
Tuning Pianos	30.00
Water	64.04
Furniture—Desks	1,259.82
Diplomas	27.15
Physician	100.00
Nurse	286.40

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 \$53,254.53

Wachusett Regional High		
Assessment	\$10,924.38	
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School Lunch		
Milk Project	\$952.94	
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School Plan—Building		
Record Book	\$4.14	
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Library:		
Librarian	\$750.00	
Assistant Librarian	280.50	
Janitor	500.02	
Books	915.38	
Magazines	69.60	
Binding	24.88	
Fuel	270.06	
Lights	48.21	
Repairs	65.75	
Painting	244.00	
Grounds	69.50	
Janitor's Supplies	40.74	
Water	20.00	
Supplies	132.65	
Clerical	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,481.30
Total—Schools and Library		<hr/> \$68,617.29

## Recreation—Unclassified

## Common:

Salary	\$200.00
Expense	2.40

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\$202.40

## Swimming Pool:

Construction	\$548.09
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\$548.09

## Maintenance:

Instruction	\$650.00
Materials	299.95
Testing Water	100.00

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\$1,049.95

## Memorial Day

Flags	\$22.50
Speaker	10.00
Flowers—Wreaths	60.50
Bunting	23.20

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\$116.20

## Town Clock

Care of	\$60.00
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\$60.00

## Survey

Town Property	\$50.00
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\$50.00

## Printing

Town Reports	\$656.40
Assessors Reports	332.00
Distributing	20.00

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\$1,008.40

## Insurance

Bonds	\$497.55
Properties	2,451.73

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\$2,949.28

## Illig Place

Taxes	\$100.40
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\$101.40

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Total—Recreational—Unclassified

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\$6,085.72

## Public Services:

## Water Department:

Commissioners	\$75.00
Clerical	100.00

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\$175.00

## Expenses:

Superintendent	\$1,189.00
Printing and Postage	171.09
Rent	150.00
Others	26.46
Labor	3,259.83
Trucks	765.00
Pipe Fittings	2,413.15
Equipment	148.76
Cold Patch	28.39

Light and Power	782.55	
	<hr/>	\$8,934.23
Extensions:		
Labor	\$1,446.20	
Trucks	126.80	
Pipe	2,763.40	
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Hydrants:		
Rentals	\$1,450.00	
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Electric Light Department:		
Commissioners	\$75.00	
Clerical	225.00	
Rents	396.00	
Postage	45.95	
Printing	182.75	
Travel	26.82	
Telephone	37.77	
Meter Refund	42.40	
Others	56.90	
Employees	12,577.73	
Current	33,500.31	
Tools	68.38	
Meters and Transformers	2,678.76	
Materials	6,331.92	
Trucks	680.15	
Insurance	694.80	
Gas and Oil	251.19	
Express	25.35	
Others	47.66	
	<hr/>	\$57,944.83

## Cemeteries:

Superintendent	\$52.00	
Labor	611.09	
Trucks	114.00	
Trees	12.50	
Mower	12.80	
Clerical	53.00	
Cold Tar	431.75	
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		\$1,046.86
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Total—Public Service Enterprises		\$73,887.32

## Interest:

On Water Bonds	\$1,060.00	
On Garage Notes	565.00	
On Fire Truck Note	20.26	
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		\$1,645.26

## Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Bond	\$3,000.00	
Garage Note	6,000.00	
Fire Truck Note	1,250.00	
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		\$10,250.00
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Total—Interest and Maturing Debts		\$11,895.26

## Agency:

State Parks	\$229.97	
Auditing	533.77	
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		\$763.74

County Tax	\$3,564.35	
Pension—Retirement	1,808.30	
Dog Licenses	395.60	
	<hr/>	\$5,768.25
Withheld Taxes	\$5,869.27	
Retirement Funds	1,962.08	
	<hr/>	\$7,831.35
Trust and Invested Funds:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	\$175.00	
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Total—Agencies		<hr/> \$14,538.34
Refunds:		
On Taxes	\$495.35	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	498.29	
	<hr/>	\$993.64
Total—Payments		<hr/> \$263,555.14

## SUMMARY

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## RECEIPTS

General Revenue	\$132,045.50
Special Assessments	17,973.62



## Commercial Revenue:

General Government	33,421.80
Public Services	64,833.93
Cemeteries	385.50
Interest	3,156.05
Agencies	7,831.35
Refunds	19.85

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$259,667.60
Cash Balance, January 1, 1954	67,817.55
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	\$327,485.15

## PAYMENTS

General Government	\$10,106.60
Protection—Persons and Property	5,916.65
Health and Sanitation	8,939.38
Highways	51,528.62
Charities	11,046.22
Schools and Library	68,617.29
Recreational and Unclassified	6,085.72
Enterprises and Cemeteries	73,887.32
Interest and Maturing Debts	11,895.26
Agencies and Trust	14,538.34
Refunds	994.64

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$263,555.14
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954	63,930.01
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	\$327,485.15

