

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON



Year Ending June 30, 2002

IN MEMORIAM

*Charles
Glassbrenner*

*Zarvin
Kasparian*

Donald Cardinal

Herbert Carlson

WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

Richard Bedard

Francis Henderson

Diane Rucci

Mary Bobola

June Lucivero

Pamela Sagarian

Robert Brunelle

John Lucey

Thomas Savage

Steve Carey

Reuben O'Janne

Susan Serrato

Lucille Dileo

Dennis Osborn

Harold Smith

Richard Dowd

Charles Pingitore

Rebecca Sullivan

Louise Erskine

Christine Reilly

Gordon Szczepanek

Jason Fanning

Allen Ruben

Jeffrey Wentzell

Gino Gangai

Todd Laporte

Michael Zalansky

Gertrude Grenon

Martha Layte

TOWN OFFICERS

May 2001 - May 2002

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectboard	
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk	2003
Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair	2002
Scott P. Runstrom, Vice-Chair	2004
Town Clerk	
June T. Herron	2003
Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2002
Collector	
Deirdre L. Malone	2002
Moderator	
Francis A. Ford	2002
Constables	
Bernard J. Melican	2002
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2002
Tree Warden	
Patrick V. Smith	2002
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Rosemary S. Warren (Resigned)	
Alice Livdahl	2003
Jeffrey A. Wentzell (Resigned)	
Natalie Mello	2002
Municipal Light Board	
Michael J. Benoit, Chair	2002
Thomas Savage, Sr.	2004
Michael S. Zalansky, (Resigned)	
Stephen Phaneuf	2003
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2002
Robert E. Paulsen, Jr.	2004
James R. Stone Jr., Chair	2003
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2002
David J. Trulson	2003
Local Water Resources Mgmt. Official	
Charles Bolster	2004
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2003
Judy A. Hatstat	2005
David Parent, Chairman	2004
Planning Board	
Christian S. Baehrecke, Chair	2005
Neil Bagdis	2002
David Bennett	2006
Zarvin Kasparian, (Deceased)	
Gordon J. Szczepanek, Vice Chair	2004
Julie Jacobson	2003
Library Trustees	
Joan Bedard	2004

Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair	2004
Scott A. Martin	2003
John F. McDonald (deceased)	
Barbara Socha	2002
Joan E. Arnold-Nigro	2002
Dennis M. Osborn, resigned	2003
Bronwyn Texteria	2003
Recreation Commission	
Jonathan Ely	2003
John Glowik, Chair	2004
June F. Lucivero	2002
Andrew Serrato	2002
Kenneth Wagoner	2003
Cemetery Commission	
Edwin L. Hammerberg	2004
Yvonne B. Karle, Chair	2002
Richard H. Sears	2003

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Secretary to Selectboard	
Carol Riches	
Town Services Coordinator	
Nancy Wilby	
Town Accountant	
June T. Herron	2002
Board of Appeals	
Art Croteau, Chair	2003
James Bradbury	2003
Robert Bostwick	2004
Richard Dowd, ALT	2002
Richard Grensavitch	2003
Paul Robinson	2002
Allen Rubin	2003
Kathleen Sears, Vice Chair	2004
Superintendent DPW	
Ronald Fritze	
Veteran's Agent	
Timothy Hackett	
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Timothy Hackett	
Inspector of Wires	
Patrick Fanning	
John Slabich, Asst	

Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	
Harry Johnson, Local Inspector	

Worcester County Advisory Board	
Frederick G. Goodrich	

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Patrick V. Smith	

Board of Registrars

Annette Aubertin	2003
Ella Beach	2002
Jean McIntyre	2004

Town Counsel

Peter J. Dawson, Esquire

Sexual Harassment Officers

Stephen Carey
Ann Marie Stoica, Alternate

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers

Robert Brunelle

Care of Clock

Bruce Cheney

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Jay Conte, Fire Chief

Civil Defense & Emergency Management Director

Richard Gaffney, Director
Ronald Fritze, Asst. Director

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Jay Conte

Police Department Chief

Michael J. Ahearn

Full Time Officers

Hans C. Carlson, Patrolman
Robert B. DesRosiers, Sergeant
Mark J. Chase, Patrolman
William F. Lang, Sergeant
Todd Laporte, Patrolman
Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrolman
William P. Reilly, Patrolman
Mark S. Savasta, Patrolman

Part Time Officers

David S. Ahlin
William Beaudry
Brian J. Boulette
David Keller
William P. Sampson
Mary Stone

Conservation Commission

Marisa Ayvasian	2005
Ingeborg Baehrecke	2004
Susan Barry	2004
Robert Bertin, Vice Chair	2002
Matthew Erskine, Associate	2002
Carol Harris, Associate	2003
Ansley S. Siter	2004
Janice Stewart, Associate	2003
Robert Stewart, Chair	2003
Rebecca Sullivan	2002

Group Insurance Advisory Committee

Robert DesRosiers
Diane Dillman

Ronald Fritze

Deirdre Malone

Janet Porter

Diane Rucci

Harold Smith

Agents for License Commission

Michael Ahearn
Thomas Cunningham

Central Mass Regional Planning

Christian S. Baehrecke
Neil Bagdis, Alternate

Designer Selection Committee

Paul (Peter) Belsito
Charles Scholl
Richard Trifero
William Gearin
Michael Ahearn, Ex-officio
Richard Bedard, Ex-officio
Jay Conte, Ex-officio
Roanld Fritze, Ex-officio

Personnel Advisory Board

Stephen Carey
Gary Goldberg
Susan Madaio
Joanne Moffatt
Ann Marie Stoica
Paul Sullivan
Robert Wilby, Chair

Ad-Hoc Wage and Compensation Committee

Richard Bedard
Steve Carey
Frederick Goodrich
Deirdre Malone
Eugene O'Rourke
Peter Schur
Robert Wilby

Cell Site Antenna Committee

James Bradbury, Chair
Daniel Kellerher
Paul Robinson
Susan Serrato

Open Space & Recreation Committee

Neil Bagdis
Barbara Berka
Robert Bertin
Richard Fenton
Julie Jacobson, Chair
June Lucivero
David Parent

Communications Board

Harold Coleman
Robert DesRosiers, Chair

Diane Dillman	
Jay Conte	
Ronald Fritze	
Council On Aging	
Janice Ahearn	2002
Ella Beach	2004
Howard Coleman, resigned	2003
Alice Crowley	2005
Ann Cunningham	2003
Doris E. Huard	2003
Jean McIntyre	2003
Gerald Ryan	2004
Harold Smith, Resigned	
Jean Wilde	2004
Historical Commission	
David Ahlin	2004
Lois Breault,	2004
Cindy Cheever, Chair	2002
Susan Coomey	2004
Susan Corcoran	2004
Jason Fanning	2002
Pamela Hair	2003
Donna MacLean	2002
Denis Melican	2002
Charles Nelson	2004
Cultural Council	
Martha Akstin,	2003
Susan Bassick	2003
Geraldine Graham	2002
Linda Howard	2002
Joanne Kee	2003
Joanne Langer, Chair	2002
Michele Nelson	2003
Susan Serrato	2003
Jean Urbanowski	2002
Cable Advisory Board	
Daniel Chen, Co-Chair	2003
Daniel Germain	2002
Deborah Magnuson	2003
Edward McTigue	2004
Nicholas Powlovich	2004
Scott A. Wilson, Co-Chair	2004
Housing Partnership Committee	
Sue-Anne Bock	
Heather Courtney	
Virginia Kimball	
Kathleen Sears, Chair	
James Stone	
Rosemary Warren	
Doris Huard, Associate	
Eugene Martel	
Hazel Martel	
Melinda Johnson, Associate	
Kevin Killelea, Associate	
Paul Robinson, Associate	
Gordon Szczepanek, Associate	

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee
 Debra M. Henderson, Chair
 Melinda A. Johnson
 Scott P. Runstrom

Paxton Center School Building Committee
 John Anderson
 Paul Belsito
 Robin Carroll
 Thomas Cunningham
 Julie Jacobson
 Caroline Ely
 Kevin Quinn, Chairman

Election Officers
 Charlotte Thalín, Warden REP
 Cecilia Carroll, Inspector UN
 Helen Faucher, Inspector DEM
 Estelle Gemme, Inspector DEM
 June T. Herron, Clerk UN
 Susan Stone, DEM
 Robert R. Herron, REP, Alt.

Safety Committee
 Michael Ahearn, Police Chief
 Jay Conte, Fire Chief
 Ronald Fritze, Superintendent DPW
 Diane Dillman, Manager PEL

Worcester Airport Access Road Study Committee
 (Representatives)
 Robert Hogan
 Howard Moore
 Allen Rubin

Town Web Site Design & Maintenance
 Richard Bedard
 Alex Pennace
 Karen Silvia
 Maria Wright

Town Web Site Registration
 Alex Pennace

Community Site Design & Maintenance
 Curran Kelleher
 Daniel Kelleher

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Board	
Lucille DiLeo, Chair	2004
Christian de. Marcken	2004
David Ryan	2003
Robert Jacobson	2003
Richard Fenton	2002
Evelyn Lawler	2002
Eugene A. O'Rourke	2002
Judy Pingitore	2004
Peter Schur	2003

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

Central Mass Disposal
13 Hardscrabble Road
Auburn, MA 01501

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

Firefighters

Rodolfo Acuna
Michael Benoit, Captain
Brian Cheney
Jason Clarke
Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.
Brian Faucher
Richard Gaffney, Deputy
Joseph Germain
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch
James Hansson
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
Brian Killelea
Eric Locke
Robert Martin
Glenn McGillicuddy
Michael Mercadante
Patrick Mullaney
James Olson
Timothy Pierce
Michael Pingitore
Charles Pingitore
Michael Putnam
Kevin Quinn, Lieut.
Gary Richards, Lieut.
Patrick Robinson
Michael Rowe
Thomas Savage, Jr.
Raymond Savignac
Michael Sears
Orville Sheldon, Lieut.
Matthew Stone
B. Peter Warren Jr.

First Responders

Michael Benoit, Lieut., EMT

Jason Clark

Jay Conte, Chief, EMT
Thomas Ducharme, Lieut.

