

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE

## **Town Officers**

OF THE

## **Town of Paxton**

MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE

**Year Ending December 31, 1969**

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# In Memoriam

## **HERBERT F. WENTWORTH**

Chairman, Planning Board

Member of Fire Department

Paxton Representative on:

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning  
Commission (Served as Clerk when Commission  
first organized)

Transportation Coordinating Committee of the  
Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Ex Officio Member of:

Recreation Commission

Conservation Commission

Past Member of

Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee

Past Chairman of

Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards

Bicentennial Committee (1965)

Born—February 28, 1911

Died—August 3, 1969

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## **CALVIN S. BOWKER**

DOG OFFICER

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

Born—February 23, 1919

Died—December 12, 1969

## **TOWN OFFICERS for 1969**

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### **Moderator**

J. ARDEN WOODALL

### **Town Clerk**

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

### **Treasurer**

RICHARD G. CONNELL

### **Town Collector**

FREDERICK T. WARPULA

### **Constables**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

HAROLD J. MULLANEY

### **Tree Warden**

CURTIS J. LANCIANI

### **Selectmen**

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN

Term Expires 1970

HERBERT M. VARNUM

Term Expires 1971

HOWARD W. MOORE

Term Expires 1972

### **Assessors**

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE

Term Expires 1970

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

Term Expires 1971

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1972

### **School Committee**

ROBERT W. HEIN

Term Expires 1970

ROBERT J. HALL

Term Expires 1971

FRED A. RUOFF

Term Expires 1972



**Municipal Light Board**

WILLIAM E. ISHAM	Term Expires 1970
ROGER E. VARNUM (Resigned)	Term Expires 1971
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1972
THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1970

**Cemetery Commission**

CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1970
VIRGINIA KIMBALL	Term Expires 1971
FRED A. RUOFF	Term Expires 1972

**Water Board**

KENNETH W. PARSONS	Term Expires 1970
NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term Expires 1971
FREDERICK G. ANTELL	Term Expires 1972

**Library Trustees**

ELIZABETH O. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1970
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1970
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1970
CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN	Term Expires 1971
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1971
HELEN L. RIDDLE	Term Expires 1972
WILLIAM H. CARTER, JR. (Resigned)	Term Expires 1972

**Planning Board**

RICHARD G. CONNELL	Term Expires 1970
ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1970
GERALD K. LOWE	Term Expires 1971
BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1972
HERBERT F. WENTWORTH (Deceased)	Term Expires 1973
ROBERT F. PERRY	Term Expires 1974

**Board of Health**

KIRBY C. KIRKLAND, M.D.	Term Expires 1970
RONALD E. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1971
THOMAS P. LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1972

**Recreation**

SHIRLEYANN LANCIANI	Term Expires 1970
DAVID P. FAERBER	Term Expires 1970
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1970
DAVID K. BEACH, JR.	Term Expires 1971
JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1972
ROBERT L. RUSSELL (Resigned)	Term Expires 1973
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST (Resigned)	Term Expires 1974

**Wachusett Regional School Committee**

ROGER E. VARNUM	Term Expires 1970
FREDERICK J. DUNN	Term Expires 1972

**Finance Board**

WILLIAM L. LAWLER	Term Expires 1970
LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR.	Term Expires 1970
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1970
HAROLD S. SACHS	Term Expires 1971
MALCOLM T. KLEINKNECHT	Term Expires 1971
JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1971
CHARLES BRADY	Term Expires 1972
DONALD C. DAY	Term Expires 1972
ALBERT A. GORDON	Term Expires 1972

**Capital Outlay Committee****Appointed By Selectmen**

JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1970
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1970
WILLIAM L. LAWLER	Term Expires 1970
GERALD K. LOWE	Term Expires 1970

**Appointed by Moderator**

DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1970
ELIZABETH RICHARDS	Term Expires 1971
FRANK H. MICKEL	Term Expires 1972

**Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee**

RONALD E. JOHNSON  
EARL J. YARRINGTON  
ROBERT F. PERRY

**Appointed by the Board of Health****Plumbing Inspector**

ALBIN F. WRIGHT

**Sanitary Inspector**

JOHN W. REILLY, JR.

**Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering**

CALVIN S. BOWKER (Deceased)

**Public Health Nurse**

JACALYN PIERCE

**Burial Agent**

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

**Appointed by the Selectmen****Board of Appeals**

DONALD T. LUNDQUIST	Term Expires 1970
ROBERT W. LOVE	Term Expires 1971
JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR.	Term Expires 1972
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1973
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST	Term Expires 1974
TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS	Alternate
ROBERT F. DILLMAN	Alternate
ROBERT B. BURKE (Resigned)	Term Expires 1972

**Care of Clock**

**WILLIAM O. WYLIE**

**Dog Officers**

**CALVIN S. BOWKER (Deceased)**

**CALVIN S. BOWKER, JR.**

**Superintendent of Streets**

**ROBERT S. HANSSON**

**Town Secretary**

**YVONNE B. KARLE**

**Veteran's Agent**

**WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST**

**Inspector of Wires**

**WARREN P. LEDERER**

**Building Inspector**

**FRED E. WATSON**

**ARTHUR S. PALMER, Assistant**

**Building Board of Appeals**

**FREDERICK G. ANTELL**

**Term Expires 1970**

**ALVAH W. TRACY**

**Term Expires 1971**

**CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE**

**Term Expires 1972**

**ROBERT S. BODYCOTT**

**Alternate**

**Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control**

**CURTIS J. LANCIANI**

**Term Expires 1972**



**Measurers of Wood and Bark and Field Drivers  
and Fence Viewers**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE  
GORDON M. RICHARDS  
ROBERT F. DILLMAN

**Board of Registrars**

VIOLA C. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1970
DANIEL F. CRONIN	Term Expires 1971
ROBERTA A. NICHOLSON	Term Expires 1972
GENEVA M. CROMPTON (Resigned)	Term Expires 1972

**Town Counsel**

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL

**Town Accountant**

YVONNE B. KARLE	Term Expires 1970
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**Police Department**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE—Chief	
HAROLD J. MULLANEY—Sergeant	
FREDERICK T. WARPULA—School Traffic Officer	
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST	ROBERT P. SHEEHAN
JOHN N. KNIFE	RALPH B. BUTLAND
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY	HAROLD L. SMITH

**Reserve Police**

ROBERT F. DILLMAN	ROBERT B. LOVE
ROBERT A. LINDQUIST	

**Special Police**

JOSEPH TIERNEY—Worcester Water Works  
F. WYMAN ROGERS—Boynton Park  
ALFRED J. MIGNEAULT  
AMBROSE TOWER—School Grounds

### CHARLES F. McMANUS—Town Recreation Program

**CHARLES F. BRADY**—Black Hill Road

## DOUGLAS ROBERTS—Private Property

**CHARLES C. CRAIG**—Memorial Park

**JESSE E. MILLS**—Road Construction

**DIAN LAMOTTE**—Special Police and School Crossing Guard

## HILTON CUNNINGHAM—Town Recreation Program

**CONSTANCE B. BERNIER (Resigned)**

**Special Police & School Crossing Guard**

## Civil Defense

**ROBERT S. HANSON—Director**

**BRIAN MURPHY**—Assistant Director

## Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

### Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN

## Conservation Committee

KATHERINE S. JACOBS Term Expires 1970

**HILTON CUNNINGHAM** Term Expires 1970

ROBERT FOWLER Term Expires 1971

SUSAN CORCORAN Term Expires 1971

IDA M. FRAIOLI Term Expires 1971

ROBERT PAULSON Term Expires 1972

CHESTER L. JOHNSON Term Expires 1972

BETTY C. PETERSON (Resigned)	Term Expires 1972
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GEORGE FRIEDMAN	(Resigned)	Term Expires 1970
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## Group Insurance Advisory Committee

FLORENCE MORRISSEY    CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

ROBERT S. HANSSON                      CURTIS J. LANCIANI

VIOLA C. PRENTICE

**School Needs Study Committee**

VIOLA C. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1970
CHARLES C. CRAIG	Term Expires 1970
ROBERT J. HALL	Term Expires 1971
ROBERT W. HEIN	Term Expires 1971
RICHARD A. LaPIERRE	Term Expires 1972
HUGH AARON	Term Expires 1972
FREDERICK J. DUNN	Term Expires 1972

**School Planning and Building Committee**

FREDERICK G. ANTELL	ROBERT W. HEIN
ROBERT I. BECKER	RICHARD A. LaPIERRE
DAVID P. FAERBER	ROGER E. VARNUM
ROBERT J. HALL	

**Regional School District Planning Committee**

ROBERT J. HALL	ROGER E. VARNUM
ROBERT W. HEIN	

**Agents for License Commissioners**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE	HAROLD F. MULLANEY
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**Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission**

BETTY PETERSON

**Advisory Committee for Master Plan**

RICHARD G. CONNELL (Planning Board)  
1 Squantum Road

HERBERT M. VARNUM (Board of Selectmen)  
50 Richards Avenue

LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR. (Finance Committee)  
495 Richards Avenue

ROBERT S. HANNSON (Superintendent of Streets)  
166 Richards Avenue

**FRED A. RUOFF (School Committee)**  
**5 Mt. View Drive**

**ROBERT FOWLER (Conservation Commission)**  
**6 Squantum Road**

**At Large**

**LYNN H. NICHOLSON, 78 West Street**  
**JEROME F. MURPHY, 55 Grove Street**  
**MRS. CAROLINE L. ISHAM, 75 Maple Street**  
**MRS. ELIZABETH M. RICHARDS, 205 Pleasant Street**  
**HOWARD A. AUBERTIN, 10 Birchwood Road**  
**STANLEY F. KACHNOWICZ, 8 Walnut Street**



**REPORT of the TOWN CLERK****Vital Statistics****BIRTHS****January**

- 5 Susan Alison Montague, daughter to Donald Lewis and Barbara Jeanne Montague.
- 13 Kimberly Stella, daughter to Donald Roland and Jeanne Rose Faucher.
- 22 John Arthur Sjosten, son to David Arthur and Arlene Mary Sjosten.

**February**

- 20 Michael William, son to George Edwin and Rosemary Ann Kielinen.
- 25 Diane Marie, daughter to Everett Louis and Lorraine Alma Lupien.

**March**

- 15 Amy Eleanor, daughter to Patrick Roderick and June Ann Bessette.
- 20 Jane Elizabeth Kile, daughter to Clifford and Mary Jo Kile.

**April**

- 13 Robert Francis Eident, son to Francis Paul and Margaret Anne Eident.
- 20 Glen James, son to Francis Xavier and Marie Terese Cavanaugh.
- 21 Donna Gail, daughter to Robert Richardson and June Tingle Herron.
- 22 Erin Tara, daughter to James Anthony and Ann Cecile O'Connor, Jr.

**May**

- 6 Roberta Marie Kann, daughter to Miland William and Elizabeth Ann Kann.
- 25 Forrest Richard, son to Richard Samuel and Nelia Joy Hopkins, II.

**June**

- 5 Kirk Robert, son to Robert Louis and Janette DiRubio.

**July**

- 13 Brian Keith, son to Roger Theodore and Sandra Mildred Fenneuff.
- 17 Gregory Richard, son to Gerard Allen and Constance Bernadette Bernier.
- 21 Daniel David, son to David Peter and Sharon Margaret Fitzpatrick.

**August**

- 8 Richard Timothy, son to Richard Leo and Joan Ellen Connors.
- 12 Robert Marc, son to Thomas Paul and Edith Loring LaVigne.
- 21 Karen Jane, daughter to John Joseph and Jane Elizabeth Niemela.
- 25 Brian Thomas, son to William Thomas and Carol Ann Clancey.

**September**

- 3 Sara Marie, daughter to John Richard and Margaret Grace Crutcher.
- 13 Melissa Jane, daughter to Gerald K. and Margaret R. Lowe.
- 20 Cristy Jessie, daughter to Richard Gower and Agnes Kurtz.
- 24 Joseph John, son to George H. and Joyce C. Nanigian.
- 24 Ralph Jay, son to Ralph J. and Lois M. Williamson.

**October**

- 18 Catherine Mary, daughter to Alfred E. and Mary L. Belanger, Jr.
- 20 Michelle Lynn, daughter to Richard Stanley and Sandra Estelle Hall.
- 24 Scott William, son to Charles H. and Ellen Irene Bushweller.

**November**

- 10 Julianne, daughter to Paul J. and Noreen M. Early.
- 11 Susan Bridget, daughter to Edward Taylor and Eileen Griffin McHugh.
- 18 Michael Craig, son to Benson J. and Sondra A. Bercovitz.