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON  
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Electric Light Deposits	\$287.31
General	\$63,930.01	Excess Sale of Land of Low Value	109.40
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Grants:	
Taxes:		Disability Admin.	\$70.43
Levy of 1954		Disability Assist.	118.15
Polls	\$4.00	Aid to Dep. Child., Admin.	46.30
Personal	216.25	Aid to Dep. Child.	136.14
Real Estate	2,495.27	Old Age Assistance	148.35
	<hr/>	Old Age Admin.	283.01
	\$2,715.52		<hr/>
Levy of 1953			\$802.38
Real Estate	\$30.30	School Lunch	\$35.92
	<hr/>	Appropriation Balances:	
	\$30.30	Highways—Chap. 90 Const.	\$1,806.80
Motor Vehicle Excise		Street Easements	24.00
Levy of 1954	\$1,643.79	Surfacing Streets	106.61
Levy of 1953	114.92	School Plan & Bldg.	495.86
	<hr/>	Library	446.82
	\$1,758.71	Swimming Pool Const.	143.00
		Swimming Instruction	19.45



# DEBT ACCOUNTS

## Net Funded or Fixed Debts:

Inside Debt Limit	\$24,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	25,000.00

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\$49,000.00

## Inside Debt Limit:

Municipal Garage	\$24,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
Water System	25,000.00

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\$49,000.00

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust and Investment Funds:

In custody of Treas.	\$57,148.68
In custody of Trustee	7,506.70

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\$64,655.38

## 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

## Others:

Edward D. Bigelow Village Imp.	\$1,040.33
Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe	2,365.85
Cemetery Perpetual Care	21,600.00
Post War Rehabilitation	5,516.58

## In custody of Trustee:

C. D. Boynton Fund	\$7,506.70
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\$64,655.38

# PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

## ASSETS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1954	Additions	Depreciation Cred. in yer.	Adjusment in year	Balance Dec. 3, 1954
Land	\$311.67				\$311.67
Structures	20.63		8.80		11.83
Transformer Station and Equipment	14,473.73		597.11		13,876.62
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead					
Conductors	32,221.33	\$7,111.24	1,862.60		37,469.97
Consumer Meters	5,880.50	1,757.40	284.81		7,353.09
Line Transformers	11,512.55	1,786.84	585.01		12,714.38
Street Lighting Equipment	7,748.02	1,221.53	338.50		8,631.05
Office Equipment	142.08		10.40		131.68
Trucks	2,969.11		117.48		2,851.63
Laboratory Equipment	134.34		8.36		134.34
Miscellaneous	764.22		34.30		764.22
Total	\$76,220.84	\$11,877.01	\$3,847.37		\$84,250.48
Total property owned by department (depreciated value)					\$84,250.48

## 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	285.70
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Total owed by the Department	\$1,285.70
Surplus of the Department	\$19,116.00
Appropriations for Construction Repayment	6,090.07
Earning for this and prior years invested in Plant and other Assets	73,997.27
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Total Liabilities and Assets	\$100,489.04
Constuction Fund	\$2,019.39
Special Deposits	287.31
Accounts Receivable	3,603.15
Materials and Supplies	4,037.02
Depreciation Fund	6,291.69
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Total Assets	\$16,238.56
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	\$100,489.04

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

## Income:

Metered Sales to Private Consumers	\$51,376.46
Street Lighting	1,477.29
Municipal Buildings and Pumping	1,328.93
Merchandising and Jobbing	371.77
Interest on Depreciation Fund	312.78
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Total Income	\$54,954.11

## Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	\$33,500.31
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	5,465.08
Maintenance Consumers Meters	56.96
Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights	132.07
Salaries of Manager and Light Board	4,859.00
General Office Supplies and Expense	288.47
Rent	396.00
Insurance and Bonds	694.78
Transportation Expenses	790.39
Commercial Salaries	261.00
Depreciation	3,847.37
Misc. Expenses	41.82
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	\$50,333.25
Net Profit for Year	\$4,620.86
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	\$54,954.11

We have had the busiest year in our history, having installed 50 new consumers' meters and greatly enlarging the secondary system.

We have spent as follows in 1954:

\$7,112.24 for poles, fixtures and overhead conductors.

\$1,757.40 for consumers' meters and installations.

\$1,786.84 for new transformers and installations.

\$1,221.53 for new street lighting equipment.

We have completed a new line on Crestwood Rd. in the Clarkson development, made an extension of 2 poles on Boynton St., 3 poles on Central Ave. at City Line; 4 poles on Cutler St. at the C. John Abbott Development, 4 poles on Brier Clift and Meadowbrook Rd.

On December 21, we reached a peak demand of 714 Kilowatts at 5:45 P. M. and with a total kilowatt hour consumption of 235,200 kilowatt hours for the month of December, the highest we have ever had.

DEANE O. HOWLAND

GEORGE T. DEWEY, Jr.

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

ROY M. WENTWORTH, Manager



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN of PAXTON**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE**  
**Year Ending December 31, 1954**

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

## School Directory

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles C. Craig	Term Expires 1955
Harry Clark, Secretary	Term Expires 1956
M. Lawrence Price, Chairman	Term Expires 1957

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William H. Buker	Holden, Mass.
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### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. Addie P. Wentworth	Holden, Mass.
Mrs. M. Ida Carlson	Holden, Mass.

### TEACHERS

Chester O. Gay	Principal and Grade VIII
Ralph D. Huggett	Grade VII
Mrs. Florence G. Morrissey	Grade VI
Mrs. Irma T. Gray	Grade V
Mrs. Dorothy K. Wilbur	Grade IV
Mrs. Eleanor K. Groden	Grade III
Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan	Grade II
Mrs. Hazel M. Gay	Grade I

### SUPERVISORS

Miss Ruth S. Innes	MUSIC
Gregory F. Bowes (resigned June, 1954)	ART
Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth (appointed Sept. 1954)	ART
Rinehart Handwriting System	PENMANSHIP

## PHYSICIAN

Leroy E. Mayo, M. D. (resigned June 1954)     Holden, Mass.  
 Channing H. Washburn, M. D. (appointed Sept. 1954)  
    Paxton, Mass.