Richard Gaffney, Lieut.
Richard Jenkins, Deputy Chief
James Olson

Timothy Pierce, EMT-Paramedic
Michael Pingitore, EMT
Kevin Quinn, Lieut.
Patrick Robinson
Thomas Savage, Jr.,
Raymond Savignac

Fire Inspector

Thomas J. Cunningham

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 Bylaw. (Annual Town Meeting 02/07/38)

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK VITAL STATISTICS July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

BIRTHS

2001

JULY

- 16 Sara Ann, daughter to Robert Alan Helfenbein and Cynthia Joan Stewart, 6 Hemlock Street
- 18 Jackson Prescott, son to Kevin Michael Barnes and Jane Elizabeth Paskauskas, 10 Whitney Drive
- 19 Brian James, son to Patrick Lee O'Donoghue and Karen Patricia Boivin, 362 Pleasant Street
- 25 Matthew Ryan, son to Dennis John Vanasse and Kerri Ann Girouard, 810 Pleasant Street

AUGUST

- 5 Alyssa Rose, daughter to Andrew Erick Johansson and Leslie Ann Wincek, 22 Red Oak Street
- 14 Maya Grayce, daughter to Jeffrey Raymond Antkowiak and Rachel Allyson Hall, 311 Richard Avenue
- 15 Peter Dominic, son to Christopher Yoe Williams Sr. and Janice Rene Muise, 899 Pleasant Street
- 16 Jack Philip, son to Philip John Ayvazian and Marisa Sue Cantara, 31 Camp Street
- 17 Patrick Joseph, son to Matthew Thomas Stephens and Lisa Kathleen Kieler, 15 Red Oak Street

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Kayleigh Elizabeth, daughter to Daniel Joseph Coffey and Kristan Elise Wheeler, 923 Pleasant Street

- 27 Amanda Robin, daughter to Edward John Wylie and Robin Faith Fales, 347 Pleasant Street

OCTOBER

- 5 Sarah Sophia, daughter to Stephen Leonard Latino Jr. and Rebecca Elizabeth Pierce, 51 Brooks Road
8 Zachary Charles, son to Stephen Charles Trudell and Lynn Anne Yeulenski, 11 Crystal Street
17 Caleb Jeffrey, son to Jeffrey Alan Rocha and Diane Carol Tinney, 3 Squantum Road
27 Alexis Lena, daughter to Richard Eugene Renaud and Joyce Chantal Elia, 236 Grove Street

NOVEMBER

- 6 Conor Patrick, son to Thomas Patrick Looney and Tara Lee Mazur, 13 Brooks Road
14 Olivia Kathryn, daughter to Joseph Fred Thomas and Jennifer Ann Chesitis, 54 Camp Street

DECEMBER

- 14 Juliette Rose, daughter to Matthew Lee Berryman and Deborah Jeanne Mitchell, 310 Pleasant Street

2002

JANUARY

- 18 Piotr Michal, son to Jerzy Dariusz Bielecki and Alicja Katarzyna Kalichowicz, 14 Briarcliff Lane
23 Huy Minh, son to Manh K Le and Thuy Q Quach, 29 Lancelot Drive

FEBRUARY

- 17 Ryan Michael, son to Gary John Shanahan and Jennifer Ann Greene, 40 Asnebumskit Road

MARCH

- 16 Samuel Ethan, son to Randy Neil Curtis and Cynthia Alison Crowe, 6 Crestwood Road

JUNE

- 12 Hailey Chasse, daughter to Lisa Marie Chasse and Jeffrey Michael Gigliotti, 817 Pleasant Street
13 Sydney Paige, daughter to Kimberly Fay Head and Richard James McGhee, 56 Camp Street
19 Kelsey Hope, daughter to Shari Lee Iverson and William Joseph Beaudry, 3 Pond Street
24 Lily Ann, daughter to Diane Ludewig and William Gregory Baxter, 354 Marshall Street
26 Kathryn Sophia, daughter to Kara Ann Demarski and James Smith Hansson, 11 Suomi Street

MARRIAGES2001

AUGUST

- 25 David Robert Johnson of Paxton to Melissa Leigh Perry of Paxton

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Scott Thomas Simone of Worcester to Sara Ellen Root of Worcester

OCTOBER

- 6 Michael J. Ucarar of Paxton to Cornelia R. White of Paxton
20 Keith Alan Tetreault of Paxton to Jennifer Luna Hope of Paxton

DECEMBER

- 1 Louis John Mattei of Worcester to Danielle Ann Renzoni of Worcester

2002

MAY

- 11 Alvin John Yamamoto of California to Jean Sook Tak of Paxton

JUNE

- 2 Howard William Coleman of Paxton to Carol F. Christy of Paxton
22 Dean K. Sokos of Paxton to Jami Jee Martin of Paxton

DEATHS2001

JUNE

- 19 Inez I. Hull, 12 Briarcliff Lane 98

JULY

- 7 Eleanor P. Iandoli, 6 Cutler Road 83
7 Mary E. Lapierre, 5 Cutler Road 70

AUGUST

- 12 Joseph A. Soetens, 23 Keep Avenue 77
15 Dorothy S. Wilson, 516 Pleasant Street 90
21 Stephen L. Pease, 24 Spring Drive 47
25 Gertrude McCarthy, 213 Grove Street 89
28 Barbara B. Pierce, 1028 Pleasant Street 77
29 Norman J. Premo, 370 Richards Avenue 94

SEPTEMBER

- 30 Althea K. Sebring, 12 Tanglewood Road 89

OCTOBER

- 17 Lawrence Soderman, 23 Mower Street 75
23 Katherine Jacobs, 9 Ridgewood Road 83
24 Bach-Hoa Schesso-Mendenhall, 24 Asnebumskit Road 46

NOVEMBER

- 2 Esther E. Flodin, 33 Mower Street 101
9 Aake W. Rantala, 8 Briarcliff Lane 77
23 Clifford S. Duxbury Jr., 4 Nipmuc Road 77
24 I. Carol Manzi, 311 Pleasant Street 82
27 Julia Greaney McClintock, 116 Holden Road 90
27 Lillian Schultz, 40 Camp Street 83

DECEMBER

- 10 A. Barbara Rogers, 8 Burtenmar Circle 87
21 Donna Marie Stanton, 4 Boynton Parkway 41
21 Zarvin J. Kasparian, 12 Eagle Lane 84
29 Judith A. Griffin, 12 Cutler Road 62

2002

FEBRUARY

- 9 Emily E. Schriener, 6 Shanandoah Drive 85

MARCH

- 6 William King Jr., 36A Highland Street 100

MAY

- 11 Steven B. Jackson, 2 Black Hill Road 52
18 Charles J. Glassbrenner, 380 Grove Street 74

JUNE

- 18 Edward F. Sheehan, 652 Pleasant Street 53
19 Lila F. Duvarney, 74 Streeter Road 81

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Male/Female	93
Neutered/Spayed	483
Total	576

Kennel License	2
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Paid to General Fund	\$3,278.00
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HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Number of Licenses Issued	152
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	\$3,785.25

TOWN OF PAXTON
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 November 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM WITH 101 REGISTERED VOTERS CHECKED IN, COUNTERS FOR THE EVENING GARY GOLDBERG, DAVID BEACH, ROSEMARY WARREN AND WILLIAM GRAHAM, MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORAM PRESENT.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the amount of \$16,444.36, to fund the negotiated Police Union Contract for FY2001; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION FUND \$16,444.36 TO FUND THE NEGOTIATED POLICE COMPENSATION CONTRACT FOR FY2001.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Funds the amount of \$95,406.76, into account 12210 5103 Police Compensation, to fund the negotiated Police Union Contract for FY2002; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$55,839 INTO ACCOUNT 12210 5103 POLICE COMPENSATION AND \$4,062 INTO ACCOUNT 12210 5400, TO FUND THE NEGOTIATED POLICE UNION CONTRACT FOR FY2002. UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,331.20, or any other sum, and transfer the sum of \$_____ from account 12210 5103, Police Compensation to account 12210 5102A Police Sergeant; or act in any way thereon. (This Article if passed will allow for the promotion of a patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant, which Sergeant will work the 11:00pm to 7:00am shift, on a four (4) day on and two (2) day off shift.)

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, to Police Compensation account 12210 5103 for the hiring of a new full-time patrol officer and a sum of money to account 19913-5200 Town Employees Insurance, for the health insurance for the additional full-time patrolman: or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Section 26G, which requires for protection, adequate sprinkler systems in accordance with the state building code, in nonresidential buildings or additions, where the floor area is more than seventy-five hundred gross square feet; or act any thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 148.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148, Section 26I, which requires for protection, adequate sprinkler systems in accordance with the state building code, in any new construction or substantially rehabilitated so as to constitute the equivalent of new construction and occupied in any way for residential purposes, containing more than four dwelling units; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Chief
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 148, SECTION 26I

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum gross receipts for the deferment of real estate taxes pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$30,000, provided all other requirements of such statute are satisfied; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM GROSS RECEIPTS FOR THE DEFERMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, CLAUSE 41A FROM \$20,000 TO 30,000, PROVIDED ALL OTHER REQUIRMENTS OF SUCH STATUTE ARE SATISFIED

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map in its entirety and adopt a new Zoning Map showing districts previously adopted by Town Meeting, as set forth on a map entitled "Zoning Map, Paxton, MA dated September 10, 2001" prepared by Marin G.I.S. Division, which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED.

MOTION PASSED YES 100 NO 1

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Overlay District Map to depict Flood Plains and a Wireless Communications Services District as shown on a map entitled "Overlay Districts Map, Flood Zone and Wireless Communications Districts, Paxton, MA dated September 10, 2001" prepared by Marin G.I.S. Division, which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 4.5 in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 4.5 entitled "Paxton Watershed Protection Overlay District", the text of which is as set forth in a handout available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon. Article sponsored by the Planning Board

SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

MOTION PASSED YES 99 NO 2

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Watershed Protection District Map entitled "Watershed

Protection District, Paxton MA dated September 10, 2001 prepared by Marin G.I.S. Division, showing the Watershed Protection Overlay District which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8 (Wireless Communications Services District) by deleting the same in its entirety and adopting a new Section 8 entitled "Personal Wireless Services", the text of which is available in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to delete Section 9.3.1 which addresses occupancy restrictions within a senior residential development and replace 9.3.1 with the following: Restrictions: Each SRD applicant shall submit to the Planning Board private deed restrictions that will ensure the dwelling units are used as residences only for persons 55 years of age or older; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR AS AMENDED
AMENDED RESTRICTIONS:

"EACH SRD APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE PLANNING BOARD PRIVATE DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL ENSURE EACH DWELLING UNIT IS USED AS A RESIDENCE FOR A PERSON OR PERSONS. ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER."

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.2.5 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following sentence at the end of the fourth paragraph of such section:

"Any use permitted by special permit shall automatically terminate within ninety (90) days of the sale of the premises or transfer of the same by operation of law or the transfer of the business at the premises. The new owner of premises or operator of the same shall apply for a new special permit in order to continue the use", or act in any way thereon. Article sponsored by the Planning Board
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED YES 100 NO 1

AMENDMENT

"EACH SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION ISSUED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SHALL SPECIFY THAT THE SPECIAL PERMIT EITHER (I) IS PERSONAL TO THE APPLICANT AND WILL NOT RUN WITH THE LAND, OR (II) RUNS WITH THE LAND AND SHALL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE APPLICANT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IF A SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION IS SILENT AND DOES NOT ADDRESS THE FOREGOING, THE SPECIAL PERMIT SHALL BE PRESUMED TO BE PERSONAL TO THE APPLICANT SUCH THAT IT WILL NOT RUN WITH THE LAND;"

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of money, for maintenance and repair of the White Building (ramps, doors, lighting, etc) to bring the Building in to compliance with the State Building Code and to upgrade the safety features of the White Building for the users thereof; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,000.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$2200 and to transfer the unexpended balance under Article 6 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, to fund the replacement of the electrical service equipment in the White Building with a single phase 400 amp service, to correct the present conditions and facilitate a fire alarm system and life safety requirement; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2200 AND TO TRANSFER THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF \$512.57

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$2600 under Article 17 of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting (which authorized the installation of a concrete floor in the Town Hall basement) to fund brick work on the foundation of the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT OF \$2600 FROM ARTICLE 17 OF 1994 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of money, for an automatic fire alarm

system, for the White Building, to interface with the fire alarm system in the Paxton Center School; or act in any way thereon.
Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$12,000

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate a sum of \$_____, to purchase or lease computer hardware and software, for the Town offices in order to operate new mapping software, municipal financial software and the networking of Town facilities; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
APPROVED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$51,300

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

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

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October 2001.

