

TOWN OF PAXTON

1977-78 ANNUAL REPORT



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**Richards Memorial Library
With New Addition — 1978**

PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dedicated To



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REGINALD J. SMITH

June 28, 1913 to July 23, 1978

"Give us the man," shouts the multitude, "who will step forward and take the responsibility." He is instantly the idol.....the king among men. He, then, who would command among his fellows, must excel them in energy of will and in power of intellect.
from Burnap

Board of Selectmen

November 17, 1975 to July 23, 1978

Chairman

May 12, 1977 to July 23, 1978

Paxton Communications Board

Paxton Recreation Commission

Paxton School Committee

School Union 64

Wachusett Regional High School Committee

In Memoriam

HARRY E. CLARKE
Paxton School Committee

DANIEL F. CRONIN
Board of Registrars
Democratic Committee in Paxton

HATTIE E. CROUCH
Oldest Paxton Resident

DANIEL F. GALDAUCKAS
Paxton Municipal Light Commission

NORMAN H. OSGOOD
Paxton Water Board

M. LAWRENCE PRICE
Paxton Fire Department
Paxton Historical Commission
Paxton Recreation Commission
Paxton School Committee

RICHARD VAN WYCK
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Town Officers for May 1978 to May 1979

Moderator

ROBERT H. HALL

Town Clerk

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Treasurer

DAVID P. FITZPATRICK

Town Collector

JUNE T. HERRON

Constables

WILLIAM O. WYLIE and ROBERT P. SHEEHAN

Tree Warden

RAYMOND A. SEYMOUR

Selectmen

REGINALD J. SMITH (deceased)

Term Expires 1979

EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS, V. Chmn.

& Clerk

Term Expires 1980

NANCY A. SMITH, Chairman

Term Expires 1981

Assessors

ERNEST C. SPRAGUE, Chairman

Term Expires 1979

RICHARD BEDARD

Term Expires 1980

CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE

Term Expires 1981

School Committee

GAIL TRACY, Chairman

Term Expires 1979

BARBARA S. BERKA, V. Chmn.

Term Expires 1979

THOMAS J. CUNNINGHAM

Term Expires 1980

PHILIP C. McCARTHY

Term Expires 1981

BARBARA N. SCARBEAU, Secretary

Term Expires 1981

Municipal Light Board

JOHN J. O'DAY, Chairman

Term Expires 1979

THOMAS F. CUMMINGS, Clerk

Term Expires 1980

BERNARD R. CONTE

Term Expires 1981

Cemetery Commission

CAROLINE L. ISHAM

Term Expires 1979

KATHERINE STANNARD

Term Expires 1980

BETTY PETERSON

Term Expires 1981

Water Board

CHARLES J. SCHOLL	Term Expires 1979
CHARLES J. GLASSBRENNER, Chairman	Term Expires 1980
ROBERT W. THOMPSON	Term Expires 1981

Library Trustees

RALPH KIMBALL	Term Expires 1979
EDITH LAVIGNE	Term Expires 1979
GWEN L. HALL	Term Expires 1980
CHARLES I. INNIS, JR.	Term Expires 1981
ALICE E. NELSON	Term Expires 1981
G. DONALD FENTON	Term Expires 1981

Planning Board

ALVAH W. TRACY	Term Expires 1979
KATHLEEN M. SEARS	Term Expires 1980
JOHN D. ROMMEL	Term Expires 1981
ZARVIN J. KASPARIAN	Term Expires 1982
STEPHEN BIK	Term Expires 1983

Board of Health

O.T. HOLLAND, V. Chmn.	Term Expires 1979
RONALD E. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term Expires 1980
JOHN J. FREY	Term Expires 1981

Recreation

MARIE E. LAWLER, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
PAUL ROBINSON	Term Expires 1980
ROBERT J. BENEDICT	Term Expires 1981
STEPHEN E. HAIR	Term Expires 1982
SYBILLE E. WOLF	Term Expires 1983

Wachusett Regional School Committee

DIANE E. KALLGREN	Term Expires 1978
HOWARD W. MOORE	Term Expires 1979
JAMES F. HAYES	Term Expires 1981

Appointed by the Moderator

Finance Board

RICHARD J. DOWD	Term Expires 1979
JAY SNELL	Term Expires 1979
CHARLES E. STONEHAM	Term Expires 1979
JOHN HODGSON	Term Expires 1980
EUGENE O'ROURKE	Term Expires 1980
MILTON SEBRING	Term Expires 1980
R. NORMAN PETERS	Term Expires 1981
JAMES MELLOR	Term Expires 1981
PAUL BANNON	Term Expires 1981

Capital Outlay
JAMES MELLOR, Finance Board
MILTON SEBRING, Finance Board
KATHLEEN M. SEARS, Planning Board
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE, Assessors
3 Members At Large
LINWOOD ERSKINE
THOMAS P. LaVIGNE
GERALD L. RYAN

Appointed by the Board of Health

Plumbing Inspector
ZIG KOSLOWSKI, 393 Pleasant St., Leicester
Asst. Plumbing Inspector
LAWRENCE ST. MARTIN, 83 Willow Hill St., Leicester
Sanitary Inspector
JAMES A. LASHBROOK
Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
FRANK URBANOVITCH
ROBERT J. MORTELL & JAMES S. NANOF, Assts.
Burial Agent
YVONNE B. KARLE
Rubbish Collection
LEONARD P. MARTONE, Barre, MA

Appointed by the Selectmen

Executive Secretary to the Selectmen

PAMELA G. McDONALD Term Expires 1979

Board of Appeals

ALLEN RUBIN Term Expires 1979

JAMES LAWSON Term Expires 1980

TIMOTHEOS M. THOUTSIS Term Expires 1981

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST Term Expires 1982

ROBERT F. DILLMAN Term Expires 1983

DONALD T. LUNDQUIST, Assoc.	Term Expires 1979
LEONARD CHIRCHIGNO, Assoc.	Term Expires 1980
DAVID L. BENNETT, Assoc.	Term Expires 1981

Care of Clock

ALAN M. WENTWORTH

Dog Officers

JAMES S. NANOF and ROBERT J. MORTELL

Superintendent of Streets

ROBERT S. HANSSON

Town Secretary

YVONNE B. KARLE

Veteran's Agent

WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST

Inspector of Wires

WARREN P. LEDERER

AMBROSE TOWER, Assistant

Building Inspector

ROLAND ANDERSON, Donnelly Road, Spencer

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

HAROLD L. SMITH	Term Expires 1979
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Board of Registrars

JOSEPHINE BLOOD	Term Expires 1979
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DANIEL F. CRONIN (deceased)

Term Expires 1980

PATRICIA RANTA

Term Expires 1981

Town Counsel

PAUL REVERE O'CONNELL, SR.

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 1980

Civil Defense

ROBERT HANSSON, Dir.

Term Expires 1979

GERARD BERNIER, Asst.

Term Expires 1979

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

LESLIE E. ROBINSON

Term Expires 1979

Veteran's Graves Officer

DONALD G. WYMAN

Term Expires 1979

Police Department

ROBERT P. SHEEHAN — Chief and full time police officer

KENNETH W. HENDERSON — full time officer

**FRANCIS M. WHITNEY — full time officer and
School Safety Officer**

Regular Police Officers

RALPH B. BUTLAND	WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
RAYMOND F. KIRWIN	KEVIN P. McDONALD
ROBERT T. WRENN	HAROLD L. SMITH
ROBERT F. DILLMAN, JR.	ROBERT NANOF

Reserve Police Officers

ROBERT F. DILLMAN	ROBERT B. LOVE
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Special Police Officers

AMBROSE TOWER — Paxton Center School

GERARD BERNIER — Paxton Center School

Conservation

PETER SIEMEN, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
ROBERT STEWART	Term Expires 1979
CATHERINE HODGSON	Term Expires 1980
SUSAN CORCORAN, Clerk	Term Expires 1980
JEAN ROMMEL	Term Expires 1980
CHARLES INNIS	Term Expires 1981
FRANK RANTA	Term Expires 1981
JANICE STEWART,	Associate Member
Group Insurance Advisory Committee	
CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE	ROBERT S. HANSSON
GWEN HALL	MARY ANN MORIN
REGINALD SMITH (deceased)	

School Needs Study Committee

KATHRYN KINGSBURY	Term Expires 1979
WILLIAM O. WYLIE	Term Expires 1979
STUART ROBINSON	Term Expires 1980
MARGARET LOWE	Term Expires 1980
KATHERINE STANNARD	Term Expires 1980
BARBARA SCARBEAU	Term Expires 1981
MILTON SEBRING	Term Expires 1981

Agents for License Commissioners

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

ZARVIN KASPARIAN, Alternate	STEPHEN BIK
ALVAH TRACY, Rep. T.P.A.G.	

Advisory Committee for Master Plan

NANCY A. SMITH — Select Board

JAY SNELL — Finance Board

ROBERT S. HANSSON — Superintendent of Streets

ALVAH TRACY — Planning Board

SUSAN CORCORAN — Conservation Commission

At Large

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

MRS. ELIZABETH M. RICHARDS

Library Building Committee

CHRISTIAN BAEHRECKE

CHARLES INNIS

VIOLA PRENTICE

LORETTA KRUS

LINWOOD ERSKINE

Historical Commission

MRS. PEGGY ERSKINE

Term Expires 1979

MRS. RUTH WENTWORTH

Term Expires 1979

GEORGE L. McGOVERN

Term Expires 1979

CATHERINE HODGSON

Term Expires 1980

MRS. ETTA ROBINSON

Term Expires 1980

JOSEPH W. SEREMETH

Term Expires 1981

Energy Conservation Committee

REGINALD J. SMITH (deceased)

JOHN J. O'DAY, III

ROBERT HANSSON

SAMUEL STAITI

NANCY A. SMITH

Personnel Advisory Committee

EDWARD SAVICKAS

Term Expires 1979

RICHARD CONNELL

Term Expires 1979

JOSEPH SCHEINFELD

Term Expires 1980

DAVID SJOSTEN, Chairman

Term Expires 1980

FREDERICK H. FRICKA

Term Expires 1981

JAMES LAWSON

Term Expires 1981

Council on Aging

GERTRUDE GOULDING

Term Expires 1979

DENNIS DOWD

Term Expires 1979

LESTER LIER

Term Expires 1979

AUGUSTUS OATLEY

Term Expires 1980

JAMES FARRINGTON

Term Expires 1980

ROLAND HANSON

Term Expires 1981

TIMOTHY DOWD

Term Expires 1981

Communications Board

ROBERT DILLMAN, JR.

CHARLES GLASSBRENNER

HAROLD SMITH, Clerk

ROBERT HANSSON

LESLIE ROBINSON, Chairman

ROBERT STEWART

ROBERT P. SHEEHAN

Housing for the Elderly

GLADYS BERG

PHIL DERBY

GERTRUDE REM GOULDING

AUGUSTUS OATLEY

JOHN HODGSON

Alternates

NANCY A. SMITH

JAMES STONE

DONALD WHITCOMB

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 Mun. Lt.
..... Health Recreation TownBy-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.

Report of the Town Clerk

Vital Statistics—1977

BIRTHS

January

- 8 Kyle Paul, son to Paul F. and Barbara Lee Bateman, 262 Richards Avenue.
- 31 Catherine Mary, daughter to William C. and Elizabeth A. McKenna, 1 Larchwood Road.

February

- 3 William Carl, son to William J. and Lynn W. Connor, 29 Camp St.

March

- 16 Adam Douglass, son to Albert D. and Patricia A. Haddad, 40 Crowningshield Drive.
- 19 Anna Winslow, daughter to Winslow Frazer and Kenner H. Myers, 42 Maple Street.
- 22 Erik David, son to Joseph T. and Valerie A. Scheinfeldt, 16 Knollwood Road.

April

- 28 Jonathan Jared, son to Jared J. and Ruth Ann Golen, 2A Colony Lane.
- 28 Thomas Lawrence, son to John E. and Joan F. Reid, 641 Pleasant St.
- 30 Jennifer Emily, daughter to David E. and Mary Anderson, 139 Grove St.

May

- 12 Ann-Alize Victoria, daughter to Douglas L. and Beverly A. Johnson, 6 Colony Lane.

June

- 6 Benjamin Glidden, son to Daniel G. and Mary J. Pierce, 82 Brigham Road.
- 26 Nathan Alexander, son to Steven W. and Ansley D. Siter, 488 Marshall Street.
- 29 Belinda Catherine, daughter to Garry M. and Maryann Power, 10 Glen Ellen Road.

July

- 11 Daniel Jason, son to Robert Steven and Ronna M. Litvak, 12 Burtenmar Circle
- 20 Matthew Joseph, son to Bruce J. and Aline A. Pennino, 9 Larchwood Road.

- 20 Jason Bruce, son to Bruce J. and Aline A. Pennino, 9 Larchwood Road.
- August**
- 6 Jill Elizabeth, daughter to Gerald A. and Shelley B. Kashuk, 17 Briarcliff Lane.
- 17 Kristy Ellen, daughter to John Roger and Brenda M. Baskis, 104 Pleasant St.
- September**
- 18 Daniel Kevin, son to John K. and Kathleen E. Flynn, 100 Asnebumskit Road.
- 22 Brad Edward, son to Elmer E. and Lucille M. Sallinger, Jr. 320 Pleasant Street.
- October**
- 10 David Paul, son to Richard D. and Debra S. Grensavitch, 88 Laurel St.
- November**
- 9 Kyle Orville, son to Orville G. and Carolyn Sheldon, 5 Elizabeth Lane.
- 16 Patrick Brian, son to Dennis M. and Geraldine F. Collins, 3 Jefferson Drive.
- December**
- 6 Carolyn Ruth, daughter to Henry R. and Diane H. Kennen, III, 242 Pleasant Street.

Marriages—1977

- January**
- 2 Joseph Faler Brotherton of North Carolina to Melinda Jean Moore of North Carolina.
- February**
- 19 William O. Gardiner III of Worcester to Mary A. Byrnes of Paxton.
- 19 Thomas B. Carroll of Paxton to Robin McClane of Centerville.
- March**
- 12 Steven Richard Woodis of No. Brookfield to Mary Jean Ahearn of Paxton.
- 11 Daniel Saraphin Carbonneau of Oxford to Cindy Lou MacDonald of Paxton.
- 12 Kerry E. Snell of Paxton to Charlene R. Clark of Holden.
- 26 Gary T. DeAmbrose of Rutland to Eileen O'Gara of Rutland.

April

- 2 Gerard L. Bernier of Paxton to Kaycee Quinn of Worcester.
- 22 Joseph R. Strong of Rutland to Donna M. Mullaney of Paxton.
- 23 John Arthur Olson of Worcester to Carolyn A. Dunn of Auburn.
- 23 Michael J. Cole of Paxton to Kim M. Messier of Worcester.

May

- 20 Aubrey K. Reid Jr. of Paxton to Dorothy King Austin of Paxton.
- 27 Robert L. Grenier of Shrewsbury to Paula Reid of Paxton.
- 29 Timothy James Stone of Paxton to Kathleen Jaine Adkins of New York.

June

- 11 Douglas C. Anderson of Sutton to Cynthia L. Carlson of Paxton.
- 11 Clifford Allen Parizo of Southington, CT to Sheila Marie Giorgio of Worcester.
- 12 Mark D. Stanikmas of Worcester to Bethanne Stanhope of Paxton.
- 18 John Anthony Bularzik of Watertown to Anne Marie Hayes of Paxton.

June

- 25 Edward E. Hippert Jr. of Paxton to Charlene A. Grandmont of Spencer.

