

**TOWN OF
PAXTON
1978 - 79 ANNUAL REPORT**



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**Old Mill - Moore State Park
Paxton, Massachusetts**

Annual Reports

Town Officers

Town of Paxton



Year Ending June 30, 1979

Town Officers for May 1979 to May 1980

With Our Thanks

to



Ernest C. Sprague

on his retirement after 20 years of
dedicated service as a member of the
Board of Assessors

1959 - 1979

TOWN CLERK

George L. McGowan

TREASURER

David P. [unclear]

TOWN COLLECTION

John J. [unclear]

MODERATOR

Robert C. [unclear]

CONSTABLE

William G. [unclear]

Robert P. [unclear]

TREE WARDEN

Raymond A. [unclear]

SELECTMEN

Edward Z. Savickas, V. Chairman
G. Clerk

David A. Smith, Chairman

Philip V. [unclear]

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas J. Cunningham

Philip C. McCarthy

Barbara M. [unclear]

Barbara S. [unclear]

Daniel J. Lucey

WACHUSSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COM.

Joseph P. Hayes

Howard W. [unclear]

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Charles F. Cummings

Bernard R. [unclear]

John J. O'Day III

ASSESSORS

Richard [unclear]

Christina S. [unclear]

James R. [unclear]

WATER BOARD

Charles J. [unclear]

Robert W. [unclear]

Charles F. [unclear]

BOARD OF HEALTH

Donald E. Johnson

John J. [unclear]

John J. [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

PLANNING BOARD

Kathleen M. [unclear]

John D. [unclear]

Zalvin J. [unclear]

Stephen [unclear]

Richard J. [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

Term expires 1983

Term expires 1984

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

John [unclear]

Innis Jr.

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

Term expires 1983

Term expires 1984

RECREATION

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

Term expires 1983

Term expires 1984

CEMETERY COMMISSION

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

FINANCE BOARD

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

Term expires 1983

Term expires 1984

CAPITAL OUTLAY

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

John [unclear]

Term expires 1980

Term expires 1981

Term expires 1982

Term expires 1983

Term expires 1984

Town Officers

for May 1979 to May 1980

TOWN CLERK

George L. McGovern

TREASURER

David P. Fitzpatrick

TOWN COLLECTOR

June T. Herron

MODERATOR

Robert H. Hall

CONSTABLES

William O. Wylie

Robert P. Sheehan

TREE WARDEN

Raymond A. Seymour

SELECTMEN

Edward Z. Savickas, V. Chairman

& Clerk

Term expires 1980

Nancy A. Smith, Chairman

Term expires 1981

Philip V. Donohue

Term expires 1982

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas J. Cunningham

Term expires 1980

Philip C. McCarthy

Term expires 1981

Barbara N. Scarbeau

Term expires 1981

Barbara S. Berka

Term expires 1982

Daniel J. Lucey

Term expires 1982

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James F. Hayes

Term expires 1981

Howard W. Moore

Term expires 1982

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Thomas F. Cummings

Term expires 1980

Bernard R. Conte

Term expires 1981

John J. O'Day III

Term expires 1982

ASSESSORS

Richard Bedard

Term expires 1980

Christian S. Baehrecke

Term expires 1981

James R. Stone Jr.

Term expires 1982

WATER BOARD

Charles J. Glassbrenner

Term expires 1980

Robert W. Thompson

Term expires 1981

Charles J. Scholl

Term expires 1982

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ronald E. Johnson

Term expires 1980

John J. Frey

Term expires 1981

Orace T. Holland

Term expires 1982

PLANNING BOARD

Kathleen M. Sears

Term expires 1980

John D. Rommel

Term expires 1981

Zarvin J. Kasparian

Term expires 1982

Stephen Bik

Term expires 1983

Richard J. Pentland

Term expires 1984

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Gwen L. Hall

Term expires 1980

Charles I. Innis, Jr.

Term expires 1980

Alice E. Nelson

Term expires 1981

G. Donald Fenton

Term expires 1981

Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.

Term expires 1982

Edith M. Lavigne

Term expires 1982

RECREATION

Paul Robinson

Term expires 1980

Robert J. Benedict

Term expires 1981

Denis Melican

Term expires 1982

Sybille E. Wolf

Term expires 1983

John McDonald

Term expires 1984

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Katherine Stannard

Term expires 1980

Betty Peterson

Term expires 1981

Caroline L. Isham

Term expires 1982

Appointed by the Moderator

FINANCE BOARD

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

Margaret R. Lowe

Term expires 1982

Robert I. Becker

Term expires 1982

Charles E. Stoneham

Term expires 1982

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

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 1980

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Lawson	Term expires 1980
Timotheos M. Thoutsis	Term expires 1981
William E. Lindquist	Term expires 1982
Robert F. Dillman	Term expires 1983
Sherburne B. Rockwell	Term expires 1984
Leonard Chirchigno, Assoc.	Term expires 1980
David L. Bennett, Assoc.	Term expires 1981
Assoc.	Term expires 1982

CARE OF CLOCK

Alan M. Wentworth

DOG OFFICER

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

ASST. INSPECTOR of WIRES

Ambrose Tower

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Roland Anderson
Donnelly Road, Spencer

ASST. BLDG. INSPECTOR

Ambrose Tower

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT

of

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Harold L. Smith Term expires 1980

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jean McIntyre	Term expires 1980
Patricia Ranta	Term expires 1981
Josephine Blood	Term expires 1982

TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Jr.

ASSOCIATE 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 1980
Gerard Bernier, Asst.	Term expires 1980

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leslie E. Robinson Term expires 1980

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER

Donald G. Wyman Term expires 1980

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Robert P. Sheehan

FULL TIME OFFICER

Kenneth W. Henderson

FULL TIME OFFICER and SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER

Francis M. Whitney

REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS

Ralph B. Butland	Raymond F. Kirwin
Robert T. Wrenn	Robert F. Dillman, Jr.
William E. Lindquist	Frank W. Nieber
Kevin P. McDonald	Robert Nanof

Patrick V. Smith

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

Robert F. Dillman
Harold L. Smith
Robert B. Love

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Ambrose Tower	Paxton Center School
Gerard Bernier	Paxton Center School

CONSERVATION

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
	Term expires 1982
Robert Stewart	Term expires 1982
Janice Stewart	Associate Member
Peter Siemen	Associate Member

GROUP INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Christian S. Baehrecke

Gwen Hall	Robert S. Hansson
Nancy A. Smith	Mary Ann Morin

SCHOOL NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

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
Kathryn Kingsbury	Term expires 1982
William O. Wylie	Term expires 1982

AGENTS for LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

William O. Wylie	Robert P. Sheehan
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CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Richard J. Pentland, Representative
Edward V. McTigue, Alternate
Zarvin J. Kasparian, Rep. T.P.A.G.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE for MASTER PLAN

Nancy A. Smith, Select Board
Charles Stoneham, Finance Board
Robert S. Hansson, Superintendent of Streets
Richard J. Pentland, Planning Board
Susan Corcoran, Conservation Commission

AT LARGE

Jerome Murphy	Mrs. Caroline L. Isham Rice
Stanley F. Kachnowicz	Howard A. Aubertin

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Catherine Hodgson	Term expires 1980
Mrs. Etta Robinson	Term expires 1980
Joseph W. Seremeth	Term expires 1981
Mrs. Peggy Erskine	Term expires 1982
Mrs. Ruth Wentworth	Term expires 1982
George L. McGovern	Term expires 1982

ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Philip V. Donohue	John J O'Day, III
Allen Rubin, Chairman	Robert Hansson
Edward Z. Savickas	Nancy A. Smith
Raymond J. Savignac	Robert W. Smith
Ernest L. Leveillee	Richard L. Jenkins

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Douglas Szper	Term expires 1980
David Sjosten	Term expires 1980
Frederick H. Fricka	Term expires 1981
John E. Graham	Term expires 1981
James Lawson	Term expires 1981
William Jarvis	Term expires 1982
Edward Savickas	Term expires 1982
Richard Connell	Term expires 1982

COUNCIL ON AGING

Augustus Oatley	Term expires 1980
James Farrington	Term expires 1980
Roland Hanson	Term expires 1981
Timothy Dowd	Term expires 1981
Gertrude Goulding	Term expires 1982
Dennis Dowd	Term expires 1982
Claudette Crawford	Term expires 1982

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Charles Glassbrenner, Clerk	Robert Hansson
Robert Stewart, Chairman	Harold Smith
Robert Dillman, Jr.	Leslie Robinson
Robert P. Sheehan	

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Gladys Berg	Gertrude Rem Goulding
Phil Derby	Augustus Oatley
Nancy A. Smith	Donald Whitcomb
Alt.	Alt.
	James Stone
	Alt.

POOL STUDY

Frederick Fricka
Charles Scholl
Robert Hansson

John McDonald
John E. Reid
Barbara Lorge

James Ahearn, Associate

List of Jurors 1979

Paul F. Bergin, Jr., 80 Pleasant St., Engineer.

Francis E. Bigwood, 15 Glen Ellen Rd., Draftsman.

Joseph P. Cancelmo, Jr., 217 Grove St., Insurance Agent.

Ronald Germain, 442 Marshall St., Mechanic.

William L. Jarvis, 5 Bel Arbor Dr., Self-employed.

Willis B. Kelley, 27 Crystal St., Trucker.

Milton W. Sebring, 12 Tanglewood Rd., Retired Manager.

Albert J. Vuona, 41 Camp St., Business Owner.

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

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

Town Clerk
Monday 9:00 a.m. to Noon Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Town Collector
Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Report of the Town Clerk

Vital Statistics—1978

BIRTHS

January

- 5 Sean Cory, son to Leo Peter and Jean Marie Millette, 36 Holden Road.
- 7 William Anthony, son to William George and Amy Notte, 15 Streeter Road.
- 10 Thomas Nelson, son to Charles Lane and Wendy Jane Innis, 267 Pleasant St.
- 24 Steven Albert, son to John Edward and Joyce Lee Thebodo, 3 Marshall St.
- 25 Elizabeth Kelly, daughter to Paul Vincent and Patricia Frances Belsito, 8 Glen Ellen Road.

February

- 10 Molly Jean, daughter to Mark George and Cynthia Louise Ahearn, 140 Marshall St.
- 17 Garrett Timothy, son to Timothy James and Kathleen Jaine Stone, 632 Pleasant St.
- 20 Rebecca Jane, daughter to Allen Michael and Elizabeth Marie Lederman, 23 Old Lantern Circle.
- 23 Emily Susan, daughter to Jeremy James and Susan Mary Brown, 6 Colony Lane.
- 27 Kimberly Ann, daughter to Harvey Clarence and Marilyn Muriel Vasseur, 14 Bel Arbor Drive.

April

- 5 Rachel Jennifer, daughter to Bennie Peter and Marguerite Anne Warren, Jr., 27 Hill Street.
- 18 Jason Michael, son to Michael Gilbert and Robin Beth Markarian, 23 Pleasant St.
- 20 Allison Estelle, daughter to James Colston and Marie L. Wilmot, 72 Streeter Rd.

June

- 8 Audrey Louise, daughter to Lawrence Hector and Louise Anne Cournoyer, 400 Grove Street.
- 11 Anthony Robert, son to Anthony Joseph and Susan Elizabeth Penny, 28 Holden Rd.

July

- 12 Ryan Wayne, son to Robert Wayne and Deborah Anne Morrissey, 306 Grove St.

16

Reaghan Hurst, daughter to Stephen Peter and Nancy Marie Bik, 78 Asnebumskit Rd.

29

Caitlin Stetson, daughter to Thomas Patrick and Eileen Mary Jordan, 7 Tanglewood Rd.

August

11

Michael Lawrence, son to Lawrence Edward and Dorothy Louise Franciscus, 32 Lincoln Circle.

26

Rosemary Catherine, daughter to Arthur Ward and Elaine Rosemary Hall, 24 Spring Drive.

September

7

Michael Robert, son to Robert Charles and Karol Joy Harmon, 17 Camp Street.

October

19

Elizabeth Kate, daughter to Richard Lewis and Donna Marie Jenkins, 131 Davis Hill Road.

23

Brad Michael, son to Domenic Richard and Judith Ann Mancini, 30 Lancelot Dr.

26

Kathleen Mary, daughter to John Paul and Gail Carolyn Lock, 15 Shanandoah Dr.

November

4

Harrison Chase, son to Winslow Fraser and Kenner Myers, 42 Maple Street.

10

Marcie Jeanne, daughter to Daniel Glidden and Mary Jeanne Pierce, 82 Brigham Rd.

16

Jeffrey Tyler, son to Ronald Roy and Kathleen Ann Soderman, 55 Central Ave.

17

Mary Kristina, daughter to David Edwin and Mary Boyd Anderson, 139 Grove St.

24

Mark Thomas, son to Thomas Robert and Claudia Patricia Holland, 150 Suomi St.

December

1

Alexander Joseph, son to John Rodgers and Margaret Mary Pennance, 2 Knollwood Rd.

3

Julia Christine, daughter to William Francis and Janet Susan Roach, 33 Streeter Road.

9

Francis Henry, III, son to Francis Henry and Debra Margaret Henderson, Jr., 1 Meadowbrook Drive.

MARRIAGES - 1978

February

4 Philip F. Clifford III of Holden to Joan T. Brunelle of Paxton.

April

8 Edward Z. Savickas of Paxton to Harriette A. Cunningham of Dedham.

9 Paul Bohigian of Worcester to Paula Andonian of Paxton.

15 Vernon C. Johnson, Jr. of Shrewsbury to Marguerite Rydant of Paxton.

May

6 Roger A. Donahue of Spencer to Sharon A. Warpula of Paxton.

27 Thomas R. Rogers of Worcester to Betsey J. Nelson of Paxton.

28 William James Iandoli of Paxton to Patricia A. Moran of Worcester.

June

3 Scott K. Johnson of Holden to Karen J. Gamache of Paxton.

3 James R. McEachern of Paxton to Mary L. Fulginiti of Paxton.

17 Gary R. Mills of Auburn to Diane M. Daniels of Paxton.

17 Andrew J. Schiltz of Cherry Valley to Sandra J. Bird of Paxton.

24 Robert Marden Butler of Paxton to Gail Elizabeth Grimes of Paxton.

24 Peter Barclay Cole of Paxton to Karen Ann Bouchard of Holden.

25 Robert F. Dillman, Jr. of Paxton to Diane Elizabeth Kallgren of Paxton.

30 Paul Anthony Grenier of Rutland to Suzanne Norton of Paxton.

July

1 Jonathan Brunell of Shrewsbury to Jean Woelflein of Paxton.

23 Richard M. Rice of Saco, Maine to Kathy A. Love of Saco, Maine.

August

7 Anastasios Dinis of Paxton to Elizabeth Sakaloglu of Worcester.

12 Francis X. Gould of Worcester to Lurena Ann Kelley of Paxton.

September

9 Arthur T. Donahue of Westboro to Mary V. Lawson of Paxton.

9 Roberto Sanabria of Amherst to Denise Stewart of Paxton.

9 Gary Carr of Shrewsbury to Beverly Butland of Paxton.

10 Clifford Darwin of Paxton to Marion Burbank of Auburn.

15 Robert Lee Lam of Schuylerville, N.Y. to DeLois Charline Jones of Schuylerville, N.Y.

16 Arthur Lee Hogge III of Worcester, to Suzanne Therese Gemme of Paxton.

30 Frederick M. Misilo Jr. of Worcester to Sandra L. Wahlstrom of Paxton.

October

7 William J. Dozois, Jr. of Paxton to Christine A. Staiti of Paxton.

14 Philip Warren of Spencer to Janet Kingsbury of Paxton.

14 Michael P. Tivnan of Paxton to Donna F. Barber of Paxton.

14 Charles A. Cross, Jr. of Paxton to Donna Lee Cardinal of Paxton.

28 Neil Anthony Bagdis of West Boylston to Janice Ellen Benson of Paxton.

28 Walter Harland Akerman of Dover, N.H. to Nadine Joy Plante of Paxton.

November

12 Frederick H. Fricka, Jr. of Paxton to Janice Walker of Worcester.

December

2 Michael L. Newton of Gardner to Diana Lee Miller of Paxton.

9 Thaddeus Ziarko of Paxton to Linda Perkins of North Uxbridge.

18 Michael G. McGrath of Worcester to Donna B. McGrath of Paxton.

27 Bradford N. Dodge of Paxton to Lynn R. Boege of Paxton.

29 William R. Powers of Paxton to Joanne C. Kelley of Paxton.

30 John Wallace of Pittsburgh, PA to Cheryl Pierce of Paxton.

DEATHS - 1978

March

1 Minnie E. Bailey, 778 Pleasant St. 80 years

1 Donald D. McPherson, 50 Streeter Road 74 years

2 David A. Hiller, 6 Lincoln Circle 8 years

9 Arthur Maccabee, 109 Pleasant St. 78 years
20 Phylliss C. Ahlin, 9 Briarcliff Lane 56 years

April

2 M. Lawrence Price, 55 Maple St. 69 years
5 John F. Sheary, 8 Orchard Dr. 77 years
22 George S. Kalajian, 4 Oakwood Rd. 73 years
28 F. Wyman Rogers, 2 Pine St. 70 years
29 Albina B. Murphy,
118 Main St., Rutland 79 years

