



"Winter scene at the Old Mill — Spaulding Estate."

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1972 ANNUAL REPORT - PAXTON, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Paxton



FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1972

In Memoriam

WALTER V. PIKE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS, Retired

HELEN L. RIDDLE

CLERK, BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

CHARLES C. CRAIG

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Retired

GAYLORD PIKE

POLICE CHIEF, CONSTABLE, Retired

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1972

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

RONALD E. JOHNSON

Term Expires 1973

HERBERT M. VARNUM

Term Expires 1974

RICHARD G. CONNELL

Term Expires 1975

Assessors

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE

Term Expires 1973

RICHARD G. BEDARD

Term Expires 1974

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1975

School Committee

PAULA AIJALA

Term Expires 1973

STUART ROBINSON

Term Expires 1973

PHILIP V. DONOHUE

Term Expires 1974

Municipal Light Board

WILLIAM E. ISHAM	Term Expires 1973
THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1975

Cemetery Commission

CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1973
VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL	Term Expires 1974
GEORGE H. DANIELS	Term Expires 1975

Water Board

DONALD L. MONTAGUE	Term Expires 1973
BRIAN C. MURPHY	Term Expires 1974
FREDERICK G. ANTELL	Term Expires 1975

Library Trustees

ELIZABETH O. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1973
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1973
ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1973
CONSTANCE G. GREENMAN	Term Expires 1974
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1974
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1975

Planning Board

WILLIAM M. FOLEY	Term Expires 1973
ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1975
JOHN D. ROMMEL	Term Expires 1976
BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1977

Board of Health

JAMES A. LASHBROOK	Term Expires 1973
THOMAS P. LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1975
THOMAS M. BRALEY	Term Expires 1973

Recreation

RICHARD F. ROY	Term Expires 1973
SHIRLEYANN LANCIANI	Term Expires 1974
ALAN M. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1975
GERARD A. BERNIER	Term Expires 1973
JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1977

Wachusett Regional School Committee

ROGER E. VARNUM	Term Expires 1973
JOHN E. HODGSON	Term Expires 1975

Finance Board

WILLIAM L. LAWLER	Term Expires 1973
LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR.	Term Expires 1973
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1973
HAROLD S. SACHS	Term Expires 1974
JOSEPH P. CANCELMO	Term Expires 1974
GLORIA S. SMITH	Term Expires 1974
RICHARD W. PECKITT	Term Expires 1975
GRAHAM W. WADDILL	Term Expires 1975
JAMES J. MELLOR	Term Expires 1975

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**Appointed by the Selectmen**

HAROLD S. SACHS—Finance Committee	Term Expires 1973
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE—Assessors	Term Expires 1973
WILLIAM L. LAWLER—Finance Board	Term Expires 1973
JOHN D. ROMMEL—Finance Board	Term Expires 1973

Appointed by Moderator

DEAN O. HOWLAND	Term Expires 1973
ELIZABETH RICHARDS	Term Expires 1974
FRANK H. MICKEL	Term Expires 1975

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

ALBIN F. WRIGHT

Sanitary Inspector

ROBERT P. JACQUES

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**

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1973
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT F. DILLMAN	Term Expires 1975
TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS	Term Expires 1976
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST	Term Expires 1977
R. RAY SUMMA	Alternate
ALLEN RUBIN	Alternate

TOWN OF PAXTON

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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

Asst. Inspector of Wires

AMBROSE TOWER

Building Inspector

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING

Asst. Building Inspector

DAVID LUDDEN

Building Board of Appeals

ROBERT SAPPER

Term Expires 1973

ROBERT S. BODYCOTT

Term Expires 1973

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1974

ALVAH W. TRACY

Term Expires 1975

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

CURTIS J. LANCIANI Term Expires 1975

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

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

Board of Registrars

VIOLA C. PRENTICE Term Expires 1973
DANIEL F. CRONIN Term Expires 1974
MARY A. KELLEY Term Expires 1975

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL

Town Accountant

YVONNE B. KARLE Term Expires 1973

Police Department

WILLIAM O. WYLIE—Chief

HAROLD J. MULLANEY—Sergeant

FREDERICK T. WARPULA—School Traffic Officer

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST ROBERT T. 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

RALPH J. PIETRO—Worcester Water Works
F. WYMAN ROGERS—Boynton Park
ALFRED J. MIGNEAULT—Private Property
AMBROSE TOWER—School Grounds
CHARLES F. McMANUS—Town Recreation Program
CHARLES F. BRADY—Black Hill Road
JESSE E. MILLS—Road Construction
HILTON CUNNINGHAM—Town Recreation Program
ELEANOR RICHARDSON—School Crossing Guard
PHILIP V. DONOHUE—1972 Summer Recreation Program
RAYMOND KIRWIN—Special Police Officer
in connection with Dog Officer duties.

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

HILTON CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1973
PETER W. SIEMEN	Term Expires 1973
ROBERT FOWLER	Term Expires 1974
SUSAN P. CORCORAN	Term Expires 1974
GRACE H. FOWLER	Term Expires 1974
CHESTER L. JOHNSON, Associate Member	
ROBERT M. PAULSON	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD P. CONRAD	Term Expires 1975

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

CHRISTIAN C. BAEHRECKE ROBERT S. HANSSON
 CURTIS J. LANCIANI VIOLA C. PRENTICE
 MARY ANN MORIN

School Needs Study Committee

VIOLA C. PRENTICE	Term Expires 1973
KATHERINE S. JACOBS	Term Expires 1974
PHILIP V. DONOHUE	Term Expires 1974
RICHARD A. LaPIERRE	Term Expires 1975
HUGH AARON	Term Expires 1975
FREDERICK J. DUNN	Term Expires 1975

School Planning & Building Committee

YVONNE W. SUMMA	RICHARD A. LaPIERRE
ROBERT I. BECKER	DR. CHARLES F. LUYRINK
PHILIP V. DONOHUE	GEORGE W. JOHNSON
THEODORE L. PROVO	

Agents for License Commissioners

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

BETTY PETERSON
 ROBERT L. PRICE—Alternate

Advisory Committee for Master Plan

RICHARD G. CONNELL (Select Board)
 LINWOOD M. ERSKINE, JR. (Finance Committee)
 ROBERT S. HANSSON (Superintendent of Streets)
 ROBERT FOWLER (Conservation Commission)
 ROBERT L. PRICE (Planning Board)

At Large

JEROME F. MURPHY	HOWARD A. AUBERTIN
MRS. CAROLINE L. ISHAM	STANLEY F. KACHNOWICZ
MRS. ELIABETH M. RICHARDS	

Personnel Advisory Board

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

Study Committee for Athletic Field Complex

STANLEY L. MILLER DAVID K. BEACH, JR.
HAROLD S. SACHS CHARLES J. FOX
MRS. JOYCE G. AARON

REPORT of the TOWN CLERK

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

January

- 3 Dawn Marie Faerber, daughter to David P. and Bonnie H. Faerber.
- 8 Stacey Anne Leonard, daughter to Paul E. and Rose-Marie B. Leonard.
- 10 Chris John Petropoulos, son to John C. and Bessie M. Petropoulos.
- 28 Tracey Lynn Lyons, daughter to Robert X. and Joyce V. Lyons.
- 30 Amy Louise Bernier, daughter to Gerard A. and Constance B. Bernier.

February

- 9 Edmund Jonas Grigaitis, son to Edmond Joseph and Rasa S. Grigaitis.

March

- 6 Amy Lynn Heiniluoma, daughter to David and Marilyn A. Heiniluoma.
- 20 Amy Wilson Seymour, daughter to Richard Hoe and Susan B. Seymour.
- 29 Lisa Ann Lashbrook, daughter to James A. and Susan K. Lashbrook.
- 31 Michael Francis Fanning, son to Francis P. and Janice M. Fanning.

April

- 5 James Scott Wreschinsky, son to Sanford and Barbara A. Wreschinsky.

May

- 2 Miguel Richard Tomasini, son to Miguel R. and Kathryn J. Tomasini.
- 11 Scott Keith Ahearn, son to Mark G. and Cynthia L. Ahearn.
- 14 Kristen Tory MacNeill, daughter to Herbert H. and Meridith A. MacNeill.
- 29 Miron Charles Malboeuf II, son to Miron C. and Susan N. Malboeuf.

June

- 24 Jason Foster Wentworth, son to John D. and Jean M. Wentworth.
- 29 Betsy Jane Oatley, daughter to Ralph E. and Mary E. Oatley.

July

- 28 Meredith Michelle Roy, daughter to Thomas S. and Wanda M. Roy II.

August

- 14 Todd Robert Girouard, son to Robert J. and Patricia A. Girouard.
- 24 Rachel Allyson Hall, daughter to Richard S. and Sandra E. Hall.
- 28 Keith Nathaniel Sheldon, son to Orville G. and Carolyn Sheldon.

September

- 13 Lennart William Root, son to John Charles and Susan E. Root.
- 18 Tara Denise Danahy, daughter to Paul A. and Dorothea M. Danahy.

October

- 1 Jennifer Lee Colburn, daughter to Richard D. and Mary R. Colburn.
- 5 Charles Robert Nelsen, son to Robert G. and Michelle E. Nelsen.
- 31 Amy Karen Lederer, daughter to Warren J. and Diane J. Lederer.

November

- 2 Julie Ann Erickson, daughter to Theodore A. and Susan Erickson.
- 2 Susan Marie Belanger, daughter to Alfred E. and Mary L. Belanger.
- 11 Susan Ani Kasparian, daughter to Haroutune and Carol A. Kasparian.
- 16 Lynn Ann McCarthy, daughter to Philip C. and Barbara A. McCarthy.
- 24 Darlene Marie Ledoux, daughter to Paul G. and Donna Louise Ledoux.

MARRIAGES**January**

- 5 Edward William Spillane, Jr. of Paxton to Denise Anne Gagne of Jefferson.
- 7 Wayne Buzzell Pinkham of Paxton to Cheryl Margaret Homewood of Rutland.
- 7 Mark George Ahearn of Paxton to Cynthia Louise Keith of Spencer.
- 15 Robert J. Girouard of Paxton to Patricia A. Bates of Holden.

March

- 4 Kevin M. Reando of Paxton to Judith Golden of Worcester.
- 4 Richard P. White of Auburn to Karen J. O'Connell of Worcester.
- 27 John R. Arnott of Paxton and Sharon M. Reed of Worcester.

April

- 14 Miguel Roberto Tomasini of Paxton to Kathryn Jane Bowden of Holden.

May

- 4 Michael P. Tivnan of Paxton to Lu Ann Chamberlain of Holden.
- 27 Ronald David Faucher of Paxton to Patricia Ann Mantha of Rutland.

June

- 10 Thomas R. Holland of Paxton to Claudia P. Cragan of Holden.

- 18 Richard Gordon Benedict of Northboro and Cynthia Ann Reardon Frye of Paxton.
- 24 Donald G. Cronin of Westboro and Joan M. Friel of Paxton.
- 25 Robert G. Barton, Jr. of Paxton and Jeanne M. Barry of Worcester.

July

- 14 Kevin J. Snell of Paxton to Patricia A. Feola of Framingham.
- 15 Thomas E. Ettori of Rutland, Vt. to Mary E. Ryan of Paxton.
- 22 Gerald A. Childs of Paxton to Linda A. Smedberg of W. Boylston.
- 28 Frank John Moryl Jr. of Westminster to Joan Frances Clancey of Paxton.

August

- 13 Henry Reno Kennen III of Paxton to Diane Helen Mysliwiec of Auburn.
- 12 Vinal Richard Perreault of Paxton to Diana Irene May of Dalton.
- 20 Robert Kerbel of Worcester to Ginger Ann Urbanovitch of Paxton.
- 26 Andrew G. Johnson, Jr. of Holden to Kathleen D. Jones of Paxton.

September

- 17 Daniel E. Griffin of Rutland to Janice B. Dodge of Paxton.
- 23 Paul F. Bateman of Holden to Barbara L. Everleth of Paxton.

- 30 Alan M. Wentworth of Paxton to Sandra Joanne King of Worcester.
- 30 David O. Darling of Worcester to Carolyn M. Abdella of Paxton.
- 30 John E. Reid of Paxton to Joan F. Toomey of Worcester.

October

- 14 Timothy J. Toomey of No. Brookfield to Holly J. Ahearn of Paxton.
- 14 John Byron Lucivero of Worcester to June Frances Fulginiti of Paxton.

November

December

- 9 Harlan B. Dunn II of Paxton and Nancy A. Logee of Paxton.
- 15 Thomas A. Sutherland of Paxton and Barbara Hale of Paxton.
- 27 Steven Edward Krulish of Connecticut and Judy Beth Sheldon of Paxton.
- 30 Peter G. Wood of Sharon and Diane E. Raitto of Paxton.
- 30 William E. Hill of Sterling and Norma Lynn Gaboriault of Paxton.

DEATHS

January

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| 1 | Anne Ursula Stevens, 120 Davis Road | 50 years |
| 10 | Antonio Piucci, 397 Pleasant Street | 87 years |
| 22 | Gaylord Blount Pike, 211 Grove Street | 66 years |

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February

5	Georgia F. Brady, Black Hill Road	74 years
21	Anne P. Sullivan Cummings, 86 Richards Ave.	65 years
24	Lawrence Joseph Bishop, 26 West Street	57 years

March

6	Ella Clara Suprenant, 774 Pleasant St.	51 years
15	Sigrid Olivia Baker, 14 Eagle Lane	78 years

April

19	Walter R. Johnson, 2 Forestdale Road	52 years
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May

24	Rose Etta Shea, 778 Pleasant Street	96 years
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June

22	Signe Lindquist, 83 Suomi Street	79 years
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July

23	Walter V. Pike, 674 Pleasant Street	65 years
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August

6	Doris E. O'Hara, 4 Bel Arbor Drive	70 years
26	Florida Vailleux, Anna Maria College	71 years

September

5	Paul A. Spittler, 8 Streeter Road	74 years
10	Max Krus, 49 Camp Street	76 years
16	Charles C. Craig, 218 Richards Avenue	79 years
20	Helen L. Riddle, 18 Monticello Drive	67 years

October

November

December

5	Sigurd Alf Swanstrom, 188 Grove St.	80 years
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Dog Licenses Issued

Male	190
Female	33
Spayed Female	134
\$10 Kennel	5
\$50 Kennel	1

Total Licenses issued	363
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Paid to Treasurer	\$1,123.00
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Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued

Total number of licenses issued	230
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Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,254.00
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REPORT of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held March 6, 1972

The business meeting was called to order at 7:50 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 426.

The following officers were elected.