MEETING AJOURNED 8:03PM

FRANCIS A FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, CLERK

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Bedard, Chairman
Frederick G. Goodrich, Vice-Chairman
Scott P. Runstrom, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF PAXTON Special Town Meeting December 4, 2001

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 December 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm, Moderator declared a quorum present. Registrars signed in 328 registered voters. Counters Robert Wilby, Edward Clarke, Peter Dawson, Roger Brunelle, James O' Donohue, Rosemary Warren

Article 1. I move that the Town of Paxton approve the amendment to Section 4. METHOD OF APPORTIONING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on October 23, 2001 and as amended by vote of the Committee on December 3, 2001, by deleting the current language of Section 4:

"Section 4. METHOD OF APPORTIONING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Payment of all operating costs shall be apportioned among the member towns on the basis of their respective previous five year average total enrollment as of October 1st of each year of the preceding five fiscal years."

and by substituting therefor the following:

"Section 4. METHOD OF APPORTIONING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The payment of all operation costs for the District shall be apportioned among the member towns based on the following formula: the "Required Net School Spending (NSS)" for each Wachusett member town, as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education, as well as any approved District appropriations over and above Required NSS, shall be aggregated. To that sum shall each town's District enrollment percentage be multiplied; said percentage to be determined by the individual town's "Foundation Enrollment" (as of October 1st of the previous year) during the fiscal year for which the appropriation shall take effect. From the resulting calculation shall each town's total "Chapter 70 Aid", as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education, be subtracted. The net amount shall be each member town's required payment to the Wachusett Regional School District for the fiscal year of the apportionment, except that there shall be an initial four-year period of transition as follows:

**4-YEAR BRIDGING PLAN
TRANSITION RULES**

YEAR 1

LOCAL TOWNS – The "Required Net School Spending (NSS)," as well as any approved District appropriations over and above Required NSS, shall be totaled and multiplied by the 4-year rolling average enrollment percentage for each District town. From these resulting apportionment amounts shall each town's total "Chapter 70 Aid" be subtracted, producing its Modified Per Capita assessment. Said assessment shall then be compared to each town's "Net Minimum Contribution," as determined by the State. For each

town determined to have "underpaid" (Net Minimum Contribution minus Modified per Capita assessment), the resulting calculation shall be multiplied by 60%. Said amount shall be added to the underpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – An amount equal to 40% of the underpayment as calculated above shall be subtracted from the overpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year; said amount to be absorbed by the Wachusett Regional School District and not assessed to any member town.

YEAR 2

LOCAL TOWNS – The "Required Net School Spending (NSS)," as well as any approved District appropriations over and above Required NSS, shall be totaled and multiplied by the 3-year rolling average enrollment percentage for each District town. From these resulting apportionment amounts shall each town's total "Chapter 70 Aid" be subtracted, producing its Modified Per Capita assessment. Said assessment shall then be compared to each town's "Net Minimum Contribution," as determined by the State. For each town determined to have "underpaid" (Net Minimum Contribution minus Modified per Capita assessment), the resulting calculation shall be multiplied by 70%. Said amount shall be added to the underpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – An amount equal to 30% of the underpayment as calculated above shall be subtracted from the overpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year; said amount to be absorbed by the Wachusett Regional School District and not assessed to any member town.

YEAR 3

LOCAL TOWNS – The "Required Net School Spending (NSS)," as well as any approved District appropriations over and above Required NSS, shall be totaled and multiplied by the 2-year rolling average enrollment percentage for each District town. From these resulting apportionment amounts shall each town's total "Chapter 70 Aid" be subtracted, producing its Modified Per Capita assessment. Said assessment shall then be compared to each town's "Net Minimum Contribution," as determined by the State. For each town determined to have "underpaid" (Net Minimum Contribution minus Modified per Capita assessment), the resulting calculation shall be multiplied by 80%. Said amount shall be added to the underpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – An amount equal to 20% of the underpayment as calculated above shall be subtracted from the overpaying town's assessment for the upcoming fiscal year; said amount to be absorbed by the

Wachusett Regional School District and not assessed to any member town.

YEAR 4

LOCAL TOWNS – The “Required Net School Spending (NSS).” As well as any approved District appropriations over and above Required NSS, shall be totaled and multiplied by the prior October enrollment percentage for each town. From these resulting apportionment amounts shall each town’s total “Chapter 70 Aid” be subtracted, producing its Modified Per Capita assessment.

Approval by the member Town of this amendment shall constitute an election by the member Town to reallocate the sum of all the member towns required local contributions to the District in accordance with the Regional Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 16B, effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002 and for this amendment to be effective, the approval by all member towns of the amendment constituting an election by each member town to reallocate the sum of all member towns required local contributions to the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002.

For subsequent fiscal years commencing July 1, 2003, this amendment shall be subject to the election of all the member Towns on or before November 30, 2002 and on or before November 30th of each calendar year thereafter at a Town meeting called by the Board of Selectmen at the Town’s expense to reallocate the sum of all the member towns required local contributions to the District in accordance with the Regional Agreement for the ensuing fiscal year pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 16B.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

Or act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Selectboard and Finance Committee approve

SECRET BALLOT YES 307 NO 21
TOTAL VOTES CAST 328

Article 2. To see if the voters of the member towns of the Wachusett Regional School District will approve the borrowing of \$4,732,452 by the Wachusett Regional School District for the purpose of purchasing Phase I of a modular school addition to be attached to the existing Wachusett Regional High School, such addition to serve as an interim solution to accommodate increasing enrollment and to forestall loss of accreditation, containing 32,000 +/- square feet of floor space, including classrooms, science and computer laboratories, life skills room, a cafeteria, meeting and maintenance service areas and furnishings and equipment, and a replacement fire alarm system for the high school building, including modular additions, in compliance with the

requirements of the Holden Fire Department. The project shall include the design prefabrication, site preparation for three Phases, assembly/installation, and connections to all services required to complete and deliver a usable, modular school addition designed and constructed, it is the intent of the District, in approximately three (3) phases over three (3) consecutive years, each phase to be delivered subject to town approval on or before August 1st of each of the successive years beginning with the year 2002 and ending in 2004; and that this appropriation shall be raised by the incurring of debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under chapter 462 of the Acts of 1977, Section 16 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws and Section 15 of the amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement and to that end the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Regional District School Committee, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor; and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into and execute all contracts necessary or material to such work to act or do anything relative thereto.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District Selectboard and Finance Committee approve

SECRET BALLOT YES 282 NO 34
TOTAL VOTES CAST 316

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,331.20, or any other sum, and transfer the sum of \$_____ from account 12210 5103, Police Compensation to account 12210 5102A Police Sergeant; or act in any way thereon. (This Article if passed will allow for the promotion of a patrol officer to the rank of Sergeant, which Sergeant will work the 11:00pm to 7:00am shift, on a four (4) day on and two (2) day off shift.)

Article sponsored by the Police Chief
Selectboard and Finance Committee approve

2/3 NEEDED MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$3,331.20 INTO 12210-5102A AND TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$18,637 FROM 12210-5103 TO 12210-5102A

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, to Police Compensation account 12210 5103 for the hiring of a new full-time patrol officer and a sum of money to account 19913-5200 Town Employees Insurance, for the health insurance for the additional full-time patrolman: or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Police Chief
Selectboard and Finance Committee approve
MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$17,244 INTO 12210-5103 AND TRANSFER \$3,600 INTO 19913-5200, EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACCOUNT

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 \$3000, or any sum, to purchase a snow-plow for the DPW Superintendents 4-Wheel Drive Truck; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored the DPW Superintendent

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, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of November 2001.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott P. Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

Francis A. Ford June T. Herron
Moderator Town Clerk

SPECIAL 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 February 25, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Town Election for the following questions:

QUESTION 1.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so called its proportional share of the debt issued by the Wachusett Regional School District of which the Town of Paxton is a member. Such debt to be issued for the purpose of purchasing Phase 1 of a modular school addition to be attached to the existing Wachusett Regional High School. Such addition to serve as an interim solution to accommodate increasing enrollment and to forestall loss of accreditation, containing

32,000+/- square feet of floor space, including classrooms, science and computer laboratories, life skills room, a cafeteria, meeting and maintenance service areas and furnishings and equipment, and a replacement fire suppression system for the high school building, including modular additions, in compliance with the requirements of the Holden Fire Department. The project shall include the design, prefabrication, site preparation for three phases, assembly/installation, and connections to all services required to complete and deliver a usable, modular school addition designed and constructed. It is the intent of the District, in approximately three (3) phases over three (3) consecutive years, each phase to be delivered subject to town approval on or before August 1st of each successive years beginning with the year 2002 and ending in 2004.

YES 238 NO 84 BLANK 0

QUESTION 2.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a 2002 Backhoe with Swinger Coupler, all wheel steer and front broom with tank for the Department of Public Works."

YES 184 NO 134 BLANK 4

QUESTION 3.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to (i) purchase a Pumper/Ladder truck (ii) refurbish and convert the present engine #2 as a pumper only, and/or (iii) make necessary alternations to the fire station to accommodate the new Pumper/Ladder truck."

YES 192 NO 125 BLANK 5

HEREIN 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 twenty-second day of January 2002.

TOTAL VOTES CAST 322

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott P. Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

Francis A. Ford June T. Herron
Moderator Town 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 thirteenth day of May, 2002

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

Moderator	Three Years	Francis A. Ford
Selectboard	One Year	John F. Malone
Selectboard	Three Years	Frederick G. Goodrich
Town Collector	Three Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Town Treasurer	Three Years	Deirdre L. Malone
Constable	Three Years	B. Peter Warren Jr.
Constable	Three Years	Bernard Melican
Tree Warden	Three Years	Patrick V. Smith
Municipal Light Board	Three Years	Michael J. Benoit
Assessor	Three Years	Doris E. Huard
W.R.S.D. Comm.	One Year	Alice K. Livdahl
W.R.S.D. Comm.	Three Years	Natalie M. Mello
Water Board	Three Years	John F. Malone
Board of Health	Three Years	Judy A. Hatstat
Planning Board	One Year	Julie A. Jacobson
Planning Board	Five Years	Neil A. Bagdis
Library Trustee	One Year	Bronwyn Teixeira
Library Trustee	Three Years	Joan E. Arnold-Nigro
Library Trustee	Three Years	Barbara Socha
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Linda J. McKay
Recreation Comm	Three Years	Andrew Serrato
Cemetery Comm	Three Years	Yvonne B. Karle

QUESTION 1. Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$220,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the operating budgets for police, fire and first responders for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and two?

YES 342 NO 568 BLANK 22

QUESTION 2. Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$140,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the operating budgets for the Wachusett Regional School District and Vocational schools for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and two?

YES 383 NO 526 BLANK 23

QUESTION 3. Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$40,000 in real estate and personal property

taxes to fund cost of living raises and employee health insurance for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and two?

YES 416 NO 491 BLANK 25

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-third day of April 2002.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman

Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman

Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

POLLS OPEN AT 10:00AM AND CLOSED AT 8:00PM

TOTAL VOTES CAST 932

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK OF PAXTON

SPECIAL 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 twenty-fourth day of June, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the following questions:

QUESTION 1.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$139,051 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget for the Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 399 NO 475 BLANK 16

QUESTION 2.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$125,966 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the excess debt portion to the Operating Budget of the Wachusett Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 430 NO 448 BLANK 12

QUESTION 3.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$13,047 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Fire Department Line #12220-5102 Salary, Chief, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 379 NO 505 BLANK 6

QUESTION 4.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$28,625 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Fire Department Line #12220-5103 Compensation, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 398 NO 484 BLANK 8

QUESTION 5.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$14,285 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Fire Department Line #12220-5200 Purchase Services, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 408 NO 478 BLANK 4

QUESTION 6.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$25,457 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Fire Department Line #12220-5800 Equipment, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 416 NO 471 BLANK 3

QUESTION 7.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$19,246 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget First Responders Line #12232-5103 Compensation, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 467 NO 416 BLANK 7

QUESTION 8.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$340 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget First Responders Line #12232-5200 Compensation, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 495 NO 388 BLANK 7

QUESTION 9.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,650 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget First Responders Line #12232-5800 Equipment, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 478 NO 381 BLANK 31

QUESTION 10.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,686 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Police Line #12210-5102 Salary, Chief, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 341 NO 518 BLANK 31

QUESTION 11.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$2,669 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Police Line #12210-5102A Salary, Sergeant, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 375 NO 480 BLANK 35

QUESTION 12.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,494 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Police Line #12210-5102B Salary, Secretary, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 362 NO 494 BLANK 34

QUESTION 13.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$32,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Police Line #12210-5103 Compensation, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 368 NO 486 BLANK 36

QUESTION 14.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,700 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Operating Budget Police Line #12210-5200, Purchased Services, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 378 NO 473 BLANK 39

QUESTION 15.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the

Line #12210-5207 Prisoner Fees, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 381 NO 473 BLANK 36

QUESTION 16.

