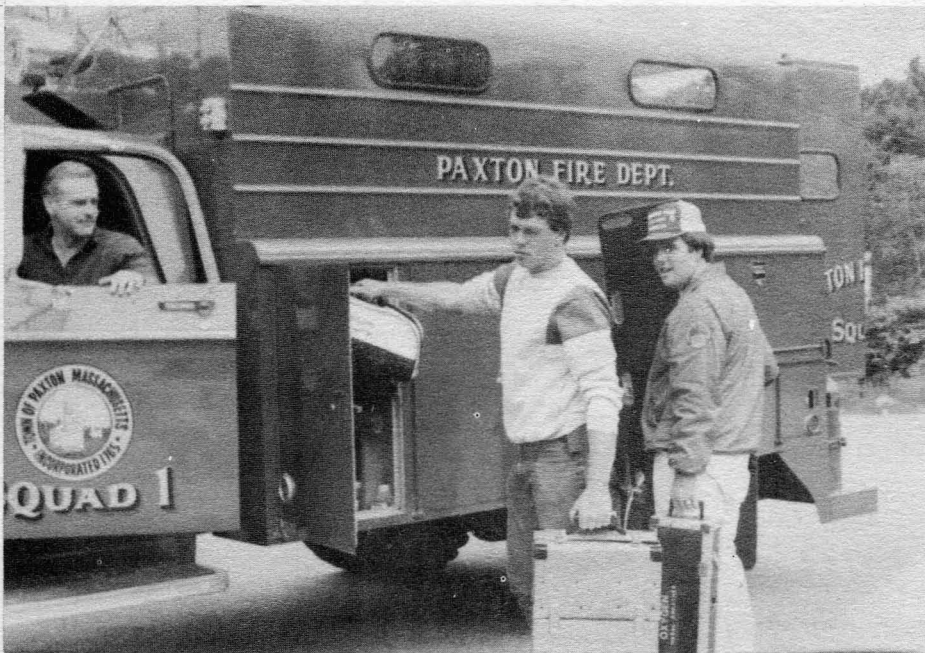


TOWN OF PAXTON



1984-1985 ANNUAL REPORT

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Members of the Fire Department "Emergency Medical First Responder Group" who are dispatched to all serious medical incidences.

They provide immediate medical assistance to stabilize and prepare patients for transportation by the town ambulance contractor.

Annual Reports

Town Officers

Town of Paxton



Year Ending June 30, 1985



Jay Mellor

Died July 14, 1985

Member of Finance Committee for 18 years

Chairman 7 years

Member of Capital Outlay Committee
for 17 years

In Memoriam

Henry J. Lamarche

Member Council on Aging

Died 12/27/84

With Thanks for Past Service

Aleck Urbanovitch

Highway Dep't
Foreman-Highway Dep't

Frank Urbanovitch

Highway Dep't
Foreman-Water Dep't

Cynthia Ahearn

Cable T.V. Committee

Paul Andrews

Cable T.V. Committee

Cathy Flynn

Cable T.V. Committee

John Pennace

Cable T.V. Committee
(Chairman)

Milton Sebring

Cable T.V. Committee

Martha Varum

Arts Council Committee
(Co-Chairman)

Gloria Smith

Arts Council Committee

Arlene Sjosten

Arts Council Committee
(Co-Chairman)

Charles Stoneham

Finance Board
(Chairman)

Chester Johnson

Finance Board

Robert Mortell

Dog Officer &
Fire Dep't

Michael Biscotti

Assessors

Harold Mullaney

Personnel Advisory
Committee

Philip Derby

Council on Aging

Helen Boschert

Council on Aging

Gail Tracy

Council on Aging

Paul Revere O'Connell, Sr.

Associate Town Counsel

Daniel J. Lucey

School Committee (Paxton)

Claudia P. Holland

Recreation

David Braley

Recreation (Chairman)

Timotheos Thouteis

Board of Appeals

James Early

Fire Department

Joanne Smith Hawkins

Fire Department

Peter Warren

Fire Department

TOWN COUNSEL

Paul Revere O'Connell, Jr.

ASSOCIATE TOWN COUNSEL

Peter J. Dawson

**MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK,
FIELD DRIVERS, & FENCE VIEWERS**

William O. Wylie

Robert F. Dillman Sr.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Yvonne B. Karle 1987

CIVIL DEFENSE

William Foley, Director

Robert S. Hansson, Asst.

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST
FIRE WARDEN**

Brian Murphy

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed by Fire Chief

David S. Ahlin

Leonard T. Anderson

David Beach

Richard G. Bedard

Stephen T. Bedard

John A. Benoit, Lieutenant

Michael J. Benoit

Peter Bogren

Jay J. Conte, Lieutenant

Robert B. Desrosiers

Christopher G. Devico

Thomas A. Ducharme

Brian R. Faucher

James S. Hansson

Richard L. Jenkins, Lieutenant

Russell E. Johnson

Douglas L. Kimball

Michael Kimball

William F. Lang

William P. Lawler, Deputy Chief

Brian C. Murphy, Chief

Timothy D. Pierce

Michael R. Putnam

Gary Richards

Herbert S. Robinson

Patrick J. Robinson

Chester Rossier

Raymond S. Savignac

Michael M. Sears

Orville G. Sheldon, Lieutenant

Philip Sheridan

David B. Smith

Kevin R. Sullivan

Scott G. Trotto

Bennie P. Warren

Mathew C. Wilde

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER

Donald G. Wyman

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Robert P. Sheehan

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Robert F. Dillman Jr., Sgt.

Robert J. Mortell, Sgt.

PART TIME OFFICERS

Ralph B. Butland

Frederick Hughes

William E. Lindquist

Robert Love

Frank Neiber

Mrs. Helen T. Sheehan

Harold Smith

Patrick Smith

Paul W. Valinski

Raymond Kirwin

William Lang

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Gerard Bernier

Center School

Charles J. Collins

Building Inspector

Joseph Norton

Dog Officer

Steven Hair

Recreation Superintendent

Ambrose Tower

Asst. Bldg. Insp.

CONSERVATION

Robert Stewart 1988 Chairman

Mary Harney 1988

Robert Paulson 1988

Catherine Hodgson 1986

Charles Innis 1987

Janice Stewart, Alt. 1987

Vincent McIntyre 1987

**GROUP INSURANCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Gwen Hall

Robert S. Hansson

Chairman

Robert P. Sheehan

Harold Smith

Mary Bogren

INSURANCE ADVISOR

James D. Smith

**AGENTS FOR
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

William O. Wylie

Robert P. Sheehan

**CENTRAL MASS.
REGIONAL PLANNING**

Charles Mello, Rep.

Edward V. McTigue, Alt.

Kathleen Sears,

Rep. T.P.A.G.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Joseph W. Seremeth 1987

Etta E. Robinson 1986

Ruth B. Wentworth 1986

Gail Kimball 1987 Co-Chairman

Denis Melican 1987

Gail Tracy 1988 Co-Chairman

Carolyn Stone 1988

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Herbert Riddle 1986

Frederick H. Fricka 1986

Frederick Goodrich 1987

Chairman

John E. Graham 1987

Joan R. Cox 1988

**DESIGNER SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

Charles W. Mello Chairman

Alvah Tracy-Vice Chairman

Penelope Rockwell Secretary

**BUILDING FACILITIES
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Francis Ford

David Clarke

Chairman

John Anderson

Janet Slabich

William St. Jean

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO
M.M.A. WAGE STUDY**

Frederick G. Goodrich

Co-Chairman

Joan R. Cox

Co-Chairman

Allan S. Dunkerly

John E. Lucey

William F. Jones Jr.

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

William Foley
 Charles Glassbrenner
 Robert S. Hansson
 Brian Murphy
 Robert P. Sheehan
 Harold Smith
 Robert Stewart

COUNCIL ON AGING

J. Arden Woodall 1986
 Chairman
 Leslie E. Robinson 1986
 Evelyn Lawler 1986
 Sanford Wreschinsky 1987
 Everett L. Lupien 1987
 Mary L. Bogren 1987
 Rita E. Palumbo 1988
 Kenneth Rogers 1988
 Mary Barry 1988

ARTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Joseph Sage 1986
 Barbara Wreschinsky 1987
 Ida Fraioli 1987 Co-Chairman
 Beryl Dillman 1988 Co-Chairman
 Daniel G. Pierce 1988

ELECTION OFFICERS**Republicans**

Charlotte Thalín-Warden
 Augustus W. Oatley-Deputy Inspector
 Marie Cavanaugh-Inspector

Democrats

Madeline McGovern-Inspector
 Mary Barry-Deputy Inspector

Independent

June T. Herron-Clerk

Officials Appointed by Moderator**FINANCE BOARD**

William A. Dado 1986
 Herbert Riddle 1986
 Allan S. Dunkerly 1987
 Arnold E. Fay, Jr. 1987
 Vice-Chairman
 Harold J. Mullaney 1987
 William T. Cox 1988
 Edward T. Shea 1988
 Joseph W. McKay 1988
 Chairman
 Thomas J. Aitken 1986

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Fin. Board-Harold Mullaney
 Fin. Board-Herbert Riddle
 Plan. Board-Kathleen Sears
 Assess.-Susan Corcoran
 Members at Large
 David L. Bennett 1987
 Richard G. Connell 1986
 Thomas Lavigne 1988

Appointed by the Board of Health**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Zig Koslowski
 392 Pleasant St.
 Leicester

ASSISTANT PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Lawrence St. Martin
 83 Willow St.
 Leicester

SANITARY INSPECTOR

James A. Lashbrook

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS & SLAUGHTERING

Timothy Pierce
 Joseph Norton

BURIAL AGENT

Yvonne B. Karle

RUBBISH COLLECTOR

Martone Trucking Inc.
 Barre, MA

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 Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of the By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting February 7, 1938).

Report of the Town Clerk Vital Statistics July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985

BIRTHS**1984****July**

- 1 Charles Armstrong, son to Robert Reynolds and Martha Mary Nolan Waldo, 12 Shanandoah Drive

September

- 12 Joseph Quinn, son to Joseph William and Linda Jean Quinn McKay, 1 Larchwood Rd.

October

- 23 Emily Anne, daughter to Michael John and Margaret Smith Ahearn, 130 Marshall St.
- 31 Lisa Ann, daughter to Jared John and Ruth Ann Osgood Golen, 2 Colony Lane.

November

- 8 Albert Schaal, son to James Robert and Kathleen Phyllis Schaal Fox, 17 South Street.
- 19 John Paul III, son to John Paul Jr. and Maureen Lucier Glowik, 11 Crocker Hill Drive
- 19 Elizabeth Laura, daughter to Joseph Charles and Mary Lou Boronski Kusz, 3 Ridgewood Road

December

- 6 Scott Michael, son to Jeremy James and Susan Mary McNamara Brown, 14 Lincoln Circle
- 7 Mark Philip, son to Philip Gordon and Gale Lynn Baker Torgersen, 350 Pleasant Street.
- 28 Matthew David, son to Jeffrey David and Elaine Nancy Turco Shack, 3 Shanandoah Drive

1985**January**

- 22 Gregory Richard, son to Richard John and Debra Andrea Mure Norton, 318 Pleasant St.

February

- 4 Kristi Lee, daughter to Scott Albert and Lisa Malkasian Himmer, 119 West St.
- 11 Heather Marie, daughter to John Arthur and Carolyn Marie Duggan Brunell, 1 Franklin Street.
- 26 Leslie Claire, daughter to John Joseph and Priscilla Marie Ward Murray, 25 Lancelot Drive.

March

- 2 Britt Lovejoy, daughter to Raymond Jacques and Joanne Lovejoy Bergstrom Savignac, 63 Marshall Street
- 2 Gregory Robert, son to Raymond Jacques and Joanne Lovejoy Bergstrom Savignac, 63 Marshall Street.
- 8 Erick Roger, son to David George and Jean Ann Muthig Parent, 9 Cutler Rd.
- 13 Andrew James, son to Kenneth James and Jane Ann Casella Perry, 7 Meadowbrook Drive.
- 27 Kirk Edward, son to Edward Charles and Susan Ann Jamgochian Atamian, 4 Woodland Drive.
- 29 Jenna Britni, daughter to Mark Alan and Jinja-Bonny Moore Noel, 175 West Street.

April

- 22 Joshua Francis, son to Jeffrey Bruce and Mary Jean Cusson DuPaul, 38 Streeter Road.

May

- 10 Chloe Andrea, daughter to Perry Andrew Gotsis and Elaine Andrea Godimis, 2 Arrowhead Drive
- 16 Jennifer Marie, daughter to Charles Steven and Susan Marie Duggan Panagiotou, 11 Walnut St.
- 31 Nicole Carolyn, daughter to Paul Guy and Elizabeth Ann Flavin Leone, 679 Pleasant St.

June

- 11 Michael James, son to James Richard and Mary Jean McCauley Lemire, 52 Streeter Road
- 27 Joshua Bradford, son to Timothy Dexter and Lisa Maria Carrier Pierce, 495 Richards Ave.

- 18 Charles Murphy of Worcester to Christine Lavoie of Paxton

MARRIAGES**1984****July**

- 7 Laurence Edward Jenkins of Texas to Wendy Elizabeth Fay of Paxton
- 28 Robert E. McDonald Jr. of Paxton to Catherine E. Harvey of Virginia

August

- 4 Donald E. Weldon of Princeton to Donna F. Barber of Paxton
- 11 Kevin Michael Sheary of Spencer to Robin Ann Sousa of Woburn

September

- 22 Timothy Pierce of Paxton to Lisa Maria Carrier of Paxton
- 22 Craig A. Pitman of Worcester to Katherine Borezo of Paxton

November

- 17 Richard Winfred Kent of Paxton to Janice Claire Saliba of Paxton

1985**January**

- 22 Ron G. Markiewicz of Paxton to Lois A. Breault of Paxton

April

- 13 David Warren of Paxton to Rosemary Jean Mullaney of Paxton

May

- 5 Robert B. Anctil Jr. of Southbridge to Rosalyn L. Carrelli of Paxton
- 18 James F. McLean of Worcester to Ellen M. Cunningham of Paxton

June

- 1 Thomas Christopher Peacock of Worcester to Brenda Edith Swift of Paxton

- 1 John P. McGovern of Paxton to Paula DiPilato of Paxton

- 1 James Nicholas Petropulos of New Hampshire to Lynda Ann Hansson of Paxton

- 16 Christopher P. Mordarski of Conn. to Monique A. Paquette of Paxton

- 21 John Francis Malone of Paxton to Deirdre Louise Simons of Paxton

- 22 Barclay W. Fitzpatrick II of Cambridge to Mary Jane A. Casavant of Paxton

DEATHS**1984****July**

- | | Age |
|---|------------|
| 6 Sadie E. Shea, 778 Pleasant St. | 88 |
| 4 William H. Clancey Jr., 3 Colony Lane | 73 |
| 19 Raymond A. Snay, 5 Woodland Drive | 75 |
| 20 Elwood C. Jones, 165 Grove Street | 80 |

August

- | | |
|--|----|
| 8 Edith Amanda Peterson, 5 Meadowbrook Drive | 88 |
| 22 William F. Sherman, 2 Burtenmar Circle | 50 |

September

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| 13 Hilda S. Suomu, 96 Pleasant St. | 92 |
| 27 John M. Witt, 177 Grove Street | 35 |

December

- | | |
|---|----|
| 3 Leona Knight, 300 Richards Avenue | 67 |
| 6 Lloyd S. Jenkins, 140 Davis Hill Road | 72 |
| 20 Edna I. Drown, 187 Grove Street | 71 |
| 27 Henry J. Lamarche, 16 Pleasant St. | 86 |

- 29 Helen M. Cape, 25 Cutler Road 70

1985**February**

- 11 Joseph J. Hemingway, 8 Lawrence Street 83

March

- | | |
|---|----|
| 1 Paul J. Zackarewicz, 11 Boynton Parkway | 67 |
| 10 Warrell R. Bohaker, 6 Bel Arbor Drive | 75 |
| 27 Antoinette M. Meserve, 3 Bel Arbor Drive | 72 |
| 27 Leslie H. Spofford Jr., 3 Pond Street | 56 |
| 28 Richard D. Phinney, 5 Keep Avenue | 51 |

April

- | | |
|--|----|
| 26 Leslie A. Ballard, 391 Grove Street | 80 |
| 27 Janet Nordigian, 66 West Street | 68 |

May

- | | |
|--|----|
| 2 Anna T. Leadbetter, 12 Whitney Drive | 94 |
| 6 Steven E. Hirvi, 4 Ridgewood Road | 25 |

June

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| 21 Ralph D. Smith Sr., 13 Cutler Road | 77 |
|---------------------------------------|----|

DOG LICENSES ISSUED
July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985

Male	171
Female	20
Spayed Female	191
Kennel \$10	3
Kennel \$50	1
 Paid to Treasurer	 \$996.50

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES
ISSUED

July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985

Number of licenses issued	212
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$2,223.00

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Held at the
Paxton Center School
Sept. 17, 1984

Moderator, Robert H. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and appointed counters: Edward Ackley and Barbara Wreschinsky. A quorum was declared to be present by the Moderator.