**December**

- 29 Steven Paul, son to Howard W. and Lois Alfreda Carlson.
- 30 Benjamin John, son to Edward J. and Carolyn A. McWilliams.
- 31 Mark Joseph, son to Ernest J. and Beverly F. Leveillee.

**MARRIAGES****January**

- 11 Dennis F. O'Neil of S. Dakota and Claudia Taylor of Paxton.
- 16 Hollis H. Ryder of Paxton and Marian Gage of W. Boylston.
- 21 Michael John Rochette of Paxton and Minda Susan Lehto of Rochdale.
- 25 Alfred F. Perrone, Jr. of Paxton and Susan J. Ruane of Auburn.
- 25 Bruce L. Settergren of Paxton and Carol Anne Giller of Worcester.

**February**

- 15 Thomas A. Zemaitis of Worcester and Susan M. Lawler of Paxton.

**March**

- 25 Richard L. Alexander of Leicester and Sandra A. Rossier of Paxton.

**April**

- 5 David Heiniluoma of Holden and Marilyn Ann Richards of Paxton.  
19 James Michael Norton of Maine and Karen Frances Mary George of Paxton.

**May**

- 10 John Joseph O'Day, III of Paxton and Sharon Maki Lyra of Holden.  
17 Michael M. Monopoli of Shrewsbury and Susan Wright of Paxton.  
25 Richard D. Colburn of Paxton and Mary Barriere of Rochdale.  
28 Bruce J. Hatstat of Paxton and Judy A. Chernewski of Worcester.  
30 Robert S. Lamotte, Jr. of Paxton and Dian DeVico of Shrewsbury.  
31 John S. Flynn of Worcester and Carol Penttila of Paxton.

**June**

- 7 Anthony Francis Carbonelli, Jr. of Connecticut and Rosemary Lee Kimball of Paxton.  
8 Lloyd Frank George of Paxton and Barbara May Dowd of Grafton.  
10 Pancras H. vander Laan of Connecticut and Sharon A. Ludden of Paxton.  
14 Deane Ralph Huggett of Paxton and Gail Benson of Worcester.  
14 Garo Krikorian of Paxton and Lea Sippel of Finland.  
14 John F. McGonagle of Paxton and Marguerite L. Banks of Worcester.  
15 Edward V. McTigue, Jr. of Worcester and Jane Pelletier of Paxton.



- 20 Richard Stanley Hall of Worcester and Sandra Estelle Ludden of Paxton.
- 21 Thomas D. Early of Paxton and Deborah A. Wood of Worcester.
- 21 James Alan Finefrock of Ohio and Patricia Ann Mickel of Paxton.
- 28 Roger E. Baronowski of Worcester and Joanne C. Clem of Paxton.

### July

- 19 Stephen Allen Hammar of Paxton and Marie Ann Provost Cardwell of Worcester.
- 19 Terrence J. Cooney of Paxton and Susan E. Burke of Worcester.
- 20 Martin T. Hamilton of Washington and Laurie P. Duvarney of Paxton.
- 25 John Frederick Mattson of Holden and Mary Jane Tanner of Paxton.

### August

- 9 Dennis M. Collins of Worcester and Geraldine F. Friel of Paxton.
- 16 Ronald J. Pasternak of Paxton and Carol Ann Jones of Springfield.

### September

- 6 William F. Spence, Jr. of Westboro and Ruth Brodeur Norton of Paxton.
- 6 Roger Elliott Blake of New Hampshire and Nancy Jean Alexander of Paxton.
- 13 Donat J. Laramie of Connecticut and Philomena H. Rokoszak of Paxton.

### October

- 10 George C. Hyland of Paxton and Elizabeth L. Johnson of Rutland.

**November**

- 26 Donald Roger Crierie of Paxton and Virginia Marie  
Prolux of Paxton.

**DEATHS****January**

- 2 Grace H. Hight 87 years

**February**

- 23 Elmer L. Conger 73 years

**March**

- 11 Eleanor M. Donohue 52 years  
22 Eric G. Flodin 74 years  
28 Alma Alice Kachnowicz 44 years

**April**

- 4 John Olshewski 81 years  
11 Harold Arthur Styffe 72 years  
13 Elizabeth Porter 75 years

**May**

- 3 Gladys M. Palmer 75 years  
29 Grace A. Bates Phelps 92 years

**June**

- 11 Bertha S. Larson 61 years  
27 George E. Kielinen, Sr. 51 years

**July**

- 6 Raymond J. Savignac 63 years  
15 John Thomas Barry 58 years  
21 Elna L. Hughes 69 years  
21 Erick I. Lund 55 years  
24 Allison A. Cross 84 years

**August**

3	Herbert F. Wentworth	58 years
24	Helen Gertrude Cunningham	87 years

**September**

12	Alfred Edward Cournoyer	53 years
23	Bernard W. Smith	76 years

**October**

3	Anthony Joseph Latvis	77 years
22	Kathleen M. Hayes	11 years

**November**

19	Harold Cecil Beckett	77 years
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**December**

12	Calvin S. Bowker	50 years
14	Leon F. Lamarche	66 years
23	Alice Goulding	58 years

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**Dog Licenses Issued**

Male	163	
Female	28	
Spayed Female	118	
\$10 Kennel	4	
\$25 Kennel	2	
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Total Licenses Issued	315	
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$712.75

**Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued**

Total number of Licenses issued	362
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$2,215.00

## REPORT of ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held March 3, 1969

The business meeting was called to order at 7:50 by the Moderator, J. Arden Woodall. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Meeting was held at Paxton Center School.

Article 1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. for the election of Town Officers. The election officers were sworn in and the voting proceeded. The total votes cast were 551.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator	J. Arden Woodall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Treasurer	Richard G. Connell
Town Collector	Frederick T. Warpula
Constables	Harold J. Mullaney
Constables	William O. Wylie
Tree Warden	Curtis J. Lanciani
Selectmen	Howard W. Moore
Assessor	Christian S. Baehrecke
School Committee	Fred A. Ruoff
Municipal Light Board	Robert C. Harrington
Cemetery Commission	Virginia M. Kimball
Cemetery Commission	Fred A. Ruoff
Water Board	Frederick G. Antell
Library Trustee	William H. Carter, Jr.
Library Trustee	Helen L. Riddle
Planning Board	Gerald K. Lowe
Planning Board	Robert F. Perry
Board of Health	Kirby C. Kirkland
Board of Health	Thomas P. LaVigne
Recreation	Donald T. Lundquist
Wachusett Regional Comm.	Frederick J. Dunn
Wachusett Regional Comm.	Roger E. Varnum



Article 2. Moderator stated that article 2 (Town Budget) be taken up page by page with amendments to be made from the floor, and that the amounts of money set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee be appropriated, for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purpose.

Unanimous vote—Budget approved as amended.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of Money (see Budget Item 834) with which to pay the proper charges of a surety company for acting as surety on bonds required of Town Officials and authorize the Selectmen to approve the same.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Unanimous vote.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town appoint a committee to have charge of the July 4th observance.

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town transfer the money received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town vote the money 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, to include out of state travel of the employees where necessary, for the current fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws, and 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.

Unanimous vote.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town provide vacation and sick leave pay to employees of the Highway and Water Departments.

Unanimous vote.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,655.66 from the Highway Machine Rentals Fund

to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the Town's highway equipment.

Unanimous vote.

Article 12. It was voted to cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$9,075 be borrowed or 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.

Unanimous vote.

Article 13. It was voted that the Town cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 to cover the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$3,600 be borrowed or transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's 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.

Unanimous vote.

Article 14. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction on West Street under Chapter 90, and that in addition, the sum of \$12,000 be borrowed or transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the Treasury to cover the State's 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.

Unanimous vote.



Article 15. It was voted to pass over this article. Transfer the amount requested for the Water Department budget from Surplus to the Water Department account.

Article 16. It was voted that the sum of \$28,000 be appropriated for the purpose of replacing the Town grader and to trade in the 1946 Austin Western grader, such sum to be provided as follows:

- (a) \$10,342.35 by transfer from the School Construction Account in the custody of the Treasurer, and
- (b) \$10,000.00 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, and
- (c) the balance to be raised by taxation.

Unanimous vote.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town accept Section 6H of Chapter 40 of the General Laws which provides that a town which accepts this section may make repairs on private ways which have been open to public use for 6 years or more without incurring liability on account of any damage caused by such repairs, and to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,000 to be spent during 1969 for this purpose.

Unanimous vote.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town delete Section 6, Transportation of the Wachusett Regional District Agreement which now reads, "Each member town of the Regional School District shall furnish transportation of its students under jurisdiction of its local school committee," and to substitute a new Section 6 to read, "Transportation. The Wachusett Regional School District shall provide for the transportation of its students."

Article 19. It was not voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,325 to provide transportation to Wachusett



Regional High School evening activities and home football games for Paxton pupils.

Motion lost.

Article 20. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,772 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a second motor driven pump for the water system to be used as a standby unit.

Unanimous vote.

Article 21. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for the purpose of extending the water main from the end of the present line on Suomi Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of purchasing a station wagon cruiser for the Police Department the present station wagon to be turned in against the purchase price.

Unanimous vote.

Article 23. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$750. for the purpose of purchasing a two-way radio for the Police Department.

Unanimous vote.

Article 24. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,465. for the purpose of purchasing and installing a radio home alerting system for the Fire Department firefighters. Money to be transferred from Stabilization Fund.

Unanimous vote.

Article 25. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. to install a covered conduit with valve shutoff between Illig Pond and the swimming pool.

Unanimous vote.

Article 26. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250. to purchase a two-wheel tractor and attachments for the use of the Recreation Department.

Unanimous vote.

Article 27. To rebuild Little League Field.

Motion lost.

Article 28. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$55.65 when received to the Dutch Elm Disease Account under the provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 657, Section 26D, Acts of 1956.

Unanimous vote.

Article 29. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200. to provide an additional office in the Town Hall for the use of the Board of Assessors.

Unanimous vote.

Article 30. It was voted that Articles 29 and 30 be combined and that the sum of \$1,200. be appropriated to provide space in the Town Hall.

Passed over.

Article 31. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on December 26, 1968, of Crocker Hill Drive, commencing from Richards Avenue at approximately station 80 + 700 and running easterly for a distance of 800 feet to station 8 + 0, as shown on "Plan of Lots Crocker Hill Estates," owned by Robert B. Love, dated October 6, 1965 and approved by the Paxton Planning Board November 3, 1965.

Unanimous vote.

Article 32. It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of acquiring

by purchase from Robert B. Love an easement for public way purposes in Crocker Hill Drive, commencing from Richards Avenue at approximately station 80 + 700 and running easterly for a distance of 800 feet to station 8 + 0.

Unanimous vote.

Article 33. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for \$1.00 from Robert B. Love an easement for public way purposes in Crocker Hill Drive.

Unanimous vote.

Article 34. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on December 26, 1968, of Mt. View Drive, commencing from Crocker Hill Drive at station 7 + 75 running southerly for a distance of approximately 800 feet to station 7 + 86, as shown on "Plan of Lots Crocker Hill Estates," owned by Robert B. Love, dated October 6, 1965 and approved by the Paxton Planning Board November 3, 1965.

Unanimous vote.

Article 35. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase from Robert B. Love an easement for public way purposes in Mt. View Drive as per specifications in Article 34.

Unanimous vote.

Article 36. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for \$1.00 from Robert B. Love an easement for public way purposes in Mt. View Drive.

Unanimous vote.

Article 37. To appropriate sum of money to be placed in Stabilization Fund.

Passed over.

Article 38. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$5,000. from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

Unanimous vote.

Attest:

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,  
Town Clerk

## Report of Special Town Meeting

Held January 22, 1969

The business meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by the Moderator, J. Arden Woodall. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Meeting was recessed to Paxton Center School to accommodate large voter turnout.

Article 1. Voted to approve amount of \$230,000. for classroom wing on the Wachusett Regional School District.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. Voted to accept the laying out of Eugenia Lane.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. Voted the sum of \$1.00 to purchase easement from Wanda Olszewski.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase easement.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. Voted to accept the laying out of Merry Lane.

Unanimous vote.



Article 6. Voted the sum of \$1.00 to purchase easement from Wanda Olszewski.

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase easement.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,498.33 and authorize the Treasurer to refund said amount to the Insurance and Bond Account, No. 834 for the year 1968 to cover overdraft.

Unanimous vote.

Articles 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Voted to accept zoning Bylaw changes for the Town of Paxton.

Voted to accept zoning Bylaws as amended. 2/3 vote.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 P.M.

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,  
Town Clerk

## Report of Special Town Meeting

Held April 7, 1969

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. A quorum was declared by Moderator.