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$4,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the a portion to the Operating Budget Police Department Line #12210-5400 Supplies, Town of Paxton for the fiscal year beginning July First Two Thousand and Two?"

YES 377 NO 477 BLANK 36

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 tenth day of June 2002.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice Chairman
Richard G. Bedard, Clerk

POLLS OPEN AT 10:00AM AND CLOSED AT 8:00PM

TOTAL VOTES CAST 890

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK OF PAXTON

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Special Town Meeting June 3, 2002

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 Zecco Center at Anna Maria College, 1, Sunset Lane, Paxton on Monday, the third of June 2002, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM
MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$11,500, or any other sum, to cover the shortage in the First Responders budget compensation account #12232-5103, due to the increase in medical calls and responses, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen vote in favor.

ARTICLE AMENDED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$13,500. MOTION PASSED

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$42,675, or any other sum, to cover the shortage in the Fire Department budget compensation account #12220-5103, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen vote in favor.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILIABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF \$42,675.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,675 from Police Department budget supplies account #12210-5400 to Police Department budget prisoner's fees account #12210-5207 to cover additional charges for prisoner fees, or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen vote in favor.

MOTION PASSED TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$3,675 FROM 12210-5400 INTO 12210-5207.

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 Town By-Laws, fourteen days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 16th day of May, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
John F. Malone, Clerk

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:15PM.

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, TOWN CLERK

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2002**

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 Zecco Center, at Anna Maria College, 1 Sunset Lane, Paxton on Monday, June 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and unusual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Amendments:

Police Department total budget \$552,382

Fire Department total budget \$222,600

First Responders total budget \$60,390

Total Public Safety \$1,011,457

Water Board #5200 \$64,100

Water Board # 5201 \$307,000

Summer Fest #5400 delete \$750

Total Culture and Recreation \$165,754

Regional Excess Debt Assessment \$125,966

Long-Term Debt Repayment Assessment \$111,332

Transportation \$144,842

Total Schools \$3,597,835

Grand Total Budget \$7,616,179

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 4. METHOD OF APPORTIONING COSTS OF THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 27, 2002. The proposed amendment provides for the apportionment of costs for the operation of the Regional School District based upon an allocation of any amount of the Regional School District Budget in excess of the aggregate of the minimum required local contributions of the member towns and the Chapter 70 aid allocation to the Regional School District, not including transportation expense and existing outstanding debt service.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.

Or act or do anything relative thereto.

2/3 NEEDED

MOTION PASSED

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 9.3.1 of the existing Zoning Bylaw by deleting the existing text in its entirety and replacing it with the

following: "9.3.1 An SRD (Senior Residential Development) shall constitute housing (i) intended for occupancy by individuals sixty-two years of age or older, and (ii) in each unit of which resides at least one individual sixty-two years of age or older."; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Paxton Housing Partnership
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE 27TH 2002 RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to authorize and allow the Paxton Housing Partnership to seek the necessary permits and approvals to develop and use approximately ten (10) acres of Town owned land for a Senior Residential Development, which ten (10) acres (i) is approximately as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk's office, and (ii) is a portion of the land formerly of Klinge (Map 18, Lot 105), and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to permanently protect the remaining portion of Map 18, Lot 105 by means of a conservation restriction or other deed restriction; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED MOTION PASSED YES 184 NO 40

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 \$48,587.80, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify under the State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Public Works Commission, including without limitation, preliminary engineering, State Aid/Consultant Design Agreements, right-of-way acquisition, shoulders, side road approaches, landscaping and tree planting, roadside drainage, structures (including bridges), sidewalks, traffic control and service facilities, street lighting (excluding operating costs), and for such other purposes as the Department may specifically authorize as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed under Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999, and in compliance with Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44 and Chapter 149, Sections 26-27F, as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND
APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$48,587.80

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 \$48,176.44, or any other sum, for maintaining, repairing, improving and construction of town and county ways and bridges which qualify under State Aid Highway Guidelines adapted by the Public Works Commission, including without limitation, preliminary engineering, State-Aid/Consultant Design Agreements, right-of-way acquisition and for such other purposes as the Department may specifically authorize as requested by the Board of Selectmen, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 53 of the Acts of 1999 and Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2000 in compliance with Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F, as applicable; or act in any way thereon.

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

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BORROW AND
APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$48,176.44

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32, 4(2)(b 1/2), which allows call firefighters to receive credit for past call firefighting service irrespective of whether the call firefighter becomes a permanent member of the fire department; or act in any way thereon.

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

MOTION PASSED

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2003 all revolving accounts previously established; expenditures for fiscal year 2003 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2002; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be approved annually.] Balances in accounts as of March 31, 2002.

WPAT Title V Betterments	-11,7710.00
WPAT Title V Deferred Revenues Betterments	11,7710.00
Title V Septic System Repair Repayments & Interest	33,327.30
Library State Aid	24,070.13
Conservation Wetlands Protect. Fund, Notice of Intent	11,795.23
MA Arts Council	7,405.88
Council On Aging, Formula Fund	2,147.83
Project We Care, Elder Affairs Van Account	13,741.32
Recycling Comm. Composting Bins Account	683.30

Recycling Grant	8,161.87
Town Clerk Fees	0.00
Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District	-189.41
Historical Commission Revolving Account	780.56
Charter Communications Cable TV	30,955.18
Police Private Duty Revolving Account	5,919.25
Drug Abuse Resistance Education	7,788.72
Police Grants & Gifts	10,170.79
Police Parking Tickets	383.00
Fire Department Grants & Gifts	517.00
Comm. of MA Fisheries & Wildlife Revolving Account	0.00

Article sponsored by the Accountant

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS PRINTED

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 8.4.2 7. which provides as follows:

“erection of a new personal wireless facility that does not exceed the height limitations specified in Section 8.5.2”; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

2/3 NEEDED UNANIMOUS VOTE TO LAY
ON TABLE UNTIL JUNE 27TH 2002 RECONVENED
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Water Use Restriction Bylaw, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Board

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw regarding employment contracts; or act in anyway thereon.

WHEREAS, the Town Meeting is a legislative body, and under Article LXXXIX of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (The Home Rule Amendment), the Town has the power to adopt legislation affecting the internal affairs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town, wishes to adopt legislation to allow it to enter into employment contracts with certain Town employees appointed by the Board of Selectmen;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town adopts the following bylaw pursuant to The Home Rule Amendment as follows:

Employment Contracts

Section 1. The Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, may provide an employment contract, for a period of up to three (3) years, to provide for the salary, fringe benefits, and other conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, severance pay. Relocation expenses, reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of duties or office, liability and disability insurance, and leave, for various Town employees who are supervisors.

Section 2. Such an employment contract may incorporate the personnel handbook.

Section 3. If the Town Meeting votes to appropriate the funds necessary for the first year of any contract described herein, the Town shall be bound to fund the remaining term of the contract.

Section 4. Nothing contained in this bylaw shall affect the appointment or removal powers of the Board of Selectmen over the above-referenced employees, nor shall it grant tenure to them.

Section 5. The Board of Selectmen may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this bylaw.

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

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 23A for a term not to exceed three (3) years; or act in any way thereon.

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

MOTION PASSED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept Forestdale Road Extension and any appurtenant drainage easements and facilities as a public way, provided the Town is deeded good, clear, record and marketable title to the same by deed drafted and recorded at the developer's expense and as evidenced by a title opinion of a title company doing business at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds; or act in any way thereon.

(The legal description of the property is on file in the Town Clerk's office.)

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

2/3 NEEDED
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept Hemlock Street and McCann Place and any appurtenant drainage easements and facilities as public ways, provided the Town is deeded good, clear, record and marketable title to the same by deed drafted and recorded at the developer's expense and as evidenced by a title opinion of a title company doing business at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds; or act in any way thereon.

(The legal descriptions of the property are on file in the Town Clerk's office)

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

2/3 NEEDED
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the filing of special legislation with the Massachusetts General Court to create a Capital Depreciation Fund for the Town, such legislation to be in the form of the copy of the proposed legislation, dated May, 2002 entitled "Paxton Capital Depreciation Fund" on file at the office of the Town Clerk; or act in any way thereon.

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

2/3 NEEDED
UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN

Article 16. To see if the Town will adopt a Historical Commission sponsored Demolition Delay Bylaw, the purpose of which is to preserve and protect historically significant buildings within the Town, a copy of the proposed bylaw is on file in the Town Clerk's office; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Paxton Historical Commission
Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapproved.

MOTION FAILED

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a portion of the unexpended balance (\$33,090) available under Article 10 of the May 7, 2001 Annual Town Meeting to purchase a 2002 Combination Sander and Dump Body with Calcium Pre-Wetting System and to further trade in a used Dump Body as a partial payment of the same; or act in any way thereon.

(This will replace a 1972 for the Department of Public Works.)

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend approval.

MOTION FAILED YES 65 NO 69

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$7,200, or any other sum, for costs incurred in bringing the Department of Public Works facility up to the standards mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency; or act in any way thereon.

(This work will involve a secure cabinet for gasoline storage, a spill containment plan, spill containment kits, an alarm system and containment pallets.)

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends disapproval, Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,000, or any other sum, for engineering services to bring the Town into compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Storm Water Management Program; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends disapproval, Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$300,000, or any other sum, to hire an architect to design and prepare construction documents for a new Public Safety Building; or act in any way thereon.

(If this Article is voted favorably by Town Meeting, it will also require approval of an override vote at a Town Election.)

Article sponsored by the Police Chief and Fire Chief and Communications Board

Finance Committee recommends disapproval.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval if the Proposition 2 ½ Override is approved at a Town Election.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$32,000.00, or any other sum, to purchase a new equipped police cruiser; or act in any way thereon.

(If this Article is voted favorably by Town Meeting, it will also require approval of an override vote at a Town Election.)

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

MOTION FAILED

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a telephone system for the police department; or act in any way thereon.

(If this Article is voted favorably by Town Meeting, it will also require approval of an override vote at a Town Election.)

Article sponsored by the Police Chief

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$37,197.00, or any other sum, for the running and upkeep of the Herbert Wentworth Town Pool; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Petition

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

MOTION FAILED

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$65,000, or any other sum, to purchase new playground equipment, demolish the existing wooden playground, and provide fencing as well as a suitable surfacing to be placed under the new equipment; or act in any way thereon.

(If this Article is voted favorably by Town Meeting, it will also require approval of an override vote at a Town Election.)

Article sponsored by the Recreation Commission

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING
 "DEMOLISH THE EXISTING WOODEN
 PLAYGROUND"
 MOTION FAILED YES 71 NO 79

Article 25. 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 the Board of Selectmen
 Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE NO ACTION

Article 26. 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 the Board of Selectmen
 Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen disapprove.

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 the By-Law, seven days at least before the day set for holding said meeting.
 HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of the Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of May 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:25AM TO BE
 RECONVENED ON June 27, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
 Scott P. Runstrom, Vice-Chairman
 John F. Malone, Clerk

Francis A. Ford June T. Herron
 Moderator Town Clerk

RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 27, 2002

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM,
 MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT
 BOARD OF REGISTRARS CHECKED IN 123
 REGISTERED VOTERS.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION PASSED TO RECONSIDER POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL BUDGET OF \$552,382. WHICH HAD BEEN VOTED ON JUNE 3, 2002, SUBJECT TO OVERRIDE VOTE.

OVERRIDE OF JUNE 24, 2002 FAILED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL BUDGET BY \$46,049 TO \$506,333.

MOTION PASSED TO RECONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL BUDGET OF \$222,600 WHICH HAD BEEN VOTED ON JUNE 3, 2002 SUBJECT TO OVERRIDE VOTE.

OVERRIDE VOTE OF JUNE 24, 2002 FAILED

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REDUCE FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTAL BUDGET BY \$81,414 TO \$141,186.