May

5 Herbert E. Ross, 7 Ridgewood Rd. 68 years
6 Richard Van Wyck, 221 Grove St. 73 years
11 John A. Dee, 11 Burtenmar Circle 61 years

June

2 Raymond Kitonis, 1 Alrene Dr. 83 years
15 Charlotte H. Lavoie,
16 Forestdale Rd. 48 years
26 Bernard F. DuPaul, Sr.,
47 Camp Street 61 years

July

20 Hattie Eames Crouch, 14 West St. 95 years
23 Reginald J. Smith, 639 Pleasant St. 65 years
26 Daniel F. Cronin, 2 Orchard Dr. 71 years

August

6 Nellie H. Cunningham,
620 Pleasant Street 88 years
16 Gladys M. Pike, 211 Grove St. 70 years
19 Helen Horan, 14 Burtenmar Circle 77 years
24 Florence Barclay, 1 Hill St. 82 years

September

4 Eva S. Barnes, 11 Grove St. 77 years
27 Joseph Z. Saliba, Sr.,
14 Nanigian Lane 58 years

October

2 William E. Isham, 75 Maple St. 58 years
5 Marie A. Chenevert,
2 Nipmuck Road 86 years
17 Marjorie M. Burbank,
9 Birchwood Road 70 years

30 Elaine L. Fessenden,
444 Marshall Street 70 years

December

6 Florence J. Sullivan,
10 Richards Ave. 83 years
7 Erna M. Ladd, 12 Maple St. 74 years
23 Jaimee Nicole Thibodeau,
1 Coventry Rd., Worcester 22 years
29 Arthur S. Palmer, 39 Streeter Rd. 87 years
30 James Michael Casavant,
755 Pleasant St. 19 years

To All Boards, Committees and Officers

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 to so 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 1978

Male	186
Female	33
Spayed Female	175
Kennel \$10	2
Kennel \$25	1
Kennel \$50	2
Total Licenses Issued	399
Paid to Treasurer	\$1,286.35

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1978

Total number of licenses issued -	194
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$1,653.75

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held October 30, 1978

The polls opened at 10:00 a.m.

Candidates for the office of Town Selectman were:

Philip V. Donohue	313 votes
Herbert S. Robinson	181 votes
Robert L. Stewart	195 votes
	<u>1 Blank</u>
	690

Total votes cast

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, George L. McGovern, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected Clerk of the Town of Paxton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and I hereby certify that the Attached is a true copy of the Report of the Special Town Meeting held November 1, 1978 at which there was a quorum present and voting throughout.

Attest.

A true copy.

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held November 1, 1978

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator, Robert Hall, declared a quorum present.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds in the treasury to the Communications Dispatch Compensation account, the sum of \$2,100, for the proposed new wage scale for the Communications Center in compliance with Chapter 151 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds in the treasury to the salary account for the Selectmen's Secretary, the sum of \$900, to cover the cost of additional hours worked for the position of Executive Secretary to the Selectboard.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept by way of gift a deed from Albert J. Sluckis and Irene H. Sluckis, or their successors in title, of a parcel of land containing approximately 15,320 square feet bounded northerly by Crowningshield Drive, northeasterly by Pleasant Street, southerly by land now or formerly of the City of Worcester, and westerly by Lot #1, all as shown on plan recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 307 - Plan 51, and to determine what Town department shall have jurisdiction over such land. The Selectboard shall have jurisdiction over the land.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted to pass over this article. (To take \$30,000 from free cash to reduce tax levy).

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town vote to reduce the appropriation for the Wachusett Regional School District Budget as voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 1978, page 14 of the proposed FY-79 Budget, Wachusett Regional School District Assessment, by the sum of \$125,976.79.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town amend its By-laws by adding thereto a By-law to authorize the impounding of dogs which shall have become a public nuisance whether licensed or unlicensed; to provide for redemption of impounded dogs and to provide a penalty for violation.

DOG BY-LAW

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

As used in this By-law, unless the context otherwise indicates:

(a) "Dog" shall mean all animals of canine species, both male and female.

(b) "Owner" shall mean any person, or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog, as herein defined.

(c) "Public Nuisance" Any dog shall be deemed a public nuisance when attacking persons, or domestic animals, while said dog is on property other than that of the dog owner when destroying property; or on a

public school ground when not under restraint; or if it shall persistently chase moving vehicles; if it shall persistently and prolongedly bark and howl. Each twenty-four hour period shall constitute a separate violation. Further, any unspayed female dog in season shall be deemed a public nuisance when not confined indoors by the owner thereof, or housed in a veterinary hospital or registered kennel.

SECTION 2. PERMITTING A DOG TO BECOME A PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITED:

No owner, or keeper, of any dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed, or unlicensed, to become a public nuisance within the Town of Paxton at any time.

SECTION 3. IMPOUNDING:

It shall be the duty of the dog officer(s) to investigate complaints concerning any dogs which are alleged to be in violation of this By-law, and to apprehend any dog found by him to be a public nuisance and to impound such dog in a suitable place or to order the owner thereof to restrain said dog.

SECTION 4. NOTICE TO OWNER AND REDEMPTION:

If such dog so impounded has upon it the name or address of the owner thereof, or if the name of said owner is otherwise known, then the dog officer shall immediately notify the owner; and if the owner is not known then no notice shall be necessary.

The owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon the reimbursement to the Dog Officer of his expenses for maintaining said dog while impounded. In any event, the Dog Officer shall not charge more than two dollars (\$2.00) for a reimbursement of said expenses for each twenty-four (24) hour period or any part thereof that the dog is held by him. Provided, however, if the dog is not licensed, that before release to any person is made by

the Dog Officer, a license as required by the Town of Paxton shall be secured.

SECTION 5. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DOGS:

Any dog which has been impounded and has not been redeemed by the owner within ten (10) days shall be disposed of as provided by Section 152, Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 6. PENALTY:

Any owner found in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law shall be punished in accordance with the following schedule:

1st Offense	\$5.00
2nd Offense	\$10.00
3rd or Subsequent Offense	\$25.00

in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 173A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen and Dog Officers.

Motion passed.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN under our hands this seventeenth day of October, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held January 22, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was declared present by the Moderator Robert J. Hall.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town take from available funds the sum of \$14,688 to be applied to the 1978-79 School Committee Budget 2000 Account.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,732 to be applied to the 1978-79 Insurance & Bonds Budget Account 834.

Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

I, George L. McGovern, being the duly elected Clerk of the Town of Paxton do hereby certify the above report to be true.

Attest

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held April 30, 1979

at the Paxton Center School

The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Election officers checked in 300 voters. Tellers appointed were: John F. McDonald, Jr. and Job B. Jacobs.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted by the Town of Paxton to approve the borrowing of \$4,769,850 by the Wachusett Regional School District for the remodeling, adding to and equipping the Wachusett Regional High School, as authorized by the Regional District School Committee on February 12, 1979, which borrowing may be reduced by the sum of \$220,150 by reimbursement from the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts for planning costs.

Yes - 171 No - 111 Total vote - 282

Election Officers working at the election were: Mary Derby, Mary Barry, Augustus Oatley, Madeline McGovern, Charlotte Thalin and Gladys Berg.

Total vote cast by the Regional District was 2,346 - 1591 in favor, 755 against. A two-thirds vote was needed to pass.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern

Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Annual Town Meeting

Held May 7, 1979

at the Anna Maria College

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Moderator Robert J. Hall declared a quorum was present. Tellers appointed by the moderator were: Janet Hughes and Robert Herron.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted to see what sums of money the Town would 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 of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979, and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (See budget)

BUDGET - July 1, 1979 through June 30, 1980

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item No.		Recommended 1979-80
	Moderator	
101	Salary	\$ 35
104	Expenses	30
	Selectmen	
111	Salary	1,100
112	Admin. Secretary	
	(\$900 voted at Spec. Meet.)	3,750

114	Expenses	950
115	Equipment	0
	Town Accountant	
122	Salary	3,750
124	Expenses	350
	Town Treasurer	
131	Salary	4,250
132	Additional Hire	1,150
134	Expenses	740
138	Data Processing	1,300
139	Certification of Notes	50
	Town Collector	
141	Salary	4,050
144	Expenses	1,700
145	Equip. & Maintenance	--
	Town Secretary	
152	Salary	4,650
154	Expenses	1,535
	Assessors	
161	Salary	2,800
162	Clerk	2,550
162A		--
164	Expenses	1,281
168	Data Processing	3,135
	Finance Committee	
172	Secretary	300
173	Statistician	200
174	Expenses	150
	Town Clerk	
181	Salary	1,100
182	Hire	452
182A	Record Keeping	90
184	Expenses	200
185	Record Storage	210
	Legal	
194	Expenses	6,500
	Elections	
204	Expenses	965
	Registrars	
212	Compensation	150
213	Clerk	165
213A	Street List	450
214	Expenses	575
	Planning Board	
222	Clerk	100
224	Expenses	200
226	Printing	100
	Town Hall	
232	Caretaker	1,880
234	Expenses	4,762
236	Repairs	800
Total General Government		<u>\$58,505</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

	Police Department	
282	Police Chief Salary	15,250
283A	Salary - Officers	26,145
283	Comp. - Patrolmen	18,034
284	Expenses	11,056
285	Equipment	--
287	Prisoner's Fees	600
	Fire Department	
302	Officer's Salaries	2,050
303	Firefighter's Comp.	6,200
304	Expenses	7,735
305	Equipment	3,500
310	Hose Replacement	1,500
	Building Inspector	
322	Salary	1,200
324	Expenses	400
	Board of Appeals	
334	Expenses	250
	Forestry	
354	Moth Destruction	200
364	Dutch Elm Disease	700
	Tree Warden	
372	Salary and Hire	1,900
372A	Special Tree Removal	--
375	Equipment	100
	Dog Officer	
382	Salary	1,060
384	Expenses	850
	Civil Defense	
394	Expenses	--
	Inspector of Wires	
402	Salary	750
403	Hire	50
404	Expenses	75
	Central Communication Dispatch	
412	Compensation	27,847
414	Expenses	1,550
415	Equipment	150
	Emergency Ambulance Service	
423	Compensation	4,100
424	Expenses	4,230
426	Contract (Voted 6,500 be taken from Revenue Sharing)	
Total Protection of Persons and Property		<u>\$137,482</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION

	Board of Health	
441	Salary	150
444	Expenses	300
445	Sewerage Disposal	800
	Sanitary Engineer	

472	Salary	3,100
	Plumbing Inspector	
482	Compensation	500
	Refuse Collection	
495	Contract (Voted to take \$42,000 from Revenue Sharing)	
	Inspector of Animals	
502	Salary	150
503	Assistant's Comp.	50
	Community Health Care	
534	Expenses	2,200
	Total Health and Sanitation	<u>\$7,250</u>

PUBLIC SERVICES

	Highway Department	
601	Wages	94,380
604	Expenses	
	Town Garage	3,300
	Street Sweeping	1,800
	Catch Basin Cleaning	2,000
	Signs and Posts	250
	Salt	6,000
	Sand for Oil and Ice, etc. (Gravel)	9,000
	Patch	2,000
	Asphalt and Tar	20,000
	Drainage Pipe	4,500
	Equipment Maintenance	18,000
	General Hired Equipment	2,500
	Total Expenses	<u>69,350</u>
606	Town Common	250
607	Highway Materials	--
	Chapter 356	
	Total Highway Department	<u>163,980</u>
	Street Lights	
634	Expenses	14,230
	Landtaking	
674	Expenses	--
	Total Public Services	<u>\$178,210</u>

VETERAN'S SERVICES

722	Agent's Salary	500
724	Expenses	250
726	Aid	4,000
	Total Veteran's Services	<u>\$4,750</u>

SCHOOLS

	Paxton Center School	
1000	Administration	\$ 21,525
2000	Instruction	659,241
3000	Other School Services	87,034
4000	Operation and Maintenance	123,021
5000	Fixed Charges	372

6000	Community Services	1,200
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	5,343
9000	Programs with other Schools	50,778
	Total Paxton Center School	<u>948,514</u>
	Wachusett Regional School District	
	Total Budget	4,613,383
	Anticipated Revenue	(1,832,216)
	Surplus Applied	--
	Net Assessments to Towns	<u>\$2,781,167</u>
	Paxton's Share	416,814
	Percentage	14.987
	Total Schools	<u>\$1,365,328</u>

LIBRARY

762	Salary - Librarian	8,500
763	Other Compensation	8,450
764	Expenses (Interest from Trust Funds 3,200 and Dog Fund \$304.86) (11,350 minus \$3,504.86) (See Art. 6.)	7,846
	Total Library	<u>\$24,796</u>

RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

	Recreation	
772	Compensation	15,744
774	Expenses	3,760
775	Equipment	350
776	Recreation Events (\$3,000 minus \$1,477) (Art. 12)	1,523
	Total Recreation	<u>21,377</u>
	Celebrations	
786	Fourth of July	700
824	Memorial Day	600
	Total of Recreation and Celebrations	<u>\$22,677</u>

UNCLASSIFIED

814	Town Report	2,500
834	Insurance & Bonds (\$42,900 plus addition at Special Town Meeting 4,732)	49,700
844	Town Employees Insurance Expense	30,000
	Town Clock	
852	Salary	60
854	Expenses	30
	Conservation	
872	Clerk	220
874	Expense	250
877	Appraisals	--
904	Regional Planning	560
914	Capital Outlay Committee	50
	Conservation	

956	Reserve Fund (25,000 from overlay surplus)	
957	Council on Aging	2,500
964	Personnel Advisory Board	25
1776	Historical Commission	25
Total Unclassified		<u>\$85,920</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

Water Board		
961	Commission Salary	225
963	Other Compensation	2,800
964	Expenses, Stock and Supplies	20,210
965	Water Quality (Testing)	550
966	Engineering Services	500
Total Water Department		<u>\$24,285</u>

CEMETERIES

974	Expenses	--
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MATURING NOTES AND BONDS

318	Fire Station	--
748	Paxton Center School	38,000
768	Library	20,000
968	Water Department	
	Pumping Station	--
	1972 Main - Pleasant St.	--
	New Standpipe	17,525
Total Maturing Notes and Bonds		<u>\$75,525</u>

INTEREST ON NOTES AND BONDS

319	Fire Station	--
749	Paxton Center School	5,493
769	Library	10,500
969	Water Department	
	Pumping Station	--
	1972 Main - Pleasant St.	--
	New Standpipe	12,821
999	Temporary Loans	2,000
Total Interest on Notes and Bonds		30,814
Total Notes and Interest		<u>\$106,340</u>

GRAND TOTAL

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, 1979, 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 include the Fourth of July celebration in the responsibility of the Recreation Commission, rather than an annual appointment.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$304.86 received from the Dog Fund to the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted that the Town appropriate \$1,389.75 received from the State for Library use to the Library Account.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town vote the money for street lights and income from sales of electricity to private customers, 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 be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and 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 Town Warrant for vacation schedule).

