

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICIALS  
TOWN OF PAXTON  
MASSACHUSETTS



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

## DECEMBER 31, 1955

Hollywood Press

Oxford, Mass.

**TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1955***Moderator*

JESSE E. MILLS

*Town Clerk*

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

*Treasurer*

MARRION E. MACCABEE

*Collector of Taxes*

MARION E. MACCABEE

*Constables*

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Tree Warden*

FRED R. DIFLEY

*Selectmen*

JESSE E. MILLS

Term expires 1956

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term expires 1957

ALDEN H. JACOBSON

Term expires 1958

*Board of Public Welfare*

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN

Term expires 1956

J. MACK JOHNSTON

Term expires 1957

RUTH B. McKINLEY

Term expires 1958

*Assessors*

FRED E. WATSON

Term expires 1956

GEORGE C. HUNT

Term expires 1957

ROBERT A. BELEY

Term expires 1958

*School Committee*

HARRY CLARK

Term expires 1956

M. LAWRENCE PRICE

Term expires 1957

CHARLES C. CRAIG

Term expires 1958

*Municipal Light Board*

GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.

Term expires 1956

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

Term expires 1957

DEANE O. HOWLAND

Term expires 1958

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*Cemetery Commission*

H. RENO KENNEN, JR.	Term expires 1956
GEORGE MACCABEE	Term expires 1957
JOSEPH R. PEARSON	Term expires 1958

*Water Board*

NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term expires 1956
ELWIN K. YOUNG	Term expires 1957
FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.	Term expires 1957

*Library Trustees*

CONSTANCE C. GREENMAN	Term expires 1956
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term expires 1956
MIRIAM W. DEWEY	Term expires 1957
ALDEN H. JACOBSON	Term expires 1957
KATHERINE I. STANNARD	Term expires 1958
HARRY E. WHITCOMB	Term expires 1958

*Planning Board*

ALDEN H. JACOBSON (Resigned)	Term expires 1956
REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term expires 1957
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH	Term expires 1958
G. LEONARD TROTTIER	Term expires 1959
DONALD C. ALEXANDER	Term expires 1960

*Board of Health*

VERNON E. PRENTICE	Term expires 1956
NORMAN C. DODGE	Term expires 1957
SALLY H. STANSFIELD	Term expires 1958

*Wachusett Regional High School*

LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term expires 1958
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*Recreation Commission*

RALPH W. WILBUR	Term expires 1956
JEROME F. MURPHY	Term expires 1957
EDITH B. CALHANE	Term expires 1958
ESTHER S. HAMBLIN	Term expires 1959
LOUIS K. CHILDS	Term expires 1960

## APPOINTMENTS BY MODERATOR

*Finance Committee*

REUBEN H. O'JANNE	Term expires 1956
JOHN H. JOHNSON	Term expires 1956
WILLIAM J. LAMOTTE	Term expires 1957



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J. ARDEN WOODALL	Term expires 1957
ROBERT C. BRUCE	Term expires 1958
MERVYN E. RICHARDS	Term expires 1958

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN**

*Board of Appeals*

AUGUSTUS P. MULLANEY	Term expires 1956
BURTON E. JOHNSON	Term expires 1957
ROBERT C. BRUCE	Term expires 1958
RAYMOND J. LANTINEN	Term expires 1959
FREDERICK A. COOK	Term expires 1960

*Board of Appeals (Alternates)*

LORNE W. TANNAHILL	FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.
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*Care of Clock*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Superintendent of Streets*

WALTER V. PIKE

*Dog Officer*

CARL H. JOHNSON

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

*Care of Common and Flag*

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

*Veterans' Agent*

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

*Inspector of Wires*

ROY M. WENTWORTH

*Building Inspector*

FRED E. WATSON

*Forest Fire Warden*

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

*Moth Superintendent*

FRED R. DIFLEY

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*Measurers of Wood and Bark*

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

FRED R. DIFLEY

CHARLES C. CRAIG

*Police Officers*

DONALD W. SISTARE (Chief)

GEORGE G. KARLE (Sergeant)

AUGUSTUS W. OATLEY

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

ROBERT C. BRUCE

GEORGE C. HUNT, JR.

*Special Police Officers*

RICHARD PADGETT

F. WYMAN ROGERS (Boynton Park)

HOWARD CRESSWELL (School)

WILLIAM SHEEHAN (School Crossing)

PHILIP RYAN (Swimming Pool)

*Board of Registrars*

ARTHUR LAWLER, JR.

VIOLA C. PRENTICE

GENEVA M. CROMPTON

*Town Accountant*

ETTA E. ROBINSON

*School Planning and Building Committee*

FRANCIS W. CONLIN

M. LAWRENCE PRICE

CHARLES C. CRAIG

MRS. LOUIS K. CHILDS

HARRY CLARK

ELWIN K. YOUNG

GEORGE C. HUNT

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH

JOHN H. JOHNSON

J. MACK JOHNSON

WILLIAM H. BUNKER (Holden)

*To fill vacancy caused by resignation*

FRANK L. ABBOTT, JR. (Planning Board)

## 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

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**REPORT of the TOWN CLERK**

**LICENSES ISSUED IN 1955**

- 340 Resident Citizen Fishing
- 125 Resident Citizen Hunting
- 183 Resident Citizen Sporting
- 42 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing
- 68 Resident Citizen Female Fishing
- 1 Resident Minor Trapping
- 3 Special Non-Resident Fishing
- 1 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing
- 2 Resident Alien Fishing
- 9 Duplicate
- 8 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)
- 2 Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age Assistance) (Free)
- Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$2,524 50

**DOG LICENSES**

- 113 Males
- 33 Females
- 58 Spayed
- 6 Kennel

Paid to Town Treasurer \$528 60

**VITAL RECORDS OF 1955**

**BIRTHS**

**JANUARY**

- 16 George Philip, son of Philip H. and Harriet D. Getchell.

**FEBRUARY**

- 16 Hazel Rena, daughter of Frederick T. and Dorothy B. Robinson.
- 19 Michael Paul, son of Richard C. and Maureen I. Mullaney.

**MARCH**

- 15 John Scott, son of Arthur A. and Eileen Rheaume.
- 20 Scott James, son of Paul and Pauline Alix.
- 27 Miles Jonathan, son of Raymond H. and Virginia M. Kimball.

**APRIL**

- 6 Deborah Katharine, daughter of Preston W. and Rosemary Hall.
- 23 Jean, daughter of Richard D. and Agneta J. Woelflein.
- 28 Patricia Lee, daughter of Elmer J. and Theresa A. Masters.

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## JUNE

- 1 Martin Jay, son of Leonard L. and Doris M. Farrar.
- 4 Anne Frances, daughter of Laurence P. and Frances L. O'Connell
- 8 Linda Susan, daughter of James O. and Thelma E. Barker.
- 23 Robert Carter, son of Channing H. and M. Lorraine Washburn.

## JULY

- 1 Kristine Elizabeth, daughter of John A. and Dawn M. Engquist.
- 2 William James, son of Richard I. and Hazel I. Morrow.
- 5 Thomas James, son of Frederick G. and Rachel M. Antell.
- 25 Kathleen Inez, daughter of Charles A. and Beatrice E. Craig.

## AUGUST

- 1 Franklin G. 3rd, son of Franklin G. Jr. and Jeanette M. Fleming.
- 3 Rita Ethel, daughter of Merrill H. and Lillian R. Stockbridge.
- 21 Sandra Lee, daughter of James J. and Leona M. Ahearn.
- 30 William Arthur, son of William S. and Beatrice E. Frey.

## SEPTEMBER

- 24 Michael Bannan, son of Reginald J. and Gloria Smith.
- 26 Michael Anthony, son of Charles E. and Joanne V. Ducharme.

## NOVEMBER

- 12 James Joseph, Jr., son of James J. and Louise M. Mellor.

## DECEMBER

- 7 James Joseph, son of Robert E. and Alice T. Mulhearn.

## MARRIAGES

## JANUARY

- 28 Richard I. Morrow of Paxton and Hazel I. Kirkpatrick of Sterling

## FEBRUARY

- 12 Daniel J. Hartley of Marlboro and Jean I. Niemela of Paxton

## APRIL

- 22 Gilman F. Connor of Rutland and Lorraine M. Allen of Paxton

## MAY

- 7 Alvah W. Tracy of Holden and Gail J. Pike of Paxton

## JUNE

- 5 William A. Slowe of Fall River and Louise Wentworth of Paxton
- 25 Albert P. Manzi of Paxton and Juliette I. Legendre of Paxton



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## AUGUST

- 27 Lawrence W. Bartlett of Shrewsbury and Barbara M. Thurrott of Paxton

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 Carl A. Rehberg of Nutley, N. J. and Anna Mae Van Wyck of Paxton  
3 Donald F. Barber of Worcester and Sandra M. Girouard of Paxton  
17 Paul L. Jordan of Sterling and Georgia E. Daniels of Paxton  
19 Alfred E. Belanger, Jr. of Paxton and Marjorie M. Kneeland of Sterling

## OCTOBER

- 15 Chester L. W. Johnson of Paxton and Ellen B. Buck of Sterling  
20 Donald Martin of California, Ky. and Emily E. Morrow of Paxton  
29 Robert T. Morse of Paxton and Joan M. Washwell of Worcester  
29 Alfred H. Marengo, Jr. of Worcester and Doris Ann Mullaney of Paxton

## NOVEMBER

- 24 Leonard J. Ward of Worcester and Jean A. Perkins of Paxton  
26 John T. Ahearn of Paxton and Janet M. Jones of Paxton

## DECEMBER

- 28 Luther C. Flanders, Jr. of Worcester and Mary T. Trum of Paxton

## DEATHS

### JANUARY

- 22 Emmet G. Johnson 55 years

### FEBRUARY

- 6 Florence H. (Knowles) Rice 91 years

### MARCH

- 1 Julia (Ketola) Koivisto 64 years  
13 Margaret (Leahy) Murphy 76 years

### APRIL

- 3 Samuel L. Clapp 61 years  
16 Susan Orr 44 years  
16 Joseph Himelman 74 years

### JUNE

- 5 Cornelius E. Fitzgerald 71 years  
21 Alice (Sherer) Estabrook 85 years

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## AUGUST

10 Katharine Paton Donnelly 78 years

## SEPTEMBER

1 William H. McTighe 56 years  
19 F. Omer Faucher 77 years

## OCTOBER

30 Oscar R. Salinger 59 years  
30 Adelia M. (Knapp) Hamill 84 years

## NOVEMBER

Benjamin B. Pierce, 5 years

## DECEMBER

11 Percy V. Camber 70 years  
13 Eva (Parker) Jillson 82 years

## REPORT OF VOTING AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JANUARY 20, 1955

ARTICLE 1. Voted to amend Section II, paragraph 2; Section VII, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4, of the Zoning By-Laws.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to amend Section IV, item 1, subparagraph 8, of paragraph 2 of the Zoning By-laws.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to amend Section V, paragraph 2, and paragraph 7, of the Zoning By-laws.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to amend Section V, paragraph 8, by adding to said paragraph in the Zoning By-laws.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to amend Section V, paragraph 11, by adding more to this paragraph in the Zoning By-laws.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to amend Section V, of the Zoning By-laws by adding another new paragraph at the end of this section.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to amend the Zoning By-laws by adding a new section entitled, "Section V-A," at the end of Section V.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

REPORT OF VOTING AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 7, 1955

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 made from the floor.

The following action was taken under this Article.

Voted to increase the salaries of the Board of Registrars to \$35.00 per year per member. Article 20.

Voted to increase the salaries of the Board of Health to \$50.00 per year per member. Article 19.

