

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON



YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND LEADBETTER
Finance Committee

ROBERT DILLMAN
Police Department
Fire Department
Zoning Board of Appeals

CHANDLER WYMAN
Veteran's Grave Officer

WALTER D. WILDE JR.
Recreation Commission

GORDON RICHARDS
Fire Department

ELIZABETH RICHARDS
Dispatch Center

J. ARDEN WOODALL
Moderator



WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR
THEIR PAST SERVICE



George Abernathy

Gerard Bernier

Patrick Collins

Brian Faucher

Todd Girouard

Paul Leroux

Doris Porter

Sherburne Rockwell III

Eric Baldwin

Warren Bock

Ann Cunningham

Barry Feldman

Charles Glassbrenner

Denis Melican

Mark Richardson

Patrick Smith

Michael Benoit

Donald Cardinal

Mary Dunkerly

Kevin Fulginiti

Debra Grensavitch

Joseph Mikielian

Kelly Robinson

Fr. John Thomas

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TOWN OFFICERS **May 1997 – May 1998**

ELECTED

Selectboard

David F. Jillette, Chairman 1999
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk 2001
John E. Lucey, Vice Chairman 2000

Town Clerk

June T. Herron 2000

Treasurer

Joanne L. Savignac 1999

Collector

Joanne L. Savignac 1999

Moderator

Francis A. Ford 1999

Constables

Bernard J. Melican 1999
B. Peter Warren, Jr. 1999

Tree Warden

Patrick V. Smith 1999

Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Caroline C. Ely 1999
Melinda A. Johnson 2000

Municipal Light Board

Warren P. Bock, Vice Chairman 2000
Ralph A. Kimball, Jr., Chairman 1999
Thomas Savage, Sr. 2001

Assessors

Susan Corcoran 1999
Robert E. Paulsen, Jr. 2001
James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman 2000

Water Board

Scott Runstrom 2001
Robert W. Thompson, Chairman 1999
David Trulson 2000
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official
Robert W. Thompson

Board of Health

Thomas B. Carroll 2000
Judy A. Hatstat 1999
David Parent, Chairman 2001

Planning Board

Christian S. Baehrecke, Vice Chairman 2000
Neil Bagdis 2002
Stephen P. Bik, Chairman 2001
Zarvin Kasparian 2003
Gordon J. Szczepanek, Clerk 1999

Library Trustees

Joan Bedard 2001

Clement J. Gainty 2000
Debra M. Henderson, Chairman 1999
Charles L. Innis, Jr. 2001
Diane Kennen 1999
Scott A. Martin 2000

Recreation Commission

Jonathan Ely 2003
Kevin J. Fulginiti 1999
John Glowik 2001
Andrew Serrato 2002
Kenneth Wagoner, Chairman 2000

Cemetery Commission

Ross E. Johnson 2001
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman 1999
Richard H. Sears 2000

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Secretary to Selectboard, Procurement Officer

Rita E. Palumbo

Town Services Coordinator, Disability Coordinator

Joanne F. Cabrera

Care of Clock

Alan M. Wentworth

Board of Appeals

Robert Callahan, ALT 2000
Richard Dowd 2001
Frederick Goodrich, ALT 2000
Richard Grensavitch 2000
John Hurley 2001
Allen Rubin, Chairman 2000
Kathleen Sears, Vice Chairman 2001

Superintendent DPW

Paul H. Palumbo

Veteran's Agent

Timothy Hackett

Veteran's Grave Officer

Timothy Hackett

Inspector of Wires

Warren P. Lederer
Patrick Fanning, Assistant

Building Commissioner

Raymond Kauppila
Richard Trifero, Local Inspector

Worcester County Advisory Board

David F. Jillette

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Patrick V. Smith

Board of Registrars

Ella Beach	1999
Jean McIntyre	2001

Town Counsel

Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

Sexual Harassment Officer

June T. Herron

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers

Robert Brunelle
Gino V. Gangai

Town Accountant

June T. Herron	1999
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Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Brian Murphy, Fire Chief

Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director

Paul H. Palumbo, Director
Edward Asselin, Asst. Director

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Brian Murphy

Firefighters

Rodolfo Acuna
Michael Benoit, Lieut.
Brian Cheney
Jason Clarke
Brian Clockedile
Jay Conte, Lieut.
Thomas Ducharme
Richard Gaffney
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch
Timothy Hackett
James Hansson
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
Brian Killelea
Robert Martin
Glenn McGillicuddy
Michael Mercadante
Patrick Mullaney
Brian Murphy, Chief
James Olson
Bryan Palumbo
Timothy Pierce
Charles Pingitore
Michael Pingitore
Michael Putnam.
James Quinn
Gary Richards
Patrick Robinson
Michael Rowe
Thomas Savage

Raymond Savignac
Michael Sears
Orville Sheldon, Lieut.
Matthew Stone
Douglas Warren
B. Peter Warren, Jr.

First Responders

Michael Benoit, EMT
Jay Conte, EMT
Thomas Ducharme
Richard Gaffney
Richard Jenkins
Brian Murphy
James Olson
Timothy Pierce, EMT
Charles Pingitore
Michael Putnam
Kevin Quinn
Patrick Robinson
Thomas Savage
Raymond Savignac

Fire Inspector

Thomas J. Cunningham

Police Department Chief

Michael J. Ahearn

Full Time Officers

Robert B. Desrosiers, Sergeant
Kevin B. Drolet, Patrolman
Todd Girouard, Patrolman
William F. Lang, Patrolman
William P. Reilly, Patrolman
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman

Part Time Officers

David S. Ahlin
Brian J. Boulette
Todd LaPorte
William P. Sampson
Patrick V. Smith
Mary Stone

Conservation Commission

Ingeborg Baehrecke	2001
Susan Barry	2001
Barbara Berka	1999
Robert Bertin, Vice Chairman	1999
Matthew Erskine, Associate	1999
Carol Harris	2000
Janice Stewart, Associate	2000
Robert Stewart, Chairman	2000
Rebecca Sullivan	1999

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

Gerald Bernier
Robert Desrosiers
Paul Palumbo
Janet Porter

Joanne Savignac
Gordon Szczepanek
Harold Smith, Chairman

Agents for License Commission

Michael Ahearn
Thomas Cunningham

Central Mass Regional Planning

Christian S. Baehrecke

Designer Selection Committee

Paul (Peter) Belsito	2000
Caroline C. Ely	2000
Melinda Johnson, ALT	2000
Charles Scholl	2000

Wachusett Regional High School Facilities Advisory Committee

David F. Jillette

Personnel Advisory Board

Clement Gainty
June T. Herron
Martha A. Layte, Co-Chairman
Joanne Moffett
Robert Wilby, Co-Chairman

Communications Board

Robert Desrosiers, Chairman
Richard Bedard
Brian Murphy
Paul H. Palumbo
Harold Smith
Rosemary Warren, Vice Chairman

Council On Aging

Janice Ahearn	1999
Mary Bobola	1999
Gertrude Grenon	2001
Debra Grensavitch	2001
Jean McIntyre, Chairman	2000
Pamela Provo	1999
Susan Serrato	2001
Barbara Whitney, Vice Chairman	2000

Historical Commission

Edward Duane, Associate	1999
Jason Fanning, Co-Chairman	1999
Janice Fanning, Associate	1999
Laurie Gardner, Co-Chairman	2000
Donna MacLean	1999
Denis Melican	1999
Christine M. Reilly	2001

Cultural Council

Martha Akstin, Treasurer	2000
Louise Erskine	2000
Sheila Estabrook	2000
Judy Galbraith	1999
Joanne Kee	1999
Joanne Langer, Chairman	1999

MaryJo Moynihan	2000
Denise Sosnoff	2000
Jean Urbanowski	1999

Cable Advisory Board

Richard Bedard	1999
Daniel Chen, Co-Chairman	2000
Daniel Germain	1999
Deborah Magnuson	2000
Edward McTigue	1998
Nicholas Powlovich	1998
Scott A. Wilson, Co-Chairman	1998

Housing Partnership Committee

Virginia Kimball
Norman Peters
Kathleen Sears

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee

Debra M. Henderson, Chairman
Melinda A. Johnson
David F. Jillette

Paxton Center School Building Committee

John Anderson
Paul (Peter) Belsito
Robin Carroll
Thomas Cunningham
Caroline Ely
Melinda Johnson, ALT
Kevin Quinn, Chairman

Election Officers

Charlotte Thalin, Warden REP
Marie Cavanaugh, Inspector REP
Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN
Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM
Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM
June T. Herron, Clerk UN
Susan Stone, ALT

Safety Committee

Michael Ahearn, Police Chief
Richard Morrow, Head Custodian PCS
Brian Murphy, Fire Chief
Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent DPW
Harold Smith, Manager PEL

Town Government Study Committee

Mark Baker
Dennis Gorman
June Herron
Julie Jacobson
George McGovern
Joseph McKay, Chairman
Scott Runstrom
Lisa Sloate
Julie White

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Board

Lucille DiLeo	2001
Christian deMarcken	2001
Howard Gewandter	1999
Robert Jacobson	2000
Evelyn Lawler	1999
Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman	1999
Peter Schur	2000
Jay Snell, Vice Chairman	2001
Frederick Sosnoff	2000

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector

Dennis Harney
John P. Dolan, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector

Wayne Curran
Richard M. Cox, Environmental Engineer

Burial Agent

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

Animal Inspector

Jean Parent

Animal Control Officer

B. Peter Warren, Jr.

Rubbish/Recycling Collection

Browning Ferris Industries Inc.
P.O. Box 345
Auburn, MA 01501

Recycling Study Committee

Diane Dillman
George Friedman
Robert Herron, Chairman
Harold Slovin

TO ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:

All committees and Boards of the Town shall meet and organize thirty days after election or appointment and shall forthwith transmit in writing to the Town Clerk a report of their organization. Upon failure to so file a report within forty days, the Town Clerk shall deposit in writing a complaint thereof with the Board of Selectmen who shall forthwith demand immediate compliance with the provisions of the By-Law. (Annual Town Meeting 02/07/38)

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
VITAL STATISTICS
July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998**

**BIRTHS
1997**

June

3 Christopher Franklin, son to Ruth Ann Osgood and Richard Henry Davis, 604 Pleasant Street

July

15 Christopher Michael, son to Janice Marie Monahan and Lawrence Roland Stalmok, 11 Walnut Street

17 Lauren Christine, daughter to Monique Evelyn Wind and Brian Vincent Sheary, 9 Orchard Drive

18 Laura Taylor, daughter to Susan Marjorie Ober and Brian Charles Lee, 26 Red Oak Street

August

19 Kathryn Elizabeth, daughter to Cynthia Nash and William Patrick Shea, 927 Pleasant Street

September

15 Juliette Marie, daughter to Kim Carlson and Steven Edward Charboneau, 26 Suomi Street

October

12 Christian Charles, son to Deborah Mary Paquette and John Martin McDonald, 549 Marshall Street

14 Celia Margaret, daughter to Patricia Forti and Douglas Robertson Dawson, 22 Walbridge Road

15 Matthew Edward, son to Sherri Joy Nickel and David Michael Milstone, 13 Dunanderry Way

21 Monica Nicole, daughter to Janice Rene Muis and Christopher Yoe Williams, Sr., 899 Pleasant Street

30 Cassondre Lynne, daughter to Deborah Jeanne Mitchell and Matther Lee Berryman, 310 Pleasant Street

30 John Paul, son to Sheila O'Connor and Daniel Rocco Massarelli, 18 Nipmuc Road

November

6 Erin Elizabeth, daughter to Rebecca Mary-Clare Graham and Glenn Michael Sullivan, 12 Maple Street

11 Raeve Christine, daughter to Martha Anne Looney and Eldon Dexter Pond, III, 418 Grove Street

21 Austin Joseph, son to Melissa Ann Dunkerly and Adam Patrick Smith, 1 Orchard Drive

December

2 Bryan Anthony, son to Theresa Marie Kitokis and Paul Ote Caldwell, 4 Turkey Hill Road

1998

January

13 Nicholas Emmanuel, son to Jennifer Hanna Joseph and Michael Emmanuel Barris, 5 Ridgewood Road

22 Jill Marie, daughter to Louisa Josephine Sestito and John William Corazzini, 500 West Street

26 Jack Nicholas, son to Karen Ann Germain and Daniel Richard Scavone, 50 Brooks Road

27 Lucas David Aaron, son to Gillian Barnard and Matthew Thomas Braley, 17 South Street

30 James Patrick, son to Linda Sue Costello and Patrick Joseph Devens, 1 Center Drive

30 Jonathan Michael, son to Michelle Lynn Gadaire and Michael John Benoit, 10 Orchard Drive

February

27 Amanda Grace, daughter to Paula Marie Peloquin and Robert Arthur Bostwick, 204 Grove Street

March

4 Katharine Marie, daughter to Julie Marie Muscarella and Edward James Dix, 9 Walnut Street

31 Jack William, son to Cheryl Lynn Bacon and Kevin Joseph Fulginiti, 7 Squantum Road

April

9 Victor Carlisle, son to Rebecca Elizabeth Pierce and Stephen Leonard Latino, Jr., 51 Brooks Road

15 Lianna Rose, daughter to Donna Lee St. Martin and John Jude Bartlett, 11 Brooks Road

May		
4	Michael-Anthony, son to Susan Lee Dunphy and James Richard Card, 12 Highland Street	
13	David Edward, Jr., son to Elaina Marie Loiacano and David Edward Roy, 71 Streeter Road	
18	Matthew James, son to Lisa Kathleen Kieler and Matthew Thomas Stephens, 15 Red Oak Street	