Articles 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 were taken up collectively. Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted that the Town accept a gift of \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. David Green in remembrance of Elizabeth Hight for the Richards Memorial Library Fund.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 to repair and seal the paved surface of the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1477.25 from Recreation Receipts Reserved for appropriation to Account 776, Recreation Events, to offset the budget request.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. It was voted that the Town take from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a used diesel truck for the Highway Department to replace the 1968 Ford Truck which will either be traded in towards the purchase price of the new vehicle or sold to the highest bidder.

Two-thirds vote. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 14. It was voted that the Town accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on March 29, 1979 of Old Lantern Circle for a distance of approximately 2,073 feet, and Dunanderry Way for a distance of approximately 1,125 feet, as shown on a plan entitled "Candlewood" Paxton, Massachusetts, dated April 5, 1966, by Reney Brothers, Registered Engineers and Surveyors, and filed with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 307, Plan 74; to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement therein for public way purposes; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the purpose of acquiring the registered deed.

Two-thirds vote. Motion carried. Four opposed.

ARTICLE 15. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,375 to purchase four portable radios for the Fire Department.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for extending the water main on Marshall Street.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 17. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 for the purpose of repairing and painting the water standpipe on Maple Street.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted that the Town transfer the unspent balance of \$83.00 from the Anti Recession Fund to the Council on Aging to be spent for labor necessary to clean the meeting area for the Senior Citizens.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted that the Town appropriate from Revenue Sharing the amount of \$720 for the purpose of paying rental for a senior citizens meeting place, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging.

Unanimous vote.

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 Chief's meeting.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 21. It was voted that the Town spend from free cash the amount of \$209.87 to settle an unpaid bill for repairs made to the 1975 Ford station wagon police cruiser in June of 1977.

Unanimous vote. Four-fifths vote.

ARTICLE 22. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 to cover the \$1,000 deductible clause of the Town's Multi Peril insurance policy.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 23. It was voted that the Town give the Selectboard authority to withdraw from the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE 24. It was voted to pass over this article. (Appropriate money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund).

ARTICLE 25. It was voted that the Town authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$20,000 from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 26. It was voted that the Town elect the Town Officers on Monday, May 14, 1979 as follows:
VOTED

Moderator	Robert J. Hall	251
Town Clerk	George L. McGovern	272
Treasurer	David P. Fitzpatrick	259
Town Collector	June T. Herron	272
Constable	Robert P. Sheehan	274
Constable	William O. Wylie	265
Tree Warden	Raymond A. Seymour	184
Selectman	Philip V. Donohue	253
Assessor	James R. Stone, Jr.	255
School Committee	Barbara S. Berka	241
School Committee	Daniel J. Lucey	233
Municipal Light Board	John J. O'Day, III	270
Cemetery Commission	Caroline L. Isham	258
Water Board	Charles J. Scholl	258
Library Trustee	Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.	255
Library Trustee	Edith M. Lavigne	252
Planning Board	Richard J. Pentland	243
Board of Health	Orace T. Holland	162
Recreation Board	John F. McDonald	252
Recreation Board	Denis M. Melican	260
Wachusett Regional High	Howard W. Moore	244

Total number of votes cast were 317.

The Town Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. The counting was finished at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George L. McGovern
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen worked diligently this year to meet the challenge of improved budgeting, of better use of resources, better communication, conservation, and compliance with the state's tax cap legislation. Meeting these challenges made for a very busy year.

With the loss of Reginald J. Smith, our past Chairman, the Board and the Town sustained a great loss. His passing created a void which we found difficult to fill in those long months, and we wish to thank all those Town Department Managers, Board and Committee members, employees and individual citizens who helped us, through their cooperation and support, to successfully carry on.

We welcomed Mr. Philip V. Donohue to the Board after the Special Election held October 30, 1978, and are grateful to have such a fine and knowledgeable man.

After careful consideration, research and advisement, the Board appointed Mr. Robert P. Sheehan as Police Chief. Mr. Sheehan's excellent qualifications, long background within the Police Department, and his strong interest in the Town proved him a good choice and sustained our continued confidence in him in running a professional and efficient department.

The major issue and challenge in budget preparation this year was the passage of the 4% Tax Cap which the Board supported and with which it complied. The Selectboard instituted procedures to take a greater part in budget preparation and review, and scrutinized in detail budgets prepared by ancillary units. Closer cooperation with the Finance Committee was established through willingness of Finance members to detail their operating procedures. We wish to thank all departments, boards, and committees for their dedicated and hard work in sharpening their pencils to help reduce or maintain overall costs. In line with our continued effort to be cost conscious, the Board is reviewing alternative sources of revenue, including license fees. We have instituted policies in cooperative purchasing and the use of purchase orders, and are actively working toward funding of projects through regional project plans with our neighboring Towns of Rutland and Leicester. We continue to support committee efforts for Federal and State funding and to fight the passing of mandates without State funding.

The Board has continued to be actively involved with the Metropolitan Area Council which has been helpful in keeping us up to date with regional and state issues which affect our Town. We have maintained consistent contact with State Representative Henry Grenier and State Senator Robert Wetmore on such issues of concern to Paxton as: careful control of the classification amendment, exemption from the ambulance law, review of appropriations for Chapter

766, passage of the Sunset Law, expediting Cherry Sheet distribution, Chapter 70 funding, fuel assistance to the elderly and low income families, state gasoline set asides, Third Party payments, and regional planning. We have found Rep. Grenier and Sen. Wetmore responsive and helpful, and wish to thank them for their efforts on our behalf. Mr. Grenier has monthly meeting hours at the Paxton Town Hall. Meeting dates and times are posted on the bulletin board.

Selectmen have had numerous meetings with all boards, committees, and other elected officials, as well as individuals and groups, in our efforts to have increased and meaningful communications on problems, issues and concerns facing the Town. The Board has also instituted a policy of monthly reports from Town departments. We also support and appreciate the efforts of the Paxton Dispatchers Association to provide current information to the Town through the "Paxton Dispatch." We wish them continued success in their endeavors on behalf of the Town.

The new Wachusett addition which was voted by the Town in a Special Town Meeting on April 30, 1979 involved planning and decisions with the Wachusett Regional School District Committee and member town officials. We thank all Town board and committee members who helped with their advice and appreciate the Town's commitment to continued support for a high caliber of education for our future citizens.

The Board has appointed Mrs. Pam McDonald as our agent for C.E.T.A. appointments and to keep abreast of changes in this legislation. We presently have two positions filled through C.E.T.A. funding: one at the Paxton Center School, and one at Anna Maria College. Openings still exist at Anna Maria and the Highway Department. For information on eligibility and job requirements, contact the Selectmen's office.

The Board has renewed the Town's contract with Worcester-Himmer Ambulance Service of Holden. Our first responder system is functioning very well and very efficiently. The Board would like to thank this group for their dedication and their speedy and unselfish service to people in need at all times of the day and night. We have received many grateful thanks from people served by our First Responder group.

Dog problems continue to be a difficulty in Town. The Board accepted the resignation of one of the two jointly appointed officers, Mr. James S. Nanof, in December. Mr. Robert J. Mortell continues to serve as Dog Officer, and we commend him for his continued service in a difficult job. We ask your continued cooperation with him and compliance with the new Dog Bylaw passed at the November 1, 1978 Special Town

Meeting and approved by the Attorney General.

As voted by the Town, the financial records of Paxton were audited for the fiscal year 1977-78. The auditing firm completed their report in October of 1978. The audit was required for Federal Revenue Sharing. The finances and financial systems of the Town were found to be in excellent order. Our Treasurer, Mr. David Fitzpatrick; Collector, Mrs. June Herron; and Accountant, Mrs. Yvonne Karle, are to be commended for the many hours spent with the auditors and for a job well done. We are fortunate to have such dedicated, conscientious and knowledgeable people in these positions, and we heartily thank them for their continued hard work on behalf of the Town.

Again, we thank Robert Hansson and the Highway Department employees, and Mr. Harold Smith and the Light Dept. personnel, for the fine job accomplished during last winter's severe ice conditions. We also extend a vote of thanks to the Paxton Fire Department for their continued dedicated service to the Town.

The Board contracted to have the two sides of the Town Hall painted, and that work has been completed. This maintenance program was begun last year, when the front and back were painted. Interior maintenance and improvements have also been done to the Town Clerk's office, and have been planned for the Police Department. We wish to thank Mr. Gerard Bernier for his hard work and cost saving efforts to make the Town Hall a better place to work for all of us.

There continues to be a problem with posting of signs throughout Town. Our Zoning Bylaws are very specific on this subject. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Roland Anderson, Building Inspector and Sign Officer for the Town of Paxton, who has also been particularly helpful in establishing codes and inspecting wood burning stoves.

The Personnel Advisory Board was very active and helpful this year in advising the Selectmen as to personnel issues and requirements. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. David Sjosten and the members of this much needed advisory group who spent many hours in helping clarify needs.

We note the retirement of Mr. Ernest Sprague who has served the Town as an Assessor for 20 years. His knowledgeable and dedicated service will be missed. We wish him many happy and fruitful years of relaxation and fulfillment.

As Spring came upon us, the Board, the Town, and the Nation faced a new energy crunch. Far different from the Arab embargo of 1973 which created a shortage of petroleum products, this new energy

shortage threatens our freedom as a nation. In response to the shortage, the Selectboard met with our fuel and gasoline suppliers in order to try to meet the present and future needs of the Town. The Selectboard supports the gasoline station owners' recommendations for encouraging car pooling, and a form for car pooling was enclosed in the Light Department bills. We thank Mr. Harold Smith of the Light Department and the Communications Dispatchers for their help in coordinating this effort. We hope many people will become involved in this conservation effort. We are facing heating fuel shortages next Winter and have asked for and received plans from all departments for conservation of both gasoline and heating fuel. We have activated the Energy Conservation Committee and are hoping for final report of recommendations to the Town soon. Mr. Allen Rubin is the Chairman of this committee. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact Mr. Rubin, or leave a message at the Town Hall. We are also investigating a Paxton-Worcester bus service. We hope this will reach function, and the Townspeople will take advantage of this mass transit opportunity to conserve energy.

We would encourage participation by additional Townspeople in volunteering for appointments or running for elective offices so that the burden of administrating and operating Town business could be in some measure lifted from the few dedicated public servants who must, and are willing, to serve in dual or triple capacities.

The Selectboard would be very remiss not to mention the dedicated and highly commendable service that Mrs. Pam McDonald has given to them and the Townspeople in her position as Executive Secretary. We publicly thank her for doing such an outstanding job.

Our sincere appreciation goes to George and Madeline McGovern for the multitude of services provided in the Town Clerk's office in their usual friendly and competent manner.

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many, 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 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Smith, Chairman
Edward Z. Savickas, V. Chmn, & Clerk
Philip V. Donohue

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Copies of the minutes and decisions are filed as a public record with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Rubin,
Chairman & Clerk

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 estimated rate of \$24.00 per \$1000 is based on a new total valuation amount of \$61,700,000 as a result of the revaluation by McGee and Magane. At the time of this writing, we have not received a definitive answer on implementation of the Classified Assessment Statute.

The first tax bills with the new valuations will be mailed in late September, 1979, and are due and payable on or before November 1, 1979. Abatements must be filed at this time, if applicable.

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 on 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:

Year	Percent 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

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES	FY75	FY76	FY77	FY78	FY79
Appropriations to be raised	\$1,593,367.70	\$ 1,761,851.72	\$1,877,023.73	\$ 1,905,767.63	\$ 1,930,667.07
Percent of increase over prior year	17 percent	11 percent	7 percent	2 percent	1 percent
Appropriation from avail. fds.	137,169.00	146,583.53	76,577.80	86,172.93	101,523.51
Offset Items	5,896.61	6,010.73	6,122.56	6,186.75	6,025.75
Retirement	22,471.31	25,599.98	33,521.60	31,688.30	33,368.51
State Tax & Assessments	23,597.65	24,376.49	22,199.46	21,167.99	24,024.16
County Tax & Assessments	97,670.58	90,368.04	99,733.10	100,985.39	50,424.53
Overlay	45,099.87	30,009.00	35,727.17	34,139.48	50,000.00
Deficits Prior Years	—	—	2,365.56	—	—
Gross Amount to be raised	1,925,272.72	2,084,799.49	2,153,270.84	2,186,108.47	2,196,033.53
Percent increase over prior year	27 percent	8 percent	3 percent	2 percent	0 percent
Deduct from Gross Amount					
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid & Agency Fund	412,889.14	465,750.39	426,366.43	337,726.07	342,878.18
Motor Vehicle Excise	122,891.22	137,667.25	164,265.61	150,623.23	164,972.38
Water Department	45,579.81	49,000.00	46,000.00	51,720.00	54,000.00
Other Local Receipts	13,945.55	29,250.00	45,546.05	41,070.00	29,335.00
Avail. Funds (except following)	78,769.00	70,930.33	39,577.66	42,807.97	56,195.50
Avail. Funds - Revenue Sharing	58,400.00	75,653.00	37,000.00	41,350.00	47,870.00
Avail. Funds - Free Cash	117,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00	82,769.50	20,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	853,474.72	928,251.17	888,755.75	748,066.77	715,251.06
Percent Increase /decrease over prior year	90 percent	9 Percent	(5 percent)	15 percent	(4 percent)
Expenditures less Estimated Receipts equals					
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,071,798.00	1,156,548.32	1,269,515.09	1,438,041.70	1,480,782.47
VALUATIONS					
Real Estate	29,894,413.00	30,884,274.00	31,330,990.00	32,061,640.00	33,033,021.00
Personal Property	296,995.00	586,428.50	606,450.00	621,126.00	621,126.00
Total	30,191,408.00	31,470,702.50	31,937,440.00	32,682,766.00	33,654,147.00
Percent increase over prior year	3 percent	4 percent	1.5 percent	2.3 percent	3 percent
TAX RATE*	35.50	36.75	39.75	44.00	44.00
* Net Amount to be raised divided by Total Valuation (in thousands) equals per- cent increase /decrease over prior year	3 percent	4 percent	8 percent	11 percent	0 percent

TABLE II

	FY76		FY77		FY78		FY79	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:								
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	1	205.01	1	233.99	1	275.04	2	668.79
17: Widows	1	175.00	4	700.00	3	525.00	4	700.00
22: Veterans	69	14,133.95	65	13,734.17	68	14,583.50	70	15,486.56
37: Blind	1	437.50	2	875.00	2	875.00	3	1,312.50
41: Elderly	30	10,221.23	30	10,416.33	24	8,344.80	25	12,119.80
61A: Farm Land	4	764.40	4	826.80	5	981.20	5	981.20
TOTAL	106	25,937.09	106	26,786.29	103	25,584.54	109	31,268.85
ABATEMENTS:								
Real Estate	13	9,517.21	21	2,788.46	31	1,890.37	34	3,595.71
Personal Property	42	795.82	9	214.10	20	251.63	18	494.71
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	589	24,755.96	481	17,736.62	622	26,426.71	515	22,197.56
TOTAL	644	35,068.99	511	20,739.18	673	28,568.71	567	26,287.98
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:								
Number of Bills Processed		3,576.00		3,402.00		3,327.00		3,683.00
Dollar Value of Bills		199,259.05		229,782.98		209,872.48		272,610.05
Dollar Value Less Abatements		174,503.09		212,046.36		183,445.77		250,412.49

Report of the Building Inspector

A total of 33 permits were issued -- as follows:

New Homes	12
Additions & Alterations	10
Garages, Breezeways & Porches	6
Barns, Sheds, Pools	4
Demolitions	1

An average of three inspections were made on all permits. The Building Inspector is now zoning and sign agent, and much time is spent on the interpretation of these by-laws and requirements.

