

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE

## **Town Officers**

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## **Town of Paxton**

Massachusetts



FOR THE

***Year Ending December 31, 1970***

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## **TOWN OFFICERS for 1970**

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### **Moderator**

**J. ARDEN WOODALL**

### **Town Clerk**

**GEORGE L. McGOVERN**

### **Treasurer**

**DAVID P. FITZPATRICK**

### **Town Collector**

**FREDERICK T. WARPULA**

### **Constables**

**WILLIAM O. WYLIE**

**HAROLD J. MULLANEY**

### **Tree Warden**

**CURTIS J. LANCIANI**

### **Selectmen**

**HERBERT M. VARNUM**

**Term Expires 1971**

**HOWARD W. MOORE**

**Term Expires 1972**

**RONALD E. JOHNSON**

**Term Expires 1973**

### **Assessors**

**RICHARD G. BEDARD**

**Term Expires 1971**

**CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE**

**Term Expires 1972**

**ERNEST C. SPRAGUE**

**Term Expires 1973**

### **School Committee**

**ROBERT J. HALL**

**Term Expires 1971**

**FRED A. RUOFF**

**Term Expires 1972**

**KATHERINE S. JACOBS**

**Term Expires 1973**

**Municipal Light Board**

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1971
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1972
WILLIAM E. ISHAM	Term Expires 1973

**Cemetery Commission**

VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL	Term Expires 1971
FRED A. RUOFF	Term Expires 1972
CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1973

**Water Board**

NORMAN H. OSGOOD	Term Expires 1971
FREDERICK G. ANTELL	Term Expires 1972
DONALD L. MONTAGUE	Term Expires 1973

**Library Trustees**

CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN	Term Expires 1971
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1971
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1972
HELEN L. RIDDLE	Term Expires 1972
ELIZABETH O. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1973
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1973

**Planning Board**

GERALD K. LOWE	Term Expires 1971
BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1972
WILLIAM M. FOLEY	Term Expires 1973
ROBERT F. PERRY	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1975

**Board of Health**

FRANKLIN LANG, JR.	Term Expires 1971
THOMAS P. LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1972
KIRBY C. KIRKLAND (Resigned)	Term Expires 1973



**Recreation**

DAVID K. BEACH, JR.	Term Expires 1971
JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1972
ROBERT L. RUSSELL	Term Expires 1973
SHIRLEY ANN LANCIANI	Term Expires 1974
ALAN M. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1975

**Wachusett Regional School Committee**

FREDERICK J. DUNN	Term Expires 1972
ROGER E. VARNUM	Term Expires 1973

**Finance Board**

HAROLD S. SACHS	Term Expires 1971
MALCOLM T. KLEINKNECHT	Term Expires 1971
JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1971
CHARLES F. BRADY	Term Expires 1972
DONALD C. DAY	Term Expires 1972
ALBERT A. GORDON, III	Term Expires 1972
WILLIAM L. LAWLER	Term Expires 1973
LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR.	Term Expires 1973
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1973

**Capital Outlay Committee****Appointed by the Selectmen**

JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1971
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1971
WILLIAM L. LAWLER	Term Expires 1971
GERALD K. LOWE	Term Expires 1971

**Appointed by Moderator**

ELIZABETH RICHARDS	Term Expires 1971
FRANK H. MICKEL	Term Expires 1972
DEANE O. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1973

**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**

FRANK URBANOVITCH

**Public Health Nurse**

E. JACALYN PIERCE

**Burial Agent**

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

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

TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS	Term Expires 1971
JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR.	Term Expires 1972
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1973
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT F. DILLMAN	Term Expires 1975
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST	Alternate
R. RAY SUMMA	Alternate

**Care of Clock**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

**Dog Officer**

RAYMOND F. KIRWIN

**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**

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING

FRED E. WATSON, Assistant

**Building Board of Appeals**

ALVAH W. TRACY

Term Expires 1971

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1972

ROBERT S. BODYCOTT

Term Expires 1973

DAVID S. LUDDEN, 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**

DANIEL F. CRONIN	Term Expires 1971
ROBERTA A. NICHOLSON	Term Expires 1972
VIOLA C. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1973

**Town Counsel**

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL

**Town Accountant**

YVONNE B. KARLE	Term Expires 1973
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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. KNIPE	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
JESSE E. MILLS—Road Construction
HILTON CUNNINGHAM—Town Recreation Program
LINCOLN WILDING
Special Police & School Crossing Guard

**Civil Defense**

ROBERT S. HANSSON—Director  
 GERARD A. BERNIER—Assistant Director

**Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden**

LESLIE E. ROBINSON  
 Veteran's Graves Officer  
 DONALD G. WYMAN

**Conservation Commission**

ROBERT FOWLER	Term Expires 1971
SUSAN P. CORCORAN	Term Expires 1971
IDA M. FRAIOLI	Term Expires 1971
ROBERT M. PAULSON	Term Expires 1972
CHESTER L. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1972
HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1973
JANICE MORAN	Term Expires 1973

**Group Insurance Advisory Committee**

FLORENCE G. MORRISSEY CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE  
 ROBERT S. HANSSON CURTIS J. LANCIANI  
 VIOLA C. PRENTICE

**School Needs Study Committee**

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
VIOLA C. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1973

**School Planning & Building Committee**

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



**Agents for License Commissioners**

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

HAROLD F. MULLANEY

**Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission**

BETTY PETERSON

ROBERT L. PRICE—Alternate

**Advisory Committee for Master Plan**

RICHARD G. CONNELL (Chairman)

1 Squantum Road

HERBERT M. VARNUM (Board of Selectmen)

50 Richards Avenue

LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR. (Finance Committee)

495 Richards Avenue

ROBERT S. HANSSON (Superintendent of Streets)

166 Richards Avenue

FRED A. RUOFF (School Committee)

5 Mount View Drive

ROBERT FOWLER (Conservation Commission)

6 Squantum Road

ROBERT L. PRICE (Planning Board)

**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

**Personnel Advisory Board**

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.      ALBERT A. GORDON, III  
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK      CLIFFORD S. DUXBURY, JR.  
RICHARD G. CONNELL

**Regional School District Planning Committee**

**(Committee's Work Completed in 1970)**

ROGER E. VARNUM  
ROBERT J. HALL  
FRED A. RUOFF

## REPORT of the TOWN CLERK

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### Vital Statistics

#### BIRTHS

##### January

- 13 Roberto Pablo Sole, son to Roberto M. and Susana C. Sole.

##### February

- 15 Lisa Ann Gerdes, daughter to Fred M. and Rena E. Gerdes.

##### March

- 9 Dale Ann Frye, daughter to William H. and Cynthia A. Frye.
- 18 John Joseph O'Day, IV, son to John J. and Sharon M. O'Day.

##### April

- 10 Kelly Sue Davis, daughter to Bradford L. and Marcia M. Davis.
- 13 Sara Mary Sjosten, daughter to David A. and Arlene M. Sjosten.
- 22 Jonathan Peter Haddad, son to Douglas E. and Sheila S. Haddad.
- 25 Suzanne Christine Webb, daughter to Maurice E. and Diana J. Webb.

**May**

- 5 Betsey Carlton, daughter to Roger E. and Martha C. Varnum.
- 12 Cheryl Nancy, daughter to Walter E. and Marcia A. Priestley.
- 18 James George, son to George N. and Vaia G. Ellis.
- 20 Jennifer Susan Lier, daughter to Lester Alvin and Nancy A. Lier, Jr.
- 21 Kimberly Ann, daughter to John J. and Annette T. McKiernan.
- 23 David Emery, son to John E. and Catharine E. Hodgson.

**June**

- 10 Emily, daughter to Stephen E. and Pamela Hair.
- 11 Amy Rebecca, daughter to Charles F. and Patricia M. Luyrink.
- 13 James Richard, son to Donald J. and Janice E. Morrow.
- 19 Robyn Mary, daughter to Frederick G. and Carol J. Goodrich.

**July**

- 3 Patrick Luke, son to Patrick R. and June A. Bessette.
- 12 Angela Lynn, daughter to James A. and Susan K. Lashbrook, Jr.
- 20 Timothy Henry, son to David P. and Sharon M. Fitzpatrick.
- 20 Sarah Mary, daughter to Lewis P. and Colleen M. James.
- 25 Brian Patrick, son to William P. and Marie E. Lawler.
- 31 Matthew Roger, son to Richard L. and Joan E. Connors.

**August**

- 4 John Robert Hansson, son to Robert S. and Nancy A. Hansson.
- 7 Charles Joseph, son to Clifford J. and Carroll H. Audette.
- 11 Shelley Kay, daughter to Leonard W. and Jeannette C. Hicks.
- 12 John David, son to Curtis J. and Shirleyann W. Lanciani.
- 18 Heather Ann, daughter to Robert W. and Janet Mary Thompson.
- 24 Karl Alexander, son to Frans H. and Patricia L. Soderlund.

**September**

- 7 Susan Mildred Oatley, daughter to Ralph E. and Mary E. Oatley.
- 21 Jeffrey Paul Cooney, son to Paul L. and Susan P. Cooney.
- 26 Kerry Michael Forhan, son to Michael F. and Cynthia B. Forhan.
- 30 Carrie Ann Hayward, daughter to Bryan and Juanita M. Hayward.

**October**

- 6 Scott Matthew Urbanovitch, son to Louis A. and Sally C. Urbanovitch.
- 7 Bradford Eliot McDougale, son to Jack C. and Ann H. McDougale.
- 20 Katherine Irene Niemela, daughter to John J. and Jane E. Niemela.



## MARRIAGES

## January

- 24 Albert V. Iandoli, Jr. of Paxton to Doris L. Chase of Westboro.

## March

- 14 Stephen P. Downer of Paxton to Linda C. Carlson of Worcester.  
18 David Leavitt Taylor of Belmont to Linda May DuPaul of Paxton.

## April

- 17 Robert Alexander of Leicester to Donna Urbanovitch of Paxton.  
24 Samuel N. Knipe of Paxton to Patricia L. Langevin of Spencer.

## May

- 9 Walter Joseph Miska of Portsmouth, R.I. to Linda Anne Piucci of Paxton.  
9 Anthony Paul Sinkewich of Paxton to Nancy Lois Love of Paxton.  
23 John R. Locke of Holden to Maureen A. Maher of Paxton.

## June

- 6 Lawrence A. Tomasino of Paxton to Joan M. Goldfarb of Worcester.  
13 Dennis Michael Burt of Leicester to Janice Irene Brunell of Paxton.  
14 George C. Fotiadis of Leicester to Vanna C. Giannopoulou of Paxton.

- 20 Laurence Raymond Newell, Jr. of Holden to Joyce Frances Wright of Paxton.
- 20 Robert Frank Hart of Acton to Alice Frances Jacobs of Paxton.
- 20 Robert C. Toth of Fairfield, Conn. to Carol A. Albro of Paxton.
- 27 Stanley H. Cooper, Jr. of Paxton to Gail M. Belanger of North Grafton.
- 27 William Joseph Woodis of North Brookfield, Mass. and Paula Ann Ahearn of Paxton.
- 29 Harold J. Lotz of Paxton and Anne Porcella of Holden.

### July

- 19 John P. Mundy of Shrewsbury and Cynthia R. Emond of Paxton.
- 24 Richard J. Lee, Jr. of East Brookfield and Janet M. Babbitt of Paxton.
- 25 Walter T. McVeigh of Paterson, N.J. and Helen M. Boschert of Paxton.

### August

- 1 Kenneth T. Arslan, Jr. of West Boylston and Kathryn L. Zimmer of Paxton.
- 8 Peter John McGovern of Paxton and Judith Ann Dubrey of Leicester.
- 8 Joseph C. Backus, Jr. of Paxton and Joanne S. Fowler of Paxton.
- 15 Paul John Blavackas of Paxton and Ilona Elizabeth Tucker of Rutland.
- 29 John Knox Wooten, III of New Mexico and Martha Jean Sebring of Paxton.

### September

No marriages.

**October**

- 10 Robert Edward Smith of Paxton and Jacqueline Laur-  
ette Turcotte of Sterling.

**November**

- 5 Robert D. Pierce of Worcester and Jody Church of  
Paxton.  
21 Philip M. Butland of Paxton and Patricia Sances of So.  
Boston.  
28 Philip L. Berkeley of Shrewsbury and Susan F. McTighe  
of Paxton.

**DEATHS****January**

- 12 Louis Hamblin 76 years  
24 John V. Annala 84 years

**February**

- 5 Esther R. Pierce 73 years  
19 Francis P. Donnelly 82 years  
21 Margaret Frye 70 years  
23 Robert Frye 79 years

**March**

- 31 LeRoy T. Clockedile 65 years

**June**

- 17 Francis J. Collins 62 years  
17 William Haynes Frye 41 years

**July**

- 2 Emma G. Belisle 86 years  
3 John M. Jarzinski 54 years  
24 Karen Lupien 3 years  
28 Doris C. Mullaney 69 years

**August**

8	Clara M. Wentworth	93 years
25	Anne Ogden	90 years

**September**

14	Olive Neill Rossier	78 years
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**October**

6	May E. Gilligan	88 years
11	Helen Gianopoulos	70 years
18	Frank S. Ranta	86 years
18	Walter Goodney	72 years
28	Catherine B. Corcoran	79 years
28	Amanda Shedd Lombard	87 years

**November**

28	Richard A. Edmond	50 years
30	Eva S. (Pekkarinne) O'Janne	85 years

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**Dog Licenses Issued**

Male	159	
Female	30	
Spayed Female	112	
\$10 Kennel	4	
\$25 Kennel	2	
\$50 Kennel	1	
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Total Licenses issued	308	
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$745.25

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**Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued**

Total number of licenses issued	382	
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$2,054.50

## REPORT of ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Held March 2, 1970

The business meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. 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 666.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator	J. Arden Woodall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Treasurer	Richard G. Connell
Town Collector	Frederick T. Warpula
Contables	Harold J. Mullaney
Contables	William O. Wylie
Tree Warden	Curtis J. Lanciani
Selectman	Ronald E. Johnson
Assessor	Ernest C. Sprague
School Committee	Katherine S. Jacobs
Municipal Light Board	Thomas F. Cummings
Municipal Light Board	William E. Isham
Cemetery Commission	Caroline L. Isham
Water Board	Donald L. Montague
Library Trustee	G. Donald Fenton
Library Trustee	O. Frank Burbank
Library Trustee	Elizabeth O. Cunningham
Planning Board	William M. Foley
Planning Board	Robert L. Price
Board of Health	Kirby C. Kirkland
Recreation	Robert L. Russell



Recreation  
Recreation  
Wachusett Reg. High

Shirley Ann Lanciani  
Alan M. Wentworth  
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.