Moderator	J. Arden Woodall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Town Collector	Frederick T. Warpula
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick
Constables	Harold J. Mullaney
Constables	William O. Wylie
Tree Warden	Curtis J. Lanciani
Selectman	Richard G. Connell
Assessor	Christian S. Baehrecke
School Committee	Fred A. Ruoff
Municipal Light Board	Robert C. Harrington
Cemetery Commission	George H. Daniels
Water Board	Frederick G. Antell
Library Trustees	G. Donald Fenton
Library Trustees	Helen L. Riddle
Planning Board	Betty C. Peterson
Planning Board	John D. Rommel, Jr.
Planning Board	Alvah W. Tracy
Board of Health	Thomas P. Lavigne
Recreation	Jean M. McIntyre
Recreation	Gerard A. Bernier
W.R.H.S. Comm.	John E. Hodgson

Question—"Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called beano?"

In favor	212
Opposed	173
Blanks	41

Article 2. Moderator stated that Article 2 (Town Budget) be taken up page by page with the 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 itemized, each numbered item being considered a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purpose.

Unanimous vote. Budget approved as amended.

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

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal period beginning Jan. 1, 1972 and ending Dec. 30, 1972 in accordance with the provision of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969 and to renew any note or notes which may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimous vote.

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

Unanimous vote.

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

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund (\$474.67) to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town transfer the money to be received from the State (\$599.75) for Library use to the Library Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town vote the money for street lights and the income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal period, be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant (including out-of-state travel of the employees where necessary) as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, of the General Laws for the current fiscal year and if this income shall exceed the expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be thereafter authorized by the Municipal light Board.

Unanimous vote.

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

Superintendent

Period Employed	Vaca. Allow. (with pay)	Sick Leave Allow. (with pay)
Up to 2 full years	2 weeks	1 week
2 full years	3 weeks	2 weeks
15 full years	4 weeks	2 weeks

All sick leave to accrue up to four weeks only.

Other Employees

	Vaca. Allow. (with pay)	Sick Leave Allow. (with pay)
1 full year	1 week	1 week
2 full years	2 weeks	2 weeks
15 full years	3 weeks	2 weeks
20 full years	4 weeks	2 weeks

All sick leave to accrue up to four weeks only, and no more than two weeks of vacation to be taken at one time without approval of the Superintendent and the Select Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 11. It was voted by the Town to transfer the sum of \$9,677.52 from the Highway Machine Rentals Fund to the Highway Equipment Maintenance Fund to be used to furnish supplies and maintain the Town's Highway equipment.

Unanimous vote.

Article 12. It was voted that the Town cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,438. to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$9,457. be borrowed to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Unanimous vote.

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

Unanimous vote.

Article 14. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100. to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction on West street under Chapter 90, and that in addition, the sum of \$12,300. be borrowed to cover the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Unanimous vote.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town transfer the amount requested for the Water Department budget from Surplus to the Water Department Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 16. It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,600 to purchase a new dump truck, equipped with 2 way radio communication, for the Highway Department.

Unanimous vote.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500. to install a Type I black top surface for the sidewalk on the southerly side of West Street from the end of the present sidewalk at the school yard to Suomi Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to implement data processing for appropriate municipal accounting functions.

Lost.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver to Paxton Inn, Inc. a 10 year lease of a parcel of land, being approximately 100 feet by 100 feet and containing approximately 10,000 square feet of land, located 160 feet more or less southerly of West Street, 170 feet more or less easterly of the Paxton Center School, and 250 feet more or less westerly of Pleasant Street, for a leaching field for the disposal of sewage effluent upon such terms and conditions as said Board shall deem prudent, the execution of said lease to be sufficient evidence of its discretion.

Unanimous vote.

Article 20. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on January 13, 1972, of Rollingridge Lane, beginning from Grove Street at approximately Station 40 + 50 and running easterly for a distance of approximately 500 feet with a 50 foot radius turn around at the end, as shown on a plan entitled "Rollingridge Acres Plan of Lots" owned by Robert B. Love, dated February 23, 1966 and presently owned by Robert S. Hansson.

Unanimous vote.

Article 21. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase from Robert S. Hansson an easement for public way purposes in Rollingridge Lane, beginning from Grove Street at approximately Station 40 + 50 and running easterly for a distance of approximately 500 feet with a 50 foot radius turn around at the end, as shown on a plan entitled, "Rollingridge Acres Plan of Lots," date February 23, 1966.

Unanimous vote.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for \$1.00 from Robert S. Hansson an easement for public way purposes in Rollingridge Lane, beginning from Grove Street at approximately Station 40 + 50 and running easterly for a distance of approximately 500 feet with a 50 foot radius turn around at the end, as shown on a plan entitled, "Rollingridge Acres Plan of Lots," dated February 23, 1966.

Unanimous vote.

Article 23. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to cover the cost of a full-time Police Chief.

Unanimous vote.

Article 24. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300. for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser.

Unanimous vote.

Article 25. Passed over.

Article 26. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100., or any other sum, to pay for the legal costs in the acquisition of a right-of-way easement in and to a parcel of land, containing approximately 4485 square feet, situated about 500 feet easterly of Grove Street in Paxton, shown on a Plan of a Right-of-Way drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated September 29, 1971.

Unanimous vote.

Article 27. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, a conveyance from Arnold Klingele of a right-of-way easement in and to a parcel of land, containing approximately 4485 square feet, situated about 500 feet easterly of Grove Street in Paxton, shown on

a Plan of a Right-of-Way drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated September 29, 1971.

Unanimous vote.

Article 28. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100. to pay for legal costs in the acquisition of a right-of-way easement in and to two parcels of land containing approximately 31,021 square feet and 22,838 square feet shown on Plan of a 50-foot wide right-of-way to be granted to the Town of Paxton dated September 29, 1971 drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc.

Unanimous vote.

Article 29. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, a conveyance from Alexis David of a right-of-way easement in and to two parcels of land containing approximately 31,031 square feet and 22,838 square feet shown on Plan of a 50-foot wide right-of-way to be granted to the Town of Paxton dated September 29, 1971 drawn by Thompson-Liston associates, Inc.

Unanimous vote.

Article 30. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift a conveyance from Roger E. Varnum and Martha C. Varnum of a drainage easement in and to a 15 foot strip running northerly from Brooks Road abutting and westerly of the easterly line of the premises of said Varnums and to appropriate therefor the sum of \$1.00.

Unanimous vote.

Article 31. It was voted that the Town appropriate a sum of \$2,076. to purchase approximately 1200 feet of 3 inch diameter fire hose.

Unanimous vote.

Article 32. It was voted that the Town raise and ap-

appropriate a sum of \$3,000. to build an addition to the utility building at the Herbert F. Wentworth Memorial Pool for the storage and safe-keeping of town-owned equipment.

Unanimous vote.

Article 33. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,310. from Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Account No. 776 entitled, Recreation Events, to offset the budget request.

Unanimous vote.

Article 34. Passed over.

Article 35. It was voted that the Town adopt a Plan for the appointment of members of the Personnel Review Advisory Board whereby the Select Board shall appoint two individuals for a one year term, two for a two year term and one for a three year term. At the option of the Select Board, two additional members may now be appointed, one for a one year term and one for a three year term. Thereafter as the terms of members expire, their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.

Unanimous vote.

Article 36. Passed over.

Article 37. Passed over.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk

REPORT of the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held June 28, 1972

The meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, J. Arden Woodall, at 8:20 P.M. Count for a quorum showed 52 registered voters present. Tellers were: J. Mellor and L. Robinson.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money and authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to enclose with a fence the whole or any part of the Center Cemetery.

Moved and seconded to pass over Article 1.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$115,000.00 and authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to enter into a contract to lay and re-lay water mains of not less than six inches (6") but less than sixteen inches (16") in diameter along Pleasant Street, southerly from Grove Street to Camp Street, a distance of approximately one and eight tenths (1.8) miles upon such terms and conditions as they determine prudent, the execution of any contract to be sufficient evidence of the exercise of such judgment; to borrow said sum of \$115,000.00 under General Laws Chapter 54; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to determine the terms and form of such borrowing, whether by notes or bonds, and the length of time for payment thereof.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town appropriate a sum of \$2,000.00 to Police Department for policing Town roads.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town appropriate a sum of \$5,000.00 to the Highway Fund.

Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk

REPORT of the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held October 16, 1972

The meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, J. Arden Woodall, at 8:25 P.M. Tellers were David Fitzpatrick and Charles Stoneham. Count for a quorum showed 50 registered voters present.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease to the Town from the Division of Fisheries and Game of 3.30 acres more or less on the southerly side of Marshall Street for a period of 25 years, with a right of renewal, as authorized by the Legislature, as provided in Chapter 416 of the Acts of 1972 and to appropriate the sum of \$25.00 from available funds.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town accept a bequest of \$100.00 from the Estate of Amanda S. Lombard for the care of a cemetery lot.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8 d; and that

there be hereby established an Historical Commission for the Town of Paxton for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of 7 members appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years, except that the initial appointment shall be 2 members for one year, 2 members for two years and 3 members for three years.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from available funds for the purpose of paying expenses for the School Planning and Building Committee in connection with the preparation of preliminary plans for the construction of additional school facilities.

Unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

REPORT of the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held November 21, 1972

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 8:10 P.M. Moderator was elected from the floor. Howard B. Moore was elected to serve as moderator with a unanimous vote. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Tellers: Robert Dillman, Richard Bedard, William Kallio and John Morin.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars to be used for the computerization of real estate records of the Board of Assessors.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. Motion made and seconded to disapprove of Article 2. In favor 493—opposed 90. (2/3 vote)
(Town of Paxton to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain in fee for school purposes two (2) parcels of land on Grove St.)

Article 3. Motion made and seconded to disapprove of Article 3. Unanimous vote. (Town to raise and appropriate money for purchasing land on Grove Street for school purposes).

Article 4. Motion made and seconded to disapprove of Article 4. Unanimous vote. (Town to appropriate money for building elementary school building on Grove St.).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

Name	Address
Margaret M. Baillie	16 Monticello Drive
Mary J. Barry	5 Orchard Drive
Rodolphe E. Beaulac	4 Eagle Lane
Vivian A. Belisle	24 Asnebumskit Road
Ruth H. Bodycott	9 Birchwood Road
Laina B. Brannlund	51 Suomi Street
Hildred D. Burt	7 Ledyard Road
Joseph P. Cancelmo, Jr.	286 Grove Street
Marion L. Clockedile	29 Suomi Street
Richard P. Conrad	7 Rollingridge Lane
George H. Daniels	15 Mower Street
Suzanne P. Day	112 Richards Avenue
Pasquale W. Fulginiti	15 Indian Hill Road
Margaret M. Garabedian	69 Pleasant Street
Adele K. George	6 Berkshire Drive
Harriet D. Getchell	13 Grove Street
John Groden	Eagle Circle
Robert W. Hein	42 Maple Street
Norman R. Johnson	2 Oakwood Road
Virginia M. Kimball	643 Pleasant Street
Donald M. Krus	49 Camp Street
Lorenzo R. Laliberte	13 Orchard Drive
Raymond O. Leadbetter	12 Whitney Drive
George O. Lilyestrom	33 Streeter Road
David S. Ludden	285 Grove Street
John M. Nash	4 Center Drive
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Jr.	8 Whitney Drive
Doris V. Parks	9 Crystal Street
Juliette A. Piucci	397 Pleasant Street
Leonard S. Prue	17 Grove Street
Henry C. Rivers	2 Crestwood Road
Marilyn E. Sachs	44 Camp Street
Robert L. Scarbeau	289 Richards Avenue
George F. Sheckleton	559 Pleasant Street

Edward R. Trum
Donald R. Udell
Paul W. Valinski
Esther L. Van Wyck
Joseph Ziarko

350 Marshall Street
2 Spring Drive
20 Forestdale Road
221 Grove Street
20 Burtenmar Circle

REPORT of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 1972 may best be remembered as the year in which over 750 people attended a Special Town Meeting. That's just about double the number who customarily attend the Annual Town Meeting when the budget for an entire year is voted! The occasion, of course, was to hear and vote upon the recommendations of the School Planning and Building Committee. Those recommendations (that the land be acquired on which new school facilities would be constructed) were overwhelmingly defeated in spite of the support of the majority of Selectmen and of the Finance Committee.

Your Select Board sees as one of its major challenges in 1973 the necessity to co-ordinate the efforts of those many people who have and will continue to work tirelessly toward resolving this problem of how best to satisfy school needs in Paxton. We will not, however, recommend to the Town of Paxton any proposal which is merely politically or financially expedient. We feel we must address ourselves, both as a Board and as a Town, to a solution to this problem that will be not only as long lasting as possible, but economically feasible as well.

Other highlights of 1972 include the establishment of the Town's first Historical Commission whose able Chairman is Hilton Cunningham.

Another "first" in 1972 was the appointment of William O. Wylie as full time Chief of Police, and the creation of a full time patrolman's position currently being filled by Francis Whitney.

We are certain that we express the gratitude of all those Paxton Selectmen whom she served when we say "Thank You" to Anna Miller O'Janne who retired this fall after fifteen years as secretary to the Select Board. Her replacement is Mrs. Susan Seymour.

Your Select Board continues in its efforts to improve the lines of communication between and among all Boards and Departments. We likewise value the comments and observations of all Paxton citizens, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our meetings on the second and last Thursday of each month are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD E. JOHNSON, Chmn
HERBERT M. VARNUM, Clerk
RICHARD G. CONNELL

REPORT of the INSPECTOR OF WIRES

New Homes Inspected	18
Wiring Inspections of Additions	7
Permits Issued for Other Wiring	28
Wiring Inspections—Approximately	110
Fees Collected and Remitted to Town Treasurer	\$99.00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN P. LEDERER,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commission has requested \$2575.00 for Maintenance of both Center and Mooreland cemeteries from January 1, 1973-June 30, 1974. Because of the increase in size of Mooreland and the growth of shrubs in both cemeteries, we will incur added labor costs.

In 1972, a new section of Mooreland was excavated seeded, limed and fertilized; a new light was installed on the northern corner of Center Cemetery.

Cemetery Expansion: The new section of Mooreland should be completed in 1973 making about 88 more lots available. To complete this project the Commission has requested

352 markers for 88 lots @ 1.70	598.40
Install markers	200.00
Excavate, gravel and oil	
1200 feet of roads	1,390.00
Seal present roads with oil	150.00
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Total	\$2,338.40

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE L. ISHAM, Chrmn.
VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL
GEORGE H. DANIELS

Report of the PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

During the year 1972, 42 Plumbing Permits were issued and 78 Plumbing Inspections were made with a total of 261 fixtures inspected as follows:

Water Closets	60
Bath Tubs	20
Shower Baths	22
Lavatories	57
Sinks	20
Water Heaters	33
Clothes Washers	19
Dish Washers	11
Garbage Grinders	8
Wash Stands	2
Urinals	3
Wash Trays	3
Drinking Bubbler	1
Floor Catch Drain	2

During the year 1972, 10 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 10 Inspections were made (1 of a camping vehicle) with a total of 34 appliances inspected as follows:

Laundry Dryer	1
Ranges	6
Room Heaters	2
Water Heaters	3
Refrigerator	1
Light	1
Outside Pool Heater	1
Infra Red Heaters	19

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN F. WRIGHT

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

REPORT of the BUILDING INSPECTOR

	Builders Est. Cost
17 Dwellings	\$549,000.00
11 Alterations	23,600.00
1 Commercial Building	250,000.00
7 Garages, Sheds, Greenhouses	15,700.00
7 Swimming Pools	21,100.00
4 Barns	6,000.00
0 Permits to Demolish	
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	\$865,400.00
Cash Received for Building Permits	3,464.00

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 or demolish an existing building. Thank you for your cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN G. FLEMING, JR.,
Building Inspector
DAVID S. LUDDEN, Assist.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE ON RECREATION

Evaluation and Future Planning

This Committee has determined that its purpose is to:

1. Determine the recreational needs of the Town as expressed by its citizens as they appear to exist for the immediately foreseeable future.
2. Relate existing facilities and programs to these expressed needs in order to determine to what extent present recreational activity meets these needs.
3. Prepare a total and prudent recreational plan for consideration by the Town citizenry which presumably is intended for implementation over time and within the bounds of fiscal feasibility.

