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1975-76 FISCAL REPORT - PAXTON, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Paxton



FOR THE
Year Ending June 30, 1976

In Memoriam

FRANK A. REED

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

**Town Officers For May 1976
to May 1977**

Moderator

ROBERT J. HALL

Town Clerk

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Treasurer

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK

Town Collector

JUNE T. HERRON

Constables

WILLIAM O. WYLIE and ROBERT T. SHEEHAN

Tree Warden

RAYMOND A. SEYMOUR

Selectmen

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1977
HAROLD J. MULLANEY, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
REGINALD J. SMITH	Term Expires 1979

Assessors

RICHARD G. BEDARD	Term Expires 1977
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	Term Expires 1978
ERNEST C. SPRAGUE	Term Expires 1979

School Committee

THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM, Chmn	Term Expires 1977
PHILIP C. McCARTHY, Rep. to WRHS, V. Chmn.	Term Expires 1978
KATHERINE KINGSBURY, Sec.	Term Expires 1978
GAIL TRACY	Term Expires 1979
BARBARA S. BERKA	Term Expires 1979

Municipal Light Board

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS	Term Expires 1977
ROBERT C. HARRINGTON	Term Expires 1978
JOHN J. O'DAY, III	Term Expires 1977

Cemetery Commission

GEORGE E. CHAGNON	Term Expires 1977
JOHN F. BLAIR	Term Expires 1978
CAROLINE L. ISHAM	Term Expires 1979

Water Board

BRIAN C. MURPHY	Term Expires 1977
ROBERT W. THOMPSON	Term Expires 1978
FRAZIER P. COLON	Term Expires 1979

Library Trustees

GWEN L. HALL	Term Expires 1977
LAURENS C. SEELYE	Term Expires 1977
ROGER VARNUM	Term Expires 1978
ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1978
O. FRANK BURBANK	Term Expires 1979
EDITH LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1979

Planning Board

BETTY C. PETERSON	Term Expires 1977
WILLIAM JARVIS	Term Expires 1978

TOWN OF PAXTON

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ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1979
ROBERT L. PRICE	Term Expires 1980
JOHN D. ROMMEL, Chairman	Term Expires 1981

Board of Health

THOMAS M. BRALEY	Term Expires 1977
JOHN J. FREY	Term Expires 1978
O. T. Holland	Term Expires 1979

Recreation

JEAN M. McINTYRE	Term Expires 1977
ELINOR J. PENTLAND	Term Expires 1978
MARIE E. LAWLER	Term Expires 1979
HOWARD A. AUBERTIN	Term Expires 1980
WILLIAM C. JORDAN	Term Expires 1981

Wachusett Regional School Committee

MARIE TESS SULLIVAN-DALY	Term Expires 1978
HOWARD W. MOORE	Term Expires 1979

Appointed by the Moderator

Finance Board

JOSEPH P. CANCELMO	Term Expires 1977
BARBARA EAST	Term Expires 1977
CHARLES W. MELLO	Term Expires 1977
RICHARD W. PECKITT	Term Expires 1978
MIRON C. MALBOEUF	Term Expires 1978
RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1979
JAY SNELL	Term Expires 1979
CHARLES E. STONEHAM	Term Expires 1979

Capital Outlay Committee to be reactivated

Appointed by the Board of Health

Plumbing Inspector

ALBIN F. WRIGHT

Sanitary Inspector

JAMES A. LASHBROOK

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

FRANK URBANOVITCH
BRUCE CHENEY, Asst.

Burial Agent

YVONNE B. KARLE

Rubbish Collection

LEONARD P. MARTONE, Barre, Ma.

Appointed by the Selectmen

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

ANN M. MELLO

Term Expires 1977

Board of Appeals

DONALD T. LUNDQUIST

Term Expires 1977

RUTH GULBRANDSON

Term Expires 1978

ALLEN RUBIN

Term Expires 1979

JAMES LAWSON

Term Expires 1980

TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS

Term Expires 1981

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

Alternate

ROBERT F. DILLMAN

Alternate

Care of Clock

ALAN M. WENTWORTH

Dog Officer

BRUCE CHENEY

Superintendent of Streets

ROBERT S. HANSSON

Town Secretary

YVONNE B. KARLE

Veteran's Agent

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

Inspector of Wires

WARREN P. LEDERER

Assistant Inspector of Wires

AMBROSE TOWER

Building Inspector

ROLAND ANDERSON, Donnelly Road, Spencer 885-3669

Town Pound Keeper

ALEXIS DAVID

Term Expires 1977

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

HAROLD L. SMITH

Term Expires 1979

Board of Registrars

DANIEL F. CRONIN	Term Expires 1977
PATRICIA RANTA	Term Expires 1978
JOSEPHINE BLOOD	Term Expires 1979

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, SR.
PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, JR., Asst.

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

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

Town Accountant

YVONNE B. KARLE	Term Expires 1977
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Civil Defense

ROBERT HANSSON, Dir.	Term Expires 1977
GERARD BERNIER, Asst.	Term Expires 1977

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON	Term Expires 1977
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Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN	Term Expires 1977
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Police Department

DAVID YOUNG—Chief and full time police officer
KENNETH W. HENDERSON—full time officer
FRANCIS M. WHITNEY—full time officer
and School Safety Officer
HAROLD L. SMITH—Police Sergeant

Regular Police Officers

ROBERT G. BARTON, JR.	WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
RALPH B. BUTLAND	ROBERT F. SHEEHAN
RAYMOND F. KIRWIN	HAROLD L. SMITH
ROBERT T. WRENN	

Reserve Police Officer

ROBERT F. DILLMAN	ROBERT B. LOVE
MICHAEL AHEARN	ROBERT NANOF

Special Police Officers

EDMOND A. FOISY, JR.—Worcester Water Works
 KENNETH A. STARBOARD—Worcester Water Works
 KEVIN M. KILLELEA—Worcester County Memorial Park
 FRANK MURPHY—Anna Marie College
 ANDREW SOKOLOWSKI—Anna Maria College
 FREDERICK MURRAY—Anna Maria College
 HOWARD ELANDER—Anna Maria College
 JOSEPH WOLOSZ—Anna Maria College
 MICKEY BENOIT—Anna Maria College
 AMBROSE TOWER—Paxton Center School
 GERARD BERNIER—Paxton Center School
 ELEANOR RICHARDSON—School Crossing Guard
 and Traffic Control
 F. WYMAN ROGERS—Boynton Park
 CHARLES BRADY—Black Hill Road
 DONALD PELLEY—Treasure Valley Reservation
 JOHN KNIPE—Paxton American Legion Property
 JESSE E. MILLS—Construction
 JOHN BLAIR—Construction
 THOMAS CUNNINGHAM—Construction
 WILLIAM LAWLER—Construction

Conservation

CHESTER L. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1977
SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk	Term Expires 1977
CATHARINE HODGSON	Term Expires 1977
ROBERT M. PAULSON	Term Expires 1978
DOUGLAS L. JOHNSON	Term Expires 1978
PETER SIEMEN	Term Expires 1979
JOHN CAVANAUGH	Associate Member 1980

Building Needs Study

CHARLES MELLO	ALVAH TRACY
JOSEPH BIRD	WILLIAM O. WYLIE
RICHARD DOWD	

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	ROBERT S. HANSSON
VIOLA C. PRENTICE	MARY ANN MORIN
REGINALD SMITH	

School Needs Study Committee

STUART ROBINSON	Term Expires 1977
MARGARET LOWE	Term Expires 1977
KAY STANNARD	Term Expires 1977
JAMES HAYES	Term Expires 1978
MILTON SEBRING	Term Expires 1978
KATHRYN KINGSBURY	Term Expires 1979
WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term Expires 1979

Agents for License Commissioners

WILLIAM O. WYLIE	ROBERT P. SHEEHAN
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Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission

BETTY PETERSON	WILLIAM JARVIS, Alternate
ALVAH TRACY, Rep. T.P.A.G.	

Advisory Committee for Master Plan**HAROLD J. MULLANEY—Select Board****CHARLES MELLO—Finance****ROBERT S. HANSSON—Superintendent of Streets****ROBERT PAULSON—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****Historical Commission****CATHERINE HODGSON Term Expires 1977****MRS. ETTA ROBINSON Term Expires 1977****ROBERT HALL Term Expires 1978****ELIZABETH KALLGREN Term Expires 1978****MRS. PEGGY ERSKINE Term Expires 1979****MRS. RUTH WENTWORTH Term Expires 1979****GEORGE McGOVERN Term Expires 1979****Energy Conservation Committee****REGINALD J. SMITH JOHN J. O'DAY, III****ROBERT HANSSON SAMUEL J. STAITI****HAROLD MULLANEY****Bicentennial Committee****CATHARINE HODGSON—Chairman****CAROL PRICE—Clerk****HILTON CUNNINGHAM—R****HILTON CUNNINGHAM—R JUNE HERRON****MELINDA JOHNSON—R ANN MELLO****JANET STUTMAN CEIL TANNER—R****SANFORD WRESCHINSKY—R PHILIP DONAHUE****KATHRYN KINGSBURY CHARLES BRADY****This committee terminates in 1976.**

Sidewalk Study Committee

BONNIE BENEDICT ROBERT HANSSON
 PHILIP DERBY DAVID YOUNG
 PAUL ROBINSON
 KATHERINE KINGSBURY—Advisor to this committee

Library Study Committee

CHRISTIAN BAEHRECKE RICHARD BEDARD
 VIOLA PRENTICE LORETTA KRUS
 LINWOOD ERSKINE

Local Growth Policy Committee

STEPHEN JACOBSON, Chmn CONSTANCE GREENMAN
 RUTH GULDBRANDSON ANN MELLO
 STANLEY KACHNOWITCZ HAROLD J. MULLANEY
 ROBERT L. PRICE PETER SIEMEN
 ORACE T. HOLLAND

This committee terminates in 1976.

Personnel Advisory Committee

DALE GULBRANDSON	Term Expires 1977
DAVID SJOSTEN	Term Expires 1977
RALPH KIMBALL	Term Expires 1978
GEORGE JONES	Term Expires 1978
EDWARD SAVICKAS	Term Expires 1979
MAURICE WEBB	Term Expires 1979

Council on Aging

MRS. SHIRLEY BOHAKER	Term Expires 1977
AUGUSTUS OATLEY	Term Expires 1977
ROLAND HANSON	Term Expires 1978
TIMOTHY DOWD	Term Expires 1978
GERTRUDE GOULDING	Term Expires 1979
DENNIS DOWD	Term Expires 1979
LESTER LIER	Term Expires 1980

Gentlemen:

In the interests of good government, I am interested in contributing my services to the Town of Paxton. Please consider me as a potential appointee to a committee in one or more of the following areas.

..... Finance	..... Schools	..... Planning
..... Conservation	..... Water	..... Municipal Light
..... Health	..... Recreation	..... Town By-law
		Study Comm.
..... Election Counter		

Other

I understand that if there is no need for my services at the present time, my name will go on file until a future need arises.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Please tear out this page and mail to the address on back.

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The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Paxton, Massachusetts 01612

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Report of the Town Clerk

Vital Statistics—1975

BIRTHS

January

- 3 Daniel Philip, son to Ronald E. and Margaret I. Germain, 442 Marshall Street.
- 3 Adam Michael, son to Allen M. and Elizabeth M. Lederman, 23 Old Lantern Circle.
- 4 Alexander Douglass, son to A. Douglas and Patricia A. Haddad, 40 Crowningshield Drive.
- 10 Daniel Jonathan, son to Richard H. and Nancy E. Paul, 31 Nanigian Road.
- 22 Elizabeth Ann, daughter to Gary B. and Susan E. Johnson, 633 Pleasant Street.
- 29 Lindsay Janel, daughter to David L. and Gail H. Bennett, 7 Mount View Drive.

February

- 4 Lisa Marie, daughter to Theodore A. and Susan Erickson, 17 Brooks Road.
- 4 Thomas Allan, son to Theodore A. and Susan Erickson, 17 Brooks Road.
- 10 Mark Robert, son to Anthony P. and Nancy L. Sinke-wich, 13 Briarcliff Lane.
- 28 Alfred Lawrence, son to Lawrence H. and Louise A. Cournoyer, 400 Grove Street.

March

- 3 Michael Robert, son to Robert A. and Carol A. Goyette, 5 Nanigian Road.
- 11 William Porterfield, son to Charles L. and Wendy J. Innis Jr., 267 Pleasant Street.
- 21 John Paul, son to Calvin G. and Julia A. Frotten, 326 Richards Ave.

April

- 24 Elizabeth Marian, daughter to Alan M. and Nina J. Stoll, 16 Old Lantern Circle.
- 30 Brian Lee, son to Sanford and Barbara A. Wreschinsky, 15 Briarcliff Lane.

May

- 6 Thomas John, son to Thomas J. and Mary Elizabeth Savage, 5 Indian Hill Road.
- 27 Jessica Marie, Elmer E. and Lucille M. Sallinger, 320 Pleasant Street.

June

- 2 Jordan Glenn, son to Jeffrey R. and Jane R. Fine, 3 Nipmuck Road.
- 8 Karen Margaret, daughter to Leonard G. and Mary J. Cusick, 28 Camp Street.
- 8 Aline Elizabeth, daughter to Leo G. and Monique A. Parnagian, 11 Old Lantern Circle.
- 12 Cynthia Joan, daughter to Robert J. and Virginia B. Benedict, 4 Whitney Drive.
- 17 Leah, daughter to Robert G. and Jeanne M. Barton, Jr., 24 Spring Dr.
- 21 Hannah Leah, daughter to George E. and Helen Gwen Head, 7 Forestdale Road.
- 21 Scott Andrew, son to Henry B. and Barbara A. Stidsen, 148 Grove Street.

July

- 10 Jason Robert, son to Mark L. and Pamela E. Gildauskas, 7 Birch Street.
- 31 Matthew Paul, son to Paul A. and Sheila R. Bissonnette, 839 Pleasant Street.

October

- 17 Toni Dee, daughter to Frank L. and Jacquelyn A. Trotto, 275 Grove Street.
- 25 Christine Valerie, daughter to Robert C. and Karol J. Harmon, 17 Camp Street.
- 27 Clint Russell, son to Clifford R. and Janice R. Fogg, 13 Knollwood Road.