MARRAIGES

1997

July		
12	Charles Harry Bolster, Jr. of Jefferson to Susan Mary McMenemy of Paxton	

September		
20	Kevin John Lisciotti of Leominster to Jennifer Mary Bassick of Newton	

October		
12	Scott Evans Olsen of Arizona to Samantha Drew Horn of Arizona	
18	Jason Edwards Herlong of Paxton to Pamela Anne Lucey of Paxton	

1998

April		
19	Charles D. Richardson of Paxton to Robin Jeanne Flynn of Paxton	

DEATHS

1997

June		
23	Marguerite E. Trum, 350 Marshall Street	82

July		
14	Mary Amelia Juhne, 516 Pleasant Street	90
27	Martha Y. Landry, 498 Pleasant Street	81

August		
12	Lois Irene Trzcinski, 56 Pleasant Street	56
19	Robert S. Lamotte, Sr., 2 Glen Ellen Rd.	83

September		
11	George Cagan, 33 Camp Street	76
29	Gilbert M. Bernier, 64 Pleasant Street	38

October		
4	Wanda A. Lemanski, 11 Nipmuc Road	89
13	Bernadette M. Parzick, 362 Pleasant St.	77

28	Esther Johnson, 180 Pleasant Street	86
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November

14	Richard E. Thalin, 10 Ledyard Road	83
20	Phillip A. Davis, 4 Monticello Drive	53
23	Shirley M. Bohaker, 6 Bel Arbor Drive	77
30	Mildred M. Bedard, 10 Burtenmar Circle	89
30	Marilyn L. Brierly, 3 Bel Arbor Drive	62

December

8	Florence B. Rosenberg, 3 Birch Street	82
9	Dorothy R. Banks, 8 Bel Arbor Drive	82
24	Gladys M. Berg, 632 Pleasant Street	82
25	Marion W. Personis, 5 Birch Street	72
26	Yat-Lai Lau, 78 Asnebumskit Road	83

1998

January		
29	Rita J. Regan, 207 West Street	88

February		
5	Helmi E. Ahlfors, 226 West Street	81
12	Norman G. Jolicoeur, 12 Holbrook Lane	84
23	Raymond O. Leadbetter, 12 Whitney Dr.	82

March		
6	Evelyn J. Wilson, 72 Holden Road	73
12	Wayne R. Sundstrom, 6 Richards Avenue	45
16	Harriet F. Rae, 207 West Street	90
16	Anna A. Synkoski, 21 Burtenmar Circle	82

April		
6	Viano E. Lilyestrom, 33 Streeter Road	86

May		
2	Joseph Asa Skaff, 8 Holbrook Lane	68
21	Valerie P. Richardson, 277 Grove Street	42
25	Alma O. Potter, 891 Pleasant Street	77

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998

Number of Licenses Issued	194
Paid to Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$4,690.50

June Herron
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Cafetorium of Paxton Center School on May 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., then there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate from 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, 1998, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Grand Total	\$5,742,252.
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UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town of Paxton will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00; or any other sum, for the purpose of scraping, priming, painting and replacing the hardware on the Town Common flagpole; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval with funding from C.D. Boynton General Purpose Fund.

Amended to use available funds, Free Cash.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$2,300 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00, to design and install a Municipal Data Communications Network Infrastructure

for the purpose of interconnecting all of the Town municipal buildings; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval; this will tie various town departments together.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$12,500 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$_____, or any other sum, for the purchase of computer hardware and software for the Town Accountant's office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Town Accountant
Board of Selectmen will make their recommendation at Town Meeting, not enough information available. Finance Committee recommends taking no action. This is included in the Town Accountant's budget.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of an air compressor system to permit the rapid recharge of the breathing air equipment; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fire Chief
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval; this is a specialized piece of equipment.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$16,000 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$26,856.00; or any other sum, for the Purchase of a new equipped police cruiser to replace one existing department vehicle; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE SUM TO \$24,860 AND TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$24,860 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a

sum of money not to exceed \$6,500.00, or any other sum, to:

1. Remove the current wooden handicap access ramp;
2. Pour a new concrete handicap ramp, platform and stairs in accordance with applicable code;
3. Install steel railings;
4. Replace the front door;
5. Paint the south side gable end of police station;
6. Install steel railings on prisoner processing stairs;
7. Install new vinyl shutters; and
8. Replace one front window; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Police Chief
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE SUM TO \$4,980 AND TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OR \$4,980 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$7,500.00, or any other sum, for the purpose of cleaning all existing drainage lines, install a water/oil separator and clean tank, and the removal and disposal of any contaminated soil located at the Public Works building; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Superintendent
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval. Using available funds; this is mandated by DEP.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$7,500 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$9,200.00, or any other sum, for the replacement of seven (7) overhead garage doors and two (2) entrance doors at the Public Works building; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Superintendent
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval using available funds.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$9,200 FOR THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$120,988.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of a 1998 International truck with combination sander & dump body, snow plow and wing, and liquid chloride tanks for the Public

Works Department and sell or trade in against the purchase price thereof a 1987 Mack truck; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Public Works Superintendent
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend to take no action at this time.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$_____, or any other sum, to repair the Town Pool; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Recreation Commission
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out as a public way by the Selectmen on April 21, 1998 of Nipmuc Road extension for a distance of approximately 350 feet as shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 703, Plan 92 and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement thereon for public way purposes; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Owner Request, Elizabeth Richards, 205 Pleasant Street
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will make their recommendation at Town Meeting.
2/3 NEEDED. MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to AMEND Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting, May 5, 1997. (Employee Benefits): 1. Vacation and Holidays:

A. Paid Holidays: And change the designation of Martin Luther King Day from January 15th each year, to the day designated in any given year by the State of Massachusetts for the observance of the legal holiday; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 1999 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for the fiscal year 1999 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in

fiscal year 1997; or act in any way thereon. *By State Law these have to be approved annually.* Balances in accounts as of 03/31/98:

WPAT Title V Betterments	\$7,000.00
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Int.	5,528.91
Cheryl Noel, Deputy Collector Fees	-0-
Library State Aid	9,582.64
Conservation Wetlands Protection Fund,	
Notice of Intent	9,168.73
State Art Council	2,966.67
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	1,336.72
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	4,986.71
Recycling Committee Composting Bins Account	649.80
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement Dist. (145.81)	
Historical Commission Revolving Account	1,305.62
Cable TV, Greater Media	12,020.56
Comm. MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	-0-
Police Revolving Account	997.19
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	26,460.94
Police Grants & Gifts	4,450.10
Police Parking Tickets	202.00
Worcester Water Escrow	12,000.00

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of members of the Communications Board from seven (7) members as originally established by Special town Meeting vote on September 30, 1974 to five (5) members; members to be appointed on an annual basis by the Board of Selectmen with one member representing the Light Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., Public Works, and one member at large; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Communications Board
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend approval.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO READ "COMMUNICATIONS BOARD WOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS BUT, THE COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: FIRE, POLICE, HIGHWAY, LIGHT AND THREE AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the length of term of the members of the Recreation Commission from five (5) years as originally established by vote at the Annual Town Meeting on March 2, 1953 to three (3) years commencing with the election of the next member

scheduled for the May 1999 Town election; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Recreation Commission
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to file special legislation with the Great and General Court to change the Town Water Board from a three (3) member elected board to a three member appointed board, said appointments to be made by the Board of Selectmen. All currently elected members shall serve their term and commencing with fiscal year 1999, all future members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen at the expiration of the existing terms, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Fred Sosnoff
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend disapproval.

ARTICLE DEFEATED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to have the Water Board appointed by the Selectmen for a term of three (3) years with staggered terms for appointed Water Board members; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Citizen Petition
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Board of Water Commissioners, said Board consisting of three (3) members with staggered terms; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Citizen Petition
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend disapproval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1. *MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT* as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by deleting the following subsections of Sec. 1:

1.1.2 In 1994 the participating towns shall elect members to the Regional District School Committee as follows:

1. The Town of Holden shall elect five (5) members; one for a one year term, one for a two year term and three for a three year term.
2. The Town of Paxton shall elect two (2) members; one for a two year term and one for a three year term;
3. The Town of Princeton shall elect one (1) member for a three-year term;
4. The Town of Rutland shall elect one (1) member for a three-year term;
5. The Town of Sterling shall elect three (3) members; one for a two year term and two for a three year term.

1.1.3 In 1995 the participating towns shall elect members to the Regional District School Committee as follows:

1. The Town of Holden shall elect two (2) members, each for a three-year term;
2. The Town of Paxton shall elect no members;
3. The Town of Princeton shall elect no members;
4. The Town of Rutland shall elect one (1) member for a three-year term;
5. The Town of Sterling shall elect no members.

1.1.4 In 1996 the participating town shall elect members to the Regional District School Committee as follows:

1. The Town of Holden shall elect three (3) members, each for a three-year term;
2. The Town of Paxton shall elect one (1) member for a three-year term;
3. The Town of Princeton shall elect one (1) member for a three-year term;
4. The Town of Rutland shall elect no members
5. The Town of Sterling shall elect two (2) members, each for a three-year term;

1.1.10 Members serving on a Regional District School Committee who have been appointed to serve on said Committee by the participating towns, shall continue to serve until the expiration of their current term.

And by amending the following subsections of Section 1:

1.1.2 All members elected thereafter, except as provided in paragraph 1.1.4 shall be elected for a three-year term.

1.1.3 The population of the participating towns shall be determined every year in accordance with the town's annual census with the first five (5) year review to be conducted in calendar 1998 and certified by the respective town clerks. Any increase in membership resulting from population changes shall be elected at the annual town meeting following the review year, provided, however, that in 1998 the Town of Rutland shall elect two (2) new members at a special election, the initial terms of which shall be established by the Regional District School Committee pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.1.4.

The five (5) year census review year and the election of any new membership increase shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>CENSUS REVIEW</u>	<u>ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING</u>
1997	1998
2002	2003
2007	2008
2012	2013

and every five (5) years thereafter

to amend paragraph 1.1.7 by renumbering it to read 1.1.4.

to amend paragraph 1.1.8 by renumbering it to read 1.1.5.

to amend paragraph 1.1.9 by renumbering it to read 1.1.6.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MOTION TO AMEND THE ARTICLE TO READ
"THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1.1.2 WOULD STAGGER THE ELECTIONS OF STERLING MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE STERLING MEMBER IS ELECTED PER YEAR.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 5. PAYMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section 5. *PAYMENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER*, which reads:

Section 5. *PAYMENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER*

Payments of one half of each town's proportional part of the Regional District's School Budget shall be made semi-annually on the first day of each May and November, such payments to be made in the manner prescribed by statute. (Amended from quarterly to semi-annually by Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951)

And by substituting therefor the following:

Section 5. *PAYMENTS TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER*

Payments of a member town's apportioned share of the Regional District's school budget shall be made by the member town in accordance with the member town's schedule of collection of annual real estate taxes. Towns which collect semi-annually shall pay the town's apportioned share semi-annually on November 1st and May 1st. Member towns which collect quarterly shall pay the town's apportioned share on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st. Late payments by member towns shall be subject to statutory interest as provided in General Laws Chapter 59 and any amendment thereto.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend take no action.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE PRECEDING ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 7. *ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL TOWNS* of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by amending the second paragraph of Section 7. *ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL TOWNS* to read as follows:

Upon admission of such town, the total of the costs of the original construction as set forth in Section 4 (a) and of subsequent acquisitions and

improvements, reduced by a depreciation allowance at the rate of 2% annum, shall be reapportioned to all towns in the District, including the newly admitted town, on the basis employed in Section 4 (a) of this Agreement, as determined by the Regional District School Committee (Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1951) (See Exhibit A). The newly admitted town shall then assume liability for its entire share of the costs as determined by this Section, to be paid to the Regional School District over the remaining term of the funded debt. If no funded debt exists, the newly admitted town must finance its share as computed in this Section, independent of the Regional School district, and pay the same directly to each town, subject to the approval of the Regional District School Committee. Any action under this Section shall be approved by the State Department of Education and the State Emergency Finance Board.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 10. *BUDGET OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT* as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by amending Section 10. *BUDGET*, by adding the number 10.1 to read:

Section 10. *BUDGET*

10.1 The Regional District School Committee shall prepare and present a budget to each member town as required by statute for the ensuing fiscal year itemized as follows:

1. General Control
2. Expenses of Instruction
3. Operation of School Plant
4. Auxiliary Agencies
5. Outlay
6. Debts and Interest Charges
7. Special Charges

And by deleting the following:

(Amended 5/29/73 by Wachusett Regional School District Committee under authority of Chapter 510 of the Acts of 1970, an Act authorizing regional district school committees to amend agreements to conform to the law relating to the change in fiscal year.)

and by adding a new paragraph 10.2 as follows:

10.2 The annual Regional School District budget adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Regional District School Committee shall be submitted to the member towns for approval by the member towns pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 71, Section 16B. The motion for approval by the member town of the Regional District budget at the town meeting shall be made by a member of the Regional District School Committee.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 11. ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by amending Section 11.3 by adding the word "for" to read as follows:

11.3 The Regional School Committee may determine by a majority vote to assign elementary pupils to school in other than their town of residence in case of an emergency which prevents use of a building in whole or part, **for** enrollment in special education classes or with parental approval.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
February 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 13. ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by amending Section 13 by deleting the word "selection" and inserting the word "election" so that the Section reads as follows:

Section 13. ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Within 10 days after selection **election** of membership, the Regional District School Committee shall organize and choose by majority vote such officers as to the members seem advisable, determine their term of office, and define their duties. Provision shall be made for meetings, including an annual meeting at which the officers of the Committee shall be elected.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
February 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 15. INCURRING OF INDEBTEDNESS of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section 15.4, which reads:

15.4 Incurring of indebtedness for the construction of new school facilities, including additions to existing school facilities, which are designed to serve students from one or more member towns, shall be by vote of the voters of the member towns so served, at an annual or special town meeting, and said indebtedness shall be incurred by the member towns so served and not the Regional School district. Any such new school facility shall be leased to the Regional School District in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.

