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1973 ANNUAL REPORT - PAXTON, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Paxton



FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1973

In Memoriam

SHERMAN LUDDEN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Retired

GLIDDEN PIERCE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Retired

FREDERICK WATSON

BUILDING INSPECTOR, ASSESSOR

CHESTER ROSSIER

SERVED ON VARIOUS BOARDS — 1917 - 1938

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1973

Moderator

ROBERT J. HALL

Town Clerk

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Treasurer

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK

Town Collector

FREDERICK T. WARPULA

Constables

WILLIAM O. WYLIE

HAROLD J. MULLANEY

Tree Warden

CURTIS J. LANCIANI

Selectmen

HERBERT M. VARNUM

Term Expires 1974

RICHARD G. CONNELL

Term Expires 1975

RONALD E. JOHNSON

Term Expires 1976

Assessors

RICHARD G. BEDARD

Term Expires 1974

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1975

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE

Term Expires 1976

School Committee

PHILIP V. DONOHUE

Term Expires 1974

STUART ROBINSON

Term Expires 1975

PAULA AIJALA

Term Expires 1976

Municipal Light Board

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1975
DANIEL F. GALDAUCKAS	Term Expires 1976

Cemetery Commission

VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL	Term Expires 1974
GEORGE H. DANIELS	Term Expires 1975
CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1976

Water Board

BRIAN C. MURPHY	Term Expires 1974
FREDERICK G. ANTELL	Term Expires 1975
DONALD L. MONTAGUE	Term Expires 1976

Library Trustees

CONSTANCE G. GREEMAN	Term Expires 1974
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1974
ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1975
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1975
ELIZABETH O. CUNNINGHAM	Term Expires 1976
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1976

Planning Board

ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1975
JOHN D. ROMMEL	Term Expires 1976
BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1977
WILLIAM M. FOLEY	Term Expires 1978

Board of Health

THOMAS M. BRALEY	Term Expires 1974
THOMAS P. LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1975
JAMES A. LASHBROOK	Term Expires 1976

Recreation

SHIRLEYANN LANCIANI	Term Expires 1974
ALAN M. WENTWORTH	Term Expires 1975
JEROME L. LANGER	Term Expires 1976
JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1977

Wachusett Regional School Committee

JOHN E. HODGSON	Term Expires 1975
HOWARD W. MOORE	Term Expires 1978

Finance Board

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
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1976
JAY SNELL	Term Expires 1976
CHARLES E. STONEHAM	Term Expires 1976

CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE**Appointed by the Selectmen**

HAROLD S. SACHS—Finance Committee	Term Expires 1974
JAMES MELLOR—Finance Committee	Term Expires 1974
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE—Assessors	Term Expires 1974
JOHN D. ROMMEL—Planning Board	Term Expires 1974

Appointed by the Moderator

ELIZABETH RICHARDS

Term Expires 1974

FRANK H. MICKEL

Term Expires 1975

LINWOOD ERSKINE

Term Expires 1976

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

YVONNE B. KARLE

Appointed by the Selectmen

Board of Appeals

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

Term Expires 1978

ALLEN RUBIN

Alternate

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS

Alternate

Care of Clock

ALAN M. WENTWORTH

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

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1974
ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1975
ROBERT SAPPER	Term Expires 1976
ROBERT BODYCOTT	Term Expires 1976

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control**CURTIS J. LANCIANI****Term Expires 1976****Measurers of Wood and Bark and Field Drivers
and Fence Viewers****WILLIAM O. WYLIE
GORDON M. RICHARDS
ROBERT F. DILLMAN****Board of Registrars****DANIEL F. CRONIN
MARY A. KELLEY
VIOLA C. PRENTICE****Term Expires 1974
Term Expires 1975
Term Expires 1976****Town Counsel****PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL****Associate Town Counsel****PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, JR.****Town Accountant****YVONNE B. KARLE****Term Expires 1974****Police Department****WILLIAM O. WYLIE—Chief****HAROLD J. MULLANEY—Sergeant****FRANCIS M. WHITNEY—School Traffic Officer****WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
JOHN N. KNIPE
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY****ROBERT T. SHEEHAN
RALPH B. BUTLAND
HAROLD L. SMITH****Reserve Police****ROBERT F. DILLMAN****ROBERT B. LOVE****RAYMOND F. KIRWIN**

Building Needs Study

RICHARD H. SEYMOUR
CHARLES MELLO

ALVIN TRACY
RICHARD DOWD

JOSEPH BIRD

Special Police

RALPH J. PIETRO—Worcester Water Works
F. WYMAN ROGERS—Boynton Park
AMBROSE TOWER—School Grounds
CHARLES F. BRADY—Black Hill Road
JESSE E. MILLS—Road Construction
ELEANOR RICHARDSON—School Crossing Guard
RICHARD ROY—1973 Summer Recreation Program
DONALD PELLE—Treasure Valley Scout Reservation

Civil Defense

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

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN

Conservation Commission

ROBERT FOWLER	Term Expires 1974
SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk	Term Expires 1974
GRACE H. FOWLER	Term Expires 1974
ROBERT M. PAULSON, Chairman	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD P. CONRAD	Term Expires 1975
PETER W. SIEMEN, V. Chairman	Term Expires 1976
BARBARA BASSETT	Term Expires 1976
HILTON CUNNINGHAM—Associate Member	
CHESTER L. JOHNSON—Associate Member	
FRAZER P. COLON—Associate Member	

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

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

School Needs Study Committee

RICHARD LAPIERRE, Chmn. THOMAS CUNNINGHAM
EUGENE O'ROURKE, V. Chmn. JAMES HAYES
STUART ROBINSON MARGARET LOWE
GAIL TRACY, Clerk

Agents for License Commissioners

WILLIAM O. WYLIE HAROLD F. MULLANEY

Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission

BETTY PETERSON WILLIAM M. FOLEY, Alternate

Advisory Committee for Master Plan

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

at Large

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

Personnel Advisory Board

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.	Term Expires 1974
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK	Term Expires 1975
RICHARD G. CONNELL	Term Expires 1976

Study Committee for Athletic Field Complex

FRAZER P. COLON—Rep. from Conservation Comm.

STANLEY L. MILLER

DAVID K. BEACH, JR.

HAROLD S. SACHS

CHARLES J. FOX

MRS. JOYCE G. AARON

Historical Commission

M. LAWRENCE PRICE

Term Expires 1974

MRS. ETTA ROBINSON

Term Expires 1974

ROBERT HALL

Term Expires 1975

MRS. ANN MELLO, Clerk

Term Expires 1975

MRS. PEGGY ERSKINE

Term Expires 1976

MRS. RUTH WENTWORTH

Term Expires 1976

HILTON CUNNINGHAM, Chairman

Term Expires 1976

School Planning and Building Committee

THOMAS F. CUNNINGHAM, 5 Holbrook Lane, Chairman

RAYMOND SAVIGNAC, 15 Streeter Road

EUGENE O'ROURKE, 8 Whitney Drive

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE, 20 Indian Hill

HENRY STIDSEN, 148 Grove Street

Term of expire on Completion of Project.

Energy Conservation Committee

CURTIS LANCIANI, Chairman

JOHN J. O'DAY III

ROBERT HANSSON

SAMUEL J. STAITI

RONALD E. JOHNSON

REPORT of the TOWN CLERK

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

January

- 23 James Ronald Ayer, son to James R. and Aleksandra M. Ayer, 8 Davidson Road.
- 31 Amanda Jean Lunt, daughter to Herbert A. and Jean Lunt, 50 Streeter Road.

February

- 14 Michael Paul Sinkewich, son to Anthony P. and Nancy L. Sinkewich, 13 Briarcliff Lane.
- 17 Heidi Parthene Belanger, daughter to Ronald T. and Jane P. Belanger, 11 Suomi Street.
- 28 Michael Callahan Jarvis, son to William L. and Margaret J. Jarvis, 5 Bel Arbor Drive.

March

- 1 Marlo Markarian, daughter to Leo and Marlene Markarian, 5 Alrene Dr.
- 1 John Patrick Connors, son to Richard L. and Joan E. Connors, 6 Rollingridge Lane.
- 9 Kelly Lynn Morrissey, daughter to Robert W. and Deborah A. Morrissey, 306 Grove Street.
- 20 Edward Craig DeFeudis, son to Edward M. and Candace S. DeFeudis, 6 Grove Street.
- 22 Melissa Barton, daughter to Robert G. and Jeanne M. Barton, 24 Spring Drive.
- 30 Jason Elliott Poulin, son to Richard A. and Lynne K. Poulin, 24 Cutler Road.

April

- 5 Elizabeth Mary Lucey, daughter to John E. and Mary E. Lucey, 228 Grove Street.
- 19 Craig Lester Daniels, son to David L. and Joan L. Daniels, 8 Indian Hill Road.
- 30 Brooke Melanie Yules, daughter to Richard B. and Lila S. Yules, 17 Crowningshield Drive.

May

- 11 John Charles Power, son to Garry M. and Maryann C. Power, 10 Glen Ellen Road.

June

- 3 Brian John Clockedile, son to Arthur L. and Judith M. Clockedile, 31 Suomi Street.
- 13 Brian Michael Dunn, son to Harlan B. and Nancy A. Dunn, 2nd, 75 Pleasant Street.
- 13 Jill Elizabeth Collins, daughter to Charles Joseph and Betty A. Collins, 13 Holbrook Lane.
- 27 Andre Paul Bessette, son to Patrick R. and June A. Bessette, Davis Hill Road.
- 30 Michael Anthony Eident, son to Francis P. and Margaret A. Eident, 11 Forestdale Road.

August

- 3 William Robert Thompson, son to Robert W. and Janet M. Thompson, 104 Holden Road.
- 5 Timothy Sean Powers, son to Gerald K. and Mary D. Powers, 1 Marshall Street.
- 13 Sarah Ruth Myers, daughter to Vincent L. and Cynthia Myers, 17 Knollwood Road.
- 31 William King Wentworth, son to Alan M. and Sandra J. Wentworth, 36 Highland Street.

September

- 4 Sarah Holbrook Lorge, daughter to Benjamin P. and Barbara D. Lorge, 2 Holden Road.
- 5 Michelle Andrea Stidsen, daughter to Henry B. and Barbara A. Stidsen, 148 Grove Street.
- 9 Kirsten Justine Gulbrandsen, daughter to Dale R. and Ruth Ann Gulbrandsen, 8 Ridgewood Road.
- 9 Paul William Jordan, son to William C. and Elizabeth A. Jordan, 1 Larchwood Road.
- 20 Michael Thomas Sheridan, son to Richard F. and Joyce M. Sheridan, 9 Tanglewood Road.
- 23 Jason Moore, son to Edwin A. and Margaret T. Moore. 45 Asnebumskit Road.
- 23 Jason Scott Wiinikka, son to Robert W. and Sharon A. Wiinikka, 607 Pleasant Street.
- 28 Brenden Stephen Hair, son to Stephen E. and Pamela S. Hair, 632 Pleasant Street.

October

- 4 Michelle Helene Cancelmo, daughter to Joseph P. and Helene A. Cancelmo, 286 Grove Street.
- 9 William Leo Ryan, son to Gerald L. and Marguerite T. Ryan, 5 William Allen Drive.

November

- 16 Stephanie Ann Bergin, daughter to Paul F. and Ann M. Bergin, 80 Pleasant Street.
- 19 Maxine Gail Sleeper, daughter to Michael D. and Carol J. Sleeper, 18 Crowningshield Drive.

December

- 14 Erin Mary Lawler, daughter to William P. and Marie E. Lawler, 545 Pleasant Street.
- 30 Kate Miles LaVigne, daughter to Thomas P. and Edith L. LaVigne, 7 Bel Arbor Drive.

MARRIAGES

January

- 13 Dennis F. Savage of Holden to Jane Wright of Paxton.
- 19 John W. Anderson of Worcester to Maureen E. Tivnan of Paxton.

February

- 10 Samuel Robert Alley of Worcester to Susan Margaret MacGillivray of Paxton.
- 10 Steven Carl Larson of Holden to Wendy Ann Bowker of Paxton.
- 15 William C. Lloyd, Jr. of Paxton to Joan Sandra Brown of Billerica.
- 25 Paul R. Trudeau of Paxton to Judith R. Fine of Worcester.

March

- 17 Gary John Ridley of Holden to Carol Corinne Gagnon of Paxton.
- 24 Kenneth H. Carlson of Paxton to Mary E. Mansfield of Worcester.

April

- 1 Arthur L. Coderre of Paxton to Gayle L. Densmore of Boylston.
- 7 William E. Aho of Paxton to Victoria Maria Benotti of Mendon.
- 14 Edward Douglas Tribou of Wickford, R.I. to Diane Gail Udell of Paxton.
- 14 Eric Hugh Wylie of Paxton to Cheryl Rae Frey of Paxton.

May

- 5 Douglas Walter MacDougall of Paxton to Carol Jane Anderson of Guilford, Conn.
- 5 Herbert S. Riddle of Paxton to Elizabeth C. McBride of Springfield.
- 19 Charles Robert LaPrade of Paxton to Jacqueline P. Sorel of Barnstable.
- 26 Robert Judson Savary of S. Hadley to Carolyn Mary Wylie of Paxton.

June

- 23 David Edward Clarke of Paxton to Kathy Jo Sickels of Belle Vernon, Pa.
- 24 Albert Chester Locke, Jr. of Shrewsbury to Marilyn Louise Holland of Paxton.
- 30 Robert Lanciani of Paxton to Andrea Brimblecom of Wellesley.

July

- 6 Patrick John Daly of Paxton to Cathrine E. Jablonski of Turner Falls.
- 15 Jeffrey Lamotte of Paxton to Theodora Sgourides of Worcester.
- 20 John Roger Lonergan of Oakham to Debra Arlene Doyle of Paxton.
- 21 Paul G. Blaquiere of Worcester to Dawn L. Erickson of Paxton.
- 22 Paul E. Carlson of Spencer to Anne-Marie Arpin of Paxton.
- 22 Ivan Wilfred Miller III of Brewer, Maine to Ann Di-Domenico of Paxton.

August

- 4 Christopher David Stone of Paxton to Mary Frances McArdle of Worcester.
- 18 Melvyn J. Penttila of Paxton to Pamela Beckwith of Westboro.
- 25 Lance Brewster Salmonsens of Sutton to Susan Roselund of Paxton.
- 25 Robert W. Jackewich of North Adams to Kathleen Harrington of Paxton.

September

- 7 Walter Raymond Johnson, Jr. of Paxton to Linda Jean Mott of Jefferson.
- 8 Ronald A. Carlson of Paxton to Carol A. Perrott of Shrewsbury.

October

- 5 Mark Lee Gildauskas of Leicester to Pamela E. Powers of Paxton.
- 5 Dana James MacAlister of Princeton to Cynthia Louise Hammar of Paxton.
- 6 A. Douglas Haddad of Paxton to Patricia Ann Mancini of Worcester.
- 27 William Brown, Jr. of West Boylston to Pamela Jones of Paxton.

November

- 24 Harry B. Lemieux of Holden to Gail M. Munger of Paxton.
- 24 Steven J. Lysik of Paxton to Gail Shortsleeves of Worcester.

December

- 8 John Richard Moilanen of Paxton to Janice Ann Kulesza of Auburn.
- 20 Alan Richard Denzer, Jr. of L.I., N.Y. and Mary Jane Baillie of Paxton.