July

- 3 John D. Ambrozewicz of Gardner to Phyllis M. Cosgrove of Gardner.
- 4 Paul Valinski of Paxton to Melanie Nieber of Auburn.
- 17 Michael E. Gentry of Connecticut to Cathy A. Antell of Paxton.
- 24 Tran Dinh Chi of Worcester to Hoang Thi Ly of Worcester.
- 29 Frank D. Riedle of Spencer to Katrina I. Crutcher of Paxton.
- 30 David Simpson Jordan of Connecticut to Joyce Lynn Mannila of Connecticut.

August

- 13 Richard J. Evans of Rutland to Donna A. Ludden of Paxton.

- 19 Kevin P. Grundstrom of Worcester to Patricia A. Ellis of Paxton.
- 20 Walter E. Jones Sr. of East Douglas to Mary Miller of Paxton.
- 27 Frederic D. Shea of Milton to Cynthia V. Ross of Paxton.

September

- 3 Arthur A. Dumas of Connecticut to Audra E. Dedinas of Connecticut.
- 3 Noel O. Hebert of Brimfield to Linda L. Manninen of Paxton.
- 4 Ronald S. Davagian of Paxton to Roberta A. Aldrich-Ames of Taunton.
- 10 Stanley A. Synkoski Jr. of Paxton to Jean A. Waytina of North Brookfield.
- 11 John W. Kirk Jr. of Paxton to Bonnie Stanhope of Paxton.
- 17 Kevin Michael Wood of Worcester to Paulette Laura David of Paxton.

October

- 8 Kevin M. Seymour of Paxton to Deanna L. Chaples of Indian Orchard.
- 16 Arthur Glenn Girardin of Barre to Martha Fitzpatrick of Barre.

November

- 5 Steven B. Kirk of Paxton to Paula McCarthy of Shrewsbury.
- 13 Ronald Ames Siff of Paxton to Barbara Zaleski Saltiel of Worcester.
- 25 Eric H. Wylie of Paxton to Linda Gingras of Paxton.
- 26 Stephen S. Hughes of Paxton to Gail A. Kendrick of Holden.
- 27 Albert Allan Anderson of Paxton to Lieselotte Overvold of Paxton.

DEATHS—1977

January

- 2 Helmer C. Johnson, 6 Crestwood Road 82 years
- 26 John J. Shea, 229 Pleasant Street 59 years

February

- 10 Heather Beth Swirsky, 58 Streeter Road 5 years

20	Thomas P. Cunningham, 109 Pleasant St.	89 years
April		
22	Mary Everleth, 628 Pleasant St.	90 years
May		
31	Floyd W. Church, Pond Street	59 Years
8	Joseph W. Bird, 11 Briarcliff Lane	60 years
13	Dorothy B. Robinson, 43 West Street	62 years
July		
2	Eleanor Louise Isenberg, 4 Woodland Dr.	43 years
19	Frieda E. Darwin, 200 Grove Street	75 years
20	Ruth I. VanWyck, 213 Grove Street	78 years
21	Edla H. Warpula, 143 West Street	85 years
25	Anna Louisa Barclay, 1 Hill Street	75 years
August		
4	Marie Haddadian, 9 Walbridge Road	79 years
September		
2	Jean E. Nicholson, 206 Grove Street	58 years
11	Charles E. Ducharme Sr.	52 years
October		
2	Kenneth E. Wylie	19 years
November		
9	Anele R. Belevick, 5 Pine Street	67 years
11	Orie W. Sherer, 754 Pleasant Street	93 years
December		
4	Daniel F. Galdauckas, 5 Rolling Ridge Lane	44 years
11	William J. Carney, 307 Grove Street	62 years
13	Norman H. Osgood, 2 Colony Lane	58 years

To All Board, 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 1977

Male	190
Female	40
Spayed Female	201
\$10 Kennel	3
\$25 Kennel	1
\$50 Kennel	1
Total Licenses Issued	436
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,362.75

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued In 1977

Total number of licenses issued	172	
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game		\$1,409.50

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held September 13th, 1977

The meeting was held at the Paxton Center School. It was called to order at 7:35 p.m. No tellers were appointed. Moderator declared a quorum present. Moderator did the tallying.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town reduce the appropriation for the Wachusett Regional School District Budget as voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 2, 1977, Page 15 of the proposed FY-78 Budget, Wachusett Regional School District Assessment by the sum of \$33,198.00.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 to be applied to the 1977-78 school committee budget 2000 account.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 4. By-Law referring to Yard, house, garage and-or barn sales.

Motion lost. 27 against and 25 in favor.

Article 5. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase by the Fire Dept., of a portable two-way radio complete with carrying case and battery charger.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 6. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the Uniform Assessment Administration Account of the Board of Assessors, which is specifically to be used for the continuing process of updating and computerizing of real estate records.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held October 6, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Robert Hall at 7:40 P.M. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed were: Robert Fowler and Leslie Robinson.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$243,450.00 to be expended by the Library Building Study Committee which shall hereafter be designated as the Library Building Committee, for the construction, original equipping and landscaping of an addition to the Richards Memorial Library; to authorize the Committee to enter into all Contracts required hereunder; and to meet said appropriation to transfer \$20,000.00 from income accumulated by the Trust under the will of Ellis G. Richards for the benefit of the Richards Memorial Library, and to borrow \$223,450.00 under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44.

2/3 voted required for borrowing. 178 in favor - 29 opposed. Finance Committee recommended approval of this article.

Article 2. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,550.00 by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44 and to authorize the Selectmen to use the proceeds of such appropriation to purchase a parcel of land in the name of the Town from O. Frank Burbank and Marjorie M. Burbank, or their successors in title, being a portion of Parcel No. 1 shown on the "Plan of Property" dated December 28, 1974 recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 409, Plan 12, said parcel being described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone bound in the easterly line of Richards Avenue being the southwesterly corner of said Parcel No. 1.

THENCE north 04 degrees 40' 15" East by the easterly line of Richards Avenue One Hundred (100) feet to a point;

THENCE South 86 degrees 08" East One Hundred Forty (140) feet more or less to a point at land now or formerly of Hatch.

THENCE South 06 degrees 45'' East by said Hatch land One Hundred (100) feet more or less to a point at the southeasterly corner of said Parcel No. 1.

THENCE North 86 degrees 08'' West one hundred forty-nine and sixty-two hundredths feet (149.62) to the point of beginning,

Containing 14,000 square feet of land more or less;

Said premises to be placed in the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the Richards Memorial Library.

Finance Board recommends approval. Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,870.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser, said sum to be transferred from the Revenue Sharing Account.

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Annual Town Meeting Held May 1, 1978 at the Anna Maria College

The Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Moderator, Robert J. Hall. Mr. Hall declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed were: E. N. Clarke, David R. Braley, Lowell V. Arms and Richard H. Sears.

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, 1978, and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (see budget)

Item No.		Recommended 1978-1979
	Moderator	
101	Salary	35
104	Expenses	30
	Selectmen	
111	Salary	1,100
112	Admin. Secretary	2,500
114	Expenses	1,200
115	Equipment	100
	Town Accountant	
122	Salary	3,500
124	Expenses	350
	Town Treasurer	
131	Salary	3,100
132	Additional Hire	1,065
134	Expenses	690
138	Data Processing	1,300
139	Certification of Notes	50
	Town Collector	
141	Salary	3,600
144	Expenses	1,700
145	Equipment . . Maintenance	
	Town Secretary	
152	Salary	4,350

154	Expenses	1,535
	Assessors	
161	Salary	2,800
162	Clerk	1,350
162A	2nd Clerk	900
164	Expenses	1,320
168	Data Processing	800
169	Uniform Assess. Admin.	
	Finance Committee	
172	Secretary	200
173	Statistician	200
174	Expenses	200
	Town Clerk	
181	Salary	1,000
182	Hire	415
182A	Recording Keeping	90
184	Expenses	200
185	Record Storage	210
	Legal	
194	Expenses	6,500
	Elections	
204	Expenses	1,240
	Registrars	
212	Compensation	105
213	Clerk	165
213A	Street List	450
214	Expenses	575
	Planning Board	
222	Clerk	100
224	Expenses	200
226	Printing	500
	Town Hall	
232	Caretaker	1,760
234	Expenses	4,310
236	Repairs	1,200
	Total General Government	52,995

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

	Police Department	
282	Police Chief Salary	14,700
283A	Salary --- Officers	23,240
283	Comp. --- Patrolmen	16,975
284	Expenses	9,300
285	Equipment	75

287	Prisoner's Fees	600
	Fire Department	
302	Officer's Salaries	2,200
303	Firefighter's Comp.	6,000
304	Expenses	7,110
305	Equipment	
305A	Trainings	600
305B	Air Masks	1,775
305C	Base Radio	2,150
305D	Protective Gear	400
310	Hose Replacement	750
	Building Inspector	
322	Salary	1,200
324	Expenses	400
	Board of Appeals	
334	Expenses	300
	Forestry	
354	Moth Destruction	300
364	Dutch Elm Disease	1,200
	Tree Warden	
372	Salary and Hire	1,750
372A	Special Tree Removal	500
375	Equipment	250
	Dog Officer	
382	Salary	1,000
384	Expenses	950
	Civil Defense	
394	Expenses	250
	Inspector of Wires	
402	Salary	750
403	Hire	50
404	Expenses	75
	Central Communication Dispatch	
412	Compensation	23,688
414	Expenses	1,195
	Total Protection of Persons and Property	119,733
	HEALTH AND SANITATION	
	Board of Health	
441	Salary	150
444	Expenses	300
445	Sewage Disposal	600
	Sanitary Engineer	

472	Salary	3,000
	Plumbing Inspector	
482	Compensation	500
	Refuse Collection	
494	Expenses	
495	Contract (Revenue Sharing Funds 42,000)	
	Inspector of Animals	
502	Salary	150
503	Assistant's Compensation	50
	Community Health Care	
534	Expenses	1,300
	Total Health and Sanitation	6,050
	PUBLIC SERVICES	
	Highway Department	
601	Wages	89,808
604	Expenses	
	Town Garage	2,500
	Street Sweeping	1,800
	Catch Basin Cleaning	1,500
	Signs and Posts	500
	Salt	6,000
	Sand for Oil and Ice, etc. (Gravel)	9,000
	Patch	2,500
	Asphalt and Tar	20,000
	Drainage Pipe	4,500
	Equipment Maintenance	16,000
	General Hired Equipment	2,800
606	Town Common	250
607	Highway Materials	2,500
	Total Highway	159,658
	Street Lights	
634	Expenses	15,380
	Landtaking	
674	Expenses	
	Total Public Services	175,038
	VETERAN'S SERVICES	
722	Agent's Salary	400
724	Expenses	250
726	Aid	5,000
	Total Veteran's Services	5,650
	SCHOOLS	
	Paxton Center School	
1000	Administration	21,612

2000	Instruction	647,083
3000	Other School Services	76,849
4000	Operation and Maintenance	116,327
5000	Fixed Charges	388
6000	Community Services	1,250
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	4,902
9000	Programs with Other Schools	45,560
Total Paxton Center School		913,971
Wachusett Regional School District		
	Schedule A - Reg. Day Prog.	3,762,178
	Schedule B - Special Education	459,836
	Schedule C - Adult/Comm. Educ.	24,800
	Schedule E - Occup. Day Prog.	153,407
		4,400,221
	Anticipated Revenue	(1,301,610)
	Surplus Applies	
	Net Assessments to Towns	3,098,611
	Paxton's Share	457,015
	Percentage	14,749
Total Schools - Paxton		1,370,986
Library		
762	Salary - Librarian	8,000
763	Other Compensation	8,350
764	Expenses (11,350-3,500 to be taken from surplus funds)	7,850
Total Library		24,200
Recreation and Celebrations		
772	Recreation - Compensation	13,551
774	Expenses	4,750
775	Equipment	350
776	Recreation Events	
	(See Article 12) (2,646.51 trans. from Rec. Rec.)	3,000
Total Recreation		21,651
Celebrations		
784	Fourth of July	700
824	Memorial Day	800
Total Recreation and Celebrations		23,151
Unclassified		
814	Town Report	3,000
834	Insurance & Bonds	42,900
844	Town Employees Insurance Expense	26,000
Town Clock		
852	Salary	60
854	Expenses	30

	Conservation	
872	Clerk	220
874	Expense	400
877	Appraisals	250
904	Regional Planning	523
914	Capital Outlay Committee	50
956	Reserve Fund	
	(20,000 from overlay surplus to reduce tax rate)	5,000
957	Council on Aging	2,500
1776	Historical Commission	100
Total Unclassified		81,033
	Public Service Enterprise	
	Water Board	
961	Commission Salary	225
963	Other Compensation	2,400
964	Expenses, Stock & Supplies	18,100
965	Water Quality (Testing)	600
966	Engineering Services	500
Total Water Department		21,825
	Cemeteries	
974	No expenditure requested because of income funds.	
	Maturing Notes and Bonds	
318	Fire Station	3,000
748	Paxton Center School	38,000
968	Water Department	
	Pumping Station	1,000
	1972-Main-Pleasant St.	15,000
	New Stand Pipe	17,525
768	Library	20,000
Total maturing Notes and Bonds		
	Interest on Notes and Bonds	94,525
319	Fire Station	48
749	Paxton Center School	6,728
969	Water Department	
	Pumping Station	16
	1972 Main-Pleasant St.	571
	New Standpipe	13,698
769	Library	11,500
999	Temporary Loans	2,000
Total Interest on Notes and Bonds		34,561
Total Notes and Interest		129,086
Grand Total		\$2,009,747.

It was voted that Article No. 2 through 5 and No. 8 and 9 be taken up collectively. Unanimous

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, 1978, 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 \$1,389.75 (1977) 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 voted 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 next succeeding 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 next succeeding 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, holiday and sick leave pay to full time employees of the Highway, Water and Police Departments as follows: (see Warrant).

Article 10. It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A as revised by Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.

Article 11. It was voted that the Town amend its Zoning Bylaw, in order to have it conform to Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 and to include recommended changes, by striking out its present Zoning Bylaw in its entirety and adopting a proposed revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Paxton, designated as Schedule A (attached hereto) dated March, 1978, prepared by the Paxton Planning Board.

Unanimous vote.

Article 12. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,646.51 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 \$7,288.37 to purchase a new 4 wheel drive Pick-up Truck with plow for the Highway and Water Departments and to trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1973 Chevrolet 4 wheel drive truck.

Motion carried.

Article 14. It was voted that the Town borrow the sum of \$38,914.00 (1977 and 1978 allocations), for the construction and/or improvement of West Street and Reservoir Drive, to be reimbursed from the Commonwealth under Chapter 356 Acts of 1978.

Unanimous vote.

Article 15. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,150.00 to set up and operate an emergency medical care system for the Town of Paxton under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 111C.

Motion carried.

Article 16. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for extending water main on South Street.

Motion carried.

Article 17. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 for the payment of charges under contract authorized by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4 for a separate appraisal of taxable property and the preparation of Assessors' maps; and it was determined that the money shall be provided for by taxation.

Motion carried.

Article 18. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of Planning Housing for the Elderly, said committee to consist of five (5) members and to report to the Selectmen.

Motion carried.

Article 19. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,507.00 to purchase and equip a new Police Department vehicle, said vehicle to replace the 1976 Ford Station Wagon, which shall be traded in towards the purchase price of the new vehicle, and the money to come from the stabilization fund.

Motion carried.

Article 20. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$125.00, to cover the cost of out-of-state travel for the Police Chief to attend the Annual New England Police Chiefs meeting to be held in September of 1978.