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

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 highway maintenance. Article 15.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to meet the town's share of the cost of construction on Rockland Street. Article 16.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,355.10 from Highway Equipment Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund. Article 13.

Voted to reduce the amount to be appropriated under Snow Removal to \$5,500.00.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for vacation pay for employees of the Highway and Water Department. Article 12.

Voted to install street lights on Spring Drive at Mower Street, Pleasant Street at Briarcliff Lane, and Marshall Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,645.65 to cover the operating expenses of street lights. Article 10.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to increase the salaries of the School Committee. Article 21.

Voted to continue the present "School Planning and Building Committee" and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for their purpose. Article 23.

Voted to increase the amount of expenses for the care of the Common from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,800.00 for insurance and bonds for Town Officers.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$9,535.00 from surplus to the Water Department Account.

Voted to accept Article 2 as amended.

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 therefore, in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 44, of General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appoint the American Legion to act 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 the money 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.

ARTICLE 10. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 11. Electric Light Department Article. Voted to accept as printed.

ARTICLE 12. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 13. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 14. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 15. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 16. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the purchase of an automatic sand spreader.

ARTICLE 18. Voted to change the name of "Eagle Circuit" to "Eagle Lane."

ARTICLE 19. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 20. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 21. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 to pay for taking the State Census.

ARTICLE 23. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 24. Voted under Article 2.

ARTICLE 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on the Barre Road.

ARTICLE 26. Voted the sum of \$75.00 for the Water Division Account.

ARTICLE 27. Voted to pass over — 98 to 34.



ARTICLE 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing 2-way radio in the Police Department to consist of one base station and 4 mobile units. 76 to 57.

ARTICLE 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department. 72 to 46.

Voted to take up Article 30, 31, and 32 collectively. Voted to accept these articles as printed. (Acceptance of Cutler Road.)

ARTICLE 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to install a hydrant at Briarcliff Lane, Cutler Road, and Central Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON,  
Town Clerk

#### REPORT OF VOTING AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 1955

ARTICLE 1. Voted to transfer the sum of \$421.14 from Civil Service Employee's Account and \$1,900.00 from Aid to Dependent Children Account to Old Age Assistance Account.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$391,000.00 for the purpose of building and equipping a new school

290 ballots cast — 212 in favor — 78 opposed.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a School Building Committee, to build and equip and landscape the the land for a new school building.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to pass over the Article.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON  
Town Clerk

#### LIST OF JURORS

RUTH H. BODYCOTT  
RUDOLPH L. BORGESON  
HARRY CLARK  
GENEVA CROMPTON  
DANA C. DISNEY  
NORMAN C. DODGE  
JOHN H. JOHNSON  
STANLEY H. MOOR

MARGARET L. MURPHY  
JAMES J. O'HARA  
ARTHUR S. PALMER, JR.  
LLOYD H. PITCHER  
ANNA M. PORTER  
CHESTER M. ROSSIER  
CONSTANCE S. SPAULDING  
WALTER D. WILDE, JR.

## REPORT of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The members of the Board of Selectmen organized March 10, 1955 with Jesse E. Mills, Chairman; Sherman S. Ludden, Clerk; and Alden Jacobson, third member.

Sixty-four building, demolishing, and alterations permits were issued during the year at an estimated value of \$623,850.00. The Building Inspector has reported to the Selectmen that he has inspected all buildings.

The following licenses and permits were issued during 1955.

Inn Holders Licenses	1
Package Store Licenses	1
Cafe License	1
Common Victuallers	9
Sunday Soft Drink	8
Used Car Dealers	1
Junk Dealers	2

The Selectmens room was enlarged and the new quarters built for the Legion. We propose in 1956 to repaint both the Selectmen's room and the banquet hall. The cooperation of Town Officials and the general public throughout this past year has been greatly appreciated and has been very helpful to us in disposing of the increasingly heavy load of business which is developing.

The Board Meetings are always open to the general public and all residents are invited to attend any meeting and discuss town problems.

JESSE E. MILLS,

Chairman

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN,

Clerk

ALDEN JACOBSON,

Third Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## REPORT of the BOARD OF HEALTH

The following diseases were reported during the year:

1 Chicken Pox
11 Dog Bites
107 Measles
3 German Measels
8 Mumps
1 Scarlet Fever

The following licenses were issued:

- 7 Milk and Cream
- 3 Methyl Alcohol
- 1 Pasteurization
- 1 Nursery School
- 2 Recreational Camps
- 1 Oleomargarine

The Board of Health urges that all cases of communicable diseases 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 and Slaughtering  
LESLIE E. ROBINSON, Burial Agent

Mr. H. Roscoe Crawford has done a fine job collecting garbage this past year. We ask your cooperation in not wrapping table waste as it makes it hard to process.

The Stevens Family has done an amiable job in caring for the Dump. The dumping hours are Saturday from 9:00—5:00 and Sunday morning 9:00—12:00.

Much time has been spent in discussions and making plans for the Polio Vaccine Program which was postponed indefinitely by the State. We hope there will be a definite program soon.

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 cooperation of the Town Officials, residents, and the District Health Office throughout the past year has been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON E. PRENTICE,  
Chairman

SALLY H. STANSFIELD,  
Clerk

NORMAN C. DODGE,  
Third Member

## REPORT of the TREE WARDEN

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1955.

Appropriation		\$1,000 00
Expenditures:		
Fertilizing Trees	\$154 00	
Trimming and Removing Trees	573 94	
General Care	254 00	
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Balance		\$ 18 06

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Tree Warden

## MOTH DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1955.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expenditures:		
Labor	\$72 00	
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Balance		\$228 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Moth Superintendent

## DUTCH ELM DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following report for the year 1955.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expenditures:		
Spraying	\$180 00	
Cutting, Destroying Diseased Elms	\$116 00	
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		\$296 00
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Balance		\$ 4 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED DIFLEY,

Dutch Elm Superintendent



## REPORT of the RECREATION BOARD

This Committee, now in its second year, reports the following:

The general spring clean-up day was organized with volunteer help. It was very successful.

Mr. Philip Ryan was again life guard for the 1955 season.

The ten Red Cross swimming lessons, with two instructors provided, was better than ever with a total attendance of 110, 47 of these received Red Cross certificates in their various groups. The Town should also know that the Red Cross gave a life preserver to be used at the pool.

There was a weekly test of the water, this made possible through our agreement with Dr. Alexander Witkow, Director of Public Health in Worcester. The dam at Illig Pond which washed out in 1954 was replaced during the summer months. During the August floods there was considerable damage which will have to be taken care of and sand replaced.

Once again during the year there was a discouraging note. This time in the form of malicious destruction. Spot-lights were broken and glass thrown in the pool and quantities of it in the sand. Burning of the shed was attempted and tools and first aid equipment scattered about.

The following equipment has been purchased for the coming season:

bicycle rack  
merry-go-round  
castle tower

Also during the year we met with the Planning Board and it was agreed to have a representative from the National Recreation Association come to Paxton to aid us in plans for the future. This is something that will take time and thought and money but over a ten year period it is hoped that many recreation plans can be carried out.

MRS. ESTHER HAMBLIN,  
Chairman

MRS. EDITH F. CALHANE,  
Clerk

MR. JEROME MURPHY

MR. LOUIS CHILDS

MR. RALPH WILBUR

MR. M. LAWRENCE PRICE

MR. HERBERT WENTWORTH

## REPORT of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Polls Assessed	503
Tax on Each Poll	\$2.00
Rate of Taxation	\$39.00

### Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock in Trade	\$ 6,225 00
Machinery	176,800 00
Live Stock	43,130 00
All other tangible personal property	2,700 00

\$ 228,855 00

### Value of Assed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$ 364,235 00
Buildings exclusive of land	2,283,585 00

2,647,820 00

**Total Value of Assessed Estate** \$2,876,675 00

### Taxes for State, County and Town purposes, including overlay:

On Personal Estate	\$ 8,925 35
On Real Estate	103,264 98
On Polls	1,006 00

\$113,196 33

### Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	15
Cows	331
Bulls, Steers and Heifers	100
Swine	30
Sheep	20
Fowl	3,910
All Others	209
Acres of Land	8,962a 27,526 ft.
Dwellings	464

## RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations	\$145,955 88
Appropriations from Available Funds	37,365 10
Debt and Interest Charges	10,430 00
Retirement Fund	1,835 54
State Parks and Reservations	203 32
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	393 55
County Tax	3,689 00
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	5,398 80

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1954 Underestimate	1,496 80
Overlay of Current Year	4,000 00
Gross Amount to be raised	210,767 99
Estimated Receipts	97,571 66
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$113,196 33

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON,

Chairman

ROBERT A. BELEY

GEORGE C. HUNT

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## REPORT of the RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR 1955

### Income:

Town Appropriation	\$2,086 00
Dog Fund	315 53
From Invested Trust Funds	907 15
From Sale of Rights	117 00
1954 Balance Brought Forward	495 62

\$3,921 30

### Expenditures:

Salary — Librarian	\$ 750 00
Salary — Substitute Librarian	390 00
Salary — Janitor	500 00
Salary — Clerk	50 00
Books and Magazines	1,067 41
Lights	50 70
Water	20 00
Fuel	263 67
Book Shelves	300 00
Repairs and Equipment	246 70
Librarians' Supplies, Rebinding	96 97
Miscellaneous	56 56

\$3,792 01

Balance

\$ 129 29

The sum of \$146.70 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN,  
Clerk

## ANNUAL REPORT

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

I hereby submit my seventh annual report as Librarian of Richards Memorial Library for the year 1955.

*Circulation:*

Adult Fiction	4,113
Adult Non-Fiction	1,202
Adult Magazines	771
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	6,086
Juvenile Fiction	3,957
Juvenile Non-Fiction	1,615
Juvenile Magazine	94
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	5,666
<i>Total Circulation</i>	11,752
<i>Volumes Purchased:</i>	
Adult	328
Juvenile and Youth	136
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<i>Total Volumes Purchased</i>	464
Books Borrowed	23

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA J. HATCH,

Librarian

## REPORTS OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMM.

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1955

The year 1955 saw the continued growth and development of the Wachusett Regional High School.

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

<i>Holden</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
GEORGE W. LYMAN, Chairman	1957
W. GOULDING WARREN, Treasurer	1956
GERALD W. RIDLEY	1956



*Paxton*

CHARLES C. CRAIG	1956
LAURENS C. SEELYE, Vice-Chairman	1958

*Princeton*

JOHN C. HUBBARD	1956
LOIS I. O'CONNOR	1956

*Rutland*

DAVID A. DARRAH	1956
NELSON M. CALKINS, JR., Secretary	1956

*Sterling*

GEORGE S. DAVIS	1956
AVIS BOURNE	1958

Officers elected for 1955 were as follows:

Chairman	GEORGE W. LYMAN
Vice-Chairman	LAURENS C. SEELYE
Secretary	NELSON M. CALKINS, JR.
Treasurer	W. GOULDING WARREN

During the year the Committee held 22 regular meetings and three special meetings.

The growth of the School, as a unit, was noted during the year.

The curriculum, and extra curricular activities, were expanded to offer more varied opportunities as noted in the Principal's report. The Athletic teams have begun to make a name for themselves, helping to build the unity and spirit of the School.

The School plant has been completed and the construction accounts paid. The building was accepted, and final reimbursement figures submitted to the State. The cornerstone was also officially laid, with records being placed therein.

Original development work on the athletic field was completed with the installation of drainage tile, the building of a baseball diamond, the erection of a baseball backstop and fence, and the installation of both portable and permanent bleachers.