DEATHS

March

3	Ethel S. Brandt, 71 Marshall Street	69 years
10	Victoria Mercier, 332 Pleasant Street	60 years

May

20	Rita A. Kennedy, 7 Boynton Parkway	59 years
22	Jeremiah S. Sheehan, 3 Marshall Street	62 years
26	Marjorie M. Madigan Dyer, 1 Burtenmar Cir.	45 years

June

6	Florence Shattuck, 324 Richards Avenue	80 years
25	Arthur E. Miller, 8 Birchwood Road	69 years
30	Chester Milton Rossier, 50 Maple Street	81 years

July

1	George E. Stewart, 25 Maple Street	89 years
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August

26	Joseph P. Culliton, 124 Holden Road	83 years
30	Archie K. Hughes, 545 Pleasant Street	74 years

September

5	James F. O'Grady, 116 Holden Road	52 years
8	Roger Dupuis, 15 Dennison Ln., Southbridge	19 years
6	Sherman Ludden, 311 Richards Avenue	65 years
6	Frederick Earle Watson, 250 Richards Ave.	83 years
21	Gloria E. Udell, 21 Spring Drive	49 years

October

3	Nettie Dyer Mills, 246 Richards Avenue	85 years
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November

27 Robert D. Blood, 262 Pleasant Street 40 years

December

9 Glidden B. Pierce, 1028 Pleasant Street 75 years

17 Louise Wilde, 117 West Street. 43 years

24 Iva Marion Beaumont, 139 Grove Street 92 years

Dog Licenses Issued 1973

Male 171

Female 32

Spayed Female 123

\$10 Kennel 4

\$50 Kennel 1

Total Licenses Issued 331

Paid to Treasurer \$1,048.15

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued 1973

Total number of licenses issued 176

Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$1,504.50

REPORT of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held March 5, 1973

Meeting called to order at 7:40 P.M. Moderator declared a quorum present. Tellers: Leslie E. Robinson, Alvah Tracy, Vincent Piucci, and Christian Baehrecke. Meeting 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 867.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator	Robert J. Hall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Collector	Frederick T. Warpula
Constables	Harold J. Mullaney
Constables	William O. Wylie
Tree Warden	Curtis J. Lanciani
Selectmen	Ronald E. Johnson
Assessor	Ernest C. Sprague
School Committee	Paula Aijala
School Committee	Stuart A. Robinson
Municipal Light Board	Daniel F. Galdauckas
Cemetery Commission	Caroline L. Isham
Water Board	Donald L. Montague
Library Trustee	O. Frank Burbank
Library Trustee	Elizabeth O. Cunningham
Library Trustee	Alice E. Nelson
Planning Board	William M. Foley
Board of Health	Thomas M. Braley
Board of Health	James A. Lashbrook
Recreation Board	Gerald A. Bernier
Recreation Board	Jerome L. Langer
W.R.H.S. Committee	Howard W. Moore

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

Unanimous vote. Budget approved as amended.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town take up articles 3 to 15 collectively. Unanimous vote.

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 in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and including in addition thereto Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1972 as amended.

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 transfer \$767.60 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Account 776 entitled, "Recreation Events," to offset the Budget request.

Unanimous vote.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town appropriate the \$579.94 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town transfer the \$1,399.13 to be received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town vote the money for street lights and the income from the sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal 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 General Laws, Chapter 164, Section 57, for the current fiscal period and if this income shall exceed the expense for said period, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and be appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 11. 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

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 12. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$10,562.51 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 13. It was voted that the Town cooperate with the State to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,438.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$14,955 be borrowed to meet the State share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Unanimous vote.

Article 14. It was voted that the Town cooperate with the State and County to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800 to cover the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$5,600 be borrowed to meet the State and County share of the cost of unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Unanimous vote.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600.00 to cover the Town's share of the cost of construction on West Street under Chapter 90, and that in addition, the sum of \$13,800.00 be borrowed to cover the State and County share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated, available funds in the treasury.

Unanimous vote.

Moved and Seconded that articles 3 through 15 be accepted as amended and printed.

Unanimous vote.

Article 16. Moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount requested for the Water Department Budget from Surplus to the Water Department Account.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,200.38 to purchase a new 4-wheel drive pick-up truck, equipped with a plow, for the Highway Department.

Unanimous vote.

Article 18. Moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a sand, salt and equipment storage building on the site of the present Town Barn, for the Highway Department.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$700.00 to install a septic tank system at the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

Article 20. Moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00, or any other sum, to enclose the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool, so as to comply with standards safety.

Article 21. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,300.00 for a 4-wheel riding tractor with mower and sickle bar.

Unanimous vote.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five members to conduct a study of existing Town buildings, exclusive of schools, and evaluate future needs, and report the results of their study to the Town by the next Annual Meeting.

Unanimous vote.

Article 23. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for extending the water main from existing water main on West Street and then southerly on South Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 24. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$200,000.00, the appropriated sum, (after utilization of any money then in the Depreciation Account of the Municipal Light Department) to be expended by the Municipal Light Board for the purpose of planning, constructing, landscaping and originally equipping a substation and necessary subtransmission facilities in the Town of Paxton the money shall be provided for borrowing under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44.

Unanimous vote.

Article 25. It was voted that the Town vote to increase the number of members of the School Committee so that effective on and after the Annual Town Meeting in 1974 the School Committee shall consist of five (5) members of which two (2) shall be those members whose terms shall not expire in 1974, and of which three (3) shall be elected in 1974 as follows: one (1) for a term of one year, one (1) for a term of two years and one (1) for a term of three years. Thereafter, as the term of a School Committee member expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of three years.

Unanimous vote.

Article 26. Moved and seconded to take this article up after budget item 726. Unanimous vote.

Moved and seconded to table article 26. In favor 233—opposed 22. 2/3 vote. Article was tabled.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, or authorize the borrowing of a sum of money, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended or any other enabling act for the purpose of planning and constructing additional facilities adjacent to the Center School and for originally equipping and furnishing such facilities and to authorize a School Building Committee to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to engineer, construct, originally equip and furnish such facilities: or act in any way thereon.

Article 27. It was voted that the Town amend its by-laws: With respect to the Finance Committee by the following changes: Section 2—Substituting June for April in the second line. Section 3—Substituting March for November and for January wherever the same shall appear; and by inserting fiscal before the word “year” in the fourth and seventh lines. Section 4—Substituting March for January wherever the same shall appear and April for February

wherever the same shall appear. With respect to the Annual Town Meeting: by substituting the following for the first sentence: Beginning in 1974, the Annual Town Meeting for business shall be held on the first Monday in May; and the election on the second Monday in May. A person elected or appointed shall hold office for the term of his election or appointment and until his successor shall be elected, or appointed, and qualified. With respect to annual reports: by substituting (in the by-laws adopted February 7, 1938) the word March for January wherever the same shall appear.

Unanimous vote.

Article 28. It was moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

Article 29. It was moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

It was voted that the meeting adjourn at 10:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

ARDEN J. WOODALL,

Moderator

REPORT of the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held September 24, 1973

The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Moderator Robert J. Hall. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Meeting was held at Anna Maria College. Tellers appointed were: Fred Antell, George Karle, Chester Johnson, Leslie Robinson, George Stannard and Charles Mello.

Article 1. It was moved and seconded to take up Articles 1, 2 and 3 collectively.

It was voted that the Town approve the expenditure for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance purposes of the money appropriated under Article 14 at the Annual Town Meeting of 1973 without regard to reimbursement or payment by the State or County or either.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town transfer to Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance Fund a sum of money appropriated under Article 15 at the Annual Town Meeting of 1973 without regard to reimbursement or payment by the State and County or either.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,456.00 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 4. It was moved and seconded to pass over this article. Unanimous vote. (Purpose of erecting fencing at the Pool).

Article 5. It was voted that the Town accept a bequest of \$500.00 on behalf of the Richards Memorial Library from the estate of Mary Earle Gould, said bequest to be known as the "Mary Earle Gould Fund."

Article 6. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$15,800.00, said sum to be taken from Revenue Sharing Account, and authorize the planning, construction and original equipping of a sand, salt and equipment storage building on the site of the present Town Barn for the Highway Department.

Motion carried.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a new School Planning and Building Committee with authority to contract for plans to construct and originally equip an addition of six (6) new rooms to the Center School, and authorize them to spend up to \$4,000.00 from the existing school building account.

Motion carried.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town authorize the committee appointed under Article 7 authorization to contract for plans to renovate the kitchen in the Center School and to appropriate for said purpose a sum of \$600.00, said sum to be taken from School Construction Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town authorize the committee appointed under Article 7 to contract for plans to construct and originally equip an eight (8) room structure and to study the White School on West Street with regards to renovations thereof and to appropriate for said purpose

a sum of \$5,000.00 to be taken from the School Construction Account.

Motion carried.

Article 10. It was voted that the Town authorize the committee appointed under Article 7 the authority to contract for plans for a comprehensive Recreation and Playground Project and to appropriate for said purpose a sum of \$1,000.00 to be taken from the School Planning Fund.

Motion carried.

Article 11. This article was defeated by a 2/3 vote. In favor 143—opposed 139. (Reason for 2/3 vote—Money to be taken from Stabilization Fund as requested in this article was changed to money to be transferred from Revenue Sharing Fund) (Article 11 requesting money for renovation to White School Building, \$45,000.00).

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 P.M.

REPORT of the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held November 19, 1973

In The Auditorium of Anna Maria College of Paxton

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Tellers for this meeting were: Sanford Wreschinsky, Charles Mello, Robert Lamotte, Leslie E. Robinson, Richard G. Bedard and Frank Ranta.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$600.00 from Revenue Sharing Fund interest account to provide payment for services under General Laws, Chap-

ter 40, Sec. 5, paragraph 40 C to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health through the Wachusett Area Drug Coalition.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town accept Chapter 164 A of the General Laws entitled "New England Power Pool."

Unanimous vote.

Articles 3 and 4. It was voted that the Town pass over these two articles. (To authorize Selectmen to acquire by purchase or take by eminent domain for highway purposes land owned by Hyman Rabinow).

Article 5. It was voted that the Town approve the borrowing or \$3,800,000.00 by Wachusett Regional School District for remodeling, adding to and equipping the Wachusett Regional High School as authorized by the Regional District School Committee on October 23, 1973.

Majority vote required. In favor 208—against 162.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town authorize the appointment of a new school Planning and Building Committee said committee to be authorized to contract for plans to construct and originally equip an addition of six (6) new rooms to the Center School.

2/3 vote required. In favor 148—128 opposed. Vote lost.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town authorize the School Planning and Building Committee appointed under Article 9 to contract for plans to renovate the kitchen in the Center School and for said purpose a sum of \$600.00, hereby appropriated from School Preliminary Planning Account.

Voted to accept this article as amended.

Article 8. Moved and seconded to pass over this article. (Appointment of a School Planning and Building Committee to contract for plans to construct and equip an eight (8) room structure.)

Unanimous vote.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a new School Building Committee for the purpose of renovating the White School building on West Street and installing a Library Media Center on the ground floor level of said facility and to enter into all contracts and agreements pertaining thereto for a total expenditure not exceeding \$42,000.00, to be transferred from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

It was voted to have a written vote on Article 9.

349 in favor of Article 9 and 141 opposed. Article accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Town Clerk

P.S.: Motion was made to discuss articles 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Vote to be taken on Article 9 first. Voted.

LIST OF JURORS

Name	Address
Marion F. Anderson	124 Holden Road
Margaret M. Baillie	16 Monticello Drive
Joan P. Battye	6 Ridgewood Road
Rodolphe E. Beaulac	4 Eagle Lane
Hildred D. Burt	7 Ledyard Road
Richard P. Conrad	7 Rollingridge Lane
Kenneth A. Cutting	14 Grove Street
Evelyn M. Desrosiers	7 Indian Hill Road
Robert F. Duncan	16 Crestwood Road
Margaret A. Erskine	495 Richards Avenue
Shiela T. Estabrook	748 Pleasant Street
Pasquale W. Fulginiti	15 Indian Hill Road
Estelle A. Gemme	5 Center Drive
Harriet D. Getchell	13 Grove Street
Phylis T. Hammar	14 Ridgewood Road
Robert W. Hein	42 Maple Street
John A. Hyland	4 Johnnel Road
Stephen Jaconson	13 Tanglewood Road
Norman R. Johnson	2 Oakwood Road
W. Duane Kidwell	10 Monticello Drive
Virginia M. Kimball	643 Pleasant Street
Donald M. Krus	49 Camp Street
George O. Lilyestrom	33 Streeter Road
Wilfred C. Mercier	332 Pleasant Street
Napoleon Montesinos	1 Meadowbrook Drive
Joseph Michniewicz	23 Knollwood Road
John M. Nash	4 Center Drive
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Jr.	8 Whitney Drive
Doris V. Parks	9 Crystal Street
Leonard S. Prue	17 Grove Street
Marilyn E. Sachs	44 Camp Street
Harriet D. Seelye	15 Maple Street
Robert L. Scarbeau	289 Richards Avenue
Thomas A. Sutherland	21 Crowningshield

Donald R. Udell
Paul W. Valinski
Esther L. Van Wyck

21 Spring Drive
20 Forestdale Road
221 Grove Street

REPORT of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 1973 may be remembered as the year of "the school." Many committees, in addition to this Board, have spent many hours in an effort to resolve this problem. Differences of opinion have, hopefully, resulted in a viable solution and the many man hours required of the several Town Officials on this project can now be concentrated on other areas of priority.

The Select Board continues to meet the second and last Thursday of each month; however, the increased work load has required additional meetings monthly. The public is invited to attend any of these meetings. All special meetings are posted and are usually noted in the local news media.

During 1973, many projects were undertaken and existing programs continued. These are more properly reported by the various departments, boards and committees directly involved. The Select Board did appoint, for the first time, a Building Needs Study Committee, the Historical Commission, Cable T.V. Committee, Energy Conservation Committee and Town Communications Center Committee.

Sitting as the License Commission, the Board of Selectmen renewed several existing licenses and held two alcoholic beverage license hearings, of which one resulted in the granting of a Club license for Anna Maria College.

During the past year, your Town Officials have met the challenge of the "18 month" changeover for the conversion

to a fiscal year of July 1st to June 30th. This period has placed several hardships on the officials and employees and the Select Board thanks them for their cooperation and patience.

The Board has undertaken a study of the Town's Insurance Program and hopefully, the coming year will result in a more comprehensive and economical program.

The Board was saddened by the death of Sherman Ludden, who had served the Town of Paxton as a Selectman for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT of the CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commission has requested \$2,965.00 for maintenance of both Center and Mooreland Cemeteries from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

For protection of the Center Cemetery—the following measures were taken:

In 1973—the light on the Northern corner of Center Cemetery was removed on the advice of the Light and Police Departments as it attracted trespassers.

A snowfence was installed on Richards Avenue to discourage using Center Cemetery as a thoroughfare.

DESTRUCTION IN CENTER CEMETERY:

Twenty seven headstones have been tipped over by vandals. An additional amount was requested to reset and repair the headstones.

Mooreland Cemetery is divided in 6 grave sections.

New prices effective as of April 1, 1973

2 grave lots	\$200.00
4 grave lots	400.00
6 grave lots	600.00
Opening graves	75.00

Residents and former residents only may purchase lots in Mooreland Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE L. ISHAM, Chmn.
VIRGINIA M. KIMBALL, Clerk
GEORGE H. DANIELS
Paxton Cemetery Commissioners

**Report of the
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

During the year 1973 39 Plumbing Permits were issued and 72 Plumbing Inspections were made. Of these, 7 Permits were issued and 10 Inspections were made by Alternate Plumbing Inspector, Zigmond Kozlowski, during your Inspector's illness last winter. A total of 311 fixtures were inspected as follows:

Water Closets	65
Sinks	27
Lavatories	74
Bath Tubs	30
Shower Baths	25
Clothes Washers	19
Water Heaters	32
Dishwashers	17
Garbage Grinders	8
Urinals	4
Floor Catch Basins	6
Grease Trap	1
Wash Trays	3

During the year 1973 12 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 12 Inspections were made (7 of camping vehicles) with a total of 37 appliances inspected as follows:

Ranges	8
Room Heaters	4
Water Heaters	2
Refrigerators	3
Lights	2
Pool Heater (Outside)	1
Barb-B-Cue Broiler	1
Ovens	2
Frylator	1
Infra Red Radiant Heaters	11
Logs	2

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN F. WRIGHT,
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

REPORT of the RECREATION COMMISSION

Our 1973 summer season was again a busy one. We had 75 in the playground program and 90 in the swim classes. We issued a total of 900 pool tags. Permission was requested and granted for about 75 special Canadian summer students at Anna Maria College to use the pool during their 2 week stay. We thank the School Department for the use of the school for our programs.

Even though the weather didn't fully cooperate, our 4th of July observance was well attended. The Paxton Fire Fighters Association sponsored a Horribles Parade.

Our Director this year was Richard Roy, who ran a fine program, including family trips to sports events, etc., until the energy crunch put an end to bus availability.

Our ski program, as of this writing, has been very well received including adult instruction. This year the program was held at the Pheasant Run Ski Area in Leominster.

We are sponsoring an article this year to support the Little League and Pop Warner activities instead of their door-to-door canvas which has been their sole support in the past.

A skating rink was built and assembled at the end of 1973, but as of this writing, the weather has not cooperated and it has not been possible to freeze it over. We thank the School Committee for their permission to use a portion of the Babe Ruth field for the rink; we also thank the members of the Fire Department for flooding the rink. We especially thank Mr. George Harvey for the donation of materials.