Article 1. It was voted to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$3,819.98 to purchase a new Wet Base Cast Iron Hot Water System for the Town Hall.

Unanimous vote.

Article 2. It was voted to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used by the Town Treasurer to subscribe for the service of a Computerized Service Bureau, which would be used to process Tax Title accounts up to and including foreclosure in Land Court.

Unanimous Vote.

Article 3. It was voted to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for the purpose of additional premiums for Accident and Health Insurance for the Paxton Fire Department.

Unanimous Vote.

Article 4. It was voted to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following special legislation strictly limited to the terms petitioned for by the town excepting editorial and technical corrections in compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 17 and 43; and Chapter 659 of the Acts of 1983 and any other Acts as may pertain to said transfer:

Title

An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain cemetery land located in the Town of Paxton to the First Congregational Church of Paxton.

Section 1

The Town of Paxton, by its Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to convey to the First Congregational Church of Paxton, a parcel of land in said Town which is presently under the care, custody and control of the Paxton Cemetery Commission,

said parcel of land being bounded and described as follows; being rectangle shape and approximately 1700 square feet, abutting the church land and a permanent easement necessary for access and a temporary easement necessary for construction all as shown on a plan by Richard Lamoureux & Assoc. and dated August 22, 1984.

Section 2

The consideration for such conveyance shall be \$500.00 and the assumption by the church of expenses directly related to the petition and the subsequent conveyance if authorized by the legislature.

2/3 Vote Necessary, 200+ in Favor, 5 Opposed

Article 5. Passed Over

Article 6. A motion was Made to instruct the Selectboard to enter into negotiations to purchase two parcels of land and the buildings thereon and the area known as Camp Pike as referred to in Article 6 and to transfer from free cash the sum of \$85,000.00 to purchase either one or both of such parcels, the buildings to be razed or removed by the Town and the land to be returned to its natural state.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: to substitute borrowing in place of the transfer from free cash.

2/3 Vote Necessary. 128 In Favor, 55 Opposed

Article 7. It was voted to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to plan for the rehabilitation of the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool and other recreational facilities.

Unanimous vote

Article 8. It was voted to transfer \$500.00 from Article 1, item #6434 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of the Fourth of July Celebration and appropriate such sum to sponsor a Band Concert and other recreational activities on the date of October 13, 1984 to celebrate Major Moore Day to be run in conjunction with the dedication sponsored by the Friends of the Mill Village and the Book and Bake Fair sponsored by the Friends of the Richards Memorial Library.

Unanimous vote

Article 9. It was voted to increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from one year to three years effective from May 1985 election.

Unanimous vote

Respectfully submitted,
June T. Herron
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Special Town Meeting Held April 8, 1985 at Paxton Center School

Moderator, Robert H. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and appointed counters: Thomas Hiller and John Jacobs. A quorum was declared to be present by the Moderator.

Article 1. It was voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$611.52 to be added to the 1984-85 Central Communications Center Payroll Budget, for the purpose of raising the pay for the 11PM to 7AM shift by 42¢ per hour, beginning 1-1-85.

Unanimous vote

Article 2. It was voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,971.02 to purchase a computer for the Town.

Unanimous vote.

Article 3. It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,881.00 received from the Commonwealth for library use to the Library State Aid Account.

Unanimous vote

Article 4. It was voted to accept a gift of a Digital Rainbow 100 Computer and Software for the Fire Department.

Unanimous vote

Article 5. It was voted to authorize the School Committee with the consent of the State Board of Education to transfer the control of the White Building, and adjacent land area used for parking, to the Board of Selectmen; Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease to allow the School Committee the use of the lower level as a School Library; Selectmen also to enter into an agreement with the School Committee to share the costs related to the pumping and maintenance of the mutual septic system; or act in any way thereon.

Unanimous vote

Article 6. It was voted to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact the following special legislation strictly limited to the terms petitioned for by the town excepting editorial and technical corrections.

Title

An act authorizing the conveyance of certain cemetery land located in the Town of Paxton to the First Congregational Church of Paxton and also authorizing construction upon that land.

Section 1.

The Town of Paxton, by its Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to convey to the First Congregational Church of Paxton a parcel of land presently under the care, custody and control of the Paxton Cemetery Commission, such parcel being a rectangle containing approximately 1,750 square feet abutting other land of the church and including a permanent non-exclusive easement for access and maintenance and a temporary easement for construction all as shown on a plan by Richard Lamoureux & Associates.

Section 2.

The consideration for such conveyance shall be the assumption by the church of expenses directly related to the petition and the subsequent conveyance if authorized by the legislation.

Section 3.

The First Congregational Church of Paxton is authorized to construct an addition to the existing church structure which addition may be built upon the parcel described in Section 1. This authorization shall supersede any other statute, regulation or law which statute, regulation or law would operate to preserve the parcel as a cemetery or burial site and impair the Church's ability to build upon the parcel.

2/3 Vote Needed. Unanimous Vote

Article 7. It was voted to borrow and appropriate \$215,000.00 for the rehabilitation of the Herbert F. Wentworth Pool and other recreational facilities.

2/3 Vote Needed, 120+ in Favor, 11 Opposed

Article 8. It was voted to Transfer from available funds \$15,000.00 to contract for an independent review of the various positions by Town officials, both elected and appointed and by all other Town employees (with the exception of those employed by the Paxton Center School) both full time and part time and including Light Dept. employees provided the Light Dept. give its consent to it and reimburse the General Treasury of the Town for its respective share of the Contract, and a recommendation of what changes, if any, should be made in levels of compensation and the job description of such individuals, and SUCH STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AND SUPERVISED BY

AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF FIVE MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED IN UNISON BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. AND SAME TO CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ONE MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED AT LARGE, or act in any way thereon.

70 In Favor, 69 Against

Respectfully submitted,
June T. Herron
Town Clerk of Paxton

Report of the Annual Town Meeting Held May 6, 1985 at Anna Maria College

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Moderator declared a quorum was present. Counters appointed for the meeting were: David Clarke and Thomas Juneau.

Article 1. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate, including appropriation from the Revenue Sharing Fund Account, the Stabilization Fund and other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985, and especially for any and all of the following to wit: (See Budget). During the fiscal year transfers between line items within Departments may be made upon approval of the Finance Committee.

Unanimous Vote

It was voted to appropriate the money approved for street lights and income from the sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the next succeeding fiscal period for the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant, including out-of-state travel of employees where necessary, as defined in General Laws Chapter 164, Section 57, for the next succeeding fiscal period, and if this income shall exceed the expense for said period, such excess shall be transferred to the

construction fund of said plant and be appropriated and used for such additions as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Unanimous vote

Article 3. It was voted to borrow the sum of \$15,539 for the construction and/or improvement of Town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1984.

Requires 2/3 Vote. Unanimous vote

Article 4. It was voted to use available funds (free cash) and appropriate the sum of \$2,965. to purchase a new 10 ft. snow plow for the Highway Department.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. It was voted to use available funds (free cash) and appropriate the sum of \$8,200. to purchase a new 1/2 ton pickup truck for the Highway Department and to sell or trade in against the purchase price thereof the 1977 1/2 ton pickup truck.

Unanimous vote

Article 6. It was voted to use available funds (free cash) and appropriate the sum of \$2,150. to purchase two portable radios with charger units for the Police Cruisers.

Unanimous vote.

Article 7. It was voted to use available funds (free cash) and appropriate the sum of \$1,620. for purchase and installation of a replacement two way radio for Fire Engine 2.

Unanimous vote

Article 8. It was voted to use available funds (free cash) and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the purpose of extending the 8" water main along Mower Street starting at the intersection of Mower and Camp Streets, near Pleasant Street.

Unanimous vote

Article 9. It was voted to accept amended Article using available funds (free cash) \$5,000. for immediate necessary alterations to the White Building and for studying and preparing preliminary plans and specifications for building needs and their cost estimates. All for presentation and decision at a future town meeting, for building alteration to Town Hall and White School Building and building alterations and/or an addition to the Fire Station in order to achieve improved utilization and additional space to same buildings and bring same into compliance with Federal and State mandates for

accessibility of Public Buildings for the handicapped.

Unanimous vote

Article 10. It was voted to use \$27,000. from available funds (free cash) to enter into negotiations to purchase land and building owned by Ethel Woodward and as described as lot 38 in Book 2748, Page 595 of Worcester Registry of Deeds, property located in the area also known as Camp Pike, this appropriation to be combined with remaining funding voted under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held September 17, 1984 for similar purpose, to purchase same Woodward property, raze its buildings and return the land to its natural state.

Unanimous vote

Article 11. It was voted to accept amended Article 11 to transfer \$8,500. from free cash and transfer \$5,500. from the unexpended balance voted for energy conservation measures under Article 11 of Annual Town Meeting held June 19, 1982, from Stabilization Fund and appropriate the total of \$14,000. for roof repairs to the Paxton Center School and authorize the Paxton School Committee to enter into all contracts and to perform all action necessary.

Unanimous vote

Article 12. It was voted to use from available funds (free cash) \$51,683. to replace boiler and allied piping at the Paxton Center School and authorize the Paxton School Committee to enter into all contracts and perform all actions necessary.

Unanimous vote

Article 13. It was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1,

1985, 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 a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Unanimous vote

Article 14. It was voted to PASS OVER.

Article 15. It was voted to bring in to the Election Officers their votes for the following Town Officers:

Selectman, Christian Baehrecke	3 years
Town Clerk, June T. Herron	3 years
Moderator, Robert J. Hall	1 year
Tree Warden, Patrick V. Smith	1 year
Paxton School Committee,	
Barbara C. Lorge	3 years
Clement J. Gainty	3 years
Municipal Light Board	
Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr.	3 years
Assessors,	
James R. Stone Jr.	3 years
Sherburne B. Rockwell, III	1 year
Water Board, Charles J. Scholl	3 years
Board of Health, Orace T. Holland	3 years
Planning Board, Kathleen Sears	5 years
Library Trustees,	
Edith M. LaVigne	3 years
Ralph A. Kimball, Jr.	3 years
Cemetery Commission, Caroline L. Rice	3 years
Wachusett Regional School Committee,	
Eugene A. O'Rourke	3 years
Recreation Board,	
Kathleen E. Flynn	5 years
Patricia M. Dateo	1 year

Respectfully submitted

June T. Herron, Town Clerk of Paxton

Robert J. Hall, Moderator

Report of the Board of Selectmen

As in recent years, our regularly scheduled meetings were held on the 2nd and last Thursday evenings of each month. However, additional meetings were held when deemed necessary.

We were pleased to have so many new people to fill vacancies on committees and boards, and to extend the lines of communication between townspeople and the SelectBoard.

The Right to Know Law was put into effect, September 26, 1984, at which time all department heads were made aware of the law and were instructed to train their employees in the law. This also mandated that all hazardous materials be properly labeled.

A Designer Selection Committee was formed to carry out the bidding laws.

Through the combined efforts of the Water Department and the SelectBoard three properties at Camp Pike were acquired.

Robert Mortell relinquished his position of Dog Officer as he felt his police duties were more pressing. To fill this void we appointed Joseph

Norton, who quickly established himself very capably in light of the many complaints about canine activities.

The Urbanovitch name and the Highway Department have been synonymous for years. The service given to the Town and its people by the Urbanovitch brothers has been unequalled. This year Aleck and Frank decided to retire. We regret their stepping down but we extended to them our very best wishes for long and healthy retirements.

The White Building was officially turned over to the SelectBoard by the School Committee on January 1, 1985, pending the townspeople's approval. This came at the April Special Town Meeting. Bob Hansson, Brian Murphy, Bob Sheehan, Harold Smith, department heads, were named to a Study Committee whose objective was to investigate the facilities needs of the Town. Among these needs were police chief and fire chief headquarters, and better space utilization in the Town Hall. Of primary concern to this committee was the Federal Funding Law which would be in effect in

1986 requiring all public buildings be made accessible to the handicapped.

Upon receiving this report of the Study Committee, we appointed a Facility Committee, a citizens group made up of David Clarke, Chairman; John Anderson, Vice Chairman; Francis Ford, Clerk; Janet Slabich and William St. Jean.

The SelectBoard was keenly aware of wage inequities of Town employees, and initiated a wage guideline that was used in the development of their FY86 budgets. Many discussions were held with the Finance Committee after which it was agreed to expand the study of complete wage guidelines and job descriptions.

We have been pleased to serve on the SelectBoard. We have been available to every person in Town and will continue to do so in the coming year.

Thomas J. Cunningham, Chairman
John E. Lucey, Vice Chairman
Christian S. Baehrecke, Clerk

Report of the Board of Assessors Fiscal Year 1985

New construction, alterations and additions made during the year 1983 to Paxton's taxable property amounted to \$1,226,200. as of January 1, 1984. Abatements and adjustments amounting to \$203,640. were approved and processed by the Board of Assessors, resulting in a net increase of \$1,022,560. in the total valuation.

An increase of \$95,243.07 in the tax levy for

Fiscal Year 1985 created a tax rate of \$19.65, an increase of \$.85 over the previous fiscal year.

The following tables show comparative statistics for the last three years regarding the tax rate recap, and exemptions and abatements granted on Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes.

James R. Stone Jr., Chairman
Susan P. Corcoran

Assessors Office Open 9:00 AM - 12:00 Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday Board meets 1st Thursday
evening of each month at 7:30 PM.