Meeting was held at the Paxton Center School.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to engage a firm of engineers to do Phase I of a ground water survey.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town borrow through serial notes for a period of 5 years a sum of \$10,342.35 for the purpose of supplementing other funds raised at the 1969 Annual Town Meeting, to be used for the purpose of replacing the Town grader.

Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,

Town Clerk

## Report of Special Town Meeting

Held December 8, 1969

The Business meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by the Moderator, J. Arden Woodall, in the Paxton Town Hall. Count for quorum showed 53 voters present.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town transfer from the Recreation receipts reserved for appropriation account the sum of \$140.00 to the Recreation expense account No. 774 and \$100.00 to the Recreation hire account No. 772.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted to transfer to Budget account No. 774 the sum of \$143.72 from Budget account No. 784 and \$206.28 from Budget account No. 884 to be used to locate and remove a blockage in the culvert from pool overflow.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. Moved and seconded to accept as printed. (Purchase a parcel of land at 64 West Street.)

In favor 29—Opposed 24.

Article 4. Moved and seconded to accept as printed.  
(Appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase parcel of land  
at 64 West Street.)

Motion lost. In favor 29—Opposed 22. (2/3 vote)

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,

Town Clerk

## LIST of JURORS

Name	Address
David K. Beach, Jr.	7 Birchwood Road
Robert S. Bodycott	9 Birchwood Road
Edith F. Calhane	139 Grove Street
Ronald A. Carlson	28 Crystal Street
Clifford Darwin	200 Grove Street
John A. Dee	11 Burtenmar Circle
Nell J. Dixon	125 Richards Avenue
Isabel C. Hair	5 Colony Lane
Roland Hanson	543 Pleasant Street
William E. Hendricks	1 Laurel Street
Thelma G. Heselbarth	5 Ashwood Road
Chester L. W. Johnson	14 Crestwood Road
William J Kallio	11 Streeter Road
George A. Knipe	8 Crystal Street
Richard E. Landers	135 Pleasant Street
James B. Lavin, Jr.	555 Pleasant Street
Vincent McIntyre	11 Knollwood Road
Mary Mickel	7 Berkshire Drive
Stanley L. Miller	11 Ashwood Road
Augustus P. Mullaney	1 Glen Ellen Road
Edna L. Primeau	7 Crestwood Road
Frank Ranta	222 Grove Street
Jean D. Rommel	6 Crocker Hill Road
Arthur P. Shankle	8 Knollwood Road
Doris E. Soderman	Mower Street
Elizabeth A. Sprague	12 Crestwood Road
Robert L. Stewart	20 Cutler Road
Lora M. Taylor	72 Grove Street
Alan M. Wentworth	36 Highland Street
Richard D. Woelflein	6 Birch Street



## REPORT of the BOARD of SELECTMEN

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The year 1969 was one of increased activity for your Select Board.

In one sense, it was what one might call a year of enforcement: The Building Inspector was instructed to strictly enforce the zoning bylaws in all respects, but with particular emphasis on the illegal storage of unregistered motor vehicles. Housing contractors doing business in Paxton were advised that the building bylaws were going to be strictly enforced and new procedures were established relative to building permit applications.

In another sense, it was a year of firsts: It was the first time in Paxton's history that all three members of the Select Board attended the state-wide meeting of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. It was also the first time that any improvements were made to private streets in Paxton by our Highway Department. This work was done under Sec. 6H of Chapter 40, which permits public improvement of private ways and for which the Town last year appropriated the sum of \$5,000.00. The improvements were made on the streets in West Tatnuck Heights and we hope that this is but the start of a continuing program.

It was also a year for improving the lines of communication between departments and we have met on different occasions with all of the other Boards in town in an effort to effect greater understanding of one another's needs and problems.

All in all, your Select Board feels that 1969 was a year of achievements and we look forward to 1970 being equally fruitful.

SHERMAN S. LUDDEN, Chrmn.  
HERBERT M. VARNUM, Clerk  
HOWARD W. MOORE

## REPORT of the BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following Building Permits were issued during the year of 1969:

	Builder's Estimated Cost
22 New Dwellings	\$682,650.00
10 Alterations or Additions to Dwellings	25,425.00
13 Garages, Sheds, Greenhouses	47,918.00
4 Swimming Pools	12,000.00
2 Permits to Demolish	
	<hr/> \$767,993.00
Cash Received for Building Permit Fees	\$3,011.50

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Appropriated	Spent
Salaries	\$1,250.00	
Building Inspector		\$450.00
Assistant Building Inspector		800.00
Expenses	300.00	107.17
Assistant Building Inspector	100.00	68.00
	<hr/> \$1,650.00	<hr/> \$1,425.17

I would like to call your attention to Section IV, M. of the Zoning Bylaws which refers to the storage of un-registered vehicles, junk and similar used materials. Strict enforcement of this Bylaw has been maintained. Most offenders, upon notification, have been cooperative in complying with the provisions of this law. In those instances where warnings go unheeded, the case is referred to the Town Counsel to initiate Court action. There was one

such case in 1969 which could not be resolved through routine procedures and resulted in a Court injunction against the offender and a demand ordering him to pay Court costs.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. WATSON

Building Inspector

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## REPORT of the DOG OFFICER

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Dog Complaints	92
Dog Bites	15
Dogs Destroyed	22
Dogs for Research	3
Dogs Sold	1

To the best of my knowledge all dogs in Town are licensed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. BOWKER, JR.

Dog Officer

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## REPORT of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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The Cemetery Commissioners have asked for an Appropriation of \$950.00 for the year 1970. If this is received, it will be used to erect street signs and to complete wing spreads on the stone pillars.

\$800.00—Stone work

150.00—Street signs and posts

Last year we received \$700.00; this was used to build the stone pillars. The cost was \$750.00. The \$50.00 over and above the appropriation figure was paid from Interest on Invested funds.

For a recapitulation of Cemetery Income and Expenses, please check the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE L. ISHAM  
VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL  
FRED A. RUOFF

Cemetery Commissioners

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## **REPORT of the BOARD of HEALTH**

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The Board has had several undertakings in the past year.

1. Our Public Health nurse has been transferred to Wachusett Agency as of November 1969. From this time on they will pay her salary and expenses for services rendered to patients and any surplus of funds will be used to reduce our apportionment to the agency. This amounts to a savings of about \$700.00 per year to the Town.
2. The Board has begun dye testing in different areas of Town to check malfunctioning systems.
3. The percolation test procedures have been changed to the State maximum code requiring more stringent tests in areas. This test takes considerably more time but gives a more accurate analysis of conditions.
4. The Board has also changed the procedure for building permits in regards to subsurface soil ex-



amination. All builders must present to the Board a plot plan before any tests will be done.

5. The new garbage contract for the year has been awarded to A. J. Letourneau at a price of \$36,000.00 per year. This amounts to a \$.10 increase per rubbish collection for each family at the time this report was written. There are about 1,165 dwellings in Town, an increase of approximately 175 homes since the first contract was awarded in 1968.
6. State Law requires the reporting of all communicable diseases to the Board of Health.

The Board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. Please feel free to contact us for any assistance we may be able to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD JOHNSON, Chairman  
DR. KIRBY KIRKLAND  
THOMAS LaVIGNE

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## REPORT of the INSECT PEST CONTROL and TREE DEPARTMENT

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Tree work, consisting mainly of removal of diseased Elms and replacement with new Norway Maples, was carried on by the department during the year 1969. The removals were done for the most part by the Tsuga Tree Company and the clean-up was performed by the Tree Department.

The tree planting was done by the Tree Department and local help. The trees were planted on school and recreation land along with some roadside planting.

I would like to thank the Light Department and Highway Department for the use of their equipment in performing the work of the Tree Department.

I submit the following financial report:

## APPROPRIATIONS

Moth Control	\$200.00
Trees	1,000.00
Dutch Elm	1,200.00
State Reimbursement	109.37
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	\$2,509.37

## EXPENDITURES

## MOTH CONTROL

Labor	\$200.00
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## DUTCH ELM

Labor	341.87
Outside Service	967.50

## TREES

Labor	426.63
Outside Service	445.00
Surplus	128.37
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	\$2,509.37

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS J. LANCIANI,

Tree Warden

## REPORT of PLUMBING and GAS INSPECTOR

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During the year 1969, 48 Plumbing Permits were issued and 75 Plumbing Inspections were made with a total of 382 fixtures inspected as follows:

Water Closets	88
Bath Tubs	46
Shower Baths	18
Lavatories	98
Kitchen Sinks	37
Hot Water Heaters	45
Clothes Washers	30
Dish Washers	12
Wash Trays	2
Garbage Grinders	6

During the year 1969, one Gas Fitting Permit was issued and one inspection was made with a total of 2 appliances inspected as follows:

Gas Logs	2
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The co-operation and assistance that I received this year made my duties as Plumbing and Gas Inspector very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN F. WRIGHT  
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

## Report of the BOARD of WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Phase I of the Metcalf & Eddy study concerning the possibilities of a ground water source has been completed. The findings indicated that a groundwater supply was not feasible. They recommend that consideration be given to enlarging the capacity of the present surface supply and these recommendations will be included in their report to the Town as part of the Paxton Master Plan.

The installation of the new water pump voted at last Town Meeting has been started and should be completed by April 1, 1970.

There were 29 new house service connections made in 1969.

Three hydrants were installed:

- One on Crowningshield Drive
- One on Keep Avenue
- One on Suomi Street

Water Mains were installed on three streets:

- Suomi Street—Town Approp.—1,000 Ft.—6 inch.
- Nipmuck Rd.—Town Approp.— 175 Ft.—6 inch.
- Keep Avenue—Town Approp.— 800 Ft.—6 inch.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN H. OSGOOD  
FREDERICK G. ANTELL  
KENNETH W. PARSONS

Paxton Water Commissioners

## REPORT of the BOARD of REGISTRARS

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The following is a summary of the registered voters in the Town of Paxton at the close of registrations December 1969.

Democrats	229
Republicans	443
Unenrolled	1,034
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Total	1,706

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVA M. CROMPTON  
VIOLA C. PRENTICE  
DANIEL F. CRONIN  
GEORGE L. McGOVERN

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## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

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The Planning Board re-organized for the year 1969 by naming Herbert F. Wentworth as chairman; Betty C. Peterson, Regional Representative; Robert F. Perry, Clerk and Gerald K. Lowe, Capital Outlay Committee.

The Board was seriously shaken by the sudden death of Herbert Wentworth who was one of the most respected "planners" in the Commonwealth and who performed invaluable service to the Town of Paxton during the many years he served in all phases of Town Government. The Paxton Planning Board will labor under a severe handicap without Herb's much needed and invaluable guidance. The greatest loss is that we all lost a good and close friend.



During 1969 the Planning Board approved two subdivisions which are presently under construction. We met with the Light Board in connection with its proposed garage and otherwise attempted to lend a hand to departments as needed. We prepared and printed a bound copy of the Zoning Bylaw, Sub-division Bylaw and Building Code.

Your Board met twice monthly on the above business and the continuation of the Master Plan Study which is now well into the second phase. The entire plan is scheduled to be completed in October of this year.

In anticipation of The Plan being completed, a twelve member Advisory Committee has been formed to evaluate and implement the recommendations of the Planning Consultant. This committee is made up of six members of the Town Government and six members chosen from the population at-large.

The Board wishes to thank all the people who have helped us in gathering information for the Master Plan and who have, in many ways, made our job easier and more enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

**RICHARD G. CONNELL, Chrmn**  
**ROBERT L. PRICE**  
**BETTY C. PETERSON**  
**GERALD K. LOWE**  
**ROBERT F. PERRY**  
**MADELINE DALEY, Secretary**

## REPORT of the CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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During the year 1969 the Conservation Commission continued to press for further Open Space acquisition in two of the areas recommended by the Natural Resources Technical Team in their 1967 Report.

The Commission felt that an acquisition of a part of Asnebumskit Hill should be made, and after several meetings with the owner, a tentative agreement for acquisitions was reached and Articles inserted in the Town Warrant for consideration at the March Annual Town Meeting.

The limited use of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company land on Asnebumskit Hill for open space activities by Letter of Agreement continues in effect, and this year similar arrangements were made with the Yankee Network whose land adjoins that of A. T. & T.

A Work Day was held on May 3rd for the purpose of improving the appearance of the Hilltop Banking as a roadside beautification project. The entire area was cleaned of debris that somehow seems to collect in such places, and Pfitzer junipers were planted near the stairway. While little improvement was visible by year's end, the Commission will devote some of its efforts towards this project in 1970.