During the year, we purchased a Jacobson tractor with a mowing attachment. The Gravely tractor and attachments were sold to reduce purchase price.

We have continued to have a vandalism problem; one very expensive item has been street lights, which have been broken several times.

We have continued to have a problem with mini-bikes which we, like the School Department, do not allow in our area.

We would like to mention another problem of cars which travel through the area at too high a speed and we would like to remind everyone that those are your children that might be out there in the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted

RECREATION COMMISSION

REPORT of the BOARD OF HEALTH

The members of the Board of Health are pleased to report that subsurface sewage disposal systems are being installed and repaired in accordance with the spirit of the State and Local guidelines. We attribute this to the cooperation of the individual homeowners, installers and realtors. The Board is certain that the end result of this cooperation will be a more healthful environment for all. We urge that all homeowners feel free to contact your board for advice and assistance should septic system problems arise.

As members of the Wachusett Home Health Care

Agency Paxton continues to be entitled to the services available. In addition to nursing care these services include occupation, speech, physical therapy and home health aids.

Our first year with our new rubbish disposal contractor, Leonard A. Martone Co., Inc. of Barre, Mass. has proven to be very successful. Your Board continues to feel that our disposal system is one of the most convenient and economical in the State of Massachusetts.

Multi vaccine clinics were offered to preschool and school age Children of Paxton.

A rabies clinic for dogs was held in July.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. LAVIGNE
JAMES A. LASHBROOK
THOMAS BRALEY

Board of Health

REPORT of the BOARD OF APPEALS

In 1973 the Board of Appeals held 4 Public Hearings in the Town Hall.

Frank Brunelle
West Street, Paxton

Special Permit to operate Barber Shop in his home.
Granted

George and Leon Nanigan
Nanigan Lane, Paxton

Special Permit to operate a Skimobile Ranch.
Temporary Permit Granted

Bruno DiCicco

A Permit to operate Riding Stables on Asnebumskit Hill. **Permit Denied**

Thomas Cunningham

A Variance to convert a portion of a garage to an office. **Variance Granted**

A copy of all Public Hearings and decisions are on file with the Town Clerk and are public record.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM LINDQUIST, Chmn.

DONALD LUNDQUIST, V. Ch.

ROBERT DILLMAN, Clerk

TIMOTHEOS THOUTSIS

ALLEN RUBIN

R. RAY SUMMA, Alternate

EDWARD SAVICKAS,

Alternate

Paxton Board of Appeals

Report of the MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The year 1973 was a very trying year for the Paxton Light Department. Cost of materials, if available, increased, and deliveries took much longer than usual. Large increases in the cost of fuel used by New England Power for generating electricity was reflected in the bills from the Power Company to the Paxton Light Department. This increase had to be passed on to the customers of the Paxton Light Department. The cost varied from month to month, which made the billing difficult.

The principal supplier of power to Paxton, New England Power Company, petitioned the Federal Power Commission for two more wholesale increases, R-7 and R-8. The R-7 increase went into effect January 1, 1974, and the R-8 increase will, in all probability, be in effect by June 1, 1974.

The Paxton Light Department has not increased their rates for several years, but due to higher operating costs the Light Board finds itself in a position of having to review the financial situation of the Department with an increase in mind.

The Light Board is asking for your support this year to allow the Department to enter into "Revenue Bond Financing" of several large atomic generating plants. Two things can be accomplished by this revenue bond financing; first, joint ownership can result in lower power costs, and second, by owning a share of the plants, a more reliable and diversified power supply can be had. This will give Paxton a chance to further divorce itself from the single supplier concept. Presently we are purchasing 95% of our power from New England Power Company, 3% from Maine Yankee Corporation, and 2% from Vermont Yankee Corporation.

Locally the Department is working on the new "Wentworth" 115 KV substation. The land has been cleared and graded. The subtransmission line from the Wentworth Station to the Asnebumskit substation has been installed and work on the foundations and fencing will take place this summer. The transformer and switchgear have been ordered, with delivery scheduled for late Spring of 1975. The Station should be operational by October 1, 1975.

There has been very little expansion this year so most of our effort has been in reconductoring with larger insulated conductors. A great deal of tree trimming has also been done.

Whenever possible the Light Department has assisted

the other Town Departments in various projects at no expense to them, and the other Departments have reciprocated by assisting the Light Department, when needed.

The Light Commissioners meet the last Tuesday before the last Thursday of each month at the Light Department Operation Center, 578 Pleasant Street. If you would like to visit the Board, please feel free to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS J. LANCIANI, Mgr.
THOMAS CUMMINGS, Chmn.
ROBERT HARRINGTON, Clerk
DANIEL GALDAUCKAS,

Third Member
Paxton Light Commissioners

Report of the ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1973:

Statement of Income and Expenses

Income:

Metered Sales to Consumers:

Rate A Private Consumers	\$226,224.00
Rate B Small Com. Con.	13,149.00
Rate C Large Com. Con.	60,628.00
Rate D Electric Heating	73,835.00
Street Lighting	10,000.00
Municipal Lighting Bldgs.	8,197.00
Power for Municipal Purposes	2,723.00
Resale to Other Utilities	682.00
Miscellaneous Operating Revenues	274.00
Area Lighting—Private	2,440.00
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	\$398,152.00

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	267,869.00	
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,776.00	
Maintenance Transformers	147.00	
Street Lighting Expense	1,278.00	
Meter Reading Expense	1,853.00	
Meter Expense Repair & Testing	10.00	
Accounting Expense	7,556.00	
Mgr. & Light Board Salaries	14,395.00	
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,372.00	
Mgr. & Light Board Expenses	1,998.00	
Rent	75.00	
Outside Services	624.00	
Overhead Line Expense	35,313.00	
Depreciation	38,759.00	
Insurance	2,652.00	
Maint. Underground Cond.	23.00	
Injuries & Damages	617.00	
Interest	1,172.00	
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		379,489.00
Operating Income		<hr/>
Other Income		18,663.00
		3,442.00
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Total Income for year 1973		\$22,105.00

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1973

ASSETS

		12/31/73
	Additions	Depr. Val.
Land	-----	\$319.00
Substa. Struc. & Improvements	\$7,787.00	21,593.00
Substa. Equip	364.00	34,762.00
New Building	-----	56,168.00
Poles & Fixtures	1,909.00	14,828.00
Overhead Conductors	16,975.00	79,177.00
Line Transformers	10,280.00	69,169.00
House Services	7,005.00	32,225.00
Consumer Meters	1,310.00	11,903.00
Street Lighting Equip.	2,826.00	23,872.00
Office Equipment	344.00	5,285.00
Cost of Transp. Equip.	2,594.00	25,435.00
Tools, Shop & Garage Equip.	1,053.00	8,461.00
Laboratory Equip.	-----	10.00
Communications Equip.	27.00	3,639.00
Underground Cond.	4,843.00	44,112.00
Area Lighting Equip.	319.00	2,356.00
Total Add. in 1973	\$57,636.00	
Total Depr. Value		433,314.00
Accounts Receivable		33,116.00
Materials & Supplies		24,358.00
Petty Cash		100.00
Depreciation Funds		40,432.00
Total Assets		\$531,320.00

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	\$30,000.00
Appropriated for Construction	2,457.00
Notes paid off in prior years by Light Dept.	39,116.00
Appropriated for Const. Repayment	7,090.00
Amount owed by Dept. Dec. 31, 1973	31,686.00
Earnings of this & prior years invested in new plant & other assets	397,931.00
Contributions in Aid of Construction	21,982.00
Customers' Advances for Const.	556.00
Interest Accrued	502.00
Total Liabilities	\$531,320.00

ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT

	Debit	Credit
Balance from Previous Years		\$385,826.00
Plus current year profit		22,105.00
Accumulated Profit December 31, 1973		\$407,931.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paxton Light Department
 CURTIS LANCIANI, Mgr.
 Light Commissioners:
 THOMAS CUMMINGS, Chmn.
 ROBERT HARRINGTON, Clerk
 DANIEL GALDAUCKAS,
 Third Member

REPORT of the POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year, 1973, several changes in the laws have been made affecting everyone. Chapter 1076 of the Acts of 1971 became law on July 1, 1973 which means drunkenness is no longer a crime. A person found drunk or incapacitated beyond self control can be taken into protective custody by this Department. This person is taken home or to a Detoxification Unit, one of which is located on High St. in Worcester at the present time. Several locations in this area will be provided shortly for this service by the State and County. This change has become an added problem for this Department.

The lowering of the age to 18 years for procuring alcoholic beverages has caused an increase in use by the youth of the Community also many of the under 18 year age group are using alcoholic beverages.

The Town of Paxton received Second Place Award in the Traffic Safety Contest sponsored by the Worcester Chapter of the National Safety Council for 1972, also won Third Place in 1973 and will receive the award in 1974.

Frederick T. Warpula resigned as School Safety Officer after serving in this position for 10 years. He also served on the executive board of the Worcester County Safety Officers Assn.

Francis M. Whitney was appointed to fill this vacancy. The Paxton Four H. Club under the direction of Mrs. Charles Kingsbury has been working with Officer Whitney on various programs on Safety at the Center School.

All Officers of the Department in conjunction with the Fire Department have completed the advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course. Instruction was held at the Fire Station in January 1974.

Six members of the Department have completed the Police Training Institute course conducted by the Worcester Police Department and sponsored by the Worcester Chapter of the National Safety Council.

Several homes have had burglar and fire detection equipment installed. Several of these systems are connected to the emergency Police phone. This Department must be notified of all such installations.

The cooperation received from all other Town Departments during the year is appreciated. We also wish to thank the Holden Barracks for their assistance on investigations requiring finger printing and photo Laboratory experts. The Towns of Holden, Rutland, Oakham, Spencer and Leicester have mutually assisted on several occasions during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. WYLIE,
Chief of Police

Phone calls recorded	1722
Calls for information	649
Calls from persons for assistance	67
Citizen complaints investigated	625
Emergency calls for cruiser ambulance service	47
House breaks investigated	20
Business breaks investigated	2
Center School breaks	1
Theft of various articles	5
Burglar alarm calls investigated	83
Vacant homes checked on patrol	298
Motor vehicle accident reports recorded	58
Motor vehicle accidents investigated	36
Motor vehicle accident casualties to hospitals	12
Motor vehicles stolen in Town	2
Motor vehicle camper cover stolen	1

Motor vehicles recovered in Town	15
Motor vehicle V.I. Titles checked	49
Motor vehicle moving violations issued	369
Adult arrests	3
Summons served	15

The following was issued by this Department:

20 Accident reports	\$100.00
8 Theft reports	40.00
48 Pistol permits	470.00
19 Firearm I.D. Cards	26.00
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Amount turned in to Treasurer	\$636.00

REPORT of the TREE WARDEN

The following statement is a year end review of the Tree Department.

You will note that the Light Department and the Highway Department have contributed to the Tree Department programs, which made it possible to get a great deal more accomplished for the budget dollars.

The Department planted trees in several areas of Town to replace the diseased trees that were removed.

Th Spring chipping program was a great success and should be an annual program. The men do appreciate the salary setup for the chipping program.

In general, I feel the programs carried out by the Tree Department are worthwhile and are accomplishing their goals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Payrolls	\$2,663.81	
Outside hire	247.50	
Tools	188.49	
Trees	300.00	
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		\$3,399.80

Light Department Contribution:

130 hours @ \$8.00 per hr.—		
Chipper & Dump Truck	1,040.00	
49 hours @ \$6.00 per hr.—		
Bucket Truck	294.00	
12 hours @ \$6.00 per hr.—		
Digger Truck	72.00	
37 hours @ \$2.00 per hr.—		
Pickup Truck	74.00	
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		1,480.00

Highway Department Contribution:

32 hours @ \$5.00 per hr.—		
Dump Truck	160.00	
20 hours @ \$6.00 per hr.—		
Loader	120.00	
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		280.00

Total expenditures for Tree Department	<hr/>	\$5,159.80
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Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS LANCIANI,

Tree Warden

REPORT of the LIBRARIAN

Circulation:

Printed materials	31,921
Central Regional interlibrary loans	472
Reference transactions	3,970
Records and tapes	1,450
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Total	37,813

Volumes in collection:

Adult and juvenile titles	9,973
Magazines subscribed	47
Records and tapes	417
Volumes added in 1973 (including gifts)	1,055
Number of registered borrowers	2,149

For the sake of new patrons, I would like to list services (some added this year) available through our Central Regional system.

Anyone over 12 years of age may have a borrowers card to use the 70 member libraries of the region.

Films may be booked for group showing. These may be picked up at Richards Memorial Library and returned here also for transportation on the new weekly van. We have a current film catalog and supplement for choice of selection.

You may request, on special interlibrary loan, any books not in our own collection.

We also process specific subject requests, usually filled through the Worcester library—sometimes as material from a copier.

Anyone handicapped in using regular books, temporarily or otherwise, may be certified to use the talking book and cassette collection housed in Holden and Worcester through a Federal grant. We have players available.

If the energy crisis permits, we have Friday afternoon van service for the delivery and return of interlibrary loan materials borrowed from any regional library.

We continue to make good use of Worcester pool collection and bookmobile books and records. There is talk of adding framed art prints on a trial basis.

Due to climbing book prices, we have purchased a number of paperbacks in 1973. These have been well received, especially juvenile, youth and larger print "easy of the eyes" titles. Paperbacks are being made more attractive and easier to read.

We are very grateful for memorial gift books from the Paxton Light Department and numerous townspeople. We received a memorial fund in the will of Mary Earle Gould, local author, which shall be used to purchase books on antiques.

Kathy Robinson received credit from State College at Worcester for a spring course in reference.

It has been a pleasure to have Mrs. Alma Nash work with us for at least two afternoons a week and to welcome two new pages, Erin Kelley and Claudia Hall. They are finding the library a busy place and are learning the details rapidly.

State aid funds have been used for reference and juvenile books. Plans have started to add higher shelving to two sides of the library. At the time of this writing, a book sale in the basement is planned for discarded copies of many kinds.

A new septic tank has been installed and drainage plans have been made to correct last years wet cellar problems.

Explorer Boy Scouts kept the grounds in fine condition and Mr. H. Reno Kennen, of Pleasant View Nursery, trimmed the bushes around the library. Mr. John Hyland shoveled and sanded the steps. Mrs. Jean Faucher has been our efficient housekeeper.

The Olivetti copier, on loan from Office Machines, Inc., has had much use at the still low price of ten cents per copy.

Trustees Betty Cunningham and Alice Nelson decorated the library at Christmastime with natural greens that earned many compliments.

I am personally most grateful for the cheerful cooperation of the staff and every member on the board of trustees. Everyone has been eager to suggest ways of helping even before they have been asked.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE,

Librarian

REPORT of RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	\$10,024.00
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Expenditures:

Librarian	5,115.43
Others	4,710.90

Total	\$9,826.33
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Expense Account—Income:

Town Appropriation	3,428.00
Dog Tax	419.43
Bal. of Income 1972	211.89
Interest from Investments 1973	1,886.20

Total	5,945.52
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Expenditures:

Petty cash	60.00
Telephone	188.78
Water and Lights	310.65
Office Supplies and Postage	365.97
Fuel	404.85
Maintenance—Building and Grounds	681.87
Education	86.00
Books, Magazines and Records	3,387.58
Travel	32.00

Total	5,517.70
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State Aid Account:

Received 1973	1,399.13
Balance 1972	1,290.11
Spent 1973	1,077.91

Balance	1,611.33
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Richards Trust Account:

Received 1973	
Distribution	1,692.24
Interest	1,141.70
Total fund	\$23,296.68

The sum of \$406.40 in Fine money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE E. NELSON, Clerk

REPORT of the HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Due to the delay in layout approvals from the State until late in the year, construction on the last section of West Street was not started. Guard rail at the brook was installed and under the Town appropriation the sidewalk from Suomi Street to the school was surfaced and the final grading, loaming, and seeding completed.

Plans this year call for reconstructing the last section from the school to the center of Town. We hope to be able to schedule our summer work so that this section will be pretty well completed by the time school reopens in September to avoid any inconvenience for the school busses and children walking to school.

26 streets received penetration or seal coatings in 1973 which constitutes well over one third of all the streets in Town. We plan as much surface treatment again in 1974 in a continuing effort to get the roads in Paxton in as good condition as possible. Approximately 400 feet of drainage was installed along with ditch and shoulder work on various streets.