This Committee has further established a definition of recreation which is substantially broad in scope. Within this definition of the term are to be included a multiplicity of activities of a socio-recreational nature sufficiently broad to encompass the varied interests of the widest cross-section of the community.

In order to initiate action on this stated purpose, this Committee has taken steps to procure professional assistance. This assistance will be forthcoming through The Department of Community and Recreational Planning of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.

The first tangible action to be taken by the Committee together with the Springfield College Group will be a multiphased, in-depth survey of the Town's recreational interests and the degree to which present facilities and programs fulfill these interests. Forthcoming from this survey will be a report to the Town and accompanying recommendations on subsequent action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BEACH, Chairman

REPORT of the BOARD OF HEALTH

The members of the Board of Health are pleased to announce the signing of a new disposal contract for a period of 2½ years with Leonard A. Martone Co., Inc., of Barre, Mass. This will be unlimited collection in accordance with our contract. Your Board feels that this disposal system is the most convenient and economical in the State of Massachusetts. However, we are continuing to seek possible land-fill sites.

As members of the Wachusett Home Health Agency, Paxton is entitled to increased services now available. In addition to nursing care these services include occupational speech, physical therapy and home health aids.

Multi vaccine clinics were offered to pre-school and school children of Paxton.

A rabbies clinic for dogs was held in September.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. LAVIGNE
JAMES LASHBROOK
THOMAS BRALEY

Board of Health

REPORT of the BOARD OF APPEALS

In 1972, the Zoning Board of Appeals held one public hearing at the Town Hall.

Special Permit granted

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Copy of the minutes of this public hearing are on file with the Town Clerk and is public record.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST, Chr.
ROBERT F. DILLMAN, Clerk
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS
TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS
RICHARD S. RUBIN, M.D.
DONALD T. LUNDQUIST
R. RAY SUMMA

REPORT of the ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The most important single thing that has happened this past year was the increase in retail power rates. This increase, about 25% to the average customer, was necessary because of wholesale power cost increases.

The Light Board is making every effort to hold down energy costs. The Board is working with the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts, Northeast Public Power Association, American Public Power Association, and several Washington, D. C. attorneys to reduce wholesale rates. Members of the Board and the Department Manager

have appeared before the Federal Power Commission in this matter. Because our present power supply is not reliable and is rapidly getting overloaded, the Light Board is in the process of obtaining a more reliable power supply with much more capacity. The Department will build a new 115 thousand volt substation off Marshall Street on land now owned by the State Department of Natural Resources and leased by the Light Department. This new facility will allow Paxton Light to buy energy at a lower rate and at the same time give us much more reliability.

This new power supply will require the building of a new 10 MVA 115 KV substation complete with transformers and switch gear. It will also require building 3 miles of subtransmission line. The project will take about three years to complete and will be constructed for the most part by Department help.

Our regular day by day operation has been moving along smoothly and includes tree trimming, pole replacements, new house services, and some new conductors. We have added to our underground system in several areas and also improved street lighting where required.

If you have any questions or problems, the Light Board meets the Tuesday before the last Thursday of every month, and anyone is welcome to attend for the Board meetings are open to the public.

I would like to say thanks to Board Member "Bill" Isham, who is leaving the Board, for the service he has provided. Bill served from 1967 until 1973. He will be missed.

Submitted by:

CURTIS J. LANCIANI, Manager
THOMAS CUMMINGS, Chmn.
ROBERT HARRINGTON, Clerk
WILLIAM ISHAM, Third Mem.

I hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1972:

Statement of Income and Expenses

Income:

Metered Sales to Consumers:

Rate A Private Consumers	\$202,897.58
Rate B Small Com. Con.	10,947.81
Rate C Large Com. Con.	53,178.63
Rate D Electric Heating	70,188.45
Street Lighting	7,999.96
Municipal Lighting Bldgs.	7,734.85
Power for Municipal Purposes	2,848.70
Resale to Other Utilities	605.41
Miscellaneous Operating Revenues	161.19
Area Lighting—Private	2,406.66

\$358,969.24

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	237,540.71
Regulatory Commission Expense	3,557.50
Maintenance Transformers	144.97
Street Lighting Expense	1,012.37
Meter Reading Expense	1,713.48
Meter Expense Repair & Testing	.....
Accounting Expense	7,225.52
Mgr. & Light Board Salaries	13,622.82
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,663.76
Mgr. & Light Board Expenses	2,037.06
Rent	75.00
Outside Services	1,100.00
Overhead Line Expense	22,525.79
Depreciation	22,397.12
Insurance	3,393.09
Maintenance Underground Cond.	27.12
Injuries & Damages	123.89

Interest	2,345.00	
Uncollectable Accounts	2,773.86	
		<u>\$324,270.06</u>
Operating Income		34,690.18
Other Income		1,520.32
		<u>\$36,210.50</u>
Total Income for year 1972		

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1972

ASSETS

	Additions	12/31/72 Depr. Val.
Land	.....	\$319.27
Substa. Struc, City Line	.....	326.99
Substa. Struc.		
Asnebumskit Rd.	745.68	14,654.08
Substa. Equip.	218.50	39,217.84
New Building	715.31	59,250.21
Poles & Fixtures	3,033.63	19,882.02
Overhead Conductors	7,741.61	71,496.61
Line Transformers	7,072.15	65,627.35
House Services	3,739.98	29,561.05
Consumer Meters	2,064.51	13,048.81
Street Lighting Equip.	2,385.73	24,487.58
Office Equipment	2,853.22	5,166.57
Cost of Transp. Equip.	2,868.00	26,981.99
Tools, Shop &		
Garage Equip.	2,208.72	8,004.96
Laboratory Equip.	41.45	44.13
Miscellaneous	78.25	67.53
Communications Equip.	1,526.03	3,907.52
Underground Cond.	8,618.39	41,653.38

Area Lighting Equip.	241.26	2,166.66
Substa. Struc. Marshall St.	50.00	50.00

Total Add. in 1972	46,202.42
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Total Depr. Value	425,914.55
Consumer Deposits
Accounts Receivable	32,464.68
Construction Funds	9,583.10
Materials & Supplies	17,171.15
Petty Cash	100.00
Depreciation Funds	37,770.19

Total Assets	\$523,003.67
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LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	40,000.00
Owed to Consumers on Deposits
Appropriated for Construction	2,456.64
Notes paid off in prior years by	
Light Dept.	19,116.00
Appropriated for Const. Repayment	7,090.07
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1972	28,742.50
Earnings of this & prior years invested	
in new plant & other assets	405,229.86
Contributions in Aid of Construction	18,998.60
Customers' Advances for Const.	1,370.00

Total Liabilities	\$523,003.67
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ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT

	Debit	Credit
Balance from Previous Years		\$369,019.36
Plus current year profit		36,310.50
Accumulated Profit December 31, 1972		\$405,229.86

CURTIS LANCIANI, Mgr.
Light Commissioners:
THOMAS CUMMINGS, Chmn.
ROBERT HARRINGTON, Clerk
WILLIAM ISHAM, 3rd Member

REPORT of the DOG OFFICER

Dogs Caught and Destroyed	33
Dog Bites Reported	5
Reported Complaints	185
Number of Complaints Issued	25
Number of People Fined	2

Owners of dogs are required by law, to license their dogs on or before April 1st of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. KIRWIN,
Dog Officer

REPORT of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 10, 1972 Paxton's first full time Chief of Police was appointed, after the Town had voted to approve the full time position at the Annual Town Meeting. At the same Town Meeting, because the Emergency Employment Act grant under which the full time police officer, Francis Whitney, had been hired was no longer available to the Town, it was voted to appropriate the funds necessary for him to continue on a full time basis.

Various changes have taken place since that date. Paxton now has superior Police protection and coverage at all times and now is in closer contact with not only the local situations, but also with surrounding towns. The citizens of Paxton, realizing that they now have a full time Police Department, have made increased use of the Department's services. This has made more demands on the time of the Officers, which is an expected part of their service to the public. For example: now the Officers must check any new car being registered under the September 1, 1972 Motor Vehicle Registration and Title System, and verify the car's registration number. This inspection must be made upon request of any motorist in the State.

Again this year, the number of house breaks in Paxton has been kept to a minimum. This has been due in part to burglar alarm systems which have been installed by many residents. These systems are very effective and are extremely helpful to both the homeowner and the Paxton Police Department. However, as a word of caution, these systems must have prior approval of the Police Department before they are connected with the Paxton Police Emergency Telephone.

Several of the Officers have attended various meetings concerning needed Police Department information, including courses on handling of weapons and practical police problems.

During the year, the Police Chief has been able to attend several meetings conducted by the Police Chiefs' Association and the Massachusetts Safety Officers' League, which has had the effect of improving communications on all levels.

The Police Department has been requested to aid and assist the Wachusett Area Drug Coalition on a referral basis.

In June, the members of the Department attended the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the National Safety Council Awards Banquet, through the courtesy of the Selectmen. At this Awards Banquet, Paxton received the first place award for 1971 in the Traffic Safety Contest. Paxton also received first place in 1969, and Honorable Mention in 1970. Statistics thus far indicate that a first place award is a possibility for 1972. This excellent record is due to the safety consciousness of the Paxton motorists in cooperation with the vigilance of the Paxton Police Department.

At this time, I would like to thank the Fire Department for its services when required, also the Light and Highway Departments and the Holden Barracks of the State Police for assistance when requested.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. WYLIE,

Chief of Police

Phone calls recorded	1285
Calls for information	430
Call from persons for assistance	22
Citizen complaints investigated	640
Motor vehicle accident reports recorded	74
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	37
Motor vehicle accident casualties to hospitals	14
Recreational vehicle accidents investigated	2
Emergency calls for cruiser ambulance service	49
Burglar alarm call investigated	50
House breaks investigated	31
Business breaks investigated	1
Theft of various articles	5
Vacant houses checked on routine patrol	344
Motor vehicles stolen in town	3
Motor vehicles recovered in town	12
Motor vehicle Title System numbers checked	21
Motor vehicle citations issued	285
Summons served	18
Adult arrests	9
Juvenile arrests	2
Arrests for other departments	4
Suicide	1

The following was issued by this Department:

	Fees
26 Accident reports	\$128.00
11 Theft reports	53.00
49 Pistol permits	284.00
26 Gun I.D. cards	52.00
13 Bicycle registrations	3.25
1 Holiday work permit	5.00
Total amount turned over to Town Treasurer	\$525.25

REPORT of the TREE WARDEN

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

Once again the tree replacement program was carried out with the planting of 500 Scotch Pine seedlings, 25 10' Norway maples, and 25 8' Flowering Crab trees. These trees were planted in all areas of town where old and deceased trees were removed or in areas where soil erosion is taking place. We will be continuing this program in the future.

Because we met the requirements of the State Department of Natural Resources a contribution in the amount of \$111.74 was received. This money along with the annual appropriation was used to remove and dispose of several Dutch Elms.

December was a hard month for the trees, and a great deal of damage was caused because of the two ice storms at the year's end. The Tree Department spent several hundred dollars chipping fallen limbs along the highways and also material placed on the roadside by town's people. It is my hope that some type of program in late spring will be put into operation to allow all residents to dispose of their broken limbs.

I have listed below a few suggestions for those who use the program:

- A. No dead material.
- B. No limbs larger than 5" in diameter.
- C. No material that might contain metal.
- D. No leaves, rakings, stumps, or roots.
- E. Please pile so that large ends are to street.
- F. Make piles close to road but not so close to hinder the Highway Department or motorists.

I submit the following financial report for your review:
Appropriations:

Moth Control	\$200.00
Trees	2,000.00
Dutch Elm	1,200.00
State Aid	111.74

\$3,511.74

Expenditures:

Moth Control:

Labor and Inspection	\$200.00
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Dutch Elm:

Labor	518.33
Repairs	138.41
Outside Services	655.00

Trees:

Labor	551.98
Tools	149.02
Planting	400.00
Outside Services	899.00

\$3,511.74

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS LANCIANI,

Tree Warden

REPORT of the LIBRARIAN

Circulation:

Adult and Juvenile books	28,451
Reference transactions	3,512
Central Regional interlibrary loans	451
Magazines, pamphlets, films	1,614
Records and tapes	1,481
Total	35,509

Volumes in collection:

Adult titles	6,734
Juvenile titles	2,179
Total	8,913
Volumes added in 1972 (including gifts)	651
Borrowed from Central Regional Bookmobile (revolving collection)	553

Our 1865 registered borrowers have given us another active year, as indicated in the above figures.

Regional services and book loans continue to increase.

A new policy of three month bookmobile loans should result in more new titles, but held in our library for shorter time duration.

Services to anyone temporarily, or permanently, handicapped so that they can not use books conventionally continue to be stressed. We have a talking book player and a cassette player to loan and many talking books and tapes are now available through Holden and Worcester.

We are grateful for the many gift books (some given as memorials) donated by individuals and town departments.

We would also like to acknowledge with thanks the many donations to our second book sale on the common last June. Alice Nelson and Joanne Langer planned another very successful event. The colorful chairs resulting from the first sale have added much to decor and comfort.

The loan of an Olivetti copying machine by Office Machines, Inc., has proved convenient for many townspeople, especially students with long note taking assignments. The price, ten cents a copy.

Kathy Robinson attended an interesting credit course in children's literature. I enjoyed a reference workshop with Mr. Frank J. Seegraber, from Simmons College.

Some of the over generous rainfall of the past year ended up in the library cellar, causing the necessity of pumping by the fire department. The trustees spent much time checking, worrying, moving stored books and even mopping up. The basic problem is still being worked on, as is the question of a new septic system.

New hot water pipes were found to be necessary and Mr. O'Janne has them all installed.

Mr. Sumner Taylor did a thorough job of repainting the trim on the library.

The Explorer Boy Scouts continued to keep the grounds in good condition and Mr. John Hyland has faithfully cared for the work caused by winter storms.