TABLE I
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES	FY83	% Inc.	FY84	% Inc.	FY85	% Inc.
Appropriations to be raised	\$2,247,857.73	4.3	2,329,861.34	3.6	2,406,516.36	3.3
Appropriation from avail. funds	154,458.75		126,110.00		100,429.00	
Offset Items	5,074.00		4,942.00		4,864.00	
Retirement	59,408.00		67,221.00		64,618.00	
State Tax & Assessments	27,134.21		23,673.00		24,727.00	
County Tax & Assessments	72,740.55		76,354.00		72,472.00	
Overlay	75,492.00		49,492.81		41,553.46	
Deficits Prior Years	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Gross Amount to be raised	2,642,165.24	5.1	2,677,654.15	1.3	2,715,179.82	1.4
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS						
Local Aid & Agency Fund	506,453.96		546,415.00		621,487.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	85,000.00		75,000.00		90,000.00	
Water Department	58,000.00		60,000.00		65,000.00	
Other Local Receipts	102,615.00		56,380.00		75,300.00	

Avail. Funds - Revenue Sharing	64,000.00		43,000.00		37,000.00	
Avail Funds - Free Cash	122,000.00		151,600.00		23,000.00	
Avail Funds - Other	90,458.75		83,110.00		46,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	1,028,527.71	8.1	1,015,505.00	(1.3)	957,787.00	(5.7)
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,613,637.53	3	1,662,149.00	3.0	1,757,392.82	5.7

VALUATIONS

Real Estate	88,241,449.00		87,726,939.00		88,714,299.00	
Personal Property	664,200.00		685,250.00		720,450.00	
Total	88,905,649.00	23.3	88,412,189.00	(0.6)	89,434,749.00	1.2
TAX RATE*	18.15	(16.6)	18.80	3.5%	19.65	4.5

*Net Amount to be raised divided by total valuation (in thousands) equals tax rate.

TABLE II
EXEMPTIONS, ABATEMENTS, VEHICLE EXCISE

	FY83		FY84		FY85	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSE:						
18: Age, Infirmy, Poverty	2	691.95	2	725.72	1	443.65
17: Widows	2	350.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
22: Veterans	61	11,375.00	59	11,375.00	59	11,550.00
37: Blind	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
41: Elderly	24	11,869.03	19	9,399.31	17	8,500.00
TOTAL	89	24,285.98	80	21,500.03	77	20,493.65
ABATEMENTS:						
Real Estate	70	13,224.49	16	4,919.61	7	1,109.80
Personal Property	0	0.00	1	37.60	0	0.00
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	328	5,157.19	263	6,342.21	298	9,466.68
TOTAL	398	18,381.68	280	11,299.42	305	10,576.48
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:						
Bills Processed	3,797	132,775.51	3,403	147,618.57	3,568	164,253.96
Dollar Value Less Abatements		127,618.32		136,319.15		153,677.48

Report of the Communications Board

The following is a report of the Communications Board.

A. A new computer has been installed in the Dispatch Center. The purpose of the computer is to print a copy of the name, address, and other important information for the Fire Chief or officer in charge on all emergency fire and first responder calls.

B. A new pay scale has been budgeted for all dispatchers as of July 1, 1985.

Chief Dispatcher \$6.25/hr.
Appointed Dispatcher 5.00/hr.

Trainees 4.25/hr.
11:00 - 7:00 Dispatcher 5.50/hr.

As Chairman of the Communications Center I would like to take this opportunity to thank all dispatchers for a job well done.

Respectfully,
Harold L. Smith, Chairman

Communication Board Members

Mgr. Harold L. Smith, Chairman
Police Chief Robert Sheehan
Fire Chief Brian Murphy
Superintendent Robert Hansson
Robert Stewart
Charles Glassbrenner, Secretary
William Foley, Civil Defense

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals held five Public Hearings during the year 1985F.

Four petitions were granted, one refused. Copies of the minutes and decisions are on file with the Town Clerk as public record.

Applications for petitions and information concerning procedures may be obtained from the Town Secretary, Town Hall, Tel: 753-2803

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Bennett, Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell Jr, Clerk
Timotheos Thoutsis
Frederick H. Fricka
Allen Rubin
Robert F. Dillman Sr.
Melanie A. Valinski

Report of the Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission's principal activity during the past year has been to administer the Wetlands Protection Act. Anyone planning to fill or alter land within 200 feet of a swamp, stream, or pond should contact the Commission to find out what the law requires. A start has also been made on developing a land use plan in conjunction with other town boards to preserve Paxton's natural beauty.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month except as necessary.

Robert Stewart, Chairman
Charles Innis, Clerk
Catherine Hodgson
Jean Rommel
Janice Stewart
Vincent McIntyre
Robert Paulson

Report of the Building Inspector

I want to take this opportunity to thank all persons concerned for the cooperation I have received as your Building Inspector.

New Homes	31
Additions	13
Pools	7
Solar Panel	2
Roof	1
Demolition	3
Chimney	1
Garage	5
Shed	4
Dog Run	1
Fire Job	1
Porch	1
Decks	6
Barn	3
Permits	79
10 Wood Stoves	10
Total Permits	89

For forms and information Call Town Secretary
Town Hall, 753-2803

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Collins Jr.
Home Telephone 756-9708
Office Hours 2nd Thursday of each month. Town
Hall, 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Report of the Cemetery Commission

Our cemeteries continue to be self-supporting
Prices as of July 1 - this includes perptetual care.

2 grave lots - \$300
4 grave lots - \$600
6 grave lots - \$900
1 grave lot available by special permission

Opening graves:

Weekdays - \$200
Weekends - \$250

Cremation Burials	Infant Burials
Weekdays - \$100	Weekdays - \$100
Weekends - \$150	Weekends - \$150

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

Our present project is a gradual expansion of Mooreland Cemetery so that the needs of the future will be met.

Caroline Isham Rice, Chairman
Katherine Stannard
Betty Peterson
Cemetery Commission

Report of the Arts Council Committee

The Paxton Arts Lottery Council received distributions from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council of \$792.00 in January and \$784.00 in July. Unused funds remained from prior distributions.

Two meetings were held in October at Richards Memorial Library-October 16th to give out applications and answer any questions. October 23rd the full committee met to consider all applications.

Approved were the following:

\$200.00 - Steve Grimo for a concert performance for the entire Paxton Center School.

\$285.00 - Richards Memorial Library - childrens programs

\$380.00 - Brian Davagian - 2 drawings of Paxton

subjects.

\$140.00 - Friends of Richards Memorial Library - purchase of painting of the library by Judith Russell.

April 2nd the council met at the library to give information on applications and procedures and again on April 16th to decide on the applications.

Awards were made to the following:

\$300.00 Friends of the Mill Village - "The Art of Moore State Park"

\$300.00 Richards Memorial Library for Video Cassette Collection.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha C. Varum

Committee:
Martha Varum
Arlene Sjosten
Gloria Smith
Barbara Wreschinsky
Joseph Sage

Report of the Dog Officer

The following is a report of the Dog Officer for the fiscal year 1984 - 1985.

*Dog complaints handled	240
*Dog Bites	5
*Dogs placed under quarantine	5
*Dogs brought to Worcester Animal Rescue League	7
*Dogs picked up and returned to owners	25
*Miscellaneous, (calls about cats, horses, geese, coyotes, fox, opossum, etc.	43
*Cats injured by cars	3
*Cats killed by cars	4
*Dogs injured by cars	12
*Dogs reported lost	79
*Lost dogs found	63
*Calls pertaining to dog safety	21

All dogs 3 months or older must be licensed. Not only is it a law, but a very important responsibility to your dog. If your dog should get loose, lost, injured or killed it is often the way to identify the owner of the dog.

All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of every year. Any dog you own must be licensed regardless of where or how the dog is kept. Failure to license your dog could result in a fine, impoundment or both.

Licenses are available at the Town Hall or checks may be mailed to the Town Clerk with the following information.

Name of Dog-Breed-Sex-Color and Age. Male - \$3.00, Female - \$6.00, Spayed female - \$3.00.

Resectfully submitted,

Joseph Norton
Dog Officer

Report of the Municipal Light Commission

The following is a report of the Paxton Light Department.

A. Streetlighting: Paxton Light is at present working on a program to replace all 175 and 92 watt bulbs around town with 70 watt high pressure sodium bulbs to save energy without loss of lighting.

B. Chart of Energy Used:

	KW's of Demand	
	1983	1984
January	3813	3686
February	3586	3409
March	3206	3409
April	2980	2879
May	2550	2475
June	2500	2348
July	2399	2222
August	2348	2323
September	2651	2424
October	2778	2727
November	3182	3257
December	3914	3762

	KWH's of Energy Used	
	1983	1984
	1,843,862	1,906,272
	1,640,617	1,602,097
	1,687,465	1,772,000
	1,445,291	1,423,586
	1,301,165	1,276,252
	1,251,145	1,248,703
	1,244,721	1,275,931
	1,256,277	1,310,697
	1,260,350	1,249,579
	1,383,250	1,321,281
	1,535,027	1,570,230
	1,874,887	1,790,549

Respectfully,
Harold L. Smith, Manager

Light Commission
James V. Graham, Chairman
Sherburne B. Rockwell, Jr., V.-Chairman
John B. Jacobs, Secretary

Municipal Light Board
Paxton Municipal Light Department
578 Pleasant Street
Paxton, MA 01612

We have examined the balance sheet of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts - Municipal Light Department - as of December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the related statements of income and expense and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such other tests and auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly the Financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts - Municipal Light Department as of December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the results of its operations and changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

BYRON, MOILANEN & NELSON, P.C.
Ronald E. Moilanen, CPA

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1984 and 1983**

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS

	1984	1983	Increase (Decrease)
Utility Plant:			
Total Electric Distribution Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	\$735,793	\$728,028	\$7,765
Total Electric General Plant (Per Schedule A-1)	91,922	88,946	2,976
Total Utility Plant	<u>827,715</u>	<u>816,974</u>	<u>10,741</u>
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation fund	183,326	174,262	9,064
128 Construction fund	-0-	2,315	(2,315)
Total Fund Accounts	<u>183,326</u>	<u>176,577</u>	<u>6,749</u>
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Operating Cash	261,178	231,133	30,045
132 Consumer's meter deposits	9,702	10,102	(400)
135 Working funds	200	200	0
142 Customer accounts receivable	81,330	85,807	(4,477)
143 Other accounts receivable (Note C)	1,786	16,228	(14,442)
151 Materials and supplies	56,525	45,915	10,610
165 Prepayments	3,134	42,895	(39,761)
Total Current and Accrued Assets	<u>413,855</u>	<u>432,280</u>	<u>(18,425)</u>
DEFERRED DEBITS			
185 Other deferred debits (Note B)	-0-	4,451	(4,451)
Total Assets	<u>\$1,424,896</u>	<u>\$1,430,282</u>	<u>\$(5,386)</u>

LIABILITIES AND EARNED SURPLUS

	1984	1983	Increase (Decrease)
SURPLUS			
206 Loans repayment	\$212,500	\$187,500	\$25,000
208 Unappropriated earned surplus (Per Exhibit B)	1,013,848	939,274	74,574
Total Surplus	<u>1,226,348</u>	<u>1,126,774</u>	<u>99,574</u>
LIABILITIES			
Long-Term Debt (Note F)			
231 Notes payable	12,500	37,500	(25,000)
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
231 Notes payable - current portion	25,000	25,000	-0-
232 Accounts payable	58,386	152,120	(93,734)
235 Customer deposits	9,702	10,102	(400)
237 Accrued interest	1,146	1,843	(697)
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	<u>94,234</u>	<u>189,065</u>	<u>(94,831)</u>
CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contribution in aid of construction	22,762	-0-	22,762
Total Liabilities	<u>129,496</u>	<u>226,565</u>	<u>(97,069)</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS			
253 Other deferred credits (Note H)	69,052	76,943	(7,891)
Total Liabilities And Surplus	<u>\$1,424,896</u>	<u>\$1,430,282</u>	<u>\$(5,386)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SCHEDULE A-1

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COST OF UTILITY PLANT AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

	Cost 1-1-84	Net Cost Property Added	Net Cost Property Disposed of	Cost 12-31-84	Accrued Depreciation 1-1-84	Current Depreciation	Reversed Depreciation	Accrued Depreciation 12-31-84	Book Value 12-31-84
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE ELECTRIC									
DISTRIBUTION PLANT:									
360 Land and land rights	\$319	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$319	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$319
361 Structures and improvements	54,618	2,564		57,182	24,216	1,365		25,581	31,601
362 Station equipment	540,024	1,753		541,777	172,232	16,201		188,433	353,344
364 Poles, towers and fixtures	149,658	6,732	706	155,684	106,321	4,490	706	110,105	45,579
365 Overhead conductors and devices	289,513	20,964	933	309,544	217,804	37,985	933	254,856	54,688
366 Underground conduits	11,619	2,168		13,787	1,767	349		2,116	11,671
367 Underground conductors and devices	83,632	14,235		97,867	34,667	2,509		37,176	60,691
368 Line transformers	170,324	23,880		194,204	86,252	5,110		91,362	102,842
369 Services	98,189	6,125	4,460	99,854	63,202	2,946	4,460	61,688	38,166
370 Meters	48,039	3,698		51,737	36,573	1,921		38,494	13,243
373 Street lighting and signal systems	75,184	1,529	133	76,580	50,057	3,007	133	52,931	23,649
Total Distribution Plant	1,521,119	83,648	6,232	1,598,535	793,091	75,883	6,232	862,742	735,793
GENERAL PLANT:									
390 Structures and improvements	62,727	1,037	-0-	63,764	29,213	1,255	-0-	30,468	33,296
391 Office furniture and equipment	28,183	350		28,533	5,748	1,409		7,157	21,376
392 Transportation equipment	68,538	8,692		77,230	47,359	4,003		51,362	25,868
394 Tools, shop and garage equipment	22,870	1,576		24,446	13,976	2,287		16,263	8,183
395 Laboratory equipment	946			946	569	38		607	339
397 Communication equipment	7,804	1,093		8,897	5,257	780		6,037	2,860
398 Miscellaneous equipment	1,222			1,222	1,222			1,222	-0-
Total General Plant	192,290	12,748	-0-	205,038	103,344	9,772	-0-	113,116	91,922
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE ELECTRIC	\$1,713,409	\$96,396	\$6,232	\$1,803,573	\$896,435	\$85,655	\$6,232	\$975,858	\$827,715

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

EXHIBIT B

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EARNED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