And substituting therefor the following:

15.4 Incurring of indebtedness for the construction of new school facilities, including additions to existing school facilities, shall be incurred by the District pursuant to Section 15.1, provided, said indebtedness shall be apportioned amongst the member towns so served by the new school facility on the basis of their respective student enrollment in the new school facility.

And by deleting Section 15.5, which reads:

15.5 Incurring indebtedness for major capital improvements or capital replacements for leased school facilities to serve students from one or more member towns, the cost of which exceeds \$75,000 per building per fiscal year, shall be by vote of the voters of the member towns so served, at an annual or special town meeting, and said indebtedness shall be incurred by the member towns so served and not the Regional School District.

And by substituting therefor the following:

15.5 Incurring indebtedness for major capital improvements or capital replacements for leased school facilities, the cost of which exceeds \$50,000 per building per fiscal year, or such other sum as defined as Extraordinary Maintenance by 603 CMR 10.00 and amendments thereto, shall be by vote of the District, pursuant to Section 15.1, provided, said indebtedness shall be apportioned amongst the member towns so served by the improved school facility on the basis of their respective student enrollment in the improved school facility.

And by inserting a new paragraph 15.6 which reads:

15.6 For the purpose of Sections 15.4 and 15.5, each member town's share of student enrollment in a new school facility shall be determined by computing the ratio which its pupil enrollment in such facility on October 1 of the year next preceding the year for which the apportionment is made bears to the total pupil enrollment from all the member towns in such facility on that date. If there is no enrollment in such facility on the aforesaid October 1, the apportionment of indebtedness with respect thereto shall be made on the basis of the estimated pupil enrollment for each member town in such facility on the aforesaid date had there been any enrollment, such estimate to be made by the Regional District School Committee.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MOTION TO AMEND THE ARTICLE TO READ "THIS SECTION 15.4 IS NOT APPLICABLE TO INDEBTEDNESS AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1998 BY A MEMBER TOWN OR INDEBTEDNESS AUTHORIZED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1998 FOR THE COMPLETION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, WHICH CONSTRUCTION WAS AUTHORIZED BEFORE SAID DATE."

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 17. LEASE OF SCHOOLS of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by amending Section 17.1 to read as follows:

Section 17. LEASE OF SCHOOLS

17.1 The member towns are hereby authorized and directed to lease to the Regional School District, upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) in each case (each said sum to be assessed from each member town and the assessment to be payable upon demand by the District) the school buildings and premises, presently known as the Chaffins, Dawson, Jefferson, Rice School and Mountview Middle School in Holden; the Paxton Center School in Paxton; the Thomas Prince School in Princeton; the Primary and Naquag Schools in Rutland; and the Chocksett and Houghton Schools in Sterling, which premises include the land appurtenant to and used in connection with said schools, owned by the member towns on July 1, 1994 and any new school buildings constructed by the member towns after July 1, 1994. Each such lease shall be made by the Board of Selectmen for the member town and shall provide for an initial term of twenty years and the term shall commence on the date when the Committee assumes jurisdiction of the pupils in the grades served by said schools **District accepts possession of the building** and each such lease shall contain a provision for the extension of the lease for an additional term of twenty years, at the option of the Committee. No rental shall be charged to the District by any of the member towns. Each lease provided for in this paragraph shall be executed not later than July 1 of the year following adoption by

the member towns of pre-kindergarten through grade twelve Regional School District Agreement.

And by deleting Section 17.5, which reads:

17.1 All school equipment and personal property within the school building at the commencement of the lease shall remain the property of the member town.

And by substituting therefor the following:

17.5 All school equipment and personal property within the school building at the commencement of the lease shall remain the property of the member town. In the event the District wishes to have the school equipment or personal property removed from the building, the District shall give written notice to the member town clerk and the member town shall have thirty (30) days in which to remove the school equipment or personal property. In the event the member town fails to move the school equipment or personal property pursuant to the District's notice, then the District shall have the right to dispose of said school equipment or personal property in accordance with the provisions of any applicable law.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
March 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE TO READ UNDER SECTION 17.5 "AND WOULD SUBSTITUTE 60 DAYS FOR 30 DAYS AND ADD THE WORD CLERK AFTER TOWN.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 18. PROFESSIONAL STAFF/PERSONNEL of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section 18.1, which reads:

Section 18. **PROFESSIONAL STAFF/ PERSONNEL**

18.1 All collectively bargained agreements and all professional staff and school personnel employed presently by the member towns and the Wachusett Regional School District shall be

governed by the provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993 (Chapter 71 of Acts of 1993).

And by renumbering Section 18.2 to be 18.1 and amending it to read as follows:

18.1 Terminal benefits due to professional staff and personnel formerly employed by an individual member town, shall remain the financial obligation of the individual member town, upon severance of service of the employee; provided, however, if a comparable benefit is available at the time of severance of service for the professional staff at the regional school district, then the financial obligation of the individual town shall be limited to the difference in cost, if any, of the terminal benefit.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
February 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 19. EFFECTIVE DATE AND JURISDICTION of the WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT as recommended and approved by the vote of the Regional District School Committee, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

To amend the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement by deleting Section 19.1 and Section 19.2, which read:

Section 19. **EFFECTIVE DATE AND JURISDICTION**

19.1 This amended Agreement shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of each of the member towns at town meetings in each such town and shall thereupon supersede the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement most recently amended by vote of the member towns on May 7, 1997 and validated by Chapters 461, 462, and 463 of the Acts of 1997.

19.2 Within ten (10) days following the latest 1994 annual town meeting of the member towns at which members of the committee are elected, it shall organize and elect officers pursuant to Section 13, and it shall mail by notice of the date upon which the Regional District School Committee shall assume jurisdiction over the education of pupils in grades pre-kindergarten through eight inclusive in the member towns.

And by substituting therefor, the following:

Section 19. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The tuition expense for vocational education for students residing in the Wachusett Regional School District shall be the obligation of the member town in which the students reside.

*Adopted by the Wachusett Regional School District Committee
February 9, 1998*

Article sponsored by: Wachusett Regional School District Committee

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PRECEDING ARTICLE AS WRITTEN.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to put in the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend to take no action.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend to take no action.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof, one of which shall be at the Post Office, as required by By-Laws, seven days at least before day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman
John E. Lucey, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. The Moderator declared a quorum present (176 registered voters signed in).

A report was read by Joseph McKay, Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee (Copies of the report are available in the Selectmen's office). Kevin Quinn, Chairman of the Paxton Center School Building Committee read a progress report on the addition and renovations for the school.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator

June T. Herron, Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to vote at:

PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL

West Street

On Monday, the Eleventh Day of May, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the candidates for the following Town Offices:

Selectboard	Ronald E. Johnson	Three Years
Mun. Light Board	Thomas J. Savage, Sr.	Three Years
Assessor	Robert E. Paulsen, Jr.	Three Years
Water Board	Scott Runstrom	Three Years
Board of Health	David G. Parent	Three Years
Planning Board	Zarvin J. Kasparian	Five Years
Library Trustee	Joan M. Bedard	Three Years
Library Trustee	Charles I. Innis, Jr.	Three Years
Recreation Comm.	Jonathan W. Ely	Five Years
Recreation Comm.	John Glowik	Three Years
Recreation Comm.	Kevin Fulginiti	One Year
Cemetery Comm.	Ross E. Johnson	Three Years

HEREIN FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of April 1998.

Board of Selectmen,
Ronald E. Johnson, Chairman
David F. Jillette, Vice-Chairman
John E. Lucey, Clerk

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast, 773.

June T. Herron, Town Clerk

REPORTS OF THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED BOARDS OF THE TOWN OF PAXTON

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year we continued to strive to improve the way that government serves the people of Paxton. We reinstated several procedures that we feel will bode well for the future of the town.

This year, instead of just renewing the insurance coverage carried by the town, we enlisted the help of a local expert and rewrote our insurance coverage. By submitting the coverage to competitive bidding, we were able to improve the coverage at a lower cost to the town than in prior years.

We appointed a committee to write a personnel handbook which will include a listing of the employee benefits that have been adopted by town meetings, State and Federal laws, pertaining to municipal employment. It also will include uniform job descriptions to be used by our various subdivisions. This will provide for uniform application of the town's personnel regulations, regardless of department.

The report of the Town Government Study Committee was discussed by the Board. It is expected that we will be recommending to the next Annual Town Meeting the Selectboard's part-time secretarial position be converted to a full-time position. By doing so, we can delay the need for a Town Manager.

We also received and discussed the report of the Architect that studied the White Building. He reported that the cost of upgrading the building to usable condition for town offices would be in excess of one million dollars. We feel that this is too much money to expend on a building that was not designed to be used as offices. A new building on the same site could be better designed and would likely be cheaper to build than to renovate the White Building.

Three hearings, one on site, were held to refine the plans to reconstruct Grove Street. The State has been willing to make reasonable accommodations for the abutters, and except for a few disagreements over the removal of some trees, the project appears poised to begin.

Renovations and new construction at the Center School have begun. Your Board has been an active

participant in overseeing the project. We have a representative on the Building Committee and have added the weight of our office, when needed, to urge the Contractor to move more quickly.

Plans for renovations and/or construction of Wachusett Regional High School have also been progressing. Our town has four representatives on the combined School Committee/Building Committee. They have been very active in protecting the interests of the Town of Paxton. We all recognize the crowding at the existing school building, and do not see at this time a way to avoid either renovations, new construction, or both.

This year, as the result of a request of the Friends of Moore State Park, we voted to discontinue the use of a portion of Davis Hill Road that was bordered by the Park. This will allow for more area within the Park so that townspeople and others will be able to enjoy peaceful walks without competing with automobiles for space.

The Police Department building was dedicated to former Police Chief Robert Mortell. Police from throughout the Commonwealth were in attendance at the dedication as a plaque depicting the likeness of Chief Mortell was unveiled.

We wish to thank everyone that took part in making this year a successful year for your town government. Residents should remember that in a small town like ours, most of the government is made up of unpaid volunteers. Others are paid stipends that do not reflect the hours that they devote to their positions. Without their willingness to donate their time to our town, we would be paying higher taxes to pay for professional management. They are this town's finest resource.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Jillette, Chairman
John E. Lucey, Vice-Chairman
Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the Finance Committee recommended and the voters passed a total budget of \$5,742,252 for fiscal year 1999. Although this represented an increase of \$498,048 over the prior year, most of the increase resulted from the estimated cost of borrowing for the addition to Paxton Center School, the cost of purchased water from the City of Worcester and an increase in the regional school budget assessment. The voters also passed special articles totaling \$75,040. We believe that the actions taken at Town Meeting will provide an appropriate level of service within available financial resources.

Included in the total budget voted was a 3% wage increase for town employees and special adjustments for certain employees. While we recognize the importance of adequately compensating those that work for the town, the Finance Committee continues to be concerned with the process for evaluating town positions and the performance of the people filling the positions. As the town grows and the complexities of town government increase, we need to be in a position to attract capable and experienced people and have a system that can assure that we can adequately compensate and recognize performance achievements within financial constraints. To this end, the Finance Committee will be meeting jointly with both the Selectboard and Personnel Advisory Committee to review and define a more formal process to deal with this issue.