Looking ahead, it is our hope to be able to do more Type I resurfacing, especially on our Chapter 90 roads. Many problem areas still need drainage and many areas complete reconstruction is necessary because the road bases were never adequate.

We would like to express our appreciation to the residents of Paxton who co-operate in keeping the streets clear of parked cars during snow plowing operations and we apologize for any damage we may have caused to lawns at the edge of the roads with our plows.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HANSSON,
Supt. of Streets

REPORT of the FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department answered 48 calls for service in 1973 as follows:

- 9 Building
- 5 Motor vehicle
- 10 Grass and brush
- 6 Mutual aid
- 18 Miscellaneous

This number is two more than in 1972 and is almost identical in the three middle categories. The number of calls for reported building fires is five more than in 1972. The reason I say reported is that two turned out to be false alarms. Two others however were total losses. One was a small horse barn that was hit by lightning and the other a storage structure for building materials that had some electrical problems.

I wish again to thank the townspeople for adhering to the outdoor burning rules which kept the number of grass and brush fires to a low number as it did last year.

The number of miscellaneous calls were a few less than last year but covered a wide variety from washing spilled gasoline at automobile accidents to a call to rescue a boy stuck in mud at Moore State Park.

Firefighter training was run under a little different program than in previous years and under the direction of Lieutenant Brian Murphy and Deputy Chiefs David Putnam and Raymond Kimball. The training was instructive and interesting to those taking part. A similar program is planned for 1974 of a little more advanced nature.

It is with sincere regret that the resignations of Deputy Chief David Putnam and Captain Robert Lamotte, Jr. were accepted. My thanks and that of the department to them for their services.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON, Chief

Report of the BUILDING NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

The Building Needs Study Committee has met 5 times since its inception in July of 1973 with the purpose of determining present space needs and future growth of the various Town departments and committees, excluding schools. To accomplish this goal, a questionnaire was sent by the committee to all Town departments and the results analyzed.

In summary, the conclusions reached are as follows:

- a. The Police Department has the most urgent need for facilities, particularly garaging, as their present use of the Fire Department building is hampering the function of that Department.
- b. The Town Records building is inadequate for its intended purpose due to lack of space and poor ventilation.
- c. Many of the Town Offices, e.g., Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Committee, Selectmen, etc., need additional space for active storage and record keeping.
- d. A thorough review of the Town Library facilities was not pursued, as it was felt that the contem-

plated development of the school library may have some effect upon the specific goals and needs of the Town Library; and further study would be warranted, once all factors are known.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the current utilization of the Town Hall be studied with regard to developing more efficient use of the total space available. This study should be cognizant of the architectural, mechanical and structural limitations which may be present in the building and effect its development. However, it is the preliminary opinion of this committee that through judicious use of the major existing features, i.e., floors, walls, balcony, stairs, etc., the building could be sub-divided for more efficient usage. Incorporated within this study should also be a more careful evaluation of the Records Building.

This committee also recommends a separate study be made of the future growth and needs of the Police Department. As currently envisioned, a possible solution might be to construct a facility adjacent to the Fire Department building which would serve the total needs of the Police Department. Should this approach be deemed necessary and practical, then additional space would be available within the Town Hall for other Departments.

In conclusion, this committee is of the opinion that it has discharged its duty by bringing to the attention of the Town those facilities which appear to require the most immediate attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Building Needs Study Committee
ALVAH W. TRACY, Chairman
JOSEPH W. BIRD
RICHARD J. DOWD
RICHARD H. SEYMOUR
CHARLES W. MELLO, Clerk

REPORT of the BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We are presently in the last six months of the 18-month transitional period which brings the financial operations of cities and towns in line with the fiscal year of the State and Federal Governments. This new pattern has brought a number of legislated changes which we would like to call to the attention of Paxton's taxpayers within this report.

The 18-month Transitional Year

The Town's operational budget for the period of January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974 was approved at the Annual Meeting on March 5, 1973. Covering an 18 month period, the appropriations for Paxton's operations, as well as the assessments for County and State services, were greatly increased. The 1973 Recapitulation at the end of this report shows the actual amounts. It also indicates the somewhat higher amounts of estimated receipts by which the approved expenditures could be reduced for the setting of the 12-month and 6-month tax rates.

Considering a proportionate 12-month period of the transitional year, we found that Paxton's expenditures had increased by 8.7% over the previous year while similarly the amounts to be raised by taxation for the Town's share of County government and State assessments and the deficit on State reimbursements for the prior year represented an even larger increase of 15.8% over 1972. Speaking similarly of a 12-month portion of the 18-month budget, we were allowed less than one percent (0.7%) increase over the previous year in State Aid from Local Aid and Agency Funds.

Even though we see a steady growth in the real estate valuations of the Town, the increase in expenditures and the lack of reimbursements by far exceed the valuation gain. The increase in property values since 1969 were as follows:

1970—increase of	\$1,011,400	or 4%
1971—increase of	1,020,400	or 3.9%
1972—increase of	657,000	or 2.4%
1973—increase of	1,151,605	or 4.1%
1974—increase of	969,458	or 3.3%

The 1973 Tax Rate

It is for the above reasons that again we experienced a substantial jump of \$3.50 in the tax rate to \$36.50 per \$1000 valuation. We continue to express our grave concern regarding rising expenditures which cannot be matched by Paxton's limited tax base. It is absolutely mandatory that we exercise fiscal restraint wherever possible. The tax burden is heavy indeed for Paxton's home owners.

The First Tax Billing in 1974

As announced by the Board of Assessors on March 25, 1974, the tax rate for the remaining six months of the transitional year will be \$18.00 per \$1000 valuation which is less than one-half of the 1973 rate due to increased valuations. The tax bills which were issued prior to April 1, 1974, are due and payable on or before May 1, 1974.

The Tax Rate for the 1975 Fiscal Year

At the Annual Meeting on May 6, 1974 the voters will set the appropriations for the new fiscal year from July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975. State and County assessments, as well as receipts from Local Aid and Agency Funds, as given to us on the Cherry Sheet, should be known by the middle of April. Therefore, we will be able to assist the Finance Committee in providing tax rate figures based on their recommended expenditures. Late in May and June, and after approval by the State Tax Commissioner, the assessors will set the new tax rate.

The Second Tax Billing in 1974

The tax payers will receive their second real estate and personal property bills before Septembr 1974. These bills will show a total tax for the property as described with an equal breakdown into two payments. The first installment will be payable on or before November 1, 1974. A duplicate copy of this same bill (showing also if first installment has been paid and stating the accrued interest, if not paid) will be mailed in late January 1975. The second installment will be payable on or before May 1, 1975. Interest of 8% will be charged on overdue amounts.

Exemptions and Abatements

Even though the deadline for the filing of most statutory exemptions is December 15th, we have requested that applications by the elderly, veterans, widows, etc. will be made at once so that exempted amounts can be credited to each tax payment as it becomes due. The assessors will also require separate applications for the six months bill as well as for the next fiscal-year bill. We will mail the second application form to all persons known to be eligible and having filed for the six month bill. It is also noted that the deadline for all abatements is October 1st.

Tax Bill Preparing

Needless to say that the double billing process has made a great deal more work for the collector and the assessors. We are grateful that the Town appropriated funds in 1972 for billing under an automated data processing system. Your 1973 bill was prepared in this manner and we had very few errors. Presently we were able to send out the six months tax bill within two weeks after final determination of all changes in ownership and value, a task formerly requiring six to eight week. Without the computer's help it would have been impossible to meet this year's deadlines and more personnel would have been required for the double billing process. If there are any errors on your tax bill, even such

matters as misspelling or a wrong mailing address, please advise the assessors at once, preferably in writing.

Real Estate Valuations

The revaluation of all property of changed status, e.g. new or completed construction, alterations or additions to existing real estate or improvements in the area, is based on the level of fair-market value of January 1, 1969 when the last complete appraisal of the Town took effect. Applications to the Building Inspector, Planning Board and Board of Appeals are basic referrals for the assessors' work. The Board also receives copies of all transfers from the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. It is noted that any property owner or lessee is in violation of the law if he fails to report any contemplated changes on his house or property to the appropriate Town officials. It is the duty of the assessors to make such violations known to the officials if changes are found for which no permit exists. We also inspect all properties, which through sales reports are substantially inconsistent with the established assessed valuation. If the Town Meeting will approve the needed funds, a listing of the 1974 real estate valuations will be available to all taxpayers late this year.

Personal Property

The law requires a report of personal property from all persons by March 1st. Exempt therefrom are certain household furnishings. The Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation approved a form prepared by the Paxton Board of Assessors which concentrates on unregistered motor vehicles and trailers, snowmobiles, motorboats, livestock and business furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the assessment record complete and current. We will mail new forms to all taxpayers early next year and we will request your cooperation for a timely return by March 1, 1975. The deadline for abatements on personal property is October 1st.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Unfortunately there are frequent errors in the bills prepared for the Town by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Even though we correct these errors by abatements and advise the State, some mistakes seem to reoccur again and again. We regret the inconvenience and aggravation caused by this but the situation is beyond our control. The valuation of motor vehicles is set by the Tax Commissioner as a percentage of the **manufacturer's list price**: at 50 percent before the designated year of manufacture, at 90 percent during the year of manufacture, at 60 percent during the second year and at a declining percentage down to 10 percent in the fifth and later years. We require the verification of the Registry whenever a value is questioned. All bills have to be paid or accounted for through an abatement process. The deadline for 1973 motor vehicle excise bills is June 1, 1974 unless received late. Late bills have to be acted on within 30 days of receipt. Please avoid demand notices or possible loss of your license plates by paying the bill when due.

Work of the Assessors

In addition to the administrative functions and appraisal work inherent in the before-mentioned taxes, the Paxton Board of Assessors approved the following exemptions and abatements:

Exemptions: Clause 18 Age,

Infirmity, poverty	1	\$202.57
Clause 17 Widows	2	350.00
Clause 22 Veterans	74	13,125.00
Clause 41 Elderly	30	10,219.55
Abatements: Real Estate	21	3,916.71
Motor Vehicle Excise	626	23,942.12
Farm Animal Excise	1	5.00

A total of 3,476 motor vehicle excise bills were processed with a value of \$197,431.64

All meetings of the Board of Assessors are open to the public. They are regularly scheduled for the first Monday of every month. Board members are also present on other Mondays as well as being available by appointment. Valuation lists and other public records are available as described by law.

During 1973 your assessors participated in training courses in assessment practices and administration as they were offered by the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation.

1973 RECAPITULATION

The following figures cover the 18-month transition to the fiscal year starting July 1, 1974:

Valuations:

Assessed Personal Property	\$316,880.00
Assessed Real Estate	28,942,028.00
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	\$29,258,908.00

Expenditures:

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$2,040,876.78
Appropriations to be taken from available funds	73,335.05
Offsets	9,660.22
Retirement	28,137.30
State Tax & Assessments	12,799.25
County Tax & Assessments	55,050.92
Overlay	44,784.22
Revenue Deficit	12,907.76
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Gross amount to be raised	\$2,277,551.50

Less Estimated Receipts & Available Funds:

Estimated receipts from Local Aid & Agency Fund	\$368,928.39
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	140,353.66
Public Service, Water Dept.	61,320.98
Others	31,682.78
Available Funds	73,335.05

Total Estimated Receipts &

Available Funds	675,620.86
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$1,601,930.64
Two Thirds (2/3) applied to 1973 tax rate	1,067,953.76
One Third (1/3) applied to 6-month (1974) tax rate	533,976.88

Resectfully submitted,

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

Report of the RECREATION NEEDS STUDY COMMISSION

In the Spring of 1973, a group of graduate students from the "Department of Community and Outdoor Recreation" of Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts did a survey and prepared recommendations for recreational development in the town of Paxton. The survey consisted of a questionnaire which was sent to every household in the town. This questionnaire was answered, for the most part, by adult members of each family which responded. In addition, a similar survey was conducted with the youth of the community. Of the approximately 3,000 questionnaires sent

out to the residents of the community, 622 were returned. The questionnaire was very broad in scope and allowed the residents of the town to not only give their opinions on specific questions asked but to also make suggestions on programs or facilities which were specifically asked in the questionnaire.

The survey brought out several interesting points on the wants and needs of the community for its' recreational programs and facilities which will be mentioned further on in this report. However, the most glaring need, both from the community's point of view and also from the surveyors point of view, is the need for a year-round Recreational Director to work on a part time basis underneath the Recreation Committee. It is the firm belief by this Committee and by Springfield College that without a year-round Director to co-ordinate recreation programs and supervise facilities, the town should not attempt to spend more money on recreation programs and facilities. Of the questionnaires which were returned, 83% of the students and 65% of the adults felt that a year-round Recreation Director is needed in the town of Paxton. Based on this, a Special Article is being included in the Warrant this year to cover the salary of a year-round, part-time Recreation Director.

Assuming that the town votes in favor of the year-round Recreation Director to act as a central co-ordinating executive for all recreational activities, program and facilities, some of the more significant responses on the questionnaires were as follows:

1. **Publicity and Communications**—From 30 to 50% of the respondents indicated that they were unfamiliar with the recreation facilities and programs. Many suggestions were made to rectify this lack of communications, including distributing flyers on recreation activities with the regular electric bill, announcements at club and organizational meetings including Church, American Legion, Sons of Paxton, Women's Club, etc.

2. **Swimming Pool**—Over 50% of the respondents who were familiar with the swimming pool rated it as only fair to poor. Over 70% felt that the swimming pool needs improvement or is not worthwhile in its present condition. Springfield College recommends that immediate plans should be prepared to either build a new swimming pool or to improve the filtering system and other points on the present pool as soon as possible. This Committee will study this point and report on it in the near future.
3. **Teen Center**—The need for facilities for the use of adolescents of Paxton was very strong among both student and adult respondents. Over 70% of the adult respondents felt that the establishment of a Teen Center is either “needed now” (45%), or “worth serious consideration” (25%). It is also important to note that those who favored a Teen Center also felt very strongly that adequate supervision should be provided. It is impossible to make a recommendation on a Teen Center until adequate supervision can be assured.
4. **Tennis Courts**—63% of the adult respondents felt that tennis courts were either needed now or worth serious consideration. Only 25% stated that tennis courts were definitely not needed. Of those responding 70% indicated that they would use these facilities. Because of the many types of tennis courts available today and the widely varying costs of these facilities, this Committee is not in a position to make specific recommendations at this time. However, we do feel that a thorough study of tennis court facilities should be made at the earliest possible time.
5. **Ice Skating**—The responses on the questionnaire made it very apparent that ice skating and hockey are popular sports among Paxton residents. Several alternatives are available to develop an area for skating for Paxton residents but the most obvious facility at the present time appears to be Illig Pond.

6. **Use of School Facilities**—Quite a high percentage called for more extensive use of School facilities, not only for athletic programs but also for use of classrooms for Adult Education, such as ceramics, woodworking, etc. After we are satisfied that adequate supervision is available, this Committee plans to meet with the Recreation Committee and School Committee to study the possibility of greater usage of the School.
7. **Bicycle Trails**—A large number of respondents expressed interest in safe, clearly marked bicycle and walking trails, especially leading to the center of town. Obviously, development of such trails would require a great deal of study and planning before these could become a reality.