Budget items No. 101 through 999 as they appeared in the Warrant under Article 2 were voted with the exception of the following:

Item No. 194—Recom. \$3,300—Voted \$3,500

Item No. 323—Recom. \$100—Voted \$400

Item No. 374—Recom. \$1,000—Voted \$2,000

Item No. 382—Recom. \$600—Voted \$750

Item No. 383—Recom. \$150—Voted 0

Item No. 956—Recommend \$\$7,500—Voted \$7,500  
(\$6,500 from overlay surplus \$1,000 from Taxation).

Voted Unanimous.

Article 3. It was voted articles 3 through 13 and 38 through 45 be taken up collectively.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 3. Voted to arise and appropriate a sum of money (see Budget Item 834) to pay charges for bonds required of Town Officials.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 4. Voted the Town authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the 18 month

fiscal period beginning January 1, 1970 and ending June 30, 1971.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 5. Voted the Town appoint the American Legion to have charge of Memorial Day.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 6. Voted the Town appoint a committee to have charge of July 4th.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 7. Voted the Town appropriate money received from Dog Fund to the Library.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 8. Voted the Town transfer the money received from State for Library use to the Library account.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 9. Voted the Town vote that the money voted for street lights and income from sales of electricity be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Board under direction and control of Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant.

Voted unanimous.

Article 10. Voted the Town provide vacation and sick leave pay for Town employees. (Highway and Water Departments).

Voted unanimous.

Article 11. Voted the Town transfer the sum of \$9,146.80 from Highway Machine Rentals Fund to Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Voted unanimous.

Article 12. Voted the Town cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate sum of \$3,300 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81, and \$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.

Voted unanimous.

Article 13. Voted the Town cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate sum of \$1,800 to cover the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90, and the sum \$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.

Voted unanimous.

Article 14. Voted 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 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.

Voted unanimous.

Article 15. Voted the Town transfer the amount requested for the Water Dept. Budget from Surplus to the Water Dept. Acct.

Voted this article to be passed over. Unanimous vote.

Article 16. Voted the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to purchase a radar system for the police dept.

Voted Unanimous.

Article 17. Voted the Town raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the purchase of a backhoe loader.

Voted unanimous.

Article 18. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,330 for the purchase of pickup truck for the Highway Dept.

Voted unanimous.

Article 19. Voted the Town accept the sum of \$4,-380.04 to be received from the State under Chapter 616, to finish reconstruction of Streeter Road.

Voted unanimous.

Article 20. Voted the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to commence a repaving program.

Voted unanimous.

Article 21. Voted the Town accept the sum of \$2,-190.02 to be received from the State under Chapter 768, said money to be used for blacktopping Chapter 90 roads.

Voted unanimous.

Article 22. Voted the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to purchase forestry hose for the Fire Dept.

Voted unanimous.

Article 23. Voted the Town raise and appropriate sum of \$1,000 to purchase portable electric generating equipment for the Fire Dept.

Voted unanimous.

Article 24. Voted that the Town amend Article 17 at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 5, 1962.

Voted unanimous.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to the Conservation Fund.

Voted unanimous. (2/3 vote)

Article 26. Voted that the Town authorize the Conservation Commission to spend the sum of \$9,000 from the Conservation Fund as payment for land owned by Clarkson-Griffin Realty Corp.

Voted unanimous.

Article 27. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$820 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Recreation Account No. 774 (Expense).

Voted unanimous.

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to level, resurface, etc. to make basketball court suitable for tennis.

Motion lost.

Article 29. Voted the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to repair and reseal a portion of the pool surface.

Voted unanimous.

Article 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to fence in the Town pool and picnic area.

Motion lost.

Article 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used as a special maintenance fund for the Recreation Commission.

Passed over.

Article 32. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for extending the water main from the end of the present line on Suomi Street to Marshall Street.

Voted unanimous.



Article 33. Voted the Town transfer from available funds a sum of money, when received, to the Dutch Elm Disease Account, etc.

Voted unanimous.

Article 34. Voted the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Advisory Personnel Review Board.

Voted unanimous.

Article 35. Voted the Town name the Paxton swimming pool as "Herbert F. Wentworth Memorial Pool."

Voted unanimous.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to purchase a parcel of land on West St.

Voted to table this article. Unanimous vote.

Article 37. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be expended by the Municipal Light Commissioners for the purpose of constructing a building to house the Municipal Light Dept. on land presently owned by the Town located on Holden Road, and to borrow said sum under Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Voted unanimous.

Article 38. Voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on January 29, 1970, of Jefferson Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 39. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to purchase an easement for public way purposes in Jefferson Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 40. Voted that Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for \$1.00 easement for Jefferson Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 41. Voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on January 29, 1970, of William Allen Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 42. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to purchase an easement for public way purposes in William Allen Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 43. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for \$1.00, easement for William Allen Drive.

Voted unanimous.

Article 44. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,759.47 and authorize the Treasurer to refund said amount to the Highway Dept. Snow Removal Account for the year 1969 to cover overdraft.

Voted unanimous.

Article 45. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$96.10 and authorize the Treasurer to refund said amount to the Police Dept. Patrolling Account for the year 1969 to cover the overdraft.

Voted unanimous.

Article 46. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

Voted unanimous.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

Voted to pass over this article.

Attest:

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

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## Report of Special Town Meeting

Held April 30, 1970

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The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum was present.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 appropriate the sum of \$1500 to be raised by taxation in connection with the vote passed under Article 37 at the 1970 Annual Meeting for the purpose of planning, construction, equipping and landscaping a building to house the Municipal Light Department.

Motion carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV of the zoning bylaws, as follows:

- (a) In paragraph 2, F, by deleting the words, "with no service yard or garage;"

- (b) In paragraph 2, H, 5, insert, "or municipal," before the word "vehicles";

or act in any way thereon.

Paragraph (a) In favor 77—opposed 77 (2/3 vote) Motion lost.

Paragraph (b) Moved and seconded to pass over this paragraph—unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town amend Section VII, I, C, 1, of the zoning bylaws by striking out the third paragraph containing four lines.

In favor 94—opposed 8. (2/3 vote) Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

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## Report of Special Town Meeting

Held July 21, 1970

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The meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum present.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Trustees of Anna Maria College with respect to the repair or reconstruction of Sunset Lane.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town accept from the Trustees of Anna Maria College a gift of materials and such amount of money as may be necessary to meet expenses, including but not limited to the payroll of Town employees, for the repair or reconstruction of Sunset Lane for its length, running westerly from Grove Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds from the Treasury a sum of \$4,500 which may be necessary to meet expenses, including but not limited to the payroll of Town employees for the repair or reconstruction of Sunset Lane for its length, running westerly from Grove Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town will cooperate with the State and transfer from available funds the sum of \$100 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$275 be transferred from 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 5. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of street repairs.

Unanimous vote.

Article 6. Voted to pass over article. No action taken. (Purchase of land from Arnold H. Klingele).

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of \$3,200 for a study

to determine the most logical and economic source of additional water supply for Paxton.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town accept from the Paxton Thrift Shop a sum of \$300 to be utilized by the Recreation Commission for purposed including, but not limited to, a nature training program.

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of \$300 to be utilized by the Recreation Commission for purposes including, but not limited to, a nature training program.

Unanimous vote.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$300 to divert the spring presently piped into the Paxton swimming pool.

Unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

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## LIST of JURORS

Name	Address
Mary J. Barry	5 Orchard Drive
Vivian A. Belisle	24 Asnebumskit Road
Ladislav H. Berka	Walbridge Road
Robert S. Bodycott	9 Birchwood Road

Laina A. Brannlund	51 Suomi Street
Edith F. Calhane	139 Grove Street
Joseph P. Cancelmo, Jr.	286 Grove Street
Janice F. Capen	22 Cutler Road
Ronald A. Carlson	28 Crystal Street
Suzanne P. Day	112 Richards Avenue
Walter J. Fessenden	444 Marshall Street
Harold H. Flint	21 Spring Drive
Grace E. Fowler	6 Squantum Road
Augustin R. Gagnon	16 Grove Street
Adele K. George	6 Berkshire Drive
John Groden	Eagle Circle
Robert R. Herron	16 Tanglewood Road
Thelma G. Heselbarth	5 Ashwood Road
Alfreda T. Kelley	640 Pleasant Street
Edna F. Kennen	242 Pleasant Street
George A. Knipe	8 Crystal Street
Lorenzo R. Laliberte	13 Orchard Drive
Richard E. Landers	135 Pleasant Street
Raymond O. Leadbetter	12 Whitney Drive
Lois M. Love	72 Richards Avenue
David S. Ludden	285 Grove Street
Mary Mickel	7 Berkshire Drive
Walter V. W. Pike	674 Pleasant Street
Lloyd H. Pitcher	16 Maple Avenue
Juliette A. Piucci	397 Pleasant Street
Edna L. Primeau	7 Crestwood Road
Frank Ranta	222 Grove Street
Donald M. Rossier	50 Maple Street
George F. Sheckleton	559 Pleasant Street
Doris E. Soderman	Mower Street
Elizabeth A. Sprague	12 Crestwood Road
Lora M. Taylor	72 Grove Street
Alan M. Wentworth	36 Highland Street

## REPORT of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### Report for Year Ending December 31, 1970

A primary objective of the Select Board in 1970 was to provide the Town municipal services of a scope and quality desired by the residents and at a reasonable and acceptable cost to the taxpayer. Secondary related objectives included following closely the adherence on the part of local builders and operators to the various regulations and ordinances of the Town and seeing that ordinances on unregistered vehicles and unauthorized commercial operations were policed. These objectives were all pursued with a watchful and wary eye on the tax consequences and, at the same time, a desire to upgrade the quality of Town services and the appearance of the Town in line with Paxton's continuing emergence as a growing, desirable, residential community.

Another primary objective was to have Town positions filled by competent personnel compensated at fair rates, which is increasingly important to a growing Paxton, and the Select Board continued its efforts toward that end in 1970. A major step was taken in the organizing of a Town Personnel Advisory Board to study and recommend compensation levels and policies for all individuals—other than school personnel—paid by the Town. This important job was launched by this Board, whose members are donating their services, and the initial recommendations received. Much work is done for Paxton by boards and committees whose members virtually donate their time. At present, in the Select Board's opinion, one of its most important roles is the recruiting of qualified residents to serve the Town in these capacities and this continued to be so in 1970.

During the year, attention was paid by the Selectmen to the fiscal matters of the Town in the form of encouraging



the pursuit of tax and permit collections, the close controlling of Town borrowing, the investment of excess funds when available, and the monitoring of performance against budget of the various Town departments.

Although it was not so understood by the Board of Appeals when this Board permitted the establishment of the Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton in 1961, this cemetery corporation is exempt from property taxation under state law. As the cemetery's general manager had on several occasions expressed to the Selectmen his regret that the law prohibited the cemetery from paying taxes to the Town, the Selectmen determined through counsel that the Town could accept from the cemetery a contribution in lieu of taxes and asked the cemetery to make such a contribution—a contribution calculated as if the property were assessed in the normal fashion. The President of the cemetery's Board of Directors replied in January 1971 that the current low level of general economic conditions makes such a contribution not feasible at this time. When indicators signal a more normal level of economic activity, the cemetery will be contacted again on this matter.

The working relationship with the various Town departments and boards, especially the extremely important Finance Committee, was harmonious and effective although, in our opinion, there is very fertile ground for improvement in the coordination of the activities of these groups.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT M. VARNUM, Chmn.

HOWARD W. MOORE, Clerk

RONALD E. JOHNSON

Board of Selectmen

## REPORT of the BOARD of ASSESSORS

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During January 1970 the Assessors visited about 150 properties of changed status due to new or completed construction, alterations or additions to existing buildings or improvements of the area. Valuations were adjusted equitably for a level of full-market value of January 1, 1969. The increase of real estate valuations amounted to around \$990,000 bringing the total to a new level of \$26,124,038.00.

The 1970 Annual Town Meeting approved appropriations in the amount of \$1,154,033.57 which represented an increase of 18 percent over the previous year. Due to an increase in State aid, we were able to set the tax rate with a comparatively moderate increase of 6.6 percent at \$28.50/M.

Looking ahead to 1971, we note a smaller increase in additional real estate valuation due to less building activity. There were only 13 applications for building permits of new homes this year as compared to 22 in 1969. As of end of January 1971, we estimate an increased tax base of about \$800,000 after our nearly completed visits to about 110 changed properties.

We express serious concern regarding rising expenditures for our limited tax base and the increasing financial burden for Paxton's home owners. Besides close scrutiny of all local programs, there is a need for greater State aid and we urge your attention to pending tax legislation and measures to alleviate the load of real estate taxes.

During the past year this Office processed 2,594 motor vehicle excise bills and 363 excise abatements.

Twenty-three applications for abatements of the elderly were approved under Clause 41. Also, we approved 63 abatements for veterans under Clause 22. There were 13 other statutory exemptions. The total of these amounted to \$12,675.17 in taxes.

The Board approved 18 applications for real estate abatements amounting to \$1,764.56.

The valuations of properties exempt from taxation are as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$187,990.
City of Worcester (Parkland)	31,070.
Town of Paxton	1,498,775.
Private Cemeteries	87,200.
Private Schools	4,406,635.
Other charitable organizations (Churches, Boy Scouts, YMCA, American Legion)	372,540.

Total Value of Exempt Properties	<u>\$6,584,210.</u>
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The valuations of reservoir land owned by the City of Worcester and Town of Leicester were increased to a level of tax receipts equal to the amount received before 1969 re-valuation. State statute protects them from full-market valuations and they are presently taxed at about 45 percent of full value.