November

- 28 Gary Ronald, son to Ronald P. and Judith A. Olson, 9 Boynton Parkway.
- 30 Dennis Michael, son to Dennis M. and Geraldine F. Collins, 3 Jefferson Drive.
- 23 Shawn McQuade, son to Kevin S. and Noreen E. Flavin, 679 Pleasant Street.
- 29 Mark David, son to Robert J. and Patricia A. Girouard, 662 Pleasant Street.
- 30 Leah, daughter to Leo and Marleene H. Markarian, 5 Alrene Drive.

MARRIAGES—1975**January**

- 11 Christopher N. Pierce of Schodach, New York to Diane L. Primeau of East Greenbush, New York.
- 19 David Paul Turpin of Worcester to Nancy Ellen Conlin of Paxton.

February

- 6 Mark S. Leonard of Paxton to Nina M. Mollica of Clinton.

March

- 29 Jack H. Gunnarson of Rutland to Judith A. Littizzio of Rutland.

April

- 12 Charles Michael Henrickson of Holden to Pamela Jean Carlson of Paxton.
- 19 Daniel Glidden Pierce of Paxton to Mary J. Chenaille of Ludlow.

May

- 30 Donald Martin of Paxton to Beverly Jamison Ross of Boylston.
- 31 Rheel Leopold Joseph LeBlanc of Hudson to Christine Mary Mercier of Paxton.
- 31 David Myron Benoit of Clinton to Karen Dianne Jones of Paxton.

June

- 14 Robert E. Bradley of S. Weymouth to Cheryl M. Gamache of Paxton.
- 14 Stephen Leo Gingras of Worcester to Linda Susan Davis of Paxton.
- 28 Richard Lee Huard of Paxton to Doris Eileen Hart of Holden.

August

- 2 Raymond Jacques Savignac of Paxton to Joanne Lovejoy Bergstrom of Holden.
- 20 Robert Lyman Hume of Paxton to Dee Hunham of Paxton.

September

- 13 Steven D. Freeland of Holden to Carla D. Roselund of Paxton.
- 20 Richard J. Norton of Paxton to Debra A. Mure of Holden.
- 20 David B. Winder of Kenmore, New York to Leslie A. Yarrington of Paxton.

- 27 Walter R. Boryysewicz, Jr. of New Britain, Ct. to Jeanne McGovern of Paxton.
27 Richard P. Calcia of Princeton to Janice M. Doyle of Paxton.

October

- 18 Albert W. Goff, II of Oxford to Nancy E. Asselin of Paxton.
18 Donald L. Willett of Rutland to Robin J. Love of Paxton.

November

- 14 Bruce L. Edmond of Paxton to Ann Marie Bell of Rutland.
29 James Lyman Hume of Paxton to Elaina Fentress Ford of Holden.

December

- 20 Charles Melyn Zepp, III of Belmont to Barbara Elizabeth Joyce of Belmont.

DEATHS—1975**January**

- 11 Elise C. Nodelman, 60 Havelock Road, Worcester. 17 years
6 Albert A. Brunell, 14 Lincoln Circle 51 years
8 C. Eleanor Benson, 10 Grove Street 87 years

February

- 2 James J. Morrissey, 9 Meadowbrook Drive 82 years
18 James McPartland, 4 Monticello Drive 77 years

March

- 12 Bernice A. Noyes, 294 Pleasant Street 85 years

April

6	Alfred H. Bloomfield, 3 Camp Street	57 years
9	Frank A. Reed, 305 Pleasant Street	79 years
17	Delima Ouellette, 70 Holden Street	68 years
18	Edwin Anderson, 17 Crestwood Road	68 years
19	Mary A. Kelley, 16 Eagle Lane	79 years
23	Anna M. Porter, 11 Ridgewood Road	72 years

May

12	Francis E. Daley, 5 Grove Street	53 years
30	Christine M. Savickas, 12 Bel Arbor Drive	52 years

July

21	Marjorie A. Doyle, 22 Walbridge Road	46 years
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September

27	John J. Barry, Jr., 55 Central Avenue	41 years
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October

5	George A. Knadler, 20 Knollwood Road	58 years
9	Mildred V. McDonald, 15 Cutler Road	70 years
16	George Francis Sheckleton, 559 Pleasant Street	69 years

October

18	George O. Lilyestrom, 33 Streeter Road	
22	Rita M. Millette, 36 Holden Road	56 years

November

3	Kirk Walter Bassett, 9 Knollwood Road	37 years
14	Sabina C. Triboski, 354 Pleasant Street	74 years
19	Irene Lamarche, 16 Ridgewood Road	67 years

December

10	Edward W. Spillane, 73 Grove Street	57 years
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To All Boards, Committees and Officers

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

All committees and boards of the Town shall meet and organize thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure so to file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with the Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of this By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting February 7, 1938).

Dog Licenses Issued In 1975

Male	126
Female	29
Spayed Female	158
\$10 Kennel	4
\$25 Kennel	—
\$50 Kennel	1
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Total Licenses Issued	318
Paid to Treasurer	\$999.40

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued In 1975

Total number of licenses issued	178
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,477.75

At the close of voter registration on Aug. 17, 1976, the number of registered voters in the Town of Paxton was 2,303.

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,

Clerk of the Board of Registrars

Report of the Annual Town Meeting

Held March 3, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Moderator, Robert Hall. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Counters appointed were: Brian C. Murphy, Ralph A. Kimball, Robert Fowler, Jr. and Ernest C. Sprague.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise by taxation and appropriation, including appropriation from the Revenue Sharing Fund Account, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (see budget).

Article 2. 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 same.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, 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.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town appoint the American Legion as a committee to have charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town appoint the Recreation Commission to have charge of the July 4th observance.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town appropriate the money received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,399.13 (1976) or any other sum received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Article 8. It was voted that the Town vote the money for street lights and 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 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.

Article 9. It was voted that the Town provide vacation and sick leave pay to full time employees of the Highway, Water and Police Departments as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT—CHIEF OF POLICE

Period of Full Time Employmnet	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
25 full years	5 weeks	2 weeks
All sick leave to accrue up to six weeks only.		

OTHER EMPLOYEES

Period of Full Time Employemnet	Vaca. Allow. (with pay)	Sick Leave Allow. (with pay)
1 full year	1 week	1 week
2 full years	2 weeks	2 weeks
15 full years	3 weeks	2 weeks
20 full years	4 weeks	2 weeks
30 full years	5 weeks	2 weeks

* Vacation pay computed at the rate of 2% times preceding year' gross earnings for each week of vacation.

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

Articles 2 through 9 were taken up and voted upon collectively.

Unanimous vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount requested for the Water Department Budget from Surplus to the Water Department Account, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over this article. Unanimous vote.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$11,359.46 from the Highway Maintenance Fund to be applied to Highway Expense Account.

Unanimous vote.

Article 12. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,865.00 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for appropriation to Account 776 entitled, "Recreation Events," to offset the budget request.

Unanimous vote.

Article 13. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,273.00 to purchase a new 4-wheel drive loader for the Highway Department.

Motion carried.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 or any other sum to purchase a new Pick-up truck for the Highway Department and to trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1970 Chevrolet Pick-up truck, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over this article. Unanimous vote.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town amend its by-laws with respect to annual reports substituting the following:

Every Officer in charge of a Department or Board annually, on or before the 2nd Thursday in January, shall transmit to the Finance Committee an estimate in detail of the appropriations required for such Department or Board for the ensuing Fiscal year; and shall transmit annually, on or before the 2nd Thursday in August, a report to the Selectmen containing a statement of the act and doings of said Department or Board for the preceding fiscal year to be presented in the Annual Report as the Selectmen may deem expedient.

Unanimous vote.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town to become a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company under Chapter 775 of the Acts of 1975, or act in any way thereon.

Motion lost.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200.00 to purchase and equip a new Station Wagon cruiser and to trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1972 Ford police cruiser.

Unanimous vote.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a study committee of 5, one member to include the Highway Superintendent and one member to include Bonnie Benedict for the purpose of determining the need of a sidewalk construction program in the Town of Paxton.

Unanimous vote.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be deposited in the Conservation Fund.

Motion carried.

Article 20. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for extending the water main on South Street.

Unanimous vote.

Article 21. It was voted that the Town authorize the appointment, by the Selectmen, of a Committee of 5 members to work in conjunction with the Library Trustees, to study the expansion of Library facilities and to appropriate \$5,000.00 for said purpose.

Unanimous vote.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Board of Selectmen so effective with the election to take place at the Annual Town Meeting in 1977 said Board shall consist of five members of

which two shall be those members whose terms shall not expire in 1977 and of which three shall be elected in 1977 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 member of the Board of Selectmen shall expire, his or her successor shall be elected for a term of three years, or act in any way thereon.

Motion lost.

Article 23. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept by way of gift a deed to the Town from A. J. Sluckis Realty Corp. or its successor in title of two parcels of land; one containing approximately 184,221 square feet on the northerly side of Crowningshield Drive, subject to a drainage easement adjacent to Lot 46, the other containing approximately 59,215 square feet on the southerly side of Crowningshield Drive; said parcels being shown on Plan of "Crowningshield in Paxton" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc. dated October 26, 1965 recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 307, Plan 51; and, without transferring jurisdiction of said land to the Recreation Department, to authorize the Recreation Department to manage said land subject to the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Unanimous vote.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 25. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$20,000.00 from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

Unanimous vote.

Article 26. It was voted to bring into the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

Moderator	Robert J. Hall—1 year
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern—1 year
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick—1 year
Town Collector	June T. Herron—1 year
Constables	Robert P. Sheehan—1 year
Constables	William O. Wylie—1 year
Tree Warden	Raymond A. Seymour—1 year
Selectmen	Reginald J. Smith—3 years
Selectman	Edward Z. Savickas—1 year
Assessor	Ernest C. Sprague—3 years
School Committee	Gail J. Tracy—3 years
School Committee	Barbara S. Berka—3 years
Municipal Light Board	Daniel F. Galdauckas—3 years
Cemetery Commission	Caroline L. Isham—3 years
Library Trustees	O. Frank Burbank—3 years
Library Trustees	Edith M. Lavigne—3 years
Library Trustee	Roger E. Varnum—2 years
Planning Board	John D. Rommel, Jr.—5 years
Board of Health	Orace T. Holland—3 years
Recreation Board	William C. Jordan, Jr.—5 years
Wach. Reg. School Comm.	Howard W. Moore—3 years

all of the above were voted upon one ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. MCGOVERN,
Town Clerk

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held June 2, 1976

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Paxton Center School. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. Tellers were: Warren MacPhee and William E. Lindquist. Moderator declared a quorum was present.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on May 25, 1976 of:

1. Crowningshield Drive from Station 0.0 at Pleasant Street to Station 25+0 near the most westerly side of the cul-de-sac at Lots 15 and 16 as shown on a plan entitled "Crowningshield at Paxton" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated October 26, 1965, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 307, Plant 51, together with a drainage easement adjoining Lot 46 as shown on said plan; and
2. Lancelot Drive from Station 25+0 to Station 34+0 as shown on said plan and shown thereon as Crowningshield Drive).

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise from A. J. Sluckis and Irene H. Sluckis or their successors in title, an easement for public way purposes: (1) in Crowningshield Drive from Station 0.0 at Pleasant Street as shown on a plan entitled "Crowningshield at Paxton" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated October 26, 1965 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 307, Plan 51, together with a drainage easement adjoining Lot 46 as shown on said plan; and (2) in Lancelot Drive from Station 25+0 to Station 34+0 as shown on said plan (and shown thereon as Crown-

ingshield Drive); and to appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purposes.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on May 25, 1976 of Keep Avenue running northerly from West Street for a distance of approximately 800 feet to and including a cul-de-sac as shown on a "Plan of Lots in Paxton, Mass. owned by William Gemme" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated August 1969 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 331, Plan 57, together with a drainage easement onto Lot 9 and a drainage easement adjacent to Station 4+26.15 running easterly and northeasterly as shown on said plan.

Unanimous vote.

Article 4. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise from William Gemme or his successor in title an easement for public way purposes in Keep Avenue running westerly on a "Plan of Lots in Paxton, Mass. owned by William Gemme" drawn by Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc., dated August 1969, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 331, Plan 57, together with a drainage easement onto Lot 9 and a drainage easement adjacent to Station 4+26.15 running easterly and northeasterly as shown on said plan, and to appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for said purposes.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town adopt the following into their General Town By-Laws:

A. Permit. No person shall construct, install, enlarge or alter any swimming pool or appertenance thereto until a permit shall have been issued by the Inspector of Buildings.

B. All outside or open-air wading or swimming pools, in existence or to be constructed or installed, shall be enclosed and made safe by the erection of a fence, wall or other suitable barrier; said fence and/or other type of enclosure shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in height and otherwise meet with the approval of the Inspector of Buildings.

Pools built totally above ground whose height would form a natural barrier shall have removable stairs and shall not be left unattended with these stairs in position.

C. Artificial and man-made ponds and portable wading pools less than twenty-four inches (24") deep and having a surface area of less than two hundred fifty (250) square feet shall be exempt from the terms and conditions of the By-Law.

D. The owner or owners of land on which a wading or swimming pool is now in existence shall erect an enclosure as aforesaid within ninety (90) days from the date on which this By-Law shall take effect. The owner or owners of land on which a wading or swimming pool shall be constructed, installed or in existence, who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars and an additional fine of Five (\$5.00) Dollars per week for each week of non-compliance with this By-Law.

E. The Zoning Board of Appeals may on petition, after public notice and hearing, grant exceptions to the provisions of this section in cases where the Board finds that said exceptions will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise not detrimental to the public welfare.

Unanimous vote.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town appropriate the

sum of \$1,500.00 to be used to defray the costs of a Bicentennial Parade, June 13, 1976, and to determine who shall make the arrangements for such parade.