Motion carried.

Article 21. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on March 30, 1978, of a strip of land along the southerly line of Camp Street, containing 15,861 square feet and being Parcel A as shown on a Plan entitled "Land in Paxton, Mass. surveyed for Roger Kinicutt, Jr. Et al," dated February, 1977 by Charles A. Perkins Co., Inc. Civil Engineers & Surveyors, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 436, Plan 92; to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, any easements therein for public way purposes.

Unanimous vote.

Article 22. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Motion carried.

Article 23. (to appropriate money to be placed in Stabilization Fund). Motion to pass over this article.

Motion carried.

Article 24. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$20,000.00 from free cash to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried.

Article 25. The following Town Officers were voted in at the Annual Election held May 8, 1978:

Moderator	Robert J. Hall
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Collector	June T. Herron
2 Constables	Robert P. Sheehan
	William O. Wylie
Tree Warden	Raymond Seymour
Selectman	Nancy A. Smith
Assessor	Christian S. Baehrecke
School Committee	Philip C. McCarthy
School Committee	Barbara N. Scarbeau
Municipal Light Board	Bernard R. Conte
Cemetery	Betty C. Peterson
Water Board (3 years)	Robert W. Thompson
Water Board (1 year)	Charles J. Scholl
Library Trustee	G. Donald Fenton
Library Trustee	Alice E. Nelson
Library Trustee	Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.
Planning Board (5 years)	Stephen P. Bik
Planning Board (3 years)	Kathleen M. Sears
Board of Health	John J. Frey
Recreation Board (5 years)	Sybille E. Wolf
Recreation Board (3 years)	Robert J. Benedict
Wachusett Reg. School Comm.	James F. Hayes

all of the above were voted for upon one ballot.

The polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 1978 at the Paxton Center School.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

The Polls and counting were over at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE L. MCGOVERN
Town Clerk of Paxton

List of Jurors 1978

Name	Address
Howard Aubertin	10 Birchwood Road
Robert Benedict	4 Whitney Drive
Paul Bergin	90 Pleasant Street
Francis Bigwood	15 Glen Ellen Road
Joseph P. Cancelmo, Jr.	217 Grove Street
Ms. Miriam Dahlstrom	1 Burtenmar Circle
Jeanette F. Fogg	13 Knollwood Road
George Friedman	2 Cutler Road
Ronald Germain	442 Marshall Street
Mary T. Herman	2 Monticello Drive
William L. Jarvis	5 Bel Arbor Drive
Willis B. Kelley	27 Crystal Street
Loretta Krus	49 Camp Street
Milton W. Sebring	12 Tanglewood Road
Ann L. Sefton	45 Richards Avenue
Michael Sleeper	18 Crowningshield Drive
Philip C. Van Leeuwen	7 Jefferson Drive
Albert Vuona	41 Camp Street

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The past year was a very busy one for the Selectmen's office. The first priority was the ambulance service for the citizens of Paxton. We had numerous meetings and a public meeting explaining the various proposals. It was finally decided to enter into a contract with Worcester-Himmer Ambulance Service of Holden for the service. The Selectboard would like to thank Brian Murphy for the excellent help he gave in this area.

Unemployment compensation was mandated by the State to cover Town employees. The board met with the Finance Committee many times about this problem, and it was decided that the Town would underwrite the Unemployment Compensation itself.

The board requested and received a survey for fire insurance during the past year. As a result of this survey, homeowners could expect a lower charge for their fire insurance.

The board met with a representative of the Fairlawn Hospital to look into the possibility of setting up a health clinic in the town. Although it looked like a great opportunity

for the people of Paxton, the Fairlawn Hospital didn't think it was feasible at this time. The board will continue to look into this matter.

Again, we thank Robert Hansson and the Highway Department employees for the fine job accomplished during the severe snow storm of last winter. We also extend a vote of thanks to the Paxton Fire Department who manned the Fire Station all during this storm emergency.

Dog problems continue to be a difficulty in town. The board has continued to receive many complaints from the townspeople. The board has appointed James S. Nanof and Robert J. Mortell as joint Dog Officers. We ask your cooperation with them.

The Town voted at the request of the Selectboard to have the financial records of Paxton audited for the fiscal year 1977-78. The auditing firm has been working for some time and will report their findings by October of 1978. The audit is required for Federal Revenue Sharing.

The board contracted to have the front and back of the Town Hall painted during the past year, and that work has been completed.

Police Chief David Young resigned in early July and the board appointed Sergeant Robert P. Sheehan as Acting Chief until a full time chief can be appointed at a later date.

The board thanks Harold Mullaney for the fine service he gave the Town, and wishes Nancy Smith an enjoyable and fruitful time as the new Selectboard member.

The board would also like to thank Mrs. Ann Mello for her fine work as Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen until January of 1978. The Selectboard would be remiss not to mention the dedicated service that Mrs. Pam McDonald has given to them and to the Townspeople in her position as Executive Secretary. We publically thank her for doing such a splendid job.

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who devoted so much of their time and effort to the Town by serving on boards or committees, and in other capacities during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
REGINALD J. SMITH
EDWARD Z. SAVICKAS
NANCY A. SMITH

Report of the Board of Assessors

Real Estate Valuations

The value of all property is determined as of January 1st of each year. This valuation is used to compute your tax bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1st with bills payable by November 1st and the following May 1st. All changes in property status, e.g., new construction, alterations additions, etc. are noted as of January 1st of each year also.

As shown in TABLE I, the gross amount to be raised is reduced by amounts available from local receipts, State reimbursements (Cherry Sheet), Federal Revenue Sharing and accumulated free cash. The largest source of income among the local receipts is generated by the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax and we refer you to our comments below concerning this tax. The gross amount, less the above mentioned receipts, produces the net amount which has to be raised by taxation on real and personal property.

The rate per \$1000 valuation for FY78 of \$44.00, which represents an increase of about 11% over the previous year, is due to a serious loss in reimbursements from the State funding as well as a shortage in most local receipts. The decrease in the Cherry Sheet alone represented a tax increase of \$2.71. We also note the decreasing availability of free cash which in comparison to the previous year represented another increase of \$1.29 on last year's tax rate.

The last annual Town Meeting appropriated funds for a tax equalization program which is presently being conducted by the professional appraisers McGee and Magane, Inc. As a result of their work, new property values will be used for the setting of the FY79 tax rate, and the timetable for the due date of the first tax bill is anticipated to be as follows:

Visit to Properties	-July thru mid-August 1978
Review of Values by Board of Assessors	-August 1978
Mailing of Taxpayer Notices	-mid-September 1978
Hearings for Taxpayers	-September 18-22, 1978
Review of Final Values	-late September 1978
Setting of FY79 Tax rate	-mid-October 1978
Mailing of Tax Bills	-October 27, 1978
Tax Bills Due	-December 1, 1978
(or 30 days after receipt of tax bill)	

The tax equalization study is based on the fair market value of all properties. Fair Market Value is the price which your property would bring, under normal circumstances, in its present state, on the market today.

This complex task includes the viewing and listing of all properties in Paxton including land and buildings with all their appurtenances such as barns, sheds, garages, pools, decks, and saunas; a visit to every property, residential, commercial, recreational or mercantile. All sales of recent years are searched and analyzed and all available pertinent information is gathered and examined. These general facts become the building stones for the specific fair market value of your property.

With full emphasis on the price of properties recently sold in Paxton, caution will be used by methods of comparison, before accepting the validity of any sale. We realize that one property may have sold for more than its true value, another for less. Be assured that we eliminate those portions of the sales which do not represent true value.

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES	1972	FY75	FY76	FY77	FY78
Appropriations to be raised	\$1,253,620.00	\$1,593,367.70	\$1,761,851.72	\$1,877,023.73	\$1,905,767.63
% increase over prior year	9%	17%	11%	7%	2%
Appropriation from avail. fds.	49,936.94	137,169.00	146,583.53	76,577.80	86,172.93
Offset Items	5,911.44	5,896.61	6,010.73	6,122.56	6,186.75
Retirement	15,704.63	22,471.31	25,599.98	33,521.60	31,688.30
State Tax & Assessments	7,685.32	23,597.65	24,376.49	22,199.46	21,167.99
County Tax & Assessments	34,453.99	97,670.58	90,368.04	99,733.10	100,985.39
Overlay	31,671.81	45,099.87	30,009.00	35,727.17	34,139.48
Revenue	—	—	+	2,365.56	—
Gross Amount to be raised	1,398,984.13	1,925,272.72	2,084,799.49	2,153,270.84	2,186,108.47
% increase over prior year	11%	27%	8%	3%	2%
Deduct from Gross Amount:					
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid & Agency Fund	245,541.29	412,889.14	465,750.39	426,366.43	337,726.07
Motor Vehicle Excise	110,510.85	122,891.22	137,667.25	164,265.61	150,623.23
Water Department	42,199.44	45,579.81	49,000.00	46,000.00	51,720.00
Other Local Receipts	23,255.52	13,945.55	29,250.00	45,546.05	41,070.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	49,936.94	78,769.00	70,930.33	39,577.66	42,807.97
Avail. Funds—Revenue Sharing	—	58,400.00	75,653.00	37,000.00	41,350.00
Avail. Funds—Free Cash	—	117,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00	82,769.50
Total Estimated Receipts	471,144.04	853,474.72	928,251.17	888,755.75	748,066.77
% Increase/decrease over prior year	14%	90%	9%	(5%)	15%
Expenditures less Estimated Receipts equals NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	927,540.09	1,071,798.00	1,156,548.32	1,269,515.09	1,438,041.70

VALUATIONS					
Real Estate	27,783,928.00	29,894,413.00	30,884,274.00	31,330,990.00	32,061,640.00
Personal Property	323,375.00	296,995.00	586,428.50	606,450.00	621,126.00
Total	28,107,303.00	30,191,408.00	31,470,702.50	31,937,440.00	32,682,766.00
% increase over prior year	2%	3%	4%	1.5%	2.3%
TAX RATE*	33.00	35.50	36.75	39.75	44.00
* Net Amount to be raised divided by Total Valuation (in thousands) equals					
% increase/decrease over prior year	7%	3%	4%	8%	11%

Personal Property

The law requires a report of Personal Property from all persons by March 1st of each year. A form prepared by the Paxton Board of Assessors and approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, requires the reporting of:

1. Unregistered Motor Vehicles and Trailers
2. Snowmobiles
3. Motorboats and Motors
4. Livestock
5. Business Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

It is the owner's responsibility to keep the inventory complete and current.

Abatements and Exemptions

The data shown in TABLE II outlines the breakdown and trend of exemptions and abatements during the last four years.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

The major source of income to the town, after real estate taxes and state reimbursements (Cherry Sheet), is the motor vehicle excise tax. While the bills, with many errors, are prepared by the Commonwealth, the monies collected remain with the town.

With regard to the errors, every effort is being made by the board to correct these immediately. Even though the corrected information is reported to the state, the errors seem to recur. We regret the inconvenience caused, but the situation is beyond our control.

The value of your automobile is set by the Tax Commissioner as a percentage of the Manufacturer's List Price based on the Year of Manufacture:

TABLE II

	FY 75		FY 76		FY 77		FY 78	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
<u>EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:</u>								
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	1	192.93	1	205.01	1	233.99	1	275.04
17: Widows	2	350.00	1	175.00	4	700.00	3	525.00
22: Veterans	74	12,775.00	69	14,133.95	65	13,734.17	68	14,583.50
37: Blind	0	0.00	1	437.50	2	875.00	2	875.00
41: Elderly	31	10,562.85	30	10,221.23	30	10,416.33	24	8,344.80
61A: Farm Land	4	809.42	4	764.40	4	826.80	5	981.20
TOTAL	112	24,690.20	106	25,937.09	106	26,786.29	103	25,584.54
<u>ABATEMENTS:</u>								
Real Estate	20	1,868.35	13	9,517.21	21	2,788.46	31	1,890.37
Personal Property	18	248.17	42	795.82	9	214.10	20	251.63
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	590	22,870.02	589	24,755.96	481	17,736.62	622	26,426.71
TOTAL	628	24,986.54	644	35,068.99	511	20,739.18	673	28,568.71
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:</u>								
Number of Bills Processed		3,941.00		3,576.00		3,402.00		3,327.00
Dollar Value of Bills		220,311.46		199,259.05		229,782.98		209,872.48
Dollar Value Less Abatements		197,441.44		174,503.09		212,046.36		183,445.77

Year	% of List Price
Later part of year preceding the designated year of manufacture	50%
Year of Manufacture	90%
Year after year of manufacture	60%
Next year	40%
Next year	20%
Next year and all succeeding years	10%

Unless the motor vehicle excise tax bill is paid or abated within 60 days from the date of issue, your registration plates may be confiscated.

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST C. SPRAGUE
 Chairman
 CHRISTIAN S. BAEHRECKE
 RICHARD G. BEDARD

Report of the Fire Department

The Fire Dept. answered 73 calls for assistance during the 1977-78 fiscal year. They are as follows:

- 2 Building fires
- 17 Misc. building
- 4 Car fires
- 4 Assists at auto accidents
- 6 Chimney fires
- 7 Pump cellars
- 8 Mutual Aid (outside of Paxton)
- 8 Miscellaneous
- 1 False
- 16 Grass and-or brush fires

The two building fires were small shacks or clubhouses built in wooded areas in the town. The miscellaneous building calls were for electrical fires in various types of household appliances etc. On Jan. 9, 1978, Dept. members spent most of the whole day pumping cellars in various parts of town caused by a heavy rain fall on top of considerable snow. On April 24, 1978 the Dept. put in one of its longest days extinguishing two large brush fires. One fire on Asnebumskit Hill required 4 hours to extinguish and brought in Mutual Aid from Holden and Leicester. The other fire in the Worcester Water Dept. area on the backside of Kettlebrook No. 4 reservoir required 3½ hours to extinguish with assistance from Leicester. On April 25, 1978 another fire or series of fires occurred on Asnebumskit Hill with Paxton assisting Holden and Rutland standing by at Paxton station. On April 27, 1978 another fire occurred on Asnebumskit Hill at 1:30 in the morning. This one took about an hour or so to extinguish. The miscellaneous category covered such items as fire in underground transformer, report of burning hay in the road, etc.

In addition to the calls listed, there were 17 training sessions. Part of this number were members taking the required "First Responder" training per State Law.

Deputy Chief Brian Murphy, Lieutenant John Benoit, and Firefighter Jay Conte took a voluntary course to become Instructors in "Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation" (CPR) and became certified instructors. Their services are available not only to the Fire Dept. but any other group or organization that may be interested in CPR technique.

The brush burning period, as far as is known at this time, will be from Jan. 15, 1979 until Mar. 15, 1979. This is provided by law. Any extension of that period will be on a day-to-day basis and information may be obtained by checking with the Dispatch Center. In all cases, permits must be obtained at the Dispatch Center before any burning can be done.

On Feb. 6th & 7th, a blizzard-like snowstorm occurred. During this period, a crew of firefighters under Deputy Chief Murphy manned the Fire Station for 12 hours.

Two fine officers of the Fire Dept. resigned as of July 1, 1978. They were Deputy Chiefs Gordon Richards and Raymond Kimball. It was with regret that these resignations were accepted. Both men have given many years of service to their community through their activities in the Fire Dept. I'm sure the people of Paxton wish them the best of luck in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
LESLIE E. ROBINSON
Fire Chief

Report of Tree Warden

I am pleased to present the annual report of the Tree Warden Dept.