We continue to receive copies of deeds of all real estate transfers and all changes are posted on our records. Maps are verified against all land descriptions and our up-to-date plans are of help to other Town departments.

In November 1970, this office initiated the plan of data processing for the issuance of tax bills. Their earlier receipt would be in the interests of taxpayers and Town government alike. We hope that the Annual Town Meeting will approve this proposal.

The Assessors met 118 times during last year. We continue to be available evenings by appointment as well as during the scheduled session on the first Monday of each month.

## 1970 RECAPITULATION

**Valuations**

Assessed Personal Property	\$305,780.00
Assessed Real Estate	26,124,038.00
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Total	\$26,429,818.00

**Expenditures**

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$1,154,033.57
Approp's to be taken from available funds	16,559.33
Offsets	6,228.71
Retirement	11,839.01
State Tax and Assessments	8,089.71
County Tax and Assessments	28,665.44
Overlay	30,000.00
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$1,255,415.77

**Less Estimated Receipts and Available Funds**

Estimated receipts from Local Aid & Agency Fund	\$348,988.10
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	92,569.71
Public Service Enterprise, Water Department	32,358.53
Others	11,687.06
Available Funds	16,559.33
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Total of Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$502,162.73
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation of property	\$753,253.04
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Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE,

Chairman

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

RICHARD G. BEDARD

## REPORT of the BOARD of HEALTH

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The Board of Health has appointed Frank A. Urbano-vitch as Inspector of Animals. The new State of Massachusetts law requires the Animal Inspector to inspect all cattle, sheep, swine, horses and goats and a thorough inspection of the premises where such animals are kept. If inspection is approved, said owner of above animals will receive a certificate from the Board of Health at a charge of \$5.00.

State Law requires the reporting of all communicable diseases to the Board of Health.

A rabies clinic for dogs was held last spring, according to State Law and your Board anticipates having another clinic this spring for dogs not previously vaccinated.

The following Clinics were held.

PreSchool		School
German measles	113	354
Flu		30 (teachers)
Reg. measles	53	1
Vaccination	1	
Tine Test		60
Mumps Vaccine	65	

The Board regrets the resignation of Dr. Kirby Kirkland and we thank him for his loyal services.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN LANG, JR.

THOMAS LAVIGNE, Chairman

## REPORT of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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The Cemetery Commissioners have asked for an appropriation of \$500.00 for 1971. If received, it will be applied to site preparation in anticipation of opening a new section of Moreland Cemetery.

Our appropriation for 1970 was \$150.00. This was expended for street markers. The cost was \$159.23—the \$9.23 was expended from Interest Income.

In the coming years we plan to continue our fence project and improve the general appearance of both Center and Moreland Cemeteries. The funds for this maintenance will be expended from Cemetery Interest Income plus appropriations if necessary.

Cemetery lots are available in Moreland to town residents. For further information, call the Town Hall, 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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## REPORT of the SANITARY ENGINEER

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The year 1970 saw several significant developments in the field of Environmental Health. Progress dictated most of the action that was taken. From a standpoint of pollution great strides were taken to alleviate pollution problems in areas tributary to water supplies.

An accumulative total of 91 calls were made concerning environmental matters; these ranged from a general nuisance complaint to an alleged food-borne outbreak involving 200 persons which ultimately required 81 case histories to be taken; nothing proved positive and the cases were ultimately dropped. A statistical summary of events follows:

Complaints directly	31
Percolation Tests	47
Deep Hole Observation Tests	17
Examinations of new systems	26
Re-examinations	11
Food Service Examinations	18
Examinations Chemical & Bacteriological of waters (wells, streams, bathing)	52
Examinations for malfunctioning sewage disposal systems	36
Re-examinations	21

The Board has confidently faced the problems concerned with solid waste disposal and will present a permanent solution to the problem in the coming year through municipally operated sanitary landfill.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. REILLY

## Report of the ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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In 1970, the Zoning Board of Appeals held one public hearing and granted one Conditional Special Permit.

A set of revised rules and procedures to be followed by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its public hearings and executive sessions was approved by the Board in October 1970 and filed with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR., Chmn.  
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS, Clerk  
ROBERT F. DILLMAN  
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST  
TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS  
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST  
R. RAY SUMMA

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## REPORT of the INSECT PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT and TREE WARDEN

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I am pleased to present my third annual report of the Tree and Insect Control Department.

The 1970 Tree appropriations were used mainly to remove the damaged material left behind by last year's severe ice storm. The Tree Department chipped over two hundred loads of limbs left in the roads and on lawns in Town. Most of the chips were used by the Highway Department for its



various road projects. The Department did give chips to those people who requested them.

I would like to thank the Light Department and the Road Department for all the assistance given by their employees, and also for the use of their equipment. The Light Department's new chipper saved the Town a great deal of money on this project.

In 1971, I hope to continue planting to replace the trees that have been removed for one reason or another.

I submit the following financial report for your review:

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Moth Control	\$200.00	
Trees	2,000.00	
Dutch Elm	1,200.00	
State Reimbursement	87.91	
1969 Surplus	128.37	
		\$3,616.28

#### EXPENDITURES

##### MOTH CONTROL

Labor	\$200.00
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##### DUTCH ELM

Labor	565.00
Outside Service	635.00

##### TREES

Labor	1,908.50
Tools	110.17
Gas	69.24
Surplus to General Fund	128.37

\$3,616.28

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS J. LANCIANI,  
Tree Warden

## 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 1970.

Democrats	237
Republicans	451
Unenrolled	1,123
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Total	1,811

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA NICHOLSON  
 VIOLA C. PRENTICE  
 DANIEL F. CRONIN  
 GEORGE L. McGOVERN

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## REPORT of the BUILDING INSPECTOR

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	Builder's Estimated Cost
9 New Dwellings	\$239,190.00
14 Alterations or Additions to Dwellings	43,300.00
1 Commercial Building	9,000.00
5 Garages, Sheds, Greenhouses	9,600.00
3 Swimming Pools	5,600.00
2 Barns	6,600.00
1 Permit to Demolish	
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	\$313,290.00
Cash Received for Building Permit Fees	\$1,679.40

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET

		Appropriated	Spent
Salaries		\$1,650.00	
Building Inspector	\$1,250.00	F. Fleming	\$937.50
Assistant	400.00	F. Watson	312.50
		F. Watson	300.00
Expenses: Inspector	300.00		255.00
Assistant			20.00
Office Expense			25.00
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	\$1,950.00		\$1,850.00

We would like to remind the townspeople that it is necessary to obtain a permit to construct a building or swimming pool. A permit is also necessary to alter an existing building. Thank you for your cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING,  
Building Inspector  
FRED E. WATSON,  
Assistant Building Inspector

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REPORT of the INSPECTOR of WIRES

Wiring Inspections of New Homes	18
Wiring Permits issued for other wiring	31
Wiring Inspections—approximately	85
Fees collected and paid to Town Treasurer	\$93.00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. LEDERER,  
Inspector of Wires

**REPORT of PLUMBING and GAS INSPECTOR**

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During the year 1970, 31 Plumbing Permits were issued and 57 Plumbing Inspections were made with a total of 203 fixtures inspected as follows:

Water Closets	46
Bath Tubs	20
Shower Baths	13
Lavatories	47
Sinks	20
Water Heaters	28
Clothes Washers	12
Dishwashers	9
Garbage Grinders	4
Wash Tray	1
Floor Drains	2
Bidet	1

During the year 1970, 9 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 9 Inspections made (6 of which were in camping vehicles) with a total of 35 appliances inspected as follows:

Ranges	7
Water Heaters	6
Gas Logs	2
Room Heaters	6
Refrigerators	5
Lights	7
Wall Heater	1
Grille	1

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN F. WRIGHT,  
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

## REPORT of the DOG OFFICER

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Dog Complaints	137
Dog Bites	11
Dogs Destroyed	21
Dogs Sold	3
Number of Persons Fined	3

Since the Town did not have a Dog Officer at the beginning of 1970, the above figures represent statistics for nine months only.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. KIRWIN,  
Dog Officer

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## REPORT of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Calls recorded	947
Complaints investigated	475
Motor Vehicle accidents investigated	48
Accident casualties to hospitals	23
Emergency calls for cruiser ambulance service	37
Vacant houses checked	262
House breaks investigated	26
Thefts of various articles	31
Motor vehicles stolen and recovered	10
Summons	12
Arrests	9
Hold up and robbery	1
Bomb hoax	1
Hit and run	1

The following was issued by this department:

	Fees
20 Accidents reports	\$96.00
6 Theft reports	18.00
29 I.D. Firearms cards	58.00
36 Pistol permits	70.00
1 Holiday work permit	5.00
Amount turned over to Treasurer	\$247.00

A decrease in house breaks is due in part to awareness of residents on leaving their homes with inside lights on automatic timers, keeping the garage doors closed, also having a car in the driveway, having a radio playing, all adding to the appearance of an occupied home.

The project submitted under the Governor's Highway Safety program and appropriation of \$3,000.00 at the Annual Town Meeting was approved on July 1, 1970 by the federal government. This department was informed late in August to implement the project. In October a Decatur Radar Set was purchased from G. H. Kenny Associates for \$1,363.00. All the officers of the department were instructed on how to operate the radar and received certificates as qualified operators. Two 5 watt Motorola Walki Talkie were also ordered as part of this project at a cost of \$1,456.00. They were delivered in December.

The total amount of \$2,819.00 will be reimbursed in 1971 by the federal government.

All police officers attended a State Police Regional School in Brookfield last September and October and received a diploma for a course in criminal procedure and police science on drugs.

A Red Cross first aid course was conducted jointly by the Fire and Police Departments last June. All officers of the

department received certificates on advanced course of first aid to the injured.

All citizens are asked to report anything of a suspicious nature to the Police Department as soon as it is observed. Several times during the past year, persons have called to report seeing something suspicious long after the incident happened.

Thanks, again, to the Fire, Light and Highway Departments for assistance given during the past year.

The State Police of Holden Barracks have given excellent service when called to assist in the investigation of house breaks or other incidents when required.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. WYLIE,  
Chief of Police

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## REPORT of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Fire Department was called upon for service 62 times during 1970 as follows:

- 17 grass and brush
- 3 mutual aid
- 10 building or structure
- 6 motor vehicle
- 26 miscellaneous

This is a decrease of 22 calls or 26% from last year and is a sharp decline in the trend of the last 3 or 4 years.

One of the largest decreases was in the grass and brush fire category. This was 60% less than last year. However,

one third of these were of one acre or more in size. Also there were 3 or 4 that were of unknown or suspicious origin. The most stubborn fire occurred in the woods off Camp Street in the second week of August. This fire required two return trips to soak it down because it was burning deep into the ground layer. It is reasonable to expect that the number of grass and brush fires will decrease even more in the coming years. July 1971 will be the beginning of the State imposed burning ban in Paxton. After this time most outdoor burning will be illegal. Whatever burning that is done will require a joint permit from the Fire Department and the Board of Health or from the State Board of Health in some cases. There will be a few allowable exceptions which will be published at a later date.

The number of calls for buildings or structures was 3 less than last year. Most important is that the dollar was only a small fraction of the amount in 1969. There were actually only two buildings in town involved with fire and these sustained only moderate damage. The worst building fire answered by the department was at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation in the area that is in the Town of Oakham. The building housing the medical facilities for the campers was totally destroyed in an early morning fire. Fortunately no lives were lost.

The first series of drills under the new system started in 1969 was concluded at the end of the summer of 1970. Paxton Fire Department also took part in a simulated school bus disaster drill in Holden on October 3rd. The rescue truck was sent to the scene of the accident and assisted in transporting patients to Holden Hospital. Engine No. 3 was part of a standby group at the Holden Center Fire Station.

The First Congregational Church building was connected into the siren fire alarm system during the year. Plans are also underway to connect St. Columba's Church building into the system. Mr. Ralph Thompson, Superintendent of the Worcester Fire Alarm, met with officers of the Fire Depart-



ment to discuss possible ways of setting up a temporary alarm system such as was mentioned in the report of the Fire Department for 1969. At present I wish to stress the word temporary because I believe it will be necessary to consider a modern up to date system in the near future.

The motor in Engine No. 2 became disabled while working at a fire in the old dump back of the Gray Rock Garage. Various possibilities were discussed by the Selectmen and me and it was decided to replace the motor with a new one. This was done and Engine No. 2 is now back in service. The possible replacement of Engine No. 1 was mentioned in last year's report. This is being submitted to the voters in a separate article for the Warrant for the 1971 Annual Town Meeting. This truck is starting to show its age more than ever, not in looks, but in performance. It is generally stated also that delivery of a new piece of apparatus takes at least a year regardless of the manufacturer. These are two of the reasons why the replacement is being brought up at this time. Engine No. 1 was delivered on or about November 15, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON,  
Chief, Fire Department

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## Report of the CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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At the March 1970 Town Meeting an appropriation of \$9,000 was voted to purchase 32 acres of land on Asnebumskit Hill. The purchase was consummated on May 21, 1970. The Conservation Commission applied for State aid under the Self-Help Program and on October 2, Mr. John D. Fiske, Land Use Administrator of the Department of Natural Re-

sources, presented the Town with a check for \$4,500. The addition of this parcel, situated in one of the areas recommended for such use by the DNR Technical Team and by Paxton's Master Plan, is a landmark in the Commission's program of land acquisition for Open Space. Investigation of other suitable parcels for purchase continues according to an orderly plan.

In April the Commission supplied the 4th, 5th and 6th-grade children at the Center School with young trees which were taken home and planted in commemoration of Arbor Day.

On May 9th, the Conservation Commission sponsored its second annual Fishing Derby at Illig Pond under the direction of Bob Paulson. Prizes were donated by the Recreation Committee. This event is popular with children of all ages as evidenced by the increased participation each year. This activity provides fun for parents as well as children and focuses attention on the excellent facilities the Town enjoys for conservation and recreational pursuits.

The Commission supplied rubbish cans for the Common and the Hilltop Shopping Area in an effort to improve the appearance of the center of town during the summer months.

In cooperation with the Recreation Committee, the Commission arranged for a children's Nature Study Course to supplement the summer recreation program. We wish to thank the Paxton Thrift and Gift Shop for its generous support of this summer educational program.