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted that the Town become a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company under Chapter 775 of the Acts of 1975.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. McGOVERN,
Town Clerk

List of Jurors — 1976

Name	Address
Mrs. Leslie M. Ackley	9 Ridgewood Road
Robert Benedict	4 Whitney Drive
Paul Bergin	90 Pleasant Sttreet
Doris Butland	1 Birch Street
Evelyn Carlson	12 Mount View Drive
George Carlson	32 Crystal Street
Antonette A. Cournoyer	400 Grove Street
Kenneth A. Cutting	14 Grove Street
Evelyn M. DesRosiers	7 Indian Hill Road
Timothy J. Dowd	7 Orchard Drive
Gerald L. Dubrule	1 Merry Lane
Norman A. Gaboriault	11 Holden Road
Ernest F. Grimley	3 Mower Street
Jacob Hagopian	22 Old Latern Circle
Gwen L. Hall	592 Pleasant Street

Bruce J. Hatstat	281 Pleasant Street
Malcolm Ingison	4 Richards Ave.
William L. Jarvis	5 Bel Arbor Drive
Anna M. Johnson	11 Crystal Street
E. Beverly Johnson	14 Crestwood Road
Willis B. Kelley	27 Crystal Street
Donald T. Lundquist	9 Ashwood Road
Alfred H. Marengo	63 Grove Street
Joseph Michniewicz	23 Knollwood Road
Charles A. Neggers	118 Pleasant Street
Sherburne Rockwell	748 Pleasant Street
Milton W. Sebring	12 Tanglewood Road
Ann L. Sefton	45 Richards Ave.
Dorothy Shankle	18 Knollwood Road
Michael Sleeper	18 Crowningshield Drive
Janice D. Stewart	Bumbo Brook Drive
Yvonne W. Summa	1 Crestwood Road
Ethel A. Sykes	76 Holden Road
Albert Vuona	41 Camp Street
Arthur B. Winter	35 Asnebumskit Road

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The fiscal year 1975-76 was one in which a practically new Select Board was chosen by the Town. The philosophy of the new Board was apparent because they immediately pursued collection of Building permits that were outstanding for some period of time and with the exception of one, they have all been collected.

The Federal Comprehensive Training and Employment Program (C.E.T.A.) was activated in Paxton by the Selectmen's office with a Federal grant of \$24,000. Eleven unemployed towns people were hired with the following results: The entire inside of the Town Hall has been painted, the outside of the Fire Station had been painted, the baseball diamond at the school had been renovated along with the

school grounds, and these employees have been working with the Highway Department on various projects. In addition to providing work for unemployed people this money was used on need projects that the Town would have had to appropriate money for. As this report is written the Selectmen have been informed of an additional \$17,877.20 in C.E.T.A. funds for Paxton.

The fiscal year saw many changes in the Select Board due to resignations. Mr. Ronald Johnson resigned in August 1975 and in a special Town Election, Reginald J. Smith was elected to serve until the next annual Town Election. At this election, Mr. Smith was elected to a three year term. Mr. Herbert Varnum, in January, 1976, advised the Board of his resignation effective at the Annual Town Meeting in May, 1976. At this election, Mr. Edward Savickas was elected to a one year term to finish off Mr. Varnum's third three year term.

The Select Board recommended to the Town, the creation of the position of Administrative Assistant to the Select Board to handle the ever increasing demands made on the Selectmen's office. The Town approved this position at the Annual Town Meeting in May and Mrs. Charles W. Mello (Ann) was selected for this position. Mrs. Mello will be in the Selectmen's office (Monday-Thursday) from 9-12.

After the Annual Town Meeting in May, the Select Board, in cooperation with the Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library, appointed a Library Building Study Committee to study the feasibility of an addition to the Library. They are also in the process of reactivating the Capital Outlay Committee and the Insurance Committee.

This fiscal period was an exciting one for the Town because of the Bicentennial celebration. The Select Board would like to congratulate Mrs. John Hodgson (Cacky) for the many activities that were planned by the Bicentennial

Committee. The Paxton Past Revisited Book and the House Tour were of special importance to the Town of Paxton and will be remembered for a long time. The Selectmen would like to commend Mr. Frederick Goodrich and his committee for an excellent parade and activities for weekend of June 12 and 13, 1976. The cover of this annual report boasts a handsome picture of one of the many delightful floats in this Bicentennial Parade. A salute to those people that made Paxton's celebration year, 1976, such a fine one.

The Select Board would like to thank the many Town Committees for their cooperation over the past fiscal year. The Select Board continues to meet the second and last Thursday of each month and the Selectmen encourage all Town residents to attend their meetings. If you are interested in serving on a Board or Committee, please see page 15 or contact the Selectmen's office.

HAROLD J. MULLANEY, Chmn.
REGINALD J. SMITH, Vice Chmn.
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS, Clerk

Report of the Cemetery Commission

We are gradually expanding Mooreland Cemetery by mowing fertilizing and liming the area to the left of the east gate. A minimal expense is involved. It is part of general maintenance. Purchased new mover.

Expect to have updated copies of the rules by September first. These will be available to Townspeople.

A new map of Mooreland Cemetery hangs in the Town Secretary's office.

Prices of Lots remain the same.

2 Grave lots	\$200.00
4 Grave lots	\$400.00
6 Grave lots	\$600.00
Opening Graves	\$75.00
Cremation	\$25.00
Infants	\$35.00

Residents and former residents only may purchase lots in Mooreland Cemetery. They may be obtained at the Town Hall from the Town Secretary.

CAROLINE L. ISHAM

GEORGE CHAGNON

JOHN BLAIR

Cemetery Commission

Report of the Board of Health

The continued cooperation of Towns people and the proper supervision of repair permits and installers approvals have provided a gradual up-grading of the type of septic systems in Paxton. It is a trend we are confident will continue.

The Town continues to be served by the Wachusett Home Health Care Agency and it would seem we receive competent nursing care and therapy at a reasonable cost.

We have had an absolute minimum of problems with the rubbish collection in the Town and those few primarily concern dogs. We urge dog owners to be particularly concerned about the situation on the nights prior to rubbish collection.

The Radies vaccination clinic was held again this year at a nominal cost.

The Town swimming pool continues to pose problems that are of interest to this Board as well as the Recreation Committee. It is too early to report on a final solution to the problems but the alternatives are being fully explored at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. BRALEY, Chmn.
O. T. HOLLAND
DR. JOHN FREY

Report of the Planning Board

The organization of the Paxton Planning Board for 1975-76 was as follows:

Robert Price, Chairman, delegate Local Growth Policy Com.

Betty Peterson, Clerk, alternate delegate C.M.R.P.C.

Alvah Tracy, representative

Transportation Planning Advisory Group

John Rommel, Jr., representative Capital Outlay Committee

William Jarvis, III, delegate

Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission

The Planning Board met on the first Monday of each month and was pleased to welcome observers from the League of Women Voters to several meetings. We have approved the transfer of "Westwood Heights" sub-division from William Burt to Patrick Besette, with no changes from the approved plan. William Gemme's development on Keep Ave. will be extended, and the remainder of "Crowning-shield" sub-division has passed from Albert Slukis to M. & M. Builders. No new sub-division proposals were made to the board.

The recodification of the zoning by-law approved by the voters of Paxton has been approved by the attorney general, effective from April 1, 1975. A major revision of Chapter 40A, the zoning enabling legislation, became effective on January 1, 1976. By June 30, 1978, all local zoning must conform to the new chapter 40A. The planning board's task, therefore will be to prepare the necessary changes and bring them to the voters for approval.

The planning board is especially interested in the Local Growth Policy Act passed by the state legislature in December of 1975 requiring Massachusetts communities to form advisory committees for the purpose of answering a questionnaire designed to bring local opinion and desire concerning each community's growth into state planning policy.

The Planning Board appreciates the interest of the citizens of Paxton as we work together to maintain the standard set for us.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY C. PETERSON, Clerk
ROBERT PRICE, Chairman
JOHN ROMMELL JR.
WILLIAM JARVIS III
ALVAH TRACY

Report of the Building Inspector for Fiscal 1975-76

Total Permits Issued	40
Home Building	12
Home Additions	7
Garages	3
Storage and Garden Sheds	5

Animal Barns	1
Above Ground Pools	1
Inground Pools	5
Building Alterations	1
Porches, Decks	1
Commercial Additions	1
Commercial issued for State required inspections	14
Building and Alteration Permits, Paxton School	3

An average of four inspections were made for home and building additions. All other permits, a minimum of two inspections were made.

It should be noted that a complete inspection will be made of all buildings requiring State Certificates during the next fiscal year and/or all establishments that accommodate twenty or more people at one time. Any information concerning the building code may be obtained by contacting the Building Inspector.

I thank the people of the Town of Paxton and its representatives who assisted me in fulfilling my appointment this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND K. ANDERSON
Building Inspector

Report of the Board of Appeals

In Fiscal 1976 the Zoning Board of Appeals held two Public Hearings in the Town Hall.

Variance granted—Dr. Raymond Trottier.

Copy of the minutes of any Public Hearing are on file with the Town Clerk and is public record.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD LUNDQUIST, Chmn.
R. DILLMAN, Clerk
T. Thoutsis
Allen Rubin
R. RAY SUMMA
E. SAVICKAS
WM. LINDQUIST

Report of the Electric Light Department

We hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1975, as per the Department of Public Utilities Report:

Statement of Income and Expenses

Income:

Metered Sales to Consumers:	
Rate A Private Consumers	\$343,096
Rate B Small Com. Con.	22,109
Rate C Large Com. Con.	96,413
Rate D Electric Heating	128,419
Electric Energy Purchased	454,691
Street Lighting	11,120
Municipal Lighting—Bldgs.	13,438
Power for Municipal Purposes	5,340
Resale to Other Utilities	994
Area Lighting—Private	2,963

\$623,892

Expenses:

Electric Energy Purchased	454,691	
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,439	
Maintenance Transformers	6	
Street Lighting Expense	1,076	
Meter Reading Expense	2,350	
Accounting Expense	10,431	
Mgr. & Light Board Salaries	19,224	
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,350	
Mgr. & Light Board Expenses	2,910	
Rent	75	
Outside Services	536	
Overhead Line Expenses	21,262	
Depreciation	57,168	
Insurance	2,552	
Maint. Underground Cond.	91	
Injuries & Damage	521	
Interest	3,316	
Uncollectable	101	
Other Power Expense	375	
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		\$582,474
Operating Income		<hr/> 41,418
Other Income		1,804
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Total Income for year 1975		\$43,222

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1975

ASSETS

		12/31/75
	Additions	Depr. Value
Land	-----	\$ 319
Substa. Struc. & Improvements	\$283,339	313,701
Substa. Equip.	55	27,948

Office & Garage	-----	49,932
Poles & Fixtures	3,512	13,826
Overhead Conductors	3,330	90,043
Line Transformers	3,655	62,005
House Services	1,775	31,351
Consumer Meters	722	10,413
Street Light Equip.	811	24,052
Office Equip.	370	4,979
Cost of Trans. Equip.	-----	19,979
Tools, Shop & Garage Equip.	378	8,488
Comm. Equip.	330	3,240
Underground Cond.	3,566	42,356
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Total Add. in 1975	301,843	
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Total Depr. Value		702,254
Accounts Receivable		41,996
Materials & Supplies		20,596
Petty Cash		100
Depreciation Funds		151,305
Deferred Debits		7,268
Const. Interest		2,604
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Total Assets		\$926,123

LIABILITIES

Bonds	97,092
Notes Payable	260,000
Appropriated for Construction	7,090
Notes paid off in pprior years by Light Dept.	59,116
Appropriated for Const. Repayment	2,457
Amount owned by Dept. Dec. 31, 1975	47,736
Earnings of this & prior years invested in new plant & other assets	430,232

Contributions in Aid of Construction	23,903
Interest Accrued	2,910
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	\$930,536
Deferred Credits	—4,413
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Total Liabilities	926.123

ACCUMULATED PROFIT STATEMENT

	Debit	Credit
Balance from Pervious Years		\$407,010
Plus current year profit		43,232
From Depreciation Fund		—10,000
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Accumulated Profit December 31, 1975		\$440,232

Report of the Electric Light Department

As most of you know, Curtis J. Lanciani, manager of the Paxton Light Department for twelve years, resigned to accept the position of manager for the Littleton Light and Water Department, Littleton, Massachusetts. Curt was a tremendous leader as manager of the Paxton Light Department, and also served on many Paxton Town Committees. He will be missed in Paxton. Mr. Daniel Galdauckas, one of the Paxton Light Department Commissioners, also resigned due to his full time work commitments. Mr. Galdauckas was a credit to the Paxton Light Department. Two new employees have been added in the line section of the Light Department, they are Peter Cross and Robert Gould II.

The Light Department was granted the right to remain a member of MMWECO "Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company." The general feeling being that this is the way to go towards reducing power costs with an eventual reduction of rates.

The 'Wentworth' 115 KV substation went on line December of 1975, and is working great. This station was built at a tremendous saving despite escalation clauses.

As acting manager of the Paxton Light Department I promise the people of Paxton that I will do my very best to manage the Light Department, and most important try to keep costs down.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. SMITH, Act. Mgr.
Commissioners:

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS, Chr.

ROBERT C. HARRINGTON,
Clerk

JOHN J. O'DAY III, Third Mem.

Report of the Police Department

It is my pleasure to report to the residents of Paxton the activities of the Paxton Police Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. For me it has been a rewarding and challenging year in an attempt to give Paxton residents the maximum police service at a minimum cost.

During the past fiscal period members of the department have received training in the care and use of firearms including five hours at the firing range used by the Worcester Police Department, they have also attended a twelve week training session during which subjects such as laws of arrest, search and seizure, drug abuse, self-defense, motor vehicle and criminal law reviews and other police related subjects and activities were covered, this course was taught by the very well qualified members of the Worcester Police Department training staff. In the coming year the Officers will again receive eight hours of fire-arms instruction as

well re-certification in First Aid, CPR and other life saving methods. In addition to the above listed training sessions monthly meetings are held in which we cover the latest changes in Massachusetts General Laws, rules and regulations and operational problems that might have come up since the last monthly meeting.

Again this year, with the cooperation of the Paxton School Administration, several safety programs were conducted at the Paxton Center School. These programs included school bus, bicycle and behavioral safety programs for children of all ages. Our "Block Mother" program is still very strong and request any person who wants information on this program to call me at 755-1104.