## NURSE

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan                             Holden, Mass.

## CUSTODIAN

Howard K. Cresswell                                 Rutland, Mass.

## BUS DRIVER

Samuel L. Clapp                                       Paxton, Mass.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald W. Sistare                                     Paxton, Mass.

**REPORT**

OF THE

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**


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The School Committee submits the following pages of reports covering the many activities of the School Department. It is hoped that each voter will carefully study these reports in order to become more familiar with the growing problems of the School Department.

The opening of the new Wachusett Regional High School in September marks a great forward step in the educational

opportunities for our children. For the first time in the history of the town, it is now possible for our children to attend a High School which they can really call their own. Forty-four Paxton pupils are enrolled in the new school.

The continued increase in population of the town is rapidly bringing about an increase in enrollment in the Center school. There are 35 pupils in the first grade this year and other grades are also reaching maximum capacity from the standpoint of efficient instruction. The School Committee feels best results. This maximum will probably be reached or exceeded in all eight classrooms within another two years. The total enrollment in September was 213 for the eight grades. A School Building Committee was appointed by action of the Town Meeting last March for the purpose of studying the need for expanded school building facilities. This Committee has carried out extensive studies of the situation and an interim report covering these studies is contained in these pages.

The Committee wishes to express its' appreciation to all of those who are helping out in the solution of the problems in these changing and difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. CRAIG

HARRY CLARK, Secretary.

M. LAWRENCE PRICE,

Chairman.

**REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

By action of the Town Meeting of March 1, 1954, the Selectmen and School Committee were authorized to jointly appoint a committee to make studies and recommendations relative to the expansion of facilities at the Center School. The membership and organization of this committee is indicated at the end of this report.

The committee has met on the average of twice per month since organization in April. These meetings have included several conferences with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, Builders, Architects, and School Committees of other towns in this area. Members of the committee have visited a large number of new school buildings in this area as well as in other sections of the country. The committee studied a wide variety of plans and other sources of information pertaining to modern trends in educational facilities.

The committee has made a detailed study of the past, present, and probable future enrollment statistics for the eight grades housed in the Center School. These enrollment statistics include past and present birth rates and the effects of influx of new residents as associated with the building of new dwellings.

Another facet of the studies involved the adequacy of our present school facilities in providing what is considered to be proper preparation for our new Wachusett Regional High School.

The committee wishes to present the following items as an interim report of the findings of these studies:

1. The Center School enrollment increased from 84 in 1944 to 213 in September of 1954 and the major portion of this increase took place during the past three years. This rapid increase is associated with a general increase in population due to increased building in the town coupled with small numbers in the graduating classes of these years.
2. The present first grade class has an enrollment of 35 pupils and a census of pre-school children, taken as of January first, 1955, shows an average of 35.2 children per entering class for each of the next five years. There are now in the town 42 children scheduled to enter the first grade five years hence. These statistics do not include the effect of continued building of new homes. The building rate during the past five years has increased the school enrollment by more than fifty percent beyond what could be predicted in terms of birthrates.
3. The composite analysis of enrollment statistics shows that the school is reaching a crowded condition but that the rate at which a serious condition is being approached is not quite as acute as was indicated a year ago. The key to the situation rests upon the rate of influx of new residents, and, more particularly upon the number of children of school age moving into the town during the next two or three years.
4. The Center School is lacking in certain desirable facilities including any sort of room for assembly, provision for a hot-lunch program, health facilities, recreational activities, remedial instruction, and the special instruction in homemaking, crafts, exploratory activities usually associated with modern Junior High School programs.

5. The Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, charged with the responsibility of approving building programs eligible for State aid, does not feel that Paxton is quite ready to make any extensive expansion of classroom facilities. This Commission recommends that long range plans, incorporating the correction of present deficiencies and expanding enrollment, be worked out in considerable detail so that we may be in a position to call for the necessary funds to build additional facilities with a minimum of delay should the situation become more acute.

In summary, the School Planning and Building Committee wishes to report that the Town must seriously consider the building of a new school within a relatively short time but that this is not the year to try to work out a compromise between a recognized need for additional facilities, the ability of the Town to financially meet the necessary expense, and willingness of the School Building Assistance Commission to approve the present plans to meet these needs.

Respectfully submitted,

School Planning and Building Committee,

FRANCIS W. CONLIN, Chairman  
 MRS. LOUIS K. CHILDS, Secretary  
 CHARLES C. CRAIG  
 HARRY CLARK  
 GEORGE C. HUNT  
 WILLIAM H. BUKER, Edu. Advisor  
 JOHN H. JOHNSON  
 J. MACKENZIE JOHNSTON  
 M. LAWRENCE PRICE  
 HERBERT F. WENTWORTH  
 MRS. ELWIN K. YOUNG

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the year 1954

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### FUNDS FOR USE IN 1954

Appropriation for Grade, High, and Trade	\$53,911.00
Bigelow Fund	30.00
	<hr/> \$53,941.00

### EXPENDITURES

#### GENERAL CONTROL

Committee Salaries	\$225.00
Committee Expense	55.00
Superintendent Salary and Travel	489.28
Superintendent Office Expense	594.48
	<hr/> \$1,363.76

#### EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teacher Salaries	\$23,800.00
Supervisor Salaries	1,084.95
Substitute Teacher Salaries	140.00
Textbooks	790.86
Supplies	1,154.54
	<hr/> \$26,970.35



## OPERATION OF SCHOOL

Custodian Salary	\$2,533.46	
Custodian Supplies	236.78	
Fuel	994.52	
Light	247.75	
Water	64.04	
Telephone and Misc.	106.85	
	<hr/>	\$4,183.40

## MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL

Repairs and Replacements	\$739.99
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## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	\$396.68	
Transportation	10,901.40	
Tuition	7,283.05	
Misc.	34.11	
	<hr/>	\$18,615.24

## OUTLAY

New Equipment	\$1,381.79
Total Expenditures	<hr/> \$53,254.53

## 1954 REIMBURSEMENTS

General Fund	\$10,064.85	
Superintendent Salary	262.91	
Transportation	7,798.20	
Vocational Aid	518.40	
Tuitions	565.78	
Misc.	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$19,220.15

**R E P O R T**  
OF THE  
**SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS**

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Paxton:

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

We have maintained for the first time, as far as the writer knows, the same classroom teachers.

The Wachusett Regional High School opened September 8th with an enrollment of 760 students, fourty-four were from Paxton. Paxton's budget for this school for 1955 will be \$17,072.53, plus the debt and interest charges of \$3,709.57.

Paxton will continue to pay tuition to the Worcester Trade Schools and for those students who are now attending high schools at Worcester.

Recently we have given Mental Maturity Tests to Grades IV, VI and VIII. These are now being tabulated. Achievement Tests will be given in February.

The time has come when Paxton must decide upon the following issues:

1. To continue for a time with more than 25 to 30 pupils in a grade.

OR 2. To make immediate plans for more school space.

OR 3. To engage school room space outside of the building.

OR 4. To have assistants to some of the regular classroom teachers.

OR 5. To go to double sessions.

The School Building Committee's report will, I trust, answer the above issues. I will merely state that Paxton educationally needs better school facilities. It can afford the same.

Mr. Chester O. Gay, Principal, reports that the Paxton Center School opened this past fall with the same experienced teaching staff as the previous year. This has aided in effecting a more integrated program to meet pupil needs.

School enrollment shows an 11% increase over last year and has brought the school close to the maximum number of children that it can serve effectively.

In addition to regular school activities, a thrift program is available for Center pupils through savings stamps. Other extra curricular activities include a school magazine and intermural basketball and baseball. The latter program is confronted with the problem of scheduling suitable opponents due to the growth of the Junior High School in Holden.

During the past year, Paxton was reimbursed \$285.04 by the United States Department of Agriculture as a member of the National School Lunch Program. Milk sales were 14,181 half-pint bottles, an increase of 2,628 over 1953.

The California Mental Maturity Test is being administered to the pupils of Grades IV, VI and VIII. The results indicated that Paxton children compare favorably to the national norm.

The graduating class of 1954 has revealed great enthusiasm for the Wachusett Regional High School. Only three members of that class chose to enroll at schools other than Wachusett.

There appears to be an increased interest in the Paxton Center School as illustrated by the activities of the Parent-Teachers Association and the visits of individual parents. This has been deeply appreciated by those responsible for the operation of the educational program for only through the mutual cooperation of home, school, and community can an effective school system be maintained to better serve the children of Paxton.

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, the school nurse, reports that the annual physical examination for children in Grades I, IV and VII has been completed. A pre-school clinic was held with parents present. The purpose of this examination is to check the health of the child and to insure his best physical condition when he begins school. The annual vision test has been given and most of the defects corrected. Three diphtheria immunization clinics were held and 63 students were inoculated.

Routine work has been carried on as follows:

Weighed and measured	258
From Jan. 1, thru Dec. 31st.	
First Aid	26
Field Visits	18
Vision Test	216
Hearing Test	64
Clinics	4

Miss Ruth S. Innes, Music Supervisor, reports that through our school music program we are trying to develop

in all the children an intelligent appreciation and understanding of music and a lasting interest in music as a life resource. The proper use of the singing voice through rote singing and music reading is stressed. Creative activities and rhythmic activities are encouraged in all grades.

A fine record library is now available and at seventh and eighth grade level the principal types of music studied are: classic dance types, national dances, the march, tone poems, and music from the theater.

A vocal group performed at graduation and the pupils of grades III through VIII combined to entertain the P.T.A. at Christmas time.

Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth, Art Supervisor, reports the following: It is with pleasure that I submit my first annual report of the Art activities and instruction in Paxton.

Art is a universal language, a medium of communication which affords an opportunity for the individual to use his materials as a release of his ideas in design, crafts, drawing, painting and art appreciation. Through the release of these ideas posters, murals, lettering, "props", and costumes for the Xmas operetta, and seasonal decorations were completed. Art has progressed for many years in Paxton. My aim is to continue the program started by the previous instructors and to further the Art education program in any way which will benefit the pupils of the public schools.

The School Budget has been sufficient for several years, so we could purchase liberally supplies and books, and make interior repairs. The time is not too far distant when we will need to replace the wall piping and the boiler. This would come about if the town should add to the present building.

The recent legislation enacted, concerning instruction for the mentally retarded children, states that "The school committees of every town shall annually ascertain the number of children retarded in mental development in attendance upon its public schools, and of school age and resident therein."