Other Committee action included work on revision to the teachers' salary schedule, policy on the duties of various groups working at the School (i.e. teachers, custodians, and cafeteria staff), policy with regard to awards being given at the School, and policy with regard to the use of the School for the Adult Education classes.

The usual functions of budget formulation and approval of expenses, and new teachers, was carried out.

With an increased budget for 1956 the tuition rate was increased from \$380.00 to \$390.00 effective January 1, 1956.

Due to the problem of increased enrollment over and above the number originally anticipated, the Committee decided to start work on planning future building and expansion. As our towns grow and develop, their schools must keep pace. By the time additional space can be planned, approved and built facilities for an anticipated 50% greater enrollment will be needed.

The school was accepted as a member of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which is a group dedicated to the up-grading of school systems. It is independent of public funds.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the School Administrators, staff, pupils and parents in making ours a better High School.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON M. CALKINS, JR.,  
Secretary

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

To the members of the Wachusett Regional School District:

I will present this report in a very brief form. The major activities were:

1. Served as an Educational Advisor on the General and Sub-Committees.
2. Prepared, in the Superintendent's Office, all the requisitions, bills, payrolls, and balance sheets, and state reports.
3. Interviewed and recommended all beginning personnel.
4. Carried on research for the Committee.
5. Assisted the Adult, Agricultural and Household Advisory Committees.

The Adult Evening School has been offered to over 240 persons. It has been under the direction of Mr. David Eaton and an Advisory Committee appointed for that purpose. Mrs. Avis Bourne, a member of the Committee, has been active in formulating the activities of the School.

6. The layout of the Corner Stone was one of the major events of the year. Mr. George Lyman, Chairman of the Committee, gave the address for the event. The Superintendent assisted the Committee in preparing the contents which were placed in the sealed box.

7. Supervised the advertising of all bids.

8. Had conferences with visiting groups pertaining to the Regional School, and made several addresses on educational subjects.

9. Arranged a program, in September, for the teachers of the High School, and the teachers of Union No. 26. Mr. George Lyman, Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. M. Lawrence Price were lay speakers.

10. Conferences with the Principal, Gordon M. Thomas, Area Chairman were numerous.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

There is a staff of fifty instructors, Principal, Gordon M. Thomas, Assistant Principal, Charles Johnson, a Guidance Director, a nurse, a librarian, two secretaries in the Principal's office, one in the Guidance office, and by January 1st, 1956, there will be a full-time secretary in the Superintendent's office. There are also seven custodians and nine cafeteria workers.

#### *Enrollment — October 1, 1955*

Holden	388
Paxton	57
Princeton	64
Rutland	90
Sterling	123
West Boylston	151
Oakham	17
Private	3
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> 893

Several members of the staff have attended conferences outside the area. These provisional meetings tend to raise the academic standards of the School.

The salary schedule has been changed. The schedule now ranges from \$3,250 — \$4,900 for a Bachelor's degree, and from \$3,450 — \$5,100 for a Master's degree. The Committee will, in three years, place all teachers on the schedule based on training and experience.

Several groups, closely related to education, have met in the School. Such groups aid the Committee, indirectly, in many ways.

An addition to the present building will be needed not later than 1958. The enrollment in September, 1958 will be about 1,100. The Committee has assigned \$3,000 for a study of this problem.

The teacher shortage is handicapping the School. It is very difficult to get Science and Language instructors. This situation is likely to continue for several years.

The social gatherings for the teachers and administrators have been very beneficial for all concerned.

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES FOR 1956

1. Repairs and replacements.
2. A study of increased School facilities.
3. A study of salary schedules.
4. Printing — Administrative Regulations
5. Visiting to other Schools.
6. Preparing of agenda for Committee meetings.
7. Conferences with Principals, Custodians, and Teachers.

The activities for 1955 could not have been accomplished without the co-operation of the Committee, its Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Mrs. Lios Drawbridge, a most efficient Secretary in the Superintendent's office. It is this type of organization that makes a school system run smoothly.

WILLIAM H. BUKER,  
Superintendent

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

My third annual report is herewith submitted.

## ENROLLMENT

In only its second year of operation, the school finds itself at almost its rated capacity of 900 with 888 students enrolled as of December 23, 1955, distributed as follows:

<i>Resident — Grades</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Total</i>
Boys	121	102	70	66	359
Girls	118	97	83	65	363
<i>Tuition</i>					
Boys	25	23	14	9	71
Girls	30	30	19	16	95
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	294	252	186	156	888

Of these, 89 are taking Vocational Homemaking and Agriculture. Even without any incoming freshmen from West Boylston in 1956, preliminary enrollment figures indicate that there will be about 1,000 pupils in the fall of 1956, or about an 11% overload. Ten teachers were added to the staff for 1955-56, and additional teachers will be needed for 1956-57.

## Curriculum

Any school whose curriculum remains exactly the same for very long relatively loses ground, because the world around it

constantly changes, and the school must adapt itself to those changes in certain ways. New courses that have been added this year are as follows: *Modern History* (including Asia and South America), *Science 12* (for general students — it includes Photography, Astronomy, and Greenhouse), *General Math II* (for seniors), *Practical Geometry* (for sophomores), *Spanish II*, *Bookkeeping II*, *Home Management* (for juniors), and semester courses in *Speech* and *Drama*.

In *Industrial Arts*, as students become more skilled, a greater variety of courses is offered. Currently, these courses are being offered: Grade 9, study of use of wood and sheet metal as materials, and the making of them into projects with hand tools; Grade 10, use and operation of woodworking machinery, (both on an individual and a production line basis) plus power mechanics; Grade 11, pattern making, foundry, machine shop, welding, heat treatment, working primarily with steel; Grade 12, structures (full or scale models) plus special work in an area of the student's choice. This fall, the boys in *Industrial Arts* under the supervision of Mr. Norman Rayner and Mr. Peter Houmère, built two ticket booths for use on the Athletic Field.

Because the Driver Education program is to teach people to drive, future enrollment in this course will be limited to students who have not yet received their licenses.

### Activities

The growth of that part of the curriculum dealing with the so-called "activities" has also been steady. In addition to inter-scholastic athletics, a program of intra-mural competitive sport has been established whereby students can compete under desirable game conditions against other of approximately equal development and ability. The Boys' and Girls' Intra-Mural Clubs, each numbering over a hundred, sponsor these activities under the direction of the Physical Education Instructors. The "Pep Squad" is the heart of the cheering section at inter-scholastic games. In the Music area, under the direction of Mr. Barre, the school band now numbers 43, with a "junior band" of about 30. Two choruses, one for grade 9 and one for grades 10, 11, and 12 number about 100 each. Among the newly-formed clubs is the Science Club under the direction of Mr. Francis Carbone and Mr. Norman Mills. It is divided into two groups — one for Chemistry, and one for Biology. This organization will again sponsor a Science Exhibit in the spring. The addition of a Future Teachers Club under the direction of Mrs. Frances Creamer, is aimed at encouraging those who have the interest and ability to enter teaching. Perhaps the most important organization to get started this year is the Student Council. Last Spring after months of study and discussion, a temporary committee of students presented proposals for a Student Council Constitution to the whole school. This fall the Student Council Members were elected and the Council has already begun to take an active part in the life of the school. One thing they have done

is to set up a monitor system to facilitate traffic flow between periods. The Student Council also determines the allocation of school parties and dances to various organizations, as well as taking charge of the luncheon period, recreation programs. Thirty members of the Vocational Agriculture classes belong to the Future Farmers of America, the Wachusett Chapter of which received its charter from the State F.F.A. in the spring of 1955. Regular meetings are held throughout the year, as well as the many special events sponsored by the group. Other new activities this year are the Library Club under the direction of Miss Ada Carlson, and the Latin Club under the direction of Mr. Ernest Frechette.

#### *Athletic Field*

During the year much work has been done on the athletic field. Permanent bleachers seating 800 have been added on the western slope, and temporary bleachers for about 500—600 are available for occasional use. The baseball infield has been completed with home plate located in the northeast corner, and a baseball backstop and fence have been built from the northeast corner to the ramp leading from the gymnasium. Drainage lines were laid all around the field and several lateral drains were also installed.

#### *Late Study Hall*

The institution of a supervised room for study has not only made a suitable place in the building available to all students until 5 o'clock, but also has made it possible for students to use time that might otherwise be wasted. Arrangements were completed through the cooperation of the Faculty and the Teachers Association.

#### *Class of 1955*

The first graduating class from Massachusetts' first regional high school numbered 138. The best information available on these students as of December, 1955, is as follows:

#### PLACEMENT OF CLASS OF 1955 AS OF DECEMBER, 1955

	Boy	Girl	Total	Percent
4 Year College	14	17	31	23
Junior College	7	12	19	14
Other formal training (Nursing, specialized school, prep school)	9	14	23	16.3
<i>Total Continuing Educ.</i>	30	43	73	53.3
<i>Occupations</i>				
Clerical and Sales	4	31	35	25.3
Service (Personal)	—	3	3	2.1
Agric., Marine, Forestry	3	—	3	2.1

## TOWN OF PAXTON

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Mechanical	8	—	8	6.0
Manual	4	—	4	2.8
Unknown	1	3	4	2.8
Married	—	6	6	4.2
Armed Forces	2	—	2	1.4
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Total	22	43	65	46.7
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GRAND TOTAL	52	86	138	100.0

*Library*

Continuous progress has been made in building up the school's library facilities so that as of December, 1955, the library contained 2,308 books.

Reference Books (including 7 sets of encyclopedia with one set counting as one book)	112
Professional Books	10
Fiction	690
Non-Fiction	1,496
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	2,308

*Use of School Property*

Some indication of the extent to which the building is used evenings can be gained from the figures for the past year. These figures do not include any use of the building for the purpose of Adult Education.

School dances and parties	16
School Entertainments	6
Open House, Parents Nights	3
By Groups Outside the School	3

*Hazardous Walking*

Before a serious accident to a teen-ager occurs, provision should be made for removing the snow from the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street. This walk must be used by students in Jefferson and Holden Center who walk to the school. The plowing of the snow from Route 122A throws the snow onto the sidewalk, with the result that when walking conditions and driving conditions are most hazardous, there is nowhere for students to walk other than in the road.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON M. THOMAS



## REPORTS OF THE DOG OFFICER

Dog Bites	12
Dogs Redeemed by Owners	2
Dogs Destroyed	4
Dogs Restrained of Year	3
Fowl Killed by Dogs	11
Dog Complaints Investigated	7

All dogs on Assessors List for year 1955 have been licensed.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. JOHNSON,

Dog Officer

## REPORTS OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR OF 1955

Receipts from Metered Water	\$ 9,281 69
Receipts — Miscellaneous	91 92
Receipts from Installations	1,768 76
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> \$11,142 37
Outstanding Bills from Metered Water	\$ 808 15
Outstanding Bills from Installations	245 77
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> \$ 1,053 92

There were 40 new water connections completed during 1955, which now bring the total fully paid installations to 392.

There was one new water extension on Barre Road of 1120 feet of 8 inch pipe. This leaves 1200 feet to complete the extension on this road.

### *New Developments:*

*Clarkson Development* — 4100 feet of 6 inch and 4 inch pipe.

*Briarcliff Lane* — 225 feet of 6 inch pipe.

*Orchard Drive* — 600 feet of 6 inch pipe.

*Elizabeth Lane* — 400 feet of 6 inch pipe.

This pipe was installed by the developer.

Five hydrants and valves were purchased for installation on the above developments, but could not be put in during 1955 because of late delivery. These will be installed in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.