Jean Faucher has kept the library a delightfully clean place to work in.

State aid funds were used to purchase storage boxes for our reference magazines, making them much more accessible. We now subscribe to forty-two different magazine titles. Have you checked any out lately

We were saddened by the sudden death of Helen Riddle, an active trustee for many years. Her sense of humor brightened many meetings.

We feel fortunate to be able to welcome Alice Nelson as our new trustee.

The individual help given me all through the year by each of the trustees and the library staff has added to the enjoyment of my work.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE,
Librarian

REPORT of RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	\$9,439.00
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Expenditures:

Librarian	\$4,831.00
Ass't Librarian	1,152.97
Library Trainee	1,813.74
Pages	789.80
Housekeeper	790.00
Clerk	228.00

Total	\$9,605.51
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Expense Account—Income:

Town Appropriation	\$2,745.00
Dog Tax	579.94
Bal. of Income 1971	495.70
Interest from Investments 1972	1,504.32
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Total	\$5,324.96

Expenditures:

Books & Magazines & Records	\$2,972.52
Postage	94.00
Fuel	379.21
Telephone	184.22
Office Supplies	614.91
Water & Lights	272.04
Petty Cash	105.00
Travel & Misc.	55.00
Maint.—Building & Grounds	468.51
Education	69.00
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Total	\$5,214.41

State Aid Account:

Received 1972	\$1,399.13
Balance	\$1,290.11

Richards Trust Account:

Received 1972	\$1,953.89
Balance	\$19,754.05

The sum of \$396.00 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENS C. SEELYE

REPORT of the HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Chapter 90 Construction

West Street

The 2½" Type I blacktop surface was placed complete with berm and driveway approaches from station 10 to station 27+50. Due to the many rainy days we had during the year, putting us behind in our work schedule, we were unable to surface the sidewalk before cold weather set in. Some grading and seeding still remains to be done. All these projects will be completed in 1973 as well as commencing the last section to be reconstructed from the school entrance to the center of Town.

Chapter 81 and Special Accounts for Highways

Approximately 1300 feet of drainage was installed during the year on Richards Avenue, Holden Road, Orchard Drive, Forestdale Road, Birchwood Road, Indian Hill Road and Birch Street.

About 400 feet of Davis Road was scarified, graveled, penetrated and sealed with asphalt.

Birchwood Road was scarified, graveled, regraded and penetrated with asphalt for a distance of about 350 feet with two catch basins added.

Approximately 35000 gallons of asphalt was used in surface treatments on various streets throughout the town in the form of honed, mixes, penetrations and sealcoats.

Ditching, shoulder maintenance, graveling, brush cutting, guardrail aligning and painting, sweeping, catch basin cleaning, etc. was done as usual throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HANSSON,
Supt. of Streets

REPORT of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department logged 46 calls for 1972 as follows:

- 4 buildings or structure
- 5 motor vehicle
- 8 grass and brush
- 6 mutual aid
- 23 miscellaneous

The amount of calls is 13 less than in 1971. This is a significant drop over the last 2 years and is also reflected in a low dollar loss value. The largest dollar loss for 1972 was sustained in the motor vehicle category.

The number of grass and brush fires remains nearly the same as last year, and again I wish to thank the people in Paxton for their cooperation in adhering to the burning ban.

The number of miscellaneous calls was not as large as last year but they covered a wide variety same as in the past. These are any calls for service from the department whether it requires one man or the whole group and includes investigation, false alarms, rescue, etc.

The Fire Department took delivery of the new truck voted at the March 1971 town meeting on July 3rd. This is Engine No. 1 and the vehicle it replaced was turned in to the manufacturer as a trade-in. The new Engine No. 1 has given some trouble since it was delivered. The trouble was in the fuel system. The electric fuel pump failed and had to be replaced. The air-vent in the fuel tank plugged up and had to be freed. Finally it was discovered that a piece of cloth rag had gotten into the fuel tank causing problems. Also the headlight switch developed trouble and had to be replaced along with a valve that controlled the vacuum park-

ing brake system. These "bugs" have been taken care of by the manufacturer and the truck should be in good shape for the work expected from it.

Lieutenant Brian Murphy completed the course in "Fire Science and Technology" at Quinsigamond Community College this year (1972) earning credits for an Associate Degree, and was among the top members of the group taking the course.

Training for the fire fighters will be presented in a little different way in 1973. Deputy Chief David Putnam has been assigned the job of setting up the program and is being assisted in the initial setup by Lieutenant Brian Murphy. Training sessions to be held on a once a month basis with two nights being set aside per month. This allows the department to be split up into more workable groups. Fire-fighters are expected to attend 10 out of 12 sessions.

The fire detection system at St. Columba church has been connected to the town fire sirens. This is now about all that the system can handle. However, it is necessary that the Town Hall be given very serious consideration. This matter has been brought up in preceding reports. The building is all wood construction. Its location can cause problems to other building exposures on all four sides. Over the last 15 years the type of occupancy has changed. More people are in the building for longer periods of time. While this may be some advantage in detecting a problem it also increases the potential. It is recommended that serious thought be given to an early detection type system for this structure.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON,

Fire Chief

REPORT of the TOWN COLLECTOR

1968 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$869.84	
Abated 1972		\$869.84
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	\$869.84	\$869.84

1969 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$180.95	
Abated 1972		\$180.95
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	\$180.95	\$180.95

1970 Water Lien

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$22.00	
Collected 1972		\$22.00
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	\$22.00	\$22.00

1970 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$2,592.43	
Collected 1972		\$1,394.57
Abated 1972		670.32
Tax Title 1972		527.54
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	\$2,592.43	\$2,592.43

1970 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$2,628.68	
Refunded 1972	15.40	
Collected 1972		\$1,241.28
Abated 1972		1,060.14
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		342.66
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	\$2,644.08	\$2,644.08

1971 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$8.75	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		\$8.75
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	\$8.75	\$8.75

1971 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$519.25	
Collected 1972		\$401.45
Abated 1972		117.80
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	\$519.25	\$519.25

1971 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$39,568.07	
Refunded 1972	196.23	
Collected 1972		\$35,089.52
Tax Title 1972		573.81
Abated 1972		901.48
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		3,199.49
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	\$39,764.30	\$39,764.30

1971 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$18,198.09	
Committed 1972	24,154.20	
Refunded 1972	2,241.69	
Overpayment 1972	.01	
Collected 1972		\$28,131.31
Abated 1972		8,767.16
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		7,695.52
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	\$44,593.99	\$44,593.99

1971 Water Liens

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1972	\$173.90	
Collected 1972		\$131.90
Tax Title 1972		42.00
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	\$173.90	\$173.90

1972 Personal Property

Committed 1972	\$10,670.45	
Collected 1972		\$9,608.98
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		1,061.47
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	\$10,670.45	\$10,670.45

1972 Farm Excise

Committed 1972	\$567.12	
Collected 1972		\$388.37
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		178.75
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	\$567.12	\$567.12

1972 Forest Law

Committed 1972	\$193.05	
Collected 1972		\$165.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		28.05
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	\$193.05	\$193.05

1972 Real Estate

Committed 1972	\$916,869.64	
Refunded 1972	2,659.81	
Overpayments 1972	183.64	
Collected 1972		\$842,930.67
Abated 1972		21,751.98
Tax Title 1972		610.83
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		54,419.61
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	\$919,713.09	\$919,713.09

1972 Water Liens

Committed 1972	\$724.49	
Collected 1972		\$600.54
Tax Title 1972		35.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		88.45
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	\$724.49	\$724.49

1972 Motor Vehicle

Committed 1972	\$99,766.19	
Refunded 1972	1,533.28	
Collected 1972		\$69,009.11
Abated 1972		5,252.20
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1972		27,038.16
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	\$101,299.47	\$101,299.47

Interest

1970	\$248.43
1971	1,403.54
1972	659.61
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	\$2,311.58

Real Estate Tax Title Reimbursements for Advertising

1970	\$74.12
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Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. WARPULA,
Town Collector

REPORT of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS—1972

Personal Taxes:

1972	\$9,608.98
1971	401.45

Real Estate Taxes:

1972	842,930.67
1971	35,089.52
1970	1,394.57

Farm Animal Excise Taxes:

1972	388.37
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Forest Law Land:

1972	165.00
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

1972	69,009.11
1971	28,131.31
1970	1,241.28
1969	

Interest on Taxes by Collector:

Personal Property	7.34
Real Estate	2,142.01
Motor Vehicle Excise	162.23
Reimb. for adv. T.T.	74.12
Interest Invested by Treasurer	2,335.41
Short Term Loan Int.	39.33

State & County Aid to Highways:

State:

1972 Chap. 81	2,960.15
1971 Chap. 90 Const.	7,999.36

County:

1971 Chap. 90 Maint.	3,999.68
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Misc. State, County, Federal & others:

State Tax Basis	36,706.79
Revenue Sharing	16,566.00
Public Works	246.00
Snow Plowing—State & others	3,394.53
Gas Tax	2,659.72
Forest Fish and Game	874.21
Dutch Elm	111.74
Veterans Aid	1,969.26
Public Health	45.00
Dog Reimb. from County	579.94
Library State Aid	1,399.13

State Aid to Schools:

Regional

Title II	951.30
Chap. 70 School Aid	63,544.68
Chap. 71	41,077.23
Chap. 71 Sec. 47-48	9,508.37
Chap. 69-71	4,032.00
Chap. 74 Sec. 10	3,096.00
Chap. 71 Sec. 7A	25,351.00
Chap. 74 Sec. 8A	396.00
School Bldg. Assist.	31,968.20

Highway:

Highway Machinery Rentals	10,559.00
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Misc. School Receipts:

Rental	1,683.00
Lost Books	14.82
Phone Calls & Misc.	13.67
Projects	67.05
Broken Window	25.84
Adult Education	60.00
Bigelow Fund	52.52
Hazel Gay Scholarship Fund	15.90

School Lunch:

Collections & Reimb.	31,924.67
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Library:

Interest Income	1,605.66
E. R. Richards Dist. & Int.	2,662.58
Fines	361.00
Sale of Book	2.60

Recreation:

Summer Program	515.00
Child Care	82.50
Winter Program	170.00

Electric Light Department:

Rates, Inst. & Repairs	357,397.64
Meter Deposits Int.	10.60
Meter Deposit Remainder	31.61
Depreciation & Const. Int.	1,509.71
Reimb. from N. E. Power	142.71

P.E.L. to Town:

Inst. No. 1 on Bldg.	11,675.00
Workmens Comp.	1,610.00
Lease Reimb.	25.00

Water Department:

Rates	38,719.60
Inst. and Repairs	2,110.25
Water Liens	754.44
Worc. Water used	50.80

Cemetery:

Interest Income	1,352.09
Cemetery P/C	2,168.33
Opening Graves	495.00

Withholdings:

Federal	82,185.20
State	25,462.08
Retirement	10,441.83
Emp. Health Ins. & Direct Pay	9,807.77
Group Ins. & Direct Pay	521.58
Teachers Annuities	4,435.00
Disability Ins.	562.77

Licenses, Fees & Misc.:

Selectmen	1,964.50
Board of Health	262.00
Plumbing & Gas Insp.	172.50
Sanitary Insp.	530.00
Building Insp.	3,464.00
Insp. for Sanitary Insp.	155.00
Wire Insp.	99.00
Planning Board	105.00
Animal Insp.	110.00
Assessors—Maps	2.00
Board of Appeals	20.00
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	1,125.65
Sale of Street Listings	9.25
Gas Reg.	.50
Use of Copy Machine	11.40

Police:

Court Fines	120.00
Accident Reports	186.00
Pistol Permits	284.00
Bicycle Reg.	3.25
I. D. Cards	52.00

Loans:

Anticipation of Revenue	400,000.00
Highway Loans	25,357.00
Fire Truck Loan	17,000.00
Water Pipeline	115,000.00

Refunds:

M. V. Check returned	16.50
P.E.L. Checks returned	703.18
Treasurer checks void	163.59
Highway Tractor Acct.	42.82
Water Dept. Stock Supplies	22.96
Vet. Aid	395.92
School	.78
Work. Comp. Dividend	422.83
Fire Dept. Acct.	9.74
Rec. to Est. Rec.	10.40
Vet. Aid to Est. Rec.	150.00
Assessors Acct.	275.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,422,088.58
Cash—Dec. 31, 1971	226,443.40

TOTAL	\$2,648,531.98
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PAYMENTS—1972

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

101	Moderator Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00
104	Expenses	11.50	11.50
111	Selectmen Salaries	1,100.00	1,100.00
112	Secretary Compensation	375.00	375.00
114	Expenses		
	Office Expense	68.39	
	Dues	140.00	
	Consortia	30.00	
	Safety Council	88.00	
	Meetings	26.00	
	Advertising	63.54	
	Books	218.50	
	Moving Radio	30.00	
	Delivering Reports	50.00	
	Bench	25.00	
	Misc.	10.00	749.43
122	Town Accountant Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00
124	Expenses		
	Office Expense	73.48	
	Dues	5.00	78.48
131	Treasurers Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00
134	Expenses		
	Office Expense	253.52	
	Dues	8.00	
	Contract	73.00	334.52
	Equipment	218.60	218.60
141	Town Collector Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00
	Hire	1,200.00	1,200.00
144	Expenses		
	Office Expense & Dues	762.90	
	Tax Title Adv.	90.98	
	Meetings	146.12	1,000.00

145	Equipment		
	Contract (Repair)	80.50	80.50
152	Town Secretary Salary	4,950.00	4,950.00
	Expenses		
	Postage Meter		
	Contract & Charge	139.16	
	Postage Meter Scale	4.67	
	3 M. Expenses	345.09	
	Contract	150.00	638.92
161	Assessors Salaries	2,375.00	2,375.00
162	Assessors Clerk Compensation	1,000.00	1,000.00
164	Expenses		
	Office Expense	423.08	
	Dues	60.00	
	Photostats & Abstracts	157.88	
	Mapping Services	180.00	
	Misc.	168.00	988.96
	Assessors Data Processing		
	Art. No. 1 S.T.M. 11/21/72	381.25	381.25
	Finance Committee		
172	Secretary Compensation	175.00	175.00
173	Statistician	100.00	100.00
174	Expenses		
	Office Expense	3.60	
	Dues	30.00	33.60
181	Town Clerk Salary	850.00	850.00
182	Hire	306.00	306.00
184	Expenses		
	Office Expense	178.01	
	Dues	6.00	184.01
194	Legal	4,446.21	4,446.21

204	Election Expenses		
	Ballots	106.00	
	Tellers	1,316.00	
	Misc.	3.88	1,425.88
212	Registrars Compensation	105.00	105.00
213	Registrars Clerk	100.00	100.00
214	Registrars Expenses		
	Office Expense	193.00	
	Census	300.00	493.00
	Planning Board		
224	Expense		
	Office Expense	83.97	
	Meetings & Dues	37.50	
	Adv.	32.85	
	Publications & Maps	42.00	196.32
232	Town Hall Janitor Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00
234	Town Hall Expense		
	Telephone	688.94	
	Lights	388.68	
	Fuel	870.14	
	Misc. Supplies	92.13	2,039.89
236	Town Hall Repairs	700.00	700.00
244	Record Building	235.85	235.85
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			<hr/> \$34,307.92