All mentally retarded children with I.Q.'s of 79 and below shall be placed in special classes, except those cases that are approved by the Department of Education. It is estimated that about 1% to 2% of the children may have the privilege of attending these special classes.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term — January 3, 1955 thru February 18, 1955

Spring Term — February 29, 1955 thru April 15, 1955

Summer Term — April 25, 1955 thru June 17, 1955

Fall Term — September 7, 1955 thru December 22, 1955

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 8, 1955	Good Friday
May 30, 1955	Memorial Day
October 12, 1955	Columbus Day
November 4, 1955	Teachers' Convention
November 11, 1955	Veterans' Day
November 24, 25, 1955	Thanksgiving Recess

#### ENROLLMENT

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954		
Elem. Sch.	113	116	129	134	159	192	211		
High Sch.	—	—	—	—	—	39	54		
Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	36	31	27	24	22	23	31	17	211

## 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
1954 — \$53,254.53	

Estimated 1955 — \$55,053.00

Est. 1955 for Wachusett Regional High School — \$17,072.53

## GRADUATES, GRADE VIII — JUNE 1954

Robert B. Baxter	John J. Niemela
Carolyn J. Berglund	Carol M. Norton
Bernard O. Carlson	Judith M. O'Hearn
William J. Cunningham	Gail A. Prentice
Therese R. Gravel	Gail Price
Joseph P. Grensavitch	Rhoda Rabinow
Deborah J. Gustafson	Phyllis L. St. Denis
James E. Kelley	Helen A. Sjoberg
Richard H. Labossiere	Catherine Wallow
Janice Molin	Faith E. Wheeler
Daniel H. Gravel	

## GRADUATES, PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Alfred Belanger	Holden
Terrance M. Connor	Holden
Robert L. Price	Holden
Barbara F. Robinson	Holden
Kay F. Woodall	Holden
Donald P. Whitney	Holden
James J. Ahearn	Boy's Trade
Violet D. Miller	Commerce
George Nanigian	South

## REGISTERED AT WACHUSETTS REGIONAL HIGH SCH.

Robert B. Baxter	Ruth M. Clockedile
Carolyn J. Berglund	Raymond J. Lantinen
Bernard O. Carlson	Gerald A. Mullaney
William J. Cunningham	Linda A. O'Janne
George T. Dewey	Linda M. Pearson
Dianne E. Forrester	Lois L. Pickett
Raymond P. Jason	Richard E. Wylie
James E. Kelley	David D. Bruce
Richard H. Labossiere	Ronald A. Carlson
Carol M. Norton	Jeffrey H. Cunningham
Judith M. O'Hearn	Judith E. Daniels
Gail A. Prentiss	Gerald P. Jenkins
Gail Price	Richard H. Johnson
Rhoda Rabinow	Everett L. Lapierre
Helen A. Sjoberg	Arthur J. Penttila
Phyllis St. Denis	Mary D. Seelye
Catherine M. Wallow	Bethea D. Smith
Faith Wheeler	Patricia G. Wirths
Denis R. Abbott	Barbara J. Blaisdell
George J. Ahearn	William Harris
Patrick A. Ahearn	Barbara Lupien
Stanley B. Amidon	Emily E. Morrow
Alfred Belanger, P.G.	

## REGISTERED AT COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL

Sandra Girouard	Lynn Johnson
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## REGISTERED AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Roger Payne	Lawrence H. Cournoyer
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## REGISTERED AT BOYS' TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

John T. Ahearn	John J. Niemela
Joseph Grensavitch	David A. Putnam

## REGISTERED AT GIRLS' TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Janet LaMarche



## TUITION RATES

School	No. of Students	Rate
Wachusett Regional High	45	\$350.00
North High	(\$380.00 Jan. 1, 1955)	274.00
North (Agriculture)	1	220.00
Commerce High	1	274.00
Girls' Trade High	2	275.00
Boys' Trade High	1	300.00
Evening Trade	4	20c per hour

## AWARDS, JUNE 1954

## SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD

Gail A. Prentice Grade 8

## IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Arthur Clockedile Grade 7

## AMERICAN LEGION AWARD (grade 8 only)

W. James Cunningham Gail A. Prentice

In conclusion, I wish to say that it has been another pleasant year for the superintendent of schools. The School Committee and all personnel have been very cooperative.

It has also been very interesting experience to work with the Building Committee. The members of this committee have given me many valuable suggestions for our educational planning.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BUKER,  
Superintendent of Schools

# REPORT

## OF THE

### Wachusett Regional School District Comm.

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The year 1954 turned out to be one of great importance to the several towns of the District. It was the year of dedication and opening of the new Wachusett High School.

By election in the several towns and by appointment of the various school committees, the Committee was made up of the following individuals:

Holden:	Term Expires
Harold E. Wiles	1954
George W. Lyman	1957
W. Goulding Warren	1955
Paxton:	
Charles C. Craig	1954
Laurens C. Seelye	1954
Princeton:	
John C. Hubbard	1954
Leslie E. Poole	1957
Rutland:	
James L. Wood	1954
David A. Darrah	1955
Sterling:	
George S. Davis	1954
Robert W. Mason	1954
Officers serving the previous years 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 1 Special Meeting.

Efforts during the earlier part of the year were spent in completing the final details necessary for opening of the school, involving such items as completion of the building; ordering and receiving equipment; appointment of staff, including teachers, cafeteria workers and custodians; setting up of administrative regulations; establishing rental rates; development of policies in regard to pupil discipline and activities.