As of July 1, 1979, the building inspector also must issue permits, and inspect wood stove installations. Permits must be obtained. A certificate will be issued for a proper installation.

My thanks to all departments and to the people of the town for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland K. Anderson
Inspector of Buildings

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commission did not request an appropriation for Fiscal Year 1980. Our Interest Income is sufficient to cover expenses again this year.

CHARGES:

2 Grave Lots	200.00
4 Grave Lots	400.00
6 Grave Lots	600.00
Perpetual care included.	

OPENING GRAVES

Weekdays	75.00
Weekends	100.00
Infant Burials	35.00
Cremation	25.00

Residents and former residents of Paxton may purchase lots at the Town Hall from the Town Secretary, 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline L. Isham Rice
Katherine Stannard
Betty Peterson
Cemetery Commission

Report of the Communications Board

After its first four and a half years of operation, the Center has definitely proven its value to the Town. In that time it has been manned every minute of the day and night. Numerous instances at night, on weekends, on holidays, when other Town Departments were off duty and someone had a problem or emergency, such as a broken water pipe, electric power loss, request for ambulance service, or just looking for information, the Dispatch Center was there to receive their calls and take the appropriate action. It is safe to say the Communications Center in some instances has more than likely meant the difference between life and death in some emergency situations.

The day to day operation of all Town Departments depends greatly on the Center for communication both between and within Departments.

If anyone is interested in being trained as a dispatcher, please stop in any time at the Center located in the Fire Station and pick up an application. Although it is a part-time job with no paid fringe benefits, you will find it rewarding knowing you are performing a service beneficial to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Hansson, Chairman
Harold Smith, Clerk
Robert Sheehan
Leslie E. Robinson
Charles Glassbrenner
Robert Dillman, Jr.
Robert Stewart

Report of the Conservation Commission

Continuing a study begun last year by a committee appointed by the Selectmen, the Conservation Commission compiled a file of all information relating to Streeter Pond. The possible purchase of the pond has been considered at various times in the past, and it seemed wise to collect all data in one place to avoid future duplication of effort. The file will be held by the Selectmen. The conclusion reached is that Streeter Pond would have no value to the Town. Because it is within the watershed for Pine Hill Reservoir, it could not be used for any recreational purpose, and it is also unsuitable as a future source of water.

The lack of any additional sources of water to supplement Asnebumskit Pond has been a topic of concern for the Commission.

In April, the Commission continued its annual observation of Arbor Day by distributing blue spruce seedlings to students in grades one through five at Paxton Center School. Each child was given a seedling and a set of planting instructions to take home.

The Conservation Commission continued its administration of the Wetlands Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40). There were several requests to determine the applicability of the law to a proposed activity in a given location, but no hearings were required.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter W. Siemen, Chairman
Susan P. Corcoran, Clerk
Robert Stewart
Catherine Hodgson
Charles L. Innis
Frank Ranta
Jean D. Rommel

Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report from the Dog Officer for the Fiscal Year 1978-79:

- 164 dog complaints handled
- 89 dogs reported lost
- 7 dogs reported found
- 14 dog bites investigated

- 15 dogs placed under quarantine
- 51 dogs picked up and returned to owner
- 29 dogs brought to Animal Rescue League
- 7 dogs killed by cars
- 5 dogs injured by cars
- 3 dogs found dead
- 6 stray dogs placed in new homes
- 13 dogs destroyed
- 31 miscellaneous calls concerning cats, foxes, birds, horses, etc.

In June of 1978, the Select Board appointed two Dog Officers, Robert Mortell and James Nanof.

At that time both James and myself shared the work load. In December of 1978, James resigned and then I assumed 100 percent of the Dog Officer's duties and responsibilities.

Being a Dog Officer in Paxton is a part-time position, often making it difficult to handle a dog matter immediately.

I wish to serve the Paxton people and their dogs as best I can.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mortell
Dog Officer

Report of the Electric Light Department

As manager of the Paxton Light Department, it is my pleasure to report to the people of Paxton the activities for the previous year.

1. We are reading all of our accounts on a monthly basis.

2. We have purchased a Moped bicycle for reading meters.

3. We have completed the voltage change on the West end of town.

4. We have completed a backup URD Feeder at the substation.

5. We are continuing with our program of testing all residential meters.

The Commission and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Anyone having a problem, or wishing to meet with us concerning the light department, may attend our regular meetings which are held on the Tuesday before the last Thursday of every month. "CONSERVE ENERGY."

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Smith, Manager

Commissioners:

Thomas Cummings, Chairman
Bernard R. Conte, Clerk
John J. O'Day III, Third Member

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
Assets and Other Debits			
Utility Plant			
Utility Plant - Electric	<u>757,800.17</u>	<u>716,539.43</u>	<u>(41,260.74)</u>
Total Utility Plant	757,800.17	716,539.43	(41,260.74)
Fund Accounts:			
Depreciation Fund		41,598.01	41,598.01
Other Special Funds		<u>21,229.81</u>	<u>21,229.81</u>
Total Funds		62,827.82	62,827.82
Current and Accrued Assets			
Cash	72,496.89	36,204.60	(36,292.29)
Special Deposits	38,646.77	775.00	(37,871.77)
Working Funds	200.00	200.00	
Customer Accounts Receivable	52,796.34	49,625.22	(3,171.12)
Other Accounts Receivable	4,729.88	1,326.31	(3,403.57)
Materials and Supplies	<u>18,293.32</u>	<u>31,966.72</u>	<u>13,673.40</u>
Total Current and Accrued Assets	187,163.20	120,097.85	(67,065.35)
Deferred Debits			
Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense	2,215.08		(2,215.08)
Other Deferred Debits	<u>1,141.06</u>	<u>1,408.39</u>	<u>267.33</u>
Total Deferred Debits	<u>3,356.14</u>	<u>1,408.39</u>	<u>(1,947.75)</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>948,319.51</u>	<u>900,873.49</u>	<u>(47,446.02)</u>

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	Amount for year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Power Production Expenses		
Other Power Supply Expenses		
Purchased Power	561,309.85	18,735.22
Other Expenses	<u>3,947.39</u>	<u>2,844.89</u>
Total Other Power Supply Expenses	<u>565,257.24</u>	<u>21,580.11</u>
Total Power Production Expenses	565,257.24	21,580.11
Distribution Expenses		
Operation:		
Operation Labor	1,808.73	1,522.98
Operation Supplies and Expenses		(95.15)
Street Lighting and Signal System Expenses	1,735.05	(256.88)
Meter Expenses	265.07	(283.21)
Miscellaneous Distribution Expenses	<u>1,525.28</u>	<u>496.49</u>
Total Operation	5,334.13	1,384.23

	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Maintenance:		
Maintenance of Structures and Equipment	318.50	(1,419.08)
Maintenance of Lines	24,012.05	(1,255.66)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	317.95	(8.78)
Maintenance of Street Lighting and Signal System	2,392.83	1,472.64
Maintenance of Meters	840.82	616.94
Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	174.23	(77.12)
Total Maintenance	<u>28,056.38</u>	<u>(671.06)</u>
Total Distribution Expenses	33,390.51	713.17
Customer Accounts Expenses		
Operation:		
Meter Reading Expenses	3,287.72	70.56
Customer Records and Collection Expenses	14,208.69	(1,045.92)
Uncollectible Accounts	1,018.11	(2,830.21)
Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	7.96	(2.28)
Total Customer Accounts Expenses	<u>18,522.48</u>	<u>(3,807.85)</u>
Administrative and General Expenses		
Operation:		
Administrative and General Salaries	19,864.80	1,554.24
Office Supplies and Expenses	3,791.94	323.02
Outside Services Employed	6,920.88	1,335.05
Property Insurance	5,665.93	5,665.93
Injuries and Damages	1,391.33	433.29
Employee Pensions and Benefits	600.00	(597.09)
Regulatory Commission Expenses	3,129.25	(600.73)
Miscellaneous General Expenses	2,137.85	1,538.79
Rents	50.00	(50.00)
Total Operation	<u>43,551.98</u>	<u>9,602.50</u>
Maintenance:	<u>210.90</u>	<u>(211.50)</u>
Maintenance of General Plant		
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>43,762.88</u>	<u>9,391.00</u>
Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u><u>660,933.11</u></u>	<u><u>27,876.43</u></u>

SUMMARY OF ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Functional Classification	Operation	Maintenance	Total
Power Production Expenses			
Other Power Supply Expenses	<u>565,257.24</u>		<u>565,257.24</u>
Total Power Production Expenses	565,257.24		565,257.24
Distribution Expenses	5,334.13	28,056.38	33,390.51
Customer Accounts Expenses	18,522.48		18,522.48
Administrative and General Expenses	<u>43,551.98</u>	<u>210.90</u>	<u>43,762.88</u>
Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u><u>632,665.83</u></u>	<u><u>28,267.28</u></u>	<u><u>660,933.11</u></u>

Ratio of Operating Expenses to Operating Revenues 84.6 %

**PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978**

	Operating Revenues		Kilowatt-hours Sold	
	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year	Amount for Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
Sales of Electricity				
Residential Sales	388,820.91	693.36	11,491,063	189,596
Commercial and Industrial Sales:				
Commercial	22,100.50	1,309.22	423,796	(19,093)
Industrial	88,849.52	(310.66)	2,351,810	(22,886)
Municipal Sales	31,292.98	152.21	838,350	16,430
Miscellaneous Electric Sales	<u>228,670.46</u>	<u>8,147.71</u>	<u>63,680</u>	
Total Sales to Ultimate Consumers	759,734.37	9,991.84	15,168,699	164,047
Sales for Resale	<u>1,119.97</u>	<u>305.70</u>	<u>19,607</u>	<u>252</u>
Total Sales of Electricity *	760,854.34	10,297.54	15,188,306	164,299
Other Operating Revenues				
Rent from Electric Property		(355.00)		
Other Electric Revenues	<u>20,142.60</u>	<u>18,894.40</u>		
Total Other Operating Revenues	20,142.60	18,539.40		
Total Electric Operating Revenues	<u><u>780,996.94</u></u>	<u><u>28,836.94</u></u>		

*Includes revenues from application of fuel clauses
\$224,628.01

Total KWH to which applied 14,680,626

Emergency Responder Report

A vote was made at the Annual Town Meeting held in May, 1978, to set up an Emergency Responder Group to respond to emergencies in conjunction with an ambulance service which would be under contract to the town. Worcester Himmer Ambulance Service is the contractor. The purpose of the group is to help stabilize emergencies until the ambulance arrives.

The group responded to 51 calls during the past fiscal year. Thirty calls were to motor vehicle accidents, and 21 were of a medical nature of one form or another.

Two of the motor vehicle accident calls were from out of town, one in Oakham, and one a mutual aid request from Rutland. The Oakham one was initiated by a passing motorist stopping at the Dispatch Center and giving unfamiliar information. The other was a request from the Rutland Department.

Refresher instruction in emergency procedure and handling of incidents was given to the group by Capt. John Horgan of the Worcester Fire Department during the winter.

CPR refresher was given by fire department instructors, Murphy, Benoit and Conte.

Leslie E. Robinson
Administrator

Report of the Fire Department

The Fire Department answered 67 calls for service during the past fiscal year as follows:

- 2 Building fires
- 14 Grass and brush fires
- 2 Chimney fires
- 5 Automobile fires
- 8 Cellar pumpings
- 7 Mutual aid
- 6 Appliance fires
- 2 Dumpster fires
- 2 Automatic detector initiated
- 9 Miscellaneous
- 10 "No service" calls

In addition to the above, 17 drills were held during the year. Six of the drills were under the direction of Lieutenant John Carlson and District Chief James Scarry of the Worcester Fire Department drill unit.

The fire department also responded to 30 automobile accidents as adjuncts to the Emergency Responder calls.

In the months of January and March, the department spent a large amount of time doing emergency pumping of flooded cellars as a result of heavy rains that occurred. The problems in March were compounded by a heavy coating of ice under the snow making normal runoff of the water impossible. A heavy or deep frost also froze up drains that would have been, normally, open.

On May 11, 1979, the department worked on one of the toughest woods fires of the current year. The fire was reported from the control tower at the Worcester Airport. It was finally located just off Route 56 about one-half mile from the Leicester line. The location was hard to find and consequently the fire had burned a large area of approximately four or five acres before any extinguishment was begun. The Forestry Unit of the Leicester Fire Department was on hand since they were looking for the same fire. Paxton units, assisted by Leicester and Rutland Fire Department units, worked on the fire, and a truck from Holden Fire Department was on standby at the Paxton Fire Station. The whole operation required about five hours. The Paxton Explorer Scout unit was also called to assist and the efforts of the group were sincerely appreciated. Also, a word of thanks to Mrs. Benoit and Mrs. Bedard for their volunteering in making up refreshments.

"CPR" re-certification was done for some of the firefighters under the direction of Deputy Chief Murphy, Lieutenant Benoit, and Firefighter Jay Conte.

During this fiscal year, a new concept was put officially into operation within the Mutual Aid district of which Paxton is a part. A so-called "Task Force" setup was formed to respond to any community that has a conflagration type of emergency such as occurred in Chelsea, Massachusetts a few years ago. Paxton has one truck assigned to respond with the "southern" Task Force. The 6 engine, 2 ladder, 1 command car unit made up from Mutual Aid fire departments in this area, assembles at Worcester Fire Headquarters and then proceeds as a convoy to the destination where the emergency occurs. Paxton Engine No. 3 took part in a practice operation held August 29, 1978, starting at Worcester Fire Headquarters.

Communications received from the Air Pollution Control Department indicates that the open burning season for next year will be from "January 15, 1980 to April 15, 1980." However, there are hearings being held on this subject during July 1979. The Dispatch Center will be informed if there is any change.

Leslie E. Robinson
Fire Chief

Report of the Board of Health

Your Board of Health has had a busy year. Many septic system installation and repair permits have been issued, and others refused due to soil conditions.

A current problem that the Board of Health has brought to the Building Inspector's attention is the construction of swimming pools too close to the present septic system. We cannot stress strongly enough that before construction is begun, a plan should be obtained, if possible, showing the present system so that if in the future your system has to be repaired or expanded, there will be the necessary area.

Another problem that has arisen due to the revaluation is the proposed assessment on unbuildable land. The Board of Health is available to persons who feel that they own unbuildable lots and are assessed as buildable. The Sanitary Engineer will oversee these inspections.

Lead Paint Clinic was to be held in 1979 by the State, but due to lack of State funds, the clinic was cancelled.