In the interest of safety and so that emergency calls to either the police or fire departments can be answered in the minimum of time it is urged that every residence and business display its street number so that it is clearly visible during both of daylight and during that night time hours. This will allow members of emergency crews to locate the house to which they are responding quicker. The Emergency Number of the Police Department is 791-9296, please post this number next to all phones within your residence.

Our emphasis on selective traffic enforcement has been successful to the extent that we again received first place in the annual traffic safety contest sponsored by the Central Mass. Chapter of the National Red Cross. Our strict enforcement of motor vehicle laws serves two purposes, first it has the effect of reducing the accident rate in the town making the streets safer for all of us, secondly by enforcement of the laws regulating motor vehicle operations the officers are able to learn the identity of persons who are in town that are suspicious in nature, once their identity is learned they are less apt to commit any crimes within the borders of Paxton.

Although the figures show an increase of four breaks over the calendar period of 1974 these figures include attempted or reported attempted breaks as well as actual breaks, investigations revealed that of eight attempted breaks six of these could not be substantiated.

In my report of last year it was stated that a committee had been appointed by the Selectboard to study the new ambulance law and the effect it would have upon Paxton. The committee has reported and recommended to the Selectboard that, due to the cost of implementation and the complexity of the law, for the present time the Paxton Police Department continue to serve the residents of Paxton as the Emergency Ambulance service. We are pleased to do so but request that the service be used only for emergency purposes as when the officers armaking an ambulance run the Town is virtually without police protection, your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

In June of this year our new radio system became operational greatly increasing our communication capability with area police department, through the new system we are able to communicate thru the radio system with each town that abuts the City of Worcester as well as the Worcester Police Department, this allows the officers to be constantly aware of police activity in area towns.

I wish to thank the other town departments for their assistance during the past year and to remind the residents of Paxton that we need their assistance and cooperation in making Paxton a safer community. If you see or hear someone and something suspicious or unusual do not hesitate to call us as so many of you have done in the past, remember we all have a part to play in crime prevention and yours is to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. YOUNG,

Chief of Police

	Calendar	Fiscal Yr.
	1974	1975-76
Calls for service	.....	1412
Ambulance transfers	36	80
Vacant homes checked	268	369
Breaking-entering homes	29	23
Breaking-entering business	.....	27
Larceny	4	27
Larceny from motor vehicles	.....	4
Vandalism	.....	21
Missing persons	.....	7
Auto thefts (includes attempts)	4	18
Stolen autos recovered in Paxton	10	23
Armed robbery	.....	1
Unarmed robbery	.....	1
Accidents investigated: Property	26	41
Personal	11	22
Fatal	.....	1
Motor vehicle violations cited	499	985
Reports for insurance companies:		
Accidents	14	28
Investigations	17	15
Licenses issued:		
License to carry firearms	52	20
FID cards	37	53
License for machine gun	.....	1
Summons served	.....	30
Total money turned into Treasurer		\$876.00

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library FY 1975-1976

Use of printed materials	28,087
Central Regional Interlibrary Loans	510
Reference transactions	3,170

Use of AV materials	1,325
Volumes in collection	10,342
Magazines subscribed	666
Records and tapes	499
Volumes added including gifts and paperbacks)	657
Volumes given us by Central Regional	136
Number of registered borrowers	2,403

Note: The above figures represent twelve months (FY 1975-1976) as compared to eighteen months in last years change-over FY 1974-1975.

This has been an active year in many areas.

Following the FY 1974-1975 report, the architect we mentioned considered the possible use of cellar space for expansion. New state requirements concerning use of public buildings by handicapped persons, indicated a ramp entrance and two large sized toilets. The reduced space then available, and the cost, prompted the Trustees to ask for suggestions for an above grade addition. A preliminary plan has been submitted.

At the last town meeting, \$5,000 was appropriated and the Selectmen were asked to appoint a five member committee to carry on. Richard G. Bedard, Chairman; Christian S. Baehrecke, Loretta Krus, Linwood M. Erskine, Jr., and Viola C. Prentice were chosen.

We were all sorry to have two dedicated long-time Trustees resign during the year. Larry Seelye served for twenty-five years, many of these as Chairman, and Betty Cunningham moved to Petersham after serving for fourteen years. I shall certainly miss their interest and support. Alice Nelson has been chosen our new Board Chairperson. We welcome Edith LaVigne and Roger Varnum, who were elected to fill the vacancies.

We also welcome Barbara Braley to our group of part-time library staff. Barbara started last November.

Again, I would personally like to thank Helen Congden for much volunteer time doing tedious "picky" jobs, ones we find hard to work into daily schedules.

In March, we were fortunate, along with other small libraries throughout the state, to receive a grant for enrichment services. Financial assistance for this special project was made possible with federal funds administered through the Massachusetts Bureau of Library Extension. We purchased projection equipment for filmstrips with synchronized cassettes, storage cases, shelves, a listening center and some filmstrips and cassettes. More material of this type will be available for loan through Central Regional.

Other new services from Regional include a nice selection of framed art prints, small sculptures, cassettes and toys that may be signed out like books. We are privileged to have the use of a Regional dollhouse with furniture for in-library use. This came to us undecorated and Nora Kelley and friends have made it very attractive.

The 4-H group, through Linda Kingsbury, had an interesting exhibit on nutrition. We have at the desk a list of their trained baby sitters.

Dorothy Rosseland displayed "Week of the Young Child" information and children's projects.


Frank Burbank, a Trustee, loaned us his delightful, lighted, miniature Colonial room entirely furnished with artifacts and furniture he had personally made. It was much admired.

The Bi-Centennial committee, under Catherine Hodgson's direction, raised enough money from the sale of the

booklet, Paxtons Past Revisited, to make our library a second set of the old slides of Paxton used in one of the Bi-Centennial programs. The committee also plans to give the library a fireproof storage unit for historical material.

Judith Russell had a poetry contest for grades five, six and seven at school and we were happy to post the winning poems on our foyer walls.

Charles Brady generously repainted and lettered our outside library signs.

 We are grateful for the many gifts of books—for the book sale as well as regular library use—especially, memorial gifts from the Harold Crawfords, town clubs and other thoughtful townspeople.

The newly formed Friends of the Richards Memorial Library should be praised and thanked for many wonderful projects. The handsome, colorful quilt of Paxton buildings and scenes was the work of thirty talented members. It was completed in the three months preceding its exhibition in the Congregational church during the fall house tour. It is a Bi-Centennial gift to the town, to be permanently housed in the library. The unique combinations of material and needlework show much imagination and skill. Visitors from all over New England have come to see the quilt and some have made notes and taken pictures to help them do something similar in their towns.

A busy Friends group had a successful book sale on one of the house tour days. One result is a recently installed community event calendar easel. Please help us list your event or meeting. Call the library, 754-0793, or a member of the Friends.

Gay holiday decorations, made by the Friends, featured bright calico braided wreaths for all the windows and fresh

natural greens. Dorothy Braley baked a gingerbread church and Christmas tree that lasted long after the season.

Alternating Monday mornings, volunteers have made fifteen ppreschoolers happy with a story and craft hour. It was so popular that programs are being continued during the summer. Mothers enjoyed "coffee and" at St. Columba's shurch while the youngsters were at the library. Edith La-Vigne should be credited for the smooth arrangements each week.

Gail Kimball, President of the Friends, planned and supervised their latest project of landscaping and plantings that improve the front of the library. We have had many comments on this and their colorful window boxes.

It is great to have "Friends!"

The loyal help of the staff and maintenance people, exceptional support from the Trustees combined with the friendly cooperation of the community has made this a pleasant year.

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA C. PRENTICE,

Librarian

Report of Richards Memorial Library

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	\$13,388.00	
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Total		<hr/> \$13,388.00

Expenditures:

Librarian	6,738.00
Others	6,644.20

Total	<u>13,382.20</u>	\$13,382.20
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Expense Account—Income:

Town Appropriation	4,084.00
Dog Tax	1,291.66
Balance of Income 1975	455.30
Interest from Investments	
July 1975 thru April 1976	1,570.96

	<u>7,401.92</u>	\$7,401.92
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Expenditures:

Petty Cash	100.00
Telephone	215.46
Water & Lights	546.29
Office Supplies & Postage	710.78
Fuel	592.45
Maintenance—Building & Grounds	568.13
Education	95.00
Books, Magazines & Records	3,828.03
Travel	44.00

	<u>6,700.14</u>	\$6,700.14
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State Aid Account:

Balance June 30, 1975	357.55
Received July 1, 1975	1,399.13

	<u>1,756.68</u>	\$1,756.68
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Spent 1975-1976	1,252.57
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Balance	<u>504.11</u>	\$ 504.11
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Richards Trust Account:

Received 1975-1976

Total Fund (See Treas. Report)

The sum of \$385.80 in Fine Money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GWEN L. HALL

Report of the Tree Warden

I am pleased to present the annual report of the Tree Department. In the past year, this department has received and answered 21 calls in regards to dead trees, low hanging branches, etc.

These included the removal of 2 dead maples from the Common, which will be replaced with something suitable, 1 dead maple at the School, 1 dead maple at the Paxton Inn, corner of Rts. 122 and 31, 2 large oaks on South St., and the removal of 4 trees on Center Dr. for a right of way.

We have started a program of raising all the streets in Paxton of all low hanging branches and limbs to a clearance height of 18 feet. This will allow for snow and ice weighing branches down and still give sufficient clearance to all vehicles.

As of the end of June, 1976, we will have completed about one third of the town. In the forthcoming year, our plans are to complete trimming many more streets.

Point of interest: Chap. 87, Sect. 9, Gen. Laws. A \$50.00 fine shall be imposed on anyone defacing, painting, marking or putting signs on public trees.

Financial report:

Trimming & tree removal	\$1,497.00
Labor	433.00
Equipment & repairs	44.87
Total	<hr/> \$1,974.87

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND SEYMOUR,

Tree Warden

Report of the Report of the Water Commissioners

The new one million gallon storage tank, located on Asnebumsket, was completed and put into service in December 1975, Paxton now has a total covered storage capacity of 1,360,000 gallons. This new capacity already has been put to good use in keeping our water pressure above the safe minimum level required during the summer of 1976, without having to impose any restrictions on its use.

The normal consumption of water in Paxton varies from a minimum of 150,000 gallons per day in the winter to a minimum of 595,000 gallons per day in the summer. Although there is no shortage of water in Paxton at the present time, it still remains prudent that each of us respect the supply that we do have and to conserve it in whatever way we can. Water is today one of our most important commodities and yet remains the cheapest on the market to purchase. Let us keep it this way.

The policy of yearly water main extentions was continued on South Street with the installation of 600 feet of main and one hydrant.

Some statistics for 1975-76 period.

Number of services	1025
Number of new installations	10
Number of meter repairs	19
Average use, gallons per service per day	190

Respectfully submitted,

FRAZIER P. COLON, Chairman
BRIAN C. MURPHY
ROBERT THOMPSON

Report of the Paxton Bicentennial Committee

The Paxton Bicentennial Committee will complete it's celebration with a Bicentennial Ball on Saturday, September 18, 1976 at Anna Maria College. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. Raffle tickets for a handmade quilt, afgan, and pillows are being sold a 50c each to defray the cost of the Ball. Proceeds from the Ball will be donated to the Richards Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE HODGSON
Chairman

Report of the Personnel Advisory Board

During the year, the Personnel Advisory Board assisted the Finance Committee by making wage and salary recommendations for inclusion in the 1976 Town Budget.

The committee continues to review fringe benefits, and

make recommendations to the Selectmen, which will keep Paxton competitive with other towns in our population range.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SJOSTEN, Chairman

Report of the Communications Board

The Central Center has completed its first full year of operation. As the townspeople have become more aware of our function, our service has increased. To our primary responsibility for emergency and non-emergency communications for Fire, Police, Electric Light, Highway and Water Departments, we have extended our service to the Dog Officer and the Building Inspector. We also receive requests for information and assistance from townspeople in a wide variety of other areas from severe weather information to Bicentennial events. We continue to offer our staff for any administrative or clerical assistance we may provide town agencies.

Our increased activity coincides with the increased activity of the Police and Fire Departments particularly. A new regional police radio network has been installed directly linking Paxton with adjacent towns. Monitoring devices for the new electric sub-station and the new water storage tank have been installed and a direct connection made to the Center School Fire Alarm System. Over 30 residential burglar or fire alarm systems with automatic dial features have been installed in the town and anyone who is having such a system installed should contact the Police or Fire Chief.

Our staff of approximately 12 part-time dispatchers have grown up with the Center and become proficient in the

delivery of a professional service to the town. Citizen comments are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HANSSON
CURTIS LANCIANI, Chairman
BRIAN C. MURPHY, Clerk
LESLIE E. ROBINSON
REGINALD SMITH
ROBERT STEWART

Report of the Highway Superintendent

The accounts of Chapter 90 Construction and Chapter 90 Maintenance have been discontinued by the State and replaced by Chapter 765. In an effort to induce the Towns to appropriate more funds for highway use the State stipulates that Chapter 765 may not be used for general maintenance such as oiling streets, brush cutting, pointing guard rail, etc., but must be used for more extensive work such as applying a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of surface, street reconstruction, installing drainage, etc. Chapter 765 money may be expended on any Town street while Chapter 90 money could be used only on designated Chapter 90 roads. In 1974 Chapter 81, which was our Maintenance money, was ended and replaced by Chapter 825 for a two year program ending last year. This year will see the end of the four year program for Chapter 765. At present no information is available as to what funding programs will be forthcoming from the State in the future.

Because of the uncertainty of available State funds next year, we have temporarily postponed the complete reconstruction of Maple Street and have installed some drainage and have done some slope work to help alleviate the ice

problem. Some type of surface treatment will be done to smooth it out.

This year our efforts are being concentrated on surface treatments, drainage, and general maintenance. Because of the increasingly high cost of hot top, we have not planned any Type I resurfacing, but intend to apply cold mixes as far as money will allow.