Each year, the Finance Committee, in addition to developing an annual budget plan to address the day to day needs of the town, must be ever mindful of long-range capital needs as well. The necessity to replace equipment, adequately maintain town buildings and provide for educational, cultural and recreational needs must be part of our future planning. Issues such as the future building needs of Wachusett Regional High School and upgrading of town recreational facilities will have a significant impact on the future finances of the town.

The Finance Committee remains committed to the need to build up our Stabilization Fund so that monies will be available in future years to reduce the impact of these major capital items. We had recommended adding \$70,000 to this fund at a Special Town Meeting in June, however, due to procedural difficulties this action and several others were not finalized. Building up the balance in this fund remains a high priority for this committee.

Your Finance Committee,
 Lucille DiLeo
 Christian W. deMarcken
 Howard A. Gewandter
 Robert Jacobson
 Evelyn W. Lawler, Secretary
 Eugene A. O'Rourke, Chairman
 Peter Schur
 Jay Snell, Vice-Chairman
 Frederick Sosnoff

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Nine (9) public hearings were held during the 1998 fiscal year pertaining to variances, special permits, and appeals, by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The following is a breakdown of these hearings:

- ❖ Two (2) variances; both approved
- ❖ Six (6) special permits; four (4) approved, two (2) denied
- ❖ One (1) appeal; denied

The board members have been working on trying to get all home and commercial businesses permitted. There has been much discussion regarding fees and the like. The board will be moving forward on this issue during the 1999 fiscal year.

Welcome to a new alternate of the Board of Appeals: Nancy Stangle.

The Board of Appeals meets whenever there is an application completed for a variance, special permit, or appeal.

Anyone wishing to pick up an application form may do so at the Town Hall outside the Town Services Coordinator's office. The fee for an application for a variance/ special permit/appeal is \$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Rubin, Chairman
 Kathleen M. Sears, Vice-Chairman
 Richard J. Dowd
 Richard D. Grensavitch
 John F. Hurley, Jr.
 Frederick G. Goodrich, Alternate
 Robert J. Callahan, Alternate
 Nancy Stangle, Alternate

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

As your Building Inspector, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all persons concerned for the cooperation you have given me this past year. The following is a list of permits issued for FY 1998:

*New Homes	32	*Sheds	7
*Additions	8	*Decks	3
*Alteration/Renovation	10	*Pools: Above ground	4
*Car Garage	3	In ground	4
*Barn	5	*Sun Rooms	1
*Basement Room	3	*Foundation	1
*Porch	3	*Demolish	5
*Finish 2 nd Floor	2	*Tents	1
*Greenhouse	1	*Pumphouse	1
* Permit Renewal	2	*Dormer	2
* Occupancy	29	*Sign	1

Total Number of Permits Issued	94
Total Revenue from Permits Issued	\$16,226.00

Building Permit applications are available at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond V. Kauppila
 Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

As of January 1, 1997, for fiscal year 1998, the total valuation of Paxton's taxable property was \$230,784,718, a net decrease of \$2,666,189, 1.1%.

New construction, additions, and alterations increased the valuation by \$4,336,071. Real estate abatements approved by the Board of Assessors amounted to \$349,000. Re-listing and other adjustments decreased the valuation an additional \$6,020,667.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stone, Jr., Chairman
Susan B. Corcoran
Sherburne B. Rockwell, III

The Assessors office is open 9 a.m. – 12 Noon, Monday through Thursday. The Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Effective July 1, 1997, the cost for cemetery lots and grave openings are as follows:

CEMETERY LOTS:

2 Grave Lot	400.00
3 Grave Lot	600.00
4 Grave Lot	800.00
6 Grave Lot	1,200.00

1 Grave Lot available by special permission.

OPENING GRAVES:

Weekdays	300.00
Weekends	450.00
Holidays	450.00

CREMATION BURIALS:

Weekdays	200.00
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NO CREMATION BURIALS ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS

INFANT BURIALS:

Weekdays	100.00
Weekends	150.00
Holidays	150.00

Lots are available to all town residents and former residents, and may be purchased at the Town Hall from the Town Clerk or Town Services Coordinator. Please call 753-2803. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Cemetery Commissioners
Ross E. Johnson
Yvonne B. Karle, Chairman
Richard H. Sears

REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The Paxton Communications Board is happy to report the activity for the previous year for the Dispatch Center. The Communications Board has been working with the Cable Advisory Committee to enhance the Town's I-net system that was installed to network some of the municipal buildings computers several years ago. The article was passed at the Annual Town Meeting in May '98 and will hopefully be in operation by the year's end.

At our regular meeting on August 17, 1998 the Communications Board appointed Sarah Mello as the new Chief Dispatcher.

The following is the Communications Center activity for fiscal year 1998:

Police	15,060
Fire	998
Medical	142
Dispatch/General Information	6,538
911 Non-Emergency	128
Dept. Public Works	*330
Light Department	*393
Animal Control	463

*Does not include calls made directly to that department.

Respectfully,

Communications Board:

Harold L. Smith, Chairman, Light Dept.
Paul H. Palumbo, Dept. Public Works
Robert B. Desrosiers, Police Dept.
Brian C. Murphy, Fire Dept.
Charles J. Glassbrenner, Water Board
Donald G. Cardinal, Civil Defense, At
Large Member
Richard G. Bedard, At Large Member

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Fiscal Year 1997-1998, the Conservation Commission met monthly and devoted most of its time to ensuring compliance of local projects with the Wetlands Protection Act. During this time the Commission received:

❖ Nine (9) Requests for Determination of Applicability

- ❖ Twenty (20) Notices of Intent
- ❖ Seventeen (17) Certificates of Compliance

Three (3) Enforcement Orders were issued and more than sixty (60) properties were visited by one or more of the members of the Commission to determine whether wetland issues were implicated, to verify wetland delineation, to evaluate proposed wetland replications, or to check for wetland violations. Informal hearings or discussions were held on several parcels. We continue to monitor numerous ongoing projects for compliance. Some members of the Commission participated in workshops designed to improve knowledge of the regulations, especially regarding the new Rivers Act that needs to be enforced.

Previous Commission member Janice Stewart resigned to become an Associate Member and to make room for Rebecca Sullivan. Current members are Inge Baehrecke, Susan Barry, Barbara Berka, Robert Bertin (Vice Chairman), Carol Harris, Robert Stewart (Chairman), and Rebecca Sullivan. Associate members are Matthew Erskine and Janice Stewart.

The Commission continues to meet at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month, the public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stewart, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging provides a service to the residents of Paxton ages 55 and over. The Director is available for consultation and advice regarding referrals on all human services such as housing and legal issues. Podiatry, flu and pneumonia clinics were scheduled.

Educational and entertaining speakers at lunchtime were presented. Our inter-generational program with Paxton Center School students is ongoing. The Paxton Cane, given by Mary Everleth for Paxton Seniors, was presented to Bill King, 36A Highland Street, in February. Volunteer Recognition Day, April 21st, provided an excellent presentation by the New England Theater Group, the resident theatrical company at Anna Maria College.

Doris Porter, COA Director, submitted her resignation effective June 20, 1998. The Board of Directors accepted this with regret and thanked her for her years of service, innovative programs, and generous care for Paxton Seniors.

Continuing services include the SHINE Program (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), Outreach, and Adult Caregivers Group. The Paxton Senior Van is on

the road Monday through Friday for medical appointments, local shopping and banking, special events in Town, and the lunch program at the White Building three times each week.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. McIntyre, Chairman
George Abernathy, Asst. Treasurer
Janice Ahearn
Mary Bobola, Treasurer
Ann Cunningham
Gertrude Grenon
Debra Grensavitch
Pamela Provo
Barbara Whitney, Vice Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council was awarded \$3,100 by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission for 1997-98. The money was distributed in the following ways:

<i>Audio Journal</i> - theatre program for the blind	\$100
<i>Rhonda Litwinowich</i> - Native American Pottery, Project & electric kiln - 4 th Grade PCS	\$420
<i>Montachusett Girl Scout Troop #274</i> - Partial admission to "Crazy for You" at Anna Maria	\$175
<i>Friends of Moore State Park</i> - Performance of "Chuck & Mudd" at Enchanta dedication	\$300
<i>Paxton Council On Aging</i> - Holiday storytelling by Gwen Callahan	\$150
<i>Paxton Center School</i> - PASS award to Boston Ballet for 4 th Grade	\$550
<i>Richards Memorial Library</i> - passes for the following:	
Higgins Armory	\$200
Worcester Art Museum	\$250
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	\$125
Historic Deerfield Museum	\$100
Discovery Museum of Acton	\$500
New England Science Center	\$250
<i>Administration</i>	\$30

We would like to thank Martha Akstin Johnson for many years of service to this organization. She served as treasurer for 6 years, but her term has expired.

Any resident interested in serving on this board should contact Joanne Langer at 755-4567. Terms are two years and can be re-appointed three times.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Langer, Chairman
Jean Urbanowski, Secretary
Martha Akstin, Treasurer
Louise Erskine
Sheila Estabrook
Judy Galbraith

Carrie Grinstead
Joanne Kee
MaryJo Moynihan
Denise Sosnoff

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

During fiscal year 97-98, over 208 various types of calls pertaining to dogs, and 61 various types of calls pertaining to other animals, were handled.

All dogs and cats six months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by April 30th of each year. All dogs must wear a collar and license tag at all times. Lost dogs and their owners are united quicker when they wear license tags.

The Dog Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind all residents that their dog should be restrained at all times. Any owner found in violation of the Dog By-Laws may be punished by a fine for each offense.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Peter Warren, Jr., Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Once more the trend of fewer actual fires continued for another year with no major structure fires. This is in several instances because of early warning provided by detection systems. Detection systems also reported false alarms, normally the cause was the system not being properly cleaned or maintained as recommended by the manufacturer. Automobile accidents represent the largest type of emergency incident to which the department responds. An accident one October evening challenged all the resources of the department, equipment, methods and personnel. Every complication modern automobile design can present was overcome by the unrelenting efforts of the rescue forces in an extrication which took over an hour. It was another demonstration of what a highly skilled and dedicated team this community has at its call.

Training has become the most important component in today's department, and recruitment is most important to the future. As actual incidents decrease, the need to prepare increases. The efforts of Lieutenant Conte in this year's driver/operator certification process have been particularly noteworthy. Guiding several members along this lengthy process, much of it individual training, assures a

pool of qualified operators for all the apparatus. The annual driver re-certification program was also carried out for the existing operators.

Recruitment has been delayed by the new "Wellness" regulations and notwithstanding all the discussion, nothing significant has improved the impact on communities like ours. It is anticipated a recruit class will be called in the fall of 1998.

Fire prevention efforts continue and have increased in several areas. Increased visibility included two visits to the Center School, Halloween activities, Memorial Day and Little League parades, the Horribles Parade, and the fire-works display. Each in its own way presenting the fire safety message to the various elements of the community. The Fire Inspector, Thomas Cunningham, performs not only in the permit process (over 200), but in the fire prevention education of homeowners as well as pre-fire planning data for department plans. The losses prevented before they ever take place can never be calculated.

My report to the Town on the condition of its fire defenses is that it has never been better. The continued support of the community will insure that this remaining vestige of neighbor helping neighbor in time of need will continue and flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS

The First Responders group of the Paxton Fire Department responded to 145 medical emergencies during FY 1998. This represents a slight increase from the previous year. These requests for service ranged from lacerated fingers to cardiac arrests. In January the members of the First Responders assisted with the delivery of a healthy baby boy.

Training for the year consisted of continuing education for medical emergencies, auto extrication, CPR, and defibrillator refreshers.

We would like to thank two members for their years of dedicated service, Michael Putnam and Chuck Pingitore, who stepped down from the First Responder team during FY98.

Michael Benoit, Lieut.	Jay Conte, Lieut., EMT
Thomas Ducharme	Brian Murphy, Chief
Richard Gaffney, Lieut.	Kevin Quinn
Patrick Robinson	Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
Rusty Savignac	Tom Savage, EMT

Tim Pierce, EMT-P

James Olson

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Murphy, Fire Chief

Michael J. Benoit, Lieutenant

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the Fiscal Year 1997-98 the Board of Health witnessed:

21 New Percolation Tests

37 Percolation tests for repairs of existing homes

12 Food Permits

64 Disposal Permits

3 Septic System Complaints

6 Housing Complaints

Recycling: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has mandated that all communities will recycle. They feel our goal should be 50% of our total solid waste and feel it is achievable. Currently, we are recycling approximately 22% of our solid wastes. To achieve the Commonwealth's goals, **all citizens must recycle all recyclables from their waste stream!** To encourage recycling, the Board of Health discussed ideas such as a Town By-Law to mandate recycling, and a "Pay as you throw" type program. The Board welcomes any ideas or suggestions from the citizens of Paxton on this matter.