MOTION PASSED TO RECONSIDER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET OF \$175,202, WHICH HAD BEEN VOTED ON JUNE 3, 2002.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO INCREASE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET BY \$24,798 TO \$200,000.

TOTAL BUDGET \$7,513,514.00.

ARTICLE 3.

2/3 NEEDED

UNANIMOUS

VOTE TO "TAKE OFF TABLE"

AMENDMENT MOTION LOST SECTION 9.3.1 OF THE ZONING BYLAWS REMAIN AS VOTED PRIOR TO JUNE 3, 2002.

ARTICLE 9.

2/3 NEEDED

UNANIMOUS

VOTE TO "TAKE OFF TABLE"

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 26.

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RECONSIDER

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TAKE THE SUM OF \$176,143 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) TO REDUCE THE BUDGET DEFICIT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50PM

FRANCIS A. FORD, MODERATOR

JUNE T. HERRON, CLERK

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

First and foremost, the Selectboard extends a hearty thank you to all who have served and continued to volunteer to serve on the Boards, Committees and Commissions of the Town. Their service contribution is significant. It is only through this active participation that the Town is able to function. Thank you also to the Town employees, whose dedication keeps the Town operating and extend services to the Town's citizens, oft times while under adverse conditions.

The New Board established goals in all areas of Town management, primarily in the area of fiscal and financial responsibility and accountability. The Board has taken a greater responsibility for the budget and the budget processes and improved relationships with the Finance Committee. Steps have been taken to get assets defined within the Towns accounting system with depreciation accounts for expensing and fund asset replacement. Control of spending and seeking areas of cost savings is paramount in this administration.

While several goals were reached others are still in the process. Poor financial conditions were identified in October just before we moved into a most difficult budgeting situation for FY03. All efforts were expended to reduce and balance the budget as the year came to a close.

The Negotiations with the Police Union were concluded in the summer (retroactive to July 2000) resulting in the Town's first labor contract.

A wage and compensation study was completed by HRS, Consultants and through the efforts of an appointed Ad Hoc Committee. Study included all positions in Town.

The Personnel Advisory Board is be instrumental in the implementation of the study recommendations.

A Management Information Systems Committee was appointed to assist in the selection of computer hardware, software, and the networking of the Town's systems to improve operating efficiency. The system for Accounting, Treasurer/Collector and Assessors office is from Vadar. Currently the system is being implemented and will facilitate the new mandated Municipal Accounting Procedures (GASB34). The committee continues to work in the area of networking as well as systems by tying into Charter Communication, which reduces the Town's costs. Paxton is fortunate to have the talents of this group contributing significantly to the Town. Appreciation and thanks to Dave Ryan, Pat Mullaney, Ray Charette and Glen Sullivan.

Reinhardt Associates completed architectural drawings for a Safety Building, the firm recommended by the Designer Selection Committee. The Board of Selectmen could not

recommend moving forward at this time because of the financial conditions facing the Town.

The Grove Street Project was begun in the spring with an expected completion in the spring of 2003.

The position of a Town Manager was created this year but will remain unfunded for FY03. The Town operating a \$7.5 million business requires a full-time administration under the Board of Selectmen.

As this year began with a new board, so it will next year following the resignation of Mr. Richard Bedard. We are sure that many Paxtonites join us in expressing our appreciation for many years of service to the Town including the last two years with the Selectboard.

The new Board of Selectmen will continue to press forward to complete those initiatives that began during FY02.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Goodrich, Chairman

Scott Runstrom, Vice-Chair

John Malone, Clerk

BOARD OF HEALTH

During the fiscal year 2002, the Sanitary Inspector handled the following:

Septic System Inspections:	83
Soil Percolation Tests:	70
Food Service & Establishment Inspections	16
Pool & Spa Inspections	13
Summer Camp Inspections	3
Septic Complaint Inspections	5
Other Complaints	5
Septic Permits Issued	48
(Plan Review)	

In 2002 the BOH spent a great deal of time working on Paxton's trash collection strategy. Everyone is trying to help the Town in this budget crisis. The Board did an in-depth study of alternative recycling strategies in hopes of reducing some to the Town's trash service costs. We determined, when all factors are consider, Tax-based funding provides the best trash service with the lowest costs for Paxton. Currently Paxton pays for trash and recycling from the tax base. The Town also bills residents a monthly "trash fee". Those funds go to general fund during the year and are not actually used to pay trash-related expenses.

Paxton achieved a 27% recycling rate for 2002 and was recognized by the state with the highest incentive award available, \$2,700. We must continue mandatory recycling to keep our tipping fee expenses under control. All residents must recycle weekly in order to have their trash picked up. Everyone must do their share. Those that do not recycle should not be surprised when their trash is not picked up.

Obvious cases where recycling is not separated from the trash can also result in rejection of your trash.

Town growth keeps the Board and our agent busy with septic plan reviews and perk tests.

The BOH meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. Our meetings are always open to the public. Your presence is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Carroll, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The final budget approved by Paxton voters for Fiscal Year 2003, was \$7,400,931. This represents an increase of \$367,280, or 5.2%, from the previous year. In that the assessment by the Wachusett Regional School District and debt service principal and interest increased by \$416,973 from the previous year, the town has experienced a significant decrease in monies allocated to town services. While deliberations for FY2003 budget were initiated in anticipation that the Commonwealth was entering into a period of economic downturn, the progressive nature and extent of this downturn could not be foreseen. As a result, balancing this year's budget proved to be exceptionally challenging because 1) Paxton had not experienced a similar drastic downturn in State local receipts since 1994, and 2) the lateness of the Commonwealth budget deliberations prevented the timely determination of a target goal for expenditures. As a result all town budgets were repeatedly reduced until the final approved expenditures averaged 8.4% less than requested by department managers for normal operations. Although all accounts were reduced to some degree, the greatest impact was felt by the three major departments of the town with substantial decreases imposed on other departments. Requests were made of the town on two occasions to provide increased taxing authority by Proposition 2½ overrides. Although adequate funding was restored to the Emergency Medical Responders by this measure, additional revenues requested for General Government, Fire and Police were defeated. To bring the town budget into balance, the Paxton swimming pool was closed and a monthly trash collection fee was imposed. There were no cost-of-living adjustments awarded to the majority of town employees. With the present budget the Finance Committee has made every attempt to not jeopardize any employee's job or the delivery of essential services, while remembering that all departments play an active role in enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Paxton.

For the foreseeable future, it appears that the financial picture of the Commonwealth will continue to worsen, and there will most likely be additional declines in State-derived revenue. Furthermore, after many years of borrowing money as requested in Town warrant articles, the Paxton debt service has grown to \$922,846, as compared to the total Town budget (excluding school) of \$3,788,298. Clearly, ever greater limitations to our revenue sources and

taxing capacity which have already resulted in reductions in town service budgets will further impact our ability to provide the services which citizens have come to routinely accept. It is certain that the coming budget process will require serious evaluations of those needs essential for the continued operation of the Town of Paxton.

Your Finance Committee

BOARD OF APPEALS

In Fiscal Year 2002 the Board of Appeals met 8 times to hear and vote upon the following:

- 10 applications, 4 being variances, 6 being special permits
- Variances: 1 approved, 2 denied, 1 withdrawn
- Special permits: 4 approved, 2 denied, 1 enforcement issue

A new hearing application form was developed with added detail so that the form is clear to applicants and to make updates. Resident requests (single) application fees remain at \$150. Commercial applications or for properties with more than one residence are changed to \$250.

The board (one member as representative) participated with the Planning Board to secure property that is part of the Glad Hill subdivision for 'open space' adjacent to town property behind the subdivision.

The board (two members as representatives) also participated with the Cell Tower Study committee.

Five members of the board attended at least 1 educational seminar offered by the State of MA.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Croteau, Chairman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Total taxable valuation as of January 1, 2001 was \$296,923,109. A net increase of \$2,899,461, (.9%).

New construction, additions, and alterations increased the total valuation \$4,698,202. Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$837,092.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$961,649.

The Board received 5 Real Estate abatement requests. Three were approved and processed.

Vision Appraisal Technology has completed the first and second phases of the State mandated Real Estate property re-listing. Any changes in property listings discovered during this re-listing process will be reflected in the FY 2003 valuations. The Assessors office is open daily from 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday thru Thursday.

The Board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Stone, Jr. Chairman

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31st of each year.

The Animal Control Officer can be reached by calling the Dispatch Center at 508-791-6600. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Peter Warren, Jr.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Effective July 1, 1997 the cost for Mooreland 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 current Town residents and former residents. Cemetery lots may be purchased at the Town Hall through the Town Clerk [799-7347, ext. 13]. An updated map of Mooreland Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Yvonne B. Karle, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Fiscal Year 2002, 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 and acted on 8 Request for Determination of Applicability, 23 Notice of Intent, 1 Certificate of Compliance, and 1 Enforcement Order.

More than 100 properties were visited by one or more members of the Commission to assess the applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act to various projects. We also monitored projects during and after completion to check compliance with the Orders of Condition. Three members attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association for Conservation Commissioners.

One Commissioner resigned, (Becky Sullivan) and her position was filled by Marisa Ayvasian. Continuing members are Robert Stewart, chairman, Robert Bertin, vice chairman, Christopher Keenan Inga Baehrecke, S. Elise Barry and Ansley Siter.

The Commission continues to meet at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stewart, Chair

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Following is a list of grants awarded in fiscal year ending June 30, 2002:

- Wachusett Community Band – Summer Concert \$300
- Friends of Moore State Park
 - Site Interpretation Marker \$500
 - Folk Concert – Fall 2002 \$300
- Paxton Center School PTO
 - Freestyle Repertory Show \$1,125
 - Two Performances Boston Ballet \$1,425
- Paxton Council on Aging Musical Performance \$275
- Paxton Garden Club – Beautification of Historical Buildings \$200
- Worcester Audio Journal – Support for Blind and Deaf \$250
- Richards Memorial Library Membership Passes
 - Fruitlands \$65
 - Tower Hill \$100
 - Historic Deerfield \$100
 - Worcester Art Museum \$250
 - Higgins Armory \$200
 - Ecotarium \$350
 - Discovery Museums \$600
 - Boston MFA \$400
- Total \$6,440

The state award for FY2002 was \$3,300; the remainder of the money for the grants awarded came from unclaimed grants of prior years.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nelsen, Chair

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION
For the year ending December 31, 2000

The employees of PMLD strive everyday to serve the people who make Paxton a pleasant place to live and work. The ratepayers of Paxton are fortunate to have a dedicated staff of employees that are willing to go the extra mile to deliver superior service. We believe our service is a valued contribution to our community because many of you tell us you appreciate us. We thank you for that!

During 2001, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$8200 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. Additionally, we continue to provide administrative support and billing services to the Water Department and the shared costs benefit the Light Department, the Water Department, the Town Collector and ultimately the ratepayers and taxpayers of Paxton.

The Light Commission meets each month on the second Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at the department offices at 578 Pleasant Street. Guests are always welcome and customers with specific concerns can be accommodated in the meeting schedule. The Commission is dedicated to providing first rate customer service and top quality power supply at the lowest possible cost. If we can serve you better, please share your ideas with us.

Our Management Discussion and Analysis of the 2001 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane K. Dillman, Manager

Michael J. Benoit, Chairman
Stephen M. Phaneuf, Vice-Chairman
Emerson W. Wheeler, III, Clerk-Secretary
Paxton Light Commission

Management's Discussion And Analysis Of 2001 Operating Results Of The Paxton Light Department

Within this section of the Paxton Municipal Light Department's annual financial report, management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Paxton Municipal Light Department for the year ended December 31, 2001. The Department's performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements:

The basic financial statements include (1) the statements of net assets (2) the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets (3) the cash flow statements and (4) notes to the financial statements.

The Statements of Net Assets are designed to indicate our financial position as of a specific point in time. Our net assets increased \$146,014 or 6%.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarize our operating results and reveals how much, if any, of a profit was earned for the year. Our net profit for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$125,826, which was a

decrease of \$35,787 or 22% as compared to the profit for the prior year.