Superintendent Buker and Principal Thomas were of tremendous help in this work. Under Principal Thomas's direction a teachers' workshop period was held for the two weeks prior to school opening enabling the teachers to set up their equipment and organize the details of curriculum and class instruction.

On August 23, 1954, the Committee held its first meeting in the library of the new high school.

As a culmination of five years of continuous effort, the school was dedicated on August 29, 1954, in a program highlighted by an address by Governor Herter.

On September 8, 1954, the first classes were held in the Wachusett Regional High School.

The first four months of operation indicated that the school would ably meet the expectations of those that had worked on it. Details have shown up that are being corrected. Unfortunately, there was a slight explosion in one of the classrooms while workmen were completing details

in the piping. However, none of the school personnel were seriously hurt, and the damage has been repaired.

The school accepted, with thanks, the Freedom Shrine presented by the Holden Exchange Club.

Considerable time and effort was spent on setting up a budget for operations during 1955. The problem was made more complicated by unexpected increases in enrollment. Pupil enrollment on October 1, 1954, and the estimates of enrollment for September 1955, are as follows:

	Oct. 1954	(Est.) Sept. 1955
Holden	331	405
Paxton	44	54
Princeton	53	73
Rutland	84	100
Sterling	91	120
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Total	603	752
Tuition Pupils:		
West Boylston	137	158
Oakham	14	18
Miscellaneous	6	6
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Total	157	182
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GRAND TOTAL	760	934

With this information apparent the Committee found it necessary to make two important decisions:

1. To increase the present tuition rate from \$350.00 to \$380.00, effective January 1, 1955.

2. To meet with the West Boylston School Committee pointing out the problem of increased enrollment, and to ask that they plan not to send new students to the Regional High School after 1955.

The Committee recognizes the fact that the Wachusett Regional High School building and equipment is valued beyond \$2,600,00.00, being operated by a staff of nearly 70 people, handling a student body numbering 760, and expecting to reach nearly 1,000. The purpose of the Committee is to see that the Wachusett Regional High School adequately and efficiently meets the educational needs of the several towns of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LYMAN,  
Secretary

## **Wachusett Regional School District**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT—JANUARY 1955**

To Superintendent William H. Buker and the Wachusett Regional School District Committee:

My second annual report is herewith submitted.

Thanks to the splendid cooperation, patience, and understanding of the Wachusett Regional School District Com. and Superintendent William H. Buker, the initiative and skill of the members of the teaching staff, many extra hours of work on the part of the clerical, custodial, and cafeteria staffs, and the cheerful willingness of the students to adapt themselves to new situations, Massachusetts' first Regional High School opened its doors on September 8, 1954. I would be remiss if I did not also mention the willing helpfulness of Architect Stuart Briggs and Mr. Harry Williams of the J. W. Bishop Company, in attending to the myriad of details in connection with the completion of the building.

#### **Workshop**

The two weeks' workshop held during the latter part of August proved to be of tremendous value, not only because it provided for a smoother opening day, but also because it laid the foundation for a sound basis for curriculum planning and coordination.

#### **Enrollment**

Before schools closed in June, we had enrolled 710 students. When the Regional High School opened in September we had a total of 760 pupils. The additional 50 pupils came from families that had moved during the summer into towns served by the school. As of the close of school at Christmas vacation our enrollment was as follows:

Grade	9	10	11	12	
Resident					
Girls	101	85	66	61	1 spec.
Boys	110	71	72	43	1 P. G.
Tuition					
Girls	31	18	16	23	
Boys	25	16	9	13	
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	267	190	163	140	
TOTAL				762	

Of these, 92 students are taking Vocational work in Agriculture or Homemaking.

We can now count 934 pupils who we can assume will attend school next fall, and this makes no allowance for new families to move into the area served by the school. Such an enrollment presents the need for additional teachers, equipment, and supplies, the estimated costs for which are included in the budget.

### School Activities

Although the school has been running for only four months, the senior, junior and sophomore classes have organized by electing class officers through a system of primary and final elections modeled after the pattern of regular state elections. The Band has been organized and has played at two football games, as well as presenting an assembly program for the school. Two large glee clubs of about 100 members each and a choir of 45 are meeting regularly. The Junior Band of 35 also rehearses regularly. One issue of the school paper was published before Christmas. The dramatics and chorus groups combined to put on the Christmas Assembly, with a large assist from the Art Department. All students have the opportunity to practice thrift by participa-

ting in a School Savings program weekly. The boys' football and girls' field hockey teams enjoyed fine seasons and set high standards of sportsmanship as well as achievement. A wide-spread winter inter-mural program will supplement the activities of the school basketball teams. Work has been started on the production of the Senior Yearbook. As the school's program develops there will be additional opportunities for students to participate even more in other areas.

The practice of Paxton, Sterling, and West Boylston to send "late" busses to the school because there was no convenient public transportation has proved of great worth.

### Special Assemblies

- Sept. 8—Opening Assembly.
- 9—Acceptance of Driver Education Car.
- 25—Fire Prevention.
- Nov. 3—Band.
- 9—Veterans' Day
- 10—Haaker, Special Pianist
- 12—School Savings Program.
- 16—Acceptance of Freedom Shrine.
- 19—Junior Red Cross
- 23—Worcester Art Museum.
- Dec. 1—Massachusetts Heritage Day.
- 13—Occupational Planning and Career Choices.
- 14—Trampoline-Unicycle.
- 15—Safe Driving Day.
- 22—Christmas Assembly.