The Board of Health has received \$200,000 in a Loan Program from the Commonwealth to be used in the repairing of septic systems in the town. We will be lending this money to citizens of the town at a fixed rate of 5 percent (5%). To inquire about the Program, you can call Mr. Bill Hallissey at Central Massachusetts Regional Planning at (508) 756-7717. Applications for the program can be picked up at the Town Services Coordinator's office in Town Hall. To date the Board has secured a total of \$100,000 towards repairs and upgrades of septic systems at low cost interest rates for use by the citizens of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Parent, Chairman

Thomas B. Carroll

Judy A. Hatstat

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Paxton Historical Commission completed two major projects this past fiscal year. The first being, the Center Cemetery inventory was successfully completed with a hand-drawn location map identifying each known grave sight and its marker. This map and its corresponding

inventory card file are located in the Paxton Historical Commission's resource room at the White Building. Any inquiries concerning the cemetery can be directed to the Commission. The second major project completed is the home inventory for the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The inventory has been filed with the MHC in Boston. The next phase of this inventory is underway and efforts are being made to submit this as well.

The Commission hosted its first historic walking tour of the common and Center Cemetery and followed with an open house in October 1997. Although this was successful, the Commission encourages greater attendance in future events.

Artifacts continue to be donated from residents and outside sources, and have been carefully restored and/or preserved.

Open meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building

Respectfully,

Laurie Gardner, Co-Chairman

Jason Fanning, Co-Chairman

Denis Melican

Donna MacLean, Treasurer

Christie Reilly, Secretary

Edward Duane, Associate

Janice Fanning, Associate

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION For the year ending December 31, 1997

During 1997, the Light Department continued to make improvements in the distribution system that serves the residents of Paxton, while expanding in several areas where building of new homes continues.

New underground distribution systems were constructed to feed Hemlock Street and McCann Place in the Paxton Ponds development, and Pierce Circle off Brigham Road. The development of Kettlebrook Golf course necessitated extension of the 3-Phase service on Marshall Street. We were able to remove and reuse the spacer cable that previously ran from the center of town to the Asnebumskit Substation. The spacer cable was then re-installed on Marshall Street to serve the Golf Course.

Davis Hill Road was improved with placement of underground across the top of the hill in order to reduce the chance of service interruptions caused by lightning. Improvements were made to the side streets on the north side of Pleasant Street near the Worcester line. Open wire

secondary was replaced with new triples to reduce potential for outages.

The department replaced the 1989 Ford Bronco and 1989 Chevrolet Pickup with a 1996 Chevy Blazer and a 1997 Chevrolet Pickup. We also purchased a radio frequency line locator for accurate location of existing underground wires.

The department continues to providing billing services to the Town of Paxton Water Department, and is working toward implementation of the electronic meter book and radio read system. FCC licensing problems have delayed the project, and our target date to be on-line is January 1999.

In 1997, the Light Department contributed \$7,220 in services and materials to benefit the Town of Paxton. In addition, 3-Phase service was provided to the new water pumping at no cost for installation. Customers were provided with spring chipping and appliance pickup at a reasonable cost, and the department hosted its fourth Senior Breakfast.

The Light Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome. The Commission is dedicated to providing first rate customer service and top quality power supply at the lowest possible cost. We are trying to meet the demands and requirements of restructuring by seeking new ways to increase efficiency for the benefit of our customers.

In an effort to save space and printing costs, the footnotes and supplemental report of our auditors have been omitted from the town report. The full report is available at the Light Department office which is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Smith, Manager

Paxton Municipal Light Department Balance Sheet – December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
Assets		
Electric Utility Plant		
Distribution Plant, at cost	2,467,783	2,415,538
General Plant, at cost	<u>530,817</u>	<u>529,366</u>
Total Electric Utility Plant	2,998,597	2,944,904
Less: Accumulated		
Depreciation	(2,043,912)	(1,985,091)
Net Electric Utility	<u>945,685</u>	<u>959,813</u>

Other Property and Investments

Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Depreciation Fund	<u>320,352</u>	<u>302,348</u>

Current Assets

Funds on Deposit with Town Treasurer		
Operating Fund	288,783	295,107
Customers' Meter Deposits	26,600	26,000
Petty Cash	200	200
Customer Accounts Receivable	140,051	150,458
Other Accounts Receivable	11,092	11,660
Materials and Supplies		
At average cost	102,803	104,098
Prepayments	<u>631,438</u>	<u>642,663</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,200,967</u>	<u>1,230,186</u>

Deferred Charges

Other Accounts Receivable	<u>19,619</u>	<u>29,855</u>
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Total Assets	<u>\$2,495,623</u>	<u>\$2,522,202</u>
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Paxton Municipal Light Department Balance Sheet – December 31, 1997 and 1996 Capitalization and Liabilities

	1997	1996
Capitalization		
Unappropriated		
Retained Earnings	\$2,257,527	\$2,208,640
Contribution in Aid		
Of Construction	<u>137,511</u>	<u>137,518</u>
Total Capitalization	<u>\$2,395,045</u>	<u>\$2,346,158</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	58,668	135,818
Accrued Expenses	15,200	14,226
Customer Deposits	26,600	26,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>100,578</u>	<u>176,044</u>

Total Capitalization and Liabilities	<u>\$2,495,623</u>	<u>\$2,522,202</u>
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Paxton Municipal Light Department Statements of Income and Unappropriated Retained Earnings For the Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
Operating Income	<u>\$2,226,655</u>	<u>\$2,100,916</u>
Operating Expense		
Operations & Maintenance	2,123,792	1,985,954
Depreciation	<u>117,783</u>	<u>147,987</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,241,575</u>	<u>2,133,941</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(\$14,920)</u>	<u>(\$33,025)</u>
Operating Income (Expense)		
Investment Income	63,113	68,113

Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	2,424	3,565
Interest Expense	(1,734)	(1,576)
Total Other Income (Expense)	63,808	70,102
Net Income	\$48,888	\$27,077
Unappropriated Retained Earnings- Beginning of Year	2,208,639	2,171,562
Unappropriated Retained Earnings- End of Year	\$2,257,527	\$2,208,639

**Paxton Municipal Light Department
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996**

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	1997	1996
Net Income	\$48,888	\$37,077
Adjustments to reconcile Net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	117,783	147,987
Investment Income	(63,118)	(68,113)
Changes in assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Customer Deposits	(600)	1,575
Accounts Receivable:		
Other	10,896	(3,726)
Prepayments	11,225	(3,676)
Materials & Supplies	1,295	(8,497)
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	(77,040)	(41,082)
Customer Deposits	600	(1,575)
Accrued Expenses	974	4,562
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$61,218</u>	<u>\$12,659</u>

Cash Flows from Capital And Related Financing Activities:		
Additions to Plant	(112,656)	(117,805)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Investment Income	63,118	68,113

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,680	(\$37,033)
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Cash & Cash Equivalents -Beginning of Year	597,455	634,488
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Cash & Cash Equivalents -End of Year	\$609,135	\$597,455
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Supplemental Disclosures of

Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$1,734</u>	<u>\$1,576</u>

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

As the 1998 Fiscal Year ends, the Planning Board would like to report the following activity in subdivision development. The following subdivisions have been ongoing in town:

- Oaks at Sunderland, Inc., building off Brigham Road
- Paxton Ponds, building off Marshall Street
- Muir Farms, building off Nipmuc Road and Pleasant Street
- Forestdale; at the end of Forestdale Road

As you know, work continues at the Kettlebrook Golf Course being constructed by Moss Development off Marshall Street.

The Board has been extremely busy acting on APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED (ANR) lots throughout the fiscal year.

The Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard J. Pentland and Zarvin W. Kasparian for their years of service to the Town of Paxton on the Planning Board. We appreciate the knowledge they have shared with us, and we will feel the loss of their involvement.

The Paxton Planning Board has been working through this fiscal year to develop a checklist for use with ANR plans, as well as Preliminary and Definitive Subdivision applications. We have also been working to establish a written inspection form for use by the DPW Superintendent.

Christian Baehrecke has been working diligently on a Watershed Bylaw with the help of CMRPC. We anticipate that a warrant article should be ready for the next Annual Town Meeting.

In addition the Board has been working to update the current list of Accessory Use Apartments in the Town by sending out questionnaire to possible use owners.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone desiring to be on the agenda for a meeting must submit their request, *in writing*, 48 hours prior to the meeting with the Town Services Coordinator at the Town Hall. If you have questions, the Town Services Coordinator can be reached at (508) 753-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Bik, Chairman
Christian S. Baehrecke, Vice-
Chairman
Gordon Szczepanek, Secretary
Neil Bagdis
Zarvin Kasparian

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for the cooperation you have given to me this past year. The following is a list of the gas and plumbing permits that I have issued for Fiscal Year 1998:

➤ Gas	13
➤ Plumbing	67

Total permits issued	80
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Revenue for Plumbing:	\$3,350
Revenue for Gas:	\$ 650

Anyone wishing to pick up a Gas/Plumbing permit application may do so at the Town Hall. The applications are available outside the Town Services Coordinator's office. The fee for Gas/Plumbing permits is \$50.00. Please note that new and renovated property **must be** inspected by law for plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Hamey,
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal year 1998 has been a very busy and positive year for our Police Department. As in past years, our department has put much emphasis on training and community policing.

In addition to our monthly department training meetings, our officers have taken courses and attended seminars on such topics as: Accident Investigation, DEA Narcotic Training, Domestic Violence, Incident Command, Defensive Tactics, Basic Auto Theft, Patrol Procedures, Gang Activity, Firearms Licensing, and Domestic Terrorism. During this year, two of our officers have become MCJTC certified instructors: one as an instructor of Defensive Tactics, one as an instructor in Physical Fitness. Training provides the officers with essential tools needed to handle the variety of calls encountered on a day to day basis.

The talks/lectures and programs given by our officers evidence our continuing commitment to community policing.

Our officers have presented lectures on public safety awareness, alcohol/drug awareness, under age drinking, and field sobriety to students at Anna Maria college. Our department has been involved with the students at Paxton Center School as well. The police department was invited to take part in Community Reading Day. Students in K-5 received a reflective Halloween bag containing a candy bar and a list of Halloween safety tips. A bicycle safety program was conducted for the Friends of Richards Memorial Library; each child received a gift certificate for the purchase of a new bicycle helmet. Also, our department has implemented a firearm safety course for town residents.

Other community projects included the 1st Annual D.A.R.E. Fair, which took place in June, and the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.

Another commitment of the Police Department during this fiscal year was our D.A.R.E. Program. After a few unfortunate setbacks, I am happy to say that the D.A.R.E. Program will be in full swing for the upcoming school year (1998-1999). In March of 1998 Sgt. Desrosiers successfully completed D.A.R.E. officer training. As part of our D.A.R.E. Program, several officers chaperoned a field trip to Water Country in New Hampshire for the 5th graders at Paxton Center School. Sgt. Desrosiers will be teaching D.A.R.E. to the 5th and 6th graders beginning in October 1998.

As you can see, the Paxton Police Department has spent FY1998 learning, teaching, and getting involved with its community. Our emphasis has been and will continue to be - on our community. We want our efforts to help Paxton maintain its solid community atmosphere.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

Abandoned Auto	6
Accident (Hit & Run)	11
Accident (Personal Injury)	15
Accident (Property Damage)	65
Alarm Burglar/Holdup	282
Assault	3
Breaking/Entering/Attempt	7
Breaking/Entering (Residential)	13
Disabled Motor Vehicles Assisted	239
Disturbance Calls (General)	55
Disturbance (Loud Noise)	19
Domestic Abuse Incidents/Restraining Orders	29
General Police	5006
House Checks	150

Larceny	26
Lockouts/Auto/Home	66
Medical Emergencies	142
Mental Health/Section 12	10
Missing Persons	12
Motor Vehicle Stop	2085
Motor Vehicle Theft	5
Mutual Aid Area P.D.'s	62
O.U.I. Arrests	20
Open Door/Window	20
Plate or License Status Inquiries	1203
Property (Lost/Found)	37
Protective Custody	1
Public Service General	70
Rubbish/Dumping	8
Runaways	1
Sex Offenses	1
Soliciting	116
Summons	27
Suspicious Auto	210
Suspicious Other	64
Suspicious Persons	60
Telephone Complaints (Annoying/ Harassing)	17
Threats/Harassment	4
Traffic Safety	84
Unattended Deaths	2
Vandalism	25
Warrant Activity	9
911 Silent/Hang Up/Abandoned	128

A total of \$28,678.32 was generated and returned to the Town of Paxton as a result of report requests, parking tickets, permits, citations, and court prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Ahearn
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This year we were able to secure State and Federal funds to do a complete reconstruction of Grove Street, from Route 122 to Sunset Lane. This was accomplished by utilizing Chapter 90 money to pay for an engineering design which is required by the State. The project is expected to cost approximately \$850,000. The "Blacktop Program" also allowed us to resurface the entire Indian Hill Road development. After installing drainage, we also resurfaced a portion on Nanigian Road and completed the entire Walbridge Road neighborhood.

As of January, we made our connection to the City of Worcester for all of our drinking water needs. This was a great effort by the Town to meet our Federal requirement to distribute filtered water to our consumers.

Our department hopes for a normal winter season, but with an El Nino anything is possible and we will be ready when it hits.