Although several studies have been undertaken in the past, the Conservation Commission has felt the need of developing a more definitive Conservation Plan for the Town of Paxton. In the spring of 1970, Frederick B. Giebel, regional resource development specialist of the Northeast Regional Extension Service, approached the Commission and volunteered his services in connection with preparing such

a plan. The Commission members worked long hours at weekly meetings with Mr. Giebel throughout the summer and into the fall to develop this plan. We explored many areas in depth and, in so doing, were able to better understand our responsibilities and state our objectives more clearly.

We have recently printed copies of this Plan and proudly offer them for limited distribution to interested parties. We are confident that this Plan will guide Paxton's conservation efforts for many years to come to the benefit of all concerned. It will also materially assist the Town in applying for federal and state funds to support our program.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FOWLER, JR.,  
Co-chairman

ROBERT M. PAULSON,  
Co-chairman

SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk

CHESTER L. JOHNSON

IDA M. FRAIOLI

HILTON CUNNINGHAM

JANET MORAN

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## Report of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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Further search for an additional supply of surface water led us to meet with the City of Worcester officials again. After cost estimates, which were prepared by our consultants, Cullinan Engineering, it was found that Kendall Reservoir on Holden Street was the most practical. Worcester agreed to sell us water from Kendall and said that it could safely maintain enough of a water supply to serve our needs.

The estimated cost of installing the necessary pump, piping and controls is high, but the main deterrent is the fact that we would be charged for every gallon, considerably raising the cost of water to the consumer.

Since we have this assurance of a supply if we need it, we feel that more time should be spent looking for an additional supply of our own, possibly outside the town limits. There are two areas which we are looking at now, and will continue to pursue these.

There were 20 new house service connections made in 1970.

22 installation repairs  
1 hydrant installation

Water Mains were installed on Suomi & Marshall Streets

Suomi—300'—6"  
Marshall—700'—8"

Water Mains installed by Leyoung  
Marshall—250'—8"

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK G. ANTELL  
NORMAN H. OSGOOD  
DONALD MONTAGUE  
Paxton Water Commissioners

**REPORT of the ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.**

I hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1970:

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

Metered Sales to Consumers	
Rate A Private Consumers	\$150,005.54
Rate B Small Com. Con.	9,287.59
Rate C Large Com. Con.	46,718.16
Rate D Electric Heating	37,255.95
Street Lighting	6,250.00
Municipal Lighting Bldgs.	7,285.76
Power for Municipal Purposes	2,605.05
Resale to Other Utilities	331.82
Miscellaneous Operating Revenues	200.00
Area Lighting—Private	885.00
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	\$260,824.87

**Expenses:**

Electric Energy Purchased	\$148,252.95
Regulatory Commission Expense	1,624.61
Maintenance Transformers	289.22
Street Lighting Expense	1,003.77
Meter Reading Expense	1,751.10
Meter Expense Repair and Testing	.....
Accounting Expense	6,124.80
Mgr. and Light Board Salaries	11,768.55
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,758.80
Mgr. and Light Board Expenses	1,529.21
Rent	50.00
Outside Services	1,008.94
Overhead Line Expense	22,784.56
Depreciation	26,873.42

Insurance	2,014.79	
Maintenance Underground Cond.	55.00	
Uncollectible Accounts	308.64	
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		\$227,198.36
Operating Income		33,626.51
Other Income		1,085.41
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Total Income for year 1970		\$34,711.92

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1970

Assets		12/31/70
	Additions	Depr. Val.
Land	-----	\$319.27
Substa. Struc. City Line	-----	353.00
Substa. Struc.		
Asnebumskit Rd.	-----	15,262.38
Substa. Equip.	877.36	37,453.87
Poles and Fixtures	3,199.93	21,514.71
Overhead Conductors	16,017.83	65,920.26
Line Transformers	5,466.95	58,356.38
House Services	2,550.15	26,676.53
Consumers Meters	1,209.65	11,910.41
Street Lighting Equip.	3,797.80	22,837.31
Office Equipment	200.00	2,248.99
Cost of Transp. Equip.	2,130.00	25,356.03
Tools, shop & garage equipment	3,750.29	5,845.87
Laboratory Equip.	-----	5.68
Miscellaneous	-----	50.00
Communications Equip.	64.00	1,412.10
Underground Cond.	1,312.30	33,995.55
Area Lighting Equip.	188.03	951.14
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Total add. in 1970	40,764.29	
Total Depr. Value		330,469.48

Consumer Deposits	197.05
Accounts Receivable	17,849.94
Construction Funds	30,902.33
Materials and Supplies	14,548.83
Petty Cash	100.00
Depreciation Funds	15,532.79

Total Assets	<u>\$409,600.42</u>
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**Liabilities**

Owed to Consumers on Deposits	\$184.11
Appropriation for Construction	656.64
Notes Pd. off in prior years by	
Light Dept.	19,116.00
Appropriation for Const. Repayment	7,090.07
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1970	17,217.74
Earn. of this and prior years inv.	
in new plant and other assets	350,342.04
Contributions in Aid of Construction	14,530.00
Customers' Advances for Const.	463.52

Total Liabilities	<u>\$409,600.42</u>
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**ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT**

	Debit	Credit
Bal. from Previous Year		\$316,239.62
Plus Current Year Profit		34,711.92
Surplus Adjustment	609.50	
Accumulated Profit		
Dec. 31, 1970		
Used in		
Plant Additions		
In prior years	350,342.04	
	<u>\$350,951.54</u>	<u>\$350,951.54</u>

Reliable service at the lowest rate possible has always been the aim of your Light Department; therefore it is with regret that a rate increase is anticipated sometime in 1971.

Our supplier is asking for a cost of fuel increase, plus a cost of service increase, and these increases will, of course, add to the cost of service to the Paxton Light Department customers. It is not possible to project figures at this time.

For the past two years the Light Department has been trying desperately to obtain permission to build a garage and storage facility, and the need for such a building is ever increasing. This Department sincerely wishes to get this project underway in 1971.

To give the customer a better idea of how the money has been spent, a list of major projects, completed in 1970, has been listed below:

1. Placement of spacer cable along Maple Street from Richards Avenue to Grove Street.
2. Placement of spacer cable along Richards Avenue from Pleasant Street to the Worcester County Memorial Park.
3. Replacement of the bucket truck cab and chassis. This cab and chassis were purchased in December 1970 and should be in service by Town Meeting time.
4. Purchase of a new wood chipper, which was used extensively after the 1969 ice storm by the Light Department, Tree Department and the Highway Department.
5. Trimming and rebuilding of lines to improve service in the outlying areas of Town.

**Projects scheduled for 1971:**

1. Spacer cable for Holden Road.



2. Two new switches for the substation.
3. Recondition old cab and chassis, add a utility body for chipping and other general use.
4. Extend the underground facilities.
5. Rebuild route 122 north at the State Road project.

The Light Department Commissioners and the Manager would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made 1970 a productive year for the Light Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Paxton Light Commissioners

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS,

Chairman

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON,

Clerk

WILLIAM E. ISHAM,

Third Member

CURTIS J. LANCIANI,

Manager

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## REPORT of the LIBRARIAN

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### Circulation:

Adult and juvenile books	26,432
Reference transactions	2,626
Magazine, pamphlets, films	1,543
Records and tapes	1,788
Total	32,389

**Central Regional Interlibrary Loans:**

Borrowed through Worcester	340
Borrowed through Fitchburg	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>

**Volumes Added to Collection:**

Adult and juvenile books (including gifts)	797
Borrowed from Central Regional Bookmobile (revolving collection)	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,387</b>

Have you noticed our new book drop at the right of the front door? Through the generosity of Mr. Ralph M. Raymond and Mr. Henry B. Stidsen, Jr., and the added help of the trustees, this long planned convenience has just been added. Please do not include any fine money (it will be recorded for your next visit), or return records this way.

Our report figures above show that the 1,700 registered borrowers (plus many children) are still keeping us busy. Book prices have increased but the purchase and patron acceptance of a limited number of paperbacks is helping.

There has been a marked increase in the use of Central Regional individual interlibrary loan service—the 451 book titles represent quite a financial total. Please remember that films are also available.

The 1970 NEW BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE has been added. Its concise format is helpful for quick reference. Speaking of reference, Mrs. Palmer Beam, Wachusett Regional High School librarian, has been notifying us of extensive coming assignments. This allows us to assemble help in advance.

In the audio visual area, the new set of COLUMBIA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY OF RECORDED BOOKS is proving popular. The cassette player and tapes are still much enjoyed.

The beautiful brick front steps have been causing concern for safety because of danger from disintegration. The trustees have spent many hours seeking a solution.

We all miss Charlotte MacDougall, who left in June, and we wish her well in her new work. We shall also miss Judy Ranta and Barbie Hall when they graduate from high school this June.

I want to enthusiastically thank each member of the board of trustees for their understanding and support.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE,  
Librarian

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## REPORT of RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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### Salary Account

Town Appropriation	\$8,177.00
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### Expenditures:

Librarian	\$4,320.00
Ass't. Librarian	1,824.36
Library Trainee	358.40
Pages	811.70
Housekeeper	762.40
Clerk	100.00

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Total	8,176.86
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**Expense Account—Income:**

Town Appropriation	\$1,965.00
Dog Tax	676.91
Bal. of Income 1969	5.20
Interest from Investments—1970	1,515.65
State Aid—1970	599.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,762.51</b>

**Expenditures:**

Books, magazines and records	\$2,424.36
Fuel	347.17
Telephone	143.61
Office Supplies and Postage	239.63
Water and Lights	214.05
Petty Cash	100.00
Travel and Miscellaneous	58.41
Maint.—Buildings and Grounds	433.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,960.54</b>

**State Aid Account:**

Balance from 1969	\$577.01
1970 Grant	599.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,176.76</b>

**Expenditures:**

Adding Machine	\$63.00
Junior Books	272.74
Adult Books	93.57
New wiring in Library and additional lighting fixtures	244.00
Painting ironwork on Library roof	176.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$850.11</b>
<b>Balance: Jan. 1, 1971</b>	<b>\$326.65</b>

**Richards Trust Account:**

Fund Total—1969

\$13,055.45

1970 Income

2,298.75

Total—Jan. 1, 1971

\$15,354.20

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. RIDDLE,

Clerk

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## Report of the ADVISORY PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD

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At the March, 1970 Town Meeting, the Advisory Personnel Review Board was created (by Article 34) to "establish and maintain equitable levels of compensation within the town and to describe and evaluate town positions." Since that time, we have asked for and received job descriptions for all town positions and are presently evaluating this data to determine if the objectives, as stated in Article 34, can be met. To assist us, we have met with members of Personnel Boards already in existence and have had an outside expert in personnel affairs brief us on problems that might be encountered.

In addition, we have assisted the Finance Committee in evaluating requested salary levels for the year 1971.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.

Chairman, Advisory Personnel  
Review Board

**REPORT of HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT****Chapter 90 Construction****West Street**

2400 feet of Type I surface was put in place consisting of a 2½" layer of base mix and a 2" course of top completing the road surface from station 27 to station 51. Six inch berm and driveway aprons were put in on both sides. Some grading and seeding is left to be done to complete this section in 1971. We hope also to start construction on the next section this summer.

**Special Accounts for Highways**

Drainage Projects completed under Chapter 81 and Special Town Accounts:

Brooks Road	Approximately	500 ft.
Forestdale Road	"	160 ft.
Orchard Drive	"	200 ft.
Holbrook Lane	"	200 ft.
Ledyard Road	"	500 ft.
Davidson Road	"	40 ft.

Common Street and approximately 3500 feet of Richards Avenue, from Pleasant Street to Streeter Road, were resurfaced with Type I mix under Chapter 90 Maintenance, a special Bond Issue Account from the State and a special account for Hot Top from the town. No further Type I resurfacing is planned for 1971, but we hope to resume this program in 1972.

Sunset Lane, from Grove Street to Anna Maria College, was completely rebuilt by the Highway Department, financed by the college, complete with drainage and Type I surface.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HANSSON,  
Supt. of Streets

## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board reorganized for the year 1970 by naming Robert L. Price as chairman; Betty C. Peterson as clerk and representative to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, with Robert Price as alternate member; and Gerald K. Lowe as representative to the Capital Outlay Committee.

The Planning Board met on twenty-four occasions in addition to personal inspections of various subdivision locations. Eight meetings were held with the Citizen's Advisory Committee and representatives of Metcalf and Eddy to discuss the Master Plan. Two hearings were conducted by the Planning Board, one for the purpose of discussing amendments to the Zoning Bylaws, and one to discuss proposed changes to an existing sub-division plan.

This board spent most of its time in 1970 working on the Master Plan for the town of Paxton which was completed in December by Metcalf and Eddy. Plans will be made by the Planning Board and the Master Plan Advisory Committee to determine priorities for various topics covered in the Master Plan and to implement the Plan according to the priorities and in conjunction with the various boards and committees in the town.

Considerable time was spent by the Planning Board studying the various sites proposed during the year for an Electric Light Department building.

The board is very grateful to all those who have lent assistance to us in various ways during the past year.

ROBERT L. PRICE, Chairman  
BETTY C. PETERSON  
GERALD K. LOWE  
ROBERT F. PERRY  
WILLIAM M. FOLEY

## REPORT of the RECREATION COMMITTEE

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Many projects were completed during 1970 to enhance the appearance of the recreation area and to add to the enjoyment of those using it. Projects included: completion of partitions in the utility building for two dressing stalls, life-guard room and equipment storage room; painting of utility building and the chlorinator building; sealing of the pool and the adjacent walks; enlarging and grading the parking area; filling and planting in the low area on the south side of the pool; landscaping around the pool and the entrance to the recreation area (some of this is contracted for completion in the Spring); installation of water bubblers at the pool and the Little League field; new bleacher seats installed at the Little League field. Paxton Boy Scout Troop 105, the Little League, and many Paxton teenagers (and younger) participated in these projects and also in maintenance projects such as the Spring cleaning of the pool. This assistance by the young people of Paxton is helpful from a cost saving standpoint. Their interest in their town is certainly to be commended and encouraged.