Again, we welcome any comments or suggestions pertaining to our Highway efforts and thank the residents of Paxton for their patience and co-operation through the year during road construction, maintenance, repairs and snow plowing operations.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. HANSSON

Supt. of Streets

Town of Paxton Treasurer's Report

JUNE 30, 1976

Operating Cash:

Balance July 1, 1975	\$ 620,468.69
Add—receipts for the year	3,559,247.64
Subtract—Disbursements for the year	(3,697,699.83)
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Balance June 30, 1976	\$ 482,016.50
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Analysis of Operating Cash as of June 30, 1976:

Town checking and sav. accts.	\$392,254.54	
Electric light checking and sav.	61,546.35	
Electric construction account	20,485.59	
School construction balance	5,114.77	
Land taking account	671.06	
Performance bonds	1,944.19	
	<hr/>	\$482,016.50
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Non-Operating Account Balances June 30, 1976

Richard Memorial Library Trust	\$46,568.22
Library Trust Income Account	32,617.99
Library Trust Accuonts (Bigelow)	19,116.51
Cemtery Perpetual Care Account	22,650.14
Cemetery Trust Funds	24,330.00
Village Improvement Fund	1,180.70
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	1,875.65
C. D. Boynton Trust Accounts	7,664.50
C. D. Boynton Income Account	5,793.73
Stalization Fund	71,256.32
Income from War Bonds	2,157.87
Conservation Account	5,089.03
Bigelow School Book Trust Fund	1,000.0
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	5,477.86
AT&T Stock—Library	216 Shares
AT&T Stock—Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

OUTSTANDING DEBT JUNE 30, 1976

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
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SCHOOL DEPT.				
Second Addition	1980	\$32,000.00	\$2,080.00	\$34,080.00
Third Addition	1995	270,000.00	39,487.50	309,487.50
WATER DEPT.				
1972 Main	1979	55,000.00	3,955.27	58,955.27
Pumping Station	1979	7,000.00	272.00	7,272.00
1975 Concr. Standpipe	1995	309,000.00	145,386.00	454,386.00
FIRE STATION	1979	13,000.00	560.00	13,560.00
ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.				
1975 Substation	1986	250,000.00	65,049.50	315,049.50
(which is to be repaid from Electric Revenue; not Taxation)				
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TOTALS		\$936,000.00	\$256,790.27	\$1,192,790.27
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Respectfully submitted,

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK,
Town Treasurer

Report of the Town Collector

1971 Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 31.00	
Tax Title October 20, 1975		\$ 31.00

1972 Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$1,550.34	
Collected		\$ 279.84
Tax Title October 20, 1975		1,270.50
	\$1,550.34	\$1,550.34

1972 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 33.50	
Collected		\$ 22.00
Abated		11.50
	\$ 33.50	\$ 33.50

1972 Personnel Property

Abated	\$ 6.60	
Refunded		\$ 6.60
	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.60

1973 Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 8.50	
Outstanding June 30, 1976		\$ 8.50
	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50

1973 Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 6.21	
Abated		\$ 6.21
	<u>\$ 6.21</u>	<u>\$ 6.21</u>

1973 Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$6,840.63	
Abated		\$3,387.50
Refunded	3,387.50	
Collected		4,092.39
Tax Title Sept. 10, 1975—March 12, 1976		2,748.24
	<u>\$10,228.13</u>	<u>\$10,228.13</u>

1973 Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 25.50	
Tax Title Sept. 10, 1975		\$ 25.50
	<u>\$ 25.50</u>	<u>\$ 25.50</u>

1973 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$3,814.10	
Recommitted June 28, 1976	2.00	
Abated		\$1,367.73
Refunded	40.35	
Collected		2,488.72
	<u>\$3,856.45</u>	<u>\$3,856.45</u>

1974 Transitional Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 30.96	
Abated		\$ 6.66
Refunded	4.86	
Collected		18.36
Outstanding June 30, 1976		10.80
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	\$ 35.82	\$ 35.82

1974 Transitional Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$6,701.28	
Collected		\$5,305.92
Tax Title Sept. 10, 1975—March 12, 1976		1,395.36
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	\$6,701.28	\$6,701.28

1974 Transitional Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 32.82	
Collected		\$ 19.02
Tax Title Sept. 10, 1975		13.80
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	\$ 32.82	\$ 32.82

1974 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$15,247.34	
Recommitted June 28, 1976	57.20	
Abated		\$3,729.04
Refunded	494.67	
Collected		11,594.14
Outstanding June 30, 1976		476.03
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	\$15,799.21	\$15,799.21

1975 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 8.50	
Outstanding June 30, 1976		\$ 8.50
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	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.50

1975 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 261.79	
Abated		\$ 94.06
Refunded	27.15	
Collected		184.23
Outstanding June 30, 1976		10.65
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	\$ 288.94	\$ 288.94

1975 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$ 492.92	
Collected		\$ 446.88
Tax Title Dec. 31, 1975—March 12, 1976		46.04
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	\$ 492.92	\$ 492.92

1975 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$61,545.71	
Abated		\$ 87.50
Collected		54,648.84
Tax Title Dec. 31, 1975—March 12, 1976		6,527.93
Outstanding June 30, 1976		281.44
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	\$61,545.71	\$61,545.71

1975 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1975	\$33,990.19	
Committments	85,257.39	
Abated		\$14,848.46
Refunded	3,568.37	
Collected		104,725.68
Outstanding June 30, 1976		3,241.81
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	\$122,815.95	\$122,815.95

1976 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$ 871.12	
Collected		\$ 862.62
Outstanding June 30, 1976		8.50
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	\$ 871.12	\$ 871.12

1976 Fiscal Forest Law

Committed	\$ 214.62	
Collected		\$ 214.62
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	\$ 214.62	\$ 214.62

1975 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$21,551.11	
Abated		\$ 682.40
Refunded	75.98	
Collected		20,835.53
Outstanding June 30, 1976		109.16
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	\$21,627.09	\$21,627.09

1976 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$2,247.32	
Collected		\$1,707.92
Outstanding June 30, 1976		539.40
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	\$2,247.32	\$2,247.32

1976 Fiscal Real Estate

Committed	\$1,134,784.25	
Abated		\$ 31,304.20
Refunded	4,486.46	
Overpayments	1,018.75	
Collected		1,061,069.96
Outstanding June 30, 1976		47,915.30
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	\$1,140,289.46	\$1,140,289.46

1976 Motor Vehicle

Committments	\$113,942.54	
Abated		\$4,359.58
Refunded	675.14	
Collections		60,094.81
Outstanding June 30, 1976		50,163.29
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	\$114,617.68	\$114,617.68

Recap—Receivables

1973—Farm Excise	\$8.50
1974—Transitional Personal Property	10.80
1974—Motor Vehicle	476.03
1975—Farm Excise	8.50
1975—Personal Property	10.65
1975—Real Estate	281.44
1975—Motor Vehicle	3,241.81
1976—Farm Excise	8.50
1976—Personal Property	109.16

1976—Water Liens	539.40
1976—Real Estate	47,915.30
1976—Motor Vehicle	50,163.29
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	\$102,773.38

Interest Received during 1975-1976

Real Estate	\$6,120.78
Motor Vehicle	667.54
Personal Property	14.36
Forest Law	0.40
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	\$6,803.08

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976, 29 Plumbing Permits were issued and 43 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 228 fixtures were inspected.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976, 2 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 2 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 4 gas appliances were inspected.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN F. WRIGHT,
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Report of the Fire Department

The Fire Department logged 94 incidents needing its attention for 1975-76 fiscal year. These are categorized as follows:

- 6 Building
- 17 Motor Vehicle
- 18 Grass & Brush
- 6 Mutual Aid
- 47 Miscellaneous

This number represents about a 13% increase over last year. The largest increases were in the miscellaneous and motor vehicle categories. Some of the incidents included in the miscellaneous part are as follows:

- Faulty heat or smoke detector units.
- Bomb scares.
- Rescues, children and pets.
- False alarms.
- Washing machine and/or dryer malfunctions.
- Chimney fires.
- Pump out cellars.
- Wash down gasoline at accidents.
- Etc.

The increase in motor vehicle fires reflects the seriousness of the stolen automobile problem.

The Department was called out fewer times this year and consisted of assistance to Rutland, Holden, and Spencer.

In addition to the service calls there were 8 training sessions conducted under the direction of Deputy Chief Raymond Kimball assisted by Lt. Brian Murphy.

The Department is still waiting delivery of the new Mack 100 g.p.m. pumping engine ordered in 1974.

The lifting of the open burning ban (March 15 to April 15) is now on a year to year basis. If the State decides to again allow open burning in the spring of 1977, advance information will be given. As in the past, permits will be available at the Dispatch Center at the Fire Station.

Four of the structure fires during the past year involved occupied dwelling houses. Due to good stops made by the firefighters, the fires were generally moderate in loss. The sale of the property saved was sufficient so that each dwelling was able to be repaired and renew the occupancy.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE E. ROBINSON,
Fire Chief

LOCAL GROWTH POLICY STATEMENT

The Local Growth Policy Committee was created by Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1975.

This is a general statement that came from the Hearing held on April 13, 1976.

1. What's been happening in terms of growth and development to our community?

The School population has doubled in the last 15 years.

All aspects of town government (Fire Dept., Police Dept., Town services) have grown to keep pace with the growth of population. There was a feeling of concern that the businesses in town have not been in conformance with the Zoning By-laws. The group at this hearing wanted stricter control of the Zoning By-laws. They questioned the role of the Boards of Appeals.

2. What are the significant impacts of what has been happening? Are those impacts good or bad? Why?
 - A. Town Services-growth. The group felt this was good.
 - B. Non-conforming Business. The group felt this was bad.

- C. Decline in farming land was felt to be negative.
 - D. State owned land was a positive factor.
 - E. No dump was considered a negative factor.
 - F. Country setting and small town atmosphere was rated very favorably.
3. Looking at where we are now, what are our communities major assets and liabilities?

Assets: Size-small.

Location: no railroads, no rivers—nothing to attract a large population.

Visual appearance

Open Space

Lots of trees

Nice and Quiet

One acre zoning

Town Government above average

Liabilities:

No bus

Not good drinking water

Lack of Sewers—divided opinion as to whether this is good or bad.

Traffic on Rt. 122

Dog Roaming

Apathy in Town Government

Hard to get a quorum at Special Town Meetings.

4. Can something be done to resolve these problems?
- A. Regionalization in some areas such as transportation, water and waste disposal.
 - B. The group felt that although they talk regionalization there was a deal of apprehension as to giving up local control.

5. Looking at the likely future, where do you see our community headed?
 - A. Conservation of existing services.
 - B. Keeping flavor of Town.
 - C. Keep peace and quiet.
 - D. TO GO AHEAD IS TO KEEP WHAT WE HAVE.
6. What kind of future would you like for our community?
 - A. Continued residential growth.
 - B. Study feasibility of an area for Light Industrial Development.
 - C. Important to have controlled growth.
7. How do actions in neighboring communities affect our community? What are the Regional Issues?
 - A. All actions affect us, but we should determine our own "fate."
 - B. Region Issues—School, Refuse collection, Transportation, Communications Center and Ambulance.
8. How well do existing Laws, Programs and policies work, In terms of helping us achieve our local growth-related goals? Which ones work particularly well or poorly? What are the statewide growth issues which the State should be addressing? What could the State do to better assist us guide our local growth and development?
 - A. State policies and programs are not well communicated to the Town.
 - B. Wants State to consider size of a town when enforcing state mandates.
 - C. Some financial burden with the Laws passed.
9. What are some recommendations which you would suggest we make in developing our Local Growth Policy Statement?

- A. None made at that point on statement, however it was felt there should be long range Land Use plans. 5 year planning on financing. School revenue. It was suggested that all Town Boards meet and plan together for long range.
10. Identify six key issues confronting the Community of Paxton:
- A. School budget vs. total budget
 - B. Loss of Open Space
 - C. Town Water supply
 - D. Sewage Disposal
 - E. Type of controls on zoning (lack of enforcing existing laws).

LOCAL GROWTH POLICY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN JACOBSON,
Chairman
HAROLD J. MULLANEY,
Selectmen
PETER SIEMEN,
Conservation Commission
RUTH GULDBRANDSEN
STANLEY KACHNOWITZ
CONSTANCE GREENMAN,
Clerk
ROBERT L. PIRCE,
Planning Board
C. T. HOLLAND,
Board of Health
ANN MELLO

Report of the Recreation Commission

The primary concern of your commission has been the deteriorating condition of Wentworth Pool; over the past year, we have taken the following actions. (1) In August 1975, we actively sought recommendations from various professionals; state authorities (Dept. of Environmental Control and Dept. of Natural Resources) and pool construction firms to rectify our problems. (2) In October 1975, we hired Victor Pesek Inc., Engineering Consultants, who specialize in pool operation, maintenance and construction to evaluate three areas of concern: updating the present pool, use of an available body of water within the town and construction of a new facility. When the studies have been completed, we will report the findings along with our recommendations at a town meeting.

Safety considerations necessitated the closing of the pool. Swim instructions were arranged for at Webster Square State Pool. The Town of Leicester graciously offered the use of Burncoat Pond to Paxton residents for recreational swimming.

Participation in our programs has again increased under the direction of Dr. Carmelo Bazzano. Adult programs included physical fitness, cross country skiing, tennis instruction, softball and volleyball. Our young people participated in organized basketball, downhill skiing, gymnastics (new program), tennis instruction, summer playground and swim classes. The gymnastics was very well attended. We have also been able to offer recreational tennis at Anna Maria College.

We sponsored July 4th activities with a family cookout and games at the pool.

We would like to give recognition to all of the town departments who have volunteered their services during the year.

Through our newsletter, we hope to encourage and through our programs, we hope to instruct the residents of Paxton in enjoyable and healthful recreational activities.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JEAN PENTLAND,
Chairman
JEAN M. MCINTYRE,
Sec.-Treas.
MARIE L. LAWLER
HOWARD A. AUBERTIN
WILLIAM C. JORDAN, JR.

Report of the Town Accountant

I respectfully submit my report as Town Accountant for the fiscal year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976.

Following receipt of the Balance Sheet the Director of Accounts certified \$196,711.00 as "Free Cash" as of July 1, 1976.