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

282	Police Chief's Salary	8,585.00	8,585.00
283	Patrolling	15,727.28	15,727.28
	Balance Held 1971—Expense	13.25	13.25

284	Expense and Operation		
	Office Expense	208.60	
	Meetings & Dues	51.00	
	Telephone	637.81	
	Maint. & Oper. of Equip.	3,045.33	
	Radio Maint.	466.35	
	Misc. Supplies	8.50	
	Officers Supplies	332.30	4,749.89
286	School Crossing Guard	432.00	432.00
287	Prisoners Fees	210.00	210.00
	Police Cruiser	3,300.00	3,300.00
	Fire Department		
302	Officers' Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00
303	Firefighters' Comp.	1,480.00	1,480.00
304	Expense & Operation		
	Janitor	360.00	
	Lights & Power	265.13	
	Telephone	572.73	
	Station Heat	997.47	
	Station Maint.	156.16	
	Equipment Maint.	449.81	
	Vehicle Maint.	719.07	
	Radio Maint.	286.27	
	Materials & Supplies	279.86	
	Water	24.00	
	Misc.	304.18	4,414.68
305	New Equipment	1,602.87	1,602.87
	Art. N. 31 Fire Hose	2,076.00	2,076.00
	Fire Engine	19,495.00	19,495.00
322	Building Inspector Salary	1,325.00	1,325.00
323	Building Inspector Assist. Salary	226.90	226.90
325	Expense		
	Office Expense	39.97	
	Mileage	296.00	335.97
	Board of Appeals		
334	Expenses		
	Adv. & Dues	66.45	66.45

Forestry

354	Moth Destruction— Outside Labor	200.00	200.00
364	Dutch Elm Disease Labor	956.42	
	Outside Labor	216.91	
	Equipment	138.41	1,311.74
374	Trees Labor	447.00	
	Outside Labor	1,311.09	
	Equipment & Repairs & Operation	166.72	
	Misc. Supplies	75.19	2,000.00
382	Dog Officer Salary	900.00	
384	Expenses Care and Custody	696.00	
	Reg. of Truck	100.00	
	Mileage	92.50	
	Misc. Supplies	53.65	1,842.15
394	Civil Defense Expense & Equipment	131.00	
	Radio Maint.	29.95	160.95
402	Inspector of Wires Salary	600.00	
403	Assistant Insp. of Wires Salary	40.00	
	Expenses—Misc.—Assistant	4.00	
404	Expenses—Misc.—Inspector	65.00	709.00

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS
AND PROPERTY

\$72,764.13

Health and Sanitation

441	Board of Health Salaries	137.48	137.48
	Balance Held Exp.—1971	150.00	150.00
444	Expenses Office Expense	20.32	
	Dues	6.00	26.32

472	Sanitary Eng. Salary	2,128.30	2,128.30
474	Expenses		
	Chemicals	52.50	52.50
482	Plumbing & Gas Inspector Salary	660.00	660.00
	Rubbish & Garbage Collection		
494	Expense	99.75	99.75
496	Contract	36,000.00	36,000.00
502	Animal Inspector Salary	110.00	110.00
512	Assistant Animal Inspector	50.00	50.00
534	Wachusett Home Health Care	1,635.00	1,635.00
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION			\$41,049.35

HIGHWAYS

574	Chapter No. 81		
	Labor	7,584.24	
	Town Equipment	1,781.50	
	Materials	3,528.93	12,894.67
584	Chapter No. 90 Maintenance		
	Labor	1,888.61	
	Town Equipment	685.00	
	Materials	2,826.25	5,399.86
594	Chapter No. 90 Construction		
	Labor	3,648.29	
	Town Equipment	480.50	
	Materials	12,115.07	
	Outside Equipment	156.00	16,399.86
604	Street Repair Special \$5,000.00		
	Labor	3,457.57	
	Town Equipment	418.00	
	Outside Equipment	239.00	
	Materials	875.20	
	Misc.	10.00	4,999.77
634	Street Lights	7,999.96	7,999.96
	Balance Held—Town Garage	35.14	35.14

644	Town Garage		
	Telephone	164.08	
	Lights	276.87	
	Fuel	755.43	1,196.38
654	Snow Removal		
	Labor	16,182.77	
	Town Equipment	4,110.00	
	Outside Equipment	464.75	
	Materials	4,230.00	24,987.52
664	Vacation and Sick Leave		
	Vacation	5,074.59	
	Sick Leave	116.97	5,191.56
684	Repair Private Ways		
	Labor	2,099.32	
	Town Equipment	608.50	
	Materials	1,748.66	4,456.48
694	Street Repair Special \$10,000.		
	Labor	5,137.97	
	Town Equipment	1,404.50	
	Materials Outside Equipment	396.00	
	Materials	8,060.30	14,998.77
Art. No. 17	Sidewalks—West Street		
	Labor	664.48	
	Town Equipment	16.00	
	Materials	407.20	1,087.68
Art. No. 22 &			
Art. No. 30	Easements	2.00	2.00
Art. No. 26 &			
Art. No. 28	Acquisitions & Legal	25.00	25.00
	Tractor Equipment Operation	10,716.83	10,716.83
TOTAL HIGHWAYS			<u>\$110,391.48</u>

VETERANS SERVICES

722	Veterans Agents Salary	350.00	350.00
724	Expenses		
	Dues	15.00	
	Office Expense	32.66	
	Travel	53.10	
	School (Course)	62.00	162.76
726	Veterans Aid	3,914.10	3,914.10

TOTAL VETERANS AID			\$4,426.86
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

741	School Committee Salaries	354.17	354.17
744	Paxton Center School		
	Administration		
	School Committee	864.14	
	Supt. Office	12,356.34	
	Instruction		
	Principal's Office	22,737.05	
	Teaching Salaries	371,223.74	
	Supplies	11,056.34	
	Other Expense	2,424.07	
	Textbook Program	3,559.65	
	Library Services	4,987.14	
	Audio Visual	701.52	
	Guidance	5,676.43	
	Psychological Services	0	
	Other School Services		
	Health Services	5,056.18	
	Transportation	35,782.83	
	Food Services	6,369.27	
	Student Body Activities	283.82	
	Operation & Maintenance		
	Salaries	25,264.27	
	Supplies	2,695.55	

	Other Expense	200.00	
	Heating Buildings	10,538.50	
	Utilities	8,010.08	
	Maintenance	3,601.13	
	Fixed Charges	427.49	
	Community Services	486.56	
	Acq. of Fixed Assets	4,926.91	
	Programs with Others	10,823.08	550,052.09
	School Title II	950.48	950.48
	School Title III	843.08	843.08
	Retroactive School Salary		
	Increases	10,277.62	10,277.62
754	Wachusett Regional		
	Assessment	272,202.62	272,202.62
	Hazel Gay Awards	20.00	20.00
755	School Lunch		
	Labor	11,076.95	
	Food	19,174.82	
	Supplies	416.88	
	Express	695.20	
	Chemicals	375.03	31,738.88
LIBRARY			
762	Librarian Salary	4,831.00	4,831.00
763	Other Compensation		
	Assistant Librarian	1,152.97	
	Trainee	1,813.74	
	Pages	789.80	
	Housekeeper	790.00	
	Clerk	228.00	4,774.51
764	Expense & Operation		
	Petty Cash	119.00	
	Telephone	184.22	
	Utilities	272.04	

Supplies & Binding	728.41	
Fuel & Repairs	379.21	
Maint. Grounds & Bldg.	752.93	
Education	69.00	
Books, Records & Magazines	2,972.52	
Travel & Misc.	55.00	
Librarian Expense	80.00	5,612.33
Adjustment		—397.92
Library State Aid	300.00	300.00
Adjustment		+397.92
TOTAL SCHOOLS & LIBRARY		<hr/> \$881,956.78

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

772 Recreation Compensation

Supt.	1,250.00	
Playground Staff	1,354.30	
Child Care	360.00	
Pool Staff	2,649.80	
Maintenance	1,290.25	
Clerk	50.00	6,954.35

774 Recreation Expenses

Pool Chemicals	1,183.55	
Pool Maintenance	764.98	
Supplies	394.28	
Utilities	452.55	
Equipment Operation	57.08	
Lifeguard Equipment	48.95	
Pool Badges	125.00	
Magazines	9.95	3,036.34

775 Recreation Equipment

Hose	55.00
Trash Container	17.00
Voc. Head	88.40
Tools	40.82
B. Charger	10.99

	Chain	22.11	
	Lawn Care	23.64	
	Circ. Pump	268.30	526.26
776	Recreation Events		
	Ski Transportation	320.00	
	Winter Activities	456.00	
	Events	724.00	1,500.00
Art. No. 32	Recreation Utility Building		
	Contract	2,790.00	
	Adv.	12.51	
	Contingencies	191.14	2,993.65
784	July 4th	499.91	499.91
	Unclassified		
814	Town Report	1,800.00	1,800.00
824	Memorial Day	345.85	345.85
834	Insurance & Bonds	20,688.43	20,688.43
844	Employees Insurance	10,692.75	10,692.75
852	Town Clock (Care)	60.00	60.00
854	Expenses	9.36	9.36
	Conservation		
	Balance Held (1971)	128.50	128.50
874	Expenses		
	Secretary Services	50.00	
	Office Expense	50.97	
	Dues	57.00	157.97
894	School Building Planning Committee		
	Appraisals	150.00	
	Adv.	120.00	
	Survey	1,470.00	
	Printing	368.74	
	Miscellaneous	19.40	2,128.14
904	Regional Planning Comm.		
	Assessment	373.10	373.10
924	Certification of Notes	50.00	50.00

TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED \$51,944.61

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

957 Municipal Paxton Electric Lt. Dept.

Board Members	225.00
Manager	13,397.82
Labor	31,173.42
Clerks	7,151.54

Expense & Operation	303,214.10	355,161.88
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Municipal Light Meter Deposit	254.61	254.61
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Art. No. 1 Lease on Marshall Street

Property	25.00	25.00
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Municipal Electric Dept.

& Const.	11,675.00	11,675.00
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Water Department

961 Commissioners Salaries	225.00	225.00
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963 Other Compensation

Supt. Salary	900.00	
Supt. Labor	694.26	
Foreman Salary	900.00	
Foreman's Labor	6,470.51	
Clerk	500.00	
Other Labor	2,079.42	
Equipment	593.00	
Outside Equipment	114.00	12,251.19

964 Water Department Expense

E. L. Power	2,678.70	
Gas and Rental	264.69	
Chemical & Del. Charges	670.46	
Maintenance & Operation	921.17	
Office Expense	450.39	
Worcester Water Used	31.80	5,017.21

965 Water Department Stock and Supplies

Supplies	3,032.12	
Meters and Meter Repairs	2,674.70	
Hydrants	593.18	6,300.00

Art. No. 2 7/3/72

Pleasant Street Pipeline

Engineering	9,500.00	
Contract and Contingencies	100,591.25	110,091.25

974 Cemetery Expense

Supt. Salary	400.00	
Labor	1,230.49	
Town Equipment	161.00	
Outside Equipment	15.00	
Materials	23.05	
Adv.	12.78	
Cemetery Lights	75.00	1,917.32

974A Cemetery Expansion

Labor	793.64	
Town Equipment	187.00	
Outside Equipment	160.00	
Materials	267.40	1,408.04

TOTAL ENTERPRISES & CEMETERIES \$504,326.50

MATURING DEBTS AND INTEREST

Temporary Loans	4,641.25	4,641.25
Temporary Loans		
Highway Ant. Rev. 1971	12,000.00	12,000.00
Highway Ant. Rev. 1972	25,357.00	25,357.00
Tax Anticipation	400,000.00	400,000.00

Maturing Debt Notes and Bonds

318	Fire Station	5,000.00	
698	Highway Grader	2,000.00	
748	Paxton Center School	60,000.00	
968	Water Department		
	Land Taking	5,000.00	
	Pumping Station	3,000.00	
	Dam & Spillway	5,000.00	
	12 inch Line to Standpipe	18,000.00	98,000.00

	Municipal Light Dept. Loan	11,675.00	11,675.00
	Interest on Notes and Bonds		
319	Fire Station	1,056.00	
699	Grader	315.00	
749	Schools	16,900.00	
969	Water Department		
	Land Taking	544.00	
	Pumping Station	608.00	
	Dam & Spillway	162.50	
	Water Line Holden Road	1,898.30	21,483.80
TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST			\$573,157.05

AGENCIES, REFUNDS AND MISC.