Chairman

ELWIN K. YOUNG

NORMAN H. OSGOOD

# REPORTS of the BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

## WELFARE EXPENSE

Appropriation, January 1, 1955 \$1,000 00

Expended:

Persons, Paxton Settled  
(non-reimbursable)

Case No. 57	\$104 80
Case No. 58	70 00
Case No. 60	119 59

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Persons, Settled Elsewhere  
(fully reimbursable by  
other city/town)

Case No. 59	14 05
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Persons, Unsettled  
(fully reimbursable by  
Commonwealth)

Case No. 48	360 00
Case No. 56	224 00

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584 00

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892 44

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Balance December 31, 1955

107 50

## WELFARE EXPENSE-SALARIES

Appropriation, January 1, 1955 \$150 00

Expended 150 00

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Balance, December 31, 1955

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## WELFARE EXPENSE-CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE

Appropriation, January 1, 1955 \$588 00

Expended 166 86

Transfer to Old Age Assistance 421 14

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588 00

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Balance, December 31, 1955

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## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation, January 1, 1955	\$ 5,500 00
Federal Balance, January 1, 1955	148 35
Federal Reimbursement, 1955	2,774 75
Transfer from Aid to Dep. Children	1,900 00
Transfer from Welfare Exp., Civil	
Service Employee Account	421 14
Refunds	9 50

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 \$10,753 74

## Expended:

Case No. 12	\$1,967 65
Case No. 36	1,578 65
Case No. 38	1,275 15
Case No. 39B	119 85
Case No. 46	883 40
Case No. 57	1,856 28
Case No. 58	153 60
Case No. 59	1,808 00
Case No. 60	687 08
Case No. 61	122 00
Case No. 62	226 50

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 10,678 16

Expended, Town Account	\$ 7,830 64
Expended, Federal Account	2,847 52
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	10,687 16

Balance, Town Account, December 31, 1955	— —
Balance, Federal Account, December 31, 1955	75 58

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

## FEDERAL ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$283 01
Federal Reimbursement, 1955	328 31

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 \$611 32

Expended, Agent's Salary	467 34
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Balance, December 31, 1955	\$143 98
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## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

## TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation, January 1, 1955	\$2,000 00
Transferred to Old Age Assistance	1,900 00

Balance, December 31, 1955	\$ 100 00
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**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
FEDERAL ACCOUNT**

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$136 14	
Federal Reimbursement, 1955	— —	
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Expended		\$136 14
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Balance, December 31, 1955		\$136 14

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION  
FEDERAL ACCOUNT**

Balance, January 1, 1955	46 30	
Federal Reimbursement, 1955	— —	
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Expended:		\$46 30
Supplies	7 64	
Postage	28 22	
Transportation	9 66	
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		\$45 52
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Balance, December 31, 1955		78

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Appropriation, January 1, 1955	\$1,000 00	
Federal Balance, January 1, 1955	118 15	
Federal Rimbursment, 1955	195 41	
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		\$1,313 56
Expended:		
Case No. 1	\$159 00	
Case No. 5	600 59	
Case No. 6	244 02	
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		\$1,003 61
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Expended, Town Account	\$832 50	
Expended, Federal Account	171 11	
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	\$1,003 61	
Balance, Town Acct., Dec. 31, 1955	\$167 50	
Balance, Federal Acct., Dec. 31, 1955	142 45	
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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
FEDERAL ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$70 43	
Federal Reimbursement, 1955	27 15	
		\$97 58
Expended:		
Supplies	\$23 20	
Postage	22 12	
		45 32
Balance, December 31, 1955		\$52 26

STATE FUNDS

(not available for use by Welfare Board)

Credited to Town Receipts:		
State share, Old age Ass. granted	\$4,942 41	
State share, Aid to Dep. Children granted	— —	
State share, Dis. Ass. granted	505 65	
State share, Dis. Ass. Adimin.	13 71	
Total Receipts from Commonwealth		\$5,461 77

FROM OTHER CITIES/TOWNS

(not available for use by Welfare Board)

Credited to Town Receipts:

Local share for Old Age Assistance granted to persons resident  
in Paxton but settled in other cities and towns \$85 41

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. LANGEVIN, Chairman

RUTH B. McKINLEY, Clerk

J. MacKENZIE JONHSTON,  
Third Member

FREDERICK E. CASEY, Welfare Agent

Paxton Tel. PL 3-2803, Rutland Tel. TU 6-4353  
HOURS: Paxton Town Hall — Monday, 3-5 P.M.  
Rutland Community Hall: Tuesday, 9-10, 3:30-4:30  
Wednesday, 9-10, 3:30-4:30 Thursday, 3:30-4:30  
Friday, 10-11:15

## REPORT OF THE CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Land and Buildings	\$14,000 00	
Deposit in Savings Banks	12,533 48	
3 U. S. Bonds	2,570 00	
Personal Property	4,392 00	
Amount Receivable from Towns	878 62	
Cash in Warden's Account	300 00	
Balance in Checking Account	2,509 98	
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		\$37,184 08

## Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1955	\$ 960 42	
Income from Farm	830 42	
Windstorm Insurance	130 00	
Received from Towns and Boarders	18,522 36	
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		\$20,443 20

## Expenditures

Bills paid	\$17,982 20	
Bank Charges	5 02	
Bank Balance, December 31, 1955	2,509 98	
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		\$20,443 20

DONALD R. PERKINS,  
President

LESTER P. GATES,  
Secretary and Treasurer

CARL F. DAVIS,  
Auditor

## REPORTS of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Accidents	13
Arrests	4
Investigations	36
Motor Vehicles Transferred	74
Stolen Car Recovered	1

As in the past School Protection was provided throughout the entire year and some Church Traffic Duty performed.

Approximately twice the number of property owners asked to have their premises checked during their absence.

Since the Cruiser Ambulance was put into service on June 19, 1955 it has covered 3,868 miles of roadways and has been used as an ambulance on six occasions. The Radio Equipment has been installed and is in excellent working order. It has more than proved its worth by the expeditious manner that emergency calls are handled, not only by this Department but the Fire, Light, and Highway Departments as well.

Last fall, I again had the honor to accept on behalf of the Town of Paxton, in the presence of Jesse E. Mills, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, a certificate of achievement, presented by the Governors Highway Safety Conference, through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, for completing the year of 1954 without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident. Another such award will be forthcoming this fall for freedom from this type of accident in 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. SISTARE,  
Chief of Police

#### REPORT ON 90 CONSTRUCTION ROCKLAND STREET

STATION 37+ 50 to 47 (Spencer Line)

Excavate and widen to 26 feet.

Grade Shoulders and Sloaps

Apply 14 in. Gravel — 26 ft. wide

280 ft. 24 in. C. C. M. Pipe

20 ft. 12 in. C. C. M. Pipe

340 ft. 15 in. C. C. M. Pipe

1 — 2 ft. x 4 ft. Drop Inlet

3 — 4 ft. Man Holes

8,000 yards Fill

#### SURFACE

.25 Gal. Tack Coat

.9 Gal. T-5 Mix and Place

.3 Gal. RC-3 Seal Stone and Cover

We did not finish the Grading or Guard Rail on Rockland Street because the ground froze so early. The money is held over for this year.

#### REPORT ON 90 MAINTENANCE

#### RICHARDS AVENUE

1,050 gals. T-6 Sand Cover

1,900 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover

Grade 3,100 ft. of Shoulder



## HOLDEN ROAD AND GROVE STREET

900 gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 2,300 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 Grade 1,800 ft. of Shoulder

## MARSHALL STREET

1,600 gals. T-9 Sand Cover  
 450 gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 Grade 1,200 ft. of Sholder

## RESERVOIR DRIVE

900 gals. MC-3 Sand Cover  
 600 gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 Grade 1,100 ft. of Shoulder

## WEST STREET

800 gals. T-6 Sand Cover  
 1,500 gals. MC-3 Stone cover  
 Grade 3,600 ft. of Shoulder

## ROCKLAND STREET

1,100 gals. MC-4 Stone Cover  
 Grade 400 ft. of Shoulder

## NEW STREETS

Crestwood Road  
 Pinewood Road  
 Oakwood Road  
 Franklin Street

Meadowbrook Drive  
 Briarcliff Lane  
 Eagle Circle  
 Bel Arbor Drive

## Orchard Drive

Were Graded with Surface and Treated with two applications  
 of Tar — .3 gal. T-4 and .7 gal. MC-3

Material	\$1,802 10
Labor	277 40
Equipment	420 50
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	\$2,500 00

## CHAPTER 81 — FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1955

## DISTRICT NO. 3 — TOWN OF PAXTON

36

State Allotment \$7,975.00    Town Allotment \$2,900.00    Total Allotment \$10,875.00    State Pays 73.34%  
    Extra by Town \$1,200.00

No.	Road Name	Total Miles	Milage by Types				Dirt	Allot.	Expnd	Remarks — Work Other Than General Maintenance
			BMA	BMT	BG	GR				
1	Rockland St.	0.89			0.89				202.33	Ch. 90 0.89 Mi., 1955 Reconst. Sta. 37±00 to 46±30
2	Mill St.	0.25				0.25		130	175.94	
3	West St.	2.93			2.93			500	451.87	Sh. 90 — 2.93 Mi.
4	Spring St.	1.06			1.06			240	366.08	
5	Bringham Rd.	1.38			0.26	0.60	0.52	1035	518.32	Grading, grav. borrow, 500 c.y. 12" ACCM 2 HWS
6	Davis St.	1.77			0.34	0.81	0.62	570	373.21	
7	South St.	0.81			0.81			780	643.54	Grading, ditching
8	Richards Ave Ch 90	2.15		0.48	1.67			250	315.27	Ch. 90 — 2.15 Mi.
9	Pleasant St. S. Hwy									
10	Soumi St.	1.10			1.10			350	470.69	
11	Laurel St.	0.97			0.97			360	490.32	
12	Terrace Pl.	0.11			0.11			50		
13	Hill St.	0.71			0.71			450	255.04	Ditching
14	Winter St.	0.40					0.40	100	28.43	
15	Marshall St. Ch 90	2.48			2.48			180	403.78	Ch. 90 — 2.48 Mi., Ditching
16	Asrebumskit Rd.	0.24			0.24			150	74.60	
17	Reservoir St.	1.22			1.22			160	165.37	
18	Walbridge Rd.	0.52					0.52	100	181.59	

19	Crystal St.	0.32		0.32		70	115.58	
20	O'Connor Rd.	0.62		0.16	0.46	250	500.32	Grading Gravel Borrow 300 c.y.
21	Silver Spring Rd.	0.35		0.35		70		
22	Camp St.	0.73		0.33	0.13 0.27	1125	410.27	Grading, Gravel Borrow 360 c.y.
23	Grove St Ch 90	2.51		2.51		515	828.30	Ch. 90—1.07 Mi., Grading Ditching
24	Pond St.	0.35		0.35		130	224.94	
25	Hillside Rd. Disc.							
26	Streeter St.	0.72		0.72		100	261.25	
27	Maple St. Ch 90	0.50		0.50		70	165.85	Ch. 90 — 0.24 Mi.
28	Holden Rd. Ch 90	0.81		0.81		120	49.02	Ch. 90 — 0.81 Mi.
29	Turkey Hill Rd.	0.13		0.13		275	190.48	
30	Highland Ct.	0.16	0.04	0.07	0.05	20		
32	Brooks Rd.	1.00		0.45	0.55	1430	239.32	Grading
33	Sunset Lane	0.46		0.46		140	136.86	
34	Common St.	0.11	0.08	0.03				
35	Colony Lane	0.06		0.06				
36	Whitney Dr.	0.17		0.17				
37	Center Dr.	0.07		0.07				
38	Indian Hill Rd.	0.12		0.12		20		
39	Spring Dr.	0.13		0.13		20		
40	Ridgewood Dr.	0.16		0.16		10	63.23	
41	Birchwood Rd.	0.10		0.10				
42	Franklin St.	0.06		0.06		240	193.13	Gravel Borrow 90 c.y.
43	Meadow Brook Dr.	0.07		0.07		410	281.10	Gravel Borrow 150 c.y.
44	Bel Arbor Dr.	0.15		0.15		600	331.78	Gravel Borrow 180 c.y.
45	Eagle Lane	0.13		0.13		495	406.22	Gravel Borrow 180 c.y.
46	Briar Cliff Lane	0.06		0.06		275	202.16	Gravel Borrow 80 c.y.
47	Crestwood Rd.	0.16		0.16		50	648.03	Gravel Borrow 200 c.y. Drainage