On May 10th a Fishing Derby at Illig Pond was sponsored by the Conservation Commission with Robert Paulson serving as Chairman. The purpose of this event was two-fold: first, to provide a day of enjoyment for the participants; and secondly, to develop more awareness of the conservation and recreational facilities available in Paxton. Winners in various categories were given prizes donated by Paxton, Holden, and Worcester businesses. The Commission wishes to acknowledge the generosity of these donors.

As the quality of our environment becomes of greater concern, the activities of a Conservation Commission should be expanded, and to that end, the members of the Commission have accepted duties in the following areas: Long Range Planning—Robert Paulson; Education—Susan Corcoran and Shannon Jacobs; Land Upkeep and Roadside Beautification—Ida Fraioli; Liaison with other Town Departments and Officials—Hilton Cunningham; and Land Acquisitions and Easements—Robert Fowler and Chester Johnson.

The Conservation Commission will sorely miss Mr. Herbert Wentworth who, in addition to being one of the founders of the Conservation Commission, and a member ex-officio, was a fountainhead of information and guidance for the Commission throughout the years of its existence.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER L. JOHNSON,  
Co-Chairman

ROBERT FOWLER,  
Co-Chairman

SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk

IDA M. FRAIOLI

KATHERINE S. JACOBS

ROBERT PAULSON

HILTON CUNNINGHAM

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## REPORT of the HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

### Chapter 90 Construction

#### West Street

A 2 inch crushed surface gravel mix was applied and sealed from Station 21 to 50. Most of the shoulder and slope surfaces were graded and seeded. Driveway approaches were graded and a basecoat of blacktop applied. A 2½ inch Type I surface applied in two courses with as-

phalt berm on both sides is planned for 1970. Completion of the slopes, stone walls and top course of blacktop on drive-ways is also planned.

### **Special Highway Accounts**

#### **Black Hill Road**

A 250 foot section was scarified, graveled, penetrated and sealed to alleviate a drainage problem.

#### **Brooks Road**

A 500 foot section was widened and part of the drainage installed in preparation for a surface in 1970.

#### **Camp Street**

An 800 foot section was penetrated and saeled making the road surfaced to the last house.

#### **Forestdale Road**

A 500 foot 12 inch drain pipe was dug up, cleaned and relaid to a new grade between Forestdale Road and Grove Street.

### **Private Streets Account**

Davidson Road, Walnut Street, Ledyard Road, Boynton Parkway and Pine Street were graded and gravel added where needed to make them passable through the winter and spring. Birch Street was excavated and graveled. Two catch basins were installed in trouble spots. More drainage is planned for 1970.

### **Chapter 81**

Routine yearly hones, mixes, and seal coats were applied where recommended by our State section Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HANSSON,  
Superintendent of Streets

## REPORT of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Calls recorded	696
Complaints investigated	367
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	34
Accident casualties to hospitals	12
Emergency calls for cruiser ambulance service	28
Vacant houses checked	304
House breaks investigated	41
Thefts of various articles	11
Motor vehicles stolen and recovered	5
Summons	15
Arrests	7

The following was issued by this department:

	Fees
35 Accident reports	\$169.00
9 Theft reports	27.00
136 I. D. Firearms cards	266.00
53 Pistol permits	94.00
16 Bicycle registrations	4.00
9 Holiday works permits	45.00
Amount turned over to Treasurer	\$605.00

Due to increased patrolling in 1969, there have been fewer motor vehicle accidents than in previous years.

The number of house breaks increased from last year; however, this number is lower than the average for this section of the country. It has been necessary to call the State Police in Holden to assist in the investigation of these breaks requiring photo and fingerprint experts, which the State Police provide. The alertness and awareness of the townspeople has contributed in the solving of several breaks.



During May and June, several fires of suspicious nature occurred in the town. These fires deemed it necessary to include extra patrolling along with investigation of such fires. In December due to the emergency conditions of an ice storm, once again, extra patrolling was required.

This Department would like to extend thanks to the personnel of the Light and Highway Departments for their assistance during the past year. Also thanks to the towns of Leicester, Spencer, Holden and Ruland for making available and providing assistance to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. WYLIE,

Chief of Police

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## LIBRARY REPORT

### Circulation:

Adult and juvenile books	22,247
Reference transactions	2,319
Magazines, pamphlets, films	1,718
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Total	26,284

### Volumes added to collection:

Adult and juvenile books purchased	594
Borrowed from Central Regional	643
McNaughton Book Service	30
Gifts	101
Interlibrary loans	167
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Total	1,535

The library has been a busy place in 1969 — partly because our registered borrowers now number 1,546. Circulation has increased, also reference transactions. In the fall, the library hours were expanded to include "supper-

time hours," (continuous coverage from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M.), on Tuesday and Thursdays during our winter schedule. This addition has been appreciated and well used.

Donna Mathews, Specialist in Work with Children and Young Adults from the Bureau of Library Extension, helped us to be one of the libraries chosen to receive a cassette player and 50 cassettes (a \$275.00 value) from Title I, Special Projects Grants. The cassette library covers children's literature samplings from nursery rhymes to Shakespeare. It has been in almost constant use in various town programs, at school and in private homes.

In addition to the many helpful services of Central Regional, a series of workshops was given by Mrs. Janet Baker of the Worcester Public Library, concerning book selection. I attended all but one of these meetings.

The staff has taken a total of four library science courses at Worcester State College, including books for children, reference, and cataloguing and classification.

Gifts of recordings from several record companies and individuals now total 172. 534 records have circulated, with Christmas music proving most popular.

Golden Years Club graciously gave us a large American flag to display near the fireplace.

A junior high reading list has been developed through school and the books are kept in a collection. Three full encyclopedias, Britannica Jr., World Book, and Golden Encyclopedia, now may circulate.

MASTER PLOTS has been purchased for help with classic literature. The support of the trustees and the co-operation of the library staff continue to make my work a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE, Librarian

## REPORT of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Fire Department answered eighty-four (84) calls for service in 1969 as follows:

44 Grass & Brush	3 Motor Vehicle
13 Building	6 Mutual Aid
18 Miscellaneous	

This is an increase of fourteen (14) over last year or about 20%. Most people will recall 1969 for the fires at the Congregational Church and Anna Maria College, but I would like to call attention to the grass and brush fire calls.

The number of calls represents an increase of 57% over 1968 but does not show the true picture. Although the Department answered 44 calls of this nature there were sixty-five (65) fires extinguished. The largest portion of these calls were roadside fires and practically every section of town was hit during the year. Many times, grass and brush fires are caused by carelessness, especially those that occur during the dry parts of the spring and fall seasons and I urge everyone to use caution when using their outdoor rubbish burners during these periods. There were also many grass and brush fires where the cause was unknown. There is considerable concern because these types have continuously increased over the past few years, especially at night. Some of these fires get very costly before they are extinguished although the actual property loss in dollars may not be as great as the loss in a building.

The number of calls concerning buildings was about the same as 1968 but the total dollar loss was more than any previous year. We received a definite shock on May 12 when an alarm of fire was reported in the First Congregational Church. Excellent work on the part of the Paxton Fire Department as well as the Rutland, Holden, Leicester,

West Boylston, and Spencer Departments kept the building from being destroyed and was a very good example of mutual aid as it is understood in the fire departments.

The Paxton Fire Department participated in mutual aid calls to other towns and was the recipient of the same on several occasions during the year and especially on two others beside the Church. One of these was a fire at the Channel 14 station on Asnebumskit Hill. The other was at Miriam Hall on the Anna Maria College campus. Here, again, at the college an excellent job was done in keeping the fire and resulting damage to a minimum.

In 1969 a different system of training was incorporated. This system consisting of dividing the firefighters into four groups and assigning one of each of the groups to a Deputy Chief. The Deputy then was assigned one of the four pieces of apparatus. Each group was then instructed on that particular piece of apparatus by the Deputy assisted by either a Captain or Lieutenant. At the end of a two month period the groups change and work on a different truck. For example, the group being instructed on Engine 1 moved to Engine 2 etc. This system seems to be working well and will be continued.

During 1969 more books have been added to the small library started in 1968. All these books deal in some way with the fire service from management to maintenance and are available to all members of the Department. Courses are also available at Quinsigamond Community College in Fire Science and Technology and this type of instruction is being taken advantage of.

There are a few things I would like to call attention to for future consideration as part of this report.

The first is that in a year or two you will be asked to consider replacing the present Engine No. 1. This may come sooner and will depend on how well this present truck lasts. This truck was purchased in 1946 and has been the most active piece in the department during this 23 year period.

It has also been somewhat overloaded because of the amount of water carried for a truck this size. There is also a possibility that Engine No. 3 may need replacing before Engine No. 1 because it is estimated to be at least 26 years old. It has not had the usage that Engine No. 1 has had however.

The next thing is modernizing or updating the fire alarm system. A step has been taken in this direction with the purchase and installation of the radio home alerting system for the members. The Center School is tied into the present siren system and the Congregational Church will be before long. Consideration should be given to other public buildings so that all the buildings, schools, churches, etc. could be connected up to a central alarm system with some kind of an annunciator or signal panel showing the location of the alarm. Also newer and more modern methods of calling in and/or giving an alarm should be explored.

The possibility of setting up a paid answering service for all the town departments, Fire, Police, Highway, Electrical, Water, etc., should be considered. As the town grows there is an increasing amount of traffic in communications. The idea of the answering service, so called, would be to have all incoming calls and requests channeled into a central point, and then the necessary departments dispatched either by phone or radio, depending on the situation.

These last two items, fire alarm, and answering service, were part of the Fire Department report for 1968. I feel these are important items for future consideration and worth repeating in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. ROBINSON, Chief  
Paxton Fire Department



## REPORT of the BOARD OF APPEALS

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In 1969 the Board of Appeals held 6 hearings.

2 Approved

1 Approved—to be completed in 1 year.

1 Temporary permit—1 year.

1 Approved with special restrictions.

1 Not Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD LUNDQUIST, Ch.

ROBERT W. LOVE, V. Ch.

ROBERT DILLMAN

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS

TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

JOHN ROMMELL

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## REPORT of RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Salary Account—Town Appropriation \$7,752.00

### Expenditures:

Librarian	\$4,080.00
Ass't. Librarian, Trainee and Pages	3,061.10
Janitor	682.00
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	\$7,823.10

### Expense Account—Income:

Town Appropriation	\$1,795.00
Dog Fund	803.16
Income from Investments 1969	1,303.27
State Aid—1969	599.75
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	\$4,501.18

## Expenditures:

Books and periodicals	\$2,353.47	
Fuel	373.57	
Telephone	124.38	
Office Expense	254.28	
Water	20.00	
Lights	159.08	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Travel	40.00	
Education	71.00	
Maintenance: Buildings and Grounds	512.64	
Total		\$3,958.32

## State Aid Account:

Grant: 1969	\$599.75	
Expended:		
Lawn Mower	\$99.95	
Books	186.26	286.21
Balance		\$313.54

## Richards Trust Account:

Total Fund—1968	\$10,728.06
Income and Bank Int. 1969	2,327.39
Total	\$13,055.45

The sum of \$401.95 in fine money was turned over to the Town Treasurer for 1969.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. RIDDLE, Clerk

**REPORT of the ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.**

I hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1969:

**Statement of Income and Expenses****Income:**

Metered Sales to Consumers	
Rate A Private Consumers	\$138,632.27
Rate B Small Com. Con.	9,004.16
Rate C Large Com. Con.	44,720.83
Rate D Electric Heating	30,290.90
Street Lighting	6,250.00
Municipal Lighting Bldgs.	7,539.87
Power for Municipal Purposes	2,412.00
Resale to Other Utilities	293.93
Miscellaneous Operating Revenues	.00
Area Lighting—Private	460.00

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\$239,603.96

**Expenses:**

Electric Energy Purchased	\$143,607.52
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,355.28
Maintenance Transformers	770.84
Street Lighting Expense	918.21
Meter Reading Expense	1,513.95
Meter Expense Repair and Testing	152.40
Accounting Expense	5,848.10
Mgr. and Light Board Salaries	10,651.00
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,139.51
Mgr. and Light Board Expenses	1,319.47
Rent	50.00
Outside Services	2,080.99
Overhead Line Expense	20,260.78
Depreciation	23,707.46

Insurance	1,920.93	
Maint. Underground Cond.	148.20	
	<hr/>	\$216,444.64
Income for year 1969	\$23,159.32	
Other Income	1,489.20	
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Total Income for year 1969		\$24,648.52

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1969

Assets		
	Additions	12/31/69 Depr. Val.
Land	\$7.60	\$319.27
Substa. Struc. City Line		361.80
Substa. Struc. Asnebumskit Rd.		15,845.08
Substa. Equip.	30,750.42	39,624.92
Poles and Fixtures	2,400.17	23,083.95
Overhead Conductors	5,737.59	54,943.80
Line Transformers	9,285.87	55,334.66
House Services	3,762.68	26,541.38
Consumers Meters	1,514.87	12,068.26
Street Lighting Equip.	4,174.62	20,951.61
Office Equipment	205.54	2,131.57
Cost of Transp. Equip.	—	27,855.50
Tools, shop & garage equipment	841.89	2,472.55
Laboratory Equip.	—	22.60
Miscellaneous	—	55.00
Communications Equip.	189.00	1,427.32
Underground Cond.	6,060.90	33,744.87
Area Lighting Equip.	360.93	804.51
Total add. in 1969	65,292.08	
Total Depr. Value		317,588.65

Consumer Deposits	284.59
Accounts Receivable	18,312.71
Construction Funds	26,782.86
Materials and Supplies	10,061.56
Petty Cash	100.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$373,130.37</b>

**Liabilities**

Owed to Consumers on Deposits	\$271.65
Appropriation for Construction	656.64
Notes Paid off in prior years by Light Dept.	19,116.00
Appropriation for Const. Repayment	7,090.07
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1969	15,660.89
Earn. of this and prior year invested in new plant and other assets	316,239.62
Contributions in Aid of Construction	13,600.30
Customers' Advance for Construction	495.20

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$373,130.37</b>
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**ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT**

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Balance from Prev. Year		\$290,399.92
Plus Current Year Profit		24,648.52
Surplus Adjustment		1,191.18
Accumulated Profit		
Dec. 31, 1969		
Used in		
Plant Additions		
in prior years	\$316,239.62	
	<u>\$316,239.62</u>	<u>\$316,239.62</u>

From the Manager's Desk:

Pursuit of low cost power was again the main goal of the Light Department for 1969. Several meetings were held



with the Federal Regulatory Agencies and our supplier in an effort to obtain lower rates and more reliable service. A great deal of progress has been made in this direction, although no definite reduction has been received at this time.