1972	Real Estate and Overpayments	2,843.45
1971	Real Estate Tax	196.23
1970	Personal Property	57.00
1972	Motor Vehicle Tax	1,533.28
1971	Motor Vehicle Tax	2,258.18
1970	Motor Vehicle Tax	15.40
	Water Department—Rates	1.00
	Interest Refund	4.18
	Permit Refund	15.00
School Pl. & Const. to Savings Acct.		
	In Hands of Treasurer	5,534.60
	Retainer Release R. Love	1,000.00
	Federal Taxes w/h	82,185.20
	State Taxes w/h	25,462.08
	Retirement w/h	10,441.83
	Teachers Annuities w/h	4,435.00
	Blue Cross-Blue Shield w/h	10,043.77
	Group Insurance w/h	531.58
	Disability Insurance w/h	562.77
	Cemetery P/C	2,168.33

Other Agencies and Assessments

State Assessment	149.24
Audit	41.46
State Parks	5,918.62
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	390.30
County Tax	36,212.56
T. B. Hospital	231.44
Dog Licenses County	1,121.30
County Retirement	15,704.63
Air Pollution	67.78

TOTAL AGENCIES, REFUNDS & MISC. \$209,126.22

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

General Government	34,307.92
Protection of Persons, Property	72,764.13
Health and Sanitation	41,049.35
Highways	110,391.48
Veterans Aid	4,426.86
Schools, Library	881,956.78
Recreations and Unclassified	51,944.61
Enterprises and Cemeteries	504,326.50
Maturing Debt and Interest	
Long Term and Temporary	573,157.05
Agencies, Refunds and Misc.	209,126.22

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$2,483,450.90

CASH BAL. DEC. 31, 1972 165,081.08

\$2,648,531.98

TOWN OF PAXTON

BALANCE SHEET 1972

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ASSETS

Cash	\$165,081.08
1972 Personal Prop. Tax	1,061.47
1972 Real Estate	54,419.61
1971 Real Estate	3,199.49
1972 Farm Animal Excise	178.75
1971 Farm Animal Excise	8.75
1972 Forest Law	28.05
1972 Motor Vehicle Excise	27,038.16
1971 Motor Vehicle Excise	7,695.51
1970 Motor Vehicle Excise	342.66
Tax Titles	2,969.14
Tax Title Possessions	442.56
1972 State Aid	
Chap. 81—Highways	6,496.85
1972 Chap. 90—Maint.	1,800.00
1972 Chap. 90—Const.	8,200.00
1972 County Aid Highways 90—Mt.	1,800.00
County Aid Highways 90—Const.	4,100.00
Electric Light Department	
Rates & Inst.	33,670.60
Water Department	
Rates & Inst.	3,940.46

LIABILITIES

Guarantee Deposits	
Subdivision Retainers	\$20,331.43
Agency	
Dog Licenses Coll. for Cty.	17.60
State Parks	1,085.53
Trust Funds, Income & Misc.	
Edward Bigelow Trust	439.74
Hazel Gay Fund	17.05
E. R. Richards Library	20,462.74
Library Interest Income	211.89
Cemetery Interest Income	22.77
Reserve	
Revenue Sharing—State	16,566.00
Balances Held	40,062.02
Municipal Light Const. & Deprec.	47,353.29

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1972 Water Liens	88.45
Emp. Ins. Retired persons Accts. Rec.	246.00
County Tax 1972	1,990.01
Central Mass. Air Pollution	.53
Tax Title Revenue	177.56
Advice of Audit Ins.	204.14
Revenue	12,907.76
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	\$338,087.59

Non Revenue	
Highway Rentals	10,562.51
Overlay—1972	9,919.83
Overlay—1971	12,174.21
Reserve Surplus Revenue	23,129.20
Motor Vehicle Revenue	35,076.33
Farm Animal Revenue	187.50
Forest Law Land Revenue	28.05
Municipal Light Revenue	33,670.60
Water Department Revenue	4,028.91
Surplus Revenue	62,740.39
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	\$338,087.59

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE,
Town Accountant

NET FUNDED & FIXED DEBTS

Jan. 1, 1972	\$716,000.00	
Fire Station		28,000.00
Grader		4,000.00
Schools		461,000.00
Water Department:		
Land Taking		12,000.00
Pumping Station		16,000.00
Water Line Holden Road		40,000.00
Water Line Pleasant Street		115,000.00
Municipal Light Building		40,000.00
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	\$716,000.00	\$716,000.00

TRUST & INVESTMENTS

LIBRARY

E. Richards	\$45,079.08
People's Mech. Sav. Bank	17,800.16
Bigelow Accounts (2)	19,054.26

CEMETERY

Trust Funds (2)	24,330.00
Spencer Sav. Bank	9,999.52
Worcester Federal Sav. & Loan	3,370.73

C. D. BOYNTON

Trust Funds (2)	7,648.00
People's Mech. Sav. Bank	2,816.69

D. BOYNTON POOR FUND

Trust Fund	1,000.00
People's Mech. Sav. Bank	1,246.48
Post War Rehabilitation Acct.	1,676.40

BIGELOW

School Book Fund (2)	1,000.00
Village Improvement	1,401.54

STABILIZATION ACCTS.

People's Mech. Sav. Bank	50,517.86
Worcester Federal Sav. & Loan	4,183.45

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Depreciation and Construction (2)	47,353.29
Meter Deposit Acct.	244.01
School Planning	5,534.60
School Construction	11,979.29
Grammar School Account	66.82
Hazel Gay A T & T Stock	Market Value
Conservation Account	1,136.64
Land Escrow Account	395.57
See Treasurers Report for updated Interest for 1972	

\$257,834.39

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE,
Town Accountant

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

The Paxton Planning Board was organized for the year 1972 as follows: 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 John D. Rommel, Jr. as representative to the Capital Outlay Committee.

A considerable amount of time was spent during 1972 studying proposed subdivisions. This is a highly technical and time-consuming task. Since so much time is required in meeting with engineers, architects and developers and in thoroughly checking out all of the requirements of the Subdivision Control Laws, the Planning Board is seriously considering asking for appropriations for hiring a well-qualified consultant to assist in these details. This would then enable the members of the Board to devote more time to other equally important and far-reaching responsibilities of the Board.

The Planning Board is continuing to study the Master Plan in an effort to implement portions of the plan which the Board feels are necessary for the future of the Town. We are presently recommending that a committee be appointed to study Town Buildings. The Board itself is in the process of evaluating the present Subdivision and Zoning Bylaws with the intention of proposing amendments to the Bylaws where necessary.

One of the Planning Board's goals is to achieve a close working relationship between it and all other Town boards and committees so that we may better plan and make recommendations for the future development of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. PRICE, Chairman
BETTY C. PETERSON, Clerk
WILLIAM M. FOLEY
JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR.

Report of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the citizens of the town of Paxton:

Priorities for the Water Board are:

1. a) Increase standpipe storage capacity
b) Reinforce existing water mains.
2. Additional source of water
3. Additional water main extensions

The engineering for the size and location of the standpipe is still under study.

The water main from Grove Street and Pleasant Street down Pleasant Street to Camp Street was installed during the past summer. This increased the water supply to the areas that were previous trouble areas.

The search for additional water supply is still being continued.

The water main extensions are again being considered and are felt to be an important project.

A study is being done for a water rate increase which will be reflected in the Spring billing.

There were 17 new house connections made, 19 installation repairs, 2 hydrant installations, and 31 meters repaired in 1972 by the Water Department.

FREDERICK G. ANTELL
DONALD MONTAGUE
BRIAN MURPHY

Water Commissioners

Report of the CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Due to changes in the wetlands protection laws, the Conservation Commission was charged with the responsibility of conducting hearings under the provisions of the General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40. Hearings were held on the petitions of the following persons: Charles and Carol Howe of New Braintree; Mrs. Edna F. Kennen of Paxton; Mr. Edward Nordigian of Shirley; and Mr. William Burt of Leicester. In all cases, the Commission recommended to the State Department of Natural Resources that the petitions be approved.

A pamphlet entitled "Paxton PARCs", containing information about land in the town which is open to the public for recreational and conservation purposes, was prepared by the Commissioners and distributed to all households with the town's annual report.

In observance of Arbor Day (April 28) the Commission again distributed evergreen seedlings and planting instructions to the children in grades 4, 5, and 6 at the Paxton Center School.

The Conservation Commission cooperated with the Board of Health in investigating the possible acquisition of a site for a sanitary landfill.

Plans for 1973 include the clearing of trails in present Conservation land and the continued investigation of other areas which should be set aside as open space.

Interest in the Commission has increased. This year, in addition to the seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, there have been six associate members, two of whom were appointed to full membership when vacancies occurred.

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Commission office in the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. PAULSON, Chmn.
SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk
ROBERT FOWLER
GRACE FOWLER
HILTON CUNNINGHAM
PETER SIEMEN
RICHARD CONRAD

REPORT of the BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The following is a summary of the registered voters in the Town of Paxton at the close of registrations December 1972.

Democrats	248
Republicans	418
Unenrolled	1364
Total	2030

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. KELLEY
VIOLA PRENTICE
DANIEL F. CRONIN
GEORGE L. McGOVERN

REPORT of the RECREATION COMMITTEE

The summer of 1972 was a busy one for the Recreation Committee. Our biggest project was a much needed addition to the utility building, voted at the last town meeting. This addition doubles the space in the building and allows for the storage of all the maintenance equipment used at the pool area.

The Red Cross swimming program was divided into two sessions this summer to handle the large number of children enrolled in all classes. This program has continued to grow every year and the instructors were able to give more individual help with the smaller classes possible with this year's double session.

The Summer Program has maintained its popularity with the younger children in town. The arts and crafts classes, field trips, cook-outs, and sports events are well attended. The committee is still trying to formulate a program that will interest the older young people in town and welcomes any suggestions from this age group—or their parents.

The Ski Program is growing in popularity and sixty five children took part this year. The program is open to all age groups and includes transportation, ski lessons, and lift tickets at a special group rate with the skier responsible for the entire amount.

The annual fourth of July Family Day was the high point of the summer with about three hundred fifty people in attendance. The afternoon was devoted to fun and games, and swimming events. The Paxton Firefighters Association provided a fire truck and men to give the children rides around the area and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them. This day could not be the success it is without the help of many people in town and the Recreation Committee thanks all of them.

The Recreation Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at eight o'clock in the Town Hall and the meetings are open to all interested citizens of the town. Please feel free to come and present your ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY LANCIANI, Chmn.
JEAN McINTYRE, Secretary
GERARD BERNIER
RICHARD ROY
ALAN WENTWORTH

REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Board of Health has instituted a new policy of enforcement of standards relative to the installation and repair of sewage disposal systems as required by the State Sanitary Code. It is expected that increased professional input and greater availability of the Board in an advisory capacity will result in the construction of more efficient and longer lasting systems.

To promote the longevity of a septic system, it is recommended that septic tanks be pumped on a yearly basis. Also, systems are designed to function autonomously and the use of additives such as acids, nutrients, etc. are considered to be detrimental over the life span of subsurface disposal systems.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JACQUES,
Sanitary Inspector

Report of the PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

During the year, the Personnel Board completed several projects at the request of the Select Board as well as assisted the Finance Committee in establishing the budget for 1973.

At the present time, the Personnel Board is looking for additional members with personnel experience. If you have a desire to serve on the board, we would welcome hearing from you.

We would like to thank Mr. Albert Gordon, who has moved from Paxton, for his service to the Board since its inception.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.,
Chairman
RICHARD G. CONNELL
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK

REPORT of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During January 1972, the assessors revalued all properties of changed status, e.g. new or completed construction, alterations or additions to existing real estate or improvements of the area. All adjustments were made equitably for a level of full-market value of January 1, 1969 when the last complete revaluation of the Town took effect. The increase of total valuations amounted to about \$657,000 or 2.4% to a new level of \$28,107,303.

This increase in valuation was smaller than in 1970 (\$1,011,400 or 4.0%) or in 1971 (\$1,020,400 or 3.9%). As of the end of January 1973, we estimated a somewhat larger increase in the tax base than last year after our visits to about 95 changed properties.

If we were able to keep the increase of the Town's expenditures close to the 3% mark and provided the State's reimbursement were to stay at comparative levels, there would be little increase in the tax rate. In 1972 however, the appropriations for the Town rose by \$97,865 or nearly 8.5% with an increase of almost 17% for County government and State assessments. Estimated State receipts advanced by \$49,155. However, we now find that due to the delay in State reimbursements, Paxton's free-cash position amounts to a deficit of \$12,907 which will mean an additional 45¢ per \$1000 of valuation on the 1973 tax rate.

As shown in the 1972 recapitulation at the end of this report, the net amount to be raised by taxation divided by the total valuation resulted in a 1972 tax rate of \$33.00 per \$1000 valuation, an increase of \$2.00 or 6.4%.

There is unfortunately no question that the limited tax base increase will not be able to balance the rising costs of the Town. The amounts of State Aid will remain unknown for several months inasmuch as the Cherry Sheet was not received until late May or June for the last two years. Further complications exist with the 18-month budget and corresponding tax rate which changes the fiscal year from the present January to December accounting to the July to June accounting starting in 1974. As undoubtedly explained by the Finance Committee, annual expenditures do not fall evenly over a 12-month period and with two January to June spans in this year's budget, the total appropriations tend to be somewhat higher than one and a half times an annual budget. The assessors will give their best information to

the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Town Meeting regarding all probable effects of the 1973 appropriations on the next tax rate.

Your assessors continue to express their concern regarding rising expenditures for our limited tax base and the increasing financial burden for Paxton's home owners. To quote from the Commonwealth's 1960 Master Tax Plan whose recommendations have not been enacted, "there is over-reliance on the property tax as a source of revenue. The property tax is the most regressive tax of all . . . and this tax is roughly the equivalent of a sales tax of 5% on the full value of the property, as if it were purchased and repurchased annually."

No definite information can be given relative to the tax billing of the 18-month budget. Hearings regarding same are being held in Boston in February. There is some indication that the bills will be in two parts with the 12-month portion due in October and the final six-month section payable in May 1974. It is also likely that taxes will be due thereafter in two semi-annual installments, one in the fall of the year and the other the following spring. The assessors recommend that all taxpayers watch for the final ruling regarding this matter so that your escrow accounts will be adequate for the tax payments.

The assessors are presently converting their tax records to a data processing format. The 1972 records will be converted, checked against the actual 1972 records and verified. In this manner, the 1973 tax bills will be computed using an accurate data base.

Tax bill will be mailed within two weeks of the date the final approval of the tax rate is received from the state. This should place more funds in the Town's treasury at an earlier date. The effect will be to reduce some of the borrowing required of the Town Treasurer to meet current expenses.

Any data processing system is only as good as the data processed by the computer. If you feel there is an error in your computerized tax bill or an entry you do not understand, please contact your assessors immediately.

The total value of the personal property increased by 7.3% to a value of \$323,375. The personal property forms that were sent to every tax payer early in the year accounted for most of the increase. In addition, the assessors updated their personal property records which had not been done for a few years. It is the responsibility of each tax payer to keep their personal property declaration current. Forms are available in the assessors office for such a purpose. Items to be declared are snowmobiles, dune buggies motorcycles, cars, trucks, camping trailers, boat trailers, etc. NOT CARRYING MASSACHUSETTS AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION PLATES AS OF JANUARY 1, 1973. Also all boats, boat motors, live stock (horses, cows, sheep, etc.) and furniture, fixtures, equipment. machinery used in a part or full-time business unless such a business is incorporated under Chapter 63 of the General Laws.

Abatements for the year of 1972 were as follows:

Real Estate	32	\$2,351.32
Personal Property	3	174.80
Motor Vehicle	440	16,231.93

Exemptions were:

Clause 22 Veterans	70	12,199.00
Clause 41 Old Age	24	8,248.46
Clause 17 Widows	2	350.00

A total of 2402 motor vehicle excise bills were processed with a value of \$123,920.39. Your assessors feel that an explanation is due the tax payers of the Town with regard to the motor vehicle tax bills in regard to accuracy and date of receipt. Your assessors do not process, change, update, etc. the motor vehicle excise tax bills. They are received from

the State completed and your assessors only pass them along to the Collector who mails them to the tax payer. Corrections or changes are made by abatement and not by ignoring the bill as an error. Your tax collector must account for every bill by either payment or abatement. If there is an error in your bill, see your assessors or tax collector immediately.

The assessors office is open the First Monday of the month for its monthly open meeting. An assessor is usually at the office every Monday as well as being available by appointment.