48	Pinewood Rd.	0.04		0.04				190.15	Gravel Borrow 80 c.y.
49	Orchard St.	0.04		0.04				320.50	Gravel Borrow 120 c.y.
	Signs						75		
	Reserve						160		
Totals		29.28	0.04	0.56	22.58	2.76	3.34	12075	10874.87

## SUMMARY

Labor	\$ 4,657 04
Equipment	2,972 13
Materials	3,245 70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,874 87</b>

F. W. GUERIN

District Highway Engineer

## REPORTS of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

### Receipts:

Lots sold and placed in Perpetual Care	\$675 00	
Care of Lots not in Perpetual Care	80.00	
Opening Graves	346 77	
Turned Over to Town Treasurer		\$1,101 77
Income on Trust Funds	651 75	
Appropriation	500 00	
Balance 1954	817 02	
		1,968 77

### Payments:

Maintenance of Cemeteries including general care, opening graves, tar and gravel roads, use of compressor, grass seed and Superintendent's salary	\$1,343 15	
Other Expenses including power mower, supplies and clerical assistant	147 68	
New trees and setting same	75 00	
	\$1,565 83	
Balance December 31, 1955		\$ 402 94

Respectfully submitted,

H. RENO KENNEN,

JOSEPH R. PEARSON,

GEORGE MACCABEE

Chairman

Clerk

## REPORTS of the TOWN TREASURER

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 63,930 01	
Receipts — 1955	239,942 32	
		\$357,872 33
Payments per Warrants — 1955	\$287,982 19	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1955	69,890 14	
		\$357,872 33

### OUTSTANDING DEBT

Water Bonds	\$22,000 00	
Town Garbage	18,000 00	
		\$40,000 00

## ANNUAL REPORT

## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT — 1956

	Prin.	Int.
Water Bonds — Due Feb. 1, 1956	\$2,000 00	\$ 440 00
Due Aug. 1, 1956		380 00
Town Garage — Due Sept. 15, 1956	6,000 00	360 00
	9,000 00	1,180 00

## TRUST FUNDS

	Dog Fund	Prin.	Int.
Library Trust Funds	\$315 53	\$24,540 95	\$1,024 15
Cemetery Trust Funds		22,275 00	651 75
D. Russell Boynton Fund		1,000 00	33 76
F. D. Bigelow School Fund		1,000 00	32 50
E. D. Bigelow V. I. S. Fund		1,000 00	32 42
Howe Farm Fund		1,291 87	76 83
	315 53	51,107 82	1,851 41
War Bonds		\$5,000 00	\$125 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF C. D. BOYNTON FUND

	Prin.	Int. 1955	Accrued Int.
People's Savings Bank	\$2,700 00	\$81 60	None
Worcester Five Cent Savings Bank	1,748 00	52 83	None
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,600 00	48 36	None
Mechanics Savings Bank	1,600 00	52 07	\$175 18
	<hr/> \$7,648 00	<hr/> \$234 86	<hr/> \$175 16

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE, Trustee

## REPORTS of the COLLECTOR of TAXES

## 1953 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$26 70	
Collected		\$26 70

## 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$114 92
Re-Committed	101 26

## TOWN OF PAXTON

41

Collected		\$105 78
Abated		110 40
	\$216 18	\$216 18

## 1954 POLLS

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$4 00	
Collected		\$4 00

## 1954 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$216 25	
Collected		\$216 25

## 1954 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$2,495 27	
Overpayment	98	
Collected		\$1,866 00
Tax Title		3 90
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	626 35	
	\$2,496 25	\$2,496 25

## 1954 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1954	\$1,643 81	
Committed in 1955 for 1954	392 25	
Refunded in 1955	115 65	
Collected		\$1,743 25
Abated		349 82
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	58 64	
	\$2,151 71	\$2,151 71

## 1955 POLLS

Committed	\$1,006 00	
Collected		\$934 00
Abated		68 00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	4 00	
	\$1,006 00	\$1,006 00

## 1955 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Committed	\$8,925 35	
Collected		\$7,726 88
Abated		1,170 00
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955	28 47	
	\$8,925 35	\$8,925 35

## 1955 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Committed	\$103,264 98
Refunded	312 00

Overpayment	127 50	
Collected		\$99,356 73
Abated		2,262 97
Tax Title		7 80
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955		2,076 98
	\$103,704 48	\$103,704 48

## 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Committed	\$21,826 85	
Refund	846 40	
Collected		\$20,881 75
Abated		1,370 50
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955		421 00
	\$22,673 25	\$22,673 25

## INTEREST PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

1953	\$12 14
1954	41 49
1955	43 15
	\$96 78

## POLL DEMANDS TO TREASURER

1954	\$ 35
1955	14 70
	\$15 05

The Town was re-imbursed 30% of Collector's bond premium for having all 1953 taxes collected.

Thanks is extended to those who helped make this possible and ask co-operation of all in prompt payment of all taxes, to keep up this record.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MACCABEE,  
Collector of Taxes



# REPORTS of the PAXTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

## ASSETS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Additions	Depreciation credit for year	Adjustments in year	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Land	\$ 311 67				\$ 311 67
Structurs	11 83		\$ 8 80		3 03
Transformer Station and Equipment	13,876 62		597 11		13,279 51
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	37,469 97	\$5,139 22	2,072 94		40,533 25
Consumers Meters	7,353 09	987 14	337 53		8,002 70
Line Transformers	12,714 38	1,273 19	638 62		13,348 95
Street Lighting Equipment	8,631 05	615 41	375 14		8,871 32
Office Equipment	131 68		10 40		121 28
Trucks	2,851 63		117 48		2,734 15
Labratory Equipmnt	134 34		8 36		125 98
Miscellaneous	764 22		34 30		729 92
Total	\$84,250 48	\$8,014 96	\$4,203 68		\$88,061 76
Total proper'y owned by department (depreciated value)					\$88,061 76
Construction Fund				\$4,024 15	
Special Deposits				254 25	
Accounts Receivable				3,634 02	
Material and Supplies				3,797 88	

Depreciation Fund

4,413 09

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\$ 16,123 39

TOTAL ASSETS

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\$104,185 15

## LIABILITIES

Of the original amount appropriated by the town for Construction of the Plant the  
 Department still owes  
 The Department owes Consumres for their Deposites

\$1,000 00

252 64

Total owed by the Department

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\$1,252 64

Surplus of the Department

\$19,116 00

Appropriation for Construction Repayment

6,090 07

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

77,726 44

Total Liabilities and Assets

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\$104,185 15

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

*Income*

Metered Sales to Private Consumer	\$58,476 42	
Street Lighting	1,552 51	
Municipal Building and Pumping	1,537 73	
Merchandising and Jobbing	501 30	
Interest on Depreciation Fund	253 29	
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Total Income		\$62,321 25

*Expenses*

Electric Energy Purchased	\$37,608 64	
Maintenance Transmission and Distribution Lines	8,782 46	
Maintenance Consumers Meters	123 59	
Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights	470 91	
Salaries of Manager and Light Board	4,947 15	
General Office Supplies and Expenses	132 36	
Rent	396 00	
Insurance and Bonds	717 61	
Transportation Expense	814 81	
Commercial Salaries	267 50	
Depreciation	4,203 68	
Miscellaneous Expenses	127 37	
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		\$58,592 08
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR		3,729 17
		<hr/>
		\$62,321 25

We have had a busy and successful year despite the expensive ice storm trouble of March 21, 22, 23, which cost the Department \$1,984.11.

The Department installed two 25 Kilowatt Transformers near the home of Thomas Harney, Jr. 470 Pleasant Street giving the system beyond this point a 5% permanent boost in voltage thereby giving us improvement in the use of our substation regulations at our city line substation and improve the voltage conditions in general over the town.

We have installed 56 new meters this year expanding our primary and secondary systems in the amount as follows:—

Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	5,139 22
Consumers Meters	987 14
New Transformers	1,273 19
Street Light Equipment	615 41

We have added one pole on Central Avenue, one pole on Birch Street, two poles on Briarcliff Road, four poles on Elizabeth Road, and five poles on Orchard Drive.

On December 20th, we reached a peak of 794.4 Kilowatt demand on our system at 5:45 P.M. or about 12% above last year without WWOR TV Station load of 33 Kilowatt. Our Kilowatt hour consumption for December was 247,200 Kilowatt about 5% increase without the TV Station load.

GEORGE T. DEWEY, JR.

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON

DEANE O. HOWLAND

Electric Light Commission

ROY M. WENTWORTH, Manager

## REPORTS of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department answered 37 calls for service the same number as in 1954. Again these were not all for fires. They are as follows:

- 17 Grass and Brush
- 2 Automobile
- 3 House
- 2 Electric
- 2 Chimney
- 1 Lightning
- 5 Investigations
- 4 Service
- 1 Still Alarm

On the night of March 22, members of the Department remained on duty all night at the Fire Station because of the power failure caused by a severe ice storm. During this ice storm the Department answered a call to Mr. Bolton's house on Streeter Road.

On March 27, the Fire Department portable lighting system was set up for temporary lighting at the Town Hall for a banquet in case of a power failure.

On March 10, Herbert Wentworth, a member of the Fire Department discovered a situation and corrected same that could have caused a serious fire at the Paxton Inn.

After the flood last August, members of the Department totaled approximately 200 hours pumping out cellars.

The Department purchased a new portable forest fire pump.

Engine No. 1 was painted and the pump overhauled.

New fire alarm boxes have been installed and both sirens connected to these boxes so that they operate the sirens simultaneously.

One of the new 2-way mobile radio sets was installed in Engine No. 2 and has proven very satisfactory.

Six more men obtained badges by completing the instruction courses given during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON  
GEORGE G. KARLE  
GORDON M. RICHARDS  
GEORGE C. HUNT, JR.  
RAYMOND H. KIMBALL

Board of Fire Engineers

## REPORTS of the PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has now been a member of the Town Government for thirty-three years. In that time the Town facilities have increased tremendously. The changes consist of hard roads, electric lights completely covering the town and now a new school is under way. Future planning is extremely important and this is the duty of the Town Planning Board.

We must realize that this Town has grown 100% in less than ten years and the time has now arrived when a Capital Outlay Program must be made to insure our future financial stability.

The Board met on the average of two meetings a month and sometimes more. Few people realize that all deeds to be recorded must be passed by the Planning Board and all changes and proposals for developments must be studied by the Board. To all the new citizens of our Town it must be realized that as a small Town we were self sufficient for eight-hundred people, but now we are at that point where we are too small to be big and too big to be small, so we must plan and build for the future to make this a good Town to live in for all of us.

The Planning Board is considering the following projects for the coming year:

1. Business zoning established
2. Street numbering
3. Capitol Outlay Program
4. Consideration of recreational facilities
5. Continued organization of maps to get and up-to-date complete layout.