During the past year I received excellent cooperation from the various departments of the Town, and all Town Officials for which I express my thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE B. KARLE,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS—1976 F

Personal Property Taxes:

76F	\$20,835.53
75F	184.23
74F	18.36

Real Estate Taxes:

76F	1,061,069.96
75F	54,648.84
74 6 mo.	5,305.92
73	4,092.39
72	279.84
T.T. Adv. Fees	21.14

Farm Animal—Forest Law Land	1,077.24
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Motor Vehicle Excise:

1976	60,094.81
1975	104,723.93
1974	11,594.14
1973	2,488.72
1972	22.00
Returned Check	24.75

Interest on Taxes:

Real Estate	6,120.78
Personal Prop.	14.36
Forest Law Land	.40
Motor Vehicle	669.30

Treasurer—Inv. Interest Income	21,641.90
Interest Refund	14.00

State & County Aid to Highways:

Snow Plowing	1,206.00
Chap 81—76	12,253.91
Chap 825—S 3-59	22,861.18
Chap 497—1971	11,065.10
Chap 90—1973	3,900.00

Chap 90—1975	3,900.00
P.W.—74 Local Aid TRA—N.S.P. A.D.B.	12,378.00
Rentals	14,431.00
Temp. Loan	19,457.00
Int. Ref. on Hwy Loan	2.55
Local Aid Lottery	20,133.27
Corp. Tax B. L. A.	11,663.72
Local State Assessment	107.30

School:

Chap 766	59,020.73
Chap 70	180,844.47
Ed. Pup. Trans. C-71-57A	4,390.05
Ed. Pup. Trans. F-75	21,167.00
School Aid Chap 71-516D	2,696.77
School Chap 71B—511	348.50
Spec. Needs School Aid—Chap 71B	10,106.01
Reg. School Aid	32,726.00
Construction	19,500.08
School Title 2 and 4	1,147.19
Ed. occ—Chap 74 Sec 10 Tuition	6,123.00
Sec. 8A—Transp.	654.00
Hazel Gay	21.00
Book Fund	52.52
Reimbursements	25.09
Vandalism	15.00
Sale of Freezer	75.00
School Beano Acct.	1,355.00
School Lunch	Federal 11,909.52
	State 4,282.74
	Collections 32,173.18
Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.	666,651.36
Maturing Debt. & Int.	
Station payment to Town	10,335.00
Ins. Reimbursement to Town	4,545.00
Ref. to P.E. Lt.	3,573.62
Interest Income by Treasurer	2,464.70
P.M. Ly. Dept. Loan	250,000.00
P.M. Lt—Substation Proceeds	125,000.00

Water Dept.:

Rates	51,769.64
Inst. and Repairs	1,485.70
Worcester Water Sold	46.67
76F—Water Liens	1,659.62
75F—Water Liens	495.18
74I—Water Liens	19.02
Amt Trust Reimbursed	42.22
Insurance Claim	662.41
Water Dept. Loan	309,000.00
Dog License to County	1,222.30
Federal Tax w/h	111,494.01
State Tax w/h	38,448.56
Teachers Ret. w/h	25,573.63
County Ret. w/h	14,848.89
Blue Cross-Blue Shield w/h	18,622.61
Direct Payment	547.75
Group Life w/h	715.31
Direct Payment	15.26
Annuities w/h	7,579.22
Disability Ins. w/h	1,052.16
Teachers Dues w/h	2,371.50
Cemetery Income Interest	3,960.59
Opening Graves	1,175.00
Cemetery P/C	2,625.00
Veterans Services Reimbursement	911.91
Village Imp. Fund Int.	600.00
Library Interest Income	1,611.99
State Aid	1,399.13
State—Special Ed. Extension	1,745.00
County Dog Fund Reimb.	128.82
Library Fines	435.80
Selectman Permits & Licenses	3,751.00
Treas. Tailings	144.53
Land Taking Escrow	273.86
Assessors Map	1.00
Planning Board Fees & misc.	61.00
Town Clerk Misc.	50.50

Police:

Accident Reports	205.00
Bicycle Reg.	8.00
W. Dist. Court	1,485.00
Weapons & I.D.	466.00
Ins. Refund	10.00
Police Sale of Equip.	296.00

Fire Dept.:

Sale of Tractor	50.00
Bldg. Insp. Permits	3,328.66
Wire Insp. Permits	74.00
Bd. of Appeals	40.00
Highway chs & aided	662.78

Board of Health:

Plumbing—Gas	
Sanitary Insp. & misc. permits	1,070.50
Animal Insp.	110.00

Recreation Events:

Rec. to Est. Rec.	95.00
Conservation Reimb. Adv.	1,251.00
BiCent. Revolving Acct.	3,598.05
Use of Copy Machine	38.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$3,559,247.64

Cash Bal. bt. Forward 620,468.69

TOTAL \$4,179,716.33

PAYMENTS—June 30-1976

REFUNDS AND MISC.

Personal Property Tax	\$119.99
Real Estate Tax	8,892.71
Motor Vehicle	4,829.68
Water Rates & inst.	100.24
Bd. Health Permit	15.00

Agencies:

Dog License for Cty.	1,232.90
Federal Tax w/h	111,494.01
State Tax w/h	41,219.56
Cty. Retirement w/h	14,749.97
Mass. Teachers Ret. w/h	24,367.07
Emp. Ins. w/h	17,769.55
Direct Pay	635.31
Group Ins. w/h	698.15
Direct Pay	1.58
Annuities w/h	6,795.02
Teachers Dues w/h	2,371.50
Disab. Ins. w/h	988.39

Assessment & Agencies:

State Parks	15,764.53
Cty. Assessment	83,268.24
Ins.—Retires Teachers	3,421.95
Auditing	209.55
M. V. Bills	387.75
Central Mass. Air Pollution	271.88
Cty. Retirement	25,599.98
Cemetery P/C	1,725.00
Retainer Release	
A. Sluckis	19,031.00
Hazel Gay Awards	20.00
Int. & Imp. Acct.	600.00
Treas. Tainlings	287.30

Total Refunds, Agencies & Assessments	\$386,867.81
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator

101	Salary	\$35.00	\$35.00
104	Expense	—	—
	Selectmen		
	Bal. Held	98.65	98.65

TOWN OF PAXTON

81

111	Salaries	1,100.00	1,100.00
112	Secretary	500.00	500.00
114	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	55.62	
	Postage	51.23	
	Dues	218.00	
	Printing	15.45	
	Adv.	64.62	
	Legal Bks. & Publ.	346.00	
	Appraisals	125.00	
	A. M. Rentals	50.00	925.92

T. Accountant

122	Salary	1,650.00	1,650.00
124	Expense		
	Office Exp.	189.64	
	Meetings	42.75	
	Repopr	25.00	257.39

Treasurer

131	Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00
132	Hire	1,000.00	1,000.00
134	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	116.28	
	Postage	486.00	
	Meetings & Dues	31.00	
	Maint. Office Eq.	21.95	655.23
138	Data Processing	1,521.98	1,521.98

Collector

141	Salary	3,100.00	3,100.00
144	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	272.83	
	Postage	931.00	

	Filing Fees	45.00	
	Filing Costs	41.50	
	Meetings—Dues	66.20	
	Adv.	86.69	1,443.22
	T. Secretary		
152	Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00
154	Expenses		
	3M Contract	200.00	
	3M Supplies	549.00	
	Stamp Meter Rental	143.00	
	Contract	56.00	
	Ink	3.90	951.90
	Assessors Bal. Held	960.00	960.00
161	Assessors Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00
162	Clerks Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00
164	Expenses		
	Valuation Book	476.00	
	Office Exp.	154.36	
	Card Reorder	263.76	
	Photostats	220.36	
	Mapping	149.00	
	Misc. D.P.	41.00	
	Dues	60.00	1,364.48
168	Data Processing	700.00	700.00
169	Uniform Assessment	750.00	750.00
	Finance Committee		
172	Secretary	175.00	175.00
173	Statistician	100.00	100.00
174	Expenses		
	Dues	45.00	45.00

Town Clerk

181	Salary	850.00	850.00
182	Hire	282.00	282.00
184	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	79.50	
	Postage	25.85	
	Dues	23.00	
	Sectry State	10.00	
	Misc. Aid	6.00	
	Storage Vault	5.65	
	Equipment	50.00	200.00
194	Legal		
	Attorney	6,965.61	6,965.61
204	Election		
	Counters & Ballots	1,057.00	1,057.00
	Registrars		
212	Compensation	105.00	105.00
213	Clerk Compensation	150.00	150.00
214	Epxenses		
	Census	1,000.00	
	Office Exp.	17.84	
	St. Listing	250.00	
	Equip.	59.45	
	Misc. Hire	7.00	1,334.29
222	Planning Board Clerk	—	—
224	Expenses		
	Postage	15.00	
	Seminar	15.00	
	Dues	30.00	60.00
	Printing		
	Bal. Brt. fwd.	75.00	75.00

226	Printing		
	Town Hall		
232	Janitor	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Expenses		
	Bal. Brt. fwd.	129.57	129.57
234	Expenses		
	Telephone	953.91	
	Lights	552.76	
	Fuel	1,483.56	
	Janitor—Supplies &		
	Misc. Maint.	296.64	3,286.90
236	Town Hall Repairs		
	Plumbing	350.00	
	Wiring	24.00	
	Painting	463.82	
	Carpentry	359.00	
	Misc.	3.00	1,199.82
244	Record Building		
	Aid & Care	108.00	
	Office Expense	6.27	
	Equipment	175.00	289.27
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			<hr/> \$46,018.23

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

	Police Department		
282	Police Chief Salary	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
283	Patrolling P.T.	12,226.40	12,226.40
283A	Patrolling Full Time	15,268.13	15,268.13
284	Expenses & Operation		
	Office Expense	434.06	
	Telephones	766.42	

	Officers Expense	1,175.64	
	Misc. Supplies	131.24	
	Equip. Mint. & Oper.	6,086.70	
	Radio Maint.	256.12	8,850.18
285	Equipment	1,754.45	1,754.45
286	School Crossing	860.00	860.00
287	Prisoners Fees	440.00	440.00
Art. #6	Ambulance Equip.	577.33	577.33
	Fire Department		
	Balance Held	884.81	884.81
302	Officers Salaries	1,700.00	1,700.00
304	Expense & Operation		
	Janitor	600.00	
	Elect.—Alarms & Tel.	1,256.07	
	Station Maint.	90.60	
	Equip. & Vehicle Maint.	1,628.04	
	Station Heat	2,050.04	
	Radio Maint.	341.24	
	Misc. Supplies	248.39	
	Water	27.60	
	Fire Prev.	128.34	6,370.32
305	Equipment	1,837.40	1,837.40
310	Hose Replacement	1,500.00	1,500.00
313	Fire Fighters	4,450.00	4,450.00
322	Building Insp.	575.00	575.00
323	Assist Bal. brt. fwd.	5.00	5.00
324	Expense	266.50	266.50
	Board of Appeals		
	Balance brt. fwd.	10.00	10.00
334	Expense		
	Postage	13.00	
	Adv.	10.95	
	Dues	15.00	38.95

344	Bldg. Board of Appeals	—	—
354	Moth	—	—
365	Dutch Elm	—	—
374	Trees		
	Labor	337.00	
	Outside Eq. & Labor	1,497.00	
	Maint.	4,487.00	1,878.87
	Dog Officer		
382	Salary	900.00	900.00
	Care & Custody	814.89	814.89
385	Kennel Rental	720.00	720.00
394	Civil Defense		
	Misc. Equip.	102.00	102.00
402	Insp. Wires Bal. Held	350.00	350.00
	Insp. Wires	350.00	350.00
403	Assistant	50.00	50.00
	Expense Bal. Held	24.00	24.00
404	Expenses	18.00	18.00
	Communication Center		
412	Salaries	21,960.00	21,960.00
	Expense Bal. Held	58.61	58.61
414	Expenses		
	Office Expense	60.02	
	Telephone	973.88	
	Signs	50.00	1,083.90
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY			<hr/> \$97,924.74

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health

441	Board Salary	\$150.00	\$150.00
444	Expense		
	Office Expense	21.29	
	Extra Rubbish Removal	50.00	71.29
	Sanitary Insp. Bal. Held	250.00	250.00
472	Sanitary Insp. Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00
482	Gas & Plumbing		
	Insp. Salary	374.00	374.00
502	Insp. Animal Salary	115.00	115.00
503	Assistant	50.00	50.00
534	W.H.H. Care	786.50	786.50
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH			<hr/> \$4,796.79

HIGHWAY & OTHER

Wage Account

Vacation & Sick Leave	\$5,872.17	
Water	9,497.46	
Highway	37,287.17	
Snow	20,671.17	
Cemetery	743.70	74,071.67
Highway Equipment	14,794.00	14,794.00
Town Garage		
Bal. Held	41.20	41.20
Expense		
Town Garage	2,049.07	
Street Sweeping	1,782.50	
Catch Basins	1,392.50	
Signs	448.58	
Salt	5,076.10	
Sand—Oil & Ice	3,030.30	

	Patch	2,454.21	
	Asphalt & Tar	8,999.88	
	Gravel & Stone	2,149.60	
	Drain Pipe	3,020.54	
	Eq. Maint & Oper.	17,715.54	
	General	1,278.08	49,396.90
	Chap 765 State		
	Labor	699.48	
	Materials	18,757.51	19,456.99
	765 Town Share		
	Materials	5,899.50	5,899.50
584	Chap. 90 Imp.		
	Bal. Held		
	Materials & Lease of Eq.	1,035.45	1,035.45
	Camp St. Bal. Held		
	Materials	7,067.67	7,067.67
	Snow Plow	1,985.00	1,985.00
	Street Lights	12,600.00	12,600.00
	Land Taking	340.08	340.08
		250.00	250.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS			<hr/> \$186,938.46

VETERANS SERVICES

722	Agents Salary	\$350.00	\$350.00
724	Expenses	201.18	201.18
726	Aid	2,630.51	2,630.51
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES			<hr/> \$3,181.69