1972 RECAPITULATION

Valuations

Assessed Personal Property	\$323,375.00
Assessed Real Estate	27,783,928.00
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Total	\$28,107,303.00

Expenditures

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	1,253,620.00
Appropriations to be taken from available funds	49,936.94
Offsets	5,911.44
Retirement	15,704.63
State Tax & Assessments	7,685.32
County Tax & Assessments	34,453.99
Overlay	31,671.81
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$1,398,984.13

Less Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Estimated receipts from local aid	
& agency fund	\$245,541.29
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	110,510.85
Public Service Enterprise,	
Water Dept.	42,199.44
Others	21,032.91
Available Funds	52,159.55
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Total of Estimated Receipts	
& Available Funds	\$471,444.04
Net Amount to be raised by	
Taxation of Property	\$927,540.09

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE, Chmn.
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE
RICHARD G. BEDARD

REPORT of the TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1972

Balance January 1, 1972	\$226,443.40
Receipts, 1972	2,422,088.58

\$2,648,531.98

Balances December 31, 1972:

Town Operating	\$10,559.41
Electric Light Operating	20,411.89
Electric Light Construction	22,193.68
Electric Light Depreciation	4,747.72
Library Account	20,462.74
Revenue Sharing Proceeds	16,566.00
Performance Bonds	20,331.43
Treasury Bills	49,808.21

\$165,081.08

Payments, 1972	2,483,450.90
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\$2,648,531.98

TRUST FUND AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1972	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1972
Richards Library:					
E. Richards Trust	\$45,079.08		\$1,668.91 (1)		\$45,079.08
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	17,800.16	1,668.91	903.67		20,462.74
Bigelow Accounts (2)	19,054.26		1,033.26		19,054.26
216 Shares A.T.&T.			572.40		
Cemetery:					
Trust Funds (2)	24,330.00		1,352.09		24,330.00
Lot Sale Proceeds	9,999.52	2,413.33 (3)	599.29		13,012.14
Worc. Fed. Sav. & Loan	3,370.73		179.28		3,550.01
C. D. Boynton:					
Trust Funds (2)	7,648.00		426.03		7,648.00
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	2,816.69	426.03	161.00		3,403.72
D. Boynton Poor Fund:					
Trust Fund	1,000.00		55.51		1,000.00
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	1,246.48	55.51	68.52		1,370.51
Post War Rehab. Acct.:	1,676.40		90.79		1,767.19
Bigelow:					
School Book Fund (2)	1,000.00		52.52		1,000.00
Village Improvement	1,401.54		79.66		1,481.20

Stabilization Accounts:

Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	50,517.86	2,872.44		53,590.30
Worc. Fed. Sav. & Loan	4,183.45	222.52		4,405.97
Electric Light:				
Depreciation	16,018.98	403.74	11,675.00	4,747.72
Construction	21,087.71	1,105.97		22,193.68
Meter Deposit	244.01	10.60	254.61	.....
School Planning Acct.	5,534.60	403.55		5,838.20
School Constr. Acct.	11,979.29	637.17		12,616.46
Grammar Sch. Acct.	66.82	3.57		70.39
Hazel Gay—6 Shares AT&T		15.90		
Conservation Acct.	1,136.64	61.58		1,198.22
Land Escrow Acct.	395.57	18.19		413.76
Revenue Sharing	.....	16,566.00		16,566.00

- (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.

OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Year of Maturity	Principal Jan. 1, 1972	Incurred in 1972	Paid in 1972 Principal	Interest	Balance Dec. 31, 1972
School Department:						
First Addition	1972	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$160.00	\$-----
First Addition	1975	60,000.00		15,000.00	1,920.00	45,000.00
Second Addition	1979	66,000.00		10,000.00	2,145.00	56,000.00
Third Addition	1984	390,000.00		30,000.00	12,675.00	360,000.00
Water Department:						
Land Taking	1975	17,000.00		5,000.00	544.00	12,000.00
Pumping Station	1978	19,000.00		3,000.00	608.00	16,000.00
Dam & Spillway	1972	5,000.00		5,000.00	162.50	-----
1971 Main	1976	58,000.00		18,000.00	1,898.30	40,000.00
1972 Main	1978	-----	115,000.00	-----	-----	115,000.00
Electric Light Department:						
Building	1976	50,000.00		10,000.00	1,675.00	40,000.00
Fire Department:						
Station	1978	33,000.00		5,000.00	1,056.00	28,000.00
Truck	1975	-----	17,000.00	-----	-----	17,000.00
Highway Grader	1974	6,000.00		2,000.00	315.00	4,000.00
		\$709,000.00	\$132,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$23,158.80	\$733,000.00

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK,
Town Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF PAXTON



FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1972

PAXTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY

School Committee

Philip V. Donohue, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
Stuart A. Robinson, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Mrs. Paula R. Aijala, Secretary	Term Expires 1973
Fred A. Ruoff—Resigned November 1972	
Mrs. Katherine S. Jacobs—Resigned May 1972	

Administrative Staff—Superintendent's Office

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge—Retired Aug. 31, 1972	
	Administrative Assistant
David L. Johnson	Business Manager
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. Mary M. Donahue	VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	VI-VIII
Mrs. Lois Kahn	VI-VIII
John J. Koski, Jr.	VI-VIII
Mrs. Stina B. Long	VI-VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	VI-VIII
James D. Ross	VI-VIII
Mrs. Marguerite A. Rydant	VI-VIII
Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VI-VIII

Paul A. Zendzian	VI-VIII
Mrs. Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Miss Judith A. Hodgen	V
Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V
*Mrs. Anne M. Anderson	IV
Mrs. Mary L. Bogren	IV
Miss Janice E. Laperle	IV
Mrs. Alice P. Tsourides	IV
*Mrs. Jeanne K. Couture	III
*Mrs. Ginger A. Kerbel	III
*Miss Judith E. Quinn	III
Mrs. Claire A. Reavey	III
Mrs. Victoria K. Copp	II
*Miss Karen A. Forget	II
Mrs. Nancy H. Oakes	II
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	I
Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Head Teacher—Transition
Mrs. Judith T. Martin	Transition
Mrs. Mary F. Williams	Transition
Mrs. Ruth B. Wentworth	Art
Mrs. Geraldine F. Collins	French
Mrs. Eileen L. Berman	Guidance
Mrs. Carol J. Koski	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
*Russell L. Varney	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
*David G. McClure	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
Stephen S. Olson	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contractor

PRE-SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1972

Year of Birth	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
	22	31	47	53	52	50

ENROLLMENTS—OCTOBER 1, 1972

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	67	92	72	77	78	89	73	96	644

WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
	67	79	65	51	262

REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1972 in retrospect has been a year that the Committee has been faced with the demands of the local School Committee meetings, representation on the Wachusett Regional School District Committee, representation on the Paxton School Facilities Planning and Building Committee, representation on the Citizens' Advisory Committee, School Union No. 64 Committee, special meetings for the 18-month budget, discussion meetings with the teaching staff, Kindergarten mandate for September 1973, and the ongoing challenge to provide the best possible education program for the youth of Paxton.

The Committee acknowledges the resignation of Mrs. Katherine Shannon Jacobs and Mr. Fred A. Ruoff who served the Committee most effectively and capably from the periods 1970 and 1969, respectively.

The School Committee supported the need expressed by the School Facilities Planning and Building Committee for a new primary school to include housing for Kindergarten, and to replace the existing wood-frame White Building. The defeat of this proposal makes it necessary for the Committee to provide rental facilities for Kindergarten and to examine the existing condition of the White Building to make it as safe and healthy an educational facility as is possible. The Committee, however, feels strongly that it does not wish to spend an excessive amount of money to renovate a building that in its best judgment should be replaced.

Faced with increased costs, additional staff requirements to implement the Kindergarten in 1973, salary increases and necessary ongoing maintenance, the Committee has prepared a 1973 budget that reflects a nominal 5% increase for the first twelve (12) months.

The Committee has spent considerable time meeting with the members of the teaching staff to cooperatively plan and promote a sound educational program incorporating new ideas and new thinking. Eleven members of the Junior High teaching staff participated in an In-Service training program incorporating the theories of "Transactional Analysis," more simply stated as humanistic approaches to teaching.

The fact that the School Committee effectively bargained a two-year contract, more time is being spent on educational issues, and the costs of bargaining can be spent on educational items for the children.

The Committee has made every effort to involve the citizenry and to encourage attendance at School Committee meetings. To date we cannot feel that our efforts have been at all rewarding. Citizen attendance at our meetings has been practically nil. We will continue to make every effort to encourage citizen involvement and hope that our record will improve.

The School Committee has been called upon by the State Board of Education to assess the educational program in Paxton, in light of "Educational Goals" for Massachusetts as established by the State Board of Education. The local educational agencies, i.e., school committees, are asked that this assessment will involve the communities. The Citizens' Advisory Committee has been actively working with the School Committee and has filed an initial draft report with the hope that the final report will be submitted in the spring of 1973.

Our 1972 school budget totaled \$553,840.25. In this same year \$31,633.37 was received from the State for reimbursement of school transportation, and an additional \$503.00 for special school transportation. \$4,512.31 was received for the school lunch program operation, \$2,989.00 was received for vocational education, and \$13,300.00 reimbursement for participation in a regional school district. Our Special Education programs were reimbursed \$5,300.00, and an additional \$125,755.58 for general school aid was received.

The scope of responsibilities, the number of Committee meetings, and the School Committee's representation on other committees suggest that consideration should be given to expanding the School Committee to five (5) members.

The dedication of many has made it possible for us to report in a positive manner.

PHILIP V. DONOHUE, Chmn.
STUART A. ROBINSON,

Vice Chmn.

PAULA R. AIJALA, Secretary

School Administration Annual Report

A Superintendents of Schools we are pleased to submit our 1972 Annual Report to the School Committee of Paxton. 1972 has had its challenges, its demands, and, most important, the reward for working to provide a desirable educational program.

Many excellent candidates were interviewed by the School Principal and the Administration prior to filling the seven teaching vacancies. All indications are that the availability of well-prepared and experienced candidates will continue.

Our enrollment increased 2% over the previous year. The preschool census indicates that this slight growth will continue with perhaps a slight recession in the next year.

The non-graded program started in grade one, extended through grade three, has now been extended to include grades four and five. With desirable sized classes and proper pupil-teacher ratio, the continuous progress programs can and are proving to be very successful.

Our use of educational television has been expanded and made more creative with our new video recorders and camera. It is exciting for the children to see themselves on television. And, further, with our video equipment we may tape desirable Channel II programs and use them at our convenience rather than having to follow the structured broadcast schedules.

In the area of federal funding our report is much improved over last year. In 1971 we reported that we were not successful in obtaining any Title III monies. This year we can report funding in the amount of \$2,907, and, additionally, \$951 for the purchase of library books and materials.

In our report of last year we cited the field trips taken by the various classes. Although it may seem redundant, we are again listing a sampling of trips: New England Aquarium, Sturbridge Village, Plimouth Plantation, Worcester Art Museum, Herbert Candy Mansion, Wachusett Meadows, Salem Pioneer Village, Fitchburg Planetarium, Ford Motor Plant, Boston State House, Logan Airport.

Eleven students participated in our ROSE Summer Program and all of our students to enter grade one were afforded the opportunity to have extensive pre-grade one testing. Plans are now under way to provide these programs in the summer of 1973.

The Parent-Teacher conferences proved to be very successful and will be continued.

There seems to be ever-increasing need to make provisions for pupils with "special needs" in the regular classroom environment. Through in-service Training programs and ongoing curriculum study we are attempting to seek solutions to these special needs.

1972 was accented by curriculum planning and in-service training. Five of our teachers took a 15-week after-school in-service reading program. Twelve of our teachers were involved with an 8-week study of transactional analysis. Our teachers are represented on the Kindergarten Planning Committee which also includes principals and parents. Twelve teachers attended the New England Dairy Council Workshops. Our staff was represented on the Kindergarten through 12 science curriculum.

Through the Massachusetts Film Cooperative Program, supported by the State Department of Education, many excellent 16 mm. instructional films have been used in our classes.

Our students, particularly at the six, seven and eight

grade levels had many opportunities to participate in interscholastic, intramural, and extracurricular activities. Included are fall track, interscholastic and intramural basketball and softball, skiing, bowling, stamp collecting, chess club, drama club, antiques, ceramics, creative art, future homemakers, and radio and electronics.

Much has been discussed with reference to the proposed new construction and the phasing-out of the White Building for instructional purposes. The Administration, at budget meetings and the Paxton School Planning and Building Committee Meetings, has gone on record as saying that the White Building is deficient in many respects and cannot be considered an adequate educational facility. Further architectural study will, we feel, substantiate our position. Fire escapes are needed, interior stairwells should be replaced with steel stairwells, the heating and ventilating system needs to be changed with unit ventilators installed in each classroom. There are no sink or toilet facilities readily available for the children. If all of these corrective measures were taken, we would still have a two-story wood-frame building with small classrooms, core facilities not readily accessible. It is questionable that the Town should make a large financial investment in this two-story wood-frame building.

To accommodate and provide a Kindergarten program for September of 1973 in accordance with the State mandate, we are making arrangements for temporary rental facilities.

The Staff, the School Committee, and the Community are to be congratulated for their cooperative efforts this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,

Supt. of Schools

WILLIAM F. CAREY, Assistant Supt.

PETER FARRELLY, Assistant Supt.

Report of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Wachusett Regional School Committee closes 1972 with mixed feelings. We are proud of the continued progress which has been made in our educational program and we are pleased with the results of our efforts to improve the human side of our large school's operations. But, at the same time we have a sense of deep concern about our ability to affect the rising tide of secondary education costs in our communities.

Nevertheless 1972 was a landmark year at Wachusett in the eyes of many of our students. It started with an in house, graduate level, humanistic education course for a number of our faculty members and administrators. It was followed by a complete change in our rules about smoking and with the assignment of significant responsibility for the implementation and ultimate success of the new program to the student body. The next step was the much needed overhaul in the school's disciplinary system which down-graded reliance on detention halls and put much greater emphasis on the positive force of the student-classroom teacher relationship for its success. Finally as a follow-on to the original work of our Student Relations subcommittee, and in accordance with the new state law, we welcomed as participants at our meetings, every other month, a student elected Student Advisory Committee.

From the smoothness of the startup of school in September and from the feedback we have received since then from students, parents, faculty and administrators, we are sure these changes were worthwhile. They once again prove to

us that our fine student body is ready and willing to maturely accept increased responsibility for the effective operation of Wachusett.

In 1972 we have also accelerated our efforts to find a good Wachusett answer to the need for more career oriented education for those students who will go to work immediately after graduation. By encouraging our faculty and administration to build on the solid foundations of three existing departments, Vocational Agriculture, Industrial Arts and Homemaking we have gotten three new career programs started. These three, Meat Cutting, Graphic Arts and Nursery Aide Training all appear to meet existing employer demands in our area and to qualify for either state or federal fund assistance.

Furthermore, as demand increases we are prepared to go as far as facilities and funds permit, to provide as excellent an educational opportunity for our work bound students as we have for our college bound ones. And beyond our walls, we have expanded our work-study program, and have put it under a new highly skilled, industrially oriented guidance counselor. That program along with our 3R program now provide both work and college bound students with an excellent opportunity to obtain real occupational experience while still in high school and thus improve their ability to make sound career choices.