The Board of Health gave Dr. Arthur McAuley, DDM, a letter of approval to seek a grant for the purpose of offering voluntary, individual flouride treatments at Paxton Center School grades K-8. If the grant is not approved, the Board of Health will seek Town funds to carry out this project. We feel this project will promote preventative measures for a healthy environment and way of life for our children.

Due to the present energy problems which plague our society, the Board of Health feels that we can help to conserve by reverting to winter rubbish pickup schedules as of September 4, 1979. Our Rubbish Contractor has expressed concern about the use of plastic bags due to the fact that they are a petroleum product and do not break down in a landfill. Please use rubbish containers rather than plastic bags as often as possible.

It was brought to the attention of the Board of Health by Dr. Joseph Seremeth, Veterinarian, that it is unfeasible to have an annual Rabies Clinic. Henceforward, the clinic will be held every other year, the next to be in 1981, unless he advises otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
O.T. Holland
Dr. J. Frey

Report of the Highway Superintendent

The past winter proved to be a fairly open season with the biggest snowstorm measuring only about eight inches. A few weeks of severe cold weather was our biggest problem when we experienced numerous water service freeze-ups. It is estimated the ground froze as much as five feet deep in places. Although our snow plowing expenses were low this year, many "messy" small storms with continual melting and freezing kept us busy sanding. Because of this, our sand, salt and overtime accounts were higher than normal. All in all, the winter turned out to be about normal budget-wise.

Most of our surface treatment money last year went into cold mix overlays, smoothing up some of the rougher roads. This year most of the money will be spent sealing these mixes.

About 1900 feet of drainage was installed in various locations. Adequate drainage under a road is essential. Without it in wet areas, it is impossible to keep a good riding surface. We still have sections where drainage is necessary and we intend to correct more of them this year.

The price of materials continues to rise and for the third year in a row our budget for buying these road materials has remained the same, so obviously, we have to buy less. We are continually trying to find ways to make these materials go further, but it still takes so much oil to cover a square yard of road surface and so much sand to cover the oil, thus we end up unable to surface as much road as we did the year before. We have been successful in finding some ways to keep our costs down. For instance, in the last few years we have been cooperating with neighboring towns in the sharing of equipment. The town of Rutland, for example, has sent us a loader and trucks with operators when we needed them and we have done the same for them. This avoids the necessity of having to hire private equipment and adds up to a savings of at least \$1500 to \$2000 a year for each town.

We were hoping for more State aid this year, but at this time, it looks as if the Governor's budget will not include anything for cities and towns for highway use in time to be used this season.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Hansson
Supt. of Streets

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Use of printed materials	21,649
Central Regional Interlibrary Loans	283
Use of Audio Visual Materials.....	1797
Volumes in Collection.....	13,340
Magazines Subscribed.....	67
Records and Tapes.....	571
Filmstrips with cassettes.....	21
Number of new registrations this year.....	132

The new addition has provided much enjoyment to the townspeople and the staff. The added space has allowed browser room for the patron and much needed working space for the staff. The lounge area, located near the magazines, enables people to sit and read in comfort. The furniture for this area has been donated to the library by the Friends of Richards Memorial Library.

Increased space has also allowed initiation of new programs. A movie program and a Junior Friends Organization has been started. The Library has been used this year as a meeting place for several town organizations as well as several Central Regional Library meetings, as an area for displays (e.g. Young Years displays for International Year of the Child and posters of Paxton Center School's French class), and for movies. There are plans for a puppet show to be sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

"Egg decorating" was held near Eastertime. We received several hundred eggs with which we decorated the Children's Room.

The Junior Friends made decorations for various holidays for the children's room, as well as a temporary puppet theater.

The Friends of Richards Memorial Library have had another active year. Their Christmas decorations included the addition of a full-size, fully decorated Christmas tree.

The dedication for the new addition was held on October 1, 1978. Various committees connected with the library and its erection, as well as townspeople, attended the dedication.

I would like to take this opportunity to again acknowledge and thank the building committee: Loretta Krus, Viola Prentice, Christian Baehrecke, Charles Innis, and Linwood Erskine. Donald Fenton, Clerk of the Works, deserves recognition for all of his time and knowledge.

Our Library staff now consists of Joan Bedard, Vivian Clarke, Sue Corcoran, Rachel Prentice and Nora Kelley. Alma Nash has, much to our regret, left us. We miss working with her. Jean Faucher, after years of excellent service, has also left us. We regret

her leaving and appreciate the pride and diligence that she had towards her work.

The Library would like to take this time to thank the Hight Family who requested that Mrs. Hight be remembered through contributions to the Library.

Increased space has enabled us to make better use of the Central regional system's services. Your collection is continually being expanded and maintained. Puzzles are now offered for loan as well as films, cassettes, records, art prints, sculpture maps, magazines and books. Take advantage of all the services offered by your library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Braley
Librarian

Report of the Richards Memorial Library

SALARY ACCOUNT:	
Town Appropriation	16,350.00
EXPENDITURES:	
Librarian	7,652.85
Others	6,734.55
TOTAL	14,387.40
EXPENSE ACCOUNT-INCOME	
Town Appropriation	7,850.00
Dog Fund	1,520.54
Interest from Investments to April 30, 1979	11,705.35
TOTAL	21,075.89
EXPENDITURES:	
Petty Cash	100.00
Telephone	405.55
Water & Lights	1,025.01
Office Supplies & Postage	897.96
Fuel	1,525.08
Maintenance-Building & Grounds	436.83
Education	100.00
Books & Magazines	5,597.47
Travel & Misc.	22.96
Records	385.00
TOTAL	10,495.86
STATE AID ACCOUNT	
Received July 1, 1978	1,389.75
Balance	1,368.51
Expenditures	461.83
BALANCE	2,296.43

Report of the Paxton Planning Board

At last year's annual town meeting, an updated revision of Paxton Zoning Bylaws was approved by the voters present and is currently in effect. We believe that this revision is serving your best interests as well as the best interests of the town.

The Planning Board is continuing work on a revision of the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivisions of Land in Paxton, MA". These rules and regulations are required by Mass. Gen. Laws Chap. 41 and need to be updated periodically. It is the intention of the Board members to complete this revision before the end of the year.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation to Al W. Tracy for his years of valuable service to the Board and to the Town of Paxton, and also to welcome Richard Pentland as a new member. Mr. Pentland was elected at the Town's annual election.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Bik, Clerk
Paxton Planning Board

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979, 19 Plumbing Permits were issued and 27 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 169 fixtures were inspected.

During the fiscal year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979, 5 Gas Fitting Permits were issued and 5 Gas Inspections were made. A total of 9 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 Police Department

In 1978, the state mandated that all police officers take certain training and pass an examination in order to have police powers. During the past year the members of the department took special training courses and all have been certified in compliance with that law.

We are taking an active part in the nationwide neighborhood crime watch program and you will be hearing more on this in the coming year.

Home owners are urged to participate in operation identification. Small hand engravers may be borrowed from the police department without charge and used to mark valuables subject to theft. Anyone who does this will be given decals to put on their doors to warn any would-be thief. Experience has shown that thieves are reluctant to steal anything so marked.

We remind you to be sure to call us whenever you note anything of a suspicious nature. The cooperation of the people is one of the major reasons for the significant decrease in house breaks this year.

Five thousand and ninety-seven dollars was returned to the town treasury as a result of traffic fines, insurance reports, pistol permits and firearm identification cards.

Because of a federal work study program we were able to obtain an extra officer for the summer and are providing twenty-four hour patrolling for the first time.

The police department wishes to thank the other departments, the town officials and all the citizens for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Sheehan
Chief of Police

	1978 - 1979
Calls for service	1417
Breaking & entering homes	15
Breaking & entering - other	4
Auto thefts	6
Motor vehicles recovered	7
Vandalism	15
Missing persons	3
Assault & Battery	2
Summonses served	36
Arrests	26
Property Damage Accidents	43
Personal Injury Accidents	31
Medical Assists	47
Licenses Issued F.I.D.	45
Pistol permits	75
Motor vehicle violations	736

Report of the Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission wishes to dedicate this year to the Lions Club of Paxton. After many years of fund raisers and hard labor, the Lions have completed the construction of the football-soccer field. A bronze plaque, to be mounted permanently on the field, was presented to them by the Commission for their many efforts.

The fiscal year 1978-79 started with the opening of the Herbert Wentworth Memorial Pool. We would like to thank the various town departments for their interaction on getting this task accomplished. Without their assistance, this would not have been possible. The water in the pool was consistently clear and tested perfectly each week during the season. Because of this, attendance almost doubled from the previous year.

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

The six-week swimming and recreation program was a great success as indicated by the sizable enrollment. There were four field trips included in this program. Colorful T-shirts were given to all registrants for the first time this year. We hope to continue this in the future.

Also offered during the summer were tennis lessons for both children and adults at the Paxton Tennis Club.

Our fall program started in October with activities for all ages, including Disco dancing, gymnastics, basketball, down hill skiing at Mt. Wachusett, a winter carnival, cross-country skiing, a house decorating contest at Christmas and jogging.

At the annual town meeting in May 1979, \$7,000 was appropriated for resurfacing and resealing of the pool which was to have been done before the opening. Unfortunately, the water table at the pool area was so high this year that it made it impossible to get this work done. Therefore, the water in the pool this summer may appear to be dark and dirty in places. These areas are merely a lack of paint on the bottom of the pool. The resurfacing and resealing is scheduled to be done as soon after Labor Day as possible.

The upcoming summer recreation program has again had a great response. There are six field trips scheduled including a Boston Red Sox game.

If there is anything that the townspeople would like to see incorporated into any of the programs offered, we are open to suggestions and would welcome hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sybille E. Wolf, Chairman
Paul S. Robinson
Robert J. Benedict
Dennis Melican
John F. McDonald, Jr.

Report of the Board of Registrars

The Board of Registrars held new voter registrations during the year as required by Law.

The Board also reviewed the voting list and after notifying each person by mail, removed 79 names from the list.

New Total - 2291 registered voters as of April 17, 1979.

Board of Registrars

Josephine Blood
Patricia Ranta
Jean McIntyre
George McGovern, Clerk

Report of the Tree Warden

Tree trimming schedule planned last year was completed on Richards Ave., Streeter Rd., and Maple Ave. Seven maple trees were removed in Town.

This year our trimming program will be concentrated in the Asnebumskit area. Two dead maples will be removed at 3 Marshall St. and Paxton Center School.

Outside Hire & Labor acc't bal.	450.70
with bills pending of approx.	350.00
Equipment acc't bal.	60.00
Special Tree Removal acc't bal.	4.28

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Seymour

Report of the Water Board Commissioners

The Water Pressure has continued to be satisfactory with no complaints received.

A contract was signed to sandblast and paint the metal Standpipe on Maple Street.

Paxton's water quality continues to be excellent as shown by the monthly test required by the State Office of Environmental Affairs.

The average Paxton resident uses approximately 50 gallons per day for domestic use. To conserve water and reduce the load on your septic system, the Commissioners recommend that water saving devices be installed on shower heads and toilets.

The cost of chemicals used in water purification is continually rising and has doubled the past three years. The commissioners will be forced to reexamine the rate structures during the coming year.

The yearly extension of water lines is now proceeding with 600 ft. on Marshall Street. The Annual Water Main extension has been completed on South Street. The new program of installing one new Fire Hydrant has continued. The location is picked by the Fire Chief on the basis of need.

Number of Services	1064
Number of New Installations	9
Number of Valve and Meter Repairs	64

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Scholl, Chairman
Charles Glassbrenner
Robert Thompson

Report of the Town Collector

1973 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$26.48	
Collected		<u>\$26.48</u>
	\$26.48	\$26.48

1974 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$23.10	
Abated		\$19.80
Collected		<u>3.30</u>
	\$23.10	\$23.10

1975 Motor Vehicle

Recommitted	\$945.73	
Refunded	13.48	
Abated		\$ 13.48
Collected		<u>945.73</u>
	\$959.21	\$959.21

1976 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$837.53	
Recommitted	463.10	
Refunded	8.25	
Abated		\$ 428.05
Collected		<u>880.83</u>
	\$1,308.88	\$1,308.88

1977 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$12,790.11	
Committed	1,477.37	
Recommitted	195.53	
Refunded	583.74	
Abated		\$ 3,010.05
Collected		10,376.33
Outstanding June 30, 1979		<u>1,660.37</u>
	\$15,046.75	\$15,046.75

1977 Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$125.72	
Tax Title		\$ 84.00
Collected		<u>41.72</u>
	\$125.72	\$125.72

1977 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$10,577.39	
Abated		\$ 30.61
Tax Title		7,496.75
Collected		<u>3,050.03</u>
	\$10,577.39	\$10,577.39

1978 Fiscal Farm Excise

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$131.25	
Collected		\$131.25
	<u>\$131.25</u>	<u>\$131.25</u>

1978 Fiscal Personal Property

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$ 82.85	
Refunded	47.30	
Abated		\$ 63.40
Collected		66.75
	<u>\$130.15</u>	<u>\$130.15</u>

1978 Fiscal Forest Law

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$18.70	
Collected		\$18.70
	<u>\$18.70</u>	<u>\$18.70</u>

1978 Fiscal Real Estate

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$92,530.22	
Refunded	388.11	
Abated		\$ 758.32
Tax Title		17,388.04
Collected		74,771.97
	<u>\$92,918.33</u>	<u>\$92,918.33</u>

1978 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$191.79	
Tax Title		\$ 93.25
Collected		98.54
	<u>\$191.79</u>	<u>\$191.79</u>

1978 Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1978	\$17,134.78	
Committed	77,915.23	
Recommitted	84.15	
Refunded	3,011.05	
Overpayment	21.10	
Returned to account by Treasurer (Voided Check)	13.75	\$ 9,053.94
Abated		83,447.09
Collected		5,679.03
Outstanding June 30, 1979		
	<u>\$98,180.06</u>	<u>\$98,180.06</u>

1979 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$994.38	
Collected		\$858.13
Outstanding June 30, 1979		136.25
	<u>\$994.38</u>	<u>\$994.38</u>

1979 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$26,862.22	
Abated		\$ 431.31
Collected		26,327.07
Outstanding June 30, 1979		103.84
	<u>\$26,862.22</u>	<u>\$26,862.22</u>

1979 Fiscal Forest Law

Committed	\$256.96	
Collected		\$238.26
Outstanding June 30, 1979		18.70
	<u>\$256.96</u>	<u>\$256.96</u>

1979 Fiscal Real Estate

Committed	\$1,450,524.78	
Refunded	3,594.02	
Abated		\$ 33,084.97
Collected		1,337,999.41
Outstanding June 30, 1979		83,034.42
	<u>\$1,454,118.80</u>	<u>\$1,454,118.80</u>

1979 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$1,509.32	
Collected		\$1,096.04
Outstanding June 30, 1979		413.28
	<u>\$1,509.32</u>	<u>\$1,509.32</u>

1979 Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$193,167.77	
Refunded	1,429.52	
Abated		\$ 9,672.24
Collected		119,644.26
Outstanding June 30, 1979		65,280.79
	<u>\$194,597.29</u>	<u>\$194,597.29</u>

Recap ----- Receivables

1977 Motor Vehicle	\$ 1,660.37
1978 Motor Vehicle	5,679.03
1979 Fiscal Farm Excise	136.25
1979 Fiscal Personal Property	103.84
1979 Fiscal Forest Law	18.70
1979 Fiscal Real Estate	83,034.42
1979 Fiscal Water Liens	413.28
1979 Motor Vehicle	65,280.79
	<u>\$156,326.68</u>

Interest Received During 1978 - 1979

Motor Vehicle	\$1,038.69
Real Estate	8,240.23
Farm Excise	5.59
Personal Property	6.32
Forest Law	0.85
	<u>\$9,291.68</u>

Report of the Town Accountant June 30, 1979

To the Residents of Paxton:

In accordance with the Provisions of Chap. 41, Sect. 61 of the General Laws, I submit my report of the financial operation of the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Treasurer's cash, Collector's records and the financial activities of all Departments are verified monthly.