The above summaries are just a part of the results of the survey and study. It is quite evident that a great deal more planning and thought by not only this Committee but the many other committees affected by the results of this survey must take place over the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. BEACH, JR., Chairman

REPORT of the TOWN COLLECTOR

1970 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$342.66	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		\$342.66

1971 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$8.75	
Collected		\$8.75

1971 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$3,199.49	
Collected 1973		\$2,413.95
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		785.54
	\$3,199.49	\$3,199.49

1971 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$7,695.52	
Refunded 1973	28.18	
Collected 1973		\$4,981.21
Abated 1973		1,008.55
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		1,733.94
	\$7,723.70	\$7,723.70

1972 Personal Property

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$1,061.47	
Refunded 1973	25.55	
Collected 1973		\$1,044.13
Abated 1973		42.89
	\$1,087.02	\$1,087.02

1972 Farm Excise

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$178.75	
Collected 1973		\$178.75

1972 Forest Law

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$28.05	
Collected 1973		\$28.05

1972 Water Liens

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$88.45	
Collected 1973		\$88.45

1972 Real Estate

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$54,419.61	
Refunded 1973	399.83	
Collected 1973		\$50,993.81
Abated 1973		618.11
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		3,207.52
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	\$54,819.44	\$54,819.44

1972 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1973	\$27,038.16	
Committed 1973	48,508.62	
Refunded 1973	3,311.23	
Collected 1973		\$58,941.88
Abated 1973		10,397.61
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		9,518.52
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	\$78,858.01	\$78,858.01

1973 Farm Excise

Committed 1973	\$844.06	
Collected 1973		\$830.56
Abated 1973		5.00
Outstanding 1973		8.50
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	\$844.06	\$844.06

1973 Personal Property

Committed 1973	\$11,566.29	
Refunded 1973	8.65	
Collected 1973		\$10,766.77
Abated 1973		101.87
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		706.30
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	\$11,574.94	\$11,574.94

1973 Forest Law

Committed 1973	\$213.18	
Collected 1973		\$213.18

1973 Real Estate

Committed 1973	\$1,056,387.47	
Refunded 1973	2,527.44	
Collected 1973		\$962,702.14
Abated		27,364.52
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		68,848.25
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	\$1,058,914.91	\$1,058,914.91

1973 Water Liens

Committed 1973	\$695.57	
Collected 1973		\$498.88
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1973		196.69
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	\$695.57	\$695.57

1973 Motor Vehicle

Committed 1973	\$141,149.75	
Refunded 1973	2,463.41	
Overpayment 1973	1.00	
Collected 1973		\$96,738.79
Abated 1973		12,545.46
Outstanding 1973		34,329.91
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	\$143,614.16	\$143,614.16

INTEREST

1971	\$599.88
1972	1,781.84
1973	528.51
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Total	\$2,910.23

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. WARPULA,
Town Collector

REPORT of the TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS—1973

Personal Tax:

1972	\$1,044.13
1973	10,766.77

Real Estate Tax:

1971	2,413.95
1972	50,993.81
1973	962,702.14

Farm Animal:

1971	8.75
1972	178.75
1973	830.56

Forest Law Land:

1972	28.05
1973	213.18

Motor Vehicle Excise:

1973	96,738.79
1972	58,941.88
1971	4,981.21

Interest on Taxes by Collector:

Personal	26.06
Real Estate	2,265.40
Motor Vehicle	611.67
Forest Loss	.75
Farm Animal	6.20
Water Lien	.15

Interest on Investments:

Treasurer	565.54
Sc. Pl. & Bldg. acct	102.45
Land Taking	93.21
School Cont. acct	531.02
Tax Acct & Note Refund	173.67

\$1,194,218.09

State & County Aid to Highways:

State:

1972 Chap. 81	6,496.73	
1972 Chap. 90 Const.	12,289.13	
1972 Chap. 90 Maint.	1,799.95	

County:

1972 Chap. 90 Maint.	1,799.95	22,385.76
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Misc. State, County, Federal & Others:

State Gas Tax	7,950.44	
Snow Plowing	588.00	
Corp. Tax Reimbursement	10,828.97	
Veterans Aid	1,457.06	
State Tax Basis	175.00	
Lottery Proceeds	23,644.46	
Reimbursement Census	890.50	45,534.43

Highway Rentals	8,929.00	
(\$4,473.00 Available)		

Aid to Schools:

Regional Dist. Aid	5,557.14	
School Aid Chap. 70		
as amended	196,371.84	
Transportation Chap. 71		
Sec. 7A-71/72	21,646.00	
School Bldg. Assist		
1948 Chap. 645-1954		
Chap. 346 Sec. 6A	31,968.20	
Vocational Ed.		
GL Ch74 Sg-M67-Ch791	4,701.00	
Educa GL ch 74 S.1	277.00	
Special Ed. Program	43,440.00	
ESFA School Title 2	790.65	
School Title 3	1,436.55	306,188.38

Other School Projects:

Telephone	3.54	
Rental Gymn	27.00	
Sales of Projects	69.50	
Bigelow School Fund Interest	52.52	
Hazel Gay Fund Interest	20.33	
Vandalism	86.00	258.89

School Lunch Program:

Collections	24,458.32	
Reimbursement	14,187.31	38,645.63

Library:

Interest Income	1,893.61	
Fines	378.40	
State Aid	1,399.13	
Citz. Dog Fund	419.43	4,090.57

Recreation Held for approp.	848.00	848.00
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Paxton Mun. El. Light Dept.:

Rates Inst. & Repairs	415,281.66	415,281.66
Depreciation Const. Acct.		
Interest	1,368.96	1,368.96

Received by Town from P.E.L. Dept.

for payment on loan—mat. Debt & Int.

for payment on loan—		
mat. debt & Int.	11,340.00	11,340.00

Workmens Comp from P.E.L. Dept.	620.24	620.24
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Water Dept.:

Rates	46,567.69	46,567.69
Inst. & Repairs	2,980.92	2,980.92
Worc. Water Used	31.20	31.20

Water Liens:

1973	498.88	498.88
1972	88.45	88.45

Cemetery:

Interest Income	2,282.24	2,282.24
Sale of Lots P/C	1,300.00	1,300.00
Op. Graves	460.00	
Ins. Settlement	165.00	625.00

Withholding, Agencies:

Federal Tax	92,626.70	
State Tax	27,493.27	
Retirement	11,676.37	
B & B Shield	11,333.54	
Direct Pay	969.69	
Group Ins.	506.00	
Direct Pay	43.89	
Teachers Dues	1,431.50	
Teachers Retirement	17,221.86	
Disability Ins.	820.68	
Annuities	7,510.00	
Dog Licenses for Cty	1,042.50	
A. Sluckis—Bond	4,325.00	177,001.00

Licenses, Permits, Misc.:

Selectmen	3,064.39
Bldg. Insp.	797.00
Bd. Health Misc. Permits	4.50
Plumb. Gas Insp.	225.00
Sanitary Insp. Constr. & Rep.	965.00
Installation Permits	50.00
Swimming Pools	7.00
Wiring Insp.	89.00
Animal Insp.	95.00
Conservation	25.00
T. Clerk Gas Reg.	1.00
Street Listings	5.00
Raffle Permits	20.50
Bd. Appeals Hearings	100.00
Pl. Bd. By Laws	69.00
Assessors Misc.	5.20

Police:

Court Fines	253.00	
Accident Reports	135.00	
Pistol Permits	470.00	
I.D. Cards	26.00	
Theft Reports	5.00	6,411.59

Loans:

Loan Tax Anticipation		
Highway	25,157.00	25,157.00
Loan Anticipation of Revenue	400,000.00	400,000.00

Misc. Refunds:

Paxton Elect. Light	669.23
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To town from:

Rec. sh for Salt & Sabd Bldg.	1,764.80
Rer. sh for Rubbish Coll.	5,100.00
Unused Postage	4.48
Use of Copy Machine	13.30
Water Dept.	
Ins. Settlement Sal.	67.49
Stock & Supplies	319.00
Est. Rec.	57.97
Anti Trust Settlements	85.86

Fire Dept.:

Sale of Metal	70.00	8,153.57
School Field Ent.	1.44	

TOTAL RECEIPTS

 \$2,720,807.15

PAYMENTS

Dec. 31, 1973

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

				Balances Held
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Moderator:				
101	Salary	35.00	35.00	18.00
102	Expense	3.72	3.72	41.28
Selectmen:				
111	Salaries	1,100.00	1,100.00	550.00
112	Secretary	500.00	500.00	250.00
114	Expenses			
	Office	136.40		
	Dues	73.00		
	Advertising	70.05		
	Legal Books	57.50		
	Delivering Reports	50.00	386.95	588.05
115	Equipment			100.00
Accountant:				
122	Salary	1,650.00	1,650.00	825.00
124	Expense			
	Office Expense	75.76	75.76	134.24
	Bal. Held 1972			
	Report	25.00	25.00	
Treasurer:				
131	Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00
134	Expense			
	Office	315.48		
	Dues	16.00		
	Maint. Contracts	73.00	404.48	249.52
138	D.P.	343.53	343.53	306.47
Collector:				
141	Salary & Hire	3,100.00	3,100.00	1,550.00
144	Expense			
	Office	543.62		
	Dues & Meetings	166.84	710.46	689.54
145	Equipment			
	Maint. Cont.	80.50	80.50	19.50

Town Secretary:				
152	Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
154	Expenses			
	Stamp Meter	172.00		
	3M Expenses	366.41		
	Office Expense	24.98	563.39	436.61
Assessors:				
161	Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00
162	Clerk Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
	Expenses			
	Office	160.99		
	Dues	60.00		
	Reg. Deeds	201.72		
	Equipment	179.00		
	Maps	47.52		
	Mapping	180.00		
	Meeting	36.40	865.63	806.37
168	D.P.	451.15	451.15	148.85
	Balance Held 1972	31.00	31.00	
Finance Committee:				
172	Secretary Salary			263.00
173	Statistician			150.00
174	Expense	35.35	35.35	114.65
Town Clerk:				
181	Salary	850.00	850.00	425.00
182	Hire	290.00	290.00	160.00
184	Expense			
	Office Expense	179.02		
	Dues	19.00	198.02	101.98
Legal:				
194	Attorney	5,695.11	5,695.11	1,304.89
Elections:				
204	Expenses			
	Officers	257.00		
	Ballots	125.00		
	Rental	70.00	452.00	398.00
Registrars:				
212	Compensation	105.00	105.00	53.00
213	Clerk Compensation	150.00	150.00	75.00
214	Expenses			
	Office Expense	146.71		
	Census	300.00		
	Voting List	70.00	516.71	483.29

Planning Board:

222	Clerk			375.00
224	Expense			
	Office Expense	20.36		
	Dues	45.00		
	Maps	15.84	81.20	518.80
225	Equipment			200.00
	Printing By-laws			400.00

Town Hall:

232	Janitor	1,600.00	1,600.00	800.00
234	Expense			
	Lights	327.32		
	Telephone	682.37		
	Fuel	728.91		
	Janitor Expense	112.53		
	Misc. Repairs	49.85		
	Fire Ext. charged	4.90	1,905.88	2,244.12
	Bal. Held 1972			
	Telephone	16.79	16.79	

Record Building:

244	Maint. & Expense			
	Photostats	71.40		
	Micro Film	12.50		
	Supplies	52.60		
	Equipment	100.00		
	Compensation	122.50	359.00	41.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>33,581.63</u>
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept:				
282	Police Chief	10,500.00	10,500.00	5,250.00
283	Patrolling	12,254.45	12,254.45	5,745.55
	Balance Held 1972	16.88	16.88	
	Patrolling Full Time	6,622.86	6,622.86	3,352.14
284	Expense & Operation			
	Office Meetings	284.28		
	Dues	29.00		
	Telephone	569.56		
	Equip. Maint. Op.	3,377.61		
	Radio Maint.	152.90		
	Dispatcher	275.00		
	Radar Maint.	165.58		
	Officers Exp.	259.29		
	Photography	4.00		
	Misc. Supplies	112.49	5,229.71	2,325.29
	Bal. Held 1972	84.84	84.84	
286	School Crossing Guard	856.46	856.46	343.54
287	Prisoners Fees	30.00	30.00	420.00
Fire Department:				
302	Officers Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00
303	Firefighters	2,648.00	2,648.00	4,227.00
303A	Dispatcher	350.00	350.00	775.00
304	Expense & Operation			
	Janitor	360.00		
	Station Elect. Power	314.56		
	Alarm, Telephones	471.86		
	Station Heat	961.28		
	Equip. Maint.	481.63		
	Vehicle Maint.	424.71		
	Radio Maint.	236.30		
	Station Maint.	140.26		
	Misc.	408.70		
	Water	27.60	3,826.90	2,457.74
305	Equipment	888.26	888.26	1,511.74
Building Inspector:				
322	Salary	1,244.00	1,244.00	744.00
323	Assist. Comp. Exp.			
	Compensation	325.00		
	Expense	25.70	350.70	249.30
324	Bldg. Insp. Expense			
	Office Exp.	11.80		
	Communication	73.50	85.30	514.70

Board of Appeals:

334	Expense			
	Office Exp.	9.06		
	Advertising	25.56		
	Dues	22.50	57.12	167.88
	Buiding Board of Appeals			150.00

Forestry:

354	Moth—Labor	200.00	200.00	200.00
364	Dutch Elms Labor	688.90	688.90	1,111.10
374	Trees			
	Labor	2,022.71		
	Trees	300.00		
	Supplies & Equipment	188.49	2,511.20	488.80

Dog Officer:

382	Salary	900.00	900.00	450.00
384	Expense			
	Care & Custody	403.00		
	Supplies	82.90		
	Officers Expense	110.40		
	Mileage	43.50		
	Telephone Reimb.	42.00	681.80	668.20

Civil Defense: Approp. plus Bal. Held 1972

394	Expense & Equipment			
	Misc. Tools	38.50	38.50	495.81

Inspector of Wires:

402	Salary	700.00	700.00	350.00
403	Assistant			75.00
404	Expenses			
	Mileage	57.50	57.50	55.50

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY

 \$53,323.38

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health:

441	Committ. Salaries	150.00	150.00	75.00
444	Expense			
	Office Expense	25.00		
	Maps	15.84		
	Dues	6.00		
	Misc.	11.50	58.34	941.66

Rubbish Removal:

494	Expense			225.00
	Paid by Taxes from			
	Revenue Sharing	5,100.00	5,100.00	
496	Contract Town Approp.	13,900.00	13,900.00	
	Sanitary Inspector:			
472	Salary	2,600.00	2,600.00	1,300.00
482	Gas, Plumbing Insp.			
	Comp. Fee Basis	592.50	592.50	532.50
	Animal Inspector			
512	Comp. Fee Basis	95.00	95.00	130.00
	Assistant—Salary	50.00	50.00	25.00
534	Wachusett Home Health			
	Care	2,461.00	2,461.00	2,039.00

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION

 \$25,006.84

HIGHWAYS

574	Chapter 81			
	Labor	9,770.76		
	Town Equipment	2,289.50		
	Mat. & Supplies	776.60	12,836.86	2,058.14
584	Chapter 90 Maintenance			
	Labor	1,446.00		
	Town Equipment	240.00		
	Material & Supplies	1,168.84	2,854.84	3,545.16
594	Chapter 90 Construction			
	Labor	3,483.04		
	Town Equipment	498.50		
	Mat. & Supplies	990.00	4,971.54	1,172.46
604	Street Repair Special			
	Labor	1,536.24		
	Town Equipment	463.50		
	Outside Equipment	108.00		
	Mat. & Supplies	2,193.97	4,301.71	3,198.29
634	Street Lights	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
644	Town Garage			
	Telephone	220.97		
	Lights	204.49		
	Fuel	609.87		
	Mat. Supplies	114.05	1,149.38	1,625.62
654	Snow Removal			
	Labor	13,191.67		
	Town Equipment	2,256.50		
	Outside Equipment	65.00		
	Mat. & Supplies	3,111.81	18,624.98	25,375.02

664	Vacation, Sick			
	Vacations	5,602.32		
	Sick Leave	137.88	5,740.20	1,259.80
684	Repair Private Ways			
	Approp. plus Bal. Held 1972			
	Labor	2,178.08		
	Town Equipment	597.50		
	Mat. & Supplies	2,749.85	5,525.43	18.09
694	Special Street Repair			
	Labor	1,630.54		
	Town Equipment	475.00		
	Outside Equipment	924.00		
	Mat. & Supplies	7,298.57	10,328.11	2,671.89
	Acquisition Bal. Held 1972			
	West Street Sidewalk			
	Bal. Held 1972			
	Labor	2,776.02		
	Town Equipment	453.00		
	Mat. & Supplies	1,928.48		
	Rental	250.00	5,407.50	4.82
	Land Taking Bal. Held 1972	200.00	200.00	1,573.00
	Highway Truck—			
	Bal. Held 1972	15,600.00	15,600.00	
	Highway Truck—1973	4,200.38	4,200.38	
	Salt & Sand Bldg.			
	Paid by transfer from Revenue Sharing			
	Labor	944.52		
	Town Equipment	32.00		
	Mat. & Supplies	788.28	1,764.80	
	Tractor Equipment			
	Paid by transfer from Tractor Rentals			
	Diesel, Gas & Oil	5,932.64		
	Parts, Supplies	5,043.05		
	Dues	17.00		
	P. El. Lt. signs	100.04		
	Radio Maint.	73.25		
	Truck Balance	37.62	11,203.60	3,814.91
	TOTAL HIGHWAYS			\$114,709.33