	1984	1983	Increase (Decrease)	Ratio 1984	1983
OPERATING INCOME:					
400 Operating revenues (Per Schedule B-1)	\$1,480,210	\$1,426,405	\$53,805	100.00%	100.00%
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
401 Operating expense (Per Schedule B-2)	1,308,146	1,297,853	10,293	88.38%	90.99%
402 Maintenance expense (Per Schedule B-2)	22,875	29,838	(6,963)	1.54%	2.09%
403 Depreciation	85,655	75,512	10,143	5.79%	5.29%
Total Operating Expenses	1,416,676	1,403,203	13,473	95.71%	98.37%
Total Operating Income	63,534	23,202	40,332	4.29%	1.63%
OTHER INCOME					
415 Merchandise and jobbing	2,253	429	1,824		
419 Interest income	40,826	26,559	14,267		
Total Other Income	43,079	26,988	16,091		
TOTAL INCOME	106,613	50,190	56,423		
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME DEDUCTIONS					
427 Interest on bonds and notes	1,746	2,975	(1,229)		
431 Other interest expense	842	1,108	(266)		
Total Miscellaneous Income Deductions	2,588	4,083	(1,495)		
NET INCOME	\$104,025	\$46,107	57,918		
EARNED SURPLUS					
208 Unappropriated earned surplus (at beginning of year)	\$939,274	\$880,992	58,282		
433 Balance transferred from income	104,025	46,107	57,918		
434 Miscellaneous credits to surplus (Note D)	-0-	37,175	(37,175)		
Total Credits	1,043,299	964,274	79,025		
DEDUCTIONS FROM EARNED SURPLUS					
435 Miscellaneous debits to surplus (Note E)	29,451	25,000	4,451		
208 UNAPPROPRIATED EARNED SURPLUS (at end of year)	\$1,013,848	939,274	\$74,574		

SCHEDULE B-1

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

	Net Revenue			Kilowatt Hours Sold			Net Revenue Per Kilowatt Hour Sold	
	1984	1983	Increase (Decrease)	1984	1983	Increase (Decrease)	1984	1983
SALES OF ELECTRICITY								
440 Residential sales	\$741,724	\$728,867	\$12,857	7,819,035	7,753,706	65,329	\$0.09486	\$0.09400
442 Commerical and industrial sales - electric heat	669,163	629,580	39,583	7,119,281	6,861,079	258,202	0.09399	0.09176
445 Private area lighting	4,509	3,553	956	61,461	59,753	1,708	0.07336	0.05946
Total Private Consumers	<u>1,415,396</u>	<u>1,362,000</u>	<u>53,396</u>	<u>14,999,777</u>	<u>14,674,538</u>	<u>325,239</u>	<u>0.09436</u>	<u>0.09281</u>
444 Municipal Sales								
Street lighting	16,200	14,267	1,933	278,384	274,356	4,028	0.05819	0.05200
Municipal buildings	38,891	39,276	(385)	396,970	402,590	(5,620)	0.09767	0.09756
Total Municipal Sales	<u>55,091</u>	<u>53,543</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>675,354</u>	<u>676,946</u>	<u>(1,592)</u>	<u>0.08157</u>	<u>0.07909</u>
447 Sales For Resale	<u>1,995</u>	<u>4,347</u>	<u>(2,352)</u>	<u>19,466</u>	<u>59,481</u>	<u>(40,015)</u>	<u>0.10249</u>	<u>0.07308</u>
456 Other Electric Revenue	<u>7,728</u>	<u>6,515</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Electric Operating Revenues (To Exhibit B)	<u>\$1,480,210</u>	<u>\$1,426,405</u>	<u>\$53,805</u>	<u>15,694,597</u>	<u>15,410,965</u>	<u>283,632</u>	<u>\$0.09431</u>	<u>\$0.09256</u>

SCHEDULE B-2

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

	1984			1983			Increase (Decrease)
	Total	Operation	Maintenance	Total	Operation	Maintenance	
POWER PRODUCTION EXPENSE							
555 Purchased power	\$1,138,074	\$1,138,074	\$-0-	\$1,122,681	\$1,122,681	\$-0-	\$15,393
557 Other expenses	60,009	60,009		64,019	64,019		(4,010)
Total Power Production Expense	<u>1,198,083</u>	<u>1,198,083</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,186,700</u>	<u>1,186,700</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>11,383</u>
DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES							
581 Operation labor	7,510	7,510	-0-	6,221	6,221	-0-	1,289
582 Operation supplies and expenses	1,058	1,058		680	680		378
585 Street light expense	406	406		166	166		240
588 Misc distribution expense	3,462	3,462		4,856	4,856		(1,394)
590 Maintenance of structures	-0-			1,052		1,052	(1,052)
593 Maintenance of overhead lines	17,371		17,371	23,410		23,410	(6,039)
596 Maintenance of street lights and signal systems	4,748		4,748	3,444		3,444	1,304
586 Maintenance of meters	157		157	917		917	(760)
598 Maintenance of misc. distribution plant	432		432	280		280	152
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>35,144</u>	<u>12,436</u>	<u>22,708</u>	<u>41,026</u>	<u>11,923</u>	<u>29,103</u>	<u>(5,882)</u>
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT EXPENSES							
902 Meter reading labor and expense	4,021	4,021	-0-	4,045	4,045	-0-	(24)
903 Accounting and collecting labor expense	33,450	33,450		35,034	35,034		(1,584)
904 Uncollectible accounts	147	147		129	129		18
Total Customer Account Expenses	<u>37,618</u>	<u>37,618</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>39,208</u>	<u>39,208</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(1,590)</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES							
916 Miscellaneous sales expense	2,944	2,944	-0-	2,852	2,852	-0-	92
920 Admin. and general salaries	31,582	31,582		30,088	30,088		1,494
921 Office supplies and expenses	6,444	6,444		4,193	4,193		2,251
923 Outside services employed	7,743	7,743		10,576	10,576		(2,833)
924 Property insurance	6,481	6,481		6,944	6,944		(463)
925 Injuries and damages	2,415	2,415		2,650	2,650		(235)
926 Employees pensions and benefits	372	372		315	315		57
928 Regulatory commission expense	-0-			623	623		(623)
930 Miscellaneous general expense	2,028	2,028		1,781	1,781		247
932 Maintenance of general plant	167		167	735		735	(568)
Total Administrative and General Expenses	<u>60,176</u>	<u>60,009</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>60,757</u>	<u>60,022</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>(581)</u>
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses (To Exhibit B)	<u>\$1,331,021</u>	<u>\$1,308,146</u>	<u>\$22,875</u>	<u>\$1,327,691</u>	<u>\$1,297,853</u>	<u>\$29,838</u>	<u>\$3,330</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SCHEDULE B-3

TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983

	Kilowatt Hours	
	1984	1983
Kilowatt Hours Sold:		
Private Consumers:		
Residential	7,819,035	7,753,706
Commercial and industrial	7,119,281	6,861,079
Private area lighting	61,461	59,753
Municipal Use:		
Street lighting	278,384	274,356
Lighting municipal buildings	396,970	402,590
Sales for Resale	19,466	59,481
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	<u>15,694,597</u>	<u>15,410,965</u>
Kilowatt Hours Used by Department		
In plant and offices	179,100	75,080
Total Kilowatt Hours Accounted For	<u>15,873,697</u>	<u>15,486,045</u>
Kilowatt Hours Purchased:		
Maine Yankee	1,474,015	1,645,233
Vermont Yankee	830,624	715,744
Point Lepreau	6,021,135	5,320,558
Nepex	(3,579,830)	(1,127,080)
Salem Harbor	7,158,756	7,383,085
Canal #2	162,117	-0-
Stonybrook Intermediate	5,824,487	3,571,768
Massachusetts Electric	6,280	4,040
Other Sources	(150,407)	269,536
Total Kilowatt Hours Purchased	<u>17,747,177</u>	<u>17,782,884</u>
Total Kilowatt Hours Unaccounted For	<u>1,873,480</u>	<u>2,296,839</u>
Ratio of Unaccounted For Kilowatt Hours	<u>10.56%</u>	<u>12.92%</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

EXHIBIT C

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

	1984	1983
Operating Cash January 1,	\$231,133	\$136,000
Source of Funds:		
Net income from operations	104,025	46,107
Depreciation	85,655	75,512
Credits to surplus	-0-	37,175
Decrease in other deferred debits	4,451	-0-
Increase in accounts payable	-0-	71,261
Decrease in other accounts receivable	14,442	-0-
Increase in other deferred credits	-0-	76,943
Increase in contribution in aid of construction	22,762	-0-
Decrease in accounts receivable	4,477	-0-
Decrease in prepayments	39,761	-0-
Decrease in construction in process	-0-	141,507
Decrease in construction fund	2,315	70,369
Decrease in materials and supplies	-0-	2,015
Total Source of Funds	<u>277,888</u>	<u>520,889</u>
Cash Available For Operations	<u>509,021</u>	<u>656,889</u>
Use of Funds:		
Increase in depreciation fund	9,064	88,529
Increase in customer accounts receivable	-0-	32,807
Increase in other accounts receivable	-0-	16,084
Increase in materials and supplies	10,610	-0-
Increase in prepayments	-0-	18,581
Net cost of property added to plant	96,396	211,876
Debits to surplus	29,451	25,000
Decrease in interest accrued	697	1,291
Decrease in accounts payable	93,734	-0-
Decrease in other deferred credits	7,891	-0-
Decrease in contributions in aid of construction	-0-	31,588
Total Use of Funds	<u>247,843</u>	<u>(425,756)</u>
Net Increase in Operating Cash	<u>30,045</u>	<u>95,133</u>
Operating Cash December 31	<u>\$261,178</u>	<u>\$231,133</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND 1983**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Light Department is subject to regulation by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) with respect to its rates and accounting. The Department's accounting policies conform with generally accepted accounting principles, as applied in the case of regulated public utilities, and are in accordance with the accounting requirements of the DPU. A description of the Department's significant accounting policies follows.

NOTE A. Accounting Policies:

Method of Presentation

The financial statements are presented on the accrual method of accounting in the order and classification prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Public Utilities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is at 5% cost of utility plant in use as of January 1, 1984 and 1983, exclusive of land and land rights, and was applied against appropriate accounts as authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Public Utilities.

NOTE B. Deferred Debits

Other deferred debits represents preliminary survey and investigation for the following projects:

	1984	1983
Operation of cable television for community by light department	\$-0-	\$4,451
Total	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$4,451</u>

NOTE C. Other Accounts Receivable:

Other accounts receivable represents refunds due to the Town of Paxton Municipal Light Department on power costs.

NOTE D. Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus:

Miscellaneous credits to surplus consists of the following items:

	1984	1983
1) Contribution in aid of construction (Account #271)	-0-	31,588
2) Refunds of prior period expenses	-0-	
a) W-3 refund from N.E. Power for prior year		813
b) Workers comp audit credit for prior year	-0-	1,594
3) Reclassification of downpayment on computer contract	-0-	3,180
Total	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$37,175</u>

NOTE E. Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus:

Miscellaneous debits to surplus consists of the following:

	1984	1983
a) Appropriation of surplus for loans repayment (principal)	\$25,000	\$25,000
b) Write off of preliminary survey and investigation charges of abandoned CATV project	4,451	-0-
Total	<u>\$29,451</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

NOTE F. Long-Term Debt:

Long-term debt relates to the cost of placing in service the Marshall Street sub-station.

	1984	1983
a) 4.30% note dated September 15, 1975 due September 15, 1985. Payable annually @ \$12,500 original amount \$125,000. Balance @ December 31, 1984 and 1983	\$12,500	\$25,000
b) 5.25% note dated April 1, 1976 due April 1, 1986, payable annually @ \$12,500. Original amount \$125,000. Balance @ December 31, 1984 and 1983	25,000	37,500
Total	37,500	62,500
Less: Current portion	25,000	25,000
Long-Term Debt	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$37,500</u>

NOTE G. Employee Pension:

The employees of the light plant participate in the Paxton Contributory Retirement System covering Paxton town employees. The Worcester County Retirement System determines the town's required contribution to the plan on a pay as you go basis. The light plant has not been assessed by the town for its share of the pension costs, therefore, the liability if any, is undeterminable.

NOTE H. Other Deferred Credits:

On September 22, 1983, the Light Department received excess funds refunds from the Stonybrook-Intermediate and Stonybrook-Peaking Revenue funds. These refunds will benefit future periods, and therefore are being credited to purchased power expense on a monthly basis over a period of ten years.

NOTE I. Power Sales Agreements:

The Light Department of the Town of Paxton (the "Department") is a member of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company ("MMWEC"), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MMWEC is a coordinating and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members. MMWEC is authorized to purchase ownership interests and to issue revenue bonds to finance such generating units ("Projects"). MMWEC sells the capability of each of its Projects, to its members and others ("Participants") under power sales agreements. The power sales agreement for each Project requires each Participant to pay its share of MMWEC's costs related to the Project (exclusive of costs payable from the proceeds of MMWEC bonds), including debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the Project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund. In addition, MMWEC has entered into long term take or pay power purchase contracts for which it has corresponding resale agreements with certain of its members. The Project and power purchase contract amounts are payable solely from each Participant's electric system revenue and are required to be made whether or not the Project is completed, the unit is operating and notwithstanding the suspension or interruption of output of the Project.

NOTE J. Power Sales Agreements (Continued)

A substantial portion of MMWEC's construction program is its 11.59% ownership interest in the Seabrook Nuclear Units Nos. 1 and 2, which are being constructed by New Hampshire Yankee (NH Yankee), currently a division of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH). NH Yankee, upon receipt of regulatory approval, is to be established as an independent entity to construct and operate the Seabrook station on behalf of the joint owners.

In the Spring of 1984, construction activities on the Seabrook station were suspended by PSNH, the sponsoring utility, due to a serious liquidity crisis that threatened to require PSNH to seek protection from its creditors under the Bankruptcy Code. This followed the announcement of a substantial increase in the estimated cost of the Seabrook station. Since the suspension of construction, the joint owners have endorsed a financing plan for completion of Seabrook No. 1, authorized the resumption of construction of that unit on a limited basis pending timely implementation of the financing plan and made arrangements for strengthening joint owner management of the project and transferring construction and operation responsibilities for the unit from PSNH to an independent entity. In developing the financing plan, the joint owners originally agreed to plan for a cash cost subsequent to August 1984 to complete Seabrook No. 1 of up to 1.3 billion and a commercial operation date of October 1987. MMWEC is using these assumptions for its planning purposes. Recently, the joint owners revised the planning assumption to 1.0 billion for the cash cost to complete subsequent to January 1, 1985. In an August 1984 cost update, PSNH estimated a cash cost to complete Seabrook No. 1 of \$830 million and an August 1986 commercial operation date, assuming that limitations on the level of construction were removed by year end 1984. It has since estimated that a delay in removing the limitations to the end of the first quarter of 1985 would increase the cash costs by \$52 million and delay the schedule by two months. PSNH estimates that Seabrook No. 1 was about 83% complete as of December 31, 1984.

Implementation of the Seabrook joint owners financing plan is dependent upon timely favorable action by those New England regulatory bodies which have not yet acted. In addition, PSNH to require substantial external financing to fund its share of the cost of completing Seabrook No. 1 and to carry its indebtedness. The inability of PSNH to finance its share under the financing plan would result in material adverse consequences for the Seabrook project. In view of PSNH's continued financial difficulties, uncertainties associated with the ability of other joint owners to finance their shares of construction costs, the need for approvals from a number of regulatory bodies to implement the financing plan, recent action of Maine regulators making uncertain the continued participation of the Maine joint owners, and other problems generally associated with construction of nuclear units, the completion of Seabrook No. 1 remains uncertain and the failure to resolve these uncertainties in a timely manner could result in its cancellation.