This year our trimming program will be an extension of last year's plan with the exception of Streeter Rd. which will be included this year. We will finish the southerly end of Richards Ave. from Streeter Rd. to the center. Maple Ave. will be done westerly to the center; also we hope to start on Davis Rd. as far as possible.

Trees listed for removal last year, and which could not be removed, will be removed this year due to the fact that the Finance Committee has allotted the necessary funds for tree removal, which will not affect our regular trimming budget.

Trimming account	1750.00
Trimming & outside hire	1700.00
balance	50.00
Expense Account	250.00
Town Line Repair	5.65
balance	244.35

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND A. SEYMOUR

Report of the Conservation Commission

The main activity of the Conservation Commission during this year has been a study program. Because there were three new members appointed this year, the entire Commission felt it was appropriate to review the functions and responsibilities of Conservation Commissions; to become familiar with the location of various natural resource areas (particularly wetlands) and with land use patterns in the town; and to decide upon future courses of action. This study and review should also lead to the development of a Conservation and Open Space Plan which should be on file with the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services in order for the Town to be eligible for Environmental Self-Help Funds.

Two of the new members attended the MACC annual meeting on March 18 at Holy Cross, where panel discussions give up-to-date information on Conservation Commission activities.

In April, the Commission continued its annual observance of Arbor Day by distributing blue spruce seedlings to students in the 4th and 5th grades at the Paxton Center School.

The Commission is represented on the committee appointed by the Selectmen to study the possibility of purchasing Streeter Pond and adjacent land. This topic has been discussed in the past, but a re-evaluation seemed in order now that houseslots are being sold along Grove Street near the pond.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER W. SIEMEN, Chairman
SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk
robert stewart
hodgson
PETER W. SIEMEN, Chairman
SUSAN P. CORCORAN, Clerk
ROBERT STEWART
CATHERINE HODGSON
CHARLES L. INNIS
FRANK RANTA
JEAN D. ROMMEL

Report of The Board of Health

The Board of Health in conjunction with Young Years Community School held 2 C.P.R. courses, an additional First Aid course was given for Town citizens. This was well accepted by many. The courses were given by the American Red Cross. Your Board hopes to hold more in the coming year.

The Dog Clinic was held. Dr. Joseph Seremeth was the Veterinarian. Dogs were vaccinated against Rabies.

Rubbish and Garbage Removal contract was extended for two years. We continue to be pleased with our Contractor's service.

The Board approached the problem of misquitos. It was felt that the spraying would cause damage to wild life.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD E. JOHNSON, Chair-
man

O.T. HOLLAND

DR. JOHN FREY

Report of the Highway Superintendent

Our State Aid money this year, Chapter 356, will be used on West Street and Reservoir Drive. A Type I surface will be laid on West Street from Suomi Street to Nanigian Road and underdrain installed in sections of Reservoir Drive.

With the use of improved methods of mixing and applying cold asphalt mixes, which we adopted two years ago, we believe we are making good progress in bringing the streets back into decent condition. No complete reconstruction projects are planned for this year. although another section of Nanigian Road will be scarified, graveled, penetrated and sealed. Our main efforts will be concentrated on surface treatments and drainage projects; while brush cutting, guard rail maintenance, and shoulder work will still remain an important part of our work for the year.

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, and snow plowing operations.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT S. HANSSON
Supt. of Streets

Report of the Paxton Planning Board

For the past year and a half your Planning Board has been involved in the preparation of a more comprehensive revision of Paxton's Zoning By-law.

The Board recommended the adoption of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 as presented at the Annual Town Meeting, May 1, 1978, in order to facilitate a smooth transition from the former Chapter 40A (called "The Zoning Enabling Act") of the General Laws of Massachusetts under which Paxton has been operating, to the New Chapter 40A (called "The Zoning Act") under which Paxton must operate in the future.

The voters favorably accepted this proposed revision.

This year the Board will be working on revising the rules and regulations governing the subdivision of land in Paxton.

The Planning Board wishes to express appreciation to William Jarvis, III for his years of valuable service to the Board and to the town of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,
KATHLEEN M. SEARS

The organization of the Planning Board as of June 1978 was as follows:

John D. Rommel, Jr.	Chairman
Zarvin J. Kasparian	Alternate Representative, Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission
Alvah W. Tracy	Representative, T.P.A.G.
Steven Bik	Representative, Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission
Kathleen M. Sears	Clerk

Report of the Police Department

As most of you know, David L. Young, Police Chief for the past three and one half years, has resigned to accept the position of Police Chief in Lisbon, Maine. I have been requested to make the report of the Paxton Police Department activities during the past year.

During the past year, members of the police department have attended fire arms training, C.P.R. and First Aid courses. These, and many other courses, will be continued in the coming year as a constant effort to upgrade and improve the efficiency of the department.

Monthly meetings were held to discuss problem areas, law changes, and procedures for good law enforcement. These meetings will be continued and expanded in the coming year.

Once again citizens are urged to clearly mark their homes with visible street numbers to aid members of the town departments to come to their assistance in any emergency with a minimum of delay. The emergency number of the police department is 791-9296. Please keep this number readily available near your phones for immediate access during an emergency. Please do not use this number for anything but emergencies. For police calls not of an emergency nature, please dial 755-1104.

Citizens are urged to notify the police department immediately of anything of a suspicious nature which they observe. Public cooperation is a vital part in preventing crime in our community.

The police department wishes to thank the other town departments for their outstanding cooperation. Paxton is unique in having such an excellent rapport between all departments.

The police office at the town hall will be open every Thursday from seven to nine P.M. for the convenience of residents. Please drop in any time you feel that we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT P. SHEEHAN
Chief of Police

	1977-78
Calls for Service	1357
Breaking-Entering Homes	24
Breaking-Entering Businesses	4
Larceny	29
Vandalism	17
Auto thefts	6
Stolen Autos Recovered	9
Medical Assists	38
Summonses served	74
Arrests	24
Property Damage Accidents	31
Personal Injury Accidents	25
Licenses Issued	
FID	42
Licenses for Carrying Firearms	46
Motor Vehicle Violations	659

Report of the Recreation Commission

This year the Recreation Commission had a change in personnel. Miss Patricia Shea of Leicester was appointed our new Recreation Supervisor. Pat is a very enthusiastic supervisor, and has brought in many new and fresh ideas.

Our program started in November with activities for both youngsters and adults. Some of the activities offered were: gymnastic classes for the youngsters, Monday evening adult activities in the school gymnasium, Saturday morning basketball for school children, down-hill skiing at Mt. Wachusett, followed by a winter carnival, cross-country skiing, an ice skating party, and a house-decorating contest at Christmas time.

Thanks to the many efforts of the Highway, Light, and Water Departments, the Herbert Wentworth Memorial Pool opened on schedule this season. The departments mentioned worked very hard to meet the deadline and to see that the pool could be operated as efficiently as possible. We are pleased to say that their efforts were not in vain. The water in the pool has been consistently clear, and has tested perfectly every week. After many seasons of continuous problems with

the pool, we are happy to be able to offer the people of Paxton the facility at its best.

The six-week swimming and recreation program is underway with a sizable enrollment. Four afternoon field trips have been planned, and we anticipate good attendance.

Due to weather conditions, the Fourth of July activities were celebrated July 9. The day included our annual cookout at the pool area. There were many events and contests for the children and adults. The Fire Department provided rides for the children on the Department's Muster Truck. During these activities, we were entertained with music provided by a disc jockey from the radio station, 14 Q.

Plans are now underway to provide the people of Paxton with more activities for the up-coming season. If there is anything you would like to see incorporated into the program, we are open to suggestion, and would welcome hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE E. LAWLER, Chairman
STEPHEN E. HAIR, Clerk
PAUL S. ROBINSON
SYBILLE WOLF
ROBERT BENEDICT

Report of the Board of Registrars

At the close of voter registration on April 11, 1978 the number of registered voters in the Town of Paxton was 2,320.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE L. McGOVERN
Clerk of the Board of Registrars

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Paxton Zoning Board of Appeals held seven (7) public hearings at the Town Hall to consider various appeals for zoning variances and special permits.

Copies of the minutes of these hearings are filed as public records with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN RUBIN
Chairman & Clerk

DONALD T. LUNDQUIST
T. THOUTSIS
JAMES M. LAWSON
WILLIAM E. LINDQUIST
LEONARD W. CHIRCHIGNO
ROBERT F. DILLMAN
DAVID L. BENNETT

Report of the Building Inspector

Total Permits Issued	51
New Homes	15
Additions & Alterations	12
Garages, Breezeways & Porches	5
Barns, Storage Sheds & Pools	16
Demolitions	3

An average of three inspections were made for all permits issued. It should be noted that considerable time is involved in the interpretation of the Massachusetts State Building Code, as well as Town Zoning By-Laws.

Your Building Inspector is now also responsible for the enforcement of the sign regulations.

My thanks to the various Departments for their help, and to the Townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
ROLAND K. ANDERSON
Building Inspector

Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The Water Department has now used the new standpipe on Asnebumskit for one full year. Water Pressure throughout the town has improved and become more uniform. Low water pressure areas have been reduced.

The Commissioners are continuing the water testing and inspection program which places Paxton in compliance with the applicable Federal and State statutes on water quality.

The average home in Paxton uses between 50,000 to 80,000 gallons per year. While there is no shortage in Paxton,

it is still important to conserve this important commodity.

NEW RATES FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEM

In a long range effort to preserve the town water supply for human consumption, the Paxton Water Board has established a separate rate structure for meters whose pass through is used predominantly for the watering of lawns and/or grass; e.g. lawn sprinkler systems and cemeteries.

The new rate structure for these meters is as follows:

Minimum bill-Up to 12,000 gallons - \$13.80

Over 12,000 gallons-\$13.80 for the first 12,000 gallons,
plus \$.58 per each 1,000 gallons in excess of 12,000.

This new rate structure takes effect with the April-October 1978 billing.

The Water Department has initiated a program of installing outdoor meters on new homes and on meter repairs. This will save time during the reading of water meters because many of the residents are often not at home.

The yearly policy of water line extensions has been continued. Eight Hundred Feet has been installed on South Street and Two Hundred Feet on Marshall Street.

To improve your Fire Protection, the Water Department has initiated a program of installing a new hydrant every year in a location determined by the Fire Department.

Number of Services (1055)

Number of New Installations (16)

Number of Valve and Meter Repairs (18)

Number of New Outside Meter Readers (50)

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES GLASSBRENNER

Chairman

ROBERT THOMPSON

CHARLES SCHOLL

Report of the Dog Officers

All incidents involving dogs for the fiscal year 77-78 are not available for this report due to the resignation of the former Dog Officer, Bruce Cheney, in May of 1978.

The Selectboard acted on June 15, 1978 by appointing Robert J. Mortell and James S. Nanof as the Town's new Dog Officers.

From the time of appointment until June 30th, we have the following to report:

- 3 Dog Bites
- 3 Lost Dogs-Returned to owners
- 2 Stray Dogs-Taken to Animal Rescue League
- 2 Citations written
- 11 Other calls answered
- 368 Dog Licenses issued

As the Town's new Dog Officers, we wish to serve the people of Paxton as best we can. Since we have been appointed, we have become concerned over the number of unlicensed dogs. We wish to remind the people of Paxton that, not only is it a state law, but, for the protection of your own dog, it should be licensed. It is the only way of knowing who the dog belongs to if it should be lost, injured, or killed.

Dog licenses may be obtained at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk on Thursday nights and Monday mornings, or you may send a check to the Town of Paxton along with the following information: Sex, Breed, Age, Color and Name.

Male Dogs \$3.00

Female Dogs \$6.00

Spayed Female \$3.00

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. MORTELL
JAMES S. NANOF

Report of the Communications Board

The Dispatch Center has completed its third year of service to the town. The Board wishes to thank the Dispatchers for their excellent service to the town during the year. In this period there were three resignations. One of these was the Chief Dispatcher, Mrs. Betty Richards, whose work through the years has been instrumental in getting the Dispatch System organized.

The Dispatch Center was again put to the test during the February blizzard of 1978 and performed very well.

As in the past, notices will be published, when necessary, stating that applications will be received for new people to train as Dispatchers. If anyone has a desire to give some of their time in service to the town and its inhabitants, the Dispatch Center is a place where this can be done.

As in the past, the Center will experience unexpected emergencies, and will handle them with the same expertise as has been already demonstrated.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Robinson
Chairman

Harold Smith
Clerk

David Young

Robert Hansson

Charles Glassbrenner

Robert Dillman, Jr.

Robert Stewart

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

We are continuing our plan of expansion by mowing, fertilizing and liming the area to the left of the East gate of Mooreland Cemetery.

The Cemetery Commission did not request an appropriation for the Fiscal year 1979. Our Interest Income is sufficient to cover expenses again this year.

Price of Lots

2 Grave lots	200.00
4 Grave lots	400.00
6 Grave lots	600.00

Opening Graves	
Weekdays	75.00
Weekends	100.00
Infant Burials	35.00
Cremation	25.00

Only residents and former residents may purchase cemetery lots.

They may be obtained at the Town Hall from the Town Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
 CAROLINE L. ISHAM
 KATHERINE STANNARD
 BETTY PETERSON
 Cemetery Commission

Report of Richards Memorial Library

Salary Account:

Town Appropriation	15,209.00
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Expenditures:

Librarian	7,733.12
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Others	<u>6,811.40</u>
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Total	14,544.52
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Expense Account-Income

Town Appropriation	8,425.00
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Dog Fund	616.61
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Balance of Income 1977	1,139.27
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Interest from Investments	<u>8,848.07</u>
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Total	19,028.95
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Expenditures:

Petty Cash	90.00
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Telephone	305.08
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Water & Lights	488.91
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Office Supplies & Postage	714.96
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Fuel	968.59
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Maintenance-Building & Grounds	133.95
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Education	25.00
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Books & Magazines	4,824.97
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Travel & Misc.	64.52
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Records	<u>232.54</u>
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Total	7,848.52
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State Aid Account:

Received July 1, 1977

1,399.13

Balance

646.57

Expenditures

677.19

Balance

1,386.51

The sum of 382.06 in Fine money was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Use of printed materials	20,494
Central Regional Interlibrary Loans	411
Reference transactions	2,247
Use of A.V. materials	1,241
Volumes in collection	11,806
Magazines subscribed	69
Records and tapes	511
Number of registered borrowers	2,618

1977-78 has been a year of many changes. Perhaps the most visible has been the new addition. At a special town meeting on October 6, 1977 voters, by an overwhelming majority, approved the sum of \$243,450 for this addition which should be completed and operational by September 1978. It has been tastefully designed and conforms beautifully to the older building. The added space will be appreciated by the staff and users alike because it will be more conducive for patrons to browse and find needed information, and easier for the staff to help the patrons. The Building Committee and the Trustees deserve a word of thanks for their many hours of time spent in planning this addition.

Another, sadder change for us is the retirement of Viola Prentice, who has worked long and hard for our addition and still remains on the Building Committee. Mrs. Prentice did a fine job of running the library under less than desirable conditions. The Friends of the Library held a reception for Mrs. Prentice in honor of her retirement in June. This provided an opportunity for townspeople to show their appreciation for her years of service.

Erin Kelley, a library page for many years, is off to Colombia, South America for 6 months. It is sad to see a person who is a valuable asset leave.

As a result of personnel changes, the staff of the Library now includes: Alma Nash, Joan Bedard, and Vivian Clarke.

A welcome is extended to Ralph Kimball as a new member of the Board of Trustees.

Several organizations have had displays in the library this year. Young Years and the Creative Learning Center, nursery schools in town, displayed children's work and posters during the Week of The Young Child.