VETERANS SERVICES

722	Veterans Agents Salary	350.00	350.00	175.00
724	Expenses			
	Office Expense	23.82		
	Mileage, Misc.	126.59	150.41	99.59
726	Aid	1,467.80	1,467.80	7,532.20
TOTAL VETERANS AID			\$1,968.21	

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

	Balance Held 1972	1,947.30	1,947.30	
741	School Committee			
	Salaries	375.00	375.00	188.00
744	Paxton Center School			
	School Comm. Expense	164.85		
	Supt. Office	12,735.73		
	Instruction			
	Principles Office	24,416.62		
	Teachers Salaries	391,337.17		
	Supplies	12,035.16		
	Other Expenses	2,603.68		
	Textbooks	2,794.59		
	Library Expenses	4,889.07		
	Audio Visual	533.08		
	Guidance	6,150.52		
	Psychological Services	18.75		
	Educational Television	398.50		
	Other School Services			
	Health Services	5,785.54		
	Transportation	35,423.83		
	Food Services	5,344.41		
	Student Body Activities	316.65		
	Operation & Maintenance			
	Salaries	29,593.97		
	Supplies	1,745.45		
	Other Expenses	200.00		
	Heating Buildings	11,561.24		
	Utilities	8,537.37		
	Maintenance	9,716.71		
	Fixed Charges	1,695.79		
	Community Services	400.92		
	Fixed Assets	11,360.67		
	Programs with Others	8,395.39	588,155.66	317,458.34

	School Title 2	642.91	642.91	148.56
	School Title 3—NDEA			1,511.16
	Wachusett Regional High			
754	Assessment	352,328.77	352,328.77	176,164.23
755	School Lunch			
	Paid for Receipts plus reimbursement			
	Payroll	11,301.02		
	Food	22,556.31		
	Other	1,264.40	35,121.73	
	Library:			
762	Librarian			
	Salary	5,136.60	5,136.60	2,599.40
763	Other Compensation			
	Assistant Librarian	2,303.40		
	Trainee	420.50		
	Pages	1,019.50		
	Housekeeper	731.50		
	Clerk	236.00	4,710.90	2,778.10
764	Expense & Operation			
	Paid by Transfers from			
	Income plus Approp.			
	Petty Cash	74.00		
	Telephone	172.40		
	Utilities	284.39		
	Office Supplies	252.12		
	Fuel	303.38		
	Maint. Bldg. & Grounds	556.31		
	Education	86.00		
	Books, Mag. & Records	3,020.27		
	Postage	92.00	4,840.87	297.13
	Library State Aid			
	Paid by transfer of Library			
	State Aid			
	Engineering	90.00		
	Display	64.40		
	Maintenance	125.00		
	Books	798.51	1,077.91	1,611.33
	Library Septic System	585.75	585.75	114.25
TOTAL SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY				<u>\$944,923.40</u>

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation				
772	Supt.	1,050.00		
	Director	1,125.00		
	Pool Staff	2,896.63		
	Playground	1,400.00		
	Maintenance	1,241.45		
	Secretary	50.00	7,763.08	1,341.92
774	Expense			
	Pool Chemicals	1,106.65		
	Supplies & Maintenance	353.08		
	Area Maintenance	463.85		
	Supplies Misc.	262.50		
	Utilities	520.44		
	Equip. Operation	53.60		
	Lifeguard Equipment	128.79		
	Badges	125.00		
	Sealing Pool	991.50	4,005.41	2,539.59
775	Care of Area	1,165.96	1,165.96	944.04
776	Events			
	Paid by transfer of 767.60 from Bal. Held for approp. plus approp.	1,160.10	1,160.10	689.90
779	Survey	500.00	500.00	
	Bal. Held No. 774—1972			
	Sealcoating	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Tractor Mower Art. No. 21	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Unclassified				
784	July 4th Celebration	487.54	487.54	bal. closed
814	Town Reports	1,941.75	1,941.75	2,058.25
824	Memorial Day Expenses	266.35	266.35	433.65
834	Insurance & Bonds	21,374.60	21,374.60	16,125.40
844	Town Employees Insurance	11,770.97	11,770.97	8,229.03
852	Care of Clock	60.00	60.00	30.00
854	Expense	4.55	4.55	10.45
Town Common:				
864	Expense			
	Labor	212.04		
	Town Equipment	24.00		
	Miscellaneous	175.00	411.04	338.96
Conservation:				
872	Clerk			300.00

874	Expense			
	Equipment	129.72		
	Film	100.00		
	Office Expense	18.65		
	Dues	22.00		
	Law Publ.	10.00	280.37	619.63
877	Appraisals			375.00
	Balance Held—School			
	Preliminary Planning			
	Architect	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,934.65
894	School Needs Study Comm.			
	Postage, Addressing			
	and supplies	363.41	363.41	1,636.59
904	Central Regional Planning	410.41	410.41	205.59
914	Capital Outlay Comm.			75.00
924	Certification of Notes	22.00	22.00	53.00
	Reserve Fund			19,640.71
	Transfer from Overlay			
	1776 Historical Committee			
	Office Expense	25.50	25.50	74.50
	TOTAL RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED			\$57,813.04

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Paxton Mun. Lt. Dept.—Pd for P.E.

Lt. Dept. Receipts

Manager	13,868.22	
Labor	38,978.58	
Clerks	7,309.82	
Exp. & Operations	333,203.05	
Loan—Pd. to Town	11,340.00	404,699.67

P.E. Lt. Dept.

Loan payment by Town 11,340.00 11,340.00

Water Department:

961	Comm. Salaries	225.00	225.00	113.00
963	Other Comp.			
	Supt. Salary	900.00		
	Supt. Labor	491.30		
	Foreman Salary	900.00		
	Foreman Labor	7,209.12		
	Clerk	500.00		
	Town Equipment	848.50		
	Other Labor	1,943.48	12,792.40	6,225.09

964	Expense & Operation			
	Electric Power	2,587.30		
	Gas and Rental	131.42		
	Chemicals	123.17		
	Maint. & Operation	645.96		
	Office Expense	375.54		
	Dues & Certification	20.00		
	Worcester Water	33.90	3,917.29	6,957.71
	Expense Bal. Held 1972			
	Chemicals	640.00		
	Maint. & Operation	11.60	651.60	bal. closed
	Balance Held Special Survey			
	Eng.—Consultant	1,640.00		
	Test Holes	463.00	2,103.00	222.00
	Holden Road Pipeline	327.49	327.49	1,229.92
	Pleasant St. Water Main	2,053.00	2,053.00	2,855.75
965	Stock and Supplies Pipe,			
	tubing, fittings	3,899.19		
	Meter Repair	2,237.01		
	Hydrant & Markers	806.48	6,942.68	3,676.32
	South St. Extension			
	Paid by approp. plus			
	F. Comm. trans.			
	Pipe	3,538.39		
	Gates	342.00		
	Tees	153.20		
	Valve Boxes	72.00		
	Ledge Exp.	753.70	4,859.29	
	Cemeteries:			
974	Expense paid by approp. plus			
	Income transfers			
	Supt. Salary	300.00		
	Labor	1,724.59		
	Town Equipment	187.00		
	Supplies	232.05		
	Repair Wall	165.00		
	Adv.	14.50	2,623.14	
	Expansion			
	Labor	1,434.48		
	Town Equipment	516.00		
	Markers	387.20	2,337.68	bal. closed
TOTAL ENTERPRISES & CEMETERIES				<u>\$454,872.24</u>

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest on Mat. Debt.				
319	Fire Station	896.00		
319A	Fire Truck	176.72		
699	Grader	210.00		
749	Schools	14,960.00		
969	Water Dept.			
	Land Taking	384.00		
	Pumping Station	512.00		
	Holden Rd. pipeline	1,340.00		
	Pleasant St. Main	4,220.97	22,699.69	8,421.31
Int. on Temp. Loans				
	Amt. of Revenue	7,270.82	7,270.82	4,729.18
Maturing Debt.				
318	Fire Station	5,000.00		
318A	Fire Truck	7,000.00		
698	Highway Grader	2,000.00		
748	Schools	53,000.00		
968	Water Dept			
	Land Taking	5,000.00		
	Pumping Station	3,000.00		
	Holden Rd. pipeline	10,000.00		
	Pleasant St. Main	20,000.00	105,000.00	12,000.00
	Tax Anticipation Loans	400,000.00	400,000.00	
TOTAL MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST				<u>\$534,970.51</u>

REFUNDS AND MISC.

Personal Property Tax

1973 8.65

1972 25.55

Real Estate Tax

1973 2,527.44

1972 399.83

Motor Vehicle

1973 2,463.41

1972 3,311.23

1971 28.18

Blue Cross Blue Shield D.P.

25.84

Water Dept. Rates

21.92

Performance Bond Release

5,216.54

Agencies

Dog Licenses for Cty 1,043.85

Federal Tax w/h 92,626.70

State Tax w/h 25,085.79

Cty Retirement w/h 10,613.94

Teacher Retirement w/h 15,605.75

Blue Cross Blue Shield w/h 10,355.29

Ret. Direct Pay. 908.82

Group Ins. w/h 463.00

Ret. Direct Pay. 43.86

Annuities 7,200.00

Teachers Dues 1,022.50

Disab. Ins. w/h 758.15

Cemetery P/c 1,300.00

State Assessment

142.48

State Parks

9,200.91

Cty. Tax

35,388.51

Ret. Teachers Ins.

1,571.95

Auditing

89.26

M.V. Bills

360.00

Central Mass. A.P.

78.29

Retirement System

18,758.20

Land Taking

Chap. 79 GL. Sec. 70 62.70

Hazel Gay Awards 20.00

TOTAL REFUNDS, AGENCIES & MISC.

\$246,729.14

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$2,517,897.72

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TRIAL BALANCE OF LEDGER — 1973

ASSETS

Cash	\$352,909.70
Petty Cash Advance	225.00
Real Est Tax 1972	3,207.52
Real Est Tax 1971	785.54
M.V. Tax 1973	34,328.91
M.V. Tax 1972	9,518.52
M.V. Tax 1971	1,733.94
M.V. Tax 1970	342.66
Tax Titles	3,425.69
Tax Title Poss.	605.34
State Aid Highways	
Chap. 81 1973	9,457.00
Chap. 90 Maint. 1973	1,800.00
Chap. 90 Const. 1973	8,200.00
Cty Aid to Highways	
Chap. 90 Maint. 1973	3,900.00
Chap. 90 Const.	1,800.00
Paxton El. Lt. Dept.	
Rates & Inst.	33,115.85
Water Dept.	
Rates	3,602.03
Inst. & Repairs	721.47
Water Liens 1973	196.69
Retired Persons—Ins.	
Ins. owed to Town D.P.	216.57

LIABILITIES

Reserve Petty Cash	\$225.00
Personal Property Tax 1973	10,859.99
Real Est Tax 1973	987,539.22
Farm Animal Tax 1973	835.56
Forest Law Land 1973	213.18
Highway Machinery Rentals	4,473.00
Recreation Held for approp.	1,297.33
Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.	
Depreciation & Construction	28,409.02
Worcester Water Used	13.01
Dog Licenses Coll. for Cty	16.25
State Tax w/h	2,407.48
Cty Tax w/h	1,062.43
Mass. Tea. Ret. w/h	1,616.11
Blue Cross - Blue Shield w/h	978.25
Employees Group Ins. w/h	43.00
Annuities w/h	310.00
Teachers Dues w/h	409.00
Disab. Ins. w/h	62.53
State Parks 1972	1,085.53
M.V. Revenue	45,924.03
Dept. Revenue	963.30
T. Title Revenue	4,031.03
Paxton Municipal El. Lt. Dept. Revenue	33,115.85
Water Dept. Revenue	4,507.18

Retired Persons—Group

Ins. owed to Town D.P.	11.35
State Assessment 1973	142.48
State Parks 1973	9,200.91
Cty Tax 1972	1,990.01
Cty Tax 1973	35,388.51
Group Ins.	
Ret. Teachers	1,571.95
Auditing	89.26
M.V. Bills	360.60
Central Mass. Air Pol. 1972	.53
Central Mass. Air Pol. 1973	78.29
Retirement System 1973	18,758.20
Farm Animal Rev.	835.56
Forest Law Rev.	157.70
Overlay 1973	27,466.39
Cemetery P/C	963.30
Revenue	2,053,784.54
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	\$2,620,892.01

Guarantee Deposit	50.00
School Const.	10,114.77
Overlay 1972	9,258.83
Overlay 1971	3,199.49
Overlay Surplus Revenue	12,241.92
Cemetery Income Acct.	1,346.87
A. Sluckis Retainer	20,073.09
Wm. Burt	521.56
Mullens Const.	1,422.63
Land Taking	369.17
School Fund	492.26
Hazel Gay Fund	17.38
Richards Mem. Library	
Income Acct.	2,105.50
Est. Receipts	568,684.10
Surplus Revenue	62,414.70
Moderators Salary	18.00
Expense	41.28
Selectmens Salary	550.00
Secretary	250.00
Expense	588.05
Equipment	100.00
Accountant Salary	825.00
Expense	134.24
Treasurers Salary	1,250.00
Expense	249.52
D. P.	306.47

Collector Salary & Hire	1,550.00
Expense	689.54
Equipment	19.50
Town Secretary Comp.	2,500.00
Expense	436.61
Assessors Salary	1,250.00
Clerk Comp.	500.00
Expense	806.37
D.P.	148.85
Finance Comm.	
Secretary	263.00
Statistician	150.00
Expense	114.65
T. Clerk Salary	425.00
Hire	160.00
Expense	101.98
Legal	1,304.89
Election Exp.	398.00
Registrars Comp.	53.00
Registrars Clerk Comp.	75.00
Expense	483.29
Planning Board Clerk	375.00
Expense	518.80
Equipment	200.00
Printing	400.00
T. Hall Caretaker	800.00
Expense	2,244.12
Repairs	1,050.00
Record Bldg.	41.00

Police Dept.	
Chief	5,250.00
Patrolling	5,745.55
Patrolling	3,352.14
Exp. & Operation	2,325.29
Crossing Guard	343.54
Prisoners Fees	420.00
Fire Dept.	
Officers Salaries	1,250.00
Firefighters	4,227.00
Dispatchers	775.00
Exp. Operation	2,457.10
Equipment	1,511.74
Bldg. Insp. Salary	744.00
Assistant	249.30
Expense	514.70
Board Appeals	167.88
Bldg. Board of Appeals	150.00
Forestry	
Moth	200.00
Dutch Elm	1,111.10
Trees	488.80
Dog Officers Salary	450.00
Expense	668.20
C.D. Exp. Equipment	495.81
Insp. of Wires Salary	350.00
Assistant	75.00
Expense	55.50

Board of Health Comm.	75.00
Expense	941.66
Rubbish Expense	225.00
Sanitary Insp. Salary	1,300.00
Gas & Plumb. Insp.	532.50
Wachusett H.H. Care	2,039.00
Animal Insp. Salary	130.00
Assistant Animal Insp.	25.00
Highway	2,058.14
Chap. 90 Maint.	3,545.16
Chap. 90 Const.	11,728.46
St. Repair Special	3,198.29
Street Lights	5,000.00
Town Garage	1,625.62
Tractor Equipment	3,814.91
Snow Removal	25,375.02
Vacation Sick Leave	1,259.80
Land Taking	1,573.00
Repair Private Ways	18.09
Spec. St. Repairs	2,671.89
Sidewalk West St.	4.82
Acquisitions	175.00
Veterans Agt. Salary	175.00
Expense	99.59
Aid	7,532.20
Schools	
Comm.	188.00
Paxton Center School	317,458.34

School Lunch	4,114.32
School Title 2	148.56
School Title 3	1,511.16
Wachusett Reg. H. Asses.	176,164.23
Library	
Librarian Salary	2,599.40
Other Comp.	2,778.10
Exp. & Operation	716.56
State Aid	1,611.33
Septic System	114.25
Recreation	
Comp.	1,341.92
Expense	2,539.59
Equipment	944.04
Events	689.90
Unclassified	2,058.25
Memorial Day	433.65
Ins. & Bonds	16,125.40
Employees Ins.	8,229.03
T. Clock	30.00
Expense	10.45
Common	338.96
Conservation Clerk	300.00
Expense	619.63
Appraisals	375.00
School Prel. Pl.	1,334.65
School Need Study Comm.	1,636.59
Central Reg. Pl. Comm.	205.59

Capital Outlay Comm.	75.00
Cert. of Notes	53.00
Reserve Fund	19,640.71
Historical Comm.	74.50
Sc. Pl. Bldg. Plans Rem. Kitchen	600.00
Paxton Municipal El. Lt. Exp. & Oper.	31,663.11
Water Dept.	
Comm. Salary	113.00
Other Comp.	6,225.09
Expense Operation	6,957.71
Stock & Supplies	3,676.32
Special Water Survey Eng.	222.00
Pipeline Holden Road	1,229.92
Pleasant St. Water Main	2,855.75
Interest—Notes & Bonds	8,421.31
Int.—Temp. Loans	4,729.18
Highway—Antic. of Revenue Loan	25,157.00
Maturing Debt & Int.	12,000.00
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	\$2,620,892.01

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE,
Town Accountant

REPORT of the BOARD OF REGISTRARS

New voter registration held as required throughout the year.