I want to thank our officials, Board members and Department heads for our close relationship. This is a very important factor in maintaining a pleasant and successful town.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne B. Karle

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Real Estate	
1979	1,337,999.41
1978	74,771.97
1977	3,050.03
Personal Property	
1979	26,327.07
1978	66.75
Farm Excise	
1979	858.13
1978	131.25
Forest Law	
1979	238.26
1978	18.70
Tax Titles Redeemed	27,903.66
	<u>1,471,365.53 *</u>

LICENSES & PERMITS

Selectmen	3,473.00
Board of Health	1,361.00
	<u>4,834.00 *</u>
FINES	
Court Fines	<u>4,000.00 *</u>

GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS

School Aid Ch. 70	173,692.00
School Bldg. Assist	19,590.08

School Ch. 71	12,098.00
School Ch. 74	1,279.00
School Title Acct.	5,163.00
School Library Aid	1,358.13
School Lunch Federal	14,956.81
School Lunch State	3,725.58
Anti Recession Int.	1.73
Veterans' Services	567.03
Library Aid	1,389.75
Lottery	11,057.00
Loss of Taxes	11,541.54
Local Aid	40,309.04
Reimb. for Exempt Elderly	3,669.28
Highway Reimbursements	66,317.01
ab RE Widows & Vet.	<u>3,761.56</u>
	<u>370,476.54 *</u>

COUNTY FUNDS

Dog Tax	304.86
Dutch Elm Control	80.49
	<u>385.35 *</u>

PRIVILEGES

Water Vehicle Excise	
1979	119,644.26
1978	83,447.09
1977	10,376.33
Previous Years	1,856.34
	<u>215,324.02 *</u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

Board Appeals	140.00
Planning Board	37.00
Town Clerk	30.00
Use of Copy Machine	19.70
Collector - Charges & Fees	90.38
Interest on Taxes	9,291.68
Interest on Coll. Acct.	369.16
Interest Tax Title Accts.	5,348.73
Misc. T. Title Charges	101.84
Health Ins. Dividends	340.67
Legal Charges	175.00
Interest on Treas. Acct.	18,163.49
Interest Const. Acct.	71.31
Interest Land Taking	24.06
	<u>34,203.02 *</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Wire Inspector	133.00
Building Inspector	2,248.67
Police Department	1,097.00

TOWN AUDIT

Balance Brt. Frwd.	2,750.00	
Expended	<u>2,750.00</u>	2,750.00

TREASURER

Appropriation	7,205.00	
Expended	6,216.85	
Returned to E. & D.	988.15	
Salary		3,100.00
Payroll - Hire		1,065.00
Expenses		690.00
Data Processing		1,272.85
Treas. Unemp. Comp.		39.00
Certification of Notes		<u>50.00</u>
		<u>6,216.85 *</u>

Data Processing Bal. Held	200.00	
Expended	195.86	<u>195.86</u>
Returned to E. & D.	4.14	
Expense Bal. Held	59.34	
Expended	39.00	<u>39.00</u>
Returned to E. & D.	20.34	

COLLECTOR

Appropriation	5,300.00	
Expended	5,276.00	
Returned to E. & D.	24.00	
Salary		3,600.00
Office		1,360.30
Dues, Meetings		73.04
Adv. & Filing Fees		<u>242.66</u>
		<u>5,276.00</u>

TOWN SECRETARY

Appropriation	5,885.00	
Expended	5,874.67	
Returned to E. & D.	10.33	
Salary		4,350.00
Stamp Meter		162.00
Copy Machine Supplies		1,130.93
Contract		225.00
Office Expenses		<u>6.74</u>
		<u>5,874.67 *</u>

ASSESSORS

Appropriation	7,170.00	
Transfer	57.50	
Expended	7,196.75	
Balance Held	30.75	
Salaries		5,050.00
Office Expenses		412.46
Dues		126.00
Abstracts - Photo.		260.79
Mapping & Consultant		547.50
Data Processing		<u>800.00</u>
		<u>7,196.75 *</u>

Uniform Assessing		
Balance Brought Forward	5,870.00	
Appropriation	21,000.00	
Expended	26,870.00	
		<u>26,870.00 *</u>

LEGAL

Appropriation		--
Balance Brought Forward	2,036.65	
Transfer	561.30	
Expended	2,597.95	<u>2,597.95 *</u>

Appropriation	6,500.00	
Transfer	2,193.34	
Transfer	2,400.00	
Expended		<u>11,093.34 *</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriation	600.00	
Expended	485.34	
Returned to E.D.	114.66	
Salary		400.00
Office Expenses		<u>85.34</u>
		<u>485.34 *</u>

TOWN CLERK

Appropriation	1,915.00	
Expended	1,915.00	
Salary		1,000.00
Hire		415.00
Record Keeping		90.00
Office Expenses		171.35
Safety Deposit		5.65
Dues		23.00
R. Storage		<u>210.00</u>
		<u>1,915.00 *</u>

ELECTION

Appropriation	1,240.00	
Transfer	267.80	
Expended	1,507.80	
Election Officers & Counters		1,392.80
Printing		<u>115.00</u>
		<u>1,507.80 *</u>

REGISTRARS

Appropriation	1,295.00	
Expended	1,295.00	
Registrars Comp.		105.00
Clerk		165.00
Street Listing		450.00
Expenses		<u>575.00</u>
		<u>1,295.00 *</u>

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation	800.00	
Expended	159.82	
Returned to E.D.	640.18	
Clerk		100.00
Dues		30.00
Blueprints, etc.		<u>29.82</u>
		<u>159.82 *</u>

TOWN HALL

Appropriation	7,270.00	
Transfer	175.00	
Expended	7,126.42	
Returned to E & D	248.82	

Balance Held	69.76		Prisoner Fees		
Caretaker		1,514.50	Balance Brought Forward	30.00	
Telephone		1,153.12	Returned to E & D	30.00	
Utilities		700.35			
Fuel & Boiler Repairs		2,400.87	FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Janitor - Exp.		160.90	Appropriation	20,985.00	
Repairs		1,196.68	Transfers	1,507.09	
		<u>7,126.42*</u>	Expended	19,795.40	
TOWN HALL EXPENSES			Balance Held	609.01	
Balance Brought Forward	125.00		Returned to E & D	1,195.48	
Expended	70.47		Officers Salaries	1,600.00	
Returned to E & D	54.53		Firefighters	5,988.00	
Expenses		<u>70.47*</u>	Janitor	600.00	
			Office - Dues, etc.	157.89	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS			Radio Maint.	422.73	
Balance Brought Forward	700.00		Telephones	332.55	
Expended	590.00		Equip. & Vehicle Maint.	1,215.72	
Returned to E & D	110.00		Station & Ground Maint.	914.93	
Painting		<u>590.00*</u>	Utilities & Fuel	3,474.06	
			Training - other	10.00	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$90,639.86		Training Account A	460.00	
			Air Masks - Account B	1,714.93	
PUBLIC SAFETY			Base Radio - Account C	1,816.59	
POLICE DEPARTMENT			Protective Gear - Account D	383.00	
Appropriation	64,890.00		Hose Replacement	705.00	
Art. #20 Travel	125.00			<u>19,795.40*</u>	
Art. #19 Cruiser	4,507.00				
Transfer	120.00		Fire Department Expenses		
Expended	63,186.97		Balance Brought Forward	84.37	<u>84.37*</u>
Returned to E & D	1,756.52		Expended	84.37	
Balance Held	191.51				
Police Chief	13,402.71		BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Full Time	22,909.00		Appropriation	1,600.00	
Part-Time	16,973.57		Expended	877.22	
Telephones	757.06		Returned to E & D	620.78	
Dues, Meetings	213.54		Balance Held	102.00	
Office Expenses	498.67		Salary	732.00	
Officers' Clothing-Eq.	1,312.00		Mileage	140.72	
Cruisers' Maint. & Repairs	1,231.88		Office Expenses	4.50	
Radio & Radar Repairs	548.13			<u>877.22*</u>	
Gasoline	4,163.68				
Training	528.73		Balance Brought Forward	138.00	
Miscellaneous	14.80		Expended	138.00	<u>138.90*</u>
Equipment	73.20				
Prisoners' Fees	560.00		BOARD OF APPEALS		
	<u>63,186.97*</u>		Appropriated	300.00	
			Expended	84.98	
Chief Out-of-State Travel Art. 20			Balance Held	20.00	
Appropriated	125.00		Returned to E & D	195.02	
Returned to E & D	125.00		Office Expenses	40.00	
			Advertising	29.98	
Police Expenses Brought Forward	695.53		Dues	15.00	
Expended	691.80			<u>84.98*</u>	
Returned to E & D	3.73				
Expenses		<u>691.80*</u>	Balance Brought Forward	29.55	
			Expended	29.55	<u>29.55*</u>
Police Art. 19 Cruiser					
from Stabilization	4,507.00		FORESTRY		
Expended	4,507.00		Moth Destruction		
Cruiser & Eq.		<u>4,507.00*</u>	Appropriated	300.00	
			Returned to E & D	300.00	

Dutch Elm			Salaries	25,288.64	
Balance Brought Forward	548.41		Telephones	904.15	
Appropriated	1,200.00		Office Expenses	107.52	
Cty. Reimb.	80.49		Repair Recorder	38.50	
Expended	1,296.00		Repair Typewriter	40.00	
Returned to E & D	452.41		Miscellaneous	39.84	
Balance Held	80.49			<u>26,418.65 *</u>	
Labor and Hire		<u>1,296.00 *</u>	Balance Held		
Tree Warden			Expended	<u>92.89</u>	
Appropriated	2,500.00		EMERGENCY MEDICAL		
Expended	1,985.02		Appropriated	15,150.00	
Balance Held	450.70		Expended	12,196.67	
Returned to E & D	64.28		Returned to E & D	2,653.33	
Salary & Hire		1,795.02	Balance Held	300.00	
Equipment		<u>190.00</u>	Contract	6,500.00	
		<u>1,985.02</u>	Responders Comp.	1,468.00	
Balance Brought Forward	370.00		Training	2,250.00	
Expended	320.00		Supplies and Equipment:	1,978.67	
Returned to E & D	50.00			<u>12,196.67 *</u>	
Salary and Hire		<u>320.00</u>	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>134,418.87</u>	
DOG OFFICER			HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Appropriation	1,950.00		Appropriated	6,050.00	
Expended	1,570.75		Expended	5,171.08	
Returned to E & D	379.25		Returned to E & D	867.92	
Salaries		1,000.00	Balance Held	11.00	
Care and Custody		<u>570.75</u>	Salaries	3,596.00	
		<u>1,570.75 *</u>	W-H-H Care	991.13	
Balance Brought Forward - Salary	250.00		Sewage Dist.	480.00	
Expended	250.00	<u>250.00 *</u>	Office	37.95	
Balance Brought Forward -			Dues	16.00	
Care and Custody	100.00		Spec. Leaf Day	50.00	
Expended	20.00			<u>5,171.08 *</u>	
Returned to E & D	80.00	*	Balance Brought Forward		
Care and Custody		<u>20.00 *</u>	Gas - Pl. Insp.	25.50	25.50
CIVIL DEFENSE			Animal Insp.	10.00	10.00
Balance Brought Forward	636.87		Assistant	50.00	50.00
Appropriated	250.00			<u>85.50 *</u>	
Expended	49.00		TOTAL HEALTH AND		
Balance Held	837.87		SANITATION	<u>5,256.58</u>	
Expenses		<u>49.00 *</u>	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
INSPECTOR OF WIRES			Appropriated	175,038.00	
Appropriated	875.00		Expended	170,210.41	
Expended	824.60		Returned to E & D	3,910.42	
Returned to E & D	50.40		Balance Held	917.17	
Salary		750.00	Highway Wage	43,148.17	
Hire - Assist.		50.00	Water Wage	11,610.45	
Mileage		<u>24.60</u>	Vacation & Sick Leave	9,225.00	
		<u>824.60 *</u>	Snow Wage	24,003.46	
COMMUNICATION CENTER			Town Garage	2,749.60	
Appropriated	26,983.00		Street Sweeping	1,937.00	
Expended	26,418.65		Catch Basin Cleaning	1,687.50	
Returned to E & D	536.60		Signs and Posts	391.44	
Balance Held	64.99		Salt	6,687.26	
Refund Salary Check	37.24		Sand for Oil, Ice, etc.	9,418.91	
			Patch	1,432.01	
			Asphalt and Tar	19,848.32	
			Drainpipe	4,436.21	

Equipment Maintenance	16,050.29	4130 Utilities	16,208.46
General	1,544.29	4200 Maintenance	--
Town Common	35.00	4210 Grounds	--
Materials	625.50	4220 Buildings	20,921.64
Street Lighting	15,380.00	4230 Equipment	1,678.51
	<u>170,210.41 *</u>	5000 Fixed Charges	501.70
		6000 Community Services	711.00
Chapter 365 - Highway	38,914.00	7000 Fixed Assets	3,441.34
Expended	36,711.89	9000 Programs with Other Schools	28,421.70
Balance Held	2,202.11		<u>802,327.07 *</u>
Sand and Supplies	<u>36,711.89 *</u>		
		B	
Dump Truck - Art. #13	7,288.37	2000 Instructions	
	<u>7,288.37 *</u>	2300 Teachers' Salaries	24,584.60
Highway Expenses		2700 Guidance	13,797.40
Balance Brought Forward	1,307.63	2800 Psychological Services	1,870.56
Expended	973.76	3000 Other School Services	
Returned to E & D	333.87	3370 Transportation	17,476.14
	<u>973.76 *</u>	9000 Programs with Other Schools	15,966.00
			<u>73,694.70 *</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	<u>215,184.43</u>		
		Balance Brought Forward	
VETERANS' SERVICES		A & B	65,172.58
Appropriated	5,650.00	Expended	62,910.53
Expended	1,118.76	Returned to E & D	2,262.08
Returned to E & D	4,531.24	Expended	<u>62,910.53 *</u>
Agents Salary	400.00		
Trn. & Meetings	150.47	School Title IV B	
Aid to Veterans	568.29	Balance Brought Forward	330.32
	<u>1,118.76 *</u>	Received from State	1,358.13
		Expended	1,324.98
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	<u>1,118.76</u>	Balance Held	363.47
		Expended	<u>1,324.98</u>
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		Hazel Gay Awards	30.00
Appropriated	928,659.00	Bigelow School Fund	288.04
Ch. ref.	58.00		<u>30.00 *</u>
Expended - A	802,327.07		<u>288.04 *</u>
Expended - B	73,694.70		
Returned to E & D	3,454.23	School Adult Education	
Balance Held	49,241.00	Revolving Account	76.00
		Balance Held	76.00
A			
1100 Administration		Wachusett Regional	
1100 School Comm.	3,432.73	Appropriated	331,038.21
1200 Supt. Office	16,519.63	Expended	331,038.21
2000 Instruction		Expended	<u>331,038.21 *</u>
2300 Teachers' Salaries	29,950.41		
2700 Guidance	456,292.16	School Lunch	
Spec. Subject Teachers	28,706.17	Balance Brought Forward	1,382.71
2400 Textbooks	6,789.11	Federal Aid	14,956.81
2500 Library	18,360.66	State Aid	3,725.58
2600 Audio-Visual	651.02	Sales	23,185.51
2700 Guidance	21,413.02	Other Receipts	184.40
3000 Other School Services		Expended	42,495.32
3200 Health Services	8,132.15	Balance Held	939.69
3370 Transportation	47,778.37	Salaries	20,728.77
3400 Food Services	9,668.16	Supplies and Materials	19,042.46
3500 Student Activities	3,975.84	Other Expenses	2,049.09
4000 Operation and Maintenance		Equipment	675.00
4110 Custodial Salaries	50,467.32		<u>42,495.32 *</u>
4120 Fuel	28,305.97		
		TOTAL SCHOOLS	<u>1,314,108.85</u>