We have approved fourteen building lots on Orchard Drive and five lots on Briarcliff Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. WENTWORTH,  
Chairman

REUBIN O'JANNE  
G. LEONARD TROTTIER  
DONALD C. ALEXANDER  
FRANK L. ABBOTT, JR.

## REPORTS of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

### RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL REVENUE:

##### TAXES:

##### Levy of 1955

Polls	\$ 934 00
Personal	7,726 88
Real Estate	99,356 73

\$108,017 61

##### Levy of 1954

Polls	\$ 4 00
Personal	216 25
Real Estate	1,861 00

2,081 25

##### Levy of 1953

Real Estate	\$31 70
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31 70

##### Tax Titles

Sold	\$240 00
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240 00

#### FROM STATE:

Income Taxes	\$10,282.74
Corp. Taxes: Bus.	3,990 00

14,272 74

#### LICENSES:

Liquor	\$868 00
Others	62 00

930 00

## GRANTS AND GIFTS — STATE

School Supt.	\$ 273 89
H. S. Transportation	12,515 00
Vocational Schools	794 72
Schools—Ch. 70	5,600 00
Old Age Meal Tax	141 04

19,324 65

## GRANTS — FEDERAL

Old Age Ass.	\$2,774 75
Old Age Admin.	328 31
Disability Ass.	195 41
Dis. Ass. Adm.	27 15

3,325 62

## FROM COUNTY:

Dog Fund	\$315 53
Dogs Destroyed	53 60

369 13

## TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE

\$148,592 70

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES:

Levy of 1955	\$20,881 75
Levy of 1954	1,743 25
Levy of 1953	105 78

\$22,730 78

## TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

\$22,730 78

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE:

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Col. of Taxes—Dem.	\$ 15 05
Town Clerk—Dog Lic.	486 60
Town Hall—Rents	333 76
Illig Place—Rents	408 00
Sealer—Fees	23 45

1,266 86

## HEALTH:

Tubercular Hospital	\$412 14
Inspec. of Animals	25 00

437 14

## HIGHWAYS:

## STATE:

Chapter 81	\$7,540 65
Chapter 90—Maint.	5,988 05
Drainage	1,700 00

## COUNTY:

Chapter 90—Maint.	2,994 03
Drainage	1,700 00
Tractor Rentals	1,934 20
Garage Rentals	900 00
Flood Damages	700 00
Hurricane Damages	787 86

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 24,244 79

## CHARITIES:

## STATE:

Old Age Ass.	\$4,942 41
Temporary Aid	217 50
Indigent Persons	224 00
Disability Ass.	505 78
Dis. Ass. Adm.	13 58
Veterans Services	647 68

## CITIES:

Public Welfare	406 53
Old Age Ass.	1 38
Checks Returned	9 50

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 6,968 36

## SCHOOLS:

Outside Tuition	\$ 977 16
Milk for Lunches—	
Federal	1,170 03

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 2,147 19

## LIBRARY

Fines	\$146 70
Check Returned	7 00

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 153 70

## INSURANCE

Dividends	\$84 39
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 84 39

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 TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE

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 \$35 302 43



## COMMERCIAL REVENUE — PUBLIC SERVICES

## Electric Light Dept.—

Rates	\$64,112 58
Meter Guarantee	55 00
Int. on Meter Funds	6 84
Int. on Depreciation	
Fund	253 29
Insurance Refund	42 84

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\$64,470 55

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Rates	\$11,142 37
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11,142 37

## TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES

\$ 75,612 92

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## CEMETERIES:

Perpetual Care	\$675 00
Care of Lots	80 00
Opening Garves	356 77

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1,111 77

## TOTAL CEMETERIES

\$1,111 77

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## INTERESTS.

On Taxes	\$ 96 78
On Shcool Funds	32 50
On Savings	127 69
On Library Funds	1,024 15
On Cemetery Perpetual	
Care	651 75

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1,932 87

1,932 87

## AGENCY:

Withholding Taxes	\$6,405 12
Retirement Funds	1,986 99

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8,392 11

6,392 11

## TOTAL AGENCIES

## REFUNDS:

Percentage—	
Lawn Seeds	\$ 2 28

Collector's Bond	27 47
Flood Relief	236 99

266 74

## TOTAL REFUNDS

266 74

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

293,942 32

## PAYMENTS

Moderator  
Salary

\$35 00

\$ 35 00

## Selectmen

Salaries	\$900 00
Clerical	175 00
Printing—Postage	18 96
Carfare	42 80
Perambulating Boundries	12 00
Floral Spray	17 75
Repairs—Typewriter	15 00
Dues	21 00
Ice Storm	4 00
Printing Signs	10 00

1,216 51

## Town Account:

Salary	\$500 00
Supplies and Postage	14 15

514 15

## Treasurer:

Salary	\$500 00
Printing—Supplies	107 50
Travel	35 00
Clerical Assistant	16 00
Repairs—Typewriter	7 50
Safety Box	7 00
Dues	2 00

675 00

## Collector of Taxes:

Salary	\$600 00
Printing—Postage	134 00
Deputy Bond	5 00
Dues	2 00
Travel	30 00
Clerical Assistant	16 00

775 00

## Tax Titles

Foreclosures	\$19 99
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19 99

## Assessors

Salaries	\$600 00
Abstracts	108 79
Printing—Postage	71 50
Travel	27 00
Dues	9 00
Binding Tax Books	16 17
Clerical	300 00

1,132 46

## Legal

Town Counsel	\$1,000 25
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1,000 25

## Town Clerk

Salary	\$200 00
Recording Statistics	60 00
Laws	8 00
Printing—Postage	17 40
Dues	11 50

296 90

## Registrars

Salaries	\$100 00
Printing Voting Lists	53 00

153 00

## Elections:

Officers—Tellers	\$56 00
Supplies	7 90
Ballots	65 00

128 90

## Planning Board:

Clerical	\$82 00
Printing—Postage	47 50
Dues	12 50
Field Trip	90 59
Subscriptions	8 00
Charts	24 20
Supplies	8 75
Travel	30 00

303 54

## BOARD OF APPEALS:

Advertisements—Postage	\$ 7 40
Clerical	14 50

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21 90

## TOWN HALL:

Janitor	\$1,144 00
Fuel	477 85
Lights	97 31
Janitors Supplies	58 65
Repairs	696 49
Telephone	175 45
Water	20 00
Tuning Piano	6 00

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2,675 75

## PENSIONS:

Town Employees	\$1,835 54
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1,835 54

## TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

\$ 10,783 89

## PROTECTION—PERSONS and PROPERTY:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrolling	\$1,588 66
Uniforms	96 30
Dues	10 00
Tickets	10 00
Gas and Oil	138 20
Lights	15 23
Repairs	88 40
Others	3 51

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1,949 94

## RADIO

Purchase	\$1,550 00
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1,550 00

## CRUISER

Purchase	\$2,290 00
First Aid	10 16
Extinguisher	32 34
Lettering	25 00
Stretcher	50 00

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2,407 50

## SCHOOL TRAFFIC:

Patrolling	\$879 38
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879 38

## DOG OFFICER

Dogs Destroyed	\$28 00
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28 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engineers—Salaries	\$600 00
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600 00

## EXPENSES:

Ice Storm	\$ 47 65
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Insurance	187 50
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Alarm	167 53
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Alarm Repairs	142 28
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Siren	18 00
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Siren Repairs	331 03
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Portable Pump	379 80
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Maintenance	689 21
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Gas—Oil—Parts	120 55
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Rents	480 00
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Repairs to Building	10 00
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Stationary	1 80
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Labor—	
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Pumping Cellars	178 00
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2,753 35

## TREE WARDEN

Moth	
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Labor	\$72 00
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72 00

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE:

Spraying	\$192 00
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Removing Trees	194 00
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296 00

## TREES:

Ice Storm	\$284 76
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Fertilizing	296 00
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Removing Trees	401 18
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981 94

## SEALER — WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary	\$50 00
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Weights and Die	10 10	
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60 10

## INSPECTION of BUILDINGS

Salary	\$250 00	
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250 00

**TOTAL PROTECTION**

11,828 21

## HEALTH AND SANITATION:

## HEALTH:

Salaries	\$150 00	
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Clerical	23 00	
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Postage	5 00	
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Tests—Bacteria	10 00	
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Supplies	28 36	
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Care of Dump	824 00	
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Padlock	5 10	
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1,045 46

## TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL:

Assessment	\$6,184 73	
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6,184 73

## INSPECTION:

Animals	\$50 00	
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50 00

## INSPECTION:

Meat	\$5 00	
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5 00

## COLLECTION OF GARBAGE:

Disposal	\$2,479 96	
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2,479 96

**TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION**

9,765 15

## HIGHWAYS:

## CHAPTER 81:

Salaries and Wages	\$4,657 04	
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Trucks	2,972 13	
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Stone and Gravel	3,173 70	
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Signs	72 00	
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10,874 87

## SNOW REMOVAL:

Salaries and Wages	\$3,199 22	
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Trucks	1,943 19	
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Materials	356 53	
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5,498 94

## SNOW FENCE:

Purchase	\$247 80	
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247 80

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION — 1954:

Labor	\$821 57	
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Trucks	249 91	
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Materials	711 48	
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1,782 96

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION — 1955:

Labor	\$2,359 39	
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Trucks	6,162 79	
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Materials	1,983 11	
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10,505 29

## SURFACING STREETS:

Materials	\$1,199 96	
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\$1,199 96

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

Wages	\$1,206 05	
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Trucks	1,267 40	
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Materials	2,325 24	
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4,798 69

## TRACTOR EQUIPMENT:

Rent—Sand Spreader	\$200 00	
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Rent—Garage	450 00	
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Maintenance	720 72	
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Materials	602 06	
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Traffic Lights	29 47	
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2,002 25

## ICE STORM:

Labor	\$ 333 86	
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## HURRICANE:

Damages	450 00	
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## FLOOD:

Damages	2,036 26	
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2,820 12

## STREET LIGHTS:

Current	\$1,552 51
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1,552 51

## MUNICIPAL GARAGE:

Maintenance	\$741 00
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741 00

## SAND SPREADER:

Purchase	\$1,707 00
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1,707 00

## VACATION AND SICK LEAVE:

Employees	\$514 46
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514 46

## TOTAL HIGHWAYS

\$44,245 85

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

## PUBLIC WELFARE:

Salaries	\$150 00
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Civil Service	
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Employee	166 86
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Cash Grants	892 44
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1,209 30

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

Aid	\$490 51
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Administration	45 32
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Medical	513 10
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1,048 93

## AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

Aid	\$19 20
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Administration	26 32
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45 52

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Cash Grants	\$10,679 16
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Administration	467 34
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11,146 50

## VETERANS SERVICE:

Agent	
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Salary	\$ 50 00
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Expenses	10 00
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Aid	1,316 70
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Medical	517 49
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Taxes

60 00

1,954 19

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

\$15,404 44

## SCHOOLS:

Committee	\$ 420 00
Supt. Salary	454 88
Clerical	372 98
Printing—Postage	102 99
Telephone	121 15
Travel	72 48
Census	146 27
Rent of Office	110 00
Others	26 25
Teachers	27,581 58
Books	1,127 47
Supplies	937 03
High School Tuition	382 75
Trade School Tuition	1,764 35
Transportation	14,720 00
Janitor	2,774 94
Fuel and Lights	1,346 22
Repairs	1,004 15
Janitor's Supplies	397 64
Water	91 45
Furnishings	665 25
Graduation	57 57
Physican	100 00
Nurse	288 08
Others	21 20

\$55,086 68

## SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Milk \$989 57

989 57

## SCHOOL HEATING SYSTEM:

Repairs \$3,000 00

3,000 00

## SCHOOL PLANNING and BUILDING:

Plans	\$271 00
Test Borings	160 59
Printing and Deliver	
Books	167 00
Travel	41 09
Photostats	9 00