As of December 31, 1984, the total estimated construction cost of MMWEC's Projects was \$1,090,723,000 of which the amount associated with the Department's power sales agreements was \$6,966,000. As of the same date, total construction expenditures amounted to \$630,204,000 of which \$4,072,000 represented the amount attributable to the Department. It is estimated that \$1,349,490,000 principal amount of debt obligations will need to be issued by MMWEC to finance the Projects in its program, and of that amount, \$921,193,000 of debt is outstanding. The amount of each attributable to the power sales agreements of the Department is \$8,720,000 and \$5,961,000 respectively. On bonds which have been issued, the total debt service requirement through the year 2018 is \$3,023,454,000 of which \$19,391,000 is attributable to the Department. Interest payments which are intended to be funded from future bond proceeds will reduce the amount of the debt service requirements on the current bonds outstanding to \$2,829,723,000 concurrently reducing the Department's portion thereof, to \$18,143,000.

In addition MMWEC has expended \$205,453,000 and issued \$249,548,000 of bonds are outstanding for Projects in operations, with total debt service of \$554,552,000. The Department's portion of the expenditures, bond issued and debt service on these Projects is \$1,636,000, \$1,985,000 and \$4,470,000 respectively.

The Light Department of the Town of Paxton has entered into power purchase contracts or project power sales agreements with MMWEC. Under the above agreements the Department is

required to make capacity and/or debt service payments to MMWEC. These amounts exclude operating and maintenance expenses and interest payments to be funded by future bond issues. The projected aggregate amount of such required payments at December 31, 1983 is as follows:

	Without Funding	With Funding
For years ended December 31, 1985	\$812,000	\$482,000
1986	1,056,000	489,000
1987	1,070,000	718,000
1988	1,038,000	1,038,000
1989	817,000	817,000
Later fiscal years	20,125,000	20,125,000
TOTAL	\$24,918,000	\$23,669,000

The With Funding column does not include debt service on future bonds issued to fund certain interest payments on bonds currently outstanding.

In addition the Department is also required to pay its share of the operation and maintenance costs of the units. The Department's total payments under the agreements were \$237,000 for the year ended December 31, 1983 and \$358,000 for the year ended December 31, 1984.

Report of the Paxton Fire Department

For the third consecutive year the total number of incidents has declined, there were 112 this year. 32 Structure Fire Responses were made, 3 of these were major fires resulting in large dollar loss. A long series of brush fires in Boynton Park both taxed our available weekday manpower with several daytime calls, as well as harassing us with a number of late night fires. The total number of firefighters treated for fire related injuries was 14, fortunately none were serious.

The training needs to continue to expand as the variety of fire and other emergency potentials increase. Hazardous Materials, even in Paxton, are an ever present possibility and the Department must be trained in the recognition and immediate action for life protection and basic defensive operation.

During the year the Massachusetts Fire Academy presented two related programs on Plastics and Firefighter Safety. The "Right-to-Know" Law has also been added to our required training. I am watching with interest the proposed development of the Worcester Airport and its impact on training. The Training Division has prepared and presented a high quality program which was only equalled by the professional manner it was employed by the Department at the emergency incidents this year.

In May the Computerized Assisted Dispatch System (CAD) was placed on the line. Through the generosity of the Froshinn Club, the Paxton Lions, the Paxton Fire-fighters Association, several other companies and individuals, all the software and equipment was donated to the Town. Months of data assembly, programming, entry and Dispatch Training was carried out by Richard Bedard. Today each responding apparatus has an up-to-date printout of information vital for effective and efficient operation. No finer system than this is in use in any Municipality in the Commonwealth.

As a Public Service Project, the Boy Scout Troop from Rutland carried out a hydrant identification program. This involved painting a 12" yellow circle in the road opposite each hydrant. It has resulted in the ability to more easily locate hydrants which may be obscured. On several occasions already it has proven a valued aid. I would like to thank the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and our Highway Superintendent for the permission to have this program carried out.

Membership in the Department is below desired strength, despite aggressive recruitment. Anyone interested in learning more about membership is encouraged to contact any Firefighter or stop at the Station any Tuesday night.

The increase in new construction, re-sales or refinancing of existing homes has significantly increased the requests for plans approval and compliance inspections for smoke detectors. Realtors and sellers are cautioned to submit plans or make application early, generally site inspections

are made on Saturdays and a minimum of three days should be allowed.

The number and sizes of homes beyond the water system and the probability that the system will not soon be expanded to meet their fire flow needs, made the selection and training in alternate sources necessary. A collapsible tank was purchased and operations tested using Mutual Aid. Due to the seasonable availability of static sources and the response time for Outside Aid, I have concluded that an additional 1500-2000 gallons of water on wheels will be needed to effectively hold any moderately sized structure fire, until arrival of Mutual Aid Tankers. Application has been made for such a Government Surplus Piece of Equipment, and a purchase indicated in my Capital Outlay Plan should

it be necessary. The lack of rainfall in the first half of 1985 has further reduced static source availability.

During this year all our self contained breathing equipment was converted to provide a higher degree of protection to the wearer, the radio was replaced in Engine 3 and the overhead door on the Police Bay was replaced. Pre fire planning of all major buildings has been started and flow test made at several hydrant locations to determine flow limitations.

With the continued cooperation of the public, the other Town Departments and officials, the Paxton Fire Department can continue to provide quality emergency service to all who request it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian C. Murphy, Chief
Paxton Fire Department

Report of the Fire Department First Responders

The Paxton Fire Department First Responders answered forty seven (47) calls for medical assistance this year.

The First Responders meet regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month for specific training related to emergency care for the ill and injured. Special credit goes to Himmer Ambulance Service and especially Paramedic Mark Forgas for providing exceptional training programs for the First Responders.

Citizens with medical problems may call the Dispatch Center and a member will visit to take information for the computer program that will be beneficial to emergency care.

Firefighters comprising the First Responder group as of July 1, 1985 are:

David Beach
Richard Bedard
John Benoit
Michael Benoit
Jay Conte
Richard Jenkins
Matt Wilde

Brian Murphy
Michael Putnam
Herb Robinson
Rusty Savignac
Phil Sheridan
Kevin Sullivan

John A. Benoit, Lieutenant
Brian C. Murphy, Chief
Paxton Fire Department

Report of the Board of Health

The Paxton Board of Health has had an active year. Due to the encouraging trend in the economy, new construction has increased.

We can not stress too strongly the need for a well engineered and properly maintained Septic System.

The Rubbish & Garbage Removal Contract has been extended for one year. We will endeavor to formulate a new contract for 1987F that will be in the best interest of the Town.

Appointments for 1986F
James P. Lashbrook, Sanitary Insp.

Zigmond Kozlowski, Gas & Plumbing Insp.
Lawrence St. Martin Assist.
Timothy Pierce, Animal Insp.

For information, permit applications, appointments to meet with the Board or concerns come to the Town Hall or call Town Secretary, Office hours 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday. 753-2803. After hours - 754-2054.

The Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month in the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
Dr. Lewis P. James
Orace T. Holland

Report of the Highway Superintendent

Of our seventy seven streets, twenty nine received surface treatments this past year with either seal coats, mixes or both. Approximately 1500 feet of sub-drain was installed.

With only about thirty seven inches of snow instead of our usual seventy to eighty inches the winter was considered mild. With most storms producing only a couple of inches of snow, not much

plowing was required but a lot of sanding. It takes as much sand and salt for a two inch storm as it does for a six or eight inch storm.

The town will miss its two forty year employees, Aleck and Frank Urbanovitch, who retired this past season. Aleck was foreman of the Highway Department and Frank was Water Department foreman. The experience and expertise they accumulated over the years has been invaluable to the town. Although both are retired from their town jobs they are still active in their sideline work.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Hansson, Supt.

Report of the Librarian of Richards Memorial Library

Circulation	22,825
Interlibrary Loans	405
Volumes in collection	17,118
New Registrations	118

The Library Trustees conduct their Board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Library Hours:

Summer

Sunday - closed	Wednesday - 1-5
Monday - closed	Thursday - 1-5, 7-9
Tuesday - 1-5, 7-9	Friday - 1-5

Saturday closed

Winter

Sunday - closed	Wednesday - 9-12, 1-5
Monday - closed	Thursday - 1-9
Tuesday - 1-9	Friday - 9-12, 1-5

Saturday - 1-5

The library continues to be an active part of the community and looks for ways to serve those who don't use books as well as those who do. Through a project of the Central Regional Library, videocassettes were loaned to the library for circulation to the public. This project has been so successful throughout the region that we are now receiving a monthly packet rather than twice a year, and have purchased some of our own. The Arts Council has approved a grant for the purchase of videocassettes. These are available for overnight loan. The library is also planning to purchase a videocassettes machine for loan to the public.

The Summer Reading Club has hit an all time high of 83 registrants with 51 children who have perservered and participated. The painting of the library, "Dedication Day", by Judy Russell, now rests on the back wall. It was purchased by a combination of an Arts Council Grant, donations and Friends' money.

The Friends of the Library have purchased a large bear for the children's room. The result of the "name the bear" contest is Huggable Harry.

A combination of Friends money and Arts Council grants have helped to support the programs that have been held at the Library.

The Staff and Trustees try to listen and respond to the needs of the community and consequently expand our services to meet these needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Braley
Librarian

Report of the Planning Board

The Planning Board during the last year, besides performing its regular functions, has reviewed the Zoning By-Laws in the light of various proposals to update them. It has received a report and survey from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. In addition, it has requested and received from that Commission certain draft

proposals to update the By-Laws. After study, the Board has drafted certain changes in the By-Laws and will propose that those changes be made law in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PAXTON PLANNING COMMITTEE BOARD
Stephen P. Bik, Chairman
Richard J. Pentland, Clerk
Zarvin J. Kasparian
Kathleen M. Sears
Charles W. Mello

Report of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector

During the fiscal year, July 1, 1984 to June 29, 1985, 26 Plumbing Permits have been issued and 37 Plumbing Inspections were made. A total of 251 fixtures were inspected.

During the same period 9 Gas Permits were issued and 9 Gas Inspections were made. A Total of 23 appliances were inspected.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Zigmond Kozlowski
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Report of the Police Department

The year was relatively peaceful for the town. House breaks remained at a low level with a high degree of success in solving what there were. The cooperation of the citizens by furnishing information and calling in suspicious incidents contributes greatly to keeping crime under control. We thank you and urge you to keep up this important activity.

Motor vehicle accidents were reduced by twenty nine percent and there were no fatalities. The hard work and dedication of the police officers has paid off in this important area.

Fifteen thousand dollars in court fines were returned to the town.

I wish to thank the other departments, town officials and all of the people for their cooperation in

making the year a successful one.

I personally wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support after my daughter and I were injured in an accident in March.

This is a very unique and wonderful town.

Calls for service	2,222
Breaking & Entering Homes	7
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	2,192
Motor Vehicle Accidents	65
Vacant House Checks (doors open)	9
Business Checks (doors open)	49
Vandalism	19
Arrests	123

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Sheehan
Chief of Police

Report of the Recreation Commission

Although our usual seasonal programs ran fairly well last year, the complete breakdown of the Wentworth Pool was our number one concern. The

steadily worsening problems with the pool prevented us from even opening it last summer.

The Wentworth Pool was built in 1964 for \$22,500, replacing the dirt bottom pool which opened eleven years earlier. We feel that the design was sound but that several factors worked against it right from the start. The town wasn't organizationally set up to provide the long term, skilled maintenance necessary for this type of public facility. Some design features were dropped because of cost

considerations. Vandalism was a recurring problem. As the years went by, repairs and changes were made that strayed far from the original design.

After reviewing the options, the town voted \$215,000 to rehabilitate the pool. The new design directly addresses all the problems that we faced with the old pool. The new pool will retain its asphalt basin configuration but will have subdrains, a new bottom, filtered water, a state of the art chlorination system, a skimmer, and a high technology robot vacuum. Security lights and fencing improvements should reduce the vandalism problem, and there is a commitment by the town to maintain this pool over the long run.

We are pleased to report that Steve Hair from Whitney Drive, Paxton is our new Recreation Superintendent. With Steve's background in sports, teaching, and coaching, the sky's the limit as far as our new programs go.

I would like to thank our two ex-officio members, Dave Beach and Walt Wilde for their help, knowledge, and interest. They, more than anyone, understood the pool's history and they spent an enormous amount of time working with us to help make the new pool a success.

Denis M. Melican
Chairman

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 270 names from the list.

New Totals:

2548 Registered Voters
496 Democratic
411 Republican
1641 Unenrolled

In order to exercise the voting franchise, any handicapped or disabled person who wishes to register and/or vote may call the Town Clerk's Office for an appointment. A Registrar or the Town Clerk will go to the home to facilitate voting.

Board of Registrars:

Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman
Frances M. Bigwood
Ann F. Cunningham
June T. Herron, Clerk

Report of the Water Board

This past year we continued our efforts to improve the distribution system by starting a new loop on Mower Street at Camp Street. This loop, when completed, will provide an alternate route to the Pleasant Street line for water to reach the residents near the Worcester town line. Also started was the acquisition of available Camp Pike properties in an effort to better insulate our water supply from possible contamination. The Board wants to thank the SelectBoard for the time and energy they have expended in making these acquisitions possible.

The Board wants to express its thanks to Frank Urbanovitch who retired this past year for his many years of service as foreman of the Water Department.

BALANCE SHEET 1984-85

Income

Rates	\$77,715	
Installations, Repairs, Etc.	6,173	
		\$83,888

Expenses

Maintenance & Operation	\$35,114
Water Main Extension	8,014
Highway Department Labor	21,444
Highway Department Equipment	5,037
	69,609

Maturing Debt

Principal	\$17,525	
Interest	8,840	
	26,365	
		-95,974
Cost to Town		(\$12,086)

Water rates should remain stable for the future. The recent increases should now produce a good equilibrium between income and expenses and keep the cost of the system at a minimum to the town at large.

Charles Scholl
Robert Thompson
Charles Glassbrenner

Report of the Council on Aging

The Town budget for the Council on Aging maintains the quarters at 17 West Street and contributes to the Worcester Age Center for the meals and meals site manager. Some shopping trips and other incidentals are covered. All services and activities are made possible by a group of Senior Volunteers. With the exception of meals-on-wheels recipients, the Seniors benefiting in the services and activities are mobil and enjoying the social interchange. This past year the Council has continued the services and activities already established and kept two additional goals in mind. One of these goals is to prepare, publish and distribute a brochure describing and encouraging

participation. On this the Council got as far as being assigned some Title III funds so that a printing may be possible this Fall. A second goal was to get a start on discovering the needs of the Seniors that do not or cannot attend the Center. The budget for the coming fiscal year includes funds for a part-time outreach worker (three hours a week). This will describe the situation and give a start to helping.

We grieve the passing of Henry Lamarche. We are sorry about Helen Boschert's illness. We appreciate the contributions of Gail Tracy and Phil Derby. We are glad for the help and activity of the Friends of the Council.

J. Arden Woodall, Chairman

Report of the Capital Outlay Committee

The Capital Outlay Committee met throughout the year and was able to discuss capital planning with all Department and/or Committee heads.

The towns capital planning program is in reality two. The needs of the Police, Fire and Highway Departments are fairly well established and confined at present to the scheduled replacement of equipment. This is generally accomplished with scheduled annual appropriations and periodic short term borrowing.

The second longer-range area includes the expansion and updating of the water system and building expansion or construction. Funding for this

second area is generally by longer term financing. The towns outstanding debt is presently very favorable and it would seem timely to resolve the long standing Town Hall - Police Station needs.

Capital planning is important and very useful, however recent years have shown unforeseen emergency needs, such as the swimming pool and Camp Pike land purchase, necessarily complicates existing planning.