As always we would like to thank the residents for their understanding and co-operation throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H. Palumbo, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Winter Programs:

Included Wachusett Ski Program, Gymnastics, Dance, Karate, Step Aerobics, Instructional Basketball and Winter Basketball Leagues. The basketball leagues were so popular we may add a tournament next season.

Summer Programs/Improvements:

- Outdoor Basketball Program: Improvements include a new playing surface and new lights.
- Tennis Program: Improvements include new tennis net.
- Summer Camp: Improvements include a coat of paint on the town pool and new lawn equipment. We are proud to report that this year we provided summer jobs to 49 Paxton teenagers. The experience of being a summer counselor builds maturity, responsibility, and self-confidence for our teens. Other summer camp statistics include:

Day Camp Attendance	182
Teen Outing	15
Tennis Lessons	36
Swim Lessons	107
Season Pool Passes	67
Pool Attendance (estimated)	4000

Note: This year although we raised fees significantly in an attempt to make recreation activities more self-funding attendance remained the same.

- Town Field Improvements: Upgrading minor league baseball diamond, adding topsoil, lime, seed and fertilizer to the soccer field. We also worked with the Paxton Youth Sports, Inc., planning the future for new playing fields. Our thanks go to the many volunteers from Baseball, Soccer, Paxton Light Dept., Selectboard, Public Works Dept, Town Hall Staff, Police Dept., Sons of Paxton and the Paxton Center School for making this a great year for Paxton Recreation Programs!

Respectfully,

Jonathan W. Ely

Kevin J. Fulginiti
John P. Glowik, Jr.
Andrew Serrato
Kenneth Wagoner, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee goals for FY 98 were met as follows:

- In March, the Selectboard adopted a "Buy Recycled" policy for the Town departments.
- In May, the Board of Health adopted a policy of enforcing the exclusion of leaves and yard waste from the Solid Waste Stream (trash).
- Button batteries and rechargeable Ni-cad batteries are collected at the Town Hall, Light Dept., and Senior Center.
- In October and May, the EARTHDAY collections were held in Holden and many Paxton residents availed themselves of the opportunity to get rid of many of the "hard to dispose of" items – paint, pesticides, and other hazardous items, along with tires, auto batteries, propane tanks, appliances, furniture, paper, plastics, bicycles, and scrap metal. Construction and demolition materials were also collected. All this was a collaboration of seven Wachusett towns.
- A Hazardous Waste only collection was held in Sterling in May, and several Paxtonites took advantage of it.
- The collection of trash and recyclables by BFI continues with a minimum of problems.

The Recycling Committee would like to thank THE LANDMARK of Holden, Richard Hafey of the TELEGRAM & GAZETTE, and the PAXTON LIONS CLUB and their PAXTONotes for helping to keep the residents of Paxton informed. We would also like to thank the BARRE SAVINGS BANK for sponsoring Paxton's E-CALL recycling message (1-800-800-6881) and the Paxton Cable Committee for showing recycling videos every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Recycling Committee continues to work with the Board of Health to address the disposal needs of the residents of Paxton.

Any resident interested in, or with concerns about recycling should check the Town Hall for the meeting dates or contact one of the committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Herron, Chairman
Diane Dillman
George Friedman
Harold Slovin

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law.

New Totals July 27, 1998

Republican	435
Democrat	559
Libertarian	2
Unenrolled	1459
Total	2455

Voting is held in the Cafeteria of the Paxton Center School which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is also accessible for Voter Registration.

In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk at 799-7347 for an appointment; the Registrars will go to a voter's home to facilitate voting.

Board of Registrars

Ann F. Cunningham, Chairman
Ella Beach
Jean M. McIntyre
June T. Herron, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustees meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the library.

We had another record year with circulation increasing over 12% to 78,787. During the year we registered 346 new patrons, bringing us to a total of 2,641 registered patrons. Our collection now includes 28,858 materials; including books, videos, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, games, CD's, and CD-ROM's.

The Homework Center, funded last year through a grant, continues to be used for homework most afternoons. It is staffed by a loyal cadre of volunteer homework coaches 12 hours a week. These coaches include not only interested parents, but high school students as well.

We have begun building a collection of financial reference materials. Thanks to a donation from the Friends, we were able to add a subscription to Morningstar. This joins the existing subscription to Value Line. These are non-circulating materials available whenever the library is open.

Funds from the Paxton Cultural Council provided passes to New England Science Center, Higgins Armory,

Worcester Art Museum, The Discovery Museums, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and Historic Deerfield. The Friends have purchased a pass to the Boston Museum of Science, and contributions from the donation jar have purchased passes to the Roger Williams Zoo, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, and Fruitlands Museums. All of these passes are available to be checked out of the library and used for admission to these museums.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Porter, Librarian

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Bids for the renovation and expansion of Paxton Center School were received in January 1998, after having been rejected in June 1997 as uncompetitive. It was the assessment of the School Building Committee that the 1997 bid prices were too high as a result of the overheated construction market. Many school projects are underway in the area, causing a shortage of public building contractors. Many local contractors were too busy to even bid the project and other contractors bid the work uncompetitively. The Building Committee elected to re-bid the Project in January, when contractors are more actively seeking work. As a result, the project bids were approximately a half million dollars lower than the original bid, but still nearly one half million dollars over the project budget. In order to execute a contract for the project, it was necessary to reduce the scope of work, by eliminating work items without which the building could still operate. Items including a movable partition in the gym, the replacement of the east entrance canopy, replacement of existing windows, and re-paving the parking area were deleted from the work. A contract for the project was awarded to Mello Construction of Taunton, in the amount of \$5,137,100.00.

School construction got underway in March 1998. Poor weather contributed to delays in the early site work, as did the uncovering of insulation containing asbestos in areas not previously identified. By late May, the Contractor was two weeks behind schedule, and heavy rains in June pushed the work further behind. It was possible, if not likely, that the entire building, including the existing school, would not be ready for occupancy for September. In July, the Building Committee directed the Contractor to concentrate his efforts on restoring the existing school to habitable condition, and to complete the Middle School Wing (the new section of the building) as soon as possible thereafter. It was necessary to enact plans to house all children within the existing school (and not in the new Middle School Wing), and to initiate contingency plans for sending children to alternate locations in the event the Contractor failed to restore the existing school to occupiable condition. Work (of this phase) in the existing building was completed early

in September, causing the opening of school to be delayed two days. The Paxton School Building Committee wishes to convey its gratitude to the Paxton Center School staff, custodians, teachers, parents and grandparents who gave hours of work at the last minute to help get the Paxton Center School ready for opening.

The Building Committee will submit warrant articles before the next Town Meeting to restore portions of work deleted from the project, including the replacement of existing windows and paving of the parking area to the project. Clearly, the function of the School will not be shortchanged if the Town elects not to restore these items; however, the utility of them is undeniable. It is the recommendation of the School Building Committee that the Town of Paxton approve the restoration of these items to the budget.

As of this writing the project continues to move toward final completion for Fall 1999. The Town of Paxton can expect to receive a durable, functional school.

The School Building Committee invites citizens to attend any of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Quinn, Chairman
Paul (Peter) Belsito
Gerard Bernier
Patrick Bessette
Robin Carroll
Thomas Cunningham
Caroline Ely

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Nine new trees were planted: four Sugar Maples, three Crimson King Maples, and two Locusts. All plantings are followed up by checking for their health, secured staking, and general appearance.

Many (16) of our older, mature trees were removed. The ice conditions added additional unscheduled work for this department. The Asnebumskit area took a major beating along with Grove Street, Holden Road, Maple Street, and Richards Avenue.

There is still a great amount of work to be done removing dead and broken limbs in these areas which will be our next goal.

Thank you,

Patrick Smith, Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE WATER BOARD

In addition to the normal operations, the Water Department accomplished two major goals this year.

First, the new pumping station on Pleasant Street was completed, and we are now receiving our water from Worcester. This achievement provides all Paxton customers with high-quality, filtered water that was recently ranked the best in the State. In addition, this accomplishment has led to the lifting of the moratorium on new water connections, and will help to protect the Town reservoir, which had fallen to record low levels last year.

Secondly, the Water Department purchased new, more accurate, electronic water meters this year and has recently received FCC approval for the radio system that allows the meters to be read from the street. The Department is now in the process of installing these meters for all Paxton customers. These new meters will help to reduce costs by allowing the department to better control losses, and reducing the time required to read meters. It will also assure customers of more accurate water billing.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Thompson, Co-Chairman
David Trulson, Co-Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

Permits issued to Paxton Light Department for temporary and permanent electricity:

New Homes	32
Service Change	48
Security Systems	8
Wire Additions	23
Wire Oil Burner	8
Wire Sewer Pump	9

Total inspections for Fiscal 1998 128
Total revenue for permits issued \$3,820

Applications for wiring permits can be obtained at the Town Hall. The fee schedule for wiring permits is also available at the Town Hall.

Please be prepared to show an electrician's license for us to copy, and have a current insurance certificate.

The Wiring Inspector may be reached at his home between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at (508) 754-6136.

All wiring, whether done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, requires, by law, that the individual must apply for a permit and inspections in order to protect lives and/or property.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Lederer, Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

RECEIPTS

Taxes & Excises	4,382,444.51
Proceeds of Notes	105,000.00
Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes	9,661,860.84
Performance Bonds Held	105,000.00
Driveway Bonds Held	15,000.00
Water Department	240,113.57
Revolving Accounts:	
Fisheries & Wildlife	4,690.50
Police Parking Tickets	37.00
Police Private Duty	11,326.48
Police DARE Grants/Gifts	7,467.70
Upper Blackstone Water District Recreation	72.00
Title V Septic Program	43,755.95
Title V Repayments & Interest	13,204.91
WPAT Title V Betterments	18,046.76
Cable TV	15,000.00
State Aid	5,605.06
Deputy Collector fees	425,415.00
Employee Withholdings	3,684.00
Highway Loans	159,781.57
Special Revenue Funds:	221,493.51
Historical Commission	15.00
Recycling Grant	1,544.00
Conservation	1,147.50
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	2,786.00
Elder "Project We Care"	4,515.74
Arts Lottery	3,410.07
Library State Aid	6,297.37
Special Articles:	
Radio Read Water Meters	210,250.00
Capital Projects Funds:	
PCS Renovations & Addition	34,408.80
Local Receipts:	
General Government Fees	173,302.47
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	28,651.32
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,450.00
Collector/Treasurer Interest	143,769.81
Tax Title Interest	5,187.53
Tax Title Offset Charges	100.92
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	2,185.50
Interest on Real Estate & Personal Property	13,026.19
Interest on Water Accounts	3,149.38
Paxton Light Department	2,321,247.25
Paxton Electric Light Liens	1,883.52
Paxton Electric Light Sale of Scrap	1,773.08
Paxton Electric Light Meter Deposit Recv	5,400.00
Paxton Electric Light Interest	32,285.86
Offset to Appropriations	7,666.77
Trust Funds:	
Library Investment Income	6,174.62
V.E. Howland Investment Income	98.43

MED Center of Central MA	17,330.00
Cemetery Investment Income	9,184.10
Hazel Gay School Fund	50.00
E.D. Bigelow School Fund	56.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	18,482,383.23
DISBURSEMENTS	
Taxes & Excise Refunds	19,771.91
Motor Vehicle Interest Refunded	0.30
Encumbered Funds	9,717.80
Worcester County Retirement System	71,957.92
County Tax	6,461.27
Tax Title	578.82
Notes Payable	585,000.00
Bond Anticipations Notes	2,600,000.00
Revolving Accounts:	
Title V Septic Program	31,955.60
Title V Repayments & Interest	5,000.00
Fisheries & Wildlife	4,690.50
Police Private Duty	10,304.69
Police DARE Grants/Gifts	6,819.65
Police Special Grants/Gifts	609.80
Upper Blackstone Waste District	276.00
Cable TV	2,064.41
Recreation	48,635.28
Special Revenue Funds:	
Highway Loans	303,662.01
Library State Aid	2,734.43
Elder Affairs Formula	2,105.20
Elder "Project We Care"	453.92
Arts Lottery	2,220.00
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	421.35
Deputy Collector Fees	3,684.64
Driveway Bonds Refunded	4,500.00
Local Receipts Refunded	1,060.15
Cemetery Perpetual Care	6,450.00
Employee Withholdings	159,813.57
Paxton Light Department	2,339,709.05
Paxton Electric Light Meter Deposit Refunds	4,725.00
Special Articles:	
Fire Breathing Apparatur A19/97	5,998.00
Fire Rescue Tools	5,000.00
Police Signage	1,000.00
Police Cruisers	25,460.85
Wentworth Pool Repairs A3/95	3,453.46
COA Building Plans for Renovation	7,840.00
Recreation Fields A2/93	1,866.90
Radio Read Water Meters	115,483.91
Highway One Ton Truck	24,438.00
Highway 1/2 Ton Truck	19,287.00
Highway Grader Repairs A2/96	1,173.52
Dispatch Center	2,700.00
Animal Control Officer A5/96	355.57
By-law Update	1,000.00