The facilities of the school have been rented to groups outside the school seven times:

- Oct. 16—Holden Women's Club—Speaker.
- Oct. 29—St. Mary's Church—Minstrel Show.



Nov. 4—Wor. Co. Breeder's Assoc.—Dinner in Cafeteria.  
 Nov. 5—St. Mary's Church—Minstrel Show.  
 Nov. 19—Holden Exchange Club—Play.  
 Nov. 26—Chaffins P. T. A.—Sports Night.  
 Dec. 9—Bates Club—Dinner in Cafeteria.

In addition, the Worcester County Principals' Association met in the Cafeteria Oct. 27, and Superintendents' Association met in the Cafeteria Dec. 7. Both groups made inspection tours of the school.

Six open house sessions, with the entire staff in attendance, were held: Aug. 29, 30; Sept. 1, 2; Nov. 2, 4. A special visiting night for parents of Freshmen was held Oct. 18 with the teachers outlining subject matter areas and being on hand later to talk with parents.

There have been at least eight groups of citizens from communities both within and without the state who have made special trips to tour the building.

The receipt of the Freedom Shrine from the Holden Exchange Club market a highlight in the school's history. Composed of twenty-eight beautiful replicas of significant historical documents ranging in time from the Declaration of Independence to the Japanese Surrender, the display is permanently set up in the Exhibit Corridor, near the public entrance to the Auditorium, where it will serve as a constant reminder to young and old alike of the struggles that have brought about and preserved our priceless heritage of freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON H. THOMAS,

## **ANNUAL REPORT - 1954**

### **Supt. of Wachusett Regional School District.**

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To the Wachusett Regional School District Committee:

I herewith present my second annual report.

The major activities in which I have had a part during the year are:

1. Interviewing and recommending personnel.
2. Assisting in ordering equipment, books and supplies.
3. Conferences with sub-committees and administrative officers of the school.
4. Assisting in keeping the financial budget of the district.
5. Participating at the bi-monthly committee meetings.
6. Had many conferences with outside groups who are interested in regional schools.

#### **General Information**

The staff now consists of 42 teachers, 3 secretaries, 1 temporary clerk for the fall term, 1 part-time secretary at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 7 custodians and 10 cafeteria employees.

The salary schedule for teachers ranges from \$2,900.00 to \$4,900.00 for B. S. and A. B. Degree; and \$3,100.00 to \$5,100.00 for M. A. Degree teachers.

Average salary for teachers — \$3,884.00

We have 137 tuition pupils from West Boylston, 14 tuition pupils from Oakham, and 6 private tuition pupils.

The rate of tuition has been \$350.00 per year; in January, 1955, the rate will be \$380.00 per year.

State reimbursements from Chapter 70, General Laws, will be sent to the Treasurers of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling. The reimbursement for Agriculture and Household Arts Courses will be sent directly to the District Treasurer. Also all tuitions and receipts from rentals and school activity incomes will be sent to this officer.

The assistance received from the District Committee, Principal Thomas, the staff and the secretaries has been very helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BUKER

## BUDGET 1955

Account	Appro. 1954	Spent 1954	Recom. 1955
Moderator			
Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Selectmen			
Salaries	900.00	900.00	900.00
Expenses	325.00	323.60	325.00
Town Accountant			
Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Expenses	15.00	15.00	15.00
Treasurer			
Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Expenses	175.00	175.00	175.00
Collector of Taxes			
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	175.00	175.00	175.00
Assessors			
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	550.00	466.20	550.00

Legal			
Town Counsel	700.00	700.00	700.00
Town Clerk			
Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	100.00	95.45	125.00
Elections			
Expenses	250.00	263.00	175.00
Registrars			
Salaries	25.00	25.00	<sup>100</sup> <del>25.00</del>
Expenses	90.00	103.42	90.00
Town Hall	2,900.00	3,132.31	2,900.00
Planning Board	1,194.31	1,289.62	750.00
Board of Appeals	50.00	8.00	50.00
Reserve Fund—Transfer	2,477.00	2,396.34	3,000.00
Police Dept.—Patrolling	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
Expenses	50.00	54.70	150.00
School Traffic			
Expenses	930.00	818.75	930.00
Dog Officer			
Expenses	25.00	45.50	25.00

Account	Appro. 1954	Spent 1954	Recom. 1955
Fire Dept.			
Engineers	600.00	600.00	600.00
Expenses	2,000.00	1,823.87	2,129.50
Building Inspector			
Expenses	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer			
Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Expenses	5.00	1.15	<del>5.00</del> 11.00
Tree Warden	600.00	593.92	1,000.00
Moth			
Expenses	200.00	193.00	300.00
Dutch Elm Disease			
Expenses	200.00	197.00	300.00
School Tree			
Expenses	88.76	88.76	-----
Health			
Salaries	30.00	30.00	<del>30.00</del> 150-
Expenses	2,204.00	1,662.73	1,059.00