Many thanks to the town boards and employees for thier cooperation.

Harold Mullaney
Herbert Riddle
Kathleen Sears
Susan Corcoran
David Bennett
Thomas LaVigne
Richard Connell, Chairman

Report of the Town Collector

Prior Years Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1984	\$519.80	
Committed	694.31	
Recommitted	264.79	
Refunded	26.09	
Abated		\$419.48
Collected		1,085.51
	<u>\$1,504.99</u>	<u>\$1,504.99</u>

1984 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1984	\$304.10	
Tax Title		\$71.82
Collected		232.28
	<u>\$ 304.10</u>	<u>\$304.10</u>

1984 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Outstanding July 1, 1984	\$48,309.71	
Tax Title		\$3,848.77
Abated		955.04
Collected		43,505.90
	<u>\$48,309.71</u>	<u>\$48,309.71</u>

1984 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1984	\$21,135.91	
Refunded	2,437.66	
Committed	33,751.74	
Abated		\$4,189.14
Collected		51,620.89
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>1,515.28</u>
	<u>\$57,325.31</u>	<u>\$57,325.31</u>

1985 Fiscal Personal Property

Committed	\$14,608.81	
Collected		\$14,382.84
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>225.97</u>
	<u>\$14,608.81</u>	<u>\$14,608.81</u>

1985 Fiscal Farm Excise

Committed	\$1,572.24	
Collected		\$1,406.49
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>165.75</u>
	<u>\$1,572.24</u>	<u>\$1,572.24</u>

1985 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$4,754.35	
Collected		\$4,697.36
Abated		13.76
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>43.23</u>
	<u>\$4,754.35</u>	<u>\$4,754.35</u>

1985 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$1,836.66	
Tax Title		\$16.00
Collected		1,487.46
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>333.20</u>
	<u>\$1,836.66</u>	<u>\$1,836.66</u>

1985 Fiscal Real Estate & Forest Law

Committed	\$1,743,188.75	
Refunded	1,244.41	
Abated		\$21,589.69
Tax Title		8,779.67
Collected		1,679,846.98
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>34,216.82</u>
	<u>\$1,744,433.16</u>	<u>\$1,744,433.16</u>

1985 Fiscal Motor Vehicle

Committed	\$129,807.91	
Refunded	812.47	
Abated		\$4,033.66
Collected		115,778.96
Outstanding June 30, 1985		<u>10,807.76</u>
	<u>\$130,620.38</u>	<u>\$130,620.38</u>

Interest Received During 1983-1984 All Taxes	\$8,691.55
Interest Received From Savings Account - Guaranty Bank	<u>\$1,603.76</u>

Water Department Receipts - Readings	\$77,714.90
Installation & Repairs	5,619.24
Worcester Water Used	54.17
Water System Use	500.00
	<u>\$83,888.31</u>

Electric Light Department Receipts - Readings	\$1,507,768.03
Deposits	<u>1,375.00</u>
	<u>1,509,143.03</u>

June T. Herron (Mrs.)
Town Collector

Report of the Town Accountant

TOWN OF PAXTON RECEIPTS

Taxes

Personal Prop. - 85	14,382.84
Real Est. - 84	43,505.90
Real Est. - 85	1,679,846.98
Tax Titles Redeemed	19,618.94
Tax Title Escrow	(700.63)
Water Liens	1,719.74
Motor Vehicle Excises	115,778.96
Previous years	52,706.40
Farm Animal Excise - 85	1,406.49
Pen. & Int. Prop Taxes	8,505.34
Pen. & Int. Excise Taxes	186.21

Tax Title Int.	2,674.26
Tax Title Exp. Recovered	100.00
Treasurers Tailings	167.11
In Lieu of Taxes	4,697.36

Water Department

Rates	77,714.90
Installation & Repairs	5,619.24
Worc. Water Used	54.17
Water System Use	500.00

Municipal Light

Rates	1,507,768.03
Meter Deposits	1,375.00
Int. on Depr. & Const.	16,437.41
Int. on Op. Cash	22,368.41
Int. on Cash Res.	1,865.98
Refunds	199,661.41

Revolving Accts.

Recreation	4,951.50
Upper Blackstone	2,137.50
Police Private Duty	7,011.00

School Lunch Coll. & Reim.	37,975.48
Paxton Municipal	
Mat. Dept.	25,000.00
Interest	2,387.50
Dog Lic Coll. for Cty	996.50

Other Dept. Revenues

Cemetery - Op. Graves	1,425.00
Cert. Mun. Liens	1,380.00
Filing Fees	155.00
Street Lists	66.00
Use of Copy Machine	27.65
School Tel.	8.26
School Tuition	3,028.86
Highway Snow Removal	498.00
Treas. Land Court Ref.	31.00

Selectboard

Alcoholic Lic.	9,000.00
Other Permits	625.00

Lic. and Permits

Bd. Health	3,191.00
Bldg. Insp.	6,776.91
Wire Insp.	1,140.00
Fire Dept.	881.00
Police	708.00
Bd. Appeals	250.00
Pl. Board	302.58

State Reimbursements

Right to Know	529.00
State Owned Land	21,334.92
Abated Taxes	4,917.18
Veterans Benefits	1,050.00
School Chap 70	269,512.00
Construction	15,051.78
Bd. on Education	28,213.00
Local Aid	156,223.00
Lottery	77,236.00
Census	2,822.00
Highway Fund	22,861.00
Construction	16,834.00
Aid to Public Wks.	20,564.00
Public Libraries	2,972.00
Non MDC	4,252.00
Voting Reimb.	192.60
Elder Affairs	769.00
Art Lottery	1,840.00

Misc Revenue

Ed Bigelow	
Book Fund	97.02
Hazel Gay Awards	33.54
Collector	
Interest	1,603.76
Treasurer	
Interest	43,178.58
Library	
Interest	6,461.92

Cemetery p/c	4,871.64
Interest	7,855.87
Workmens Comp. Ref.	5,037.00
Police Court Fines	15,130.00
Library Fines	438.22
Comp Loss of Assets	1,375.13

Employees

withholdings	131,200.28
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Loans for Capital Projects

Asnebumskit Reservoir	
Camp purchases	85,000.00
Pool Rehabilitation	215,000.00

Total Receipts	5,052,370.63
Cash on Hand	1,024,726.86
July 1, 1984	6,077,097.49

TOWN OF PAXTON PAYMENTS

Refunds

1985 Real Estate	1,244.41
1985 Motor Vehicles	812.47
1984 Motor Vehicles	2,437.66
Prior Years	26.09

Stabilization Reg. For

Specific Purposes	2,299.19
Reserve for Appropriations	2,370,778.73
Treasures Tailings	10.00
Payroll Deductions	114,682.66

Assessments

Cty Retirement	64,618.00
Cty Tax	71,943.24
State Assessment	24,595.00
Res. for Encumbered Funds	88,366.84

Revolving Accts.

School Lunch - Fire Damage	431.47
School Lunch	36,211.95
Highway - Chap. 637	10,402.00
Chap. 289	16,627.17
Chap. 570	44.94
Upper Blackstone	2,379.50
Police Private Duty	7,011.00
Recreation	3,832.59
Paxton Municipal Lt.	
Mat. Debt	25,000.00
Interest	2,387.50

State Grants

Library	2,658.92
Arts Council - 1	825.00
Arts Council - 2	1,005.00
Elder Affairs - 1	102.46
Elder Affairs - 2	98.00

Cemeteries	
Perputal Care	4,871.64
Interest Income	18,847.78
Library	
Interest Income	5,660.56
Hazel Gay	
School Awards	20.00
Dog Lic. to County	
	930.50
Paxton Municipal Electric	
Meter Deposit	3,350.00
Expenses and Operation	1,639,254.49

High Loan	
Ant. of Reimb.	35,057.00
Capitol Projects	
Asnebumskit	
Camp purchases and exp.	76,755.55
Pool Rehabilitation	619.00
Total Payments	4,636,198.31
Cash on Hand	
June 30, 1985	<u>1,440,899.18</u>
	6,077,097.49

APPROPRIATION SUBSIDIARY LEDGER 1985 FISCAL

	Appropriations and Transfers In	Expended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectboard		
3.1 Salary	1,175.00	1,175.00
3.2 Adm. Sectry to SelectBoard	4,767.00	4,767.00
3.4 Expense	1,073.00	1,070.89
Moderator		
9.1 Salary	35.00	35.00
9.4 Expense	45.00	35.00
Finance Comm.		
11.1 Sectry	650.00	650.00
11.4 Expense	150.00	65.00
Elections		
15.4 Expense	1,325.00	
Transfer In	192.60	1,301.87
Registrars		
17.1 Compensation	218.00	218.00
17.2 Clerk	150.00	150.00
17.3 Census Taker	500.00	500.00
17.4 Expense	930.00	757.39
Town Reports		
	2,582.00	2,308.00
Town Accountant		
25.2 Salary	5,072.00	5,072.00
25.4 Expense	461.00	406.75

Assessors

29.1	Salary	9,750.00	9,658.00
29.4	Expense	700.00	
	Transfer In	152.67	812.45
29.8	Data Processing	6,000.00	
	Transfer In	9,000.00	6,239.42

Town Collector

33.2	Salary	5,581.00	5,581.00
33.4	Expense	1,415.00	1,396.01

Town Secretary

34.2	Salary	6,395.00	6,395.00
34.4	Expense	1,595.00	1,297.35

Town Treasurer

35.1	Salary	5,750.00	5,750.00
35.2	Assistant	1,600.00	1,600.00
35.4	Expense	935.00	935.00
35.8	Data Processing	1,600.00	1,376.31
35.9	Certification of Notes	45.00	45.00

Town Clerk

39.1	Salary	1,433	1,433
39.2	Hire	575.00	575.00
39.3	Record Keeping	90.00	90.00
39.4	Expenses	225.00	213.21
39.5	Record Storage	210.00	45.10
39.6	State Census	3,750.00	3,056.50
45.4	Legal	6,215.00	
	Trans In	2,764.45	8,979.45

Board of Appeals

61.4	Expense	100.00	
	Transfer In	260.00	240.36

Planning Board

63.2	Clerk	100.00	100.00
63.4	Expense	200.00	50.00

Town Hall

65.2	Caretaker Salary	2,583.00	2,367.75
65.4	Expense	5,402.00	4,834.37
65.6	Repairs	1,300.00	395.00
75.4	Unemployment Security	3,000.00	
77.4	T. Employees Ins.	50,500.00	48,779.40
82.4	Insurance Bonds	41,821.00	
	Transfer In	1,400.00	
	Transfer In	226.00	
	Transfer In	88.00	43,535.00
83.1	Insurance Deductible	1,000.00	

Town Clock Caretaker

84.2	Salary	65.00	65.00
84.4	Expense	30.00	
	Transfer In	10.18	40.18
86.4	Central Regional Planning	565.00	
	Transfer In	13.41	578.41

Capital Outlay Comm.

87.4	Expense	25.00	
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Public Safety:**Police Department**

101.1	Chief Salary	26,000.00	26,000.00
101.2	Officers Salary	37,010.00	37,004.38
101.3	Patrolmen Comp.	26,453.00	
	Transfer In	2,500.00	26,355.50
101.3/A	School-Crossing Guard	1,600.00	1,549.75
101.4	Expense	17,914.00	17,907.67
101.6	Out of State Travel	200.00	
101.7	Prisoners Fees	600.00	
	Transfer In	500.00	
	Transfer In	242.06	972.06
101.8	Maint.-Teletype	390.00	

Fire Department

103.1	Chief Salary	1,050.00	1,050.00
103.2	Officers Salary	2,620.00	1,990.00
103.3	Firefighters & others Comp.	16,456.00	15,398.01
103.4	Expense	11,016.00	
	Transfer In	980.00	11,970.87
103.5	Equipment	3,000.00	2,994.64
103.6	Protective Gear	900.00	893.50
103.7	Hose Replacement	1,500.00	1,460.00

Ambulance Service

105.3	Compensation	4,337.00	3,875.05
105.4	Expense	1,053.00	1,049.13
105.6	Ambulance Contract	6,500.00	6,500.00

Forestry

109.4	Insect Distruction	200.00	158.35
110.4	Dutch Elm	700.00	700.00
193.2	Tree Warden		
	Salary & Hire	945.00	
	Transfer In	192.00	1,137.00
193.4	Trees	800.00	800.00
193.5	Equipment	1,000.00	900.13

Building Insp.

113.2	Compensation	2,000.00	
	Transfer In	1,900.00	3,560.00
113.4	Expense	100.00	
	Transfer In	200.00	103.59
121.2	Inspector Wires	810.00	810.00
121.3	Assistant	50.00	50.00
121.4	Expense	75.00	71.00

131.4	Civil Defense	100.00	
	Dog Officer		
133.2	Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00
133.4	Expense	900.00	
	Transfer In	228.90	868.16
Central Communications			
194.2	Compensation	38,423.00	
	Transfer In S.T.M.	611.52	38,936.54
194.3	Expense	2,500.00	2,484.09
Public Services			
Wage Accounts, Highway Water			
300.1	Sup. Salary	27,571.00	27,570.90
300.2	Wage Acct.-others	102,489.00	98,791.72
300.4	Expense-Highway	75,200.00	74,878.06
307.4	Street Lights	19,000.00	19,000.00
Water Department			
391.1	Water Board-Salary	225.00	225.00
391.2	Other Compensation	3,359.00	3,359.00
391.4	Expense	27,230.00	26,661.53
391.5	Chlorinator Alarm	3,500.00	3,500.00
391.6	Water Quality Testing	800.00	800.00
Sanitation and Equipment			
Board of Health			
401.1	Board Salary	150.00	150.00
401.4	Expense	100.00	
	Transfer In	16.46	71.46
403.4	Refuse Collection		
	Contract	44,772.00	44,772.00
117.2	Gas & Plumbing Insp. Comp.	300.00	
	Transfer In	247.00	294.50
429.2	Sanitary Inspector-Salary	3,843.00	3,843.00
430.2	Animal Inspector Salary	150.00	150.00
430.3	Assist. Salary	50.00	50.00
481.4	Historical Comm.	25.00	
Conservation			
487.2	Clerks Salary	220.00	110.00
487.4	Expense	100.00	98.35
Human Services			
503.4	Community Home Health Care		
	Assessed to Bd. of Health	3,139.00	
	Transfer In	148.40	3,287.40
Council on Aging			
503.4 A	Expense	5,402.00	4,255.65
Veterans Aid			
551.2	Agents Salary	525.00	525.00
551.4	Expense	225.00	
551.6	Aid	2,500.00	

Culture and Recreation

Library

601.1	Librarian Salary	12,762.00	12,762.00
601.2	Other Compensation	9,885.00	9,354.00
601.4	Expense	7,255.00	
	Transfer In	728.80	7,983.04

Recreation

621.2	Salary	9,200.00	9,200.00
621.3	Other Compensation	11,125.00	4,086.00
621.4	Expense	-500.00	
		4,400.00	
	Transfer from 621.3	+500.00	3,318.81
643.4	July 4th		
	Transfer to Willard Moore Day STM		
	Willard Moore DAY Trans To	500.00	500.00
644.4	Memorial Day	500.00	
	Transfer In	11.56	193.56