But all of these achievements are viewed against a difficult financial backdrop. We have just adopted a state-mandated 18 month budget. Because of large increases in the cost of supplies and bus transportation, collectively bargained salary scale adjustments, transfer of some special education programs to Wachusett jurisdiction and an expected $21\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in enrollment, the 1973 portion shows an 8% increase even though our debt service dropped significantly. With this in mind, we have cut any expenditures which we felt would not adversely affect our educational program and we postponed, whenever practical, maintenance

and capital expenditures. For the final 6 month period, January to June 1974, the rise is even worse, since by state law we must be prepared to pay 8 months of salaries during that period.

To further complicate matters we have been advised that during this 18 month period none of the school districts will receive the full amount of state funds to which they are entitled. Under such circumstances we had no choice but to increase the assessments to our member towns accordingly. This situation is not the result of local fiscal autonomy but of state and national legislative irresponsibility and will not be significantly improved until changes of the type noted in our Superintendent's report are enacted in Boston and Washington.

In the meantime your Regional School Committee, with the strong support of a good administration, a dedicated faculty and a hardworking supporting staff will keep on with its efforts to provide a high quality educational program for all its students at an operating cost per pupil which continues to be below the average for Regional High Schools in our state.

During 1973 we will finally complete the planning for the long overdue upgrading of our core facilities, athletic fields and other specialized teaching service areas and necessary equipment. This program will alleviate the present overcrowding and enable Wachusett to effectively handle the 2000 students we expect to have in the middle seventies. We believe these additions are vitally important to the continuing success of our educational program and hope you will support them when they are submitted to your town meeting for approval. Thank you.

HOWARD A. GREIS, Chairman
MRS. PAULA AIJALA
ROBERT E. CHAMPMAN, JR.
JOHN CORBIN

HARRY HALLIDAY
 JOHN E. HODGSON
 PETER H. HORSTMANN
 KENNETH JOHNSTONE
 STUART JOHNSON

DONALD F. KAMINSKI
 JOHN F. KANE
 JOAQUIM S. RIBEIRO
 G. WAYNE STODDARD
 ROGER E. VARNUM

Report of the District Treasurer

I. Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1972

Assets

Item	12/31/71	12/31/72
Cash	\$216,110	\$339,688
Accounts Receivable—		
Comm. of Mass.	42,948	52,626 (1)
TOTAL	\$259,058	\$392,314

Liabilities

Item	12/31/71	12/31/72
Payroll Withholding	\$9,543	\$592
Miscellaneous Accruals	6,618	680
Short-Term Borrowing		225,000
Migrant Account	3,907	65,831 (2)
Contingency Maintenance Fund	28,678	28,678
Cafeteria Funds	23,355	11,563
Federal Funds	25,976	.....
Surplus	160,981 (3)	59,970 (4)
	\$259,058	\$392,314

Income and Expense

	Year Ended 12/31/71	Year Ended 12/31/72
Operating Accounts		
Income		
Assessments	\$1,892,194	\$1,903,090
State-Federal Revenues	238,119	278,880
School Building Assistance	108,191	108,191
Other Revenue	71,325	62,177
TOTAL	\$2,309,829	\$2,352,338
Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$1,979,913	\$2,165,192
Debt Service	185,442	179,713
	\$2,165,355	\$2,344,905
NET TO SURPLUS	\$144,474	\$7,433

Income and Expense

	Year Ended 12/31/71	Year Ended 12/31/72
Cafeteria Fund		
Income	\$136,494	\$107,713
Expenses	138,971	119,505
Increase (Decrease) In Fund	(\$2,477)	(\$11,792)
Migrant Fund		
Income	\$292,563	\$269,103
Expenses	309,926	207,179
Increase (Decrease) In Fund	(\$17,363)	\$61,924

Reconciliation of Surplus

	1971	1972
Beginning Surplus, January 1	\$156,295	\$160,981
Add:		
Net Income	\$144,474	\$7,433
Miscellaneous Payments	212	1,447
Less:		
Applied to Assessment	\$60,000	\$75,000
Applied to Salaries (wage freeze)		33,000
Contingency Maintenance Fund	25,000	.....
Reserve for completion of 1970 Alterations	55,000	1,825
Miscellaneous Payments		66
Closing Surplus, December 31	\$160,981	\$59,970

II. Bonded Indebtedness as of 12/31/72

Issue	Rate	Annual Pmt.	Balance	Final Pmt.
6/1/53	2.60%	\$50,000	\$50,000	1973
III. Budget Comparison		(12-month)	(12-Month)	

III. Budget Comparison

	(12-Month) 1971	(12-Month) 1972	(18-Month) 1973-1974
Administration	\$76,228	\$79,187	\$141,192
Special Education	108,810	117,966	281,276
Adult/Community Education	.....	.....	9,900
Vocational Education—			
Agriculture	35,037	37,259	75,836
Instruction	1,253,902	1,392,347	2,495,675
School Services	222,593	264,268	526,107
Maintenance	184,824	190,856	327,490
Fixed Charges	62,135	78,439	134,189
Community Services	1,600	1,600	2,400

Fixed Assets	119,064	41,691	71,285
Debt Service	189,543	179,713	84,650
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,253,736	\$2,383,326	\$4,150,000
Percent Change in Budget		5.8%	74.1%
NET ASSESSMENT			
TO TOWNS	\$1,832,194	\$1,828,091	\$3,808,298
Assessment	+7.6%	—0.2%	+108.3%

Explanatory Notes

- (1) Anticipated State Reimbursement on Vocational Education (H. Arts and Agric.) for 1971-1972 Expenses.
- (2) WRSD Functions as the Fiscal Agent for the Statewide Migrant Program; This Fund has no relations to our Operating Budget.
- (3) On 1/10/72, the WRSD voted to release \$108,000 for the following:
 - (A) \$33,000—Payment of 1971 salaries held back under Wage Freeze.
 - (B) \$75,000—To reduce assessment to member towns.
- (4) Represents a Minimum Surplus for an 18-Month Budget Period.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. CHAMBERLAIN 3d

Treasurer from 1/1/72-11/30/72

J. S. S. RIBEIRO

Treasurer from 12/1/72-12/31/72

REPORT of the SUPERINTENDENT

The Principal's report gives a factual picture of our high school's student body, faculty, and their joint achievements. The first report of the Director of Secondary Education gives a sense of the spirit of the school and the many ways we are attempting to improve it further. Since these two reports describe the past year's work on the educational side so well, my remarks will be confined to some thoughts regarding the **future** of the five town district.

Our projections of student population continue to indicate a crest of about 2000 students at the high school followed by a plateau of 1900-2000 students until the late 1970's. Our immediate need, and the project we are currently working on, is for **proper core facilities** (library, cafeteria, guidance, administration, industrial arts, physical education, athletics, science, etc. spaces) for a school of 2000. We have nearly enough classrooms for that number now. The current project is one of consolidation, thus making Wachusett an adequately equipped **comprehensive** high school for the 1970's.

Growing experience with large high schools in recent years causes us to seriously question the point at which the mechanical and dollar advantages of **bigness** are overcome by disadvantages of anonymity and the student and faculty attitudes which are the products of bigness. The funds "saved" in having fewer principals, custodians, etc. are spent in hiring additional people to pay attention to the individual and to repair the damages to the individual and to the school-house. Our towns are suburban-rural; our citizens value smallness, face-to-face dealings, identity. For these reasons, we recommend strongly that, when we again need more student capacity, a Wachusett II be built, rather than more additions to Wachusett. A location outside Holden would

distribute regionally owned real estate and would make recombination of the regional towns easier in the more distant future.

While the towns have continued to be individually responsible for most **vocational education**, the towns and the regional district must continue to be alert to changing need for and availability of technical education facilities for the student interested in vocational education. Sterling has lead the way through its membership in the Montachusett Regional Vocational-Technical School District.

All citizens interested in schools, or taxes, or preferably both, ought to be asking their representatives in state and federal government to devise methods for **financing public education** on a broader tax base. It is ridiculous to finance such a vital public service primarily by a tax based on real property, a base which was the measure of wealth 200 years ago, but is not the measure of wealth today. The costs will not diminish, the taxes must be paid by somebody, but if we mean to tax based on wealth, then let us devise better ways of taxing true wealth in today's terms.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

This report is written after only five months experience in a newly created position and gives the status of Wachusett as I see it.

The academic areas at Wachusett remain its strongest asset—new courses in all of these areas keep them up-to-date and serving the needs of modern youth. Programs of community involvement and cooperation continue to expand. The pioneering program, titled “3R” for resourcefulness, re-

sponsibility, and relevance, provides internships in industry, government, and education for some 200 seniors. Our Work Study program, now encompassing more than 50 students over the age of 16, provides entry-level training to those youngsters who have at this point in their lives set graduation as the termination of their formal education. An "Early Dismissal" program for juniors and seniors also attempts to provide opportunities for career development, practical application of academic learning, and economic self-sufficiency. All of these programs have the net effect of pushing outward the walls of the school house and extending the boundaries of public secondary education.

Many attempts have been made to bring high school experiences more into line with the "real world." Privileges including the handling of individual freedom have hopefully been balanced by students assuming responsibility for their own actions.

A much heralded change of direction and attempt to balance the college preparatory and vocational education capabilities of Wachusett is seen in the addition of an Occupational Counselor to the staff, the introduction of Graphic Arts, and a new course in training nursery aides.

During the past six months the Wachusett faculty has been engaged in an in-depth evaluation of the school and all of its programs. On April 2, 3 and 4 of this year a team of educators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges will visit Wachusett and make recommendations in 22 areas and recommend the length of accreditation granted to Wachusett by the Association, which is the accrediting agency for all secondary schools in New England. These recommendations will enable us to view our school even more objectively and will focus our attention on the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LANE, JR.

REPORT of the PRINCIPAL

Enrollment:

Again this year we have increased the size of our student body by 22 members, here at Wachusett. As of October 1, 1972, our total enrollment numbered 1899 as compared with 1877 on October 1, 1971. These 1899 students are divided in the following manner: Holden—968, Sterling—295, Paxton—263, Rutland—220, Princeton—145, 1 each from Leicester, Oakdale, and West Boylston, 2 from Spencer and 3 from Worcester. There are 519 freshmen, 478 sophomores, 472 juniors and 430 seniors. Boys number 955 and there are 944 girls. It is obvious that we are still overcrowded in that the rated capacity of this building is 1504. Despite the cramped quarters, I feel that the school is operating smoothly in most respects.

Staff:

Our professional staff has 4 more people this year—3 teachers and 1 occupational guidance counselor. We have 2 full time and two part time administrators, 5 guidance counselors, 103 teachers, 2 librarians, 1 nurse and 5 study hall monitors. In addition, we have 1 cafeteria manager and 18 assistants, 14 full time custodians, 1 Drive Education supervisor, 5 lay readers and 6 secretaries.

All in all, the school operation to date has been largely successful. Many thanks to a cooperative, hard-working staff.

The Class of 1972:

Will be attending 107 different institutions of higher learning in 23 states and 2 foreign countries. (A total of 1783 transcripts, records and forms were processed by the Guidance Department from September 1971 through June of 1972; of these 1284 were for the senior class.) Of the 439 graduates, 311 or 71% plan to continue their education, 111

or 25% plan to work, and 9 or 2% will join the armed services. The accompanying table summarizes the post-high school plans of the class of 1972.

More than \$58,000 (for the freshman year alone) of financial aid was awarded to the members of the class. The following are the sources of this aid:

Wachusett Regional High School

Future Business Leaders
Future Teachers of America
Leon Matthews Scholarship
Lionett Scholarship
Senior Class
Spanish National Honor Society
Student Council
Heaney Art Scholarship
Wachusett Teachers Association

Colleges

Boston University
Dartmouth College
Clark University
Hampshire College
Jackson College
Middlebury College
Northeastern University
Providence College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Springfield College
University of New Hampshire
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
Upsala College
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Local

Butterick Scholarship
Chaffins Woman's Club

Chaffins Woman's Club (Art)

Chocksett Club

Exchange Club

Holden Teachers Association

Holden Woman's Club

Jefferson P.T.A.

Meola Scholarship

Marsh Harding Scholarship

Paxton Citizens Foundation

Princeton P.T.A.

Sterling Woman's Club

Other

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Eva March Tappan Scholarship

Grace Memorial Scholarship

Mass. Secondary Sch. Principals

Rainbow Girls

Yankee Ingenuity

Respectfully submitted,

NEAL T. SKILLINGS

Wachusett Regional High School—Class of 1972—Post High School Plans 6/72

Town	4 Year Private		4 Year Public		2 Year Private		2 Year Public		Nursing, Bus. Tech. Schools		Service		Work		Other			
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.		
Holden	31	31	18	23	12	8	8	8	11	6	5		25	20	1	3	Boys	111
																	Girls	99
																	Total	210
Paxton	11	16	4	4	3	2	7	5	9	1	1		5	6			Boys	40
																	Girls	34
																	Total	74
Princeton	4	3	5	1	1			2			1		6	2			Boys	17
																	Girls	8
																	Total	25
Rutland	3	2	8	5			4		4	3			10	4	1		Boys	30
																	Girls	14
																	Total	44
Sterling	7	4	8	9	2	2	4	3	3	6	2		15	18		2	Boys	41
																	Girls	44
																	Total	85
Tuition									1								Girls	1
																	Total	1
	56	56	43	42	18	12	23	18	27	17	9		61	50	2	5	Boys	239
																	Girls	200
	197—45%				71—16%				44—10%		9—2%		111—25%		7—1½%		Total	439

Honors: were received by the Class of 1972 as follows:
Merit Certificates from the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests

Joseph Jasinski
Diana Menzel
Christian Van Buskirk

Letters of Commendation from National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests

Andrew Blanchard
Patricia Ewick
Roger Grover
Lois Gustafson
Richard Hall
Susan Kidwell
Mia Koski
Melinda Moore
Marie Nadeau
Bradley Peck III
Diane Perrone
Martha Roadstrom
Lawrence Storm
Charles Tobin

1971 Winner—National Council of Teachers of English
Diana Menzel

Proficiency Award—Rural Electrification
Daniel Pierce

Honors Group—Westinghouse Science Talent Search
William MacKenzie
John Corbin

Olympiad Mathematics Contest (N. E. Actuarial Society)
Finalist
Susan Kidwell

Semi-Finalists

Frederick Greis
Roger Grover
Richard Hall
Joseph Jasinski
Bradley Peck III

Massachusetts Science Fair

First—Michael Moore
First—William MacKenzie

Kiwanis Science Fair

Third—Michael Moore

Massachusetts District Medical Society Award

Michael Moore

Honorable Mention

Roger Grover
William MacKenzie
Philip Suomu

Yankee Ingenuity Scholarship

Roger Grover

Worcester Pharmaceutical Association Award

William MacKenzie

Massachusetts Mathematics Fair (Computer Division)

Second Honorable Mention—John Corbin
Third Honorable Mention—Susan Kidwell

District Future Farmers of America Public Speaking Contest

First—Susan Carney

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