The cooperation that the Paxton Light Department received from the Municipal Electric Association Mutual Aid Committee during the recent ice storms was excellent and we are extremely grateful, for without this aid the ice storm would have cost several thousand dollars more, and the outage time would have been considerably longer. Crews from the North and the South shores worked for us, all of which was made possible through the Mutual Aid program. Our Department has aided other Municipals in the past, and this time we were on the receiving end. At this time I'd like to thank our own help, from the line crew to the girls in the office who put in many long hours without complaint, until all customers were back in service, also the Police, Fire and Highway crews deserve our gratitude. While on the subject of storms; let me give a few guidelines to the customer for future use:

1. Turn off your emergency oil burner switch, and other motor equipment until **full** power is restored.
2. Call the Light Department office—756-9508—and give your name, address, and nature of your trouble.
3. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible; the opening of doors shortens the time that the refrigerator or freezer will stay cold. Under normal conditions a freezer will hold 30 hours or more without spoilage.
4. If you use a home generator, be very careful that you do not connect it so as to cause a feedback on the Light Department lines.

I am listing some of the major projects completed in 1969:

1. Three new transformers were added to the sub-station increasing the station KVA capacity to 10,000.
2. Two new banks of regulators were added at the station allowing the Department the opportunity to regulate the voltage of each circuit separately.
3. The West Street road project, requiring considerable relocation of poles and reconductoring, was completed.
4. The underground feeder and the new street lighting at Anna Maria College was placed in service. Several of the new developments also required extensions of their underground lines and equipment.
5. A new  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pickup truck for meter reading and for the use of the foreman has been purchased, also a new wood chipping machine.
6. Groundwork for a new garage was undertaken, and the Light Commissioners are hopeful that the building can be started in 1970.

Projects to be undertaken in 1970:

1. Construction of a new garage.
2. The placement of spacer cable along Richards Avenue from Pleasant Street to the Worcester County Memorial Park, a distance of approximately 5,000 feet.
3. The placement of spacer cable along Maple Street from Richards Avenue to Grove Street.
4. Replacement of the Bucket truck chassis. The present one is a 1964 model and is showing body rust and wear and tear.

In regard to the construction of a new building, I would like to state that garage space, along with storage and office

facilities, are desperately needed. This Department sincerely hopes that you will support this project at the March Town Meeting.

Once again it has been a pleasure to serve all our customers electrically, and again we urge you to feel free to call about your electric problems.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS J. LANCIANI, Manager  
Paxton Light Department

WILLIAM E. ISHAM, Chairman  
ROGER E. VARNUM, Clerk  
(Resigned)

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON,  
Third Member  
Paxton Light Commissioners

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## REPORT of the RECREATION COMMITTEE

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During 1969, work on the new Utility Building continued with completion of the building expected early this year. Also expected to be completed is a picnic area next to the swimming pool grounds and landscaping.

There have been complaints on the iron color which gets into the swimming pool water as the summer season progresses. A sum of money is included in our budget this year to have our water supply analyzed to see if this problem can be solved.

Our summer program had to be cut back considerably in 1969 due to a change in accounting procedures imposed on us by State Auditors. In the past, we collected a fee from

those individuals participating in a special event such as a trip and used this fee to pay for the cost of the event. Although the State Auditors ruling still allowed us to collect the fee in 1969, we can not use this fee until 1970 after the townspeople vote to transfer this money from a special account into the Recreation Account. Careful use of the money available in 1969 by our Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Charles McManus allowed us to run a successful summer program.

The ski instruction program is being held at the Pine Ridge Ski Area in Barre again this winter and approximately twice the number of children have enrolled as last year. It is unfortunate that more adults did not take advantage of this program.

We regret that we must end this report on a sour note. Vandalism was practically non-existent in the Recreation Area until the past two years when it increased at a frightening rate. The wire reenforced windows in the new Utility Building were smashed in shortly after the summer season was over and the building was used as a clubhouse by Paxton youth. Bags of chemicals have been ripped open, equipment smashed and first aid kits dumped. The teenagers involved were caught in the act. They are Paxton youth, not outsiders. We ask all parents to discuss this situation with their children to see that this does not happen again.

Respectively submitted

DAVID K. BEACH, JR.  
JEAN M. McINTYRE  
SHIRLEYANNE LANCIANI  
HILTON CUNNINGHAM

## REPORT of the BOARD of ASSESSORS

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The first half of 1969 saw the completion of the revaluation study. Individual hearings were held by the mapping firm of Avis Airmap and the revaluation company of Whipple Magane Darcy between June 13 and 18. Present at those hearings was a representative of the State Bureau of Local Assessment. Less than 50 appointments had to be made to hear any grievances.

The Board followed very closely the progress of the revaluation study. Nevertheless, a number of problems arose, both in the areas of mapping and valuations, which had to be resolved directly by your assessors later in the year. The taxpayers of Paxton are to be commended for their fine cooperation.

Revaluation increased assessments by about four times to \$25,418,411.00. Land which had been valued before as low as 10 per cent of market value, increased proportionally more than building assessments.

The 1968 tax rate was \$92.00 per thousand valuation which would have corresponded to \$24.50 after revaluation. The increase of about 9 per cent to the 1969 tax rate of \$26.75 was due to the increased expenditures voted at the Town Meeting and the required adjustments of the State's "Cherry Sheet".

The "Cherry Sheet" was received approximately three months late, around June 20, 1969, which delayed the setting of the 1969 tax rate. Same was determined in July at \$26.75 per thousand valuation and thereafter submitted to the State for approval. Due to several delays, some tax bills were committed as late as October 1969.

The Board will continue to assess at fair-market value

or 100 per cent valuation as of January 1, 1969. Detailed records and up-to-date maps are being kept by the Board.

After all 1969 real-estate transfers have been posted, maps may be obtained at cost from the Board. Requests should be made in writing on or before April 1, 1970.

Because of the very detailed records that now are kept, the work load of your assessors has increased greatly. The official meeting of the Board is on the first Monday of each month, but your assessors are at the office practically every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday except during the summer months. Individual appointments can be made upon request.

### 1969 RECAPITULATION

#### Valuations:

Assessed Personal Property	\$265,630.00
Assessed Real Estate	\$25,152,781.00
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Total Valuation	\$25,418,411.00

#### Expenditures:

Total Appro. to be raised by taxation	984,386.65
Total Appro. to be taken from available funds	33,176.31
Retirement	9,591.07
State Tax & Assessments	4,779.15
County Tax & Assessments	25,734.31
Overlay for current year	30,000.00
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Gross amount to be raised	\$1,087,667.49

#### Less Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Estimated receipts from the Local Aid & Agency Funds	\$240,716.55
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	93,722.73



Licenses	2,668.50	
Fines	105.00	
General Government	2,000.00	
Protection of Persons & Property	408.75	
Health & Sanitation	2,000.00	
Highways	500.00	
School (local receipts of school committee)	1.84	
Library	346.26	
Public Service Enterprises	28,501.70	
Cemeteries	375.00	
Farm Animal Mach. & Equip.		
Excise	440.83	
Interest	1,866.64	
Forest Law Land	892.80	
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Total Estimated Receipts		\$374,546.60

**Less Amounts Voted to be taken from Available Funds**

Dutch Elm	\$55.65	
Highway Machine Rental	8,655.66	
Reserve for Overlay	5,000.00	
Grader from Stabilization Fund	10,000.00	
Home alert system from Stabilization Fund	4,465.00	
Free Cash to reduce 1969 tax rate	5,000.00	
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Total Available Funds		\$33,156.31

<b>Net Amount to be raised by taxation of property</b>	<b>\$679,944.58</b>
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Respectively submitted

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE, Chrmn  
 CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE,  
 Clerk

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

## REPORT of the INSPECTOR of WIRES

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Wiring Inspections of New Homes	28
Wiring Permits issued for other wiring	30
Wiring Inspections—Approximately	106
Fees collected and paid to Town Treasurer	\$105.00

Respectively submitted

WARREN P. LEDERER

Inspector of Wires

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## REPORT of the PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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Clinics held during the year:

Diphtheria—Tetanus	37
Measle Vaccine	1
Mumps Vaccine	222
Polio Vaccine Boosters	32
Tinetest	51
Flu Vaccine—Teachers	22
Preschool Vaccination	6
Preschool Registration	67

Clinics were operated by Joyce McEachern, School Nurse and Dr. Albert Hall.

As of October 1, 1969 the Paxton Board of Health voted to have the "Public Health Nursing Service" join the Wachusett Home Health Care Agency. By joining this organization, more benefits are available to better serve the community such as; Medicare coverage, Physical Therapy, and Home Health Aid Services. In the future there will also be Occupational and Speech Therapy.

The Visiting Nurse made a total of 588 visits in 1969:

	No. Patients	No. Visits
Medicare	10	305
Medicade	4	139
Private	3	100
Blue Cross	2	5
Maternity	9	11
Immunization	14	14
Other	9	14

The Nurse also attends bi-monthly Staff meetings and In-Service meetings.

You May Contact the Nurse by Calling:

W.H.H.C.A.—829-5546 8 a. m. — 4 p. m. Mon.—Fri.