Testing of the various sources of water used to fill the pool showed an underground spring to be very high in iron and iron bacteria. While not unhealthy, this spring had caused much of the discoloration and precipitation of sediment in the pool. An underground pipe was installed late in the season to divert this spring around the north end of the pool, under the roadway and then into the adjoining brook. This has improved the appearance of the water. The sand in the filter bed used to filter the water from Illig Pond will be changed in the Spring to further improve the water.

The 4th annual Summer program offered a varied selection of sports, crafts, trips and games. New to the program this year was a conservation instructor sponsored by the



Paxton Conservation Commission and funded by the Paxton Thrift Shop. The enrollment for daily activities was 180. Enrollment for swimming instruction was 189. Both parts of the program showed an increase over the previous year. Overall pool attendance increased by 25% over the previous year. Mr. Charles McManus has done an outstanding job of directing the Summer program and other recreational events throughout the past two years. Mr. McManus will not be available to direct the 1971 program. The committee regretfully requests recommendations for a qualified successor.

The 4th of July Family Day at the recreation area had a record attendance of 350. A full slate of games and refreshments was offered. A new flag was presented to the Paxton Center School. The American Legion and Paxton Troop 105 officiated at the presentation of colors. The traditional bonfire was provided under the supervision of the Paxton Fire Department. The bonfire will be discontinued in compliance with the new outdoor burning regulations. The Recreation Commission is indebted to those who volunteered to help make the day a success.

The third year Ski Program showed a further increase in attendance. Transportation, lift ticket, and ski lessons (if desired) were made available at a reduced group rate with the skier paying the entire amount. The program has made it possible for many Paxton children and some adults to take up skiing at a reasonable price. The committee would like to see more adults taking part in this program if it is offered next season.

The Congregational Church offered the use of their land at the corner of Maple Street and Richards Avenue for ice skating. The area was cleared of snow by the highway department and the flooding was handled by the fire department. It was decided to offer skating here in addition to Illig Pond and then decide next year whether both areas should be continued. Please let us have your comments on this.

The commission feels that a regulation baseball field should receive priority as the next major addition to Paxton's recreation facilities. An article is included in the town warrant requesting a committee to be appointed by the Selectmen to investigate this matter and to make suitable recommendations.

The Recreation Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall. Please feel free to bring your suggestions to these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID K. BEACH, JR.  
HILTON CUNNINGHAM  
SHIRLEYANN LANCIANI  
JEAN M. McINTYRE  
ROBERT L. RUSSELL  
ALAN M. WENTWORTH

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Report of the  
**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLANNING BOARD**

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December 31, 1970

Board of Selectmen:

The Wachusett Regional School District, comprised of the towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling, presently includes grades nine through twelve with a total enrollment of 1,810 students as of October 1, 1970.

In the Spring of 1968 the member towns voted to appoint planning committees to study further regionalization,

specifically regionalization from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

On September 5, 1968, the five local planning committees voted to form the Wachusett Regional School District Planning Board. The Board consisted of three representatives from each of the five member towns. The Board drafted a proposed agreement for a grade Kindergarten through twelve regional school district and on December 4, 1969, the Planning Board voted unanimously "To submit the finalized proposed agreement to the Wachusett Regional High School District Committee."

On March 23, 1970, the Wachusett Regional School District Committee voted, "To adopt and recommend sending to towns for their approval the report of the Regional Planning Committee, which, in essence, outlined an agreement for a Kindergarten through Grade 12 region, including plans for future building and the method by which the new School Committee would be elected.

On April 3, 1970, the Wachusett Regional School District requested the Selectmen of the member towns to conduct special town meetings to submit the agreement to the voters. During April of 1970, E. Leo Harrington, the Town Clerk of Holden, Irene T. Amsden, the Town Clerk of Rutland, and Lois Seiffert, the Town Clerk of Sterling, raised objections to the election procedures for the K through 12 School Committee as outlined in the proposed agreement, on the basis that a non-resident of their respective towns could not appear on the ballot for the annual town elections.

Subsequently, the Wachusett Regional School Committee requested Commissioner of Education, Neil Sullivan, to seek an advisory opinion from the office of the Attorney General. On July 1, 1970, Commissioner Sullivan made a written request for an advisory opinion concerning the election procedures of the proposed agreement. On July 9, 1970, the office of the Attorney General declined to render an opin-

ion citing the fact that the responsibility of the office of the Attorney General is limited to opinions given to constitutional officers and heads of state agencies with respect to the performance of their official duties.

In meetings held during the summer of 1970, the Wachusett Regional School Committee discussed various alternative election procedures for a K through 12 School Committee, but it was resolved in the late Fall of 1970 to ask the School Committee's legal counsel to ask the courts for a declaratory judgment relative to the validity of the at-large election procedures being objected to by the above mentioned Town Clerks.

On December 3, 1970, Judge Robert H. Beaudreau in the Worcester Superior Court decided that the at-large election procedures as outlined in the agreement were valid with the exception that they did not apply to the town clerks. That is, there was nothing in the General Laws, particularly under Chapter 70, by which the town clerks were authorized to participate in school district elections.

Therefore, the options available to the District Committee at the present time would appear to be:

1. Submitting an agreement based upon proportional representation for K-12.
2. Seeking general legislation to authorize at-large district elections.
3. At-large elections on K-12 with the elections being conducted exclusively by the School District and not seeking the participation of the Town Clerks.

As of this writing, the School Committee is studying these options. The District Planning Board, on whose behalf I am submitting this report, has disbanded, their work having been completed, and the K-12 problems as outlined above are now in the hands of the Wachusett Regional School Com-

mittee, who did, as I have indicated, accept our report on March 23, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER E. VARNUM for  
Wachusett Regional School  
District Planning Board

ROBERT BECKER Ex Officio  
ROBERT HEIN Ex Officio  
ROBERT HALL  
FREDERICK RUOFF

## REPORT of the TOWN COLLECTOR

### 1962 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$25.90	
Collected 1970		\$25.90
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	\$25.90	\$25.90

### 1963 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$52.80	
Collected 1970		\$52.80
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	\$52.80	\$52.80

### 1963 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$88.50	
Collected 1970		\$88.50
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	\$88.50	\$88.50

**1964 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$55.00	
Collected 1970		\$55.00
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	\$55.00	\$55.00

**1965 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$468.60	
Collected 1970		\$414.70
Abated 1970		53.90
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	\$468.60	\$468.60

**1966 Personal Property**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$320.00	
Collected 1970		\$320.00
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	\$320.00	\$320.00

**1966 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$1,265.08	
Collected 1970		\$208.26
Abated 1970		1,056.82
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	\$1,265.08	\$1,265.08

**1967 Personal Property**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$314.50	
Collected 1970		\$314.50
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	\$314.50	\$314.50

**1967 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$1,057.89	
Collected 1970		\$83.48
Abated 1970		974.41
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	\$1,057.89	\$1,057.89

## 1968 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$571.32	
Collected 1970		\$433.32
Abated 1970		138.00
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	\$571.32	\$571.32

## 1968 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$1,012.00	
Collected 1970		\$1,002.80
Tax Title 1970		9.20
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	\$1,012.00	\$1,012.00

## 1968 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$1,229.07	
Collected 1970		\$181.03
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		1,048.04
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	\$1,229.07	\$1,229.07

## 1969 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$116.85	
Collected 1970		\$116.85
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	\$116.85	\$116.85

## 1969 Water Liens

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$203.29	
Collected 1970		\$203.29
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	\$203.29	\$203.29

## 1969 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$930.37	
Collected 1970		\$768.27
Abated 1970		162.10
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	\$930.37	\$930.37

**1969 Forest Law Land**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$293.59	
Overpayment	8.07	
Collected 1970		\$301.66
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	\$301.66	\$301.66

**1969 Real Estate**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$45,627.36	
Refunded 1970	1,206.36	
Collected 1970		\$43,657.24
Abated 1970		2,218.96
Tax Title 1970		957.52
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	\$46,833.72	\$46,833.72

**1969 Motor Vehicle**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1970	\$10,457.06	
Committed 1970	9,743.24	
Refunded 1970	1,209.17	
Collected 1970		\$18,740.76
Abated 1970		2,443.48
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		225.23
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	\$21,409.47	\$21,409.47

**1970 Farm Excise**

Committed	447.66	
Collected 1970		\$438.81
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		8.85
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	\$447.66	\$447.66

**1970 Water Liens**

Committed	\$586.69	
Collected 1970		\$504.29
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		82.40
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	\$586.69	\$586.69



## 1970 Personal Property

Committed	\$8,714.75	
Collected 1970		\$8,035.88
Abated 1970		9.12
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		669.75
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	\$8,714.75	\$8,714.75

## 1970 Forest Law

Committed	\$166.75	
Collected 1970		\$166.75
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	\$166.75	\$166.75

## 1970 Real Estate

Committed	\$744,717.55	
Overpayment	126.32	
Refunded 1970	1,586.33	
Collected 1970		\$689,619.94
Abated & Exempted 1970		12,058.67
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		44,751.59
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	\$746,430.20	
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		\$746,430.20

## 1970 Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$111,074.12	
Refunded	2,403.62	
Collected 1970		\$94,759.85
Abated 1970		6,790.11
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1970		11,927.78
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	\$113,477.74	
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		\$113,477.74

## Interest

1962	\$10.85
1963	45.72
1964	12.46
1965	92.67
1966	86.13
1967	53.57
1968	109.48
1969	1,669.04
1970	225.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,305.44</b>

## Real Estate Tax Title Reimbursements for Advertising

1968	\$3.53
1969	43.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47.33</b>

Respectfully submitted,

**FREDERICK T. WARPULA,**  
Town Collector

**REPORT of the TOWN TREASURER**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT****December 31, 1970**

Balance January 1, 1970	\$161,930.91
Receipts 1970	2,172,892.91
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	\$2,334,823.82

Payments 1970	\$2,128,896.24
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Balance December 31, 1970:

Town Account	\$32,213.04
Electric Light Account	22,222.04
Electric Light Dep. Acct.	24,213.09
Electric Light Meter Deposit Acct. 197.05	
Richards Memorial Library	15,354.20
Construction Bonds	11,331.43
Certificates of Deposit	100,000.00
School Lunch Depository	396.73
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	\$205,927.58
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	\$2,334,823.82

# TRUST FUND AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Year Ended December 31, 1970

	Balance Jan. 1, 1970	Deposits	Interest Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1970
Richards Library:				
E. Richards Trust	\$45,079.08		\$1,578.34(1)	\$45,097.08
Peo. Mech. Savings Bank	13,055.45	\$1,578.35(1)	720.40	15,354.20
Bigelow Accounts (2)	19,054.26		953.31	19,054.26
108 Shares AT&T			561.60	
Cemetery:				
Trust Funds (2)	24,330.00		1,325.77	24,330.00
Spencer S. Bank	7,130.70	1,100.00(3)	293.34	8,524.04
Worc. Federal S&L	3,050.00		150.50	3,200.50
C. D. Boynton:				
Trust Funds (2)	7,648.00		438.04	7,648.00
Peo. Mech. Savings Bank	1,716.79	438.04	116.06	2,270.89
D. Boynton Poor Fund:				
Trust Fund	1,000.00		55.04	1,000.00
Peo. Mech. Savings Bank	1,041.03	41.44	51.64	1,134.11
Post War Rehab. Acct.	1,511.95		78.71	1,590.66

## Bigelow:

School Book Fund (2)	1,000.00		51.88		1,000.00
Village Improvemnt	1,244.95		69.90		1,314.85
Stabilization Accounts:					
Peo. Mech. Savings Bank	25,544.12	20,000.00(4)	2,264.62		47,808.74
Worc. Federal S&L	3,785.39		291.05		4,076.44
Electric Light:					
Depreciation Acct.	10,166.39	13,436.71	609.99		24,213.09
Meter Deposit Acct.	284.59	62.45	12.81	762.80	197.05
School Construction	10,839.44		534.86		11,374.30
Grammar School Acct.	61.09		2.35		63.44
Hazel Gay Fund:					
2 Shares AT&T			15.60		
Conservation Account	1,023.73		54.67		1,078.40

- (1) Represents distribution (earnings) from trust having constant balance of \$45,079.08, established by Ellis G. Richards, benefactor of Richards Memorial Library.
- (2) Represents several savings accounts held in trust and placed on permanent dividend order.
- (3) Represents proceeds from sales of lots.
- (4) Per Town Meeting March 2, 1970.

## OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Year of Maturity	Principal Jan. 1, 1970	Paid in 1970		
			Principal	Interest	Dec. 31, 1970
School Department:					
First Addition	1972	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$80,000.00
First Addition	1975	15,000.00	5,000.00	480.00	10,000.00
Second Addition	1979	86,000.00	10,000.00	2,795.00	76,000.00
Third Adition	1984	450,000.00	30,000.00	14,625.00	420,000.00
Water Department:					
Land Taking	1975	27,000.00	5,000.00	864.00	22,000.00
Pumping Station	1978	25,000.00	3,000.00	800.00	22,000.00
Dam & Spillway	1972	15,000.00	5,000.00	487.50	10,000.00
Fire Department:					
Fire Station	1978	43,000.00	5,000.00	1,376.00	38,000.00
Highway Department:					
Grader	1974	10,342.35	2,342.35	497.70	8,000.00
Totals		\$771,342.35	\$85,342.35	\$25,125.20	\$686,000.00

I would like to thank all those who extended their assistance during my first year in office.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK, Town Treasurer

## REPORT of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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**RECEIPTS**
**Personal Taxes**

1970	\$8,035.88
1969	768.27
1968	433.32
1967	314.50
1966	320.00
1963	88.50

**Real Estate Taxes**

1970	689,619.94
1969	43,657.24
1968	1,002.80

**Farm Animal Excise Taxes**

1970	555.66
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**Forest Law Land**

1970	166.75
1969	301.66

**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes**

1970	94,759.85
1969	18,740.76
1968	181.03
1967	83.48
1966	208.26
1965	414.70
1964	55.00
1963	52.80
1962	25.90

**State: Loss of Taxes**

831.53

**Interest Collected on Taxes**

2,305.44

## State &amp; County Aid to Highways:

1970 Chap. 81	4,978.60
1969 Chap. 81	5,165.85
1969 Chap. 90 Const.	6,570.06
1968 Chap. 90 Const.	9,008.53
1969 Chap. 90 Mt.	1,799.44
Special Street Repair	2,190.02
Snow Plowing	153.75

## County:

1968 Chap. 90 Const.	4,499.97
1969 Chap. 90 Mt.	1,799.44

## Highway Machinery Rentals

9,655.10

## Snow Plowing—others

1,552.84

## State Aid to Schools:

Regional School Assistance	28,792.00
Special Education	3,532.00
Chap. 70	110,180.12
Adult Education	948.00
Construction	54,004.22
Vocational Education	3,317.00
Transportation	92,893.33
Title 11	598.69
State Tax Basis	20,171.19

## State Misc:

Veterans Aid	599.26
Library State Aid	599.75
Public Health	556.00
Reimbursement Naquag Welfare	2,037.95
A.D.C.	.74
Conservation—Purchase	4,500.00

## Paxton Electric Lt. Department:

Rates, Inst. & Repairs	270,037.12
Meter Deposit	62.61
Int.—Meter Deposit	10.20
Int.—Depreciation	609.99



Misc. Refunds	375.17
Ins. Reimb. to Town of Paxton	709.81
Water Department:	
Rates Inst. & Repairs	41,248.90
Water Liens	707.58
Licenses—Permits Cont:	
Police:	
Accident Reports	122.00
Bicycle Registration	1.75
Fines—W.D.C.	20.00
Holiday	25.00
Pistol	68.00
Weapon I.D. Cards	76.00
Work Permits	5.00
Theft Report	3.00
Dog Officer:	
Sale of Dogs & Fines	24.00
School Misc. Income:	140.60
School Lunch Coll. & Reimburse.	31,656.12
Recreation: Program Income	1,444.25
Loans:	
Anticipation of Taxes	350,000.00
Anticipation of Highway Rev.	24,675.00
Misc. Income & Refunds:	
Est. Rec.	21.14
Planning Bd.	45.00
P.E.L.	31.86
Land Taking	510.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	20.00
Board of Health	.49
School Lunch	19.00
Tractor Equipment	4.20
Legal Adv. to Selectmen	44.50
Tax Title Adv. to Collector	47.33
Charge for use of Copy Machine	29.80

Recreation No. 774	50.45
Anna Maria Project	2,907.70
Nipmuck Rd.	715.00
Refund Ins. Repair Police Cruiser	409.99
Refund Water Dept. (DeYoung)	359.77
Town of Rutland (Lost check)	249.76

## Withholdings:

Federal Tax Withheld	69,236.02
State Tax Withheld	13,103.00
Retirement Withheld	7,730.48
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Refund	40.28
Blue Cross Withheld	5,288.93
Direct Pay	850.95
Boston Mutual Life—Group Ins. W/H	393.50
Direct Pay	112.36
Teachers Annuities	1,580.00

## Cemetery:

Interest Income from	
Various Banks	1,325.76
Care of Lots	25.00
Opening Graves	500.00
P/C Lots purchased	1,175.00

Misc. Int. Coll. by Treasurer	332.60
E. D. Bigelow School Fund	51.88
Hazel Gay School Fund	15.60

Invested—Certificates of Deposit: 100,000.00

## Library Dist. &amp; Int. Income:

E. R. Richards Dist.	1,996.78
Interest from Various Banks	1,817.62
Misc. Income	1.00
Fines and Income	513.50
Sale of Books	14.84

County Reimbursement to Library	676.91
County Reimb. to Dutch Elm	87.91

## Licenses—Permits etc.:

Selectmen	2,619.88
Bd. Health—Misc.	33.50
Plumbing Insp.	172.50
Building Insp.	1,679.40
Court Injunction	23.50
Wiring Inspector	93.00
Planning Board—Fees	20.00
Sale—ByLaws	30.00
Assessors—Sale of Maps	10.00
Bd. Appeals	40.00
Town Clerk—Raffle Tickets	30.00
Street Listing	2.00
Dog Licenses Collected for Cty.	754.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,172,892.91
Cash—Jan. 1, 1970	161,930.91

TOTAL \$2,334,823.82

## PAYMENTS

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		
Salary	35.00	
Expense	9.50	
		44.50
Selectmen		
Salaries	1,100.00	
Secretary	300.00	
Expenses	515.35	
		1,915.35
Town Accountant		
Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	69.46	
		1,569.46

Town Treasurer		
Salary	2,400.00	
Expenses	289.87	
Equipment	500.00	
	<hr/>	3,189.87
Town Collector		
Salary and Hire	3,000.00	
Expenses	800.00	
Equipment	545.00	
	<hr/>	4,345.00
Town Secretary		
Salary	4,550.00	
Expenses	413.90	
	<hr/>	4,963.90
Assessors		
Salaries	1,800.00	
Clerk	900.00	
Expense	826.99	
Bal. Exp. 1969	128.15	
Equip. 1969	115.00	
Appraisal 1969	1,300.00	
	<hr/>	5,070.14
Finance Committee		
Secretary	175.00	
Expense	42.75	
	<hr/>	217.75
Town Clerk		
Salary	850.00	
Expense	174.24	
	<hr/>	1,024.24
Legal	4,400.00	4,400.00
Elections		
Expenses	1,156.36	1,156.36

**Registrars**

Salary	105.00	
Clerk	100.00	
Expenses	308.13	
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		513.13

**Planning Board**

Clerk	55.00	
Expenses	213.51	
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		268.51

**Town Hall Janitor**

Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	2,025.33	
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		3,525.33
Record Bldg. Mt.	344.85	344.85

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<hr/>	<b>\$32,548.39</b>
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**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****Police Department**

Salary—Chief	\$2,500.00	
Patrolling 1969	543.75	
Patrolling 1970	8,090.00	
Exp. and Operation 1970	2,036.42	
Exp. and Operation 1969	199.01	
Crossing Guard 1969	54.40	
Crossing Guard 1970	259.20	
Prisoner Fees	140.00	
Radar	1,363.00	
Repair Cruiser	409.99	
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		15,595.77

**Fire Department**

Officers Salaries	2,500.00	
Fire Fighters 1969	1,180.25	
Fire Fighters 1970	2,529.00	
Expense 1970	4,251.29	
Equipment 1969	642.12	
Equipment 1970	850.14	

Electric Generator	640.00	
Fire Engine Repairs	2,200.00	
Forestry Hose	1,461.00	
	<hr/>	16,253.80

**Building Inspector**

Salaries	1,250.00	
Assistants' Comp.	300.00	
Expenses	300.00	
	<hr/>	1,850.00

**Board of Appeals**

Expenses	48.72	48.72
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**Forestry**

Moth	200.00	
Dutch Elm	1,287.91	
Trees	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	3,487.91

**Dog Officer**

Salary 1969	120.00	
Assistant 1969	37.50	
Salary 1970	576.92	
Expense	726.55	
	<hr/>	1,460.97

**Civil Defense**

Expenses and Equip.	167.87	167.87
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**Inspector of Wires**

Salary	600.00	
Expenses	89.00	
	<hr/>	689.00

**TOTAL PROTECTION OF  
PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

**\$39,554.04**

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****Board of Health**

Salaries	150.00	
Expenses 1970	108.20	

Expenses 1969	8.48	
Nurse Exp. 1969	16.53	
Wachusett H. H. Care	2,717.53	
Dump Expense	329.19	
<b>Sanitary Engineer</b>		
Salary	1,700.00	
Expense	700.00	
<b>Plumbing Insp.</b>		
Salary	495.00	
Salary 1969	15.00	
<b>Rubbish and Garbage Coll.</b>		
Contract	36,000.00	
Expenses	100.00	
		<u>42,339.93</u>

**TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION** \$42,339.93

**HIGHWAYS**

Chapter No. 81 Maint.	\$7,917.95	
Labor		
Trucks	1,686.20	
Others	369.50	
Material	2,776.16	
		<u>12,749.81</u>

**Chapter No. 90 Mt. 1970**

Material	5,399.95	5,399.95
Chapter No. 90 Const. 1969	358.05	358.05
Chapter No. 90 Const. 1970		
Labor	2,273.00	
Trucks	295.80	
Materials	13,251.56	
		<u>15,820.36</u>

**Street Repair Special 1969**

Labor	285.30	
Materials	245.17	
		<u>530.47</u>

## Highway Special 1969

Labor	469.75	
Materials	239.39	
	<hr/>	709.14

## Highway Special 1970

Labor	2,820.60	
Trucks	820.90	
Materials	3,716.18	
Other Trucks	400.00	
	<hr/>	7,757.68

Snow Fence	260.00	260.00
Street Lights—School Signs	6,250.00	6,250.00

## Highway Backhoe

Article No. 17	13,787.01	13,787.01
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## Highway Pickup Truck

Article No. 18	2,329.00	2,329.00
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## Highway Repaving

Article Nos. 20, 21

Labor	488.45	
Trucks	65.20	
Material	6,633.38	
	<hr/>	7,187.03

## Tractor Equipment

Maintenance	2,545.66	
Traffic Light	48.65	
Gas and Oil	5,010.80	
Supplies	1,021.42	
Equipment	858.42	
Office Exp. & Dues	18.25	
	<hr/>	9,503.20

## Sunset Lane

Labor	2,178.70	
Trucks	729.00	
	<hr/>	2,907.70



## Town Garage

Telephone	181.63	
Lights	141.56	
Fuel	733.86	
Repairs	56.45	
Supplies	85.16	
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1,198.66

Snow Removal 1969	2,679.10	2,679.10
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## Snow Removal 1970

Labor	11,334.28	
Trucks	3,372.10	
Other	850.00	
Material	5,395.23	
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20,951.61

Vacation & Sick Leave 1969	111.60	111.60
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Vacation & Sick Leave 1970	2,523.15	2,523.15
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Highway Land Taking 1969	520.00	520.00
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Street Easements	19.00	19.00
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## Repairs to Private Streets

Labor	2,089.40	
Trucks	1,078.40	
Others	499.00	
Materials	1,924.80	
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5,591.60

Hansson Retainer	500.00	
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Burt Retainer	4,500.00	
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## TOTAL HIGHWAYS

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\$124,144.12

## VETERANS SERVICES

Agents Salary	\$250.00	
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Agents Exp.	47.08	
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Veterans Aid	2,960.31	
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3,257.39

## TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES

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\$3,257.39

**SCHOOL & LIBRARY****Paxton Center School**

Committee Salaries	375.00	375.00
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School Bal. 1969	4,065.09	4,065.09
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**School 1970**

Administration	11,348.72	
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Instruction	346,246.45	
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Other School Services	56,963.95	
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Operation & Maintenance	47,599.71	
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Fixed Charges	450.62	
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Community Services	2,729.36	
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Acq. of Fixed Assets	2,548.36	
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Program with Others	10,499.11	
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		478,386.28
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School Title II	536.66	536.66
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Wachusett Regional	245,393.55	245,393.55
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**School Lunch**

Salaries	13,181.78	
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Office Exp.	25.50	
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Food	17,165.64	
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Supplies	406.55	
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Repairs	44.39	
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Chemicals & Misc.	683.63	
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		31,507.49
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**Richards Memorial Library**

Librarian Salary 1969	340.00	340.00
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Other Comp. 1969	313.25	313.25
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Librarian Salary 1970	4,320.00	4,320.00
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Other Comp.	3,856.85	3,856.85
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Library State Aid	850.11	850.11
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Library		
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Petty Cash	100.00	
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Telephone	143.61	
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Water & Lights	214.05	
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Office Supplies	239.63	
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Fuel	347.17	
Mt. Bldg. & Grounds	433.31	
Books & Magazines	2,424.36	
Travel & Misc.	58.41	
	<hr/>	3,960.54

TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARY \$773,904.82

## RECREATION &amp; UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation Salary	\$7,668.70	
Pool Conduit 1969	282.60	
Expense 1969	604.75	
Reseal Pool Art. No. 29	1,999.90	
Expense 1970	3,271.16	
Equipment	723.64	
Events	1,095.37	
	<hr/>	15,646.12

## Unclassified

July 4	447.91	447.91
Town Report & Warrant	1,436.58	1,436.58
Memorial Day	300.00	300.00
Ins. & Bonds	12,527.77	12,527.77
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	6,595.00	6,595.00
Town Clock Salary	60.00	60.00
Town Common Care	291.83	291.83
Conservation Exp.	359.10	
Cons. Art. No. 25	9,000.00	
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Regional Planning	190.32	190.32
Certification of Notes	22.00	22.00
Art. No. 46 Stabilization	20,000.00	20,000.00

TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED \$66,876.63

## ENTERPRISES &amp; CEMETERIES

## Paxton Electric Lt. Dept.

Comm. Salaries	\$225.00	
Supt.	11,543.55	
Clerks	6,088.10	
Labor	25,321.62	
Mt. & Operations	209,575.69	
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Meter Dep. Account	162.80	162.80
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## Water Dept. Salary

Commissioners	225.00	225.00
Supt.	900.00	
Foreman	900.00	
Supt. Labor	584.00	
Foreman Labor	5,996.18	
Clerk	300.00	
Trucks	565.80	
Outside Labor	864.10	
	<hr/>	10,110.08

Salary Acct. Bal. Held 1969	150.60	150.60
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## Expense &amp; Operation

Electric Current	2,580.20	
Gas Rental	174.80	
Chemicals	808.87	
Mt. Operation	889.16	
Purchase Water	24.60	
Office Exp.	461.15	
Equipment	1,020.00	
	<hr/>	5,958.78

## Stock &amp; Supplies

Stock & Supplies	3,332.16	
Hydrants & Markers	463.80	
Meters & Repairs	2,162.30	
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## Auxiliary Pump 1969

Spec. Art. No. 20	8,772.00	8,772.00
Water Survey Art. No. 17—1970	360.00	360.00
Water Dept. Held for Pump Project	496.00	496.00
Water Exp. Bal. Held for 1969	900.61	900.61
Extension—1969	4,428.00	4,428.00
Extension—1970	4,500.00	4,500.00

**Cemeteries**

Supt.	156.00	
Labor	1,216.56	
Trucks	141.25	
Supplies	6.18	
Other Supplies	21.15	
Street Markers	159.23	
	<hr/>	1,700.37

TOTAL ENTERPRISES & CEMETERIES		<hr/> \$296,476.46
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Highway Temp. Loans	24,675.00	
Mat. Debt	85,342.35	
Int. Mat. Debt	25,125.20	
Temporary Loans	350,000.00	
Int. Temporary Loans	9,088.84	
	<hr/>	494,231.39

TOTAL DEBTS & INT.		<hr/> \$494,231.39
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**OTHER AGENCIES**

State Assessment	114.24
Audit	3,594.46
Parks	4,274.83
M. V. Excise	346.65
County Tax	24,586.46
T.B. Hospital	3,015.66
Dogs to County	776.00
Treas. Tailings	249.76
County Retirement	11,839.01

Int.—Treasurer	332.60	
Cemetery P/C	1,175.00	
Hazel Gay Awards	20.00	
	<hr/>	50,324.67

## WITHHOLDINGS

Federal	69,236.02	
State	13,103.00	
Retirement	7,730.48	
Blue Cross	6,303.83	
Group Ins.	460.88	
Teachers Annuities	1,620.00	
	<hr/>	98,454.21

## REFUNDS

Real Est. Taxes 1970	1,712.65	
Real Est. Taxes 1969	1,346.53	
Forest Law Land	8.07	
M. Vehicle 1970	2,403.62	
M. Vehicle 1969	1,209.17	
Water Dept.	16.78	
Reimb. P. E. Lt.	72.37	
Cemetery Refund of Care Lots	15.00	
	<hr/>	6,784.19

Treasury Bonds and  
Certificates of Deposit—

Purchased by Treasurer	100,000.00	100,000.00
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TOTAL AGENCIES, WITHHOLDINGS,  
& TREAS. INV.