Recreation Maintenance Worker	2,054.56		Transfers/ Receipts	Expended
Capital Projects Funds:				
PCS Renovations & Addition	1,393,067.13	Water Department	481,925.00	473,068.10
Worcester Water Pumping Station	462,209.87	Board of Health	2,673.90	2,643.40
Trust Funds:		Sanitary Inspector	7,492.00	7,492.00
V.E. Howland Interest for Library Oper.	780.82	Inspector of Animals	400.00	400.00
Library Investment Income	5,841.89	Memorial Health Care	1,500.00	1,500.00
Cemetery Investment Income	16,022.23	Council on Aging	29,966.00	29,966.00
Hazel Gay School Fund	50.00	Veteran's Services	4,727.68	4,697.68
MED Center of Central MA	15,000.00	Library	96,196.54	96,196.54
Appropriations	4,867,941.63	Recreation	58,492.00	58,492.00
		Historical Commission	250.00	198.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	13,187,947.76	Celebrations	1,925.00	1,469.30
		Debt Service Principal & Int.	423,131.00	350,197.57
		Employee Retirement &		
		Health Insurance	187,378.44	156,590.71
		Wachusett Reg. School Dist.	2,749,850.00	2,682,350.00
		Reserve Fund	50,000.00	33,765.32

APPROPRIATIONS

	Transfers/ Receipts	Expended		
Moderator	215.00	150.00	TOTALS	\$5,672,985.52 \$5,439,108.71
Selectboard	22,708.96	22,617.00		
Town Services Coordinator	33,208.75	29,614.10		
Finance Board	1,145.00	1,055.00		
Town Accountant	19,019.00	18,389.56		
Assessors	39,896.00	38,174.15		
Town Treasurer	26,259.00	25,733.71		
Town Collector	27,361.00	26,878.13		
Legal	23,200.52	23,200.52		
Personnel Board	100.00	100.00		
Regional Planning Assessment	750.00	725.22		
Town Clerk	8,716.00	8,508.40		
Elections	1,400.00	1,358.47		
Registrars	2,183.00	1,707.99		
Conservation Committee	1,581.00	851.50		
Planning Board	725.00	567.00		
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,316.39	1,266.39		
Public Property & Bldg. Maint.	23,151.00	23,151.00		
Insurance & Bonds	55,000.00	49,804.00		
Town Reports & Warrants	3,350.00	2,674.79		
Town Clock	357.00	215.99		
Police Department	387,926.19	379,273.95		
Fire Department	106,748.57	95,352.25		
Ambulance Service Contract	9,600.00	9,600.00		
First Responders	20,600.00	20,234.70		
Building Inspector	5,714.00	5,599.34		
Plumbing Inspector	2,667.50	2,667.50		
Electrical Inspector	2,892.00	2,842.00		
Civil Defense	100.00	100.00		
Animal Control Officer	5,426.38	5,426.38		
Forestry	900.00	900.00		
Tree Warden	3,752.00	3,581.11		
Communications Center	107,737.00	105,508.23		
Department of Public Works	442,951.53	443,832.82		
Streetlighting	17,520.00	17,520.00		
Refuse Collection/Recycling	170,900.17	170,900.17		

TOWN OF PAXTON
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1998

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Accounts		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long Term Dept	TOTALS
ASSETS						
Cash & Short Term Investments	6,860,887.22			396,253.94		7,257,141.16
Investments				6,426.00		6,426.00
Taxes Receivable - Real Estate, Liens, Personal Property	138,968.87					138,968.87
Allowance For Abatements & Exemptions	-19,202.03					-19,202.03
Taxes Receivable - Motor Vehicles All Years	16,016.59					16,016.59
Department Receivables - Water	22,111.77					22,111.77
- Paxton Light	127,798.81					127,798.81
Interfund Receivables		122,503.32	4,596,506.94	147,975.28		4,866,985.54
Amount To Be Provided For Long Term Debt					405,000.00	405,000.00
Due From Comm. of Massachusetts (Highway Loans)		164,891.63				164,891.63
TOTAL ASSETS	7,146,581.23	287,394.95	4,596,506.94	550,655.22	405,000.00	12,986,138.34
LIABILITIES						
Notes Payable	390,250.00					390,250.00
PCS School Addition			6,404,000.00			6,404,000.00
Worcester Water Connection						
Tax Title	9,990.10					
Warrants Payable - Encumbered Funds 96F	140,939.61					140,939.61
Payroll Deductions	50.00					50.00
Other Liabilities	19,110.91					19,110.91
Performance Bonds				105,000.00		105,000.00
Interfund Payables	4,866,985.54					4,866,985.54
Deferred Revenues	285,694.01					285,694.01
Bonds & Notes Payable					405,000.00	405,000.00
Paxton Light Reserve For Meter Deposits	27,075.00					27,075.00
Temporary Highway Loans Due Bank		145,419.00				145,419.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,740,095.17	145,419.00	6,404,000.00	105,000.00	405,000.00	12,799,514.17
FUND BALANCES						
Reserved Trust Funds				395,826.68		395,826.68
Reserved Other		141,975.95				141,975.95
Reserved For Utility Operation, Depreciation & Construction	598,345.49					598,345.49
Reserved For Stabilization				49,828.54		49,828.54
Reserved For Free Cash Tax Rate Reduction 99F	0.00					0.00
Reserved For Articles Voted At 5/98 ATM	77,340.00					77,340.00
Reserved For Free Cash Used to Fund 99F Budget	215,844.00					215,844.00
Continuing Appr. Designated for Future Years	131,935.39		-1,807,493.06			-1,675,557.67
Undesignated Fund Balance	383,021.18					383,021.18
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,406,486.06	141,975.95	-1,807,493.06	445,655.22	0.00	186,624.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	7,146,581.23	287,394.95	4,596,506.94	550,655.22	405,000.00	12,986,138.34

TABLE 1
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES:	FY98	% INC.	FY97	% INC.	FY96
Appropriations to be raised	\$5,146,548.00		\$4,878,505.00		\$4,485,722.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$194,848.00		\$139,686.00		\$90,857.00
Offset Items	\$6,198.00		\$6,242.00		\$17,997.00
Retirement	\$100,542.00		\$94,929.00		\$82,387.00
State Tax & Assessments	\$35,042.00		\$38,416.00		\$43,321.00
Tax Title	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$5,000.00
Overlay	\$44,560.07		\$94,718.50		\$33,243.16
Deficits Prior Years	\$0.00		\$5,984.52		\$0.00
Final Court Judgements	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Gross Amount to Be Raised	\$5,532,738.07	5.2%	\$5,260,481.02	10.5%	\$4,758,527.16
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$430,573.00		\$383,225.00		\$348,474.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$372,000.00		\$346,000.00		\$340,000.00
Water Department	\$250,000.00		\$152,000.00		\$161,000.00
Other Local Receipts	\$207,300.00		\$222,000.00		\$167,000.00
Available Funds - Revenue Sharing	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$293,322.00		\$414,686.00		\$130,884.00
Available Funds - Other	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$1,553,195.00	203.0%	\$1,517,911.00	32.3%	\$1,147,358.00
Net Amount to Be Raised	\$3,979,543.07	6.3%	\$3,742,570.02	3.6%	\$3,611,169.16
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$3,981,832.00	4.3%	\$3,819,226.00	3.3%	\$3,696,189.00
VALUATIONS:					
Real Estate	\$226,762,000.00		\$230,134,700.00		\$227,192,300.00
Personal Property	\$4,022,718.00		\$3,316,207.00		\$3,280,965.00
Total Taxable Property	\$230,784,718.00	-1.1%	\$233,450,907.00	1.3%	\$230,473,265.00
TAX RATES:					
Residential	\$17.82	10.7%	\$16.10	2.3%	\$15.74
Open Space	\$15.55		\$12.88		\$12.60
Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property	\$17.24		\$16.03		\$15.67

TABLE II
EXEMPTIONS, ABATEMENTS, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

EXEMPTIONS:	FY98		FY97		FY96	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	8	\$1,400.00	6	\$1,050.00	5	\$875.00
Caluse 22: Veterans	39	\$9,750.00	40	\$6,825.00	39	\$6,825.00
Clause 37: Blind	6	\$2,625.00	8	\$3,500.00	7	\$3,062.50
Clause 41: Elderly	15	\$7,500.00	16	\$8,000.00	18	\$9,000.00
Clause 41A Deferred Taxes	1	\$1,157.15	1	\$1,153.47	1	\$1,116.50
Clause 42	1	\$4,216.32	1	\$3,152.38		
Total	70	\$26,648.47	72	\$23,680.85	70	\$20,879.00
ABATEMENTS:						
Real Estate	12	\$3,487.12	14	\$5,457.90	10	\$9,113.77
Personal Property	1	\$11.81	1	\$160.30	1	\$156.70
Farm Animal Excise	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	314	\$21,433.61	167	\$8,889.66	223	\$10,719.17
Total	327	\$24,932.54	182	\$14,507.86	234	\$19,989.64
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE BILLS:						
Bills Processed	4200	\$405,457.78	4078	\$375,478.75	3974	\$347,527.74
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$384,024.17		\$366,589.09		\$336,808.57

TABLE III
PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION

	FY97	FY97	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	%
Residential	\$214,544,300.00	\$217,919,100.00	(\$3,374,800.00)	-1.5%
Open Space	\$4,596,000.00	\$4,730,900.00	(\$134,900.00)	-2.9%
Commercial	\$5,279,900.00	\$5,400,200.00	(\$120,300.00)	-2.2%
Industrial	\$2,341,800.00	\$2,084,500.00	\$257,300.00	12.3%
Personal Property	\$4,022,718.00	\$3,316,207.00	\$35,242.00	21.3%
Total Taxable Property	\$230,784,718.00	\$233,450,907.00	(\$3,337,458.00)	-1.1%
Exempt Property	\$28,159,200.00	\$27,101,000.00	\$1,058,200.00	3.9%
Total Valuation	\$258,943,918.00	\$260,551,907.00	(\$1,607,989.00)	-0.6%

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle

Outstanding July 1, 1997	2,867.19	
Recommitted	1,759.26	
Collected		1,990.82
Abated		2,635.63
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$4,626.45</u>	<u>\$4,626.45</u>

1996 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	4,123.28	
Committed	1,315.85	
Refunded	280.10	
Collected		2,300.60
Abated		3,418.63
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$5,719.23</u>	<u>\$5,719.23</u>

1997 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	11,165.06	
Committed	59,223.53	
Refunded	6,454.82	
Collected		65,230.33
Abated		6,340.96
Outstanding June 30, 1998		5,272.12
	<u>\$76,843.41</u>	<u>\$76,843.41</u>

1998 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	343,159.14	
Refunded	2,687.99	
Collected		326,064.27
Abated		9,038.39
Outstanding June 30, 1998		10,744.47
	<u>\$345,847.13</u>	<u>\$345,847.13</u>

1998 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes

Committed	7,513.19	
Collected		7,513.19
	<u>\$7,513.19</u>	<u>\$7,513.19</u>

1998 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

Committed	628.50	
Collected		628.50
	<u>\$628.50</u>	<u>\$628.50</u>

1998 Fiscal Light Liens

Committed	1,975.02	
Collected		1,883.52
Tax Title		91.50
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$1,975.02</u>	<u>\$1,975.02</u>

1998 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 1997	183.67	
Committed	1,073.10	
Collected		1,256.77
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$1,256.77</u>	<u>\$1,256.77</u>

1995 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	21.25	
Collected		21.25
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$21.25</u>	<u>\$21.25</u>

1996 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	72.29	
Collected		0.00
Outstanding June 30, 1998		72.29
	<u>\$72.29</u>	<u>\$72.29</u>

1997 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	3,002.36	
Collected		1,840.19
Outstanding June 30, 1998		1,162.17
	<u>\$3,002.36</u>	<u>\$3,002.36</u>

1998 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	69,351.65	
Refunded	48.77	
Collected		66,770.47
Abated		11.81
Outstanding June 30, 1998		2,618.14
	<u>\$69,400.42</u>	<u>\$69,400.42</u>

1996 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	113.50	
Collected		113.50
Outstanding June 30, 1998		0.00
	<u>\$113.50</u>	<u>\$113.50</u>

1997 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 1997	72,840.78	
Collected		54,775.98
Tax Title		17,204.21
Outstanding June 30, 1998		860.59
	<u>\$72,840.78</u>	<u>\$72,840.78</u>

1998 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	3,910,330.08	
Refunded	10,300.23	
Collected		3,833,222.01
Abated		28,978.44
Deferred		1,157.15
Tax Title		11,493.03
Outstanding June 30, 1998		45,779.68
	<u>\$3,920,630.31</u>	<u>\$3,920,630.31</u>

1998 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	15,211.39
Interest Received From Collector's Acct	3,644.62
Interest Received on Water Receipts	3,149.38
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	6,150.00
Parking Fees	37.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	4,284.00
Return Check Fees	125.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	640.00
Water & Electric Lien Fees	400.00
Deputy Collector Fees	3,684.64