LIBRARY			Balance Brought Forward			576.65	
Appropriated	24,200.00		Special Pool Repairs		283.16		
Interest Transfers	1,364.07		Balance Held		293.49		
Dog Fund	1,520.54		Expended			<u>283.16</u> *	
Expended	24,883.26						
Returned to E & D	1,962.60		Balance Brought Forward.	247.34			
Balance Held	238.75		July 4th Expended	227.98			
Librarian		7,652.85	Returned to E & D	19.36			
Others		6,734.55	Expenses		<u>227.98</u> *		
Exp. & Operations		<u>10,495.86</u>					
		<u>24,883.26</u>	Memorial Day				
			Appropriation	800.00			
Library State Aid			Expended	469.30			
Balance Brought Forward	1,368.51		Returned to E & D	74.50			
State Aid	1,389.75		Balance Held	256.20			
Expended	461.83		Expenses		<u>469.30</u>		
Balance Held	2,296.43						
Books & Miscellaneous		<u>461.83</u> *	TOTAL RECREATION				
			& CELEBRATIONS		<u>22,520.92</u>		
Library Planning & Construction							
Balance Brought Forward	74,948.74		UNCLASSIFIED				
Ref. to Account	66.89		Appropriated	80,765.00			
Expended	71,149.23		Expended	75,184.03			
Balance Held	3,866.40		Returned to E & D	4,795.97			
Contracts & Contingencies		<u>71,149.23</u> *	Balance Held	785.00			
			Town Reports		2,034.00		
Library - Gift - BiCent.	1,241.52		Insurance and Bonds		45,311.96		
Expended	587.00		Town Emp. Ins.		24,687.13		
Balance Held	654.52		Town Clock		60.00		
Framing		<u>587.00</u>	Conservation		93.50		
			Central Regional Planning		522.34		
TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>97,081.32</u>		Council on Aging		<u>2,475.10</u>		
					<u>75,184.03</u> *		
RECREATION & CELEBRATION							
Appropriation	19,351.00		Balance Brought Forward				
Expended	18,338.55		Insurance & Bonds	20.00			
Returned to E & D	747.65		Expended	20.00		20.00	
Balance Held	264.80						
Salaries		12,803.35	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		<u>75,204.03</u>		
Expenses		4,590.76					
Equipment		286.93	PUBLIC ENTERPRISES				
July 4th		657.51	PAXTON MUNICIPAL LT.				
		<u>18,338.55</u> *	Receipts — Balance				
			Brought Forward	933,552.73			
Balance Brought Forward	50.00		Expenses & Operation	824,842.37			
Expended	50.00		Closed to Deprec. Const.	108,710.36			
Salary		<u>50.00</u> *	Exp. & Operation		<u>824,842.37</u> *		
Balance Brought Forward	1,523.13		Meter Deposit Account	275.01	<u>275.01</u> *		
Expended	1,133.13						
Returned to E & D	390.00		WATER DEPARTMENT				
Expense		<u>1,133.13</u>	Appropriated	22,125.00			
Balance Brought Forward	226.47		Expended	20,678.00			
Expended	81.30		Balance Held	1,225.00			
Returned to E & D	145.17		Returned to E & D	222.00			
Equipment		<u>81.30</u>	Expended		<u>20,678.00</u> *		
Recreation Events			Balance Brought Forward -		<u>139.98</u> *		
Appropriation	353.49		Water Quality	60.00			
Art. #12 Transfer	2,646.51		Expended	30.00			
Expended	1,937.50		Returned to E & D	30.00			
Returned to E & D	1,062.50		Testing		<u>30.00</u> *		
Events		<u>1,937.50</u>					

Water Extension Art. #16	5,000.00	
Expended	4,982.66	
Returned to E & D	17.34	
Extension		<u>4,982.66 *</u>
Cemeteries		
Transferred from Interest	4,825.20	
Expended	4,825.20	
Labor, Materials & Equipment		<u>4,825.20 *</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC ENTERPRISE	<u>855,773.22</u>	
Maturing Debt and Interest		
Appropriated	94,525.00	
Expended	94,525.00	
Fire Station		3,000.00
Schools		38,000.00
Pumping Station		1,000.00
Water Main		15,000.00
Standpipe		17,525.00
Library		20,000.00
		<u>94,525.00 *</u>
P.E. Lt. Substation		
Maturing Debt and Interest	34,450.00	<u>34,450.00 *</u>
Interest on Mat. Debt.		
Appropriated	32,561.00	
Expended	32,559.33	
Returned to E & D	1.67	
Fire Station		48.00
Paxton Center School		6,727.50
Pumping Station		16.00
Water Main		570.58
Standpipe		13,697.25
Library		11,500.00
		<u>32,559.33 *</u>
Temporary Loans Interest		
Appropriated	2,000.00	
Expended	1,898.21	
Returned to E & D	101.79	
Interest		<u>1,898.21 *</u>
Tax Anti. Loans	475,000.00	
Expended		<u>475,000.00 *</u>
TOTAL MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST		
Temp. Loans and		
Tax Anti. Loans	<u>638,432.54</u>	
State and County		
Assessments		
State Rec. and Parks	17,497.83	
City Retirement System	33,368.51	
Cty. Tax Assessment	58,143.48	
Ins.-Retired Teachers	1,649.38	
M.V. Tax Bills	531.60	
Mass. Air Pollution	441.33	
	<u>111,632.13</u>	
		<u>111,632.13 *</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	<u>111,632.13</u>	

AGENCY, TRUSTS AND REFUNDS		
REFUNDS		
Taxes	4,029.43	
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,067.14	
Water	111.40	
Miscellaneous	88.66	
		<u>9,296.63</u>
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Tax	138,560.69	
State Tax	47,782.19	
Country Retirement	14,658.56	
Teachers Retirement	24,797.99	
Employees Insurance	22,649.30	
Retained	1,414.47	
Group Life	605.01	
Retained	17.33	
Annuities	8,616.72	
Teachers Dues	2,754.00	
Disability Insurance	1,144.22	
TOTAL PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		<u>263,000.48 *</u>
Dog License to County	845.50	<u>845.50 *</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,700.00	<u>1,700.00 *</u>
TOTAL AGENCY TRUSTS & REFUNDS	<u>274,842.61</u>	
Finance Board Reserve Fund	561.30	
Balance Held for Legal	561.30	
Transferred to Legal	5,000.00	
Appropriation	20,000.00	
Transfer	25,000.00	
Transferred to	300.00	
Water Engineering	2,193.34	
Legal	2,400.00	
Legal	175.00	
Town Hall Expenses	626.89	
Elections	626.89	
Fire Department #304	880.20	
Fire Department #303	120.00	
Police Prisoners Fees	57.50	
Assessors Expenses	17,979.27	
Returned to O.S.R.	25,000.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,836,214.12	
CASH ON HAND	586,664.73	
	<u>\$4,422,878.85</u>	

REVENUE SHARING 1979 F

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Grant		Rubbish	
Int. Income		Removal Contract	42,000.00
Balance Brought Forward	23,736.13	Advertising	55.00
	46,319.27	Cash on Hand	28,000.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>70,055.40</u>		<u>70,055.40</u>
Approp. (Revenue)		Approp. Control	48,500.00
Rubbish Contract	42,000.00		<u>48,500.00</u>
E-MC Contract	6,500.00		
	48,500.00		
	240,283.35	TRUSTS & INVESTMENTS	
		D. Russel Boynton	3,396.08
		E.D. Bigelow Book Fund	1,000.00
		Hazel Gay Awards	100.00
		Edward D. Bigelow Library Fund	22,429.18
		George E. Bigelow	505.15
		Richard Memorial Library Fund	1,668.87
		E.D. Bigelow V. Imp.	1,418.95
		Cemetery P/C	53,911.80
		Post War Rehab.	2,593.36
		Conservation Fund	8,457.18
		Stabilization Fund	82,498.03
		Charles D. Boynton G.P.	15,733.53
	<u>240,283.35</u>		<u>240,283.35</u>
		General - Inside Debt Limit	
Net Funded and Fixed Debts	829,425.00	Library	210,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit	
		School	188,000.00
		Water Department	256,425.00
		Paxton Electric Light	
		(Revenue)	175,000.00
	<u>829,425.00</u>		<u>829,425.00</u>

Town of Paxton

Report of Town Accountant

June 30, 1979

ASSETS

CASH	586,664.73
REVENUE SHARING	28,000.40
TAXES	
Personal Property 1979	103.84
Real Estate 1979	83,034.42
Farm Animal Tax 1979	136.25
Forest Land 1979	18.70
Motor Vehicle Excise	
1977	1,660.37
1978	5,679.03
1979	65,280.79
Tax Titles	26,277.05
Tax Title Possessions	605.34
Aid to Highways	
State	38,914.00
PAXTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT	
Rates and Installations	75,859.12
WATER DEPARTMENT - Rates	3,742.43
Liens - 1979	413.28
Installations and Repairs	292.94
LOANS AUTHORIZED	340,000.00
UNDERESTIMATES	
County Tax Assessment	18,752.28

LIABILITIES

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	
County Retirement	2,299.49
Mass. Teachers Retirement	5,240.70
Employees Insurance	3,933.19
Insurance Retained	1,095.35
Group Life	92.71
Group Life Retained	56.87
Annuities	2,139.47
Disability Insurance	142.61
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS & AGENCIES	
Land Taking Escrow	486.75
E.D. Bigelow School Fund	41.85
Hazel Gay Awards	11.41
Library Interest	13,422.89
Cemetery Interest	5,289.46
Cemetery P/C	68.36
Dog. Lic. coll. for County	147.80
GIFTS AND GRANTS	
Federal	28,000.40
Revenue Sharing Funds	
Anti Recession Funds	83.00
School Title N.D.E.A.	53.99
School IV B	363.47
State	
Library - Held for Approp.	1,389.75
County Dog Fund - Held for Approp.	304.86
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS	
School Lunch	939.69
School Adult Education	76.00
Library Pl. & Bldg.	3,866.40
Highway 365	2,202.11
Library State Aid	2,296.43
Library Gift From BiCent.	654.52

APPROPRIATIONS (Revenue)	<u>1,275,434.97</u>
Budget 80F	2,015,592.00
Article 80F	38,025.00
VOTED FROM E & D	
1979 F	42,420.00
1980 F	20,209.87

APPROPRIATIONS	
Revenue Sharing 80F	49,220.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne B. Karle

Repair Pool	293.49
Treasurer's Tailings	183.93
Paxton M. Lt. Meter Deposit	1,265.95
Paxton M. Lt. Dept. & Const.	178,999.79
APPROPRIATION BALANCES HELD	56,588.20

RECEIPT RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS	
Recreation	1,477.25
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED	

Aid to Highways	38,914.00
Departmental	531.64
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	72,620.19
Tax Title Revenue	26,882.39
Paxton M. Light Revenue	75,859.12
Water Revenue	4,448.65
Water Guaranteed Deposit	50.00
Farm Animal Revenue	136.25
Forest Law Revenue	18.70

LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED	
Paxton Municipal Lt.	340,000.00

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS	
1975	19,783.54
1977	5,929.58
1978	7,098.86
1979	13,088.25
OVERLAY SURPLUS RESERVE	36,523.13

OVERESTIMATED ACCOUNTS	
State Parks	710.75
Central Mass. Air Pollution	21.35
Special Education 77F	1.00
78F & 79	6,284.00

SURPLUS REVENUE	<u>313,025.43</u>
	<u>1,275,434.97</u>

APPROPRIATIONS CONTROL	
Budget	2,015,542.00
Articles	38,025.00

VOTED TO LOWER TAX RATE	
1979F	42,420.00
1980F	20,209.87

APPROPRIATION CONTROL	
Revenue Sharing 80F	49,220.00

Town of Paxton

Town Treasurer's Report

Year Ended June 30, 1979

Ten years ago, in 1970, Paxton realized interest from investments as follows:

Cemetery Trusts	\$1,352.09
Library Trusts	4,268.24
Miscellaneous Trusts	1,450.80
Stabilization Fund	2,555.67
Electric Depreciation	609.99
Sub Total	<u>10,236.79</u>

Less - Interest cost of Short Term Loans (10,000.00)

Net 1970 Investment Income \$ 236.79

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1979, Paxton realized interest from investments as follows:

Stabilization Fund	\$ 4,662.86
Town Operating Funds	18,163.49
Electric Operating Funds	11,792.51
Electric Depreciation Fund	5,854.97
Tax Title Interest Income	5,348.73
Cemetery Trusts	3,505.57
Library Trusts	5,251.31
Miscellaneous Trusts	1,540.49
Sub Total	<u>56,119.93</u>

Less - Interest Cost of Short Term Loans (2,000.00)

Net Investment Income for Fiscal 1979 \$54,119.93

The increase from the 1970 level of \$236.79 to the fiscal 1979 level of \$54,119.93 is partly the result of having more dollars available for investment, to be sure. But it is more importantly the direct result of a most aggressive investment effort started by this department in the early 1970's.

In 1979, we received recognition at the state level for pioneering new methods of more productive municipal investment techniques.

This track record was made possible by the support of many people. I would be remiss if I did not publicly thank those within my department for their efforts which routinely go above and beyond the call of duty.

Outside of my department, I remain in deep gratitude to the:

Town Collector
Town Accountant
Board of Assessors
Electric Light Department
Board of Selectmen

for their encouragement, spirit of teamwork, and tireless service to the town.

OPERATING CASH:

Balance July 1, 1978	613,143.33
Add - Receipts for the Year	3,809,735.52
Subtract - Disbursements for the Year	<u>3,836,214.12</u>
Balance June 30, 1979	<u><u>586,664.73</u></u>

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING CASH AS OF JUNE 30, 1979

Town Funds Invested in Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	405,912.24
Electric Light Funds Invested in Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	108,710.36
Electric Depreciation Fund Invested in Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	70,289.43
Electric Meter Deposit	1,265.95
Land Taking Account	486.75

Total June 30, 1979	<u><u>586,664.73</u></u>
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NON-OPERATING ACCOUNT

BALANCES JUNE 30, 1979

Richard's Memorial Library Trust	46,571.22
Library Trust Accounts (Bigelow)	19,116.51
Cemetery Perpetual Care Account	30,181.80
Village Improvement Fund	1,418.95
D. Boynton Poor Fund Trust	1,000.00
D. Boynton Trust Income Account	2,396.09
C.D. Boynton Trust Accounts	7,672.29
C.D. Boynton Income Account	8,061.24
Stabilization Fund	82,498.03
Income from War Bonds	2,593.36
Conservation Account	8,457.18
Bigelow School Book Trust Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	1,136.40
AT&T Stock - Library	216 Shares
AT&T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund	6 Shares

OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 1979

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
Second Addition	1980	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 8,130.00
Third Addition	1985	180,000.00	17,550.00	197,550.00
WATER DEPARTMENT				
Concrete Standpipe	1995	* 256,425.00	102,414.00	358,839.00
LIBRARY ADDITION				
	1990	210,000.00	60,750.00	270,750.00
ELECTRIC SUBSTATION				
	1986	175,000.00	33,287.00	208,287.00
Totals		<u>\$829,425.00</u>	<u>\$214,131.00</u>	<u>\$1,043,556.00</u>

To be paid from Light Department Revenue; not
Taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Fitzpatrick
Town Treasurer

Annual Reports
of the
School Department
of the
Town of Paxton



for the
Year Ending June 30, 1979

Report of the Paxton School Committee

The academic year started out with a great deal of enthusiasm, good planning and a new principal. A screening committee reviewed fifty-five applications for the principal's position and prepared a final interview list of nine applicants. Citizen involvement in the final three interviews included representatives from the Paxton Teachers' Association, Parent-Teacher Organization and the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thomas Fowler-Finn was the candidate recommended by the superintendent's office and was voted unanimously by the school committee.