The Statements of Cash Flows provides information about the cash receipts and cash payments during the accounting period. It also provides information about the operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the same period. The statement shows a net use of \$169,893 to support operating activities. This use of cash includes purchased power costs that were part of an appropriation to the Rate Stabilization Fund, of which \$492,614 flowed back into cash from investing activities. Our ending cash and cash equivalents balance increased by \$337,605.

Summary of Net Assets

	2001	2000
Current Assets	\$1,408,601	\$1,493,654
Noncurrent Assets	2,709,952	2,197,969
Total Assets	<u>\$4,118,553</u>	<u>\$3,691,623</u>
Current Liabilities	115,844	323,942
Noncurrent Liabilities	1,330,636	841,622
Total Liabilities	<u>1,446,480</u>	<u>1,165,564</u>
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	810,522	839,808
Unrestricted	<u>1,861,551</u>	<u>1,686,251</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,672,073</u>	<u>2,526,059</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$4,118,553</u>	<u>\$3,691,623</u>

Summary of Changes in Net Assets

	2001	2000
Operating Revenues	\$2,814,977	\$2,472,497
Operating Expenses	<u>2,802,511</u>	<u>2,440,634</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	12,466	31,863
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>113,360</u>	<u>129,750</u>
Income	125,826	161,613
Before Contributions and Transfers		
Transfers In - Restricted for Capital Projects	20,188	0
Beginning Net Assets	<u>2,526,059</u>	<u>2,364,446</u>
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$2,672,073</u>	<u>\$2,526,059</u>

Financial Highlights:

Operating revenues and expenses increased over the previous year primarily as a result of the \$492,614 appropriation to the Rate Stabilization Fund. The Rate Stabilization Funds will be

available to offset our stranded costs and allow us to price electricity at or below market cost when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their stranded costs (see significant balances and transactions – rate stabilization).

Other operating revenues include revenues and expenses for non-electric sales, finance charges, and other miscellaneous income. Non-operating revenues and expense consists of investment income and interest expense. Our investment income decreased for 2001 in comparison to 2000 by \$16,550 due to lower interest rates.

Power Supply

The Paxton Municipal Light Department provides power for its customers through both fixed contracts and the open market power supply in an effort to stabilize power costs. Purchased Power costs are the costs associated with buying energy and having it delivered to the Town of Paxton. There are circumstances that will make prices fluctuate, such as extended periods of time with above or below normal temperatures, unexpected power plant shutdowns for unforeseen repair, and fuel prices being affected by global issues. The Light Department has tried to position its customers so that these situations will not have an overbearing burden on them. The increased power production expenses of \$362,757 over the prior year is reflective of fuel prices, additions to the rate stabilization fund and the high cost of peak time energy during the summer heat wave.

Utility Plant and Debt Administration:

Utility Plant

The Department had Gross Utility Plant acquisitions of \$99,396 in 2001. During the year, we purchased two new computers for the office and upgraded our telephone system. We are currently upgrading our electric meters to read by radio. As of December 31, 2001 we have purchased and installed 288 new meters with radio read ERTs (Electronic Radio Transmitters). During the year, we completed installation of primary service to one new subdivision. We also installed 23 electric services to new customers.

In 2002, we expect to purchase a new bucket truck, at an estimated cost of \$135,000, to replace our 1986 truck. There is also a new subdivision of 24 houses under construction and, the Planning Board has other proposals under consideration. For each subdivision, a complete underground electric system has to be installed. The developer is responsible for paying for the installation of all subdivision primary costs. In 2002, we also will be relocating some of our poles on Grove Street to make way for a major roadway reconstruction. All of our costs of relocation on Grove Street are expected to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Mass Highway) through Force Account Billings.

The Light Department has signed a backup agreement with Mass Electric to supply backup service to part of the Town of Rutland and assure reciprocal backup service for Paxton from the Worcester city line. The work is expected to be well on the

way to completion before the winter of 2003. Mass Electric will contribute up to \$100,000 to the cost.

Debt Administration

The Paxton Municipal Light Department remains a vertically integrated utility, as do all Municipal Light Departments in Massachusetts. This means that we are allowed under the Massachusetts Utility Restructuring Laws to retain our ownership and control over our electrical generation assets. Investor owned utilities, such as Massachusetts Electric Company, have been required to sell their generation assets as a result of the same restructuring laws.

The generation assets, which we have a vested ownership in, along with the other municipal electrical systems in New England, are financed through municipal bonds. The collective debt service owed under these bonds stand today at approximately \$1.5 billion, of which Paxton Municipal Light Department's share is \$10.8 million. The amount owed on these bonds represents the total debt of Paxton Municipal Light Department today. The bond payments and interest have been and will continue to be paid with revenues received from the sales of electricity.

In an effort to ensure stable costs for electricity in future years, the Paxton Municipal Light Department worked with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company on a bond refinancing in 2001. This refinancing is expected to save the Paxton Municipal Light Department approximately \$800,000 in interest over the life of the bonds.

Though we will not gain any immediate benefit from the refinancing, it is part of a longer-term, strategic effort to maintain the competitive rates and reliable electric service in the future. The bulk of the savings from the refinancing program will be used to stabilize our power costs beginning in 2010. During this timeframe, competition in the power markets is expected to intensify and reduced debt service will place us in a better position to control costs.

Significant Balances and Transactions:

Purchased Power Working Capital

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), our power supply agent. MMWEC requires that they hold a set amount of capital (minimum of two months) from which it may pay our power obligations when they are due. They replenish the fund as needed from our monthly invoice payments.

Rate Stabilization Fund

The rate stabilization fund was created as an aftermath of deregulation. These funds are for unexpected escalation in costs, such as the *decommissioning of nuclear power plants before the end of their operating license, unusual price spikes in fuel prices and transmission cost increases. We will also use this fund to help us maintain our competitive position when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their

"stranded costs**" several years down the line. Our rate stabilization balance at December 31, 2001 and 2000 was \$1,296,111 and \$803,497, respectively.

* Decommissioning of a nuclear power plant means the complete removal of any trace of that power plant. Paxton has decommissioning obligations associated with power sales agreements through MMWEC to purchase power from Millstone III and Seabrook. Decommissioning costs are being collected as the plants operate so that at the scheduled end of term of operation there will be monies to decommission the plant. If for some reason the plant is shut down early funds have to be made available to decommission at that time.

** Stranded costs refer to long-term debt or contractual obligations previously incurred that are higher than the new market costs. The investor-owned utilities were required to sell their generation assets as a condition to recover their stranded costs. The proceeds from the sales were used to pay off some of their costs. In place of owning generation, we have long-term power contracts with long-term payment obligations.

Depreciation Fund

Paxton Municipal Light Department maintains a depreciation fund, which is managed by the Town of Paxton Treasurer. This fund is used to pay for large capital investments such as new vehicles, distribution system upgrades and new construction. This fund is required by state statute. We annually set aside 3% to 5% of our cost-of-plant to be used for capital improvements and additions. In 2001, we added \$128,682 or 4% of our cost-of-plant, for future acquisitions and used \$99,396 for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The firefighter's moral remains extremely high as we continue the training goals mandated by our state, and federal governments, along with the many other skills needed to perform the job as firefighters. We began and completed training on firefighter survivability, rapid intervention and semi automatic defibrillation for the entire membership as well as the Police Dept. We established a regional hazardous material response team of which Paxton has three trained technicians participating. Two members of the emergency medical division received their EMT certification, and the new fire officers completed the Massachusetts fire-fighting academy, Fire Officer I training and received their certification. To stay current on all aspects of our profession it takes approximately 185 hours per year.

The commitment to time and the risk of personal injury to volunteer firefighter grows each year. Because of this it is difficult to attract new recruits to join our profession. We advertise in local newspapers, we recruit at schools, and we solicit through word of mouth. New recruits must be willing and able to pass physical examination, as well as medical and

strength requirements. They must also pass a state FFI & FFII written and practical examination.

Paxton is not alone in the search for employees. All of the surrounding towns have opted to hire full time firefighters to staff the equipment when volunteers are not routinely available.

In December the town accepted a fire protection device (sprinkler system) ordinance. This will greatly enhance the safety of the public as well as the firefighters.

Emergency calls continue to increase this year as they have in past years. The number of fire emergency calls increased this year FY 2002 to 164 versus FY 2001 with 116.

Emergency medical calls increased this year also to 249 versus FY 2001 with 159.

The EMT's and D-Fib units are having great success, as residents of Paxton lives have been saved from certain death, and are now at home, healthy and leading active lives.

Actual structure fires with property damage for FY 2002 were 17 versus FY 2001 with only 6. Two of these structures sustained serious damage, and put the Paxton firefighters and the firefighters from mutual aid communities, at extreme risk of injury or death. However with all the activity this year no injuries were reported. This I believe is a direct result of the Fire Departments formal structured management system, with safety and accountability designees responsible for all firefighters at the scene or an incident, and our approach to training personnel.

The temporary apparatus building has been completed and will house the new Ladder / Pumper truck to be delivered in October of 2002.

In closing I would like to commend and personally thank the Fire Department Officers for their professionalism, dedication, support, understanding and commitment that they have given me during my first year as Fire Chief. I would also like to thank the entire membership and their families. I will continue to strive for the safest emergency operation, the most current training techniques, and modern equipment to assure all of us come home to our families after an emergency incident healthy, both physically and mentally.

These members are:

Rudi Acuna
Matthew Bassick
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT
Thomas Ducharme – Lieutenant
Brian Faucher
Richard Gaffney – Deputy chief
Joseph Germain
Michael Goyette
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT
James Hansson
Jeffrey Harrell – EMT

Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief
 Brian Killelea
 Eric Locke
 Robert Martin
 Patrick Mullaney
 James Olson
 Timothy Pierce – EMT - P
 Charles Pingitore
 Michael Pingitore – EMT
 Michael Putnam
 Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
 Gary Richards – Lieutenant
 Patrick Robinson
 Thomas Savage – EMT
 Raymond Savignac
 Michael Sears
 Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant
 Matthew Stone
 Peter Warren

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte

Fire Chief – EMT

REPORT OF THE WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Wachusett Regional School District:

The citizens of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, and Sterling came together at special town meetings in their communities over fifty years ago to make a reality the vision they had of a regional place of learning for their high school students. By their actions in June of 1950, the Wachusett Regional School District was created. In December of 1993, the citizens again had a vision for educating all of the students in the five member towns. Their votes created a unified K-12 region. Since that unification the accomplishments of our students have soared. District students have demonstrated progressive and substantial improvements on standardized achievement tests including the Metropolitan Achievement Tests and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). High School students have regularly received top honors at the State Science Fair held at MIT, including two first place honors in 2001. Students have scored well above the state and national averages on the SAT tests. More students each year choose to take advanced placement courses and score well above the national average on the advanced placement tests.

District students have also excelled in non-academic areas. The Wachusett Regional High School Girls Soccer Team were the 2001 State Champions and for the first time in many years the football team had a winning season. Year after year the Wachusett track teams make their way to the State meets; our music students continue to be chosen for Central District and State band and chorus; and our theater productions are second to none. Wachusett Regional High School's music program has been recognized for a second year by the Grammy

Foundation as one of the top 100 high school music programs in the United States.

Citizens in the five member towns are fortunate to have quality educators working with our students everyday. Students are taught to aim high and always do their best. The member towns have provided the resources needed for educational programs, which support the growth of children. Thanks to the commitment made by the Wachusett community to renew District schools, students in Kindergarten through grade 8 have the benefit of modern school facilities. These K-8 schools reflect the pride the community has for children and the respect for the value of their education. The renewal of the K-8 schools should stand as an example of what the Wachusett community must do for its high school students.

Although a permanent high school solution was not successful when placed before the voters in the spring, community support was overwhelming for the interim modular classrooms at the high school. This interim solution staved off the loss of accreditation and the need for staggered sessions. The first phase of the modular classroom project will be completed for use in September 2002. The School Committee continues to work towards a long-term solution for our high school students.