Debt Services

701	Maturing Debt	102,525.00	
	School		30,000
	W. Standpipe		17,525.00
	Fire Truck		35,000
	Library		20,000
721	Interest on Maturing Debt	25,103.00	
	Transfer In	400.00	
	School		487.50
	W. Standpipe		8,440.26
	Firetruck		10,675.00
	Library		5,500.00
	Camp Pike Proj.		400.00
741	Temporary Loans Int.	5,000.00	
	Transfer In	286.30	5,286.30
200	School Accounts		
	Paxton Center School A	938,906.00	887,289.79
	B	103,361.00	99,131.00
	Wachusett Regional Assessment	445,208.36	445,208.36

Articles

Art. 3	Highway Pick Up Truck	11,850.00	11,730.00
Art. 4	Water Ext. Camp Mover	10,000.00	8,014.21
Art. 11	Police Crusier	10,900.00	10,890.73
Art. 12	Painting, Dampproofing Fire Station	2,100.00	
Art. 13	2 Way Radio-Rescue Truck	1,600.00	1,573.00
Art. 14	Breathing Equip.	2,500.00	2,452.07
Art. 16	School Roof Plans Stab. Bal	6,000.00	2,962.25
Art. 17	School Boiler Plans Stab. Bal.	4,500.00	4,500.00
Art. 6	O.S. Res.-Repair Pool	6,000.00	2,870.00

Special Town Meeting

Art. 1	Town Hall Furnace, Free Cash	3,819.98	3,819.98
Art. 2	Treas. T.T.		
	Comp Ser. & Exp.. Free Cash	2000.00	1,236.69
Art. 7	Repair Pool Planning Free Cash	10,000.00	10,000.00
Art. 8	Employees Salary Study Free Cash	15,000.00	
Art. 2	Computor-Town Hall Free Cash	1,971.02	1,971.02
		<u>2,496,536.67</u>	<u>2,370,778.73</u>

APPROPRIATIONS-PLUS

Transfers In	2,496,536.67	
Expended		2,370,778.73
Balance		125,757.94
to Surplus Res.	26,856.65	
Prov. for AB & Exemp	3,323.60	
Balances Enc.	95,577.69	

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT
BALANCE SHEET - 1985F
TOWN OF PAXTON
ASSETS**

Cash	1,440,899.00
Federal Rev. Sharing	22,041.00
Stabilization Fund	122,875.97
Tax Titles Forclosures	26,163.74
Tax Title	2,844.68
85F Motor Vehicle Excise	10,807.76
84F Motor Vehicle Excise	1,515.28
85F Farm Animal Excise	165.75
Water Rates	2,050.85
Inst. & Repairs	765.53
85F Water Liens	333.20
State Aid to Highway	
Revenue	35,204.20
Revolving Acct.	
Upper Blackstone Waste	242.00
Cemetery p/c	531.64
Paxton Municipal Lts	
Rates & Misc chgs	52,414.11
	<u>1,718,854.89</u>
1986F Appropriation Control	2,660,670.00
Trans - Free Cash	117,118.00
1986F Annual Meeting	
Liabilities	
85F Provision for Abatements	
& Exemptions	20,368.51
Surplus Res. for	
Abatements & Abatements	132,846.14

Treasures Tailings	1,077.33
Tax Title Escrow	1,000.00
Deferred Revenue	
Tax Titles	29,008.42
M. Vehicle Excise	12,323.04
Farm Animal Excise	165.75
Water Dept.	3,149.58
Guarantee Deposit	50.00
Cemetery Interest Inc.	6,774.07
Library Interest Inc.	20,722.73
Library Gifts	25.00
Payroll withholdings	17,796.44
Assessment Cty Tax	528.76
Reserved for	
85F Encumbered Payables	95,577.69
Stabilization Held	
For Specific Purposes	6,128.50
Cemetery p/c Res. Uncoll.	531.64
Cty - Dog Lic	134.25
Revenue Surplus	380,414.06
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	4,673.83
Highway Chap 637	23,266.00
Highway Chap 732	747.30
Recreation	1,225.35
School Bk Rental	425.72
School Adult Ed.	98.42
State	
School Title Acct.	53.99
Library State Aid	3,881.29
Held for Approp.	1,091.00
Right to Know Law	529.00
Art Council	10.00
Art Council	10.00
Elder Affairs	769.00

School Gift Funds

E.D. Bigelow	301.71
Hazel Gay Awards	34.89
Paxton Municipal Lt.	523,206.93
Res. for Deprec. & Const.	
Res. for Uncollected	52,414.11
Meter Deposit	9,952.02
Capitol Project Funds	
Asnebumskit Reservoir	
Water Dept	8,244.45
Pool Rehabilitation	
Recreation	214,381.00

Federal Rev. Sharing

Reserve	22,041.00
Stabilization	
Reserve	122,875.97
	1,718,854.89
1986F Appropriation Control	2,660,670.00
Trans-Free Cash	117,118.00
1986F Annual Meeting	
Respectfully Submitted	
Yvonne B. Karle	
Town Accountant	
Paxton, Massachusetts	

Report of the Town Treasurer Year Ended June 30, 1985

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF INTEREST INCOME**

	Years June 30, 1984	Ended June 30, 1985
Town Operating Funds	\$40,093.40	\$43,088.99
Electric Operating Funds	17,009.83	22,368.41
Electric Depreciation Funds	16,209.32	16,437.41
Stabilization	10,458.89	10,867.32
Cemetery Trusts	6,803.39	7,855.87
Library Trusts	4,473.42	6,386.39
Revenue Sharing	2,067.71	1,503.09
Miscellaneous Trusts	4,152.57	4,390.07
Sub Total	101,268.53	112,897.55
Less Interest Cost of Short Term Loans	(1,275.00)	-0-
Net Investment Income	<u>\$99,993.53</u>	<u>\$112,897.55</u>

OPERATING CASH

Balance July 1, 1984	\$1,024,726.86
Add-Receipts for the Year	5,052,370.63
Subtract-Payments for the Year	4,636,198.31
Balance June 30, 1985	<u>\$1,440,899.18</u>

**ANALYSIS OF OPERATING CASH
JUNE 30, 1985**

Town Operating Funds in Mass.	
Municipal Depository Trust	\$954,076.28
Town Funds in Checking	(46,336.05)
Electric Funds in MMDT	340,751.97
Electric Funds in Checking	(15,997.04)
Electric Depreciation in MMDT	208,404.02
Total	<u>\$1,440,899.18</u>

OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 1985

	Year of Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
Water Standpipe	1995	\$151,275.00	38,629.75	189,904.75
Library Addition	1990	90,000.00	12,750.00	102,750.00
Fire Truck	1986	70,000.00	10,645.83	80,645.83
Reservoir Land	1990	85,000.00	15,400.00	100,400.00
Pool Renovation	1990	215,000.00	47,250.00	262,250.00
Electric Substation				
(To be paid from Electric Revenue; not Taxation)	1986	25,000.00	1,193.25	26,193.25
Totals		<u>\$636,275.00</u>	<u>\$125,868.83</u>	<u>\$762,143.83</u>

NON OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCES JUNE 30, 1985

Richards Memorial Library Trust	\$46,571.22
Other Library Trust Accounts	19,178.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care and Trust Accounts	84,783.44
Village Improvement Fund	1,619.24
D. Boynton Poor Fund	5,186.89
C.D. Boynton Fund	24,471.49
Stabilization Account	122,875.97
Income Account-War Bonds	3,979.77
Conservation Account	12,978.63

Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00
Uncommitted Revenue Sharing	-0-
AT & T Stock - Library (After divestiture)	774 shares
AT & T Stock - Hazel Gay Fund (after divestiture)	6 shares
Hazel Gay Fund (After divestiture)	\$270.00
Respectfully submitted, David P. Fitzpatrick Town Treasurer	

Report of the Paxton School Committee

Educational Programs continue to be strengthened and expanded after five years of Proposition 2½. You can be proud of your school system based on the achievement of its graduates.

Enrollment

- remains static at 363 pupils; downward trend has stabilized with 362 pupils projected for the 1985-86 school year.

Staffing

- reduction of ½ person based on part time positions.
- pupil/teacher ratio of 22.5/1

Labor Relations

- completed negotiations for a three year contract with the teachers commencing September, 1985.

In-Service Programs

- Staff are very active with Moore State Park and Sturbridge Village projects.
- Writing program continues to improve.
- Curriculum study committee recommendations have increased.
- Program expanded to include Administrators during the summer months.

Policy

- Effective September 1, 1986, students entering the Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 31 of that calendar year.

Budget

- Approved budget for the year was \$1,042,267, a 4% increase or \$40,037. This included the

contractual wage increases of approximately \$52,000 plus a residential placement for \$13,000; bottom line indicates sound fiscal management.

- A bench mark statistic is the state average per pupil intergrated cost of \$2,866 for 1983-84; Paxton's comparable cost is \$2,823, a quality school system with per pupil costs below the state average.

Buildings

- Completed engineering study on the 1967 building roof with recommendation to repair rather than re-roof.
- Completed engineering study on a boiler, condensate and return line system with recommendation to request funds for replacement.

White Building

- Committee voted to pass control of subject building over to The Selectboard in order to maximize space utilization for the Town: School Library facilities will be maintained in the basement of the building. Selectboard agreed to allow the P.T.O. to use one room on the second floor for an office/workshop to facilitate and hopefully expand their dynamic role within the school system.

The support of the Superintendent's Office, Administrators and Staff has been the key to the continued growth of the school system in Paxton.

Your School Committee wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the Town Government and residents for support in providing funding and encouragement to meet the objective of a sound educational system.

C. Gainty
B. Lorge
J. Mancini
P. McCarthy
B. Scarbeau

Paxton School Directory

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Philip McCarthy - Chairman	Term Expires 1987
Barbara Lorge - Vice Chairman	Term Expires 1988
Daniel Lucey - Secretary	Term Expires 1985
Judith Mancini	Term Expires 1986
Barbara Scarbeau	Term Expires 1987

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Edward P. Yaglou	Superintendent of Schools
William F. Carey	Assistant Superintendent
Peter Farrelly	Assistant Superintendent
William Jordan	Business Manager
Dianne Master	Administrative Secretary
Doris E. Sherblom	Accounting Secretary
Mary L. Wernholm	Accounting Secretary
Nancy E. Carlson	Accounting Secretary
Marjorie A. Pearson	Receptionist/Clerk Typist
Jean Johnson	Secretary Typist

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Charles T. Gruszka	Principal
Richard E. Johnson	Science VI-VIII
Lois Kahn	Social Studies VI-VIII
Margaret C. Reynolds	Reading VI-VIII
Marguerite A. Rydant	Math VI-VIII
Patricia A. Wadsworth	English VI-VIII
Teresa M. Williamson	English VI-VIII
Paul Z. Zendzian	Science VI-VIII
Victoria K. Copp	V
Thelma G. Heselbarth	V
Mary L. Bogren (Leave of Absence)	IV
Elaine F. Koehler	IV
Richard M. Lane	IV
Ginger Urbanovitch	III
Jeanne K. Couture	II/III
Claire Reavey	II
Nancy Oakes	I

Janice E. Laperle	I
Jean Sheary	K
Helene MacLeod	Transition
Constance Garvey Marr	Librarian
Gertrude R. Healy	French/Spanish
Barbara Marks	Art
Maryann O. Morin	Guidance
Kathleen M. Oatley	Home Economics/Gifted Talent
Daniel J. Mortell	Industrial Arts
David F. Hebert	Music
Roger H. Prince	Physical Education
Betty D. Valardi	Physical Education
Roberta Tidman	Learning Disabilities
Claudia Aitken	
(Leave of Absence)	Learning Disabilities
Mary Ann Weisman	Learning Disabilities
Patricia Belsito	Teacher/Math Tutor
Sylvia V. Caswell (Resigned)	Gifted and Talented

SUPPORTING STAFF

Jennie A. Blavackas	Principal's Secretary
Melinda Johnson, RN	School Nurse
Dr. Jeffrey Burl	School Physician
Eileen M. McCorkle	Cafeteria Manager
Ambrose R. Tower (Retired)	Consultant
Donald L. Carlson	Custodian
Richard Morrow	Custodian
Gerard Bernier	Head Custodian
Paxton Garage, Inc.	Transportation Contract

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 1984

Grade		Grade	
K	40	IX	41
I	36	X	48
II	31	XI	40
III	34	XII	52
IV	36	TOTAL	181
V	38		
VI	51		
VII	52		
VIII	45		
TOTAL	363		

Report of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee

During the 1984-85 School Year, the Wachusett Regional School District Committee continued its efforts to maintain the standards of excellence which have characterized the Wachusett Regional High School throughout its 31 years of existence.

Wachusett was one of six Massachusetts high schools nominated for the United States Department of Education secondary schools recognition program, giving further testimony to the district's commitment to excellence in education.

Through the efforts of administration, faculty, support staff and students and the support of the citizens of the five member towns, a fiscal 84-85 Budget was adopted which enabled us to present a sound educational plan for the district, maintain plant and equipment, and replace much needed supplies and materials.

As we enter the 1985-86 school year, we have been able to restore several of the programs reduced

during the past three years and introduce other programs that meet concerns of the school community while still operating under fiscally responsible guidelines. The cooperation and support of the community continues to make this possible.