Respectively submitted

JACALYN PIERCE, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

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## REPORT of the TOWN COLLECTOR

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### 1962 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$27.90	
Collected 1969		\$2.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		25.90
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	\$27.90	\$27.90

### 1963 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$52.80	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$52.80
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	\$52.80	\$52.80

**1963 Personal Property**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$88.50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$88.50
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	\$88.50	\$88.50

**1964 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$55.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$55.00
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	\$55.00	\$55.00

**1965 Real Estate**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$3.40	
Tax Title—1969		\$3.40
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	\$3.40	\$3.40

**1965 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$468.60	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$468.60
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	\$468.60	\$468.60

**1966 Personal Property**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$320.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$320.00
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	\$320.00	\$320.00

**1966 Real Estate**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$4.00	
Tax Title—1969		\$4.00
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	\$4.00	\$4.00

## 1966 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$1,383.89	
Collected 1969		\$118.81
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		1,265.08
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	\$1,383.89	\$1,383.89

## 1967 Water Liens

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$79.95	
Collected 1969		\$79.95
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	\$79.95	\$79.95

## 1967 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$314.50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		\$314.50
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	\$314.50	\$314.50

## 1967 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$3,939.55	
Collected 1969		\$3,882.57
Abated 1969		53.28
Tax Title 1969		3.70
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	\$3,939.55	\$3,939.55

## 1967 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$1,784.80	
Collected 1969		\$726.91
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		1,057.89
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	\$1,784.80	\$1,784.80

## 1968 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$207.54
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Refunded 1969	37.50	
Collected 1969		\$207.54
Abated 1969		37.50
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	\$245.04	\$245.04

**1968 Water Liens**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$130.82	
Collected 1969		\$130.82
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	\$130.82	\$130.82

**1968 Personal Property**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$2,020.32	
Refunded 1969	31.60	
Collected 1969		\$1,108.00
Abated 1969		372.60
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		571.32
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	\$2,051.92	\$2,051.92

**1968 Real Estate**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$31,279.14	
Omitted Commitment	804.08	
Refunded 1969	126.78	
Collected 1969		\$30,816.38
Tax Title 1969		4.60
Abated 1969		377.02
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		1,012.00
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	\$32,210.00	\$32,210.00

**1968 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1969	\$11,750.69	
Committed 1969	6,062.84	
Refunded 1969	1,391.60	
Collected 1969		\$15,848.82



Abated 1969	2,127.24	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969	1,229.07	
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	\$19,205.13	\$19,205.13

## 1969 Farm Excise

Committed	\$440.83	
Collected 1969		\$323.98
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		116.85
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	\$440.83	\$440.83

## 1969 Water Liens

Committed	\$907.17	
Collected 1969		\$703.88
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		203.29
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	\$907.17	\$907.17

## 1969 Personal Property

Committed	\$7,105.69	
Collected 1969		\$6,166.23
Abated 1969		9.09
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		930.37
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	\$7,105.69	\$7,105.69

## 1969 Forest Law

Committed	\$892.80	
Collected 1969		\$215.34
Abated 1969		383.87
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		293.59
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	\$892.80	\$892.80

## 1969 Real Estate

Committed	\$672,838.89	
Refunded 1969	3,461.56	
Overpayment	140.17	
Collected 1969		\$613,495.36
Abated 1969		17,317.90
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		45,627.36
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	\$676,440.62	
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		\$676,440.62

## 1969 Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$104,058.34	
Refunded 1969	3,092.49	
Collected 1969		\$90,166.85
Abated 1969		6,526.92
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1969		10,457.06
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	\$107,150.83	
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		\$107,150.83

## Interest

1966	\$ .45
1967	364.37
1968	952.87
1969	421.82
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	\$1,739.51

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. WARPULA,  
Town Collector

## REPORT of the TOWN TREASURER

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance January 1, 1969	\$114,771.50	
Receipts 1969	1,939,150.65	
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		\$2,053,922.15
Payments 1969	1,891,991.24	
Balance December 31, 1969	161,930.91	
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		\$2,053,922.15

#### Breakdown of Cash Balance:

Town Account	\$104,058.27
Electric Light Account	18,034.78
E. L. Depreciation A/C	10,166.39
E. L. Meter Deposit A/C	284.59
Richards Memorial Library	13,055.45
Various Construction Bonds	16,331.43
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	\$161,930.91

### OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Yr. Mat.	Principal	
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School Department:			
New School	1972 & 75	\$115,000.00	
Addition	1979	86,000.00	
Junior High School	1984	450,000.00	
		<hr/>	\$651,000.00
Water Department:			
Land Taking	1975	27,000.00	
Pumping Station	1978	25,000.00	
Dam & Spillway	1972	15,000.00	
		<hr/>	67,000.00

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## Fire Department:

Fire Station	1978	43,000.00	
			43,000.00

## Highway Department:

Road Grader	1974	10,342.35	
			10,342.35

Total Outstanding Debt			\$771,342.35
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## DUE ON OUTSTANDING DEBT 1970

	Principal	Interest
School Department:		
New School		
Due 4/1/70	\$	\$1,840.00
Due 10/1/70	25,000.00	1,840.00
Addition		
1/15/70		1,397.50
Due 7/15/70	10,000.00	1,397.50
Junior High School		
Due 3/15/70		7,312.50
Due 9/15/70	30,000.00	7,312.50
	\$65,000.00	\$21,100.00
Water Department:		
Land Taking		
Due 2/1/70		\$432.00
Due 8/1/70	\$5,000.00	432.00
Pumping Station		
Due 5/1/70		400.00
Due 11/1/70	3,000.00	400.00
Dam & Spillway		
Due 3/15/70		243.75
Due 9/15/70	5,000.00	243.75
	\$13,000.00	\$2,151.50

**Fire Department:****Fire Station**

Due 5/1/70		\$81.25
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Due 11/1/70	\$5,000.00	81.25
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	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$162.50</u>
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**Highway Department:****Road Grader**

Due 6/15/70	\$2,342.35	\$497.70
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<b>Total 1970 Debt Payments</b>	<u>\$85,342.35</u>	<u>\$23,911.70</u>
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**TRUST FUNDS****Library:**

Richards Trust Income A/C Bal 1/1/69		\$10,889.83
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Dist. from Principal	\$1,546.52	
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Interest on Income A/C	619.10	
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Balance 12/31/69		\$13,055.45
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**Richards Memorial Library (Various****Savings Banks incl. 108 shares of**

Am. Tel. & Tel. stock		\$24,540.95
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**Interest and Dividend on above****(Deposited in Town Account to****operate Library during year.)**

		1,303.27
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**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Permanent Accounts (Various Banks)	\$1,328.72	\$24,333.00

Interest deposited in Town		
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Account to operate Cemetery		
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**Active Accounts:**

Worcester Federal Bal. 1/1/69	\$4,345.09	
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Interest 1969	208.85	
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	<u>4,553.94</u>
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**TOWN of PAXTON****75**

Withdrawn 1969\* 1,503.94

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\$3,050.00

**Spencer Savings Bank**

Balance 1/1/69 6,117.82

Sale of Lots 690.00

Interest 1969 322.88

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7,130.70

Total Cemetery Funds 12/31/69 \$34,513.70

\* \$1,503.04 in accumulated interest  
withdrawn to meet cemetery expenses.

**C. D. BOYNTON TRUST FUNDS**

Principal (Various Savings Banks) \$7,648.00

**Income Account:**

Balance 1/1/69 \$1,264.47

Interest of Principal 390.20

Interest of Income A/C 61.92

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Balance 12/31/69 \$1,716.79

**D. RUSSELL BOYNTON POOR FUND**

Principal \$1,000.00

Income Account \$933.40

Interest on Principal 51.62

Interest on Income A/C 56.01

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\$1,041.03

**EDWARD DAVIS FUND (Village Improvements)**

Balance 1/1/69 \$1,179.52

Interest 1969 65.43

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Balance 12/31/69 \$1,244.95



## MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS

Post War Rehabilitation Account	\$1,511.95
Edw. Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00
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	\$2,511.95

## STABILIZATION FUND

Worcester Federal Savings:	
Balance 1/1/69	\$3,611.79
Interest 1969	173.60
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Balance 12/31/69	\$3,785.89
Worcester Mechanics Bank:	
Balance 1/1/69	\$38,167.79
Interest 1969	1,841.33
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	40,009.12
Withdrew*	14,465.00
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	\$25,544.12
Total Stabilization Funds	\$29,329.51

\* Per March 1969 Town Meeting for  
Grader and Fire Alarm System

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Electric Light Depreciation Account	\$10,166.39
Electric Light Meter Deposit Account	284.59
Paxton Conservation Account	1,023.73
School Construction Account	12,839.44
Hazel Gay School Fund (2 shares of A. T. & T.)	100.00
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	\$24,414.15

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CONNELL, Treas.

## REPORT of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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RECEIPTS—1969

## TAXES

## Real Estate

1967	\$3,882.57
1968	30,816.38
1969	613,495.36

## Personal

1968	1,108.00
1969	6,166.23

## Motor Vehicle Excise

1962	2.00
1966	118.81
1967	726.91
1968	15,848.82
1969	90,166.85

## Farm Animal Excise

1968	207.54
1969	323.98

Loss of Taxes (State) 804.62

Tax Title Foreclosures 37.08

Forest Law 215.34

## Licenses and Permits

Selectmen	1,231.45
Build. Permits & Misc. Permits	3,011.50
Board of Health	15.00
Wiring Permits	105.00
Sanitary, Plumb., Various Permits	362.50
Board of Appeals	40.00
Dog Licenses	715.00
Raffle License	10.00
Planning Board	155.00
Tax Title Call for Adv. Collection	32.24

## STATE AID—FEDERAL-STATE-COUNTY

School	
Chap. 69-71-70	\$89,126.25
Construction	51,827.54
Spec. Ed. & Vocational Ed.	9,814.97
Title III	266.50
Aid	16,921.96
Handicapped	100.00
Transportation	29,737.94
Library—(State Aid)	599.75
Dog Refund—Library	803.16
Sales Tax Basis	36,252.85
Accounts	
ADC—Federal	1.47
DA—Federal	2.18
State	1.09
MA—Federal	2,766.98
State	86.79
OAA—Federal	4.35
State	2.18
General Relief	114.11
Veterans Reimbursement	1,059.15
Highway	
Snow Plowing	891.25
Forestry	
Dutch Elm	109.37
Gas Tax	1.30
Police Dept.	
Permits, etc.	357.25
Accident Reports	188.00
Fines	65.00
Dog Officer	
Sale of Dogs	9.00

## Health

Nursing Care	253.56
Reimb. New borns	125.00
Reimb. H. Reg. Health Care Agency	575.00

## Highways

Highway Equipment	8,869.40
Private Snow Plowing	797.17
Chap. 81—State	5,178.33
Chap. 90—County	7,299.45
Chap. 90—State	12,799.35

## Schools

Sale of Books & Wall Repair	21.00
School Lunch—Coll. & Reimb.	30,884.84
Hall Rent	20.00
Manual Arts Sales	127.00
Other Towns—Transportation	125.52

## Library

Fines	470.75
Sale of Books	13.45

## Recreation

Funds—Held for Appropriation	1,506.93
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## Electric Light

Sale of Power & Installation	251,836.13
Meter Deposits	210.73
Sales of Supplies	3.25

## Water Department

Installations	3,132.60
Rates Collected	29,050.93
Spec. Water Acct. Grimley & Collins	200.00
Sales of Equipment	175.00

## Cemeteries

Sale of Lots	690.00
Burial Fees	665.00
Care of Lots	30.00

## Interest

Misc. Int. by Treas.	345.50
Int.—Richards Account	2,165.62
Int. Income—Library	1,303.27
Int. Income—Cemetery	2,832.66
E. L. Depreciation Account	
Int. & Trans.	4,312.28
E. L. Meter Deposit Account Int.	5.92

Interest on Taxes	1,739.51
Income—Hazel Gay School Fund	14.40
Income—School Book Fund	50.00

## Loans

In anticipation of taxes	400,000.00
In anticipation of highway reimb.	24,675.00
Loan for grader	10,342.35

## Payroll Deductions

Federal Income Tax	66,889.82
State Income Tax	10,478.41
City Retirement	6,734.33
Blue-Cross	5,884.92
Group Insurance	454.20
Teachers Dues	767.15
Teachers Annuities	240.00
State Tax Compensation	41.87
Misc. Unidentified Receipt	3.12
Insurance Claim	390.40
Rec.—Pd. in error—Water Dept.	362.14
From Stabilization for Grader	
Purchase	10,000.00
From Stabilization for Fire Alarms	4,465.00
Overpayment Reimb. Bd. of Health	9.00

## Refunds &amp; Miscellaneous Receipts

School Lunch	24.96
Paxton Electric Light	1,191.18
Gift from P. E. L. for purchase of 3M Copy Machine	200.00

Refund to Library Acct.	58.85
Insurance Premium P. E. Lt.	842.64
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	16.44
Refund—Conservation	5.00
Refund—Fire Dept.	22.00
Police Dept.	44.05
Tra. Equipment	31.72
School—(lost checks)	51.61
Reimb. to Cemetery P/C	190.00

## Water Liens

1967	79.95
1968	130.82
1969	703.88

## Planning Board Retainers

Wm. Burtt No. 1	6,000.00
Wm. Burtt No. 2	375.00
R. Hansson	500.00
R. Love	1,000.00
A. Sluckis	7,406.72

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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,939,150.65
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Cash—Jan. 1, 1969	114,771.50
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TOTAL	\$2,053,922.15
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## PAYMENTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderators Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00
Expense	21.50	21.50
Selectmen Salaries	1,100.00	1,100.00
Clerk	300.00	300.00
Selectmen's Expenses 1968 Bal.	300.00	
Selectmen's Equip. 1968 Bal.	90.00	
Contribution—Paxton Electric Light Department for 3M Copy Machine	200.00	

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590.00



## Selectmens' Expense

Office Expense	271.85
Law Books	171.50
Dues	103.00
Meetings	212.60

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 758.95

## Accountant Expense 1968 Bal.

Accountant Salary	25.00	25.00
Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurers Salary	98.12	98.12
	2,000.00	2,000.00

## Expense

Dues	4.00
Office Exp. & Meetings	404.00
Deposit Balance	10.00

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 418.00

Collector Salaries	2,700.00	2,700.00
Collector Expense	700.00	700.00
Tax Title Expense	36.26	36.26
Town Secretary	3,010.00	3,010.00
Assessors Salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00
Clerk	800.00	800.00