	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Total
Male	198	118	647	963
Female	204	117	724	1045
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	402	235	1371	2008
Population 5-27-71 — 3,562.				

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Clerk, Board of Registrars

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met on the first Monday of each month during 1973 with the following organization:

Robert Price, chairman

Betty Peterson, clerk, representative to Central Mass.
Regional Planning Commission

John Rommel, Jr., representative to Capital Outlay
Committee

Alvah Tracy, representative to Town Building Needs
Study Committee

William Foley, alternate representative to Central Mass.
Regional Planning Commission.

The board has heard proposals for subdivision development from builders so interested. A Definitive plan entitled

"Westwood Heights" located on West Street was approved for W. I. Burt Inc.

We have answered questions from our fellow townspeople pertaining to zoning and use of individual lots; possible infringement of business district zoning regulations, easements and enforcement of outdoor advertising signs. We have been pleased to have the cooperation of other town boards, especially as regional problems such as water pollution and refuse disposal are explored.

The Planning Board wished to recognize the work done by the League of Women Voters in its "Land Use Survey" and was pleased to be represented at the Leagues forum on the subject in December. The League's leadership in developing interest in the historical aspects of the Spaulding estate property is another example of citizen participation that is so valuable.

The Planning Board is grateful for your continuing contribution of comment assisting us in our responsibility of guiding the growth of Paxton in a manner consistent with the wishes of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Paxton Planning Board
ROBERT L. PRICE, Chairman
BETTY PETERSON, Clerk
JOHN D. ROMMEL, JR.
ALVAH W. TRACY
WILLIAM M. FOLEY

Report of the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Paxton:

Priorities for the Water Board have been:

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

We will be presenting an article to the Town during 1974 for the construction of a standpipe which will increase our storage capacity by one million gallons.

The reinforcing of the water mains on Holden Road and Pleasant Street to Camp Street have relieved many of the distribution problems in those areas.

As part of the installation of the proposed new standpipe, the mains through the Asnebumskit development will be reinforced from the new standpipe to the new line on Pleasant Street.

The possible future water sources have been narrowed to two and we hope to determine the best alternative in the near future.

We feel that the policy of yearly water main extensions should be continued according to our established plan, in order to achieve our ultimate objective of providing water to as many areas as possible.

The revised water rates have increased the water revenue by approximately 15%. This was done not only to

offset increased costs but to make an effort to defray some of the capital expenditures we have encountered.

New water installations—17.

New hydrants installed—5.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN C. MURPHY
FREDERICK G. ANTELL
DONALD MONTAGUE,
(resigned)

Report of the CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission, charged with the responsibility of conducting Hatch Act hearings under the General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, heard and issued orders of conditions covering several petitions to alter wetlands within the town.

Continuing with our plan to provide various forms of conservation education for Paxton residents, the Commission sponsored two very interesting programs last year. In November, Jack Swedberg, official wildlife photographer for the State Department of Natural Resources, showed films and talked about the plants and wildlife found in the Quabbin Reservoir area. Several months ago, Paul Rogers, Horticulturist at Holy Cross College, and a member of the Charlton Conservation Commission, presented an illustrated talk entitled, "Ecology, Past and Future." Unfortunately, the turnout at both events was somewhat disappointing.

An attractive rustic wooden trash receptacle was purchased by the Commission and placed on the town common. It is presently being repaired and painted and will soon be returned to service.

For many years, the Commission has, in observance of Arbor Day, supplied the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students at the Paxton Center School with tree seedlings and planting instructions. This practice was continued once again last April.

The Commission assisted the Paxton League of Women Voters with their land use study. They are also enthusiastic supporters of a plan to restore the Newton Sawmill complex located on the Spaulding Estate.

All Paxton residents are welcome to our meetings which are held in the Town Hall on the last Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. PAULSON, Chmn.

SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk

ROBERT FOWLER

GRACE FOWLER

PETER SIEMEN

RICHARD CONRAD

BARBARA BASSETT

Report of the PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

During the yast year, the Board performed salary studies as well as assisted in salary administration. Recommendations for 1974 salaries were developed to aid the Finance Committee in preparation of the budget.

The Board needs additional members. We would welcome the services of any Paxton citizen particularly anyone with personnel experience.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH A. KIMBALL, JR.

Chairman
Personnel Advisory Board

REPORT of the TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

12 Months Ended December 31, 1973

Balance January 1, 1973	\$165,081.08
Receipts for 12 month ended Dec. 31, 1973	2,736,704.15

Balances December 31, 1973:

Town Operating	\$108,327.47
Electric Light Operating	31,663.11
Electric Light Construction	23,406.95
Electric Light Depreciation	5,002.07
School Plan. and Build.	1,934.65
School Construction	10,114.77
School Account	74.23
Land Taking	369.17
Performance Bonds	22,017.28
Certificate of Deposit	150,000.00

	\$352,909.70
Payments for 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1973	2,517,897.72
State Audit Adjustment	30,977.81
	<u>\$2,901,785.23</u>

TRUST FUND AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
12 Months Ended December 31, 1973

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec.31, 1973
Richards Library:					
E. Richards Trust	\$45,079.08	\$1,489.14	\$1,692.24(1)		\$46,568.22
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	20,462.74	1,692.24	1,141.70		23,296.68
Bigelow Accounts (2)	19,054.26		1,043.67		19,054.26
216 Shares AT&T			604.80		
Cemetery:					
Trust Funds (2)	24,330.00		1,384.23		24,330.00
Lot Sale Proceeds	13,012.14	1,300.00	599.29		14,312.14
Worc. Fed. Sav. & Loan	3,550.01		188.82		3,738.83
C. D. Boynton:					
Trust Funds (2)	7,648.00		435.97		7,648.00
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	3,403.72	435.97	194.12		4,033.81
D. Boynton Poor Fund:					
Trust Fund (2)	1,000.00		56.97		1,000.00
Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	1,370.51	56.97	75.87		1,503.35
Post War Rehab. Acct.:	1,767.19		96.63		1,863.82
Bigelow:					
School Book Fund (2)	1,000.00		52.52		1,000.00
Village Improvement	1,481.20		86.58		1,567.78

Stabilization Accounts:

Peo. Mech. Sav. Bank	53,590.30	3,121.22		56,511.52
Worc. Fed. Sav. & Loan	4,405.97	234.35		4,640.32
Electric Light:				
Depreciation	4,747.72	254.35		5,002.07
Construction	22,193.68	1,213.27		23,406.95
School Plan. & Build.	5,838.20	179.13	3,980.23	1,934.65
School Construction	12,616.46	862.20	2,832.87	10,114.77
Grammar School Acct.	70.39	3.84		74.23
Hazel Gay—6 Shares AT&T		16.80		
Conservation Acct.	1,198.22	65.50		1,263.72
Land Escrow Acct.	413.76	18.11	62.70	369.17

- (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, 1973	Incurred in 1972	Paid in 1973		Bal. Dec. 31, 1973
				Principal	Interest	
School Department:						
First Addition	1975	\$45,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$1,440.00	\$30,000.00
Second Addition	1979	56,000.00		8,000.00	1,820.00	48,000.00
Third Addition	1984	360,000.00		30,000.00	11,700.00	330,000.00
Water Department:						
Land Taking	1975	12,000.00		5,000.00	384.00	7,000.00
Pumping Station	1978	16,000.00		3,000.00	512.00	13,000.00
1971 Main	1976	40,000.00		10,000.00	1,340.00	30,000.00
1972 Main	1978	115,000.00		20,000.00	4,220.97	95,000.00
Electric Light Department:						
Building	1976	40,000.00		10,000.00	1,340.00	30,000.00
Fire Department:						
Station	1978	28,000.00		5,000.00	896.00	23,000.00
Truck	1975	17,000.00		7,000.00	176.72	10,000.00
Highway Grader	1974	4,000.00		2,000.00	210.00	2,000.00
				\$115,000.00	\$24,039.69	\$618,000.00

REVENUE SHARING

December 31, 1973

Where It Came From:			Where It's Going:			Paid To Date	Remaining In Savings at 12-31-73	To Be Received From Fed. Gov't.
Entitlement Period:			Voted Appropriations:					
No.	Date	Amount						
1	1st Half 1972	\$16,566.00	\$32,000.00	Rubbish Collection		\$16,700.00	\$15,300.00	.....
2	2nd Half 1972	15,897.00	15,800.00	Salt Barn		12,934.80	2,865.20	.....
3	1st Half 1973	19,003.00	42,000.00	School Renovation		.....	14,115.96	27,884.04
4	7-1-73 to 6-30-74	38,351.00	600.00	Wach. Drug Prog.		600.00	.....	.....
Interest Income								
		1,509.41	\$90,400.00	Total Voted Appr.		\$30,234.80	\$32,281.16	\$27,884.04
			46.45	Legal Publications		46.45	.....	.....
			879.96	Uncommitted		.....	.....	879.96
		\$91,326.41	\$91,326.41			\$30,281.25	\$32,281.16	\$28,764.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK,
Town Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF PAXTON



FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1973

REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The state mandated budget for 1973-74 covered eighteen months for the first time, and it was a period of increasing challenge for students, the entire staff, the Administration, and the School Committee.

To predict costs of oil, utilities, transportation, and maintenance needs was difficult, and then to stay within the budget allotments with the ever-increasing costs was, and continues to be not easy.

The energy and ecology crises brought problems necessitating conservation and modification of utilities and the altering of school hours for safety because of daylight saving.

For the first time in its history Paxton instituted, in accordance with state requirements, a public kindergarten. The demand for providing temporary housing, hiring new personnel, purchasing equipment and supplies, providing transportation and services was faced. The congregation of St. Columba's Church and their pastor are to be thanked for their generosity in granting permission to lease the church hall to house kindergarten, which had great success in this its first year of operation.

Increased maintenance problems with the 70 year old frame schoolhouse required installation of fire escapes and other renovations to reduce safety hazards.

Plans were prepared to satisfy state requirements for space, personnel, equipment, and services for special education programs.

Curriculum updating, revision of evaluation methods for students, and extension of the non-graded programs was acted on.

The students accepted changes with a higher level of maturity than may reasonably have been expected and are to be commended for making this a year when unusual progress was possible in educational programs. Praise is also due to the improved competitive athletic records of our teams, including new girls' sports activities, and the coaching staff.

The teaching staff and aides met their challenges in a highly professional manner and moved the cause of education ahead with great strides within this period. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs. Stina Long, Mrs. Ruth Wentworth and Mr. James Ross who left the school system this year.

The custodial group accomplished tasks themselves, which normally would have required outside specialized personnel, and deserve our thanks for dollar savings and for their devotion to their duties.

The cafeteria management changed this year, and a note of thanks is due to Mrs. Beatrice Robinson for the long years of excellent service to the students and the faculty. The new management took over quickly and instituted many ideas to improve variety and the speed of service.

The school principal, assistant principal, and the assistant superintendent faced increasing problems with transportation, budget, the new kindergarten, student evaluation, and general administration, and we would indeed be remiss if we did not compliment them for solving these problems quickly and efficiently and for the continued backup that they provided to the School Committee and to the Building and Needs Committees.

To widen community participation in school matters, the School Committee initiated action to increase the membership in the School Committee from three to five, and established a Citizens' Advisory Committee to provide a forum for wider discussion of school problems. Committee members will continue to encourage rational citizen participation in all aspects of school life.

The School Committee addressed itself to the task of greater utilization of current state financial assistance programs. The net result was the receipt by Paxton, in December 1973, of a check for forty-three thousand dollars for students with special needs, which represented more than one dollar savings on the tax rate.

Total state reimbursements to Paxton totaled \$266,435 and, when subtracted from total school expenditures for the period, left \$304,224 as the actual cost to the town for operation of the Center School. The School Committee intends to further pursue additional areas where greater reimbursements may be available to improve educational opportunities for our children and to reduce the tax burden on the townspeople.

The School Committee's biggest problem was to communicate to the townspeople the urgent need for additional space and proper environment to effectively carry out modern requirements of a progressive educational program. While not successful in these efforts, a concentrated effort to emphasize these needs must continue if Paxton is to remain an attractive educational atmosphere in which our children may mentally grow.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP V. DONOHUE, Chmn.
STUART A. ROBINSON, V-Ch.
PAULA R. AIJALA, Secretary

PAXTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY

School Committee

Philip V. Donohue, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
Stuart A. Robinson, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Mrs. Paula A. Aijala, Secretary	Term Expires 1973

Administrative Staff—Superintendent's Office

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
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 (retired June 19, 1973)	VI-VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	VI-VIII
Mrs. Marguerite A. Rydant	VI-VIII
*Jerry E. Struzik	VI-VIII
Mrs. Patricia A. Wadsworth	VI-VIII
Paul A. Zendian	VI-VIII
Mrs. Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Miss Judith A. Hodgen	V
Mrs. Jane E. Wynn	V
Mrs. Mary L. Bogren	IV

Miss Janice E. Laperle	IV
*Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr.	IV
Mrs. Victoria K. Copp	II-III
Mrs. Jeanne K. Couture	II-III
Mrs. Ginger A. Kerbel	II-III
Mrs. Nancy H. Oakes	II-III
Miss Judith E. Quinn	II-III
Mrs. Claire A. Reavey	II-III
Mrs. Karen A. Ross	II-III
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	I
Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
*Mrs. Ann R. Matzell	Kindergarten
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Head Teacher—Transition
Mrs. Judith T. Martin	Transition
Mrs. Mary F. Williams	Transition
*Mrs. Carol Lyons	Art
Mrs. Ruth B. Wentworth (retired Sept. 23, 1973)	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
*New Teachers	

Supporting Staff

Mrs. Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Joyce McEachern, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Albert E. Hall	School Physician
Mrs. Priscilla A. Goodrow	Cafeteria Manager
Mrs. Beatrice Robinson (retired June 19, 1973)	
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, 1973

Year of Birth	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
	30	32	36	51	51	58

ENROLLMENTS—OCTOBER 1, 1973

Grade	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	57	50	72	92	74	77	76	89	76	663
Grade						IX	X	XI	XII	Total
						88	70	79	60	297

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

Dear Wachusett Region Citizen:

As 1973 ends your Wachusett Regional School Committee looks back on the past year with a sense of accomplishment. In spite of our inability to solve the problems of overcrowding in our facilities, our students have in general continued to receive a high quality education in a solid program run by a fine faculty and administration. During the year a number of new programs which provide our students with real experience in graphic arts, computer applications and nursery aide work were put into successful operation. Our physical education offerings were further upgraded and our work study program enlarged. Courses in every department were improved.

In addition, the self evaluation work done by our faculty as a part of our periodic accreditation process has brought into focus many new possibilities for further improvement in our educational operations. However, many

of these opportunities cannot be seized because of the inadequacy of our building, especially in career education space, library facilities, indoor and outdoor physical education areas, laboratory capacity and simple office and storage space. In fact, without the promise of improvement in this serious facilities situation, it becomes increasingly difficult to persuade our staff and students that the Wachusett area is truly committed to a top quality high school. Yet, after over two years of study, when your committee presented to the member towns what we believed was the minimal compromise program, we were unable to obtain the necessary five town approval. The building additions program we presented was the minimum which the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Bureau would approve for state aid; and although there are no specific state requirements for the outside athletic fields, most of the committee believed that they were the least we, in good conscience, could recommend for a 2000 student school. All of the committee recognized that the proposal to spend such a large sum of money on facilities could not have come at a less propitious time, yet we could not put off the urgent need for more space.

Defeat of this important issue in two of our member towns leaves the committee with an extremely difficult problem. This facilities crunch plus the fuel crisis, the understandable pressure from our staff for much higher wages, and the effect of inflation on our citizens' abilities to pay higher taxes brings your committee into 1974 with a deep feeling of unease.