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

SCHEDULE A

741	School Committee		
	Salaries	\$625.00	\$625.00

744 Paxton Center School	
School Committee	1,286.25
Supt. Office	15,123.99
Instruction	
Principles Office	28,760.82
Teachers Salaries	490,404.23
Audubon and Field Trips	2,502.00
Supplies	15,933.43
Other Expense	2,929.71
Textbooks	3,628.55
Library	10,533.59
Audio Visual	519.96
Guidance	3,383.93
Educational T.V.	—
Other School Services	
Health Services	6,763.88
Transportation	32,419.75
Food Services	6,135.94
Student Activities	3,034.59
Operation & Maint.	
Salaries	39,954.85
Supplies	3,040.17
Other Expense	300.00
Heating Buildings	23,735.59
Utilities	14,922.47
Maintenance	13,808.29
Renovations & Furnish	20,173.66
New Construction	5,000.00
Fixed Charges	418.35
Community Services	883.27
Fixed Assets	5,645.09
Programs with Others	11,949.32
 SCHEDULE A TOTAL	 \$763,191.68

SCHEDULE B

Instruction

Teaching Salaries	\$15,208.88
Secretarial Services	—
Supplies	806.35
Other Expense	160.55
Guidance	8,798.72
Psychological Services	1,639.86
Other School Services	
Transportation	4,389.49
Programs with Others	23,668.89

SCHEDULE B TOTAL

\$54,672.74

	School Pl. 0-6 Bal. Brt. fwd.	13.50	
	School Rec. Acct.	547.68	547.68
	School Title 4	862.50	862.50
755	School Lunch		
	Salaries	16,920.95	
	Expenses	27,231.18	44,152.13
	Renovation Kitchen		
	Bal. Brt. fwd.	154.65	154.65
754	Wachusett Regional		
	Assessment	374,723.01	374,723.01

LIBRARY

762	Librarian	6,738.00	6,738.00
763	Other Comp.	6,644.20	6,644.20
764	Expense		
	Petty Cash	100.00	
	Telephone	215.46	
	Office Expense	710.78	
	Fuel	592.45	
	Maint.	568.13	
	Education	95.00	

Books, Mag. & Records	3,828.03	
Misc.	44.00	6,700.14
State Aid	1,252.57	1,252.57
Special Grant	1,619.66	1,619.66

TOTAL SCHOOLS OND LIBRARY \$1,261,897.46

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

772	Compensation	\$10,157.81	\$10,157.81
	Expense Held Over	262.43	262.43
774	Expense		
	Chemicals	627.20	
	Pool Maint.	130.25	
	Area Maint.	101.91	
	Supplies	330.45	
	Utilities	545.82	
	Equip. Oper.	56.13	
	Resurface	775.00	
	Baseball		
	Consultant	1,250.00	3,816.76
	Equip. Bal. Held	204.81	204.81
775	Equipment		
	Misc. Items	110.39	110.39
	Events Bal. Held	105.00	105.00
776	Events	1,151.76	1,151.76
	Art. #1 Fence Bal. Held	62.28	62.28
	Celebrations		
784	July 4th Expense	261.84	261.84
	Memorial Day Expense	500.00	500.00
	Unclassified		
814	Town Reports	2,281.70	2,281.70
834	Ins. & Bonds	26,629.36	26,629.36
844	Town Emp. Ins.	19,182.48	19,182.48

Town Clock

	Salary—Care of Bal. brt. fwd.	30.00	30.00
852	Salary	60.00	60.00
854	Expense	151.12	151.12
864	Town Common Exp.	—	—
	Conservation		
872	Clerk	200.00	200.00
	Expense Bal. brt. fwd.	74.28	74.28
874	Expense	259.24	259.24
877	Appraisals	—	—
	Art. #12 Cons. Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Local Growth Policy Comm.	8.00	8.00
904	Central Reg. Planning	485.03	485.03
	Capital Outlay Comm.		
914	Expense	—	—
924	Cert. of Notes & Bonds	10.00	10.00
	Historical Comm.		
	1776 Expense	—	—
957	Council on Aging	1,999.96	1,999.96
	Bi Centennial Comm.		
	Revolving Acct.	2,683.96	2,683.96
	Parade Sub Comm.	1,360.00	1,360.00
	Comm. Bal. brt. fwd.	82.00	82.00
958	Comm. Expense	359.62	359.62

TOTAL RECREATION &

UNCLASSIFIED

\$75,989.83

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Paxton Electric Lt. Dept.

Salaries 68,571.39

	Exp. & Operation	560,921.61	
	Int. Temp. Loan	2,279.61	
	Temp. Loan	125,000.00	
	Payment to Town on Bldg.	10,335.00	767,107.61
	Substation	219,213.29	219,213.29
	Payment on Bldg. by Town	10,335.00	10,335.00
Water Dept.			
	Comm. Salaries Bal. brt. fwd.	225.00	225.00
961	Comm. Salaries	225.00	225.00
963	Compensation	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Exp. Bal. Brt. fwd.	1,004.70	1,004.70
964	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	583.15	
	Lts. Power	5,637.10	
	Gas & Rental	236.05	
	Chemicals	825.31	
	Maint. & Oper.	1,337.92	
	Telephone Control	181.82	
	Dues	10.00	
	Worcester Water Used	44.45	8,855.80
	Water Stock & Supplies		
	Pipe—Valves etc.	4,378.44	
	Meters & Repair	2,641.85	
	Hydrant	348.71	7,369.00
	Standpipe		
	Bal. Brt. fwd.	160,956.06	160,956.06
	Water Extension	4,185.75	4,185.75
Cemeteries			
974	Expense & Operations		
	Supt.	500.00	
	Labor	1,871.03	
	Equipment	18.50	
	Street Signs	61.50	
	Misc. Supplies	66.34	

Office Expense	9.15	
Eq. Rental	4.00	
Lawn Mower	84.88	
Mapping	15.00	2,630.40

TOTAL ENTERPRISES &
CEMETERIES

\$1,184,407.61

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

Maturing Debt	\$98,000.00	\$98,000.00
Interest	17,520.21	17,520.21
Highway Temp. Loan	25,157.00	25,157.00
Temp. Loan		
Standpipe	309,000.00	309,000.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$3,697,699.83
CASH ON HAND		482,016.50

\$4,179,716.33

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash		\$482,016.50
Accounts Receivables		
Taxes		
Real Estate Levy	76F	47,915.30
	75F	281.04
Personal Property	76F	109.16
	75F	10.65
	74-6 mo.	10.80
Farm Animal		25.50
Motor Vehicle	76	50,163.29
	75	3,241.81
	74	476.03
Tax Title Property		53,881.13
Tax Title Possessions		17,317.11
Paxton Municipal Light Dept.		605.34
Rates		2,171.95
Water Dept. Rates		3,422.13
Water Liens		539.40
Employees Ins. Direct Pay		
Accounts Receivable		323.80
State 75F Chap. 90 Imp.		4,257.00
State 76F Chap. 765		19,457.00
County 75F Chap. 90 Imp.		1,800.00
State Parks 76F Underestimated		164.20

LIABILITIES

RESERVES

Treas. Tailings	\$4.59
Paxton Municipal Lt. Deprec.	82,031.94
Water, Inst. & Repairs	48.18
Dog Lic. Coll. for Cty.	2.65
Payroll deductions w/h	7,828.38
Appropriation Bal. carried forward	53,996.22
Water Dept. Guaranteed Deposit	50.00
Standpipe Construction	17,888.57
Extensions	814.25
Highway Machinery Rental	14,976.46
School Revolving Acct.	807.32
School Title III	1,511.16
School Title IV	322.46
School Lunch	5,163.07
School Const. Loan Balance	5,114.77
E. D. Bigelow Fund	324.65
Hazel Gay Awards—School	4.01
Library State Aid	504.11
Library Special Grant	125.34
Dog Fund Reimb. to Library	408.57
Library State Aid Held for Approp.	1,399.13
Library Interest Income	742.81
Recreation Held for Approp.	3,049.24
Cemetery	
Interest Income	3,689.67
Cemetery P/C	211.70

		BiCent. Revolving and Parade Acct.	1,184.09
		Retainers	2,615.25
		Overestimates	
		C. Mass. Air Pollution	1.87
		County	7,099.80
		State Assessments	2,375.00
		Loan P.E.L. authorized	340,000.00
		Authorized & Unissued	340,000.00
		Highway Temp. Loans	19,457.00
		Revenue Res. until collected	78,602.68
		Overlay 75F	19,794.19
		Overlay Surplus Reserve	37,132.85
		Surplus Revenue	267,216.59
Overlay 76F	2,190.56		
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			\$636,216.59
Revenue	Budget	Budget	-Approp. Control
		Articles	-Approp. Control
E&D to Lower Tax Rate	20,000.00	Revenue 77F to Lower Tax Rate	20,000.00

REVENUE SHARING

Cash	\$41,539.86	
Revenue	2,279.00	
Treasurer-Interest		5,445.86
Fire Truck		37,373.00
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	\$42,818.86	\$42,818.86

TRUST & INVESTMENTS

July 1, 1975-June 30, 1976

\$247,884.35

D. R. Boynton Charity Fund	\$2,872.65
E. D. Boynton School Fund	1,000.00
Hazel M. Gay School Awards	100.00
E. D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,429.18
G. E. Bigelow	505.15
Richards Mem. Library Fund	1,668.87
Richards Memorial Library	32,617.99
E. D. Bigelow V2F	1,180.70
Cemetery P/C	46,980.14
Post War Rehabilitation	2,157.87
Conservation	5,089.03
Stabilization	71,256.32
C. D. Boynton fund Gen. Purpose	13,458.23
Richards Mem. Library Trust	46,568.22

Maturing Debts

Net Funded and Fixed Debts

\$1,043,000.00

	\$247,884.35
Fire Station	13,000.00
Schools	302,000.00
Water P. Station	7,000.00
Water Mains	65,000.00
Standpipe	309,000.00
P.E.L. sub Station	97,000.00
P.E.L. Mil No. 2	97,000.00

 \$1,043,000.00

YVONNE B. KARLE, Town Accountant

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
Town of Paxton



FOR THE
Year Ending June 30, 1976

Report of the School Committee

Our first responsibility for the fiscal year 1975-76 began with the appointment of two school committee members to serve on the Planning and Building Needs Study Committee. The prime responsibility of this committee was to determine and supervise the necessary structural change and/or needed renovation to further strengthen the present school program. Through the efforts of this committee and a vote of the town, the conversion of otherwise wasted space was transformed into areas more functional. We compliment the members of this committee and express our appreciation to them for their efforts in achieving their mandate.

To become more informed on issues relating to education, school committee members have attended several meetings in the immediate area. In October, 1975, three members attended the MASC Annual Conference in Hyannis. In addition, several letters have been sent to our state and local legislators informing them of the position of the Paxton School Committee regarding pending legislation.

The Superintendent's office presented twelve additional job descriptions to the school committee for approval this year. They include: Cafeteria Manager, Head Custodian, Learning Disability Teacher, Learning Disability Tutor, Cafeteria Monitor, Music Teacher, School Nurse, Recording Secretary to the School Committee, Substitute Teacher, Teacher's Aide, Playground Monitor, and Teacher Assistant-Kindergarten. The Committee hopes to complete the remaining job descriptions within the next fiscal period.

Because Mr. McManus was on an extended sick leave when school opened in September, Mr. Lane was appointed acting principal, and Mr. Koski, social studies teacher, was appointed acting assistant principal for the school year 1975-76. In February Mr. McManus retired after serving as principal since 1960. The School Committee wishes him well in his retirement.

In April the position of principal was advertised, and over one hundred applications were received. School Committee members reviewed the resumes at the Superintendent's office. After careful screening and interviewing by the Superintendent's office, six qualified candidates were interviewed by the School Committee. Mr. Edmund Chmielewski was recommended by the Administration and unanimously voted by the School Committee to be Principal of Paxton Center School on June 29th.

Enrollment figures dropped for the second consecutive year. This decrease made it necessary to eliminate one teaching position and provided an extra room in the 'white building' which was utilized for a learning center.

Several new people were hired for the opening of school. Constance Garvey was appointed full time librarian. Her responsibilities involved organizing the library materials, scheduling of classes for use of the library and teaching students basic library skills. In our opinion, the job has been handled in an excellent manner, and the library is running smoothly. Under the coordination of Mrs. Barbara East, the library volunteer aide program has continued. We express our thanks to her and all who have contributed their time and talents to this very worthwhile program.

Mrs. Tidman was hired to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Learning Disability Teacher. On the recommendation of the Administration and the Learning Disability Teacher, Betsy Rutter, a Learning Disability Tutor, was hired for the Junior High Students. We feel this added position has enhanced the program and has been a great benefit for the students.

In addition to attending regularly scheduled bimonthly School Committee meetings, members have kept in close contact with various school and town committees pertaining to school related issues. It has continued to be the policy of the

Committee to work closely with the Finance Committee. During the budget sessions representatives from the Finance Committee were in attendance at meetings, providing the link for improved understanding of budgetary procedures.

Contract negotiations between the Paxton Teachers' Association and the School Committee began in November with representatives of each group meeting through May. On May 25th the School Committee ratified a two year contract with a one year wage and sabbatical leave reopening clause. The Teachers' ratification and signing of the contract followed in June.

In November Paxton applied for funds from the National Defense Education Act, known as NDEA Title III, for an Outdoor Classroom program. In February the project was approved and funding allocated for purchase of equipment for implementation of this new program. We feel environmental literacy is a basic component of modern responsible citizenship. By using the local community as textbook and laboratory, the teaching staff will be able to present to the students materials and ideas that are exciting to explore in a changing world. The school is very fortunate to have the support of several Town Committees for this project, and our sincere appreciation is expressed to them.

In February, through the cooperation of the Worcester County Extension Service, N. E. Dairy Council, our Cafeteria Manager, School Nurse, a Staff Member and a local 4-H'er, a nutrition awareness curriculum was presented to the 4th and 5th grade classes. In addition, two parent programs were provided to inform parents and to focus on the need for cooperation between home and school in the area of nutrition.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee continued to evaluate and make recommendations concerning six goals. A representative from the School Committee attends these meetings the first Wednesday of each month. O report on the second

goal, 'Respect for Self and Others' was presented to the School Committee and the School Staff. A report on Curriculum is nearing completion with much information coming from staff members who were invited to make presentations on programs currently used in the school.

The School Committee wishes to acknowledge the active participation of the Paxton Parent Teacher Organization this school year. The P.T.O. provided enrichment for the children by sponsoring activities and events which brought the community together.