## Expense Balance Held—1968

Abstracts	118.42	118.42
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## Assessors Expense

Dues	36.00
Abstracts	37.49
Office Exp. and Map	585.74

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 659.23

## Equipment

914.34	914.34
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## Appraisal of Taxable Property

## Balance Held

Whipple, Magane & Darcy	2,700.00
Avis Air Map Co.	5,940.00

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 8,640.00

## TOWN of PAXTON

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Finance Committee Salary	150.00	150.00
Expense		
Dues	20.00	
Office Expense	22.72	
		42.72
Town Clerk	750.00	750.00
Expense		
Dues	19.00	
Office Expense	128.18	
		147.18
Legal	3,000.00	3,000.00
Elections		
Officers	233.40	
Ballots	105.00	
		338.40
Registrars Salaries	75.00	75.00
Clerk	100.00	100.00
Expense		
Voting Lists	110.00	
Street Listing	151.45	
		261.45
Planning Board		
Clerk	225.00	225.00
Expense		
Dues	30.00	
Zoning Maps	166.75	
Advertising	39.00	
Supplies	100.89	
Meetings	14.00	
Film and Prints	19.40	
		370.04

## Photos—Plat—Bk. St. No.

## Direct Mailing Division—

Bal. Held	219.50	219.50
Meeting Expense	20.00	
Office Expense	10.00	
Flyers	70.25	
Rental	61.80	
I. B. M.	66.85	
Typist	67.75	
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		296.65

## Master Plan—Metcalf &amp; Eddy

Balance Held	5,600.00	5,600.00
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## Town Hall

Janitor	1,200.00	1,200.00
Expense		

Fuel	588.11	
Lights	218.04	
Janitor Supplies	152.00	
Repairs	151.78	
Telephone	400.81	
Wiring	368.00	
Moving Safe	15.00	
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		1,893.74

## Record Building

Microfilms	248.64	
Vital Statistics	90.00	
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		338.64

## Special Article No. 29

Assessors Office Space	1,200.00	1,200.00
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## TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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\$41,533.14

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Patrolling	6,352.35	6,352.35

## Expense &amp; Operation

Office Expense	63.40	
Vehicle Mt.	1,132.98	
Officers Equipment	194.35	
Supplies	289.50	
Radio Mt.	177.75	
Licenses	25.00	
Telephone	337.68	
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		2,220.66

Crossing Guard	536.00	536.00
Special Article No. 22 Station Wag.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Special Article No. 23 Radio Systems	739.00	739.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers Salaries	700.00	700.00
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## Firemen's Compensation

Bal. Held 1968	134.50	134.50
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Firemens' Compensation	2,441.50	2,441.50
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## Expense &amp; Operation

Mutual Aid	262.50	
Telephone & Alarms	484.13	
Fuel—Station	1,083.91	
Lights	248.40	
Water	20.00	
Mt. & Repairs	98.56	
Radio Maint.	32.90	
Vehicle Maint.	439.97	
Equipment Maint.	424.61	
Miscellaneous	626.53	3,721.51

Special Article No. 24		
Home Alerting System	4,462.26	4,462.26

Equipment	416.00	416.00
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Building Insp. Salary	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
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Assistant	68.00	68.00
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## Expense

Clerical & Trav. Exp.	59.80
Other Trav.	31.40
Office Supplies	16.17

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 107.37

## Board of Appeals Expense

Advertising	121.65
Office Expense	50.90

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 172.55

## Forestry

Moth	200.00	200.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,309.37	1,309.37
Trees—Bal Held—1968	475.95	475.95
Trees—Labor & Expense	871.63	871.63
Dog Officers Salary		
Balance Held—1968	100.00	100.00
Dog Officers Salary	450.00	450.00
Assistants Salary	112.50	112.50
Expense Bal. Held 1968	189.70	189.70
Expense	686.06	686.06
Civil Defense Exp & Equip.	94.05	94.05
Inspection of Wires	600.00	600.00
Expense	65.00	65.00

 TOTAL PROTECTION OF  
 PERSONS & PROPERTY

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 \$33,475.96

 HEALTH & SANITATION  
 BOARD OF HEALTH

Board Salaries	150.00	150.00
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## Board of Health Expense

Advertising	26.46
Office Expense	209.63
Miscellaneous	65.65

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 301.74

Health Nurse—Bal. Held—1968	192.00	192.00
Health Nurse Salary	2,387.45	2,387.45
Nurse Expense	162.42	
Travel	6.54	
Office Expense	82.50	
Telephone	9.00	
Medical Supplies	8.78	

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269.24

## Dump

Rent	520.00
Lease	50.00

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570.00

Sanitary Engr. Salary	1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Expense	700.00	700.00
Plumbing Inspector	555.00	555.00
Rubbish & Garbage Collection	21,816.00	21,816.00
Inspection of Animals	50.00	50.00
Inspection of Meat & Slaughtering	5.00	5.00

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TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION \$28,596.43

## HIGHWAYS

## Chapter No. 81 Maintenance

Labor	5,749.90
Trucks	1,308.00
Other Trucks	1,644.40
Materials	3,672.70

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12,375.00

## Chapter No. 90 Maintenance

Labor	1,668.80
Trucks	635.80
Other Trucks	209.00
Materials	2,884.71

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5,398.31

## Chapter No. 90 Construction

## Balance Held—1968

Labor	1,792.00	
Trucks	576.80	
Materials	1,984.27	
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		4,353.07

## Chapter No. 90 Construction

Labor	4,892.50	
Trucks	1,161.40	
Other Trucks	3,093.75	
Materials	6,485.05	
Bounds	9.00	
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		15,641.70

## Street Repair (7000.00)

Labor	2,459.50	
Trucks	788.70	
Other Trucks	394.40	
Materials	3,048.69	
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		6,691.29

## Special Article No. 16—Grader

Purchase	28,000.00	28,000.00
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Snow Fence	264.00	264.00
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Street Lights & Signs	6,250.00	6,250.00
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## Special Art. No. 17 St. Repairs (5000.00)

Labor	1,191.50	
Trucks	578.70	
Other Trucks	542.40	
Materials	1,103.77	
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		3,416.37



## Garage Expense

Telephone	186.14
Lights	212.70
Fuel	702.27
Repairs	9.50
Supplies	15.51

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 1,126.12

## Snow Removal

Labor	10,099.40
Trucks	3,140.40
Other Trucks	1,700.50
Supplies	2,418.96
Parts	101.37

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 17,460.63

## Tractor Equipment

Dues	5.00
Maint. & Supplies	2,809.68
Traffic Lights	44.70
Radio Maint.	375.25
Gas & Oil	4,056.68
Equipment & Repairs	1,118.67

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 8,409.98

## Vacation &amp; Sick Leave

Balance Held—1968	123.75	123.75
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Vacation & Sick Leave	2,706.30	2,706.30
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Land Taking	262.00	262.00
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Dump Truck—Balance 1968	299.75	299.75
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TOTAL HIGHWAYS		\$112,778.27
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## PUBLIC WELFARE &amp; VETERANS SERVICES

Medical Aid: Federal	216.66	216.66
Veteran's Agent: Salary	250.00	250.00
Agents Expense		
Office Expense	74.42	74.42
Veterans Aid	1,750.52	1,750.52

TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE &  
VETERANS AID

\$2,291.60

## SCHOOLS &amp; LIBRARY

School Committee Salaries	375.00	375.00
School Balance Held—1968	1,211.10	1,211.10
School		

## ADMINISTRATION

School Committee	524.15
Supt. Office—Salary	8,708.86
Supt. Office—Expense	1,550.91

## INSTRUCTION

Supervision	17,649.80
Principals Office	16,034.32
Teaching Salaries	264,153.11
Supplies	7,838.68
Other Expense	538.25
Textbook Program	5,137.34
Library Services	4,697.76
Audio Visual	285.84
Guidance	3,276.70
Psychological Services	82.50
Educational Television	389.75

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Services	3,233.58
Transportation	41,866.57
Food Services	1,101.34
Student Body Activities	226.18

## OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE

Salaries	20,813.59
Supplies	1,853.74
Other Expense	176.72
Heating Buildings	6,687.95
Utilities	7,078.45
Maintenance	4,662.86
Fixed Charges	438.39
Community Services	1,862.84
Acq. of Fixed assets	4,466.81
Programs with others	7,408.79
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$432,745.78</b>

## HELD OVER BAL.

FOR LATE BILL	—4,065.09
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## REFUNDS

34.06

17.55

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\$428,732.30	\$428,732.30
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Teachers Dues	\$1,074.14	\$1,074.14
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Wachusett Regional Assessment	189,073.39	189,073.39
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## School Lunch

Salaries	13,079.96
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Food	17,627.52
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Supplies	1,350.89
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32,058.37

School Title III	397.54	397.54
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## LIBRARY

Librarian	3,740.00	3,740.00
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Other Compensation	3,429.85	3,429.85
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## Expense &amp; Operation

Petty Cash	50.00
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Office Expense & Supplies	309.98	
Tuition	121.00	
Travel	40.00	
Lights	159.08	
Fuel	373.57	
Telephone	124.38	
Water	20.00	
Maint. & Repair	412.69	
Books	2,094.05	
Binding	17.46	
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State Aid—		
Books	186.26	
Mower	99.95	286.21
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TOTAL SCHOOL & LIBRARY		\$664,100.11
ENTERPRISES		
Electric Light Department		
Payrolls	38,316.00	
Expense & Operation	224,541.48	
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Water Department		
Commissioners Salaries	225.00	225.00
Salaries		
Superintendent	1,800.00	
Clerk	300.00	
Labor	6,530.75	
Trucks	387.20	
Other Trucks	20.00	
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Exp. Bal. Held—1968	343.54	343.54

## Expense and Operation

Power	\$2,277.40	
Gas & Rental	156.70	
Chemicals	594.09	
Main. & Operation	1,145.47	
Office Expense	205.73	4,379.39

## Stock &amp; Supplies

Pipe	3,684.71	
Meters	1,797.00	5,481.71

Water Dept.—Phase I Study	1,110.86	1,110.86
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## Cemeteries

## Expense &amp; Operation

Office Supplies	2.37	
Pillars	750.00	
Supplies	19.28	
Trucks	136.40	
Labor	1,299.60	
Superintendent	156.00	2,363.65

TOTAL ENTERPRISES		\$285,799.58
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## RECREATION &amp; UNCLASSIFIED

Salary	6,344.26	6,344.26
Ut. Bldg. Bal Held—1968	158.34	158.34
Special Art. No. 25—Conduit	1,448.27	1,448.27
Special Art. No. 26 2-wheel tractor	1,250.00	1,250.00
Recreation Exp.—Bal. Held—1968	295.17	295.17
Recreation Expense	1,759.94	1,759.94
Closing of Savings Account	74.94	74.94
Equipment Balance Held	180.00	180.00
Equipment	420.85	420.85
Summer Program Bal. Held—1968	13.12	13.12
July Fourth	356.28	356.28
Printing Town Reports	1,273.00	1,273.00
Memorial Day	229.45	229.45
Insurance and Bonds	11,295.00	11,295.00
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	6,273.73	6,273.73

Town Clock Salary	60.00	60.00
Town Common	298.00	298.00
Conservation Fund Saving Acct.	\$1,008.00	\$1,008.00
Conservation Expense	202.05	202.05
Regional Planning Assessment	190.32	190.32
Certification of Notes	38.00	38.00

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TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED		\$33,168.72
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### INTEREST & MATURING DEBT

#### Maturing Notes and Bonds

School	65,000.00	
Fire Station	5,000.00	
Swimming Pool	5,000.00	
Police Station	3,000.00	
Dam & Spillway	5,000.00	
Water—Land Taking	5,000.00	88,000.00
Highway Loan—1968	26,175.00	26,175.00
Temporary Loans	400,000.00	400,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	8,492.79	8,492.79
Interest on Notes & Bonds	27,468.50	27,468.50

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Total Interest & Maturing Debts		\$550,136.29
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#### Refunds, Transfers, Agencies & Trusts

Personal Taxes—1969	4.00
Real Estate—1969	3,461.56
Real Estate—1968	316.22
Lily Case	148.00
M.V. 1969	3,092.49
M.V. 1968	1,391.60
Farm Excise 1968	37.50
Theft—Insurance Cash	24.00
E.L. Dept.—Guarantee Deposits	10.40
Spec. Grimley & Collins Acct.	150.00
Dogs to County	706.25
Federal Taxes withheld	66,889.82
Retirement	6,734.33