This school year will most likely see the passage of an educational reform bill for Massachusetts. Whatever the final outcome of the legislation, this school committee remains confident that with your continued support we shall be able to meet it's challenges and continue to provide a quality educational environment for our young people.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Jr., Chairman
Richard J. Buckley
Burton H. Fiske
John H. Goewey
David L. Johnson
James F. Leland
Daniel J. Lucey
Ellis C. Paakkonen
Richard S. Parkinson
Ruth M. Stevens
Clark H. Stuart
E. Anthony Watson

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CONDITION JUNE 30, 1984 - 1985

	6/30/84	6/30/85
ASSETS GENERAL ACCOUNTS		
Cash (General, Investments, Petty Cash)	\$344,408.91	\$371,328.25
Loans Authorized	\$3,359.57	\$3,359.57
	<u>\$347,768.48</u>	<u>\$374,687.82</u>
Accounts Receivable- Commonwealth of Mass.	-0-	\$135,000.00
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$3,420,000.00	\$3,045,000.00
	<u>\$3,767,768.48</u>	<u>\$3,554,687.82</u>
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Payroll withholdings	\$61,743.87	\$16,965.51
Tailings	\$605.14	\$605.14
Federal Grants	\$13,287.77	\$33,464.34
Revolving Funds	\$47,491.99	\$106,884.12
Encumbrance & Carryovers	\$150,521.00	\$186,259.00
APPROPRIATION		
Loans authorized and unused	\$3,359.57	\$3,359.57
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
Insurance settlement	\$9,290.83	\$9,290.83
Contingency Maintenance	\$61,000.00	\$72,200.00
Building Fund 1953 Project	\$10,204.31	\$10,204.31

Reserved for Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00
Excess & Deficiency	(9,836.00)	\$70,355.00
Debt Accounts	\$3,420,000.00	\$3,045,000.00
	<u>\$3,767,768.48</u>	<u>\$3,554,687.82</u>

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIPT STATEMENT 12 Month Fiscal Years 7/1/84 thru 6/30/85

RECEIPTS	FY'84	FY'85
Assessments from Member Towns	\$3,052,955.00	\$3,713,164.00
State Revenues	\$2,539,966.00	\$2,766,664.00
Other Revenues	\$220,619.00	\$232,567.00
Excess & Deficiency Reduction applied	\$100,000.00	-0-
Carryover Appropriation from previous fiscal year	\$250,738.00	\$150,521.00
Reduced Appropriation	-0-	-0-
Excess & Deficiency transfers for unbudgeted appropriations	\$97,000.00	-0-
Gross Receipts	<u>\$6,261,278.00</u>	<u>\$6,862,916.00</u>
EXPENSES		
Operating and Debt Service	\$6,121,637.00	\$6,599,093.00
NET EXCESS	<u>\$139,641.00</u>	<u>\$263,823.00</u>

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF EXCESS & DEFICENCY 12 MONTH FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1985

Opening Balance, July 1, 1984	(9,836.00)
Add:	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Rebate	\$ 13,827.00
General Receipts, 7/1/84-6/30/85	\$6,862,916.00
	<u>\$6,876,743.00</u>
Total General Operating Fund Available	\$6,866,907.00
Less:	
Disbursements, 7/1/84 - 6/30/85	\$6,599,093.00
Encumbrance and Carryovers to FY 86	\$186,259.00
Transfer to Contingency Maintenance Fund	\$11,200.00
	<u>\$6,796,552.00</u>
Closing Balance, 6/30/85	\$70,355.00

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMPARISON

CODE	TITLE	FY82	FY 83	FY84	FY85	FY86
1000	Administration	159,899	301,533	183,737	249,495	512,808
2000	Instruction	2,622,161	2,494,658	2,876,637	2,957,537	3,143,900
3000	Other School Services	577,225	533,752	530,238	561,231	577,460
4000	Operation & Maintenance	605,496	600,218	566,600	733,935	689,747
5000	Fixed Charges	316,870	370,043	375,566	468,585	462,983
6000	Community Services	---	---	---	---	---
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	21,484	29,000	10,000	92,008	66,940
Sched. B	Special Education	566,862	594,550	735,462	885,993	903,820
Sched. C	Adult/Community Education	30,130	31,315	(1)	(1)	7,140
Sched. E	Vocational Education	133,309	143,056	101,333	102,040	105,120
	Total Operating Budget	5,033,436	5,098,125	5,379,573	6,050,824	6,469,918
8000	Debt Retirement & Service	756,405	714,162	682,337	645,722	617,661
	Total Budget	5,789,841	5,812,287	6,061,910	6,696,546	7,087,579
	% Change in Budget	4.3%	.4%	4.3%	10.5%	.6%
	Net Assessment to					
	Member Towns	2,923,953	2,923,953	3,052,955	3,713,164	3,866,934
	% Change in Assessments	8.4%	.0	4.4%	21.6%	4.1%

(1) Revolving Account Established

(2) \$3,223,953 Reduced by Chap. 70 Pass-Through of \$170,998 - 2/84

Report of the Superintendent of Schools Wachusett Regional School District and School Union No. 64

1984-85 has seen in Paxton, and most towns, a bottoming out of the short term effects of Proposition 2½ with new procedures and relations established among the various municipal officials. As we have said before, Paxton's declining school enrollment has made budgetary limitations more easy to deal with here. The Paxton Elementary Schools have retained practically all of their special and enrichment services and have even improved the latter; Wachusett has received citizen approval to restore most lost programs. Both school systems have been the fortunate recipients of material and spiritual support by volunteers, P.T.O., Boosters, and parents.

The passage of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 in July, 1985 is significant in that it concludes two years of debate but also "insignificant" in my opinion, in the degree to which it "reforms" public education in Massachusetts. It provides for some equalization of financing, (probably disadvantageous to our five towns, while certainly advantageous to the state's children as a whole), some very positive inservice opportunities for teachers and administrators, encouragement to enter the teaching profession, publicized student achievement test scores, a sly provision for encouraging increased minimum teacher salaries while dodging the requirement for the state to fund new mandates, required evaluation of teachers and administrators, significant additional annual reporting of program to the Department of Education, and a shift of some power from the Department of Education to the Governor's office.

I should like to devote the major portion of this years report to comments about the organization of public education in our five towns. As you know, there is a separate K-8 school system in each of the five towns under the control of a town elementary school committee. Those five town school committees join to form School Superintendency Union No. 64 and that school union hires half of a Superintendent, of an Assistant Superintendent, and of a Business Manager, as well as 100% of another Assistant Superintendent and 6 secretarial and accounting personnel, to operate the 5

elementary school systems. There is also a Regional School District providing general high school education Grades 9-12 for all five towns. The Regional District School Committee hires the other half of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and a Business Manager, as well as 100% of a Special Education Director, and five accounting and secretarial personnel to operate the Wachusett Regional High School plus special education programs. Your Superintendent, for example actually works for six separate employers, receives six paychecks, six W-2's, six sets of deductions for taxes and retirement contributions (and has six votes for the Retirement Board!) The purchase of office supplies, phone service, etc. must be back-charged to five or six different entities (please don't ask what we do for 17 cents worth of postage due!)

It appears to this writer that the school superintendency union was an effective solution to the needs of small towns for professional school administration in an era when bureaucracy was lean and a single set of policies would do for all five or six school districts. Today's requirements have separate budgeting, accounting, collective bargaining, pupil and financial reporting, achievement test reporting, etc. which require more than one administrator for the combination of five or six school districts. (Collective bargaining, contract administration, grievances and arbitrations are eating up our time. We currently bargain with 14 formal units and meet-and-confer with 6 more, compared to a single school district's expectation of 5+ units.)

Given the more than one administrator, does it make more sense to allocate those administrators' duties based on skill specialization (budget, personnel, curriculum, law) or on geography (one person manages one town's schools completely while another person manages one or two towns' schools completely)?

The Pritchard Management study of May 1982 recommended additional assistance, releasing the superintendent to assume a greater leadership role among the six districts, all this assuming continuation of the present six-way organization. An alternative to the present organization is one which one could call "**fusion**" and would combine the six school districts into one K-12 regional district with one regional school committee. This alternative was last considered by the five towns in November of 1971, Paxton being the only town to have approved the idea at that time. There are state dollar incentives offered, incentives which have been promised over the last 25 to 30 years. Ashburnham/Westminster, Spencer/East Brookfield, and most recently Quabbin Regional, have gone this route. Northborough/Southborough is seriously considering it, as well.

The second alternative to the present organization, which one could call "**fission**" (or "sub-optimal is optimal"), would involve breaking down the school union into several independent parts. If this were done with the same number of administrators as we now have, we might have a Holden/Paxton School Union with one superintendent serving approximately 2,000 students, a Princeton/Sterling/Rutland School Union with one superintendent serving approximately 1,800 students, and the Wachusett Regional School District with a Superintendent and a Business Manager serving approximately 1,660 students. If we were to add one administrator we might have Holden alone with a superintendent for approximately 1,630 students, a Paxton/Rutland School Union with a superintendent for approximately 950 students, Princeton/Sterling School Union with a superintendent for approximately 1,170 students, and the Wachusett Regional School District with a superintendent and business manager serving approximately 1,660 students.

The same issues which arise as one considers the combining of superintendencies into a single office, arises when one considers annexing towns, regional districts, or county government. When one has a number of specialists working together on six districts' problems, considerable time has to be spent coordinating their efforts, and, to be truthful, arbitrating the petty jealousies that arise "within the family". To have separate single administrators for separate school districts eliminates the time spent coordinating a combined arrangement, adds the incentive of having "the buck stop here" for that administrator, and eliminates the jealousies. It does limit the scope of expertise available to that of the one person, who would hopefully be wise enough to seek counsel and to be provided the wherewithal to do it. (Several towns' separate superintendencies housed in a single building could provide daily

contact with administrators who have different fields of expertise.)

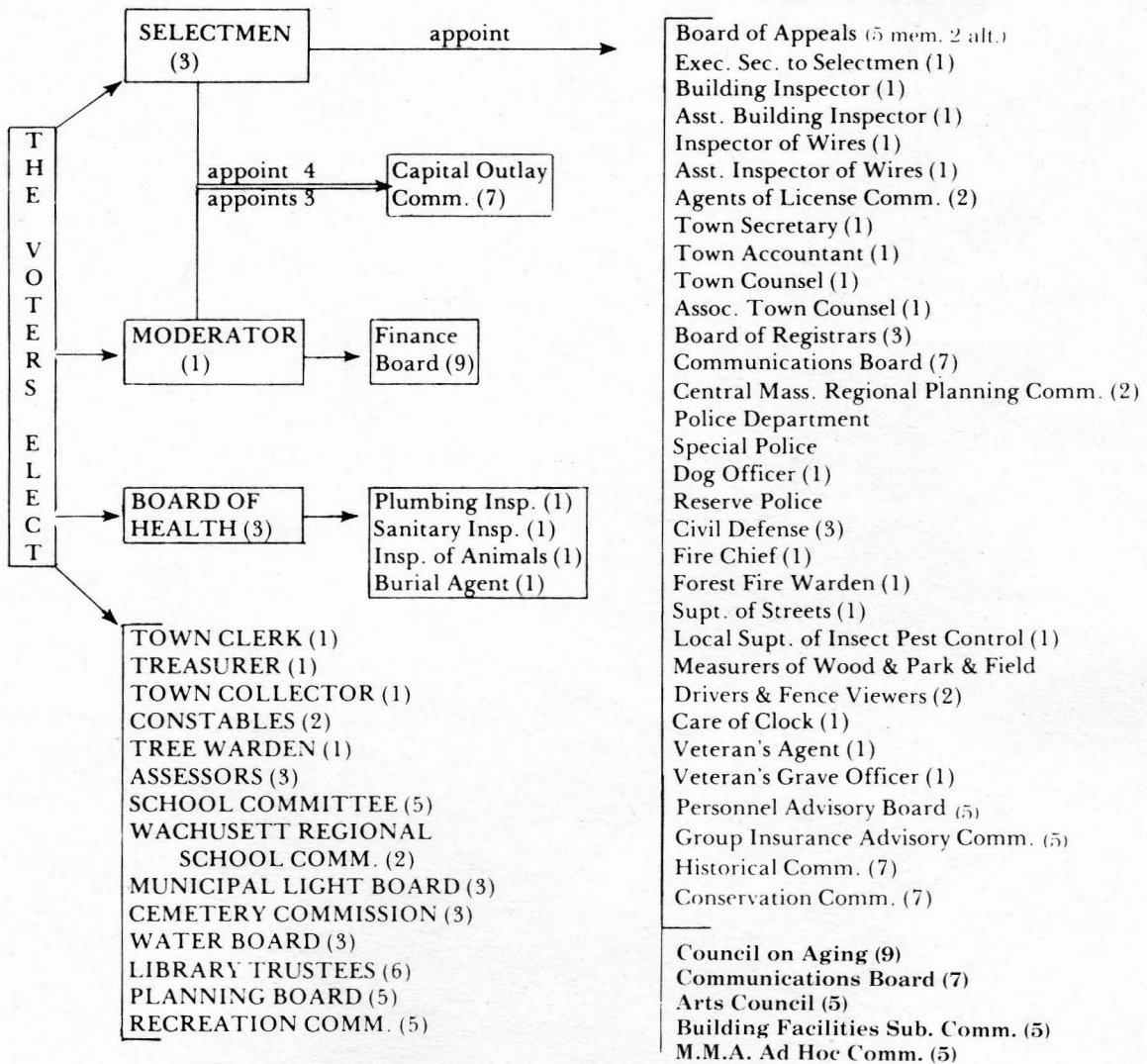
Why is this being written? The answer is simply that your superintendent sees much too much time and emotional energy spent attempting to coordinate people who do not want to be coordinated, people who have a strong and justifiable pride in their town and their town's schools, people whose idea of coordination is frequently "that others should be required to do it the way they have concluded is best." A superintendency union, like a marriage, is a pooling together of resources without lines of demarcation between "what's yours" and "what's mine". If the partners are not comfortable with the concept of an undifferentiated "ours", then marriage should not be for them. If there is not enough faith in the good will and fairness of the partner(s), then I should submit that the individuals should pack what is theirs and go their way. Of course ours is a six-partner marriage, **far** more difficult than a two-partner marriage, whether we are talking towns or individuals.

There are undeniable advantages to joint tenancy and joint ventures, but individual participants must give up some control in order to partake of the benefits of cooperation or team play. I have asked the school committees in the coming year, 15 years after our last public consideration of reorganization, to ponder some of these philosophical values and management realities. Public suggestion or reaction would be welcomed by any of us.

As ever, it is a pleasure to serve the people, the very civil and kind and fair people of these five towns, and especially their children who bring the refreshment of fun and unpredictability to this profession.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward P. Yaglou, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The Structure of Paxton's Town Government



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Fire	756-1400
Police	791-9296
Medical	791-9296

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Open 24 hours/day to provide
information and assistance
to the residents of Paxton.

791-6600

TOWN HALL OFFICES, 697 Pleasant St. Mon. - Fri. 9-4

Town Secretary/Accountant/Burial Agent 753-2803/754-7638
Yvonne B. Karle (Home 754-2054)

Contact Town Secretary for —

Board of Health	Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman	(Home)	798-3606
Building Inspector	Charles Collins	(Home)	756-9708
Conservation	Robert L. Stewart	(Home)	794-9848
Planning Board	Steve Bik, Chairman	(Home)	791-1734
Recreation	Denis Melican		
Sanitary Inspector	James Lashbrook, Jr.	(Home)	791-5346
Water Board	Charles J. Glassbrenner	(Home)	754-3636
Plumbing Inspector	Zig Koslowski, 392 Pleasant St., Leicester	(Home)	892-3495

Town Clerk/Collector 753-2803/754-7638

June T. Herron (Home) 757-3153

Assessors James R. Stone, Chairman 754-7638

Office open 9AM-12PM Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Board Meets 1st
Thurs. evening of each month (Home) 799-6631

Board of Selectmen - Secretary 9:00 to noon (Mon.-Fri.) 754-7638

Meets 2nd & last Thurs. 7:30 P.M.

John E. Lucey, Vice Chairman (Home) 757-4173

Christian Baehrecke, Clerk (Home) 755-9009

Thomas Cunningham, Chairman (Home) 798-3239

Dog Officer - Joseph Norton contact Dispatch 791-6600

Electric Light Dept., 578 Pleasant St. 756-9508

Highway & Water Dept., 107 Holden Road 753-9077

if no answer contact Dispatch 791-6600

Council of Aging Senior Citizen Center 756-2833

Arden J. Woodall, Chairman (Home) 752-1701

Veteran's Agent - Paul Valinski (Home) 791-4791

Paxton Center School 798-8576

Wachusett Regional High School, 1401 Main St., Holden 829-6771

Wachusett Regional Superintendent's Office 829-6631

Paxton School Committee - Philip McCarthy, Chairman (Home) 752-2717

Meets 2nd Tues. evening Sept.-June at school

Wachusett Regional Committee

Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. evening at High School

Library, Richards Ave. 754-0793

Trustees meet 1st Tues. evening 7:30 at Library

Library Hours	Winter	Summer
Mon.	Closed	Closed
Tues.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Weds.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Thurs.	1-9	1-5, 7-9
Fri.	9-12, 1-5	1-5
Sat.	1-5	Closed

Winter meetings could be rescheduled due to weather conditions or for heat conservation.