Mrs. Reynolds' class from Paxton Center School exhibited Revolutionary War projects.

The Girl Scouts also had a fine presentation on town government.

With the added space, we hope other community organizations will be able to display items of special interest.

The Friends of the Library again had an active year. The successful book fair has made many projects possible. Some of the projects are:

Preservation of the quilt in a permanent frame.

Dedication of the new addition scheduled for October.

A Gift of 2 wing chairs for the new adult reading area.

The Story Hour is also being planned for the upcoming year. There should be a great deal more flexibility with our added space.

The Paxton Firefighters Association has donated a photograph album of the Bicentennial Parade to the town. The album is on display at the Library. This is the time to give thanks to the people who have donated books and materials throughout the year for library or book fair use.

We, the staff, can respond to your requests utilizing our own expanded facilities and those of the Regional system. We would like people to be aware of the varied media other than books that are available for loan. Some of these include: large print books, films from Regional Service, records and cassettes, art prints and sculptures.

As the new librarian, I look forward to serving the people of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA M. BRALEY
Librarian

Town of Paxton

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 1978

Operating Cash:

Balance July 1, 1977	408,328.39
Add Receipts For The Year	3,511,536.51
Subtract - Disbursements For The Year	<u>306,721.57</u>
Balance June 30, 1978	<u><u>613,143.33</u></u>

Analysis of Operating Cash As Of June 30, 1978

Town Checking and Savings	83,994.49
Electric Light Checking and Savings	25,314.50
Electric Meter Deposit	627.36
School Planning and Building Balance	764.77
Land Taking Account	462.69
Performance Bond	1,898.25
Anti-Recession Fiscal Aid	81.27
Town Cert. of Deposit	300,000.00
Electric Light Cert. of Deposit	<u>200,000.00</u>
	<u><u>\$613,143.33</u></u>

Non Operating Account Balances June 30, 1978:

Richards Memorial Library Trust	46,571.22
Library Trust Accounts (Bigelow)	19,116.51
Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	27,881.80
Village Improvement Fund	1,332.11
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	2,205.40
C.D. Boynton Trust Accounts	7,672.29
C.D. Boynton Income Accounts	7,489.30
Stabilization Fund	80,395.19
Income From War Bonds	2,434.62
Conservation Account	7,939.58
Bigelow School Book Trust Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	8,799.13
AT & T Stock - Library	216 Shares
AT & T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

	Year Of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
School Dept.				
Second Addition	1980	16,000.00	520.00	16,520.00
Third Addition	1985	210,000.00	23,888.00	233,888.00
Water Dept.				
1972 Main	1979	15,000.00	571.00	15,571.00
Pumping Station	1979	1,000.00	16.00	1,016.00
1975 Standpipe	1995	273,950.00	116,112.00	390,062.00
Fire Station	1979	3,000.00	48.00	3,048.00
Library Addition	1990	230,000.00	72,250.00	302,250.00
Electric Substation	1986	200,000.00	42,737.00	242,737.00
(To be paid from Electric Revenues; Not Taxation)				
Totals		\$948,950.00	\$256,142.00	\$1,205,092.00

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID P. FITZPATRICK
Town Treasurer

Report of the Electric Light Department

Again it is my pleasure, as manager of the Paxton Light Department, to report to the people of Paxton the activities of the Paxton Light Department for the previous year. It has been a very good year. Our goal is to give the best electrical service possible to Paxton at the lowest possible cost. Some of the changes are listed below:

1. The voltage change on the west end of town is partially completed.

2. The Commissioners and I have started Phase II of the Wentworth Substation consisting of an additional Breaker and URD Feeder.

Mr. Robert G. Harrington retired as a Light Department Commissioner after 35 years of dedicated service. Bob was very instrumental in the planning and development of the Light Department. Not only was Bob a dedicated Commissioner, but also he was and is a wonderful person who will be missed very much. We all wish Bob and his lovely wife, Lovejoy, a long and happy retirement.

Also retiring after 15 years of dedicated service is Lilla Spongberg, our Office Manager. I know Lil and Cliff will enjoy their retirement. They love to travel.

We have hired Bill Morrow to be our meter reader and Diane Dillman as part time office clerk.

The Commissioners and I would like to thank everyone for their support. We wish to stress that anyone having a problem, or wishing to meet with us concerning the light department, may attend our meetings which are held the Tuesday before the last Thursday of the month.

I would like to personally thank the people of Paxton for their continued support. It is an honor to be serving in the Town of Paxton.

Please keep the following motto in mind: "Conserve Energy". Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD L. SMITH, MANAGER
Commissioners:
JOHN J. O'DAY III, CHAIRMAN
THOMAS CUMMINGS, CLERK
BERNARD R. CONTE,
THIRD MEMBER

We hereby submit the Report of the Paxton Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1977, as per the Department of Public Utilities Report.

Comparative Balance Sheet

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
Assets and Other Debits			
Utility Plant			
Utility Plant-Electric	705,202.00	757,800.17	52,598.17
Total Utility Plant	<u>705,202.00</u>	<u>757,800.17</u>	<u>52,598.17</u>
Current and Accrued Assets			
Cash	100,792.00	72,496.89	(28,295.11)
Special Deposits	75,958.00	38,646.77	(37,311.23)
Working Funds	100.00	200.00	100.00
Customer Accounts			
Receivable	53,922.00	52,796.34	(1,125.66)
Other Accounts			
Receivable		4,729.88	4,729.88
Materials and Supplies	14,939.00	18,293.32	3,354.32
Construction Work In			
Progress - Interest	<u>18,710.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(18,710.00)</u>
Total Current and Accrued Assets	264,421.00	187,163.20	(77,257.80)
Deferred Debits			
Unamortized Debt			
Discount	2,354.00	2,215.08	(138.92)
Other Deferred Debits			
	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>1,141.06</u>	<u>(758.94)</u>
Total Deferred Debits	<u>4,254.00</u>	<u>3,356.14</u>	<u>(897.86)</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u><u>973,877.00</u></u>	<u><u>948,319.51</u></u>	<u><u>(25,557.49)</u></u>

Electric Operating Revenues

	Operating Revenues		Kilowatt-hours sold	
	Increase or (Decrease) from		Increase or (Decrease) from	
	Amount for Year	Preceding Year (1)	Amount for Year	Preceding Year
Sales of Electricity				
Residential Sales	388,127.55	(122,163.45)	11,301,467	284,272
Commercial and Industrial Sales				
Small	20,791.28	(5,934.72)	442,889	(55,611)
Large	89,160.18	(21,492.82)	2,374,696	104,660
Municipal Sales	31,140.77	(3,917.23)	821,920	(20,770)
Misc. Electric Sales	220,522.75	217,305.75	63,680	3,280
Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers	749,742.53	63,797.53	15,004,652	315,831
Sales for resale	814.27	(286.73)	19,355	(1,319)
Total Sales of Electricity*	750,556.80	63,510.80	15,024,007	314,512
Other Operating Revenues				
Rent From Electric Property	355.00	355.00		
Other Electric Revenues	1,248.20	1,248.20		
Total Other Operating Revenues	1,603.20	1,603.20		

**Total Electric Operating
Revenues**

752,160.00

65,114.00

***Includes revenues from application of fuel clauses \$216,740.25. Total KWH to which applied 14,496,972.**

(1)1976's figures includes fuel clause revenue in each classification causing misleading comparisons.

Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses

	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Power Production Expenses		
Other Power Supply Expenses		
Purchased Power	542,574.63	54,427.63
Other Expenses	<u>1,102.50</u>	<u>211.50</u>
Total Other Power Supply Expenses	<u>543,677.13</u>	<u>54,639.13</u>
Total Power Production Expenses	<u>543,677.13</u>	<u>54,639.13</u>
distribution expenses		
Operation:		
Station Expenses	285.75	207.75
Overhead Line Expense	95.15	(537.85)
Street Lighting and Signal System Expenses	1,991.93	459.93
Meter Expenses	548.28	548.28
Miscellaneous Distribution Expenses	<u>1,028.79</u>	<u>1,028.79</u>
Total Operation	<u>3,949.90</u>	<u>1,706.90</u>
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Structures	1,737.58	1,737.58
Maintenance of Lines	25,267.71	(6,544.29)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	326.73	313.73
Maintenance of Street Lights	920.19	363.19
Maintenance of Meters	223.88	223.88
Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	<u>251.35</u>	<u>251.35</u>
Total Maintenance	<u>28,727.44</u>	<u>(3,654.56)</u>
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>32,677.34</u>	<u>(1,947.66)</u>
Customer Accounts Expenses		
Operation:		
Meter Reading Expenses	3,217.16	1,353.16
Customer Records and Collection Expenses	15,254.61	2,775.61
Uncollectible Accounts	3,848.32	3,745.32

Miscellaneous Customer Accounts		
Expenses	10.24	10.24
Total Customer Accounts		
Expenses	22,330.33	7,884.33
Administrative and General Expenses		
Operation:		
Administrative and General		
Salaries	18,310.56	(2,813.44)
Office Supplies and Expenses	3,468.92	(1,110.08)
Outside Services Employed	5,585.83	3,488.83
Property Insurance		(7,178.00)
Injuries and Damages	958.04	(576.96)
Employees Pensions and Benefits	1,197.09	1,197.09
Regulatory Commission Expenses	3,729.98	946.98
Miscellaneous General Expenses	599.06	(778.94)
Rents	100.00	50.00
Total Operation	33,949.48	(6,774.52)
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of General Plant	422.40	422.40
Total Administrative and		
General Expenses	34,371.88	(6,352.12)
Total Electric Operation and		
Maintenance Expenses	633,056.68	54,223.68

Note: More detailed Financial reports available on request.

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, 27 Permits were issued and 42 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 243 fixtures were inspected.

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978, 4 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 4 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 11 appliances were inspected.

These figures include the work of Alternate Inspector, Lawrence St. Martin as well as myself.

Respectfully submitted,
ZIGMOND KOZLOWSKI
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Report of the Town Collector

1974 Transitional Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$10.80	
Abated April 3, 1978		\$10.80
	<u>\$10.80</u>	<u>\$10.80</u>

1975 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$10.65	
Abated April 3, 1978		\$10.65
	<u>\$10.65</u>	<u>\$10.65</u>

1975 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$1,810.56	
Collected		\$277.28
Abated		\$1,563.68
Recommitted	28.40	
Refunded	2.00	
	<u>\$1,840.96</u>	<u>\$1,840.96</u>

1976 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$27.56	
Abated		\$27.56
	<u>\$27.56</u>	<u>\$27.56</u>

1976 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$280.97	
Collected		\$ 47.41
Tax Title		233.56
	<u>\$280.97</u>	<u>\$280.97</u>

1976 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$ 7,900.91	
Committed	3,608.77	
Refunded	199.10	
Abated		\$ 1,977.55
Collected		8,893.70
Outstanding June 30, 1978		837.53
	<u>\$11,708.78</u>	<u>\$11,708.78</u>

1977 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$138.75	
Collected		\$138.75
	<u>\$138.75</u>	<u>\$138.75</u>

1977 Fiscal Forest Law

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$16.89	
Collected		\$16.89
	<u>\$16.89</u>	<u>\$16.89</u>

1977 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$352.58	
Refunded	10.10	
Abated		\$ 51.84
Collected		310.84
	<u>\$362.68</u>	<u>\$362.68</u>

1977 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$523.24	
Collected		\$295.72
Tax Title		101.80
Outstanding June 30, 1978		125.72
	<u>\$523.24</u>	<u>\$523.24</u>

1977 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$82,926.58	
Refunded	237.69	
Collected		\$59,546.11
Abated		425.65
Tax Title		12,615.12
Outstanding June 30, 1978		10,577.39
	<u>\$83,164.27</u>	<u>\$83,164.27</u>

1977 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$47,556.99	
Committed	70,545.64	
Refunded	4,674.54	
Abated		\$13,062.04
Collected		96,925.02
Outstanding June 30, 1978		12,790.11
	<u>\$122,777.17</u>	<u>\$122,777.17</u>

1978 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$860.00	
Collected		\$728.75
Outstanding June 30, 1978		131.25
	<u>\$860.00</u>	<u>\$860.00</u>

1978 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$27,329.54	
Refunded	24.94	
Abated		\$ 150.78
Collected		27,120.85
Outstanding June 30, 1978		82.85
	<u>\$27,354.48</u>	<u>\$27,354.48</u>

1978 Fiscal Forest Law

Committed	\$256.96	
Collected		\$238.26

Outstanding June 30, 1978		18.70
	<u>\$256.96</u>	<u>\$256.96</u>
1978 Fiscal Real Estate		
Committed	\$1,410,455.20	
Refunded	2,601.52	
Abated		\$ 26,068.12
Collected		1,294,458.38
Outstanding June 30, 1978		<u>92,530.22</u>
	<u>\$1,413,056.72</u>	<u>\$1,413,056.72</u>
1978 Fiscal Water Liens		
Committed	\$788.33	
Collected		\$596.54
Outstanding June 30, 1978		<u>191.79</u>
	<u>\$788.33</u>	<u>\$788.33</u>
1978 Motor Vehicle		
Committed	\$135,718.07	
Refunded	1,422.41	
Abated		\$ 9,818.77
Collected		110,173.18
Returned to Account by Treasurer (Voided Check)		13.75
Outstanding June 30, 1978		<u>17,134.78</u>
	<u>\$137,140.48</u>	<u>\$137,140.48</u>
Recap ————— Receivables		
1976 - Motor Vehicles		\$ 837.53
1977 - Fiscal Water Liens		125.72
1977 - Fiscal Real Estate		10,577.39
1977 - Motor Vehicle		12,790.11
1978 - Fiscal Farm Excise		131.25
1978 - Fiscal Personal Property		82.85
1978 - Fiscal Forest Law		18.70
1978 - Fiscal Real Estate		92,530.22
1978 - Fiscal Water Liens		191.79
1978 - Motor Vehicle		<u>17,134.78</u>
		<u>\$ 134,420.34</u>
Interest Received During 1977 - 1978		
Real Estate	\$5,601.63	
Motor Vehicle	343.78	
Personal Property	21.64	
Farm Excise	9.68	
Forest Law	<u>1.31</u>	
	<u>\$5,978.04</u>	

**Collected during 1977 - 1978 for benefit of Paxton Municipal
Light Department** **\$789,551.26**

**Collected during 1977 - 1978 for benefit of the
Paxton Water Department**

Water Rates	\$52,529.13
Worc. Water Used	76.29
Installations & Repairs	2,247.53
	<u>\$54,852.95</u>

**Respectfully submitted,
JUNE T. HERRON
Town Collector**

Report of the Town Accountant

June 30, 1978

Receipts

Taxes

Personal Property 1978	27,120.85
Personal Property 1977	310.84
Real Estate 1978	1,294,458.38
Real Estate 1977	59,546.11
Real Estate 1976	47.41
Farm Animal 1978	728.75
Farm Animal 1977	138.75
Forest Law Land 1978	238.26
Forest Law Land 1977	16.89

Tax Title Redemptions 10,845.69

Tax Title Interest

Coll. by Treas. for Collector	915.97
Treasurers Int.	1,037.16
Misc. Charges	106.09
Heater Lines T.T.	68.26
Filing Fees	18.00
Treasurers Trailings	177.95

Motor Vehicle Excise

Levy of 1978	110,186.93
Levy of 1977	96,925.02
Levy of 1976	8,893.70
Levy of 1975	277.28

Interest Coll. on Taxes

Personal Property	21.64
Real Estate	5,601.63
Farm Animal	9.68
Forest Law Land	1.31