We have been providing the majority of our students with the excellent educational opportunities they need. With the advent of Chapter 766, we hope to be able to provide children having special needs with the same high level of educational opportunity. We believe that our faculty and administration have the skill and dedication to permit us to do the same for the students who wish to go to work immediately upon graduation.

Report of the District Treasurer

I. Interim Financial Statements (1st 12 months of 18-month Fiscal Period)

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1973

Assets

Item	12/31/72	12/31/73
Cash	\$339,688	\$554,529
Accounts Receivable—		
Town Assessments	.....	1,150,055 (1)
Comm. of Mass.	52,626 (2)	5,850 (2)
Other	.....	42,714
	\$392,314	\$1,753,148

Liabilities

Item	12/31/72	12/31/73
Payroll Withholding	\$592	\$39,445
Miscellaneous Accruals	680	.....
Short-Term Borrowing	225,000	.....
Migrant Account	65,831 (3)	85,187 (3)
Contingency Maintenance Fund	28,678	40,306
Cafeteria Funds	11,563	20,686
Federal Funds	.....	16,743
Building Fund	.....	11,780 (4)
Unexpended Budget	.....	1,487,293
Surplus	59,970	51,708
	\$392,314	\$1,753,148

Income and Expense

Operating Accounts	12 Months Ending	
	12/31/72	12/31/73
Income:		
Assessments	\$1,903,090	\$2,527,243
State-Federal Revenues	278,880	221,186
School Bldg. Assistance	108,191	.....
Other Revenue	62,177	77,802
TOTAL	\$2,352,338	\$2,826,231
Expenses:		
Operating Expense	\$2,165,192	\$2,481,058
Debt Service	179,713	50,650
TOTAL	\$2,344,905	\$2,531,708
NET EXCESS	\$7,433	\$294,523 (5)

Income and Expense

Reconciliation of Revolv. Funds	12 Months Ending	
	12/31/72	12/31/73
Cafeteria Fund:		
Income	\$107,713	\$147,114
Expenses	119,505	137,991
Increase (Decrease) in Fund	(\$11,792)	\$9,123
Migrant Fund:		
Income	\$269,103	\$387,560
Expenses	207,179	368,204
Increase in Fund	\$61,924	\$19,356

Reconciliation of Surplus

	1972	1973
Beginning Surplus, January 1	\$160,981	\$59,970
Add:		
Net Income	\$7,433	\$3,525
Miscellaneous Payments	1,447	309
Less:		
Applied to Assessment	\$75,000	-----
Applied to Salaries (wage freeze)	33,000	-----
Reserve for completion of 1970 Alterations	1,825	-----
Miscellaneous Payments	66	316
Reserve for Bldg. Construction (Unamortized Balance)	-----	11,780
Closing Surplus, December 31	\$59,970	\$51,708
II. Bonded Indebtedness	\$50,000	-----
III. Budget Comparison		

	(12-Month) 1972	(18-Month) 1973-1974	(12-Month) 1974-1975
Administration	\$79,187	\$141,192	\$102,888
Special Education	117,966	281,276	218,173
Adult/Community Education	-----	9,900	10,630
Vocational Education—			
Agriculture	37,259	75,836	47,049
Instruction	1,392,347	2,398,675	1,779,839
School Services	264,268	526,107	364,152
Maintenance	190,856	327,490	275,786
Fixed Charges	78,439	134,189	94,777
Community Services	1,600	2,400	1,800
Fixed Assets	41,691	71,285	52,500
Debt Service	179,713	50,650	-----
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,383,326	\$4,019,000	\$2,947,594
Percent Change in Budget	74.1%		—26.6%

NET ASSESSMENT

TO TOWNS	\$1,828,091	\$3,677,298	*2,485,661
Percent Change in Assessment	-0.2%	+108.3%	-32.4%

*Exclusive of Contract Changes

Explanatory Notes to Financial Statement

- (1) Final Assessment For 1973-74 Fiscal Year Due From Member Towns on May 1, 1974.
- (2) Anticipated State Reimbursement on Vocational Education (H. Arts and Agric.) for 1971-1972 Expenses.
- (3) WRSD Functions as the Fiscal Agent for the Statewide Migrant Program; this Fund has no relation to our Operating Budget.
- (4) Unamortized Balance of Original Building Program.
- (5) To be applied against remaining six months of the 18-month Transitional Budget Period.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. S. RIBEIRO, Treasurer

REPORT of the SUPERINTENDENT

A comparison of my most significant observations regarding the regional school district at the close of 1973 with my remarks submitted a year ago is very discouraging. The two are the same. We have gotten practically nowhere in the past year. The items were (1) expansion of core facilities at the present location versus a second high school, (2) vocational education, and (3) the financing of public education.

The town meetings of two towns said "no" to the proposal submitted for a comprehensive final expansion of core

facilities at the Holden site to serve a school population of 2,000. The postmortem has produced two major items of concern: the amount of money proposed for physical education, and preference for a second smaller school. I should like to submit, once again, that the construction of playfields on our hilly site is expensive, but that we **can** enjoy 65% state aid on that construction if it is part of an approved additions project. Otherwise, we could build one-third the fields at some future date for the **same** price (plus inflation). Furthermore, we continue to feel that athletic participation by young men **and** women on 22 interscholastic teams is an important experience which future school committees will continue to support, despite bussing and inconvenience, wherever the fields are found. In the matter of a second smaller school, your educators have a decided preference for smaller school units as discussed in last year's report. We have hesitated to make this recommendation at this time for purely economic reasons: (a) The cost of a complete new school plant (consider the current estimates on Worcester's proposed southwest high school). (b) The fewer than 100 additional high school students expected over the next six years.

Wachusett Regional High School has received accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for only five years, that is through 1978. We believe that the provision of adequate core facilities are necessary to permit us to make the program changes suggested by the evaluation team.

While the Wachusett Regional Committee is giving considerable priority to increasing the **vocational** orientation of courses at Wachusett, this should not be confused with specific vocational-technical education as currently offered to a few of our students at the Worcester trade schools and to Sterling students at Montachusett Regional Vocational-Technical School. The town of Shrewsbury has initiated a survey of all area towns interest in a regional vocational school. This is an important planning need for the towns of

Holden, Paxton, Princeton and Rutland now, if they are to be ready by 1980 to offer specialized technical education to more than the handful of students currently tuitioned to Worcester.

Regarding the **financing** of education, may I add to last year's appeal for broadening the limited property tax base which is the main support of our public education. The following remarks were made by the Commissioner of Education on January 30, 1974. "The issue that should make more than ten men angry is not who makes the decisions on school budgets but how the revenues are raised to pay for the budgets. This is where the illness lies and where debates in the months ahead should focus. . . . The local property tax in its present form simply is unfair. High taxes provide a low yield in one community; low taxes provide a high yield in another. Both communities are left with almost three-quarters of the cost of what is constitutionally a state responsibility—public elementary and secondary education."

While this annual summary appears dour in discussing the ability of the five towns to reach consensus and the ability of our state to responsibly finance its most central concerns, let us report that the high school itself, its faculty and staff, while discouraged over the increasing crowding, are alive and busy and well, experimenting and improving, becoming more humane and more practical as we attempt to prepare our young people for the twenty-first century.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

In my report to the five towns last year, I mentioned the impending visit of an evaluation team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. That visitation, which occurred on April 2, 3, and 4 of last year, was completed and was followed up by a written report containing commendations and recommendations made by the visiting team of educators. Although Wachusett has been voted only a five year accreditation—instead of the maximum ten years—we were generally pleased with the report. Many of the recommendations revolved directly or indirectly around the crowded conditions at Wachusett and the need for new construction. This topic has been adequately and forcefully covered in the Superintendent's annual report to you and I will not go further into this except to underline his statement. Other recommendations dealt generally with the need for an administrative reorganization of the high school and an increased emphasis on the needs of those students who do not intend to continue their formal education beyond high school. It is to this latter recommendation that a large number of faculty members and administrators have been directing themselves of late. Out of countless discussions, meetings, and planning sessions has come a new program—simply entitled CORE at this time—designed for entering freshmen and a determination to improve, update, and expand the curriculum offerings for these students throughout the four year high school experience.

In addition to this directed effort of large numbers of concerned faculty, our teaching staff is continuing to study the evaluation report and implement changes where change is constructive.

In an age that has overly concerned itself with a so-called "generation gap" and the downgrading of youth, we

are particularly pleased with the following commendation which was listed as one of the two major strengths of Wachusett: "A student body which must be commended on the following: (a) respect for the administration and staff (b) cooperative spirit (c) loyalty to the school (d) courtesy and (e) contributions to a serious but pleasant school atmosphere." We—all of us—can take justifiable pride in the youth of our communities and be assured that the future is indeed bright.

I would urge all of you to become actively interested in your high school and informed about its curriculum, programs and direction. Never hesitate to call on me or any other administrator and be confident that you are welcome at the school at any time.

In closing I would quote again from the Evaluation Report—this time the commendation listed as the major strength of the school: "A conscientious and energetic administration and staff which obviously runs this school to educate young people."

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LANE, JR.

Director of Secondary Education

REPORT Of the PRINCIPAL

The **enrollment** here at Wachusett continues to climb. As of October 1, 1973 we had 56 more students than in 1972. Our total student body numbered 1955. This total is broken down as follows: Holden—1,003, Paxton—297, Sterling—284, Rutland—221, Princeton—142, 1 each from Barre, Rochdale, and Spencer, 2 from Oakham and 3 from Worcester. We have 526 freshmen, 515 sophomores, 464 juniors and 450 seniors. Boys number 999 and there are 956 girls. In spite of this crowded condition, we are operating a very effective school program.

Our staff this year is made up as follows: 4 full time administrators, 6 guidance counselors, 108 teachers, 1 librarian and 1 library aide, 1 nurse and 5 study hall monitors. We also have a cafeteria manager and 18 assistants, 14 full time custodians, 5 lay readers, 3 secretaries in the Administrative Office and 3 in the Guidance Department, one of whom works in the Career Information Center.

Several personnel changes have taken place since last year's report. Mr. Robert Hedlund has been added to the Mathematics Department and Miss Zarina Velji has replaced Mrs. Donna Mancuso who has become teacher of the Child Study Aides who assist in operating our new Nursery School. Other additions include Mr. Charles Ruggieri, Jr., in the Business Department and Miss Charleen Curran in Art.

Mr. James Hedlund took over for Mrs. Jane McTigue, Mr. Thomas Moore for Mr. Joseph Staples, and Mrs. Nancy Smith for Mr. Peter Sidman. These are all English teachers. In the Social Studies Department Mr. Lawrence Jaquith replaced Mrs. Carol Evans and Mrs. Nola Stotz assumed duties formerly held by Mrs. Jane Weber.

Miss Jennefer Baxter became Head of the Girls' Physical Education Department after Mrs. Jane Moulton became an Assistant Principal. Miss Mary Kane was hired to fill the vacancy caused by this change.

The Class of 1973 was graduated June 6, 1973 in the Worcester Auditorium. Of the 418 graduates, 177 (42%) will attend four-year schools, 76 (18%) are entering two-year colleges, 31 (7%) plan to go to business, technical or nursing schools—a total of 284 (68%) who plan to continue their education. 124 (30%) indicated they will work and 6 (1%) will join the Armed Services.

Members of this class will attend 87 different institutions of higher learning in 18 states and 2 foreign countries. They have been awarded financial aid in excess of \$50,000 for their freshman year—and many of these scholarships are renewable. These awards were received from:

Amer. Business Women's Assn.
Bement
Beta Sigma Phi (Rutland)
Chaffins Art Scholarship (Holden)
Chaffins Women's Club
Comm. of Massachusetts
Eastern Star
Finnish American Club
Future Business Leaders
Joseph Stevens Memorial Agriculture
Scholarship
Hold Jaycee-ettes
Holden Jaycees
Holden Exchange Club
Holden Teachers Assn. (Holden)
Holden Women's Club
Jefferson P.T.A.
Lionett Scholarship
Lions Club
Marsh Harding (Rutland)

Mass. Science Fair
Memorial Park Scholarship (Paxton)
Norton Company
Paxton Citizens' Foundation (Paxton)
Rainbow
Rice School P.T.A. (Holden)
Senior Class
Sterling Women's Club (Sterling)
Chocksett
Stardusters Scholarship
Student Council
Wachusett Teachers Assn.
Worcester Horticulture Soc.
Worcester Science Fair
Anna Maria College
Assumption College
Becker Junior College
Brandeis University
Carnegie-Mellon University
Hahnemann Hospital
Lasall Junior College
Plymouth State College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Russell Sage College
Springfield College
Vassar College
Valparaiso University
Union College
University of Bridgeport
University of New Hampshire
Cornell University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The second largest in the history of the school, the Class of 1973 numbers among its members five who have completed their graduation requirements in three years their senior year. Almost a third of the class participated in the 3-R Program. From the beginning of September to the end of June, 1967 transcripts, and forms were processed

of which 1310 were for the Class of 1973. The Class of 1973 had, as one of its members, a foreign exchange student from Iran, Armineh Ghevian.

Respectfully submitted,

NEAL T. SKILLINGS

Principal

Wachusett Regional High School—Class of 1973—Post High School Plans 6/73

Town	4 Year Private		4 Year Public		2 Year Private		2 Year Public		Nursing, Bus. Tech. Schools		Service		Work		Other		Total	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
Holden	24	27	27	32	5	10	12	14	4	8	5		22	24		1	99	116
																	215	
Paxton	5	3	3	7	2	4	3	1	1	4			9	7		1	23	27
																	50	
Princeton	3		2	4			4	2	1	3			10	2	1		21	11
																	32	
Rutland	5		5	8	1		2	4	2	5	1		8	12		1	24	30
																	54	
Sterling	5	3	7	6		3	4	4	1	2			13	15			30	33
																	63	
Tuition				1				1						1	1		2	2
																	4	
	42	33	44	58	8	17	26	25	9	22	6		63	61	1	3	199	219
	177—42%				76—18%				31—7%		6—1%		124—30%		4—1%		418	

Continuing Education	4 Year	2 Year	Other	Total
Holden	110—51%	41—19%	12—5½%	163—76%
Paxton	18—36%	10—20%	5—10%	33—66%
Princeton	9—28%	6—19%	4—13%	19—59%
Rutland	18—33%	7—13%	7—13%	32—59%
Sterling	21—33%	11—17%	3—5%	35—55%

Honors: were received by the Class of 1973 as follows:

Gold Emblem to Wachusett Chapter of National Future Farmers of America at 45th Annual Convestion—
(Highest Award)

Winner—National Council Teachers of English Contest—
David Fish

Certificate of Merit—National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test—
Susan Peckitt

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Letters of Com-
mendation—

Thomas Bahlo
George Balko
David Fish
Pamela Houmère
Charles L'Esperance
Callie-Jane Mack

Ilona Maki
James Mellor
Paul Peterson
Mark Popham
Sandra Tosi
Mariann Wespi

Central District Chorus—
Susan Backau,

Lloyd Balderson

All State Chorus—
Lloyd Balderson

All State Orchestra—
Diane Hakala

Central District Orchestra—
Diane Hakala

Worcester County Music Association Young Artists Award—

Diane Hakala

Westinghouse 32nd Annual Science Talent Search Honors Group—

David Fish

Stephen Fogg

Kiwanis Science Fair, 1971—3rd Award—

David Fish

First Award—Marine Technology Society/Naval Institute—

David Fish

Six week Oceanography course at U. of Rhode Island—

David Fish

U. S. Navy top award: week at San Diego Naval Research Installation—

David Fish

U. S. Army Meritorious Award—

David Fish

Third Award at International Science and Engineering Fair in San Diego—

David Fish

First Award—Massachusetts Science Fair—

David Fish,

James Kerxhalli

Second Award—Massachusetts Science Fair—

Stephen Cloutier

Third Award—Massachusetts Science Fair—

William Battye

Stephen Fogg

Raytheon Company Scholarship—

David Fish

Three weeks at National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia—

Stephen Cloutier

First Award—

Trip to International Science Fair—

Marine Technology Soc. Certificate—

Kiwanis Fair—David Fish

Second Award—

Margaret Sherman Scholarship—

Science Magazine Award—

Kiwanis Fair—James Kerxhalli

Third Award—

Yankee Ingenuity Scholarship—

Kiwanis Fair—Stephen Cloutier

Honorable Mention—Kiwanis Fair—

William Battye

Stephen Fogg

NASA certificate

Mark Popham

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