Inspection of Animals			
Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Inspection of Meat			
Salary	5.00	5.00	5.00
Collection of Garbage			
Expenses	2,560.00	2,219.98	2,490.00
Highways:			
Chapter 81	10,875.00	10,874.99	2,900.00
Chapter 90—Maint.	4,800.00	4,790.33	1,600.00
Chapter 90—Const.	12,000.00	10,193.20	3,000.00
Equipment Maint.—Transfer	1,939.50	2,277.60	-----
Snow Removal			
Expenses	5,500.00	5,499.22	<del>6,500.00</del> <sup>5500</sup>
Snow Fence			
Purchase of	250.00	219.90	250.00
Vacation—Sick Leave	600.00	598.08	-----
Street Lights			
Current	1,617.00	1,477.29	1,315.00
Garage Construction	6,262.30	6,259.82	-----
Maintenance	600.00	391.28	500.00
Surfacing Streets			
New Roads	1,200.00	1,039.39	1,200.00

Account	Appro. 1954	Spent 1954	Recom. 1955
Public Welfare			
Salaries	150.00	141.67	150.00
Expenses	1,500.00	1,380.87	1,000.00
Civil Service Employee			
Salary	588.00	435.37	588.00
Disability Assistance			
Expenses	2,000.00	468.71	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance			
Expenses	4,500.00	4,267.16	5,500.00
Aid Dependent Children			
Expenses	2,500.00	238.00	2,000.00
Veterans Services			
Agent Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00
Expenses	10.00	10.00	10.00
Aid	1,500.00	1,065.00	1,500.00
Schools			
Expenses	53,941.00	52,369.74	55,053.00
School Plan and Building			
Expenses	500.00	4.14	Bal.495.86



School				
Wachusett Regional High	10,924.38	10,924.38	19,322.73	
Library				
Expenses	2,300.00	3,481.30	2,086.00	
Common				
Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Expenses	50.00	2.40	50.00	75
Town Clock				
Care of	60.00	60.00	60.00	
Expenses	-----	-----	25.00	
Insurance				
Expenses	2,800.00	2,949.28	2,800.00	
Printing				
Town Reports	1,600.00	1,008.40	1,000.00	
Memorial Day				
Expenses	100.00	116.20	100.00	
Swimming Pool				
Maintenance	1,069.40	1,049.95	1,700.00	
Water Dept.				
Salaries	175.00	175.00	175.00	
Expenses	8,935.00	8,934.23	9,535.00	

Account	Appro. 1954	Spent 1954	Recom. 1955
Cemeteries			
Expenses	1,200.00	1,046.86	500.00
Interest on Notes			
Temporary Loans	25.00	-----	25.00
Certification of Notes	10.00	-----	10.00

Respectfully submitted,

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Finance Board

## TOWN WARRANT

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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 7th day of March, 1955, 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
Board of Public Welfare	3 years
Assessor	3 years
School Committee	3 years
Municipal Light Board	3 years
Cemetery Commission	3 years
Water Board	3 years
2 Library Trustees	3 years
Planning Board	5 years
Board of Health	3 years
Recreation Commission	5 years
Wachusett Regional High School	3 years

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

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

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

At the Business Meeting the voters will be called upon to act on the following Articles, namely:

✓ Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the items of the Budget as presented by the Finance Committee and to act upon said items and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required under said items and to hear any other necessary reports of Town Officers, 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, 1955, 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 Dept. 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:

- 1 Spring Drive at Mower St.
- 1 Pleasant St. at Briarcliff Lane
- 2 Marshall St.

And raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the necessary operating expenses 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 of money 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 ap-

propriated 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 the sum of \$2,355.10 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 \$3000.00 to cover the town's share of the cost of construction on Rockland 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to be used to purchase an automatic sand spreader, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 18. To see if the town will vote to change the name of the street now called "Eagle Circuit" to "Eagle Lane", or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 19. To see if the town will vote to increase the salaries of the Board of Health to fifty dollars per member per year, or act in any way thereon. *has*

✓ Article 20. To see if the town will vote to increase the salaries of the Registrars of Voters to \$25.00 per year for each member, or act in any way thereon. *passed*

✓ Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the School Committee, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$90.00 to pay for taking the State Census of 1955, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 23. To see if the town will vote to continue the present "School Planning and Building Committee" and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to be used by this committee to carry out the necessary work in connection with studies of the facilities of the Center School, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer, the amount requested for the Water Dept. Budget, from surplus to the Water Dept. account, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main either on Barre Road or ~~West St.~~, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 26. 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 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to be used by the Planning Board for a "Land Use" study 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 \$3,100.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing 2 way radio in the Police Dept., to consist of one base station and 4 mobile units, the same to be purchased under matching funds, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 29. To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate ~~or transfer from available funds~~, the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 1955 Cruiser for the Police Dept., said Cruiser car to be adaptable for ambulance purposes, or act in any way thereon.



✓ Article 30. To see if the town will vote to accept the laying out of Cutler St. by the Selectmen as shown on a plan designated; Hyacres Development, dated January 27, 1955, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 31. 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 Cutler Rd., or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase or by right of eminent domain an easement from C. John Abbott for public way purposes in Cutler Rd., being a way 50 feet wide extending southerly from Walbridge Rd. and shown on a plan designated; Hyacres Development, dated January 27, 1955, or act in any way thereon.

✓ Article 33. To see if the town will vote to install a hydrant on Briarcliff Lane, Cutler Rd., and Central Ave., at the cost of \$250.00 per hydrant and raise and appropriate \$750.00 for the above installations, 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, 1955.

LOUIS T. HAMBLIN  
SHERMAN S. LUDDEN  
JESSE E. MILLS

Selectmen of Paxton

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