M.V. Int. 343.78

Treasurers Int. Earned	13,064.89
Anti. Recession Int.	4.08
Land Taking in Escrow Int.	27.56
Mullins Retainer Int.	475.62
School Construction Int.	331.96

Grants and Reimbursements

Voc. School Chap. 74	11,886.00
School Assist. Bureau	19,590.08
School Aid Chap. 70	155,656.94
C.S.I. - 16 Voc. Ed.	972.00

C.S.I. - 82 Chap. 71B	41,662.00
School Transp.	7,887.00
School Title IV B	1,513.60
Highway 825 - S39	22,861.18
Chapter 58	23,451.82
State Gas Stamp Refund	5.00
Highway Misc.	
Snow Plowing	1,200.00
C.I.S. Public Owned Land	11,505.78
Local Aid	22,928.22
C.I.S. Prop. Tax Vet.	2,359.17
Lottery	9,767.21
Library State Aid	1,389.75
County - Dutch Elm	77.43
County - Dog Fund	1,520.54
General Government	
Selectmen Lic. & Permits	3,383.00
Town Clerk	65.50
Planning Board	41.76
Assessors Misc.	1.20
Protection of Persons and Property	
Police Dept.	
Accident Reports	290.00
Court Fines	437.00
Misc. Permits	735.25
Dog Officer - due Cty.	6.00
Wire Inspector	70.00
Bldg. Inspector	3,481.00
Board of Appeals	140.00
Health and Sanitation	
Licenses and Permits	695.50
Animal Insp.	130.00
Uper Blockstone	151.00
Veterans Aid	
State Reimb.	778.09
Schools	
Revolving Lunch	
Program	
Collections	23,297.33
Reimbursements	15,958.11
Hazel Toy Fund	25.80
Bigelow Bk. Fund	52.48
Tuition	494.56

Sale of Ind. Arts	126.85
Library:	
Interest Income	8,485.04
Fines	382.06
Interest Fund - Withdrawn For	
Construction	33,000.00
Temp. Loan for Const.	50,000.00
Construction Loan	230,000.00
Ref. Br. Co.	1.00
Use of Copy Machine	98.10
Recreation -	
Held for Approp.	2,257.75
Public Service Enterprises	
Paxton Municipal Lt.	
Rates and Installations	
	789,551.26
Misc. Income	801.17
Interest by Treas. on Depr.	1,606.64
and Const. Accounts	5,252.95
Refund MEAM	62.50
Refund MMWEC	14,189.64
Ins. Claim	30.40
N.E. Utilities	865.70
Meter Deposit	627.36
Ins. Reimb. to Town	
by P. El. Lt.	2,162.00
Payment to Town	
P. El. Lt. Net Debt and Interest	35,593.75
Water Dept.	
Rates	52,529.13
Inst. and Repairs	2,247.53
Max. Water Used	76.29
Water Liens 1978	596.54
Wante Liens 1977	295.72
Cemeteries	
Sale of Lots	1,975.00
Opening Graves	1,100.00
Interest on Accts.	2,982.97
Agency and Trusts	
County Dog Licenses	1,298.70
Federal Taxes w/h	123,949.84
State Taxes w/h	46,082.12
County Retirement w/h	17,973.20

Teachers Retirement w/h	29,762.35
Blue Cross-Blue Shield w/h	24,586.57
Group Ins. w/h	755.97
Annuities w/h	8,346.24
Disability Ins. w/h	1,336.25
Blue Cross - D.P. & Retained	612.96
Group Life D.P. & Retained	8.74
Teachers Dues w/h	3,080.00
Misc. Refunds & Income	
Ref. Retired Teachers Premium	256.13
Use of Copy Machine	13.30
Telephone	31.27
Ins. Reimb. by C.E.T.A.	120.69
Gov. Tax Ref. Paxton Garage	17.09
Total Receipts	3,511,536.51
Bal. Brt. For'd.	408,288.28
Anti. Rec.	40.11
	3,919,864.90

Town of Paxton

Report of Town Accountant

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EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

101	Moderators Salary	35.00	35.00
104	Expenses	17.30	17.30
111	Selectmen - Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00
112	Selectmen Secretary - Salary	2,547.90	2,547.90
114	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	236.49	
	Dues Meetings Travel	310.12	
	Adv.	156.49	
	Repair Typewriter	29.50	
	Legal Publications	183.50	916.10
115	Equipment	26.77	26.77
122	Accountant - Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00
124	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	125.74	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	100.30	
	Binding	20.00	
	Typing Reports	25.00	271.04

131	Treasurer - Salary	2,900.00	2,900.00
132	Treasurer - Additional Hire	1,065.00	1,065.00
134	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	517.66	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	82.00	
	Tax Title Exp.	31.00	630.66
	Treasurers Data Processing Bal. Held	130.50	130.50
138	Treasurer Data Processing	1,088.06	1,088.06
139	Certification of Notes	50.00	50.00
131	Tax Collector - Salary	3,600.00	3,600.00
144	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	1,343.98	
	Dues Meetings and Travel	95.80	
	Fees and Advertising	82.68	
	Publication	11.00	1,533.46
	Town Secretary - Bal. Held	6.40	6.40
	Town Secretary - Salary	4,850.00	4,850.00
154	Expenses		
	Stamp Meter	156.00	
	3M Copy Machine	853.00	
	Contract	210.00	
	Office Exp.	5.00	1,224.00
161	Assessors - Salaries	2,800.00	2,800.00
162	Assessors - Clerks	1,725.00	
162	Assessors - Clerks	1,725.00	1,725.00

164	Expense		
	Office Exp.	611.86	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	66.00	
	Photostats and Abstracts	328.45	
	Additional Data Processing	130.50	
	Mapping	180.00	1,316.81
168	Data Processing	800.00	800.00
169	Uniform Assessing	30.00	30.00
	Finance Committee		
172	Secretary - Salary	200.00	200.00
173	Statistician - Salary	200.00	200.00
174	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	4.14	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	88.80	92.94
181	Town Clerk - Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00
182	Town Clerk - Hire	415.00	415.00
184	Expense		
	Office Exp.	141.63	
	Dues	28.00	
	Storage	5.65	175.28
185	Record Building		
	Care and Storage	152.74	152.74
194	Legal		
	Charges by Attorney	4,463.35	4,463.35
204	Elections		

	Counties and Office Aid	389.37	
	Office Exp.	149.40	538.77
212	Registrars - Salaries	105.00	105.00
213	Registrars Clerk - Salaries	165.00	165.00
	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	367.15	
	Census	450.00	817.15
222	Planning Board - Clerk Salary	100.00	100.00
	Expenses		
	Office Exp. and Advertising	57.08	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	30.00	
	Office Equip.	22.18	
	Publications	15.00	124.26
	Printing - Bal. Held	12.00	12.00
226	Printing	264.20	264.20
232	Town Hall - Caretaker Salary	1,427.62	1,427.62
	Town Hall Exp. Bal. Held	214.66	214.66
234	Expenses		
	Utilities	1,823.87	
	Janitors Expenses	91.19	
	Fuel	1,718.14	3,633.20
	Town Hall Repairs - Bal. Held	156.99	156.99
236	Town Hall Repairs	225.50	225.50
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		45,647.66

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

1/4—1/4	Police - Cheif Salary	13,845.00	13,845.00
283A	Full time - Patrolmen	19,929.75	19,929.75
283	Part time - Police	15,168.34	15,168.34
	Expenses - Bal. Held	460.51	460.51
	Expenses -		
284	Office Exp.	400.77	
	Dues, Meetings and Travel	143.50	
	Utilities	875.86	
	Equipment, Maintenance & Operation	5,421.63	
	Radar and Radio Maint.	462.85	
	Officers Exp.	1,160.43	
	Firearms - Instruction and Supplies	230.96	
	Misc.	230.50	8,926.50
	Speical - Article No. 14	235.00	235.00
285	Police - Equipment	255.20	255.20
	Prisoners Fees Bal. Held	60.00	60.00
287	Prisoners Fees	120.00	120.00
302	Fire Department Officers - Salaries	2,200.00	2,200.00
303	Firefighters - Salaries	5,461.84	5,461.84
	Expense - Bal. Held	223.25	223.25
304	Expense		
	Office Exp.		
	Dues, Meetings and Travel		

	Utilities	1,210.36	
	Station Fuel	2,410.14	
	Equipment, Maint. and Operation	1,612.22	
	Radio Maintenance	481.30	
	Janitor	600.00	
	Bldg. and Grounds Maint.	651.44	
	Misc.	118.76	7,084.22
	EXPENDITURES:		
	Fire Dept., Equipment Bal. Held	826.05	826.05
305	Equipment	464.75	464.75
310	Hose Replacement	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Special Town Meeting - Portable Radio	800.00	800.00
322	Building Insp. - Salary	744.00	744.00
324	Expenses		
	Office Exp.	7.22	
	Travel	156.20	163.42
334	Board of Appeals		
	Expense		
	Office	59.50	
	Dues	15.00	
	Advertising	94.83	169.33
364	Dutch Elm Disease	1,428.75	1,428.75
372	Tree Warden - Salaries	1,380.00	1,380.00
374	Expenses	5.65	5.65
382	Dog Officer - Salary	750.00	750.00

	Expenses - Care and Custody Bal. Held	213.20	213.20	
384	Dog Officer - Care and Custody	925.00	925.00	
402	Wire Inspector - Salary	750.00	750.00	
403	Hire - Assistant	50.00	50.00	
404	Expenses	48.36	48.36	
	Communications - Bal. Held	23.05	23.05	
412	Dispatchers - Salaries	23,494.28	23,494.28	
414	Expenses			
	Office Exp.	113.95		
	Telephones	943.16	1,057.11	
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			108,462.56
	Health and Sanitation:			
441	Board of Health - Salaries	150.00	150.00	
444	Expenses			
	Office Exp.	60.76		
	Leaf Exp.	50.00		
	C.P.R.	25.00	135.76	
445	Upper Blockstone Sewage Disposal	151.00	151.00	
472	Sanitary Insp.	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	Animal Insp.	130.00	130.00	
	Gas and Plumbing Insp.	380.50	380.50	
	TOTAL HEALTH AND SANTITATION			3,947.26
	Public Services			
	1. Highway	38,224.05		
	2. Water	9,718.83		

	3. Vac. and Sick Leave	8,345.67	
	6. Snow	29,068.95	85,357.50
	Highway Exp. - Bal. Held	2,070.80	2,070.80
604	Highway Exp.		
	1. Town Garage	3,231.98	
	2. Street Sweeping	675.26	
	4. Signs and Posts	153.83	
	5. Salt	4,886.38	
	6. Sand, Gravel and Stone	8,005.50	
	7. Patch	2,088.26	
	8. Asphalt and Tar	19,907.03	
	9. Drainage	5,517.53	
	10. Equip. Maint. and Operation	19,470.94	
	11. General	1,860.66	65,797.37
	Town Common Bal. Held	48.00	48.00
606	Town Common	87.00	87.00
	Highway Special - Bal. Held	2,246.40	2,246.40
607	Highway Special	320.03	320.03
	Highway - Chap. 765 - Bal. Held	87.54	87.54
634	Street Lights	15,379.92	15,379.92
	Land Loring	375.00	375.00
	TOTAL WAGE ACCTS. (Highway & Water)		171,769.56
	Highway - Other Related Accts.		

	Veterans Services			
722	Agents Salary	400.00	400.00	
724	Agents Exp.	157.03	157.03	
726	Aid and Medical Assistance	1,022.32	1,022.32	
	TOTAL VENTERANS SERVICES:			1,579.35
	Schools			
	School Bal. Held A & B	61,282.73	61,282.73	

Paxton Center School

SCHEDULE A

EXPENDED

1000 ADMINISTRATION

1100 School Committee

School Com. Salaries	625.00
Secretary Salary	485.75
School Com. Expense	1,628.10

1200 Superintendent's Office

Salaries	13,484.90
Census	272.67
Supplies	1,164.32
Other Expense	761.06

2000 INSTRUCTION

2200 Principal's Office

Salaries	27,217.75
Supplies	248.44

Other Expense	387.00
2300 Teachers' Salaries	416,155.28
Math Tutoring	3,227.70
Substitutes	9,319.53
Teacher Aids	12,667.82
Field Trips	1,027.00
Supplies	15,828.96
Other Expense	2,095.82
2300 Special Subject Teachers	
Salaries	20,855.66
Audubon	1,140.00
Other Expense	329.12
2400 Textbooks	5,897.38
2500 Library	
Salaries	12,105.60
Clerical & aid Coord.	1,015.00
Supplies	2,166.06
2600 Audio Visual	895.25
2700 Guidance - 60%	
Salaries	8,560.16
Supplies	852.63
Other Expense	147.62
2900 Educational Television	0
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	
3200 Health Services	

Nurse	6,894.38
Doctor	557.00
Supplies	198.28
3370 Transportation	
Contract	31,888.80
Vocational	2,558.00
Extensions & Contingency	208.84
3400 Food Services	
Cafeteria Manager	4,041.05
Monitors	2,566.07
3500 Student Activities	
Salaries	2,214.00
Programs	1,533.52
Transportation	678.00
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	
4100 Custodial Salaries	44,444.03
Supplies	3,398.23
Other Expense	385.00
4120 Fuel	28,498.41
4130 Utilities	
Lights	13,218.98
Telephone	1,952.13
Water	169.95
Telephone - Supt's. Office	346.85
4200 Maintenance	

4210 Grounds	133.98	
4220 Buildings		
General	4,620.87	
Boiler Contract	2,650.00	
Replace Boiler	2,694.10	
Contingency	1,185.89	
4230 Equipment	2,314.65	
5000 FIXED CHARGES	390.18	
6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Adult Education	93.99	
Custodial Evening Fees	700.29	
7000 FIXED ASSETS	5,511.62	
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS		
Vocational	34,093.55	
Evening Trade	641.00	
Special Article No. 16	1,646.48	
SCHEDULE A TOTAL		762,989.70
2000 INSTRUCTION		
2300 Teaching Salaries	20,337.84	
Tutoring	307.42	
Secretarial Services	136.50	
Supplies	711.71	
Other Expenses	380.52	
2700 Guidance - 40%		
Salaries	5,706.84	

Supplies	522.78		
Other Expense	32.00		
2800 Psychological Services			
Salaries	1,494.88		
Clinical Evaluations	203.00		
Supplies	0		
Kindergarten Screening	61.00		
Other Expense	36.14		
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES			
3370 Transportation	9,762.72		
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	11,879.37		
SCHEDULE B TOTAL		51,572.72	
Wachusett Regional High			
Assessment	412,229.00	412,229.00	
Other School Accounts			
School Title IV B	2,188.59	2,188.59	
School N.D.E.A.	1,724.82	1,724.82	
School Lunch			
Payroll	18,125.10		
Expense and Operation	22,522.10	40,647.20	
E.D. Bigelow School Fund	139.10	139.10	
Hazet Gay Awards	20.00	20.00	
TOTAL: - Schools			1,332,793.86

	LIBRARY			
762	Librarian - Salary	7,733.12	7,733.12	
763	Others Salaries			
	Aids	5,767.80		
	Clerk	300.00		
	Housekeeper	743.60	6,811.40	
764	Expense			
	Petty Cash	90.00		
	Telephone	305.08		
	Lights and Water	488.91		
	Office Exp.	714.96		
	Fuel	968.59		
	Main. - Grounds and Building	133.95		
	Education	25.00		
	Books and Magazines	4,824.97		
	Travel and Misc.	64.52		
	Records	232.54	7,848.52	
	Library State Aid	677.19	677.19	
	Library Planning and Construction	190,928.63	190,928.63	
	Temporary Loan	50,000.00	50,000.00	
	TOTAL LIBRARY			263,998.86
	Recreation			
	Recreation No. 722 - Bal. Held	310.00	310.00	
722	Compensation	11,669.45	11,669.45	
	Expenses Bal. Held	591.20	591.20	