\$255,563.07

## TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$2,128,896.24

## CASH DEC. 31, 1970

\$205,927.58

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\$2,434,823.82

## TOWN OF PAXTON

## ASSETS

Cash	\$205,927.58
Personal Tax	669.75
Real Estate Tax	44,751.59
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	13,201.05
Farm Animal Excise Tax	8.85
Tax Title	1,145.20
Tax Title Possessions	442.56
State Aid to Highways	
1970—Chap. 81	4,096.40
Chap. 90 Mt.	1,800.00
Chap. 90 Const.	8,000.00
1969—Chap. 90 Const.	1,429.94

## LIABILITIES

Guarantee Deposits	
Planning Board	\$11,331.43
Municipal Lt. Meter Dep.	197.05
Agency—County	
Dog Licenses & Sold	12.50
County Tax	437.65
Recreation—Held for Approp.	1,891.18
Trust Fund Income	
Edward Bigelow—School	334.70
Hazel Gay Stock	25.55
E. R. Richards—Library	15,354.20
Library Income Account	202.22
State Aid	62.03
School Title II	326.65
School Title III	276.46
Cemetery Income	1,175.61
Reserve—General	
Approp. Balances held	23,493.12
Municipal Lt. Deprec.	46,435.13
P. E. L. Const. Spec. Art.	1,500.00
Water Dept. (Special)	50.00

## County Aid to Highways

1970—Chap. 90 Mt.	1,800.00
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Chap. 90 Const.	4,000.00
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1969—Chap. 90 Const.	4,000.00
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State Parks—1970	316.90
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Departmental Revenue	90.00
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Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.	14,361.57
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Water Department	6,325.51
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Water Liens	82.40
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Cemetery Care of Lots	93.00
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Blue Cross-Blue Shield	91.88
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Employees Group Ins.	34.52
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## Non Revenue

Highways Machinery Rentals	9,655.10
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Stret Easements	32.00
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Highways Loan—Amt. of Reimb.	24,675.00
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Overlay—Reserve for Abatements	28,403.42
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Reserve Overlay Surplus	1,954.75
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Tax Title Revenue	605.34
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Motor Vehicle Revenue	13,201.05
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Farm Animal Revenue	8.85
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Municipal Lt. Revenue	14,361.57
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Water Dept. Revenue	6,407.91
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Surplus Revenue	110,258.23
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\$312,668.70

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\$312,668.70



## NET FUNDED &amp; FIXED DEBT

Loans	\$686,000.00	
Schools		\$586,000.00
Land Taking		22,000.00
Pump Station		22,000.00
Dam & Spillway		10,000.00
Fire Station		38,000.00
Grader		8,000.00
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	\$686,000.00	\$686,000.00

## TRUST &amp; INVESTMENTS

Trusts and Investments	\$169,108.37	
Treasurer		
D. R. Boynton		\$2,041.03
E. Bigelow B.F.		1,000.00
Hazel Gay		100.00
G. Bigelow Library		500.00
R. M. Library		1,668.87
E. D. Bigelow		22,372.08
E. D. Bigelow V.I.		1,244.95
Cemetery P/C		34,896.11

## INVESTED FUNDS

Post War Rehab.	1,511.95
Stabilization	49,329.51

## TRUSTEES

C. D. Boynton G.P.	9,364.79
Library Dist. Fund	45,079.08
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	\$169,108.37
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	\$169,108.37

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARL,  
Town Accountant

## REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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It is with pleasure that we submit our 1970 Annual Report to the voters of Paxton. We can cite 1970 as both a challenging and productive year.

It is pleasing to note a limited teacher turnover. In 1969 there were eleven staff changes. In 1970 there were only four. This is good indication that the Paxton Center School has a desirable atmosphere for teaching and learning.

Our school enrollment remained basically the same, with no major increase or decrease. We were not faced with crowded conditions and maintained desirable class sizes at all grade levels. It would appear from the preschool census that we can anticipate enrollment increase in the next two to three years. We expect a large entering first grade in September of 1971.

The 1973 mandate to provide public kindergartens is fast approaching. We must give this careful thought in the ensuing year.

Collective Bargaining between the School Committee and the Paxton Teachers' Association resulted in a realistic competitive salary schedule. It was not necessary, as in the case in many surrounding communities, to employ the services of a professional negotiator, nor was there any indication of need for mediation and fact finding.

Considerable time was spent developing and ultimately approving a budget that reflects a minimal 5% increase. Included in this 5% increase were such things as the teacher raises, increased maintenance, increased cost of goods and services, large projects such as exterior painting of the white building, science classroom renovations, etc.

"The School Committee meets on the third Monday of each month and welcomes your attendance." This wording is the same as last year. However, very few people accepted our invitation. We hope to see more of you this coming year.

The successes of this past year must be attributed to many. The Administration, the instructional staff, the supporting staff, and the community deserve our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. HALL, Chairman  
KATHERINE S. JACOBS, Sec.  
FRED A. RUOFF

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**Report of the  
WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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The Superintendent's annual report underscores the fact that the Wachusett Regional High School educational programs are dynamic and changing to meet the needs of the students from the five towns of the Wachusett Regional District. The Committee recognizes, and sincerely appreciates, the effort, ingenuity, and dedication of the administration, faculty and staff in their continuing desire to maintain the traditionally high standards of Wachusett Regional High School, while working under increasingly adverse conditions, due to the overcrowding of the physical facilities.

The efforts of the Committee to implement the recommendations of the five town K-12 study committee to provide

for our space needs have been stymied by a recent court decision concerning the proposed election procedure. We have issued a direct appeal to the Commissioner of Education to assist us in finding a solution to this most pressing problem. The Committee has appropriated funds over the past two years to provide for more efficient space utilization of the existing physical plant, realizing that a permanent solution to the overcrowding must be forthcoming this year. Double sessions or a year-round school may have to be considered as possible alternatives if a permanent solution is not found during the coming year.

The original High School plant is beginning to require rehabilitation in certain areas, such as the heating plant and the roof, and this year a contingency fund is being established to provide for these future needs.

Budget increases this year reflect the taking over of bussing and pupil services programs from the five towns. The bussing of the Wachusett Regional High School students by the district provides for more efficient service and greater reimbursement to the District by the Commonwealth. The five local school committees have agreed that the Regional committee should administer a greater portion of the pupil services programs to avoid duplication and inefficiencies created by having several local programs in operation simultaneously. The cooperation and administration of this program on a district wide basis have proven to be most effective in meeting the needs of the five member towns.

The remaining increase in this year's budget over the previous year reflects approximately a 7% cost of living increase along with need to provide funds for a 3% increase in enrollment in September, 1971.

The collective bargaining process continues to work smoothly at Wachusett Regional High School. This year the faculty will receive reasonable salary increases. The faculty has agreed that they will assume a greater work load and

will provide more of their time in developing programs for the High School. As a result of this mutual effort, the committee, will not have to add additional teachers to the faculty this coming academic year.

The demands for greater community participation in the many activities of the Regional committee will continue to increase. The committee, this past year, has sought the advice and expertise of many of the citizens in the five town district to assist them in their deliberations. We welcome and encourage participation and a portion of each meeting is devoted to a public hearing period.

The Town of Rutland will add an additional member to the committee this year bringing the total membership to 14. The committee wishes to thank the citizens of the district for their continued support and encouragement of Wachusett Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD C. WELLER, JR.

Chairman

CHARLES H. CAMPBELL

GEORGE A. CHAMBERLAIN, 3rd

RICHARD M. CONLEY

JOHN CORBIN, Vice Chairman

FREDERICK J. DUNN, JR.

GEORGE P. GIBBS

HOWARD A. GREIS

LEO J. MORGAN

WILLIAM S. MORGAN, JR., Sec.

DAVID R. NICHOLS

FRED A. RUOFF

ROGER E. VARNUM

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE  
TOWN of PAXTON



FOR THE  
Year Ending December 31, 1970

## PAXTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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### School Committee

Robert J. Hall, Chairman	Term Expires 1971
Mrs. Katherine S. Jacobs, Secretary	Term Expires 1973
Fred A. Ruoff	Term Expires 1972

### Administrative Staff

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
Mrs. Isabel B. Muzzy	Accounting
Mrs. Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist
Mrs. Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting

### Instructional Staff

Charles F. McManus	Principal
Richard M. Lane	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Lois Kahn	VIII
John J. Koski, Jr.	VIII
Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VIII
Paul A. Zendzian	VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	VII
James D. Ross	VII
Richard E. Johnson	VI
Mrs. Stina B. Long	VI
Mrs. Florence G. Morrissey	VI
*Mrs. Marguerite A. Rydant	VI
Mrs. Mary M. Donahue	V
Miss Judith A. Hodgen	V
Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V
*Mrs. Mary Bogren	IV

Miss Sandra J. King	IV
Miss Janice E. Laperle	IV
Mrs. Alice P. Tsourides	IV
*Mrs. Jo Ann Ferguson	III
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	III
Mrs. Claire T. Reavey	III
*Mrs. Victoria K. Copp	II
Mrs. Marilyn A. Grout	II
Mrs. Judith Martisauskas	II
Mis Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Nancy H. Oakes	I
Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
Mrs. Ruth B. Wentworth	Art
Mrs. Geraldine F. Collins	French
Mrs. Eileen L. Berman	Guidance
Mrs. Carol J. Richard	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Art
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Mrs. Mary F. Williams	Reading
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Transition
Mrs. Rickey N. Lopatin	Speech Therapy
* New Teachers	

### Supporting Staff

Mrs. Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Forrest R. Gilmore, Jr.	Director—Pupil Services
Mrs. Joyce McEachern, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Albert E. Hall	School Physician
Mrs. Beatrice Robinson	Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Madeline M. Rafferty	Library Clerk
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Julian E. MacDonnell	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contractor



## PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1970

Year of Birth	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
	31	38	48	49	66	82*

\* 52 Enrolled in Kindergartens

## ENROLLMENTS — OCTOBER 1, 1970

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	58	75	77	85	69	91	72	91	618

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
	66	58	76	54	254

## School Administration Annual Report

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As Superintendents of Schools we respectfully submit our 1970 Annual Report to the School Committee of Paxton.

In part our report of 1970 will repeat, re-emphasize and/or state programs and practices cited in the report of 1969  
**Staff**

This past year we had four changes in our instructional staff. Those teachers new to our school system and listed in the directory are indicated by an asterisk. Teacher recruitment has taken on a new complexion. It is heartening to see for the first time a large number of available applicants. Among the applicants interviewed we find both in and out of state colleges and universities represented, and, further, many of the applicants have previous teaching experience. Of the four people employed in Paxton this year, three came to us with experience. We are presently receiving in our office a large number of applications for possible 1971 vacancies, which indicates that the positive trend of available experienced teachers will continue.

### Curriculum

One of the most frightening and least known social and health problems of our day is the increasingly wide use of and experimentation with various types of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. A committee of teachers and administrators for the schools of School Union No. 64 has been meeting and working on curriculum study and implementation in an effort to deal with this problem. We feel progress has been made and an initial curriculum guide has been prepared and is currently being implemented. We must emphasize the fact that this problem is not just a school problem and any solutions must involve the total community. A 5-week adult education course in drugs and drug abuse is being planned to be held during February and March of 1971.

Cooperative study has also taken place in the areas of social studies, language arts and reading. A new study has been introduced in the area of art education. Curriculum study is and must be an ongoing aspect of our total education process if we are to continue to meet the challenges of the 1970's.

### **In-Service Training**

Ten of our teachers participated in a Union No. 64 In-Service course. Included in the 15-week program were drug education, specific learning disabilities, reading techniques, elementary school science, and linguistics. Our teachers also took numerous methodology and subject matter courses at the surrounding colleges and universities.

Our teachers are actively studying a program referred to as "Behavior Modification." This is a relatively new approach to working with children that have been identified as having behavioral problems. Simply stated, the student is encouraged to exhibit good behavior and is rewarded for good behavior, rather than punished for poor behavior.

### **Summer Program**

Our summer school program, commonly referred to as the "ROSE Program," collectively sponsored by the School Committees of School Union No. 64, was continued this year. In addition to the six weeks' standard program we ran preschool testing and invited all children scheduled to enter Grade I to participate. Approximately 95% of our 58 first graders were involved in the testing. We are convinced that this testing permitted the children a much smoother school start. We look forward to continuing both the standard "ROSE Program" and the preschool testing this coming summer.