You are invited to review the Annual Report and FY03 Budget Appropriation, a publication dedicated to the accomplishments of our students, as well as providing a detailed analysis of the finances needed to run such an outstanding District.

On behalf of the students served so ably by our school district staff, we extend our deepest appreciation to you for your continued support for the educational programs for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred D. Tutela, Ph.D.
 Superintendent of Schools

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board, being scheduled for monthly meetings, held 17 meetings during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2002, an indication of much activity in planning and development in Paxton. Meetings of the Planning Board are regularly scheduled for the second Monday of the month.

The Board's activity included the review of 10 ANR ("Approval Not Required") submissions of which we consented in several cases, denied two applications and rescinded the conditional approval of one. We approved the renewal of ten Accessory Apartments, which in the future are to follow more closely the prescribed process of the Zoning Bylaw.

The Planning Board gave close scrutiny to ongoing and new subdivisions. The roadways of two subdivisions moved towards their acceptance as public ways. Having fulfilled all requirements of their definitive plans, the extension of

Forestdale Road and Hemlock and McCann Streets were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Fox Run Subdivision, its definitive plan having been approved in late 2000, made considerable progress with its infrastructure construction and lots were released for sale upon completion of drainage and base-course road paving. Cash bonds secure satisfactory completion of all subdivision work.

Much time was spent on the Glad Hill Subdivision. Its Preliminary Plan having been approved early in 2001, the first session of the Public Hearing on the Definitive Plan was held in late July 2001, but was continued for three meetings until final approval on October 29, 2001. In this case, security for satisfactory performance is by Tripartite Agreement, which was signed by the parties in April 2002.

The first submission under Section 9 of the Zoning Bylaw, Senior Residential Development was received in early June 2002. The development called Highland Village of 23.5 acres for 42 units, located between Highland Street and Forestdale Road continues to be under review by the developer and will not be heard until October 2002.

The totally rewritten Zoning Bylaw, which had been accepted by Town Meeting vote on March 19, 2001 and subsequently approved by the office of State Attorney General except for three minor modifications, resulted in revisions by Town Meeting vote of November 5, 2001. Also voted at this meeting was anew Watershed Protection overlay District (Section 4.5) and a replaced Section 8, Personal Wireless Services. There was further action on 8.4 and 9.3 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 3, 2002.

There was personnel change on the Planning Board during the year. While Zarvin Kasparian had attended meetings until September 2001, we were saddened by his death in December. We recognized his valued contributions and service to the Town of Paxton for many years. Julie Jacobson was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy until the Town election. At the June meeting, Gordon Szczepanek informed the board of his resignation effective June 30, 2002 due to his retirement from the Paxton Light Department and moving out of Town. His services on the Planning Board have been very valuable, and he will be missed.

We also wish to extend our thanks to our Town Services Coordinator, Nancy Wilby, and to Tammy Connors for their assistance in preparing our agendas and keeping minutes that allowed us to perform the necessary tasks.

Following the Town election at the June meeting, the Planning Board reorganized with Neil Bagdis becoming chairman, Julie Jacobson, vice chair and Chris Baehrecke, clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian S. Baehrecke
Neil A. Bagdis
David L. Bennett

Julie Jacobson
Gordon J. Szczepanek

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year 2002 has put a significant amount of stress on our police department. Criminal complaints and arrests increased in our community. Most of the criminal activity during this fiscal year was related to the illicit use of alcohol and drugs while operating a motor vehicle. Our police department aggressively pursued and criminally charged alcohol and/or drug impaired operators of motor vehicles, which helped to provide safer roadways for our residents and commuters. As a result of the significant increase in motor vehicle related crime court appearances tripled.

Our department received an award from AAA for our 25 or more years without a pedestrian fatality. This shows the dedication and responsibility of the police department to highway safety.

Our department continued its commitment to community policing. The Youth Activity Center (YAC) and the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program of self-defense for women were two of the programs that were well received by the community.

YAC provided a safe and fun gathering spot for town youths in grades 6 through 8. The children were able to congregate, socialize and be constructively active in a safe environment. YAC was staffed by at least one Paxton police officer at all times. This program not only provided a safe gathering place for the children, but also promoted a positive relationship between the police officers and the youths.

The RAD program of self-defense for women is dedicated to teaching defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics.

The upcoming fiscal year 2003 will be very difficult due to the fact that our budget has been significantly cut. The cuts will result in less patrols and officers working alone. However, we will continue to do the best we can to provide a safe community for the residents of Paxton.

The following statistics reflect the activities of the Paxton Police Department from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

81	Accidents
194	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
59	Animal Other Than Dog
8	Assaults
117	Arrests
19	Breaking/Entering Auto & Residential
1937	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
23	Disturbances
13	Domestic Abuse Incidents
803	General Police

17	Larceny
37	Lockouts/Auto/Home
224	Medical Emergencies
2979	Motor Vehicle Stops
2	Motor Vehicle Thefts
71	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
20	Open Doors/Windows
13	Property Lost/Found
3	Rubbish/Dumping
10	Soliciting
31	Summonses
140	Suspicious Autos
55	Suspicious Persons
56	Traffic Safety Incidents
19	Welfare Checks
136	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls

Respectfully submitted

Michael J. Ahearn, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

With a very mild winter and a total of 53" of snow and ice events for the 2001/2002 season, the cleanup was minimal. Mooreland Cemetery had 21 burials for the year. The Highway Department, with the cooperation of the Light Department, spent several days pruning and trimming the trees in the cemetery.

The Highway Department paved South Street, Nanigian Road, Holbrook Lane, Eagle Lane, Bel Arbor Drive, Streeter Road, and Davis Hill Road. We have also done some interior restoration to the Highway Garage during the mild winter. Paxton continues to have beaver problems throughout the town.

The Water Board and the Board of Health have addressed the residents' concerns about arsenic found in their well water in the Red Oak/Marshall Street area of town. This resulted in many residents hooking up to town water.

The Water Department has had three water main breaks during the year. We have been especially busy with the on-going Grove Street project with several main and service replacements. These have been very trying times for the Grove Street residents with many water and traffic shutdowns. We thank all residents for their continued patience.

The Department of Public Works thanks all Boards and Committees for their support and would like to continue to work together to make the Town of Paxton a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Fritze, Superintendent

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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

New totals as of July 25, 2002:

Republican	445
Democrat	634
Libertarian	12

Un-enrolled	1,645
TOTAL	2,741

Voting is held in the Paxton Center School, which is handicap accessible. Town Hall is handicap accessible for voter registration.

In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk at 799-7347, ext. 13.

Board of Registrars
Jean M. McIntyre, Chair

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours

Winter			
Sunday	Closed	Wednesday	9-12, 1-5
Monday	Closed	Thursday	1-8
Tuesday	1-8	Friday	9-12, 1-5
	Saturday	10-4	

Summer

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

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

After three years of declining, our circulation increased 1% to 66,605. With the registration of 362 new patrons, we now have 3750 patrons. Our collection now numbers 31974, including books, videos, DVDs, magazines, museum passes, books-on-tape, books on CD, CDs and CD-ROMs.

Children are the focus of most of our programs. During the school year, there are 2 story hours a week for preschoolers as well as a weekly toddler time. Betsy, our Children's Librarian, visits Paxton Center School twice weekly for classroom visits, and many of the classes visit the library at least once during the school year. At least four reading incentive programs are run each year, all with the aim of encouraging reading. In addition, there are craft classes, movies, reading clubs and performers, all of which enrich the lives of our young clients.

This year we upgraded our Internet connection to a high-speed cable connection through Charter Cable. This is available to the public on our public access terminals. Through funding from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, we offer access to five rich and useful Internet based databases that offer a wide range of information.

With your library card, these databases are also available free on your home computer.

Funds from the Paxton Cultural Council provided passes to the Ecotarium, Worcester Art Museum, Discovery Museums, Higgins Armory, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, Fruitlands, and Historic Deerfield. The Friends have purchased passes to the Boston Museum of Science, Roger Williams Zoo and Davis Farmland. 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

Trustees:

Chair: Charles Innis

Vice Chair: Joan Bedard

Secretary: Joan Arnold

Treasurer: Scott Martin

Physical Plant: Barbara Socha

Friends Liaison: Bronwyn Teixeira

WIRING INSPECTOR

Electrical permits issued during Fiscal Year 2002 were:

New homes completed	15
Additions and Miscellaneous	101
Total Inspections & Re-inspections	116

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall. Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Secretary. All wiring, whether done by the homeowner or a licensed electrician, requires a permit and inspection. Electricians should be prepared to show an electrician's license and a current certificate of insurance.

The Wiring Inspector may be reached at home prior to and after work hours at 508-755-1385.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fanning

Electrical Inspector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS

TAXES & EXCISES	5,478,865.91
DRIVEWAY BONDS HELD	8,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	382,708.85

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:

Fisheries & Wildlife	3,785.25
Police Parking Tickets	20.00
Police Private Duty	61,144.20
Police DARE	12,250.00
Police Grants/Gifts	10,891.50
Fire Grants/Gifts	1,400.00
Recreation	43,425.81
Title V Septic Programs	16,034.39

Title V Betterment Programs	24,685.00
Cable TV	6,080.54
State Aid	567,053.44
Town Clerk Fees	1,729.25
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	163,806.73
HIGHWAY LOANS	104,106.99
REVENUE ANTICIPATION LOAN	2,000,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	
Title V Betterments Received	23,845.95
Composting Bins	90.00
Historical Commission	349.50
Recycling Grant	2,635.00
Conservation	1,896.25
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	3,765.00
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	5,120.10
Local Cultural Council	3,498.87
Library State Aid	7,642.29
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
Escrow Acct. Grasseschi	56.79

LOCAL RECEIPTS:

General Government Fees	130,085.04
PCS School Building. Reimbursement	275,939.00
Police Court Fees & RMV Collections	21,707.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care	4,650.00
Interest - Collector/Treasurer	22,395.51
Tax Title	3,140.92
Motor Vehicle	1,790.35
Real Estate & Personal	14,333.24
Property	
Water Accounts	2,890.03
Title V	1,382.80

PAXTON LIGHT DEPARTMENT BILLING

Offset expenses	129,333.28
Sale of Scrap	153.20
Meter Deposits	2,000.00
Interest	31,623.97
OFFSET TO APPROPRIATIONS	29,701.39

TRUST FUNDS:

Library Investment Income	6,606.87
Cemetery Investment Income	7,389.52
Med. Center of Central MA	18,672.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS	40,888.21

SPECIAL ARTICLES:

DPW Backhoe	81,084.00
COA Fire Alarm	12,000.00
Fire Pumper Etc.	3,427.50
Computer Software & Hardware	51,300.00
COA Electric Service	2,200.00
Police Union Contract	76,345.36

TOTAL RECEIPTS

12,534,837.34

DISBURSEMENTS

TAXES & EXCISE REFUNDS	18,565.23
ENCUMBERED FUNDS	49,537.03
Water Dept. Installations & Repairs	2,300.00
WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT	86,416.36
REVENUE ANTICIPATION LOAN	2,000,000.00
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:	

Title V Betterment Program	82,185.54
Fisheries & Wildlife	3,784.75
Police Private Duty	75,604.00
Police DARE	10,390.88
Police Grants/Gifts	7,469.45
Fire Grants/Gifts	1,518.00
Upper Blackstone Waste District	182.50
Cable TV	1,863.66
Recycling Grant	2,488.56
Historical Commission	145.70
Recreation	36,923.70

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

Notes Payable Highway	47,839.16
Highway Loans	95,875.38
Library State Aid	5,309.94
Elder Affairs Formula Fund	4,330.77
Elder Affairs "Project We Care"	1,106.56
Local Cultural Council	5,327.00
Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	697.40
Town Clerk Fees	1,729.25