774	Expenses			
	Chemicals	271.80		
	Maint.	901.51		
	Pool Area	255.98		
	Shirts	344.55		
	Other Supplies	527.44		
	Utilities	527.40		
	Eq. Main. and Operation	1.29		
	Subscription	6.50	2,836.47	
	Recreation No. 755 Bal. Held	30.27	30.27	
775	Equipment			
	Locks	23.28		
	Engineering Services	50.25	73.53	
776	Recreation Events			
	Tickets	22.50		
	Tennis	295.00		
	Trips	1,949.25		
	Sound	20.00		
	Soccer	78.65	2,365.40	
	Special Acct. - Pool Repair	2,604.87	2,604.87	
784	July 4th - Celebration	452.66	452.66	
824	Memorial Day	422.00	422.00	
	TOTAL RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS			21,355.85
	Unclassified			
814	Town Reports	2,531.60	2,531.60	

834	Insurance and Bonds	24,285.25	24,285.25	
844	Employees Insurance	25,234.28	25,234.28	
852	Town Clock Core - Salary	60.00	60.00	
854	Expenses	21.98	21.98	
872	Conservation - Clerk Salary	220.00	220.00	
	Expenses - Bal Held	35.71	35.71	
874	Expenses	134.50	134.50	
904	Central Regional Planning Assessment	485.03	485.03	
	Council on Aging - Bal. Held	225.00	225.00	
957	Council on Aging			
	Activities and I.D. Cards	1,989.00	1,989.00	
	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED			55,222.35
	Reserve Fund			
	Transfers			
	Police	110.03		
	T. Secretary	350.00		
	Fire Dept.	173.00		
	Dogs Care - Custody	75.00		
	Enterprises			
	Paxton Municipal Lt. Dept.			
	Labor	37,854.79		
	Manager	19,695.80		
	Clerks	15,741.89		
	Mat. Dept.	25,000.00		
	Interest	10,593.75		

	Exp. and Operation	591,862.45	
	Commissioners	225.00	700,973.68
	Water Dept.		
961	Commissioners	225.00	225.00
963	Other Compensation	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Exp. and Operation Bal. Held	2,556.46	2,556.46
964	Expense and Operation		
	Office Exp.	685.42	
	Utilities	6,074.93	
	Gas - Service and Rental	340.03	
	Chemicals	1,170.17	
	Maint. and Operation	1,003.73	
	Pipes - Tubing, Etc.	4,119.90	
	Meters, Meter Repairs	1,838.08	
	Wire, Water Used	45.70	
	Hydrants	521.26	15,799.22
965	Water Quality		
	Testing	346.00	346.00
	Water Extension Art. No. 19	4,620.05	4,620.05
974	Cemeteries		
	Supt. Salary	600.00	
	Labor	779.38	
	supplies	83.10	
	Equipment	183.00	1,645.48
	TOTAL ENTERPRISES		728,565.89

	Maturing Rates and Bonds			
318	Fire Station	5,000.00		
749	Paxton Center School	38,000.00		
969	Water Department			
	Pumping Station	3,000.00		
	1972 Main - Pleasant St.	20,000.00		
	Standpipe	17,525.00	83,525.00	
	Paxton Et. Lt. Substation			
	Maturing Dept.	25,000.00		
	Interest	10,593.75	35,593.75	
	Interest on Notes and Bonds			
319	Fire Station	1,176.00		
749	Paxton Center School	7,962.50		
969	Water Department			
	Pumping Station	80.00		
	Water Main Pleasant St.	1,320.59		
	Standpipe	14,574.00	24,113.09	
999	Temporary Loans	125.00	125.00	
	TOTAL NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST			143,356.84
	Agencies and Trusts			
	Dog Licenses for Cty.	2,389.30		
	Federal Tax w/h	123,949.84		
	State Tax w/h	46,082.62		
	County Retirement w/h	17,973.20		
	Mass. Teachers Ret. w/h	29,762.35		

Employees Ins. w/h	24,662.35
Ins. Retired and Retained	23.86
Group Ins. w/h	679.79
Group Ins. Retired and Retained	8.26
Annuities	8,118.24
Teachers Dues	3,080.00
Disability Ins. w/h	1,284.24
Wm. Burlt - Retainer	521.56
Land Taking Escrows	270.82
State Parks 78F	14,879.84
Retirement System - County	31,688.30
County Tax Assessment	110,919.42
Group Ins. - Retired Teachers	1,890.11
M.V. Bells	418.50
Central Mass. Air Pollution	308.17
Cemetery P/C	1,975.00
Refunds and Treasurers Trailings	
Per. Prop. 78F	24.94
Per. Prop. 77F	10.10
Real Estate 78	2,601.52
Real Estate 77F	237.69
Motor Vehicle 78	1,422.41
Motor Vehicle 77	4,674.54
Motor Vehicle 76	199.10
Motor Vehicle 75	2.00

Treasurer Filings
Treasurers Trailings
TOTAL AGENCIES TRUSTS
Refunds and Trailings

27.70 430,021.53 430,021.53

TOTAL PAYMENTS
Cash Balance June 30, 1978
Treasurers Cert. of Deposit

3,306,721.57
113,143.33
500,000.00
3,919,864.90

Town of Paxton Balance Sheet June 30, 1978

Assets

Liabilities and Reserves

Cash		Retired Persons D.P.	
Cash	113,143.33	and Ins.-Retained	1,492.43
Treasurers Cert. of Deposit	500,000.00	Payroll Deductions	
Accounts Receivable		Group Ins. w/h	40
Taxes		annuities w/h	486.36
1978 Personal Property	82.85	Disability Ins. w/h	52.01
1977 Real Estate	10,577.39	Agency	
1978 Real Estate	92,530.22	County - Sale of Dog	3.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		Tailings - Treasurer	390.74
Levy of 1976	837.53	Anti Recession	81.27
Levy of 1977	12,790.11	Trust Funds	
Levy of 1978	17,134.78	Cemetery	6,609.09
Farm Animal Excise		Land Taking Escrow	462.69
Levy of 1978	131.25	E.D. Bigilow - School Fund	290.53
Forest Law Land		Hozel Tax - School Errands	13.21
Levy of 1978	18.70	Library	9,624.31
Tax Titles	31,267.22	Mullins - Retainer	1,898.25
Tax Title Possessions	605.34	School Const. Balance	764.77

Departmental	
Paxton El. Lt.	
Rates Installations & Repairs	43,404.27
Loan Authorized Pil 2	340,000.00
Water Dept.	
Rates	3,762.16
Installations & Repairs	252.97
Water Liens	
1977	125.72
1978	191.79
Agencies, Trusts and Assessments	
Underestimates	
State Parks	541.92
County Tax	11,033.33
State Tax w/h	50
Cemetery P/C	531.64
Revenue Recap adj.	256.96
	1,179,219.98

Federal Grants:	
N.D.E.A. School	53.99
School IV B	330.32
State Aide & Other	
Library	1,368.51
Library Bi Cent Gift	1,241.52
Library	
Planning & Const.	74,948.74
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	1,382.71
School Beano	807.32
Appropriation	
Balances Held	84,764.04
Paxton El. Lt.	
Depreciation & Const.	225,315.50
Meter Deposit	627.36
Loan Authorized Unissued Pil. 2	340,000.00
	1,179,219.98
Overestimates	
County Tax 77F	1,983.70
Central Air Pollution 78F	1.29
Special Education 77F	1.00
Special Education 78F	4,211.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected	

Appropriation (Revenue)
 Budget
 Articles
 E.D. (to lower tax rate)

2,009,747.00
 49,563.37
 20,000.00

Departmental	531.64
Paxton El. Lt.	43,404.27
Water Dept.	4,332.64
Water Dept. Guaranteed Deposit	50.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	30,762.42
Tax Title	31,872.56
Farm Animal	131.25
Forest Law Land	22.22
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	
Recreation	2,646.51
Library State Aid	1,389.75
County Dog Fund	1,520.54
Liabilities and Reserves	
Overlays:	
Reserved for Abatements	
Levy of 1975F	19,783.54
Levy of 1977F	5,960.19
Levy of 1978F	7,920.58
Overlay	
Surplus Reserve	38,669.86
Surplus Reserve	231,015.95
Appropriation Control	
Budget	2,009,747.00
Articles	49,563.37
Revenue 79F	20,000.00

Revenue Sharing Ledger

Cash	23,736.13	Rev. S. Revenue	15,551.50
		Interest Income	8,184.63
	23,736.13		23,736.13

Net Funded And Fixed Debts

Net Funded And Fixed Debts	948,950.00	General-Inside Debt Limit	
		Fire Station	3,000.00
		Library	230,000.00
		Outside Dept Limit	
		Schools	226,000.00
		Water	
		Pumping Station	1,000.00
		Pleasant St. Mains	15,000.00
		Standpipe	273,950.00
		P. El. Lt. (Revenue)	200,000.00
	<hr/> 948,950.00		948,950.00

Trusts And Investments

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234,472.97

D. Russel Boyston	3,052.76
Edward D. Bigelow	1,000.00
Hazel M. Gay	100.00
Edward D. Bigelow	22,429.18
Geo. E. Bigelow	505.15
Richards Mem. Lib. Fund	1,668.87
Richards Mem. Library	493.04
Edward D. Bigelow VIF	1,332.11
Cemetery P/C	52,211.80
Post War Rehab.	2,434.62
Conservation	7,939.58
Stabilization	80,395.19
Chs. D. Boyton G.P.	14,339.42
Richards Mem. Library	46,571.22

 234,472.97

 234,472.97

Respectfully submitted,
 YVONNE B. KARLE
 Town Accountant

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
OF THE
TOWN OF PAXTON**



**For The
Year Ending June 30, 1978**

Report of the Paxton School Committee

The School Committee, in cooperation with the local and district administration, established goals for itself for the 1977-78 school year. These goals included the writing and distribution of a pamphlet to provide information for the community, a committee self-evaluation and a statement of philosophy for the school. These goals were accomplished.

The pamphlet, "Interactions", was distributed by the school to parents through the children. The purpose was to provide information and to serve as a guide so that citizens may take an active part in the deliberations and operations of the School Committee. The Committee's hope was that the pamphlet would serve to strengthen communication between the public and the Committee. Copies of the booklet are available at Richards Memorial Library or upon request at the school.

Included in the "Interactions" pamphlet is a school committee self-evaluation form. It was felt that the process of self-evaluation afforded the Committee the opportunity to improve its performance. The self-evaluation procedure resulted in the writing of several policy statements.

A statement of philosophy for the Paxton Center School was mutually agreed upon by the teachers and the School Committee. This statement is as follows: "The Paxton Center School strives to provide an educational environment in which each child has the opportunity to fulfill his positive potentials."

School Committee members attended various school related meetings, conferences and workshops to help them carry out their duties as representatives. This year members attended the MASC Conference in Hyannis, Area IV MASC meetings in Marlboro and Worcester, a seminar on the new formula for redistribution of state funds for education and a seminar on Reduction in Force held at the Dept. of Education Regional Office in West Boyalston. Members attended a workshop on the Glasser approach to discipline held in Newport, R.I., and a workshop on evaluation of professional staff and collective bargaining sponsored by the MASC. *Members also attended a 2-day conference on the Gifted Child sponsored by MA/AIP and held at Curry College. Several special meetings were held during the summer for

the purpose of establishing the goals for the committee previously mentioned in this report.

Additional responsibilities of members included representation on the Union No. 64 Committee, the Union No. 64-WRSD Advisory Committee on Curriculum, Paxton Citizens' Advisory Committee, Paxton Recreation Committee, School Safety Committee, 766 Advisory Committee, Paxton Center School Curriculum Subcommittee and Paxton Center School Personnel Subcommittee.

Contract negotiations between the Paxton Teachers Association and the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee began in November and at the writing of this report, have not been settled.

Energy conservation continues to be stressed in our school. The School Committee established policies for saving energy during the heating season. The insulation of the attic of the White Building, installation of a new oil burner unit in the 1965 boiler, removal of the incandescent light fixtures in the hallways and installation of fluorescent fixtures, have all been accomplished by the custodial staff during the school year 1977-78. We appreciate the extra effort of the custodial staff in these accomplishments in addition to their regular duties.

A drop in enrollment over the last 5 years of approximately 150 students has forced the Committee to make some difficult decisions. The Committee voted to abolish the assistant principal position and to eliminate two teaching positions. The committee plans an administrative reorganization to be accomplished prior to the opening of school in September. The elimination of the two teaching positions has not affected the pupil-teacher ratio, which remains at an average of 23 students per class.

The School Committee wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation to the Paxton Parent-Teacher Organization for their many services to the school this year. The P.T.O. provided many enrichment programs for all of the children.

During the winter months, the faculty and students in the Junior High were very busy preparing for the presentation of the musical production "Oliver". It was a huge success and the committee is proud of the talents and cooperative spirit displayed by all involved.

The Student Council, with the supervision of the Junior High Guidance Counselor, completed a very successful year. They have met twice with the School Committee to report on their many projects and activities.

In March, 1978, Mr. Chmielewski, our principal, presented his resignation from Paxton Center School, effective June 30th. The School Committee, in April, accepted his resignation with regret and wished him well in his next endeavor. The committee appreciates his two years of service to Paxton Center School. The committee also wishes to express gratitude to those faculty members and supporting staff who have given so generously of their time and talents to enrich the educational experience of the children of Paxton Center School.

The School Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Paxton Center School and encourages and promotes citizen participation at these meetings. The meeting schedule is subject to change during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
GAIL TRACY, CHAIRMAN
BARBARA BERKA,
VICE-CHAIRMAN
BARBARA SCARBEAU,
SECRETARY
PHILIP McCARTHY
THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

Paxton School Directory

1978

School Committee

Thomas J. Cunningham	Term Expires 1980
Philip McCarthy	Term Expires 1981
Barbara Scarbeau, Secretary	Term Expires 1981
Gail J. Tracy, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
Barbara Berka, Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 1979

Administrative Staff - Superintendent's Office

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
Robert W. McEachern	Business Manager
Shirley Bayer	Secretary
Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist

Instructional Staff

Thomas Fowler-Finn	Principal
Mary M. Donahue	English VI-VIII
Richard E. Johnson	Science VI-VIII
Dois Kahn	social Studies VI-VIII
John J. Koski, Jr.	Social Studies VI-VIII
Stephen D. Porcaro	Reading VI-VIII
Marguerite A. Rydant	Mathematics VI-VIII
Thelma G. Heselbarth	Mathematics VI-VIII
Patricia A. Wadsworth	English VI-VIII
Paul A. Zendian	Science VI-VIII
Claudia J. Aitken	V
Victoria K. Copp	V
Mary L. Bogren	IV
Richard M. Lane	IV
Ginger A. Urbanovitch	IV
Janice E. Laperle	III
Claire A. Reavey	III
Jeanne K. Couture	II
Judith E. Marr	II
Evelyn M. Bass	I
Nancy Oakes	I

Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Wilfred D. MacDonald, Jr.	Transition
Constance Garvey	Librarian
Carol Lyons	Art
Gertrude R. Healy	French/Spanish
Charles T. Gruszka	Guidance
Maryann O. Morin	Guidance
Sylvia Caswell	Home Economics
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
Richard H. Bowden	Instrumental Music/Supervisor
David F. Hebert	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman	Learning Disabilities
Betsy Rutter	Learning Disabilities

Supporting Staff

Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Joyce McEachern, R.N.	School Nurse
Dr. Albert E. Hall	School Physician
Priscilla A. Goodrow	Cafeteria Manager
Ambrose R. Tower	Head Custodian
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Richard Morrow	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract

ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1977

Grade	K	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	45	41	51	64	49	62	74	76	77	585
				IX	X	XI	XII			Total
				467	478	510	457			1912

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

For the past fiscal year, the Wachusett Regional School District continued to effectively meet its goal of educating every pupil to the fullest extend of their ability, preparing them for any subsequent educational programs they might

undertake, and providing them with the opportunity of becoming a continuing member of society.