684 68

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH:

Assessment

\$19,322 73

19,322 73

## LIBRARY:

Librarian	\$750 00
Assistant	390 00
Janitor	500 00
Books	944 34
Periodicals	69 72
Binding Books	64 27
Fuel	250 67
Lights	57 02
Repairs	486 00
Furniture	58 05
Care of Grounds	13 00
Janitor's Supplies	27 61
Water	20 00
Supplies	16 45
Others	44 35

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 3,741 48

## TOTAL SCHOOLS — LIBRARY

\$82,789 14

## RECREATION and UNCLASSIFIED:

## COMMON:

Salary	\$200 00
New Flag	45 00
Expenses	2 35

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 247 35

## SWIMMING POOL:

Instruction	\$665 00
Materials & Repairs	526 86
Testing Water	50 00
Lights	18 88
New Equipment	333 03
Patrolling	85 00

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 1,678 77

## MEMORIAL DAY:

Flags	27 60
Speaker	10 00
Flowers	27 30
Wreaths	34 20

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 99 10

## TOWN CLOCK:

Care of	\$60 00	
		60 00

## PRINTING:

Reports	\$713 80
Zoning By-Laws	45 00
Telephone Cards	12 00
Cards for Dog Officer	6 75
Distributing Reports	25 00

802 55

## INSURANCE and BONDS:

Bonds	\$ 226 00
Properties	2,616 91

2,842 91

## ILLIG PLACE:

Taxes	\$101 40
Repairs	113 08

214 48

## CENSUS:

Expense	\$90 00
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90 00

TOTAL RECREATION and UNCLASSIFIED 6,035 16

## PUBLIC SERVICES:

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Commisioners	\$ 75 00
Clerical	100 00

175 00

Superintendent Sal.	1,200 00
Postage-Printing	73 68
Garage Rent	150 00
Meter Reader	62 50
Advertising	76 95
Rain Wear	48 79
Office Supplies	16 95
Labor	2,207 73
Trucks	645 55
Pipe and Fittings	4,104 07
Cold Patch	14 18
Bleach	11 75

Fuel-Light-Power	914 54	
		9,526 69
Extensions		
Hydrants	660 80	
		660 80
Extension—Barre Road		
Labor	1,265 92	
Trucks	58 50	
Pipe	3,094 17	
		4,418 59

## ELECTRIC LIGHT:

Commissioners	\$ 75 00	
Clerical	255 50	
Rents	396 00	
Postage—Printing	105 13	
Travel	121 17	
Telephone	27 01	
Meter Guarantee	94 90	
Others	51 70	
Employees	14,169 54	
Current	37,608 64	
Tools	64 04	
Insurance	760 45	
Ice Storm—Meals	39 35	
Street Lamps	107 05	
Meters—Transformers	1,343 70	
Materials	7,783 46	
Trucks	539 20	
Gas—Oil	451 68	
Express	43 93	
Rewind—Street		
Light Trans.	340 00	
		64,377 45

## CEMETERIES:

Superintendent	52 00	
Labor	835 17	
Trucks	334 50	
Trees	52 50	
Equipment	128 41	
Tar for Street	67 91	
Fertilizer and Seeds	32 50	
Oil — Gas	9 84	
Clerical—Postage	53 00	
		1,565 83

TOTAL — Public Service Enterprises

80,724 36

## INTEREST

On Water Bonds	940 00
On Garage Notes	480 00

1,420 00

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Water Bond	3,000 00
Garage Note	6,000 00

9,000 00

## TOTAL—Interest and Debts

10,420 00

## Agency:

State Parks	178 85
Auditing	393 55
County Tax	4,129 56
Dog Licenses	541 80

5,243 76

Withholding Taxes 6,405 12

Retirement Funds 1,986 99

8,392 11

## TOTAL—Agencies

13,635 87

## Trust and Invested Funds

Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Lots Sold	675 00

675 00

675 00

## Refunds

Real Estate Taxes	440 48
Motor Vehicle Excise	997 65
Flood Check	236 99

1,675 12

1,675 12

## TOTAL PAYMENTS

287,982 19

## SUMMARY

## RECEIPTS

General Revenue	148,592 70
Special Assessments	22,730 78
Commercial Revenue	
General Government	35,302 43
Public Services	75,612 92
Cemeteries	1,111 77
Interest	1,932 87
Agencies	8,392 11
Refunds	266 74

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

293,942 32

Cash Balance, January 1, 1955

63,930 01

357,872 33

## PAYMENTS

General Government	\$10,783 89
Protection—Persons—	
Property	11,828 21
Health—Sanitation	9,765 15
Highways	44,245 85
Public Assistance	15,404 44
Schools—Library	82,789 14
Recreation—	
Unclassified	6,035 16
Enterprises—	
Cemeteries	80,724 36
Interest—	
Maturing Debts	10,420 00
Agencies	13,635 87
Trust—Invested Funds	675 00
Refunds	1,675 12

## TOTAL PAYMENTS

287,982 19

Cash Balance, December 31, 1955

69,890 14

\$357,872 33

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. ROBINSON,

Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON  
BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash		Electric Light Deposits	254 25
General	69,890 14	Excess Sale of Land	133 15
Accounts Receivable		Federal Grants:	
Taxes:		Disability Administration	52 26
Levy of 1955		Disability Assistance	142 45
Polls	4 00	Aid Dept. Children Adm.	78
Personal	28 47	Aid Dept. Children	136 14
Real Estate	2,080 88	Old Age Assistance	74 58
		Old Age Administration	143 98
	2,113 35	Veterans Services	531 18
Levy of 1954			
Real	626 35		1,081 37
	626 35	School Lunches	216 38
Motor Vehicle Excise		School Planning	97 18
Levy of 1955	456 60	Library	138 02
Levy of 1954	58 64	Tax Titles	117 13
		Tax Titles Foreclosure	52 01
	515 24	Planning Board	446 46
Tax Title		Machinery Rentals	2,287 05
Possessions	365 98	Highways Ch. 90 Const.	1,494 71
	365 98	Garage Rentals	1,618 72

Departmental		
Tubercular Hospital	785 93	
Fire Department	101 96	
Dog Licenses	12 60	
County Tax	440 56	
Veterans Aid	394 19	
Schools	1 18	
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		1,736 42
Electric Light		
Rates		3,634 02
Water Department		
Rates		842 32
Cemeteries		111 00
Aid To Highways		
State —		
Ch. 81 Maint.		1,729 85
Ch. 90 Maint.		1,600 00
County —		
Ch. 90 Maint.		1,600 00
Ch. 90 Const.		3,000 00
Flood Relief		1,336 26
Revenue		
Departmental	420 18	
		420 18
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Total Assets		95,521 11

Illig Place Rentals	1,646 95
State Parks	24 47
Street Easements	25 00
Hurricane	60 24
Electric Light	
Depreciation	4,413 09
Construction	4,024 15
Water Diversion	150 00
Cemeteries	383 44
Revenues:	
Motor Vehicles	515 24
Tax Title	415 10
Aid to Highways	13,929 85
Electric Light	3,634 02
Water	842 32
Overlay Surplus	2,584 28
Overlay 1955	499 03
Overlay 1954	2,715 52
Overlay 1953	30 30
Surplus Revenue	51,691 68
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	95,521 11



# DEBT ACCOUNTS

## Net Funded or Fixed Debts

Inside Debt Limit	18,000 00
Outside Debt Limit	22,000 00

40,000 00

## Inside Debt Limit

Municipal Garage	18,000 00
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## Outside Debt Limit

Water System	22,000 00
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40,000 00

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust and Investment Funds

In Custody of Treasurer	58,254 55
In Custody of Trustee	7,771 11

66,025 66

## In Custody of Treasurer

D. Russell Boynton Charity	1,117 73
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Edward D. Bigelow Shcool	1,000 00
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## Library:

George E. Bigelow	500 00
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Richards Memorial	1,668 87
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Edward D. Bigelow	22,372 08
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## Others

Edward D. Bigelow Imp	1,073 06
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Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe	2,440 32
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Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,425 00
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Post War Rehabilitation	5,657 49
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## In Custody of Trustee:

C. D. Boynton Fund	7,771 11
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66,025 66

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

**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 1955**

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HARRY CLARK, Secretary	Term expires 1956
M. LAWRENCE PRICE, Chairman	Term expires 1957
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term expires 1958

## SUPERINTENDENT

WILLIAM H. BUKER	Holden, Massachusetts
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

MRS. LOIS P. DRAWBRIDGE	Holden, Massachusetts
MRS. ADDIE P. WENTWORTH	Holden, Massachusetts

## TEACHERS

CHESTER O. GAY (Resigned June 1955)	Principal and Grade 8
RALPH D. HLGGETT	Grade 7
	Beginning September 1955 Principal and Grade 7
WILLIAM D. MULLANEY, JR.	Grade 8
MRS. FLORENCE G. MORRISSEY	Grade 6
MRS. IRMA T. GRAY	Grade 5
MRS. DOROTHY K. WILBUR	Grade 4
MRS. ELEANOR K. GRODEN	Grade 3
MRS. HELEN C. SULLIVAN	Grade 2
MRS. HAZEL M. GAY	Grade 1

## SUPERVISORS

MISS RUTH S. INNES (On leave of Absence June 1955)	MUSIC
ARNOLD M. REPUCCI (Appointed September 1955)	MUSIC
MRS. DOROTHEA S. ROTH (Resigned June 1955)	ART
LAWRENCE J. LESSER (Appointed September 1955)	ART
RINEHART HANDWRITING SYSTEM	PENMANSHIP

## PHYSICIAN

CHANNING H. WASHBURN, M. D.	Paxton, Massachusetts
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## NURSE

MRS. BRENDA T. SULLIVAN, R. N.	Paxton, Massachusetts
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## CUSTODIAN

HOWARD K. CRESSWELL	Rutland, Massachusetts
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## TRANSPORTATION

SAMUEL L. CLAPP (Deceased April 3, 1955)	Paxton Massachusetts
PAXTON GARAGE	Paxton, Massachusetts

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

DONALD W. SISTAIR, Chief of Police	Paxton, Massachusetts
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## *IN MEMORIAM*

*SAMUEL L. CLAPP*

Died April 3, 1955

Mr. Clapp transported the children and young people of Paxton for many years to the Paxton School, Worcester Shools, Holden High School, and this past year to the Wachusett Regional High School.

Mr. Clapp was a lover of children, an outstanding citizen, we might say — an educational institution. His many annual picnics, given for the children, at the end of the year will long be remembered. His unassuming manner and admirable traits contributed much to the schools and the community of Paxton.

## REPORTS of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following pages of reports covering the many activities of the School Department. It is hoped that the details of these reports will prove both interesting and instructive.

The voting of funds for the building of a modern elementary school here in Paxton marks a milestone in the program necessary to adequately cope with the problem of expanding population. It is hoped that the actual construction of this building can be carried out with a minimum of delay in order that we may prevent a serious overcrowded condition.