Water Department Receipts

Readings	237,555.12
Installation and Repairs	1,301.68

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday Evening 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne L. Savignac
Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Operating Cash

Balance, July 1, 1997	1,566,451.75
Receipts for the Year	18,482,108.23
Payments for the Year	(13,187,672.76)
Balance, June 30, 1998	6,860,887.22

Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 1998

Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	6,338,834.57
NOW Accounts	(75,452.58)
Money Market Accounts	490,208.30
Agency Accounts	107,296.93
Total	6,860,887.22

Interest and Dividend Income

Town Operating	137,828.26
Electric Depreciation	14,480.16
Agency Accounts	2296.93
Cemetery	9,184.10
Library	6,273.05
Tax Title	5,187.53
Title V - Special Revenue	1,245.39
Other	2,122.82
Total	178,618.24

Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 1998

	Non-Spendable	Spendable
Richards Memorial Library:		
Trust (Book Value)	47,927.13	0.00
V. Howland Library Trust	10,000.00	0.00
Other Library Trusts	19,313.08	0.00
Cemetery Trusts	180,069.61	0.00
Village Improvements	1,000.00	1,906.43
C. D. Boyton Poor Fund	1,000.00	9,983.07
C. D. Boyton Gen. Purpose	7,675.00	34,306.49
Stabilization	0.00	49,828.54
Income from WWII War Bonds	0.00	4,098.14
Conservation	0.00	27,753.30
Bigelow School Book Fund	1,000.00	0.00
AT&T Library Stock		
(Book Value)	4,627.36	0.00
Lucent Technology Library Stock		
(Book Value)	1,798.64	0.00
Hazel Gay Fund	393.15	0.00
Total	\$274,803.97	\$127,875.97

OUTSTANDING DEBT - JUNE 30, 1997

	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Total
Rescue Truck	2005	\$105,000.00	\$22,050.00	\$127,050.00
School Roof Repair	2004	\$155,000.00	\$34,237.50	\$189,237.50
1994 Multi-Purpose	2000	\$120,000.00	\$14,341.50	\$134,341.50
Town Hall Land	1999	\$25,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$28,750.00
TOTALS		\$405,000.00	\$74,379.00	\$479,379.00

The above debt figures do not include \$210,250 which was voted for borrowing at the May 5, 1997 Annual Town Meeting or \$548,000 which was voted for borrowing at the May 20, 1996 Annual Town Meeting or \$4,750,000 for School Building Addition and Renovation which was voted for borrowing at the March 18, 1996 Special Town Meeting or \$1,746,000 for additional School Building Construction which was voted for borrowing at the Special Town Meeting of November 12, 1996.

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE JULY 1, 1997	\$44,473.74	
COMMITTED 1998F	\$31,314.36	
TAX POSSESSION		\$5,811.19
COLLECTED		\$21,973.40
OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1997		\$48,003.51
	\$75,788.10	\$75,788.10

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Savignac
Town Treasurer

PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL

Joanne Cabrera	25,839.88
Susan Carpenter	3,433.93
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Susan Corcoran	10,935.00
Francis Fanning	100.00
Francis Ford	150.00
Charles Glassbrenner	225.00
Timothy Hackett	200.00
Dennis Hamey	2,105.00
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	25,894.00
David Jillette	1,262.00
Ronald Johnson	1,536.00
Raymond Kauppila	5,264.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Warren Lederer	2,642.00
John Lucey	1,262.00
Joseph Mikielian	7,492.00
Rita Palumbo	13,538.22
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Mark Richardson	100.00
Sherburne Rockwell, III	1,820.00
Joanne Savignac - Treasurer	11,589.50
Joanne Savignac - Collector	21,161.50
James Stone, Jr.	11,512.00
Robert Thompson	150.00
David Trulson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	4,455.00
Alan Wentworth	87.00
Scott Wilson	6,818.61

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	48,820.75
David Ahlin	4,818.57
Erik Baldwin	25,768.33
Brian Boulette	8,906.47
Robert DesRosiers	40,717.58
Kevin Drolet	33,782.28
Todd Girouard	21,597.86
Kathleen Killoran	20,392.14
William Lang	33,259.96
Todd LaPorte	4,832.53
William Reilly	38,843.09
William Sampson	4,056.18
Mark Savasta	33,563.81
Patrick Smith	6,712.92
Mary Stone	29.64

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	21,403.90
Arnold Childs, Jr.	560.00
Janet Porter	27,581.91
Karen Sonju	1,091.80
Susan Sonju	6,645.05
Emily Towle	6,422.11
Kathleen Wedemeyer	4,427.33

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Ryan Ahern	588.00
Michael Ahearn, Jr.	399.00
Carrie Aitken	246.75
David Auger, Jr.	530.00
Erin Blanchard	542.37
Faye Blanchard	1,059.50
Joshua Bock	525.00
Jessica Cabrera	537.00
Erik Carlson	543.37
Lia Carroll	1,155.00
Steven Chalmers	1,225.00
Derek Cutting	527.62
Sarah Dado	701.25
William Dado	9,583.81
Andrew Donges	593.50
Julie Faneuf	3,012.50
Steven Fernstrom	215.25
Richard Freniere	484.00
Joyce Gamache	4,141.40
Kristi Gauthier	517.12
Justin Gewandter	585.37
Francis Henderson, III	438.00
Tamara Jung	576.00
Jill Kashuk	501.00
Kevin Keefe	3,459.50
Kristen Kennen	1,033.50
James Kusz	475.12
Patrick LaChance	739.25
Rebecca Layte	735.25
Kathlen Lock	558.00
Robert Martin	1,114.92
Jean McIntyre	1,001.00
Kathleen McKay	625.00
Stephanie McSherry	464.62
Pamela Mercer	47.25
Robert Mercer, III	2,470.00
Meghan O'Connor	552.00
Kevin Quirk	157.50
Shaun Quirk	210.00
Kristin Rayla	283.50
Meggen Rayla	3,604.00
Katerine Reynolds	252.00
Peter Sage	580.12
Kelly Savage	570.00
Matthew Smalley	136.50
Michael Ungerer	147.00
David Valardi	225.00
Rachel Warren	561.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

Edith Bishop	\$3,300.64
Robert Callahan	\$3,988.98
Gino Gangai	\$634.19
Frank Nieber	\$4,291.29
Doris Porter	\$11,773.35

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rodolfo Acuna	2,256.89
Michael Benoit	5,709.69
Paul Cavanaugh	42.25
Brian Cheney	2,887.84
Jason Clarke	2,320.56
Brian Clockedile	356.20
Patrick Collins	37.76
Jay Conte	13,164.99
Thomas Cunningham	3,740.98
Thomas Ducharme	1,391.65
Brian Faucher	108.90
Richard Gaffney	1,886.00
Michael Goyette	2,205.92
Kenneth Grensavitch	1,423.03
Timothy Hackett	308.53
James Hansson	1,705.80
Richard Jenkins	8,450.58
Brian Killelea	116.16
Robert Martin	1,642.35
Glenn McGillicuddy	842.96
Michael Mercadante	329.15
Patrick Mullaney	627.88
Brian Murphy	8,127.25
James Olson	2,153.81
Timothy Pierce	1,578.55
Bryan Palumbo	1,570.27
Charles Pingitore	3,144.70
Michael Pingitore	1,315.01
Michael Putnam	3,783.50
Kevin Quinn	3,043.25
Gary Richards	2,116.80
Patrick Robinson	1,490.40
Michael Rowe, Jr.	466.78
Thomas Savage	4,858.69
Raymond Savignac	2,290.50
Richard Sears	1,604.40
Orville Sheldon	2,429.90
Matthew Stone	1,022.50
Douglas Warren	882.10
Peter Warren	1,164.49

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Dzik	3,356.56
George Johnson	39,358.71
Samuel Knipe	32,959.52
Bryan Palumbo	400.96
Paul Palumbo	46,660.55
Rita Palumbo	7,712.64
Charles Pingitore	31,215.21
Michael Putnam	37,604.89
Shaun Quirk	186.16
Gary Richards	32,942.91
Jeffrey Richards	236.64
Steven Urbanovitch	32,706.24

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Richard Appley	5,089.65
Andrew Dufrense	62.96
Kimberly Faucher	5,984.71
Kenneth Grensavitch	3,720.89
Amy Gross	3,394.37
Crystal Letendre	1,004.81
Benjamin Massouh	440.00
Sarah Mello	14,015.80
Sean Miller	4,793.19
Andrew Obuchowski, Jr.	768.99
Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	7,061.14
Kelly Robinson	22,646.70
Matthew Saunders	22,827.05
Thomas Savage Jr.	3,117.91
Mark Spencer	2,671.43
Todd Ventres	86.57

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	166.67
Warren Bock	200.00
Diane Dillman	37,214.12
Kristen Faucher	2,928.00
Richard Johnson	48,114.24
Ralph Kimball, Jr.	200.00
Yvette Orel	26,832.00
Matthew Stone	27,729.25
Harold Smith	60,169.20
Gordon Szczepanek	47,201.13
Joseph Thompson	43,244.90

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

DIAL "911"

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

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

576 Pleasant Street

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

TOWN HALL OFFICES, 697 Pleasant Street, Mon. 8am-8pm, Tues.-Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am-1pm
Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Joanne Cabrera "JC" at 753-2803 for the following:

- ❖ Board of Appeals – Allen Rubin, Chairman _____ [Home]...753-0562
- ❖ Board of Health – David Parent, Chairman _____ [Home]...799-9713
 Board of Health meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Building Inspector – Raymond Kauppila _____ [Office]...753-2803
 Office hours at Town Hall – Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings
- ❖ Planning Board – Stephen P. Bik, Chairman _____ [Office]...753-2803
 Planning Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Sanitary Inspector – Wayne Curran _____ [Home]...757-4180
- ❖ Plumbing Inspector – Dennis Harney _____ [Home]...799-0392
- ❖ Wire Inspector – Warren Lederer _____ [Home]...754-6136
 Call between 7:30-9:00 a.m., 5-9 p.m.
- ❖ Fire Inspector – Thomas Cunningham _____ [Home]...798-3239

Town Accountant & Town Clerk – June T. Herron _____ [Office]...799-7347

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8-2 p.m.

Town Collector & Treasurer – Joanne L. Savignac _____ [Office]...799-7347

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-4 p.m., Monday evening 5:30-8 p.m., Friday 9-1 p.m.

Assessors – James R. Stone, Chairman _____ [Office]...799-7231

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-12 p.m. ~ Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen – Secretary, Rita Palumbo

- David F. Jillette, Chairman _____ [Home]...798-3606
- John E. Lucey, Vice Chairman _____ [Home]...757-9785
- Ronald E. Johnson, Clerk _____ [Home]...757-4173

Office Hours: Monday 8-3:30 p.m., Monday evening 5:30-8 p.m., Wednesday 8:30-4 p.m., Friday 8-1 p.m.

- Board of Selectmen meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Department of Public Works – Paul Palumbo, Superintendent _____ [Office]...753-9077

Office: 107 Holden Road, Open Monday - Friday 7-3:30 p.m.

Water Board – Robert Thompson, Chairman _____ [Home]...754-3636

Water Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the D.P.W. barn

Paxton Municipal Light Department – Diane Dillman, Manager _____ [Office]...756-9508

Office: 578 Pleasant Street; Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8-4 p.m.

Light Commissioners meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Police Department – Michael Ahearn, Police Chief _____ [Office]...755-1104

Office: 10 West Street (Business Only)

Dog/Animal Control Officer – B. Peter Warren _____ [Dispatch]...791-6600

Recreation Commission – Ken Wagoner, Chairman _____ [Home]...791-3192

Council On Aging - Senior Center, 17 West Street, Rosemary Warren, Director _____ [Office]...756-2833

Jean McIntyre, Chairman, Council On Aging _____ [Home]...799-5185

Council On Aging meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building

Conservation Commission – Robert Stewart, Chairman _____ [Home]...799-9848

Conservation meets the second Thursday of each month

Historical Commission – Jason Fanning, Co-chairman _____ [Home]...756-7894

Laurie Gardner, Co-chairman _____ [Home]...757-0109

Historical meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the White Building

Tree Warden – Patrick V. Smith _____ [Home]...757-2597

Veterans' Agent – Timothy Hackett _____ [Home]...755-1477

Paxton Center School – John Locke, Principal _____ [Office]...798-8576

Wachusett Regional High School – Thomas Pandiscio, Principal _____ [Office]...829-6771

Wachusett Regional School District Committee – Caroline Ely _____ [Home]...799-6272

Melinda Johnson _____ [Home]...798-3606

Richards Memorial Library – Richards Avenue, Janet Porter, Librarian _____ 754-0793

Library Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month

Hours:	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	1 – 8 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m., 7 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	9 – 12 p.m., 1 – 5 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m.
Thursday	1 – 8 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m., 7 – 9 p.m.
Friday	9 – 12 p.m., 1 – 5 p.m.	1 – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 – 4 p.m.	Closed