From a cost standpoint, although the total cost to meet this goal has been steadily increasing, the assessment to the Towns, as illustrated below, decreased for the second straight year.

	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
Total Cost	3,667,500	4,011,799	4,400,221
Less Revenues	860,100	1,060,000	1,940,742
Less Application of Surplus	<u>75,000</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>215,000</u>
	\$2,732,400	\$2,731,799	\$2,244,479

The cost of providing quality education is influenced by the same factors experienced by you, the taxpayer. Fixed costs such as fuel, transportation, supplies, etc. continue to rise at an alarming rate. In addition, staff salaries and benefits, maintenance to building and grounds, new programs and changes to existing programs brought on by government regulation, etc., continue to escalate the total cost. Although we're quite pleased that the assessed cost to the Towns has been leveled the past three years, the increase in the total cost in each of the past two years is of great concern and is an area that receives a great deal of short and long range decision making by your Committee.

From an academic standpoint, the Wachusett High School continues to provide a high quality and diversified educational program. Its 14 Departments offer a total of 326 courses that provide students with options intended to challenge and accommodate at all levels. Specialized educational services such as the CORE program and an organization structured to meet Special Education requirements serve students that ordinarily would find it difficult to reach their potential. The Wachusett Regional staff provides our system with a combined total of approximately 1500 years of experience in the field of education. The Teaching Staff along with the Administration at the Superintendent, Principal and Guidance levels is comprehensive and professional. Supportive staff in the areas of Secretarial, Custodial, Food Services, Aides, Monitors, Technicians and Non-Paid Volunteers all contribute greatly to making the Wachusett operation extremely efficient.

In addition to meeting the responsibilities that normally

are a part of the day-to-day operation, the past fiscal year was a period in which significant changes occurred. The "one Man/One Vote" rule that was agreed upon by the District in 1977 was fully implemented. As a result, the Wachusett Regional School District Committee is now comprised of six representatives from Holden, two each from the Towns of Paxton, Rutland and Sterling, and one from the Town of Princeton.

Another significant change was the implementation of a new policy which restricts the Wachusett District Committee Chairman's term to one year. Further, this new policy provides for the rotation of the chairmanship to a different town each year, and insures that over a maximum period of five years, representatives from each town, if they so choose, will have the opportunity to serve as chairman of the Committee.

Overcrowding of facilities continues to be a problem and is an area that has received a great deal of attention. During the past two years, the Wachusett Regional School District, on two occasions, has tried unsuccessfully to secure a Federal Department of Public Works grant to increase facilities. A tremendous amount of time has been spent, at all levels, in trying to develop a plan that resolves the overcrowding and at the same time is affordable to the District. With limited funds and a large contingent of volunteer help, we expect to have ready in September a completely refurbished football field, and also a completely new upper field.

Finally, and most important, a word about the students we serve: Their accomplishments, personality, spirit and involvement are things we're extremely proud of. We, at all levels of the Regional High School educational system, consider the students as our most important asset and will continue to work hard to blend their needs and objectives with those of the five member Towns.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH M. CORBIN
RICHARD J. BUCKLEY
DR. JOHN P. DUFAULT
BURTON H. FISKE
JOHN H. GOEWY
JAMES F. HAYES
STUART L. JOHNSON

DENNIS E. JORDAN
KENNETH A. L'ABBE
JAMES F. LELAND
HOWARD W. MOORE
ELLIS C. PAAKKONEN
NANCY WILSON

Wachusett Regional School District Statement of Condition June 30, 1978

	6/30/77	6/30/78
Assets		
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Cash (Including Savings Accts.)	560,026.46	745,905.00
	<u>\$560,126.46</u>	<u>\$746,005.00</u>
Liabilities		
Payroll Withholding	31,338.09	34,693.62
Federal Grants	7,815.86	8,071.18
Cafeteria Revolving Fund	35,037.31	20,153.80
Accounts Payable (1)	106,413.58	178,174.35
	<u>\$180,604.84</u>	<u>\$241,092.95</u>
Reserve		
Contingency Maintenance	33,564.97	35,327.13
Building Fund	10,204.31	10,204.31
Reserve for Gift	945.22	-0-
New England Merchants - Coupon Account	-0-	4,092.00
W.C.N.B. - Payroll Tailings Account	-0-	355.67
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Surplus	344,707.12	454,832.94
	<u>\$379,521.62</u>	<u>\$504,912.05</u>
	<u>\$560,126.46</u>	<u>\$746,005.00</u>

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

Wachusett Regional School District Statement of Income and Expense

12 Months Ending June 30, 1978

Income

Assessments from Member Towns	2,731,799.00
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State and Federal Revenues	1,255,586.05
Other Revenue	<u>206,949.24</u>
	\$4,194,334.29
Transfer from Surplus	
To Reduce Assessments	220,000.00
Appropriations for Unanticipated Expenditures	116,007.00
Carryover from F. Y. 77 to F. Y. 78	<u>106,413.58</u>
	\$442,420.58
Availability	\$4,636,754.87
Expense	
Operating Expense	\$3,997,556.58
Net Excess	\$ 639,198.29

Wachusett Regional School District Reconciliation of Surplus June 30, 1978

	12 Months Ending <u>6/30/77</u>	12 Months Ending <u>6/30/78</u>
Beginning surplus	142,245.47	334,707.12
Add:		
Blue Cross Experience Rebate (Prior Period)	3,082.00	-0-
Audit Reclassifications	10,171.13	1,491.88
Net Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures	397,797.93	639,198.29
Miscellaneous payments	<u>189.51</u>	<u>985.37</u>
AVAILABILITY	\$553,486.04	\$976,382.66
Less:		
Expenditures budgeted in Prior Period	106,413.58	178,174.35
Audit Reclassifications	3,854.83	2,263.72
Surplus Applied to Reduce Assessments	75,000.00	220,000.00
Surplus Applied to Ind.		
Unbudgeted Appropriations	31,000.00	116,007.00
Miscellaneous Payments	<u>2,510.51</u>	<u>5,104.65</u>
CLOSING SURPLUS	<u>\$334,707.12</u>	<u>\$454,832.94</u>

Wachusett Regional School District Budget Comparison

	(12-Month) 1976-77	(12-Month) 1977-78	(12-Month) 1978-79
Administration	91,721	105,242	165,373
Special Education	325,063	389,868	459,836
Adult/Community Education	16,950	23,305	24,800
Voc. Education	147,763	160,127	152,907
Instruction	3,103,016	2,250,409	2,461,121
School Services	424,825	454,427	486,149
Maintenance	339,786	381,113	376,955
Fixed Charges	159,192	213,050	234,567
Community Services	800	800	800
Acquisition of Equipment	56,884	33,458	34,713
Debt Service	-0-	-0-	-0-
Trade Collaborative	1,500	-0-	3,000
Total Budget	<u>\$3,667,500</u>	<u>\$4,011,799</u>	<u>\$4,400,221</u>
% Change in Budget	-10%		
NET ASSESSMENT TO TOWNS	\$2,732,400	\$2,731,799	\$2,244,479
% Change in Assessment	-11.6%	0%	-17.8%

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD W. MOORE
Treasurer

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Superintendent

The last couple of years have been good ones as far as student attitude and achievement have been concerned, even as they were frustrating ones as the School Committee and Administration spent much time on issues very remote from the process of education. Even so, the staff of the Regional High School has become a smooth working team.

The Regional School Committee has just been reorganized under the one-man-one-vote amendments to the regional agreement. I, for one, have been unable to detect any difference in approach to issues or in the mode of operation of the new thirteen member committee having six representatives from Holden. Your Administration, on the other hand, is very glad that the task is complete: that of shepherding the revised agreement through town meetings, bond counsel, state offices, the legislature and finally the federal district court.

Now my major concern is not what one town might do to another with the proportional representation on the regional school committee, but rather the fact that we have just lost the last vestige of structured overlap between the elementary and regional committees. In 1969, four out of five towns had appointed a member of the Elementary School Committee to concurrently serve on the Regional School Committee. By 1977, no town had one of its Elementary School Committee members on the Regional Committee; all five had appointed other citizens who tried conscientiously to report back periodically to the Elementary Committee, but were not present at every meeting of both Elementary and Regional Committees. Now there are no representatives on the Regional School Committee appointed by the town Elementary School Committees, and while the present Regional Committee is resolved to maintain communications, there is no structured, continuous means of interaction. By comparison, in two neighboring two-town regional school districts, the Regional School Committee is the sum of the two Elementary School Committees.

There is an inevitable gap between Elementary School Committees (forming School Union 64) and the Regional School Committee. I hear the "we-you", "we-they", "ours-

theirs" language of two separate, contending groups more frequently in recent years. I must warn that if there is any increase in public criticism of local education, there will be greater pressures for School Committee representatives to scapegoat across the Union - Region divide. We must consciously build on cooperation between elementary and regional committees.

One cannot discuss school committee members without acknowledging the increasing pressure and workload falling upon them, legal liability, public involvement (a good thing, but sometimes "a tiger by the tail"), collective bargaining week after week (we now have 11 exclusive bargaining agents and two meet-and-confer groups among the six school systems; there were only six in 1969), increasing sub-committee work, and generally a faster-moving ball game requiring extensive reading, study, and attendance at seminars and conferences, just to keep up to date ---all these burden school committee members, frequently drive them into retirement after but a single term, and cause the increased burden of rapid turnover on remaining committee members and the school systems in general. I can hardly wait for the reaction of new committee members this fall to my suggestion that we hold several more meetings for a series of orientation sessions! We owe a debt of gratitude to those citizens who stand up to this pressure, serving the public good for two or more terms.

Three of our Wachusett faculty returned this last year from sabbatical leaves. These leaves, commonly thought of as an expensive give-away, actually cost very little money and gave us back faculty members anxious to share their recent experience with students, with intellects and imaginations recharged.

The school committee report treats the issue of budget thoroughly. We expect to be held to increased standards of cost-effectiveness as inflation continues and as energy becomes even more expensive. Ours is a labor-intensive service industry. We hope to be able to keep it that way, while effecting savings in the non-educational aspects of our operations. Citizens will have to expect cutbacks in some services: transportation, heating levels, building availability evenings and weekends, etc. We expect to be making recommendations for investment in energy-saving alterations to buildings and equipment which will produce a

three to five year pay-back. While assessments have remained constant over last, this, and next years, due mainly to increases in state aid (our tax money, still), our gross budget has still risen 10% per year.

As outlined by the principal in his report, the facilities crunch continues to be our number one problem at Wachusett. A building program will be proposed during the coming year. It will be conservative, yet it may well cost more than the 1973 proposal, due to inflation. I consider it most conservative to build for 1500 student capacity when our enrollment is projected at 1800-1900 at the lowest. There exists the possibility that some time, five or more years in the future, Sterling might request to withdraw from the region. If this happened, we would lose 300 plus students, making the 1500 student capacity either right on or still somewhat crowded.

Some naive souls in the four other towns have talked as if Sterling's withdrawal were going to provide a painless solution to Wachusett's space problems. Rest assured that if Sterling withdraws, the other four towns would first have to vote to buy out Sterling's share of the capital costs based on replacement cost (as opposed to dollars paid in, in less expensive times). No town can be expected to give a million dollar gift to the other four towns.

While the above paragraphs have attempted to discuss in some depth several of our more serious current problems as seen by your superintendent, we must emphasize the good years we have been having educationally. We certainly must join the committee chairman in acknowledging the staff and students and volunteer citizens who do so much over-and-above that which could reasonably be expected. This extra effort is the essential ingredient which makes the difference between an ordinary school and a Wachusett. I personally appreciate and enjoy and am inspired by my daily work with so many intelligent, considerate, dedicated people.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD P. YAGLOU
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal Wachusett Regional High School

This report is written as we look towards the twenty-fifth anniversary of Wachusett! It was in September 1954 that Wachusett Regional High School opened its doors as the first regional high school in Massachusetts and only the second in New England. It is my opinion that the promises made at the birth of this school have been kept and are attested to by the accomplishments of its past graduates and the dynamic forward thrust of its present student body and faculty.

The year just past was certainly a pivotal one for Wachusett. The continuation of academic excellence among the student body through the awarding of Letters of Commendation by the College Board, advanced placement credits, success of science fair participants, accomplishments of our Mathletes teams, and many other honors make us extremely proud. The increase in school spirit and pride that has been evident over the past several years also continued. A faculty that has been justifiably praised over the years continued its leadership and dedication; and community support and involvement, particularly through the growing numbers of school volunteers, was quite evident.

1977-78 marked the retirement of several key Wachusett figures. Mrs. Alli Berryman, a mainstay of the Business Education Department since the school's opening; Mr. Neal Skillings, Principal from 1957-1976 and Principal Emeritus from 1976-78; Mr. Bernard Foley, Foreign Language Department Head since 1957; and Mrs. Frances Caronna, teacher of Spanish-extracurricular, joined the ranks of the retired along with Mrs. Mae Harvey, Head of our Custodial Department and Mr. Olavi Mattson, member of that department. To all of these, we at Wachusett wish a most happy and productive retirement and our thanks for jobs well done!

Added to the list of retirees we will have eight other Wachusett faculty not with us in 1978-79; five of these on sabbatical or leaves of absence and the rest moving on to other pursuits. As a result much of the summer of '78 is being spent recruiting eleven new teachers, a new Assistant Principal, and a new Head of the Foreign Language

Department. We are happy to have already on board Mr. Robert Couture as new head of our Custodial Department.

In the mail just this week, Wachusett received news of a mixed nature from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the accrediting body for all secondary schools in New England. While praising Wachusett for "the increase in the number of completed recommendations" and commending the school for its new "greenhouse program in agriculture, the C. O. R. E. program for grades 9 and 10, and for the Chapter 74 programs in graphic arts, child study, and health assistants", it issued a stern warning regarding the failure to solve the building woes that beset Wachusett. Instead of renewing our accreditation for the expected five year period, the Commission wrote that "a Special Progress Report dealing specifically with actions taken on the visiting committee's recommendations for additional space be submitted to the Commission by October 1, 1980." Clearly the time for action on these pressing physical limitations is at hand. Within the next school year, the Wachusett Regional School Committee will be presenting plans to rectify this situation to the voters of the five towns. It is my hope that all the facts will be heard and that we will be able to report to the Commission in 1980 that we have finally met this problem head on.

Before ending this report I would like to pay special tribute to the handful of people who came to Wachusett in 1954 and remain today as key personnel at the school. Bridging the first twenty-five years are Greg Bowes, head of our Art Department, Frances Creamer, Department Head in Mathematics, Joseph Daniels, science teacher, Barbara Duggan, Guidance Department secretary, Helen Hamilton, head of the Social Studies Department, and Jane Moulton, Assistant Principal. To me these six individuals personify the kind of educational quality and personal dedication that have been the hallmark of Wachusett Regional High School over the first quarter of its history.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD M. LANE, JR.
Principal

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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.