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

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. CRAIG

HARRY CLARK,

Secretary

M. LAWRENCE PRICE,

Chairman

## FINANCIAL REPORTS of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation — Regular	\$55,053 00
For repairs to heating system	3,000 00
Bigelow Fund	30 00
Total Available for 1955	\$58,083 00

### EXPENDITURES

#### GENERAL CONTROL

Committee Salaries	\$375 00
Committee Expense	212 32
Supt. Salary & Travel	515 04
Supt. Office Expense	654 65

1,757 01

#### EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teacher Salaries	\$26,134 72
Supervisor Salaries	1,083 36
Substitute Teachers	190 00
Textbooks	1,016 86
Supplies	1,028 20

29,453 14

## OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Custodian Salary	2,633 28
Custodian Supplies	360 31
Fuel	1,107 49
Light	238 73
Water	91 42
Phone and Misc.	127 55

4,558 78

## MAINTENANCE

Repairs & Replacements	1,270 60
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1,270 60

## AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	429 86
Transportation	14,727 15
Tuition (Worc. Trade & High)	2,145 60
Misc.	73 79

17,376 40

## OUTLAY

New Equipment	665 75
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665 75

Repairs to Boiler & Heating System	3,000 00
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3,000 00

## TOTAL

\$58,081 68

## STATE REIMBURSEMENTS

General School Fund	13,301 39
Superintendent Salary	273 89
Transportation	12,515 00
Vocational Schools	794 72

\$26,885 00

## REPORTS of the SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOL

To the School Committee and Citizens of Paxton:

This is the fifty-sixth annual superintendent's report in the series, and my eighth.

Chester O. Gay resigned as Principal and teacher of Grade 8 to accept a position elsewhere in the State. Ralph D. Huggett was elected as Principal and teacher of Grade 7. Mr. William D. Mul-laney, Jr. was elected to teach Grade 8. There were no other changes in the staff of regular teachers. Miss Ruth S. Innes, Super-visor of Music, was granted a leave of absence to broaden her experiences by taking advantage of an opportunity to teach

music in France. Arnold M. Repucci was elected to take over the music during Miss Innes' absence. Mrs. Dorothea S. Roth resigned from the position of Art Supervisor and Lawrence J. Lesser was elected.

Mr. Huggett, Principal, has reported the following:

"The Center School is continuing its thrift program for pupils. A school magazine, basketball, and baseball are included in the extra-curricular activities. Basketball is restricted to games with the Rutland Center School and intramural contests. Baseball includes a program with teams drawn from Grades 3, 4, and 5 to a Junior League and Grades 6, 7, and 8 to form a Senior League. A similar program is being planned for the girls.

The School Lunch Program has been reimbursed \$406.36 this past year. Milk sales were 16,831 half-pint bottles, and increase of 2,650 bottles over 1954.

The Parent-Teacher Association has continued its interest as evidenced by the attendance at the meetings and the carefully-planned programs. We look forward to a continuation of the relationship in 1956."

Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan, School Nurse, reports the following:

"Dr. Washburn completed the annual fall examinations in Grades 1, 4, and 7. Three diphtheria and tetanus clinics were held and clinic for poliomyelitis was cancelled."

The total school enrollment was 240 pupils, an increase over 1954 of approximately 12%. The estimated enrollment for September 1956 is 260.

There are 184 pupils transported daily to the Center School and 62 are transported to secondary schools. The transportation route has been extended in the southern part of town. Pupils in Grades 1 and 2 are dismissed and taken home before the sessions close for the other grades.

The Committee voted to add a remedial teacher to the staff. Mrs. Lorraine Ream has been appointed and will begin her work in January 1956. A remedial teacher works with children who need extra help in their school subjects.

The teachers of Union No. 26 recommended, and the administration approved, a new report card designed to show the parent the accomplishment and also the effort put forth by the pupil.

"Workshop" meetings were held this past year. Teachers in the same grades met for a full day with other teachers in the Union and discussed the curriculum. These meetings have been very successful.

The Union Committee voted to secure new offices for the Superintendent. In January, 1956, the office will be located at 1204 Main Street, Holden.

A building committee has been appointed and an architect engaged for the new school recently voted. This will relieve the congestion in the present school, especially in the lower grades.

I enjoy the privilege of serving as a delegate to the White House Conference. I hope to utilize the ideas and psychology of thinking in the guidance of the schools in this area.

In looking back seven years, one who has been a part of the system cannot fail to note the physical changes which have taken place in the equipment, textbooks and supplies, and in the standards which have been attained. This progress would not be possible without the support and the cooperation of the people of Paxton. Your school committee members have been very alert in recognizing and promoting school needs.

The privilege of working with the people of Paxton has added another pleasant year to my career in the field of education.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BUKER,  
Superintendent of Schools

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term — January 3 through February 17, 1956.

Spring Term — February 27 through April 18, 1956.

Summer Term — April 23, through June 8, 1956.

Fall Term — September 5 through December 21, 1956.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

March 30, 1956	Good Friday
May 30, 1956	Memorial Day
October 12, 1956	Columbus Day
November 2, 1956	Teachers' Convention
November 12, 1956	Veterans' Day
November 22, 23, 1956	Thanksgiving Recess

### ENROLLMENT

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Elem. School	113	116	129	134	159	192	211	240
High Schools						39	54	62
GRADES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
	39	40	33	27	25	26	22	240
					9	10	11	Total
					16	19	17	62

### CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1955

	Boys	Girls	Total
5 — 7 years of age	34	42	76
7 — 16 years of age	123	113	236
	<hr/> 157	<hr/> 155	<hr/> 312



# BUDGET 1955

Account	Appro. 1955	Spent 1955	Recom. 1956
Moderator			
Salary	35 00	35 00	35 00
Selectmen			
Salaries	900 00	900 00	900 00
Expenses	325 00	316 51	325 00
Town Accountant			
Salary	500 00	500 00	500 00
Expenses	15 00	14 15	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	445 50
Assessors			
Salaries	600 00	600 00	600 00
Expenses	550 00	532 46	550 00
Legal			
Town Counsel	700 00	1,000 25	1,000 00
Town Clerk			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expenses	125 00	96 90	125 00
Elections			
Expenses	175 00	128 90	500 00
Registrars			
Salaries	100 00	100 00	100 00
Expenses	90 00	53 00	90 00
Town Hall			
Expenses	2,900 00	2,675 75	2,900 00
Planning Board			
Expenses	750 00	303 54	750 00
Board of Appeals			
Expenses	50 00	21 90	50 00
Finance Committee			
Expenses	— —	— —	5 00

Account	Appro. 1955	Spent 1955	Recom. 1956
Police Department			
Patrolling	1,800 00	1,799 94	1,800 00
Expenses	150 00	150 00	650 00
School Traffic			
Expenses	930 00	879 38	930 00
Dog Officer			
Expenses	25 00	28 00	75 00
Fire Engineers			
Salaries	600 00	600 00	600 00
Fire Department			
Expenses	2,129 50	2,753 35	2,177 50
Building Inspector			
Salary	250 00	250 00	250 00
Sealer			
Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Expenses	11 00	10 10	5 00
Tree Warden			
Expenses	1,000 00	981 94	650 00
Moth			
Expenses	300 00	72 00	200 00
Dutch Elm Disease			
Expenses	300 00	296 00	400 00
Health			
Salaries	150 00	150 00	150 00
Expenses	1,059 00	895 46	1,149 00
Inspector of Animals			
Salaries	50 00	50 00	50 00
Inspector of Meat			
Salary	5 00	5 00	5 00
Collection of Garbage			
Expenses	2,490 00	2,479 96	2,740 00
Highways:			
Chapter 81	2,900 00	2,900 00	2,900 00
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,600 00	1,600 00	1,600 00
Chapter 90 Construction	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Snow	5,500 00	5,498 94	6,500 00
Street Lights	1,645 65	1,552 51	1,617 00
Municipal Garage	500 00	741 00	700 00
Surfacing Streets	1,200 00	1,199 96	1,000 00

Account	Appro. 1955	Spent 1955	Recom. 1956
Public Welfare			
Expenses	10,238 00	9,917 96	13,088 00
Veterans Services			
Agent's Salary	50 00	50 00	50 00
Expenses	10 00	10 00	75 00
Aid	1,500 00	1,894 19	1,800 00
Schools			
Expenses	55,053 00	55,086 68	63,051 84
Schools			
Wachusett Regional High	19,322 73	19,322 73	21,136 53
Library			
Expenses	2,086 00	3,741 48	2,645 00
Steps	— —	— —	900 00
Common			
Salary	200 00	200 00	200 00
Expenses	75 00	47 35	10 00
Town Clock			
Care of	60 00	60 00	60 00
Insurance and Bonds	2,800 00	2,842 91	3,200 00
Printing			
Expenses	1,000 00	802 55	800 00
Memorial Day			
Expenses	100 00	99 10	150 00
Swimming Pool			
Maintenance	1,700 00	1,678 77	450 00
Water Department			
Salaries	175 00	175 00	175 00
Expenses	9,535 00	9,526 69	9,710 00
Painting Standpipe	— —	— —	3,000 00
Pump	— —	— —	2,500 00
Cemeteries			
Expenses	500 00	1,565 83	500 00
Interest on Notes			
Expenses	25 00	— —	25 00
Certification of Notes			
Expenses	10 00	— —	10 00

Chairman JOHN H. JOHNSON,  
ROBERT C. BRUCE  
WILLIAM J. S. LAMOTTE  
J. ARDEN WOODALL  
REUBEN O'JANNE  
MERVYN E. RICHARDS

Finance Committee

# TOWN WARRANT

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in "Allen Hall" on Monday the 5th day of March, 1956, at 12:00 noon, then and there to act upon 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

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 P.M.

The voters will be called to act upon the following articles at the Business Meeting:

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, 1956, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes of the Town as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day, or act in any way thereon.

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

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

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$300.00 from the "Illig Fund" to the "Illig Property Maintenance Fund," the same to be used to pay taxes and make necessary repairs, or act in any way thereon.

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

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote that the money voted for street lights 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 the Municipal Light Plant, 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 income shall exceed the expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be thereafter authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 11. 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 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 with pay, sick leave may accure up to two weeks only."

or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,287.05 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 13. 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 funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 14. 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction of West Street, under Chapter 90 and that in addition the sum of \$12,000.00 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.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to extend the water main on Pleasant Street towards Barre, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount requested for the Water Department Budget from surplus to the Water Department Account, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to install 4 new hydrants, one on each of the following streets:

Orchard Drive  
Pinewood Road

Elizabeth Lane  
Rockland Road

at a cost of \$275.00 per hydrant and raise and appropriate \$1,100.00 for the above purpose, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 19. 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 Board of Water Commissioners, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101.96 to cover an overdraft in the Fire Department, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing a mobile 2-way radio unit in the Fire Department Engine No. 1 the same to be purchased under Federal Civil Defense matching Funds, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a generator to be used for Civil Defense purposes, the same to be purchased Federal Civil Defense Matching Funds or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Civil Defense purposes, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote that persons elected as the Recreation Commissioner shall constitute a Board of Park Commissioners, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to turn over the operation and control of the Illig Property to the jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote that the Collector of Taxes shall collect under the title of Town Collector all accounts due the Town, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to pay the Town Collector for the extra work of collecting all Town Accounts, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of increasing the salary of the Veteran's Agent, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 670 of the General Laws. An act relatove to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 and transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Dr. Andrew Jackson Howe Fund to the Town Hall Account, the total of these two amounts to be used to purchase and install a new oil burning heater and new hot and cold air ducts in the Town Hall, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of surplus chairs in the Town Hall, or act in any way thereon.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to situate a new elementary school in part on, and to use for school purposes, the land conveyed to the town by Edgar J. Matthews by his deed dated June 9, 1921, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2315, Page 189, by Ernest R. Illig by his deed dated October 13, 1926, recorded with said Registry, Book 2419, Page 269, and by Ernest R. Illig by his deed dated April 1, 1937, recorded with said Registry, Book 2691, Page 251, or act 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 11th day of February, 1956.

JESSE E. MILLS

ALDEN H. JACOBSON

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Selectmen of Paxton

A true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Constable



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