The Student Council was an active committee this year with the school guidance director as advisor. Besides having officers report to the school committee at their April meeting, the Council submitted a year end report with highlights of the year's activities.

In May, with the cooperation of the Selectmen and School Committee, federal funds were obtained to hire three men under the federal program referred to as CETA. This program is designed to hire unemployed local people and place them in specific programs which benefit the town. The rebuilding of the school athletic field is among one of the major projects undertaken by the men employed under this program.

The School Safety Committee continued its work on programs and safety measures for the school. A major step was the establishment of an Evacuation Procedure Book where all rules and procedures are explained for any fire, hurricane, tornado, etc. Copies were sent to the school committees in the other towns of Union 64. A system for accounting for all students during school evacuations was implemented. We thank the people from the school, the Fire Department, and the Police Department who comprise this committee for a job well done.

The School Traffic Safety Committee planned assemblies with the Administration, including programs on bus, bicycle, and snowmobile safety measures. The bus contractor helped to coordinate a 'bus evacuation drill' for all students. Plans for the 1976-77 school year are to have one safety committee for the school.

Paxton's new science curriculum, K-6, will be implemented in September, 1976. **Science, A Process Approach (SAPA)** is a curriculum which will benefit the whole school program for the children of Paxton. SAPA is entirely metric and provides the opportunity for language usage in the sense that the students must express their discoveries clearly. To ensure the success of this program, the School Committee is providing a workshop course for teachers. Taught by a SAPA expert, the course is being held in Paxton Center School, and anyone interested in sitting in on a workshop may do so by first contacting the Administration for details.

With our new leadership and programs in the School, we are looking forward to an enthusiastic approach to education in Paxton. Everyone is welcome to attend the School Committee meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Paxton Center School.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman
PHILIP C. McCARTHY, Vice Chairman
KATHRYN KINGSBURY, Secretary
GAIL TRACY
BARBARA BERKA

Paxton School Directory

1976

School Committee

Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 1977
Mr. Philip McCarthy, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1975
Kathryn Kinksbury, Secretary	Term Expires 1978
Mrs. Gail J. Tracy	Term Expires 1979
Barbara Berka	Term Expires 1979

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
Retired June, 1974	
Mrs. Barbara A. Gaffney	Secretary
Mrs. Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting
Mrs. Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mrs. Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist
Mrs. Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting

Instructional Staff

Edmond Chmeilewski	Principal
Richard M. Lane	Acting Principal
Mrs. Mary M. Donahue	VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	VI-VIII
Mrs. Lois Kahn	VI-VIII
John J. Koski, Jr.	Acting Assistant Principal
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
Judy Russell	Title I & Junior High
Cynthia Owinn	French
Mrs. Mary L. Bogren	IV
Mary Larsen*	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 (maternity leave)	II-III
Miss Evelyn M. Bass	I
Mrs. Maryann O. Morin	K
Mrs. Jean T. Sheary	I
Mrs. Ann R. Matzell	I
Mrs. Helene C. MacLeod	Head Teacher-Transition
Mrs. Judith T. Martin	Transition
Mrs. Mary F. Williams	Transition
Mrs. Carol Lyons	Art
Mrs. Geraldine F. Collins (maternity leave)	French
Charles T. Gruszka*	Guidance
Mrs. Sylvia Caswell	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music
Mrs. Jennifer Weininger*	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Mrs. Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman*	Learning Disabilities
Betsy Rutter*	Learning Disabilities Tutor
Paula Clifford	1 yr. permanent substitute
Michele Daradis	1 yr. permanent substitute
* New Teachers	
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
Connie Garvey	Library Clerk
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Robert Russell	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Custodian
Doreen Chagnon	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contractor
Ronald Ducharme	Part Time Custodian

ENROLLMENTS — OCTOBER 1, 1975

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Wachusett Regional School District

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

JUNE 30, 1976

Assets

Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$100.00
Cash (Including savings accts.)	357,945.95	367,656.67
Accounts Receivable (Commonwealth of Mass.)	1,047.99	0
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	\$359,043.94	\$367,756.67

Liabilities

Payroll Withholding	\$16,990.75	\$6,019.41
Federal Grants	23,198.52	15,194.46
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	31,243.80	34,356.93
Accounts Payable (1)	60,500.00	128,520.08
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	\$131,933.07	\$184,090.88

Reserve

Contingency Maintenance	\$31,116.01	\$31,116.01
Building Fund	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00	100.00
Surplus	185,740.55	142,245.47
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	227,110.87	183,665.79
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	\$359,043.94	\$367,756.67

- (1) Composed of individual items previously approved for expenditure.

12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1976

Income

Assessments fr. Member Towns	\$2,449,170.00	
State and Federal Revenues	854,272.97	
Other Revenue	131,695.72	
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		\$3,435,138.69

Transfer from Surplus

To Reduce Assessments	\$100,000.00	
To Cover Individual Unbudgeted Appropriations	60,000.00	
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		160,000.00

AVAILABILITY

\$3,595,138.69

Expense

Operating Expense	\$3,418,810.85
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NET EXCESS

\$176,327.84

JUNE 30, 1976

	12 Months to 6/30/75	12 Months to 6/30/76
Beginning Surplus	\$300,011.42	\$185,740.55
Add:		
Blue Cross Experience Rebate (Prior Period)	5,125.00	7,888.00
Audit Reclassifications	—	1,968.24
Budget Cut	—	25,000.00
Net Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures	183,164.47	176,327.84
Miscellaneous Payments	5,673.43	1,084.66
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AVAILABILITY	493,974.32	398,009.29

Less:

Expenditures Budgeted		
in Prior Period	60,500.00	128,520.08
Audit Reclassifications	2,542.06	1,058.62
Surplus Applied to		
Reduced Assessments	144,000.00	100,000.00
Surplus Applied to Ind.		
Unbudgeted Appropriations	90,165.07	24,500.00
Child Study Aide Salary	1,500.00	—
Miscellaneous Payments	9,526.64	1,685.12
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CLOSING SURPLUS	\$185,740.55	\$142,245.47

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD W. MOORE, Treasurer

Report of the Principal

Wachusett Regional School District

Paxton's new town report format gives me the unique opportunity to look both backwards at the 1975-76 school year, and forward to 1976-77. The year just ended, although still too fresh to assess with great objectivity, was, in my mind, a turning point in Wachusett's history. It was a year that, beyond all else, exposed the very serious space limitations of our present plant. After years of innovation to overcome space problems—partitioning classrooms, developing outreach programs, establishing a superb outdoor physical education program, allowing early release to juniors and seniors, extending the academic day from six to seven periods, etc.—we had to face the facts that innovations were no longer readily possible given the limitation of space, and that a building program here at Wachusett, or construction of a

second high school in the region, were not in the immediate future. There was for the first time a frustration shown by staff and students caused, I believe, by the lack of space and the necessity of "herding" young people into an undersized cafeteria for lunches with population 550 to better than 700, and having to run study halls of between 75 and 200 every period of the day, in the auditorium and cafeteria. With less opportunity to "make-do" and "redo" existing spaces, there was less opportunity to extend or update the curriculum. Much of last year was spent in confronting the psychological and physical realities of these problems.

On the very plus side, academic achievement, as measured by graduation numbers and by acceptances to colleges, was not affected. Of the 467 members of the Class of 1976, 202 (43%) are set to attend four-year colleges; 63 (14%) will enter two-year schools this fall; 37 (8%) are enrolled in business and technical schools and 7 (2%) will pursue nursing careers—a total of 309 (66%) will therefore be continuing their formal education. Of the remainder, 18 (4%) have entered the armed forces and 135 (29%) plan to work. Six students in this class completed graduation requirements in three years, 52 in 3½ years, and two attended Quinsigamond College to fulfill senior year requirements.

In addition to the statistical proof of continued academic achievement, we continued to make great strides this year in many vocational areas (Child Study, Health Services, Graphic Arts), within our music department, with the CORE program, in the area of learning disabilities, and in many other areas of school life.

The upcoming year will be a year of challenges—to continue to provide quality education in an undersized plant, to vamp and revitalize the student disciplinary code to reflect the need for more student responsibility and concomitant supervisory functions, to continue to update our curriculum offerings, to name just a few. One of our major concerns in

1976-77 will be a thorough faculty study of competency requirements for graduation. Faced with declining college board scores nationwide, and the so-called "back-to-basics" groundswell in education, we plan to look long and hard at what contributions we at Wachusett have been making, are continuing to make, and can make in the future.

All-in-all—when everything is considered—I look forward to 1976-77 with excitement, enthusiasm, and great hope. In all sincerity I would offer an invitation to all citizens of Paxton to get involved with their high school. Our doors are open and we pledge always to be receptive to all ideas. We are proud of the traditions of Wachusett and are committed to a future of continuing achievement.

HAROLD M. LANE, JR., Principal

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

It does not seem presumptuous to look back on this year with pride. Surely it has been one of the most difficult years, for your committee, in recent years. In spite of adversities, however, we have continued to upgrade and expand many of the programs which have contributed to making Wachusett the truly fine comprehensive, secondary school which it is today. There has been improvement in every department due to the dedicated efforts of the department heads and staff. New programs such as the one in Special Education were, in part, responsible for this sense of accomplishment.

Mindful of the fact that all of this is the responsibility of the committee, we never-the-less are proud of our ability to meet these responsibilities in a year in which we found

ourselves financially strangled. Overcrowding has continued to plague us with no easy solution in sight. Due to the fiscal problems of the state, that aid, which we find so necessary, was not forthcoming. It may be several years before we can again depend upon its financial assistance to any building. With this in mind, a special subcommittee has been formed to carefully explore means of solving our severe space problems without state aid. Though a reasonable solution to the overcrowding of all our facilities, especially the cafeteria and auditorium, is not yet in sight, this continues to be one of our major concerns.

It was a unified committee that spent seemingly endless hours working to control a budget ridden with higher costs in every column. This was successfully accomplished when we were able to arrive at a total budget which was only slightly over three percent higher than last year's. We did this without making any serious cutbacks in our educational programs, and in many instances we were able to make important improvements.

Continuing efforts are being made to find an equitable solution to the "one man, one vote" rule. We are extremely grateful to Howard Greis for the time and effort he has put forth and is continuing to put forth on behalf of the committee toward this end.

As any school is only as successful as the people it serves make it, Wachusett may well be proud of its administrative staff, its faculty, the many volunteers and supportive staff, but most importantly, the students themselves, whose spirit and enthusiasm make all efforts worthwhile.

The Wachusett Regional School District Committee, no matter what format it may be forced to assume, will endeavor to search for solutions to its many problems and to see to it that a quality education is provided at a reasonable cost.

JAMES F. LELAND, Chmn.	STUART L. JOHNSON
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ROBERT C. DONOGHUE	DONALD F. KAMINSKI
JOHN P. DUFAULT	PHILIP C. McCARTHY
BURTON H. FISKE	HOWARD W. MOORE
JOHN H. GOEWEY	FRANK C. PIZZIFERRI
HOWARD A. GREIS	TESS SULLIVAN-DALY

Wachusett Regional School District Superintendent's Report

Your committee chairman and principal have reported on the critical overcrowding at Wachusett; it is truly our major item of concern, but we will not belabor the point. Our second concern is the 1 man-1 vote principle. There appears to be general agreement that the makeup of the Wachusett Regional School Committee runs counter to that principle. The largest town has eight times the population of the smallest town, yet it has only one-and-one-half the voting power on the Committee (3 members to 2 members). On the other hand, there appears to be less consensus on whether to eliminate the veto power held by each of the towns over borrowing by the regional district (new construction). Thirty voters in the smallest town (whose town meeting quorum is about 60) could veto a proposal for borrowing. It appears unfair to have 30 people able to stop new construction which is favored by a majority of voters in the remaining four towns. However, the other side of the story is critical in a district which does not itself tax the five towns, but merely assesses the towns according to the number of students attending the school, and lets each town tax whatever tax base it has to raise the funds to meet that assessment. The other side of the story is that, if approval of borrowing were to be voted on an at-large regional district basis, four towns could possibly vote a fifth town, with many students but a meagre tax base, into bankruptcy. These issues of governance are com-

plex. Most citizens need to wrestle with them awhile before they "sink in". We urge the citizenry to confer at length with regional school committee members and other town officials on the subject.

The region now has over 2,000 students in grades 9-12. Gradual increase is expected into the early 80's. We have advocated decentralization, the starting of a second school at a different site in order to limit the number of students at any one site to about 1,500, and also in order to prepare for the more distant day when the region may be split into two or more two-town or three-town regions. Decentralization would be easier to sell if we were expanding rapidly and could project another thousand students within a three-to-five year period. But gradual expansion makes the decision to build a second boiler room and get started somewhere else most difficult . . . a very expensive decision at the time, especially when compared to "another addition".

We sincerely hope that the current debate over the one-man, one-vote, issue, may spark considerable long-range thinking about public secondary education for our five towns, and that our citizenry can take some further long range, albeit difficult, steps.

We would hasten to point out that despite our nagging problems outlined above, Wachusett retains its excellent reputation in academic studies, and Wachusett is making modest gains in its programs preparing for specific occupational skills. Its faculty is top-notch.

We most sincerely thank the citizens; their representatives who serve increasingly long hours in an arena rapidly filling with paperwork, regulations, negotiations, and the like; the faculty and staff, a great majority of which has chosen service to students over "work rules"; and the student body which contrary to the highly publicized antics of the few (and perhaps contrary to what most of our genera-

tion expects of people so scruffily dressed) . . . generally displays an attitude of consideration, responsibility, candor, and genial good-will. Perhaps this latter group provides the greatest satisfaction in a career in education.

A large number of students, like their parents, in 1976, show a decided disinclination to do anything that they "dowanna". Citizens are asking that their schools go back to basics, that they teach better the basic arithmetic, grammar, and writing skills which have been conspicuously missing from the work of many of those who call themselves "educated". This schoolman, for one, would respond by turning to parents and to the society at large, and asking that we all resume teaching, in a thousand ways, that responsible citizenship includes doing many things that we "hafta" and that it cannot exclude doing all things that we "dowanna". With this in mind, "basics" might fall into place.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. YAGLOU,
Superintendent of Schools

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TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Town Secretary-Town Accountant

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk

Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Town Collector

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.