The assistant principal's position had been eliminated as of June, 1978, based on declining enrollment. The October first past and projected student enrollment is as follows: 1977-78, 560 students; 1978-79, 530 students; 1979-80 projected, 477 students. Realignment of responsibilities has begun this past year and updating will continue in order to meet current and future needs of the educational system.

In the area of labor relations, your committee was faced with two grievances going to arbitration, one law suit, and the negotiation of a two-year salary increase within the Paxton teachers' contract.

During the 1977-78 school year, the teachers had requested in-service days for professional improvement. These would have been release-time days for the children. After the blizzard of February, 1978, state Commissioner of Education Gregory Anrig granted the affected schools the option of waiving up to four days of the scheduled 180 days.

The superintendent's office recommended that the children be released after 178 days; that the teacher requested in-service day for professional improvement be scheduled on the 179 day. The Teachers' Association grieved this as an extension of the school year, even though they were required to work only 179 days out of the initially scheduled 180 days.

Since the contract states that teachers shall work the number of days required by law, which this year was 178 days based on the School Committee exercising its option and waiving two of the four available days, and since the teachers had traditionally been dismissed on the same day as the children, the arbitrator ruled that the school year had been extended by one day. He awarded 1-182 of their annual salary to teachers who worked that day. The total cost to the town will be \$2,837, which will have to be requested at a special town meeting in September, 1979.

The other grievance concerned the method by which the new principal was selected. The Teachers' Association claimed a violation of Article 17, which agrees to give preference to those in the system. The arbitrator ruled that the grievant, Richard M. Lane, as

assistant principal was not part of the bargaining unit during the period of time significant to him and that the Committee did not fail to give preference to candidates in the system. The grievance was dismissed.

The law suit, Richard M. Lane vs. School Committee of Paxton, concerns abolition of the assistant principal's position. Although the case is still under appeal to the full bench of the State Supreme Court, the School Committee's position has been upheld at the lower court level and in an appeal to a single justice of the Supreme Court.

The negotiated salary scale increase, as a supplement to the existing teachers' contract, calls for a five and a quarter percent general increase for 1978-79 and a five percent general increase for 1979-80. This amount is in addition to the contracted salary step increases and yields an annual payroll increase of 7.5 percent for 1979-80.

In the area of building and grounds, structural repairs were made to the 1963 building main arch supports. Consistent with our goals of an active energy conservation program, a savings of \$5,200 was realized through efforts in this field.

The budget process was completed, taking into consideration the declining enrollment, a need to maintain and improve existing educational opportunities and the Governor's 4 percent tax cap. The 1979-80 Paxton school budget was increased by 2.13 percent. Fifty-five percent of this increase is attributable to Chapter 766, Special Education Services mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The 1979-80 Paxton Center School budget is \$948,514, an increase of \$19,855.

Recognizing the advantages of a single-schedule school day, the Committee has voted to implement in September, 1979, one schedule for both elementary and junior high school students, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. This move will increase the length of the junior high school day by twenty minutes, allowing students to participate in additional school-related activities.

Teacher in-service professional improvement days covered teacher evaluation and a joint Union 64-Wachusett Regional School District session on the Glasser Approach to Discipline. A resource center known as the "Pro Shop" was set up by the teachers to enhance their professional development. Activities of school support groups and the Parent-Teacher Organization were noticeably increased due to an open-door policy. Progress was evident in improved public relations and communications with the staff, home and community.

The administration, professional staff, supporting staff and student body have all made an extra effort to create a positive educational environment upon which we can continue to build. Introduction of a computer science program, increasing the amount of foreign language taught, and starting projects for the gifted within the classroom have materially strengthened our educational services.

To our complete staff, student body, and superintendent's office, we extend our thanks for your help and cooperation. To the offices of town government and resident of Paxton, we extend our thanks for continued support and funding of our educational system.

Sincerely,
Your School Committee

Barbara Berka
Thomas Cunningham
Daniel Lucey, secretary
Philip McCarthy, chairman
Barbara Scarbeau, vice chairman

Paxton School Directory

1979

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas J. Cunningham	Term Expires 1980
Philip McCarthy - Chairman	Term Expires 1981
Barbara Scarbeau - Vice-Chairman	Term Expires 1981
Barbara Berka	Term Expires 1982
Daniel Lucey - Secretary	Term Expires 1982

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. Sperblom	Accounting
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

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ENROLLMENTS - OCTOBER 1, 1978

Grade	Grade
K - 49	IX - 66
I - 48	X - 75
II - 44	XI - 63
III - 43	XII - 76
IV - 63	Total - 280
V - 51	
VI - 61	
VII - 76	
VIII - 94	
Total - 529	

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

During the fiscal year 1978-79, the Wachusett Regional School District continued to strive to meet its goal of presenting an educational program for all of our students which would prepare each of them for future educational and career opportunities.

The total cost to meet this goal has been steadily increasing as illustrated below. The actual assessed cost to the towns decreased in the fiscal years ending 1978 and 1979. This was attributable to the change in the State's method of distributing school aid. Now that that adjustment has become fully effective, we anticipate that the assessment to each town in the District will increase.

Total Cost

1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
4,011,799	4,400,221	4,613,383

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 regulations continue to escalate the total cost. The Committee and the Administration are continuing to work to effect a program of cost control and fiscal restraint. The budget for the fiscal year 1979-80 shows a growth of 4.7 percent, well below the rate of inflation.

From an academic standpoint, the Wachusett Regional High School continues to provide what no single town or small school district could afford to offer. A high quality and diversified educational program with 14 Departments offers a total of 240 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, served 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.

During the past two years, a tremendous amount of time and effort has been spent, at all levels, in developing a facility proposal that resolves the problem of overcrowding in the high school, incorporates a long-range plan and is affordable to the District. This facility proposal was passed at the April town meetings by more than a two-thirds vote district-wide. We look forward to the ground breaking for this desperately needed building expansion in the fall.

It should be noted that in 1978-1979 the football field was refurbished and a new upper field was completed. This work was done largely through the efforts of a great number of committed citizens in our District who, with students and faculty, volunteered their time and effort.

Finally, and most importantly, a word about the students we serve: Their accomplishments, personality, spirit and involvement is something of which we are extremely proud. 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,

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Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Superintendent

1978-79 has been a good year for Wachusett. Student achievement and responsibility have become more the norm. And the enthusiasm generated by the 25th Anniversary celebrations, the facilities vote and the outdoor graduation at home has been most gratifying.

The voters' approval on 30 April 79 of our borrowing \$4.7 million for facilities expansion is surely the high point of the year. The required two thirds vote is evidence of a healthy consensus. This project will balance off our facilities to adequately serve 1500 students, and will resolve our accreditation crisis. Inherent in this project is the understanding that, if student enrollment increases significantly in the future, there will be no more additions at Wachusett, but rather the starting of a Wachusett II. By 1981 we expect to see the elimination of overcrowding for the first time in ten years, and the saving of time now wasted with twice-daily shuffling of furniture and equipment in spaces used to teach different subjects (electronics and automotive, instrumental and choral music, etc.) We will also be able to improve our offerings in the industrial arts area, continuing the District's commitment to make WRHS a comprehensive high school, as contrasted to limiting it to a college preparatory school.

In addition to our certified occupational programs in Distributive Education, Health Aides, Child Study, Agriculture, and Graphic Arts, the computer program has contributed to some impressive success stories in terms of sophisticated employment for our graduates and students. While the Wachusett computer program was originally conceived as general education for all citizens for the 21st century and as a specific area of mathematics and logic, its success and the job outlook in the computer field give the program added significance as occupational training.

Beyond Wachusett's walls, your superintendent has invested considerable time over the last two years in the Worcester County Occupational Education Collaborative. We have joined with Clinton, Leicester, North Brookfield, Shrewsbury, Spencer-east Brookfield Regional and Warren-West Brookfield Regional for the purpose of providing a half-day, two-year program of vocational education at a central location, serving students at the member districts' high schools who could not gain admission to vocational-technical schools or who wished to continue to be students at their local schools. 1978-79 has been our first year of operation. 96 students have taken training in

carpentry, welding and automotives at the Spencer Skill Center, and 126 students are scheduled for next year. In addition, 18 students have participated in our plastics technology program run under contract in their plant by NYPRO in Clinton, and 21 students are scheduled there for next year. This program has proven cost-effective for districts relatively close to the training sites. Wachusett's involvement has been economically marginal, although of great benefit to 4 of the 6 students who participated. I am convinced that the concept is worthwhile, and I will be working for training location(s) in the Worcester area for Wachusett students.

In the coming years, the WRSD will face a significant economic crunch, due to increasing energy costs, inflation, the imposition of budget and tax caps, combined with the carrying costs of the facilities project (which will be highest in 1980-81). The regional school committee will be making some hard decisions on program cutbacks within the next two years, aided somewhat by a small and gradual additional decrease in student enrollment.

Energy conservation is more than "Turn out the lights!" We have reached the point in our conservation efforts where we must invest dollars in increased efficiency and reducing heat loss. Your present administrative staff has been unable to devote the time necessary to sophisticated energy auditing and a continuing daily campaign of conservation education for staff, students and visitors. At some point, we may find it economically sound to invest in additional personnel charged with continuing attention to energy management, as industry does with energy, safety, security, etc. Yes, we end up spending money to hire monitors to supervise the use of something scarce and expensive, something which required no supervision at all in the old days ... like parking ... so now, energy!

We continue to remind voters of two economic realities: (1) We cannot reasonably tell our legislators to vote for both state-mandated services and budget caps. The requirements that local school systems provide post-secondary vocational education and certain health, psychiatric and transportation services are still on the books and enforced, even while tax caps are voted. This is a nationwide problem as well as a Massachusetts problem. (2) Citizens will continue to begrudge funding for public education as long as it is supported primarily by the property tax, a tax based on the measure of wealth 300 years ago. Massachusetts is gradually increasing the state's share of the costs,

perhaps even faster than it mandates services, but a more radical change is required.

One significant observation was made by Principal Harold Lane during his 43 presentations to citizen groups in the five towns regarding the facilities proposal. He was shocked at the public's lack of knowledge about our regional high school, and especially its students' and staff's accomplishments. We all understand that such accomplishments are not frequently considered "news" by the local press, and so vandalism, damage, controversy and criticism receive far greater coverage. While I am most appreciative of the efforts of the Holden Landmark to inform the public about all aspects of our public education system, I firmly believe that if we wish a better informed public, we must engage someone to do just that...another collateral assignment which cannot be added to your present administration's workload.

We have added another exclusive bargaining agent in the last year, and so the six school committees now bargain with 12 employee groups. All this takes time and increasing sophistication on management's part. I feel that the increased use of the grievance process and of complaints to the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission reflects union strategy more than an indication of labor unrest, but there are those who would argue with this.

Summarizing from the above four paragraphs, and knowing that the idea will prove unpopular in an era of cost-cutting, I project need in the near future for additional personnel to absorb the additional workload in the areas of energy and property management, collective bargaining and (if the committees share my concern at the lack of public knowledge of school matters) public information.

Each year, my respect and appreciation for our students and our employed and volunteer staff increases. I have recently had the opportunity of observing several school systems in the state, and each time I have returned with increasing appreciation of the competence and dedication of our staffs and their personal interest and pride in their students or buildings and in their work. It is a pleasure to provide guidance and support to such people.

As I reread my own words above, I am struck by the tone; the report reflects the sort of concerns one would expect in a corporate management's annual report. Mr. Chips is gone! I suppose that with a combined kindergarten through grade 12 budget exceeding \$10 million, he ought to be, but ...

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Yaglou
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal Wachusett Regional High School

As I wrote last year's report to the taxpayers of the five towns, two distinct themes dominated — One was the upcoming celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the school, and the second was the continuing critical need for expanded facilities at the school. As I report to you on the 1978-79 school year, I am happy to state that the 25th was celebrated with gusto and that the voters responded positively to the call for a much-needed building program!

1978-79 was an upbeat year at Wachusett!! The student body responded to the 25th anniversary theme with the largest and best homecoming celebration ever and with a number of smaller but no less colorful events. The faculty contributed to the year-long celebration by sponsoring what we hope will become a continuing athletic Captain's reunion on the eve of the Thanksgiving Day football game; by producing and acting in a zany, fun-filled faculty musical, Little Mary Sunshine; and by putting on a Silver Anniversary Ball in May. And most importantly, I feel, we began a process of reaching out to alumni and other citizens with news of the new spirit of Wachusett!

In my last report to you I wrote gravely about the possibility of loss of accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges unless we faced up to the long-standing facilities problems at Wachusett. In the midst of our celebration of twenty-five years as a high school, innumerable people — students, faculty, alumni, citizens — joined together to tell the story and the results assure that the future of Wachusett holds at least as much promise as the history of its first quarter century. The facilities project will always be a highlight of my career in education. It proved to me — and to many others — that the person-in-the-street does listen and does respond to proven needs regardless of the sacrifice. It reinforced my belief that the people in these five towns do want — and expect — quality education for their children. It is my pledge to you in this report written prior to the 1979-80 school year that we will do everything necessary to insure a continuation of this high quality of education at Wachusett.

One concern did arise from the facilities project that does need to be addressed. As I spoke to groups throughout the five town area, it became apparent that there is a lack of knowledge about Wachusett Regional High School. While the record clearly shows that your

high school is doing an excellent job at educating young people, we are not getting our story out. The very air seems rife with rumors and unfounded stories that clearly miss the truth about your school. This public relations and information responsibility must be better met in the future and will be a high priority for me in the year and years upcoming. Through the medium of these town reports, I would volunteer my service to speak to any group about Wachusett and would reinforce my invitation to all of you to visit us at the school anytime we are in session. We need — and want — this kind of honest and open evaluation.

While this report is basically very upbeat and, I hope, sets a tone of confidence in our future, I would be remiss not to at least touch upon several educational challenges that lie before us. During 1979-80 we must face, with our colleagues in Grades K through 8, the need for a plan for competency testing that must be implemented by the 1980-81 school year. We need to continue to manage our school in a fiscally responsible manner and yet not allow the inflationary cycle to rob us of the tools necessary to continue programs of quality education. We need to continue the progress of the past several years toward greater responsibility for our young people and a resurgence of confidence in the acquisition of knowledge. We need to develop programs of in-service education for an exemplary faculty that has remained relatively stable — in personnel though not in ideas. In short, we need to continue the kind of dynamic programs and personnel practices that served us so well in the first twenty-five years of the school's history.

As I close this report to you, I would like to pay a personal and special tribute to one who chose to make the 25th anniversary year her final year at Wachusett. Mrs. Frances Creamer served Wachusett as Mathematics Department chairperson for all of the years that Wachusett has existed. Her dedication to young people and to her subject is well documented by thousands of young people spread from the Class of '55 through the Class of '79. Her example and leadership have served us all well. We wish her the best in her retirement years and for all of you I would like to publicly say "Thank You" to Mrs. Creamer!

Harold Lane
Principal, W.R.H.S.

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