### **Federal Funding**

Again, as in previous years, we were able to actively participate in federal programs, i.e., Title II library books

and supplies, Title III science, reading, and geography equipment and supplies, and Title I "ROSE" summer program. Approximately \$1,895 was realized in equipment, materials, and instruction.

### **Goals Established for 1970**

In our 1969 report we cited some of our goals for 1970. Now that 1970 is behind us, to what extent were our goals realized? Did we achieve curriculum study in the areas of science, health, etc? Yes.

Our In-Service Training Programs for the staff were continued. The "ROSE Program" was continued and also saw expansion. Instructional time in Industrial Arts, Home Economics and girls' Physical Education was extended. We installed fluorescent lighting in the 1963 addition, made improvements to the bituminous concrete playing and parking areas. We did not have a curriculum study in conservation education, hopefully in 1971 we will accomplish this goal.

### **Cooperative Efforts**

Working cooperatively with Anna Maria College a Teacher Aid Program has been established. Seven college students, candidates for degrees in Teacher Education, are spending fourteen hours a week as teacher aids. We feel this program is beneficial to both our school system and Anna Maria College. Under the direction of the classroom teacher the aids work with small groups of students and individual students providing extra help in the areas of reading, health, etc.

This past year we have had eight "student teachers" from the various area colleges and universities.

### **Auxiliary Services**

Necessary ingredients of our educational process include a well fed child in a clean and attractive building. Our cafeteria and maintenance staff continue to provide these very necessary ingredients. In addition to the routine maintenance

and cleaning of the school, all of the classrooms in the 1957 portion of the building were painted. New fluorescent lighting was installed in two classrooms, the gymnasium and cafeteria floors were completely stripped and resealed. Shades in two classrooms were repaired and/or replaced. The bituminous concrete parking area received freshly painted parking lines.

### **A Final Word**

The dedicated effort of many has made this past year, we feel, a successful one. The staff, the School Committee, and the community are to be congratulated.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,  
Superintendent of Schools

WILLIAM F. CAREY,  
Assistant Superintendent

EDWARD R. O'CONNOR,  
Assistant Superintendent

## REPORT of the SUPERINTENDENT

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It is a pleasure to report to the citizens after a full year on the job as Superintendent for the Wachusett Regional School District (grades 9-12) as well as for the five town elementary school districts. 1970 has been a year of frustration and stagnation insofar as expansion of Wachusett plant and reorganization of the region are concerned. At the same time, 1970 has been a year of significant curriculum work, a year in which faculty has become excited over what we can become as a contemporary and relevant school.

### **Educational Change**

Early in the year, school committee and faculty examined Wachusett's role as a comprehensive high school, found it performing well the function of preparing students for college, but found further effort necessary in preparing students for work upon graduation. We examined such things as tracking, what sorts of achievements are most publicized, teacher familiarity with industry, etc. Three faculty committees worked during the summer to integrate industrial arts with English, mathematics, and science, to design a course in shop mathematics, and to pursue constructive approaches to drug education. A new Homemaking curriculum has been completed.

This fall, arising out of teacher-school committee negotiations, the 3 R project has taken shape: a sincere attempt to extend learning beyond the schoolhouse walls, to place more emphasis on student-initiative in learning, and to utilize the largely untapped resources of our communities. Next fall, seniors will be encouraged to spend up to a day a week in area service institutions, businesses, industries, and governmental units as an application of and complement to their in-school experience. We have great confidence that Wachusett students can gain and give significantly, and count on

our citizens to accept one or more student interns or apprentices.

Throughout the year, faculty has consulted more with students in assessing the meaning of current practice to the student before planning curricular change. Many students have taken considerable time to work constructively on curricular change. The annual survey of last year's graduating class and five year ago's graduates contribute further feedback which we are attempting to utilize. We anticipate increased opportunity for student choice next year. We believe that students should be required to make choices more and more as they mature, so that graduation marks a point in a progression, not a drastic change. Students repeatedly ask for relevance and individualization. In 1970, we have probably moved ahead with relevance, but we may have also slipped backward in the area of individualization—knowing each student as an individual, treating him so, and helping him to develop his own unique qualities, not his parents' nor his school's plan for him. We will continue to try to work on both fronts.

### **Report of the Principal**

#### **Enrollment:**

Once more this year, we have seen an increase in the size of our student body here at Wachusett. As of October 1, 1970, our total enrollment numbered 1,810 as compared with 1,697 on October 1, 1969. These 1,810 students are divided in the following manner: Holden—900, Sterling—313, Paxton—254, Rutland—211, Princeton—126, 1 each from Oakdale, Oakham, East Templeton and Spencer and 2 from Worcester. There are 499 freshmen, 447 sophomores, 474 juniors and 390 seniors. Boys number 931 and there are 879 girls. Since the rated capacity of this building is 1,504, it is very obvious that we are badly overcrowded. We are using several sub-standard areas as classrooms again this year. Our eight room addition has been completed but additional space is still needed if our high school program is not to suffer.

**Staff:**

Our professional staff has increased by three this year. We have 3 administrators, 5 guidance counselors, 99 teachers, a librarian, 1 nurse and 4 study hall monitors. In addition, we have 1 cafeteria manager and 18 assistants, 13 full time custodians, 4 lay readers, and 6 secretaries.

Mr. Harold M. Lane, Jr. has replaced Mr. Peter K. Houmère as Assistant Principal, following his resignation to accept the high school Principalship at Amesbury.

**Class of 1970:**

At the 16th graduation, the Class of 1970 numbered 370 members. 195 (53%) attended four-year colleges, 52 (14%) entered two-year colleges, 6 (1½%) went to nursing schools. 25 (7%) will continue their education at business or technical school. Thus 75½ are continuing their education. 6 (1½%) entered the Armed Services and 82 (22%) are employed. 4 (1%) married or had indefinite plans.

The Class of 1970 had acceptances from schools and colleges in 26 states and 4 foreign countries. A total of 1,791 transcripts, records and forms were processed by the Guidance Department from September 1969 through June 1970. More than \$64,000 (for the freshman year alone) was awarded to members of the class in financial aid.

**HONORS**

- 1 National Merit Scholarship (Thomas J. Watson Memorial Merit Scholarship of IBM Corp.)
- 2 National Merit Scholarship Finalists (Certificates of Merit)
- 15 National Merit Letters of Commendation
- 21st International Science Fair (1st in Applied Physics and Engineering)
- Massachusetts State Science Fair
  - 1 First Award and Raytheon Company Scholarship
  - 2 Second Awards



**Worcester Regional Science Fair**

First place and Trip to International Science Fair and  
Worc. Eng. Soc. Scholarship

Second Award and Margaret Sherman Scholarship Award

Honorable Mention and Astra Pharmaceutical Products  
3rd award

**Mass. Assoc. of Mathematics League—6th Annual Olympiad**

HS Prize Competition in Mathematics

2 Certificates of Merit

**National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award**

Winner

**Atlantic Monthly's 49th Creative Writing Contest—Honorable Mention****Worcester Branch—National League of American Pen Women—1969-70 Literary and Art Contest—**

Honorable Mention

**Junior Classical Convention—Classical History and Mythology Exam—2 Third place****Kiwanis SIS Program—all expense year in Sweden****Output**

We are aware of the great deal of concern for educational output, efficiency, and accountability. In recent years we have seen an attempt to reach the hard-to-reach, with frequently disappointing results. We have expected education to solve society's problems. Some educators have promised what they could not deliver. And we have experienced an economic squeeze. School people must become more explicit in establishing goals and carefully assessing their accomplishments. At the same time, I hope that they will not be limited strictly to goals which have immediately measurable results. When one compares what Wachusett's graduates, their employers, and their colleges say about the school on the one hand with our expenditures on the other, one concludes that Wachusett is fairly efficient dollar-wise. Per pupil expenditure for current operating costs (not including build-

ings or equipment) in 1969-70 was \$860.35. 33 of 43 regular regional high schools in the state expended more than that. And 60% of all the regular high schools in the state expended more than we. In general, we get what we pay for; Wachusett citizens are getting very good value for what they pay.

#### Staff

The teaching staff makes or breaks a school. Buildings and equipment help the staff, but cannot make up for a poorly prepared, outdated, or lackadaisical one. Our faculty is well prepared, experienced, and almost without exception genuinely interested in its students. Our teachers number 106 in all. 36 have less than five years' experience, 29 have 5-9 years' experience, and 41 have 10 years' experience. 49 hold an earned bachelor's degree, 55 a master's, 1 a certificate of advanced graduate study, and 1 a doctorate. In recent negotiations, our teachers agreed to assume additional responsibilities in teaching and in planning program. They have assumed the planning responsibility already, and with great enthusiasm. In sum, Wachusett has hired quality rather than quantity, and the academic and economic benefits are apparant. There are many more educational services which our young people need. We are trying to use to the fullest those resources now committed to our work. We cannot do all things for all people. In years ahead we shall be proposing additional services for which there is demonstrated need. For the citizen must determine in the long run: How much we reach out to the hard-to-reach; How large a percentage of the youth should we really serve; How much "quality" in quality education; or What is "good enough."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,

Superintendent of Schools

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### TREASURER'S REPORT — 1970

#### I. CASH FLOW

Opening Balance 1-1-70	\$ 296,622.47
Total Receipts A)	3,717,458.51
Total Expenditures B)	3,758,948.75
Closing Balance 12-31-70	\$ 255,132.23

#### (A) RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$1,702,040.35
Short-Term Loans	995,256.25
Withheld	319,848.75
Cafeteria	108,127.98
State-Federal Funds	153,694.02
SBAB	172,744.33
Migrant Worker (1)	234,681.94
Miscellaneous	31,064.89

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\$3,717,458.51

#### (B) EXPENDITURES

Operating	\$1,678,028.88
Debt Service	301,170.64
Short-Term Loans	1,000,000.00
Withheld Paid	319,250.81
Construction	138,597.13
Cafeteria	104,964.18
Migrant Worker (1)	216,937.11

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\$3,758,948.75

(1) We act as service agent for Migrant Program. No net cost to the District.

### BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

Items	12-31-68*	12-31-69*	12-31-70
Cash	\$ 183,724.00	\$ 296,622.00	\$ 255,132.23
Receivables			
Holden	728,911.00	872,768.00	941,824.54
Paxton	198,677.00	257,080.00	264,346.02
Princeton	92,553.00	133,313.00	134,724.99
Rutland	161,103.00	203,215.00	222,703.92
Sterling	287,799.00	315,664.00	328,594.30
Petty Cash Advance		100.00	100.00
Total Assets	\$1,652,767.00	\$2,078,762.00	\$2,147,426.00

## Liabilities

Revolving Funds	\$ 15,532.00	\$ 22,668.00	\$ 25,831.48
Rev. Reserved until Collected	1,469,043.00	1,782,040.00	1,892,193.77
Withheld	2,466.00	4,328.00	4,963.71
Maintenance Fund	5,646.00	5,903.00	6,422.33
Building Fund	88.00	139,613.00	13,330.40
Fed. Funds Unused	9,867.00	24,631.00	27,019.39
Migrant Worker Funds	3,184.00	3,525.00	21,269.76
Surplus (See Sect)	146,941.00	95,954.00	156,295.16
Res. Petty Cash Advance	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,652,767.00	\$2,078,762.00	\$2,147,426.00

## II. Bonded Indebtedness

As of 12-31-70, the District's Bonded Indebtedness was as follows:

Issue	Rate	Annual Pay	Remaining Principal	Year Paid Off
6-1-51	2.20 %	5,000	5,000	1971
6-1-52	1.90 %	75,000	150,000	1972
6-1-53	2.60 %	50,000	150,000	1973
6-1-69	4.41 %	50,000	100,000	1972
			\$405,000	

## III. 1971 Budget

The following tabulation shows the 1971 Budget with comparative data for 1969 and 1970:

Administration	\$ 52,818	\$ 58,547	\$ 76,228
Instruction	1,054,752	1,204,766	1,397,749
Other Services	55,157	**115,372	222,593
Oper. and Maint.	130,879	149,066	184,824
Fixed Charges	57,050	59,070	62,135
Community Services	1,400	1,400	1,600
Acquisition Fixed Assets	*102,794	129,819	119,064
Total Operating	\$1,455,305	\$1,718,040	\$2,064,193
Debt Service	246,363	301,171	189,543
Total Budget	\$1,701,668	\$2,019,211	2,253,736

\* Includes \$75,000 for temporary building. This was subsequently transferred to Building Fund for eight-room addition.

\*\* Includes cost of District assuming responsibility for payment for transportation of high school students beginning 9-1-70.

**IV. Surplus Account**

Opening Balance 1-1-70 \$95,953.95

**Add:**

Miscellaneous	\$ .32	
Insurance Payment	1,705.93	
Expenses under appropriation— receipts over estimates (net)	156,295.16	158,001.41
		<b>\$253,955.36</b>

**Less:**

Eight-Room Addition		
Special Lavatory	12,314.68	
Emergency Roof Repairs	5,345.04	
Miscellaneous	.48	
Used Against 1970 Assess.	80,000.00	97,660.20
		<b>\$156,295.16</b>

Closing Balance 12-31-70 \$156,295.16

On January 11, 1971, the Regional Committee voted that the following actions be taken in regard to the Surplus Account as of 1-1-71:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| (a) Transfer to Contingency Maintenance Fund                                  | \$25,000 |
| (b) Earmark for expenditure in 1971 for the<br>1970 alterations not completed | \$55,000 |
| (c) Apply against 1971 Assessments  | \$60,000 |

As a result of this action, the original assessments made to the member towns are revised as follows:

Town	Revised Operating Costs	Debt Service	Revised Total Assessments
Holden	\$873,968.14	\$37,906.20	\$911,874.34
Paxton	247,201.48	8,673.14	255,874.62
Princeton	122,629.02	7,893.57	130,522.59
Rutland	204,375.87	11,324.25	215,700.12
Sterling	302,668.18	15,553.92	318,222.10

This action leaves the District with an unaudited surplus of \$16,295.

We feel that this is a dangerously low surplus, but in view of the fact that we will have a Contingency Maintenance Fund of \$25,000 and because of the pressure of increased taxes, we believe that this is the action we should take.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. LIONETT, Treasurer

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