Blue Cross—Blue Shield	5,931.73
Employees Group Insurance	468.88
State Taxes	10,478.41
Teachers Annuities	200.00
Int. Rec'd by Treasurer	345.50
Cemetery P/C	690.00
Extra payment made in error Rec. in receipts now	190.00
Retirement Assessment	9,591.07
State Assessment System	114.24
State Park	3,853.44
Auditing	\$257.28
Cty. Tax 1969	22,949.84
M.V. Bills	346.05
T.B. Hospital	1,703.53
Hazel Gay—School Gift Fund	10.00
Check Adjustment—Treasurer	15.00

TOTAL REFUNDS, TRANSFERS,  
AGENCIES & TRUSTS

\$140,111.14

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$1,891,991.24

CASH DEC. 31, 1969

161,930.91

\$2,053,922.15



# **TOWN OF PAXTON** **BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1969**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$161,930.91	Payroll Deduction	
Prsonal Tax	2,252.29	Teachers' Annuities	\$40.00
Real Estate Tax	46,499.19	Guarantee Deposits	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	14,611.40	Planning Board	16,331.43
Farm Animal Excise Tax	116.85	Municipal Lt. Meter Dep.	284.59
Forest Law Land	293.59	Agency—County	
Tax Titles	178.48	Dog Licenses & Sold	25.50
Tax Title Possessions	442.56	Trust Fund Income	
State Aid to Highways		School—E. D. Bigelow	282.82
1969—Chap. 81	5,165.85	Hazel Gay—Stock Income	29.95
Chap. 90 Mt.	1,800.00	E. R. Richards Library Fund	13,055.45
Chap. 90 Const.	8,000.00	Library Income	5.20
1968—Chap. 90 Const.	9,000.00	State Aid	577.01
County Aid to Highways		Cemetery Income	1,400.22
1969—Chap. 90 Mt.	1,800.00	Reserve—General	
Chap. 90 Const.	4,000.00	Appropriation & Misc.	
1968—Chap. 90 Const.	4,500.00	Balances Held	47,807.51
Aid to Highway—1968	13,503.02	Municipal Lt. Depreciation	28,201.17
Aid to Highway—1969	20,765.85	Water Dept.—Special	50.00
Paxton Municipal Light Dept.	17,691.48	Non Revenue	
		Highway Machinery	9,146.80

Water Department	4,195.06
Liens	203.29
State Parks—1969	76.43
County Tax	625.67
Overdrafts—Overlay 1968	188.83
Snow	1,080.37
Miscellaneous	195.43
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	\$319,116.55

Street Easements	49.00
Highway Loan—Ant. Revenue	24,675.00
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	6,537.11
Overlays Reserved for abatement	12,673.01
Revenue Reserved	
Motor Vehicle Rev.	14,407.14
Tax Title Rev.	605.34
Forest Law Land Rev.	293.85
Farm Animal Rev.	116.85
Aid to Highway Rev.—1968	13,503.02
Aid to Highway Rev.—1969	20,765.85
Municipal Lt. Rev.	17,691.48
Water Dept. Rev.	4,398.35
Surplus Revenue	86,163.16
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	\$319,116.55

**NET FUNDED & FIXED DEBT**

<b>Loans</b>	<b>\$771,342.35</b>	
School		\$651,000.00
Land Taking (water)		27,000.00
Pumping Station		25,000.00
Dam & Spillway		15,000.00
Fire Station		43,000.00
Swimming Pool		
Grader		10,342.35
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	<b>\$771,342.35</b>	<b>\$771,342.35</b>

**TRUSTS & INVESTMENTS**

Trusts and Investments	<b>\$148,359.84</b>	
D. Russell Boynton		\$ 2,141.03
Edward Bigelow		1,000.00
Hazel Gay		100.00
George Bigelow Library		500.00
Richards Memorial Library		179.02
E. D. Bigelow Library		22,372.08
E. D. Bigelow V. Imp.		1,244.95
Cemetery P/C		34,513.70

**INVESTED FUNDS**

Post Way Rehab.	1,511.95
Stabilization	29,329.51

**TRUSTEES**

C. D. Boynton—General Purpose	\$ 9,364.79
Richards Library Fund	45,079.08
Conservation	1,023.73
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	<b>\$148,359.84</b>

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE,

Town Accountant

## REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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We are pleased to submit our 1969 Annual Report to the voters of Paxton. 1969 was an eventful and challenging year for the Paxton School System. Your Committee's responsibilities for attendance at the various School Committee meetings noted in our report of 1968 remain basically the same.

In August our Superintendent of Schools, Irving H. Agard, resigned to accept a similar position in Shrewsbury. We were fortunate to have him with us and appreciate his capable and dedicated effort for the school system. Paxton in cooperation with the other four towns of School Union 64 and the Wachusett Regional School District, after extensive recruiting, selected Dr. Edward P. Yaglou as Mr. Agard's successor. Dr. Yaglou has an excellent educational background, successful experience and enthusiasm for the position. He has a bachelor's degree in architecture and a master's and doctor's degree in educational administration from Harvard. Prior to accepting this position he was principal of a High School in New Haven, Connecticut.

Each year the Paxton School Committee faces the budget dilemma. There is always a need to keep the budget within realistic proportion and cope with expanding pupil enrollments, competitive salaries, increasing costs of educational materials, and cost increases in utilities such as fuel and electricity. Our 1970 budget recommendations have increased approximately 10 percent over 1969. Looking at today's inflation and budget increases reported in neighboring towns, suggests that this increase is quite modest and realistic. In addition to meeting the inflationary costs, it is quite necessary that we not delay or put off needed repairs and maintenance, for delay will generally mean greater expense in the long run.

Two members of the Committee actively participated in the preparing of the proposed K-12 Regional Agreement which is now finalized and has been submitted to the Wachusett Regional School District Committee for further action.

As of September of 1970 the responsibilities for transporting students in grades 9-12 are that of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee and will result in 100 percent state reimbursement. This will not, however, result in any major changes in the present transportation arrangements.

It is the desire of the Paxton School Committee to keep the voters of Paxton as fully informed as possible on all aspects of our educational endeavors. We meet at the Paxton Center School on the third Monday of each month and welcome your attendance.

We express our appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the staff and the support of the community in making possible an exemplary educational offering for the youth of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. HEIN, Chairman

ROBERT J. HALL, Secretary

FRED A. RUOFF

School Committee

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE  
TOWN of PAXTON



FOR THE  
Year Ending December 31, 1969

## PAXTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Robert W. Hein	Term Expires 1970
Robert J. Hall	Term Expires 1971
Fred A. Ruoff	Term Expires 1972

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Irving H. Agard, Jr.	Superintendent of Schools
Resigned as of August 31, 1969	
Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Edward R. O'Connor	Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Alice H. Sproule	Secretary
Mrs. Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting Secretary
Mrs. Isabel B. Muzzy	Accounting Secretary
Mrs. Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist
Mrs. Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting Secretary

### INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Charles F. McManus	Principal
Richard M. Lane	Assistant Principal
1 Mrs. Lois Kahn	VII-VIII
2 James D. Ross	VII-VIII
3 Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VII-VIII
4 Paul A. Zendzian	VII-VIII
5 John J. Koski	VII
6 Mrs. Stina B. Long	VI-VII
7 Mrs. Florence G. Morrissey	VI-VII-VIII
8 Richard E. Johnson	VI-VII
9 William H. Allen	V
10 Mrs. Mary M. Donahue	V
11 *Miss Judith Anne Hodgen	V
12 Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V



1) *Mrs. Margaret B. Ames	IV
14 Miss Sandra King	IV
15 *Mrs. Alice Tsourides	IV
16 *Mrs. Marlene F. Koslow	III
17 *Mrs. Claire T. Reavey	III
18 Mrs. Mary F. Williams	III
19 *Mrs. Marilyn A. Grout	II
20 Miss Janice E. Laperle	II
21 Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	II
22 *Mrs. Teresa M. Williamson	II
23 Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
24 *Mrs. Judith Martisaukas	I
25 Mrs. Nancy E. Oakes	I
26 Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
27 Mrs. Ruth B. Wentworth	Art
28 Mrs. Geraldine Collins	French
37 Mrs. Eileen L. Berman	Guidance
29 Mrs. Carol J. Richard	Home Economics
30 Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Art
31 Mr. Richard H. Bowden	Music
32 *Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson	Music
33 Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
33 Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
*Stephen D. Porcaro	Reading
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Reading
37 *Miss Rickey N. Yosko	Speech Therapy
*New Teachers	

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## SUPPORTING STAFF

Dr. Albert E. Hall	School Physician
Mrs. Joyce McEachern, R.N.	School Nurse
Mrs. Jennie A. Blavackas	School Secretary
Mrs. Beatrice Robinson	Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Madeline M. Rafferty	Library Clerk
Swan R. Anderson	Custodian
Julian E. MacDonnell	Custodian
Ambrose R. Tower	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Bus Contractor

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## PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1969

Year of Birth	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
	25	42	42	67	71	56*

\*49 Enrolled in Kindergartens

## ENROLLMENTS—OCTOBER 1, 1969

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	70	73	94	66	94	67	93	74	631

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
	57	75	54	60	246

School Union 64 enrollment by towns and the apportionment of costs for the 1970 Budget is as follows:

Town	October 1, 1969		Apportionment of Budget
	Membership	Percentages	
Holden	2,159	49.37	\$37,447.24
Paxton	637	14.57	11,946.49
Princeton	361	8.25	7,295.21
Rutland	483	11.05	9,349.04
Sterling	733	16.76	13,550.60
	4,373	100.00	\$79,588.58

## School Administration Annual Report

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As Superintendents of Schools we respectfully submit our 1969 Annual Report to the School Committee of Paxton.

Our report of 1968 explained in detail the organization of School Union 64 and the responsibilities of the Superintendents for the five towns. Therefore this year we include only the October 1, 1969 membership figures, Paxton's percentage and cost per pupil, and refer you to the previous page for this statistical information.

This past year we have been challenged with recruiting teachers, cooperative study and in-service training, providing sound maintenance and improvement programs, and routine supervision of the daily program.

Changes in our teaching staff in 1969 numbered ten. Of the ten new teachers employed, five had teaching experience. A rigorous recruiting program was carried on. We visited colleges and universities including University of Maine, Bates College, University of Vermont, University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, Lowell State College, Framingham State College, Boston College, and Boston University. Following campus visits, prospective candidates were invited to visit the Paxton School System.

Curriculum study, revision, change and improvement is a constant requirement. To be effective, study revision and change must be a cooperative effort of the teaching staff and the Administration. With the encouragement and support of the School Committee our cooperative efforts this past year have been successful. Our curriculum study work this past year concentrated in the area of social studies, english and linguistics, mathematics, physical education and industrial arts. The studies were culminated with up-to-date printed

curriculum guides ready for the teachers who helped plan them. In addition to curriculum study, revision, etc., we must also be involved in constant and continual in-service training. A number of our teachers completed a successful in-service training program in linguistics and social studies conducted at Anna Maria College.

In September 1969 speech therapy was introduced for the first time with a qualified speech therapist visiting the Paxton Schools 1½ days per week. Under a federally funded program, sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District, students are receiving help in the area of perceptual motor development.

For the first time students from Paxton attended the Title I summer program referred to as ROSE (Remedial Opportunity School Endeavor). This six-week summer session is held at the Dawson School in Holden. We look forward to continuing this successful program.

Approximately 500 library books were purchased with Title II Federal funds, and \$800.00 worth of science, geography and reading teaching aids. The non-graded primary program after one year of operation suggests success and continuation.

We were able to provide needed additional library space by converting an existing large classroom to a library and changing the library into a standard classroom. This was accomplished by our own maintenance staff at a minimum of expense.

We can point to an exemplary maintenance and building improvement program and commend the head custodian and his staff for their untiring efforts.

The cafeteria program continues to be an efficient operation. It is interesting to note that this is the only cafeteria operation in School Union 64 that receives no subsidy from

the School Committee budget other than for purchase of major equipment items.

The increasing labor costs and skyrocketing food prices may require a cost of lunch increase in the future.

Our goals for 1970 include the following:

- curriculum study in the areas of science, health, conservation education and spelling;
- continued in-service training programs for the staff and a new orientation program for beginning teachers;
- continuation of the ROSE summer program;
- providing additional instruction time in industrial arts, home economics, and girls' physical education;
- installation of fluorescent lighting in the 1963 addition providing more candle power at a lesser cost, surface and improvements to the bituminous play and parking areas.

We acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated efforts of the School Committee and staff and the teamwork which they have demonstrated.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOW,  
Superintendent

WILLIAM F. CAREY,  
Assistant Superintendent

EDWARD R. O'CONNOR,  
Assistant Superintendent

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