DRIVEWAY BONDS REFUNDED	6,500.00
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LOCAL RECEIPTS REFUNDED	150.00
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INTEREST REFUNDED	13.47
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	4,650.00
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EMPLOYEE WITHOLDINGS	165,570.14
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Paxton LIGHT DEPARTMENT	2,756,335.20
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Meter Deposit Refunds	2,250.00
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Treasurer's Tax Title Account	797.50
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SPECIAL ARTICLES:

DPW Backhoe	81,084.00
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Fire Pumper Etc.	88,695.33
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COA Maintenance/Repair	461.74
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Computer Software & Hardware	35,978.95
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COA Electric Service	2,700.00
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Police Union Contract	16,444.36
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Town Hall Cellar Brickwork	2,600.00
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Dispatch Center Console	1,773.41
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Police Station Repairs	371.13
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DPW Boiler	24,693.25
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COA Circuit Breaker	287.43
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Police Cruiser Engine	6,968.15
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Police Copy Machine	2,575.00
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COA Van	19,856.50
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Employee Wage Study	15,400.00
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PERFORMANCE BONDS	11,803.64
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APPROPRIATIONS	6,963,988.96
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PCS RENOVATIONS & ADDITION	1,150.42
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TRUST FUNDS:

Village Improvements	1,000.00
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Library Investment Income	1,706.60
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Cemetery Investment Income	12,424.88
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Med Center of Central MA	16,575.00
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V.E. Howland	547.30
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Stabilization	75,000.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>12,861,943.18</u>
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APPROPRIATIONS

	TRANSFERS /RECEIPTS	EXPENDED
MODERATOR	215.00	150.00
SELECTBOARD	57,668.14	52,853.51
TOWN SERVICES COORDINATOR	42,646.00	40,094.40
FINANCE BOARD	1,145.00	1,080.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	27,421.00	27,241.59
ASSESSORS	54,836.00	54,231.74
TOWN TREASURER	31,531.79	31,188.16
TOWN COLLECTOR	32,673.00	30,953.49
LEGAL	30,000.00	29,935.61
PERSONNEL BOARD	420.00	399.00
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	801.00	800.60
TOWN CLERK	10,092.61	9,771.37
ELECTIONS	6,109.69	6,109.69
REGISTRARS	2,400.00	2,217.70
CONSERVATION	1,800.00	1,059.05
PLANNING BOARD	17,898.25	16,237.65
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,150.00	930.70
PUBLIC BLDG. MAINTENANCE	29,420.80	29,039.43
INSURANCE & BONDS	70,389.51	67,302.00
TOWN REPORTS & WARRANTS	3,200.00	2,589.76
TOWN CLOCK	505.00	366.77
POLICE DEPARTMENT	545,927.55	544,639.96
FIRE DEPARTMENT	199,727.57	194,868.08
AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT	9,600.00	9,600.00
FIRST RESPONDERS	52,654.00	52,517.08
BUILDING	13,061.00	10,975.00
COMMISSIONER PLUMBING INSPECTOR	2,500.00	2,500.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	3,291.00	3,111.80
CIVIL DEFENSE	100.00	0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	6,863.87	6,863.87
FORESTRY	1,250.00	1,250.00
TREE WARDEN	5,650.00	5,650.00
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	128,925.32	123,477.84
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	502,884.74	489,784.70
STREETLIGHTING	18,960.00	18,960.00
REFUSE COLLECTION/ RECYCLING	216,601.54	206,156.44
WATER DEPARTMENT	434,498.00	385,729.04
BOARD OF HEALTH	2,800.00	867.40
SANITARY INSPECTOR	8,474.00	8,474.00
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	400.00	400.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	1,500.00	1,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	39,204.60	35,958.84
VETERAN'S SERVICES	1,000.00	535.00

LIBRARY	122,361.43	122,361.43
RECREATION	117,339.89	105,587.79
HISTORICAL	475.00	235.06
COMMISSION		
CELEBRATIONS	1,725.00	1,431.89
DEBT SERVICE	828,380.00	802,066.40
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST		
EMPLOYEE	299,194.39	274,113.19
RETIREMENT & HEALTH		
INSURANCE		
WACHUSETT REGIONAL	3,322,496.00	3,300,103.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT		
RESERVE FUND	50,000.00	50,000.00
DESIGNER SELECTION	500.00	250.00
TOTAL	7,360,667.69	7,164,520.03

TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2001	10.31	
Committed	413.88	
Collected		413.88
Outstanding June 30, 2002		10.31
Total	\$424.19	\$424.19

1999 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2001	1,456.27	
Committed		
Collected		118.03
Abated		0.00
Outstanding June 30, 2002		1,338.24
Total	\$1,456.27	\$1,456.27

2000 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2001	3,661.75	
Committed	11,883.58	
Refunded	334.03	
Collected		12,960.52
Abated		246.97
Outstanding June 30, 2002		2,671.87
Total	\$15,879.36	\$15,879.36

2001 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2001	17,791.55	
Committed	186,652.50	
Refunded	4,051.54	
Collected		187,912.11
Abated		8,862.96
Outstanding June 30, 2002		11,720.52
Total	\$208,495.59	\$208,495.59

2002 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	427,544.15	
Refunded	1,588.33	
Collected		390,713.60
Abated		7,253.61
Outstanding June 30, 2002		31,165.27
Total	\$429,132.48	\$429,132.48

2002 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise			
Committed	474.00		
Collected			474.00
Total	\$474.00		\$474.00

2002 Fiscal In Lieu of Taxes			
Committed	\$8,579.71		
Collected			\$8,579.71
Total	\$8,579.71		\$8,579.71

2000 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Outstanding July 1, 2001	1,223.91		
Outstanding June 30, 2002			1,223.91
Total	\$1,223.91		\$1,223.91

2001 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Outstanding July 1, 2001	11,444.31		
Collected			101.09
Adjustment	.39		11,343.61
Outstanding June 30, 2002	\$11,444.70		\$11,444.70

2002 Fiscal Personal Property Tax			
Committed	57,937.50		
Collected			55,801.44
Adjustment			.29
Abated			269.05
Outstanding June 30, 2002			1,866.72
Total	\$57,937.50		\$57,937.50

2001 Fiscal Real Estate Tax			
Outstanding June 30, 2001	113,729.99		
Refunded	530.11		
Collected			81,987.98
Outstanding June 30, 2002			32,272.12
Total	\$114,260.10		\$114,260.10

2002 Fiscal Real Estate Tax			
Committed	4,871,908.85		
Refunded	12,061.22		
Collected			4,725,717.53
Abated			26,191.85
Outstanding June 30, 2002			132,060.69
Total	\$4,883,970.07		\$4,883,970.07

Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable - Various Years			
Outstanding July 1, 2001	65,615.10		
Adjustment	1,122.78		
Collected			14,086.02
Outstanding June 30, 2002			52,651.86
Total	\$66,737.88		\$66,737.88

2002 Fiscal Light Liens			
Committed	1,410.98		
Outstanding June 30, 2002			1,410.98
Total	\$1,410.98		\$1,410.98

Water Liens

	111.38	
Committed	2,087.68	
Collected		2,087.68
Outstanding June 30, 2002		111.38
Total	\$2,199.06	\$2,199.06

Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2001	32,871.57	
Outstanding June 30, 2002		32,871.57
Total	\$32,871.57	\$32,871.57

2002 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on All Taxes	20,633.84
Interest Received From Collector's Account	651.14
Interest Received on Water Receipts	2,890.03
Certificate of Municipal Liens Fees	7,000.00
Parking Fees	20.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	1,850.00
Return Check Fees	65.00
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	480.00
Dog Fines	300.00
Water Lien Fee	250.00
Treasurer's Interest	21,744.37

Water Department Receipts

Readings	347,971.52
Installation and Repairs	33,600.00

OFFICE	TUES - THURS	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
HOURS:		
	MON	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
	MON EVENING	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	FRI	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre L. Malone

PAXTON PAYROLL

TOWN HALL	
Annette Aubertin	150.00
Ella Beach	150.00
Richard Bedard	1,262.00
Charles Bolster Jr.	150.00
Rosemary Buckley	7,890.41
Thomas Carroll	100.00
Carol Clark	1,004.40
Tamara Connors	850.00
Wayne Curran	8,474.00
Francis Fanning	2,991.00
Francis Ford	150.00
Frederick Goodrich	1,536.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	16,328.57
Timothy Hackett	500.00
Dennis Harney	2,530.00
Judy Hatstat	100.00
June Herron	36,819.25

Doris Huard	1,874.66
Harry Johnson	575.00
Evelyn Lawler	940.00
Deirdre Malone	37,041.00
John Malone	225.00
Jean McIntyre	150
David Parent	100.00
Jean Parent	400.00
Robert Paulsen, Jr.	1,874.66
Carol Riches	21,444.37
Scott Runstrom	1,262.00
Mary Savage	3,246.75
Barbara Scholl	2,798.30
John Slabich	100.00
Patrick Smith	2,100.00
James Stone, Jr.	7,049.68
Richard Trifero	10,350.00
David Trulson	150.00
B. Peter Warren	5,064.00
Nancy Wilby	31,081.60
Scott Wilson	8,512.82

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rodolfo Acuna	4,853.37
Matthew Bassick	2,177.77
Michael Benoit	9,527.66
Brian Cheney	415.80
Jason Clarke	260.97
Jay Conte	13,016.69
Thomas Cunningham	4,595.78
Thomas Ducharme	6,580.93
Brian Faucher	1,087.97
Michael Flek	1,776.74
Richard Gaffney	14,055.95
Joseph Germain	109.59
Michael Giza	1,051.65
Michael Goyette	3,048.27
Richard Greenway	376.38
Kenneth Grensavitch	10,719.39
James Hansson	2,632.10
Jeffrey Harrell	4,452.77
Richard Jenkins	14,990.19
Brian Killelea	220.29
Eric Locke	1,482.61
Robert Martin	2,813.54
Patrick Mullaney	1,226.89
James Olson	5,025.73
Donna Graf-Parsons	5,156.42
Bryan Palumbo	331.70
Timothy Pierce	2,074.05
Charles Pingitore	2,324.70
Michael Pingitore	5,662.25
Michael Putnam	3,832.05
Kevin Quinn	11,644.02
Gary Richards	7,069.23
Patrick Robinson	1,216.53
Michael Rowe, Jr.	32.10
Thomas Savage, Jr.	7,724.10
Raymond Savignac	4,103.87

Richard Sears	3,644.97
Orville Sheldon	2,990.73
Matthew Stone	597.78
B. Peter Warren	2,733.12

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Richard Frenier	4,333.00
Ronald Fritze	48,251.40
George Johnson	53,319.02
Samuel Knipe	36,399.15
Charles Pingitore	39,424.06
Michael Putnam	42,082.59
Kevin Quirk	1,851.43
Gary Richards	36,206.25
Carol Riches	757.53
Eva Ryan	10,235.35
Steven Urbanovitch	36,475.00

LIBRARY

Elizabeth Beth	24,737.22
Carolyn Brunelle	2,267.65
Arnold Childs, Jr.	3,648.16
Mary Hulser	46.56
Molly Hulser	1,500.40
Patricia Miller	1,562.56
Janet Porter	32,503.84
Jennifer Robideau	3,446.69
Susan Sonju	8,635.76
Cathleen Verterame	4,022.68
Susan Wheeler	4,328.14

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Abbey Ahearn	581.26
Michael J. Ahearn Jr.	1,691.91
Lee Backstrom	1,793.25
Jayne Barroll	670.63
Kevin Barry	516.38
Jamie Bock	594.00
Kirsten Brownlee	6,134.10
Jessica Cabrera	255.00
Amanda Carroll	2,817.25
Lia Carroll	165.75
Robin Carroll	6,517.50
Hillary Chiavaroli	637.00
Justin Ducharme	418.50
Regina Galvin	469.13
Joyce Gamache	3,751.40
Nicholas Golen	459.00
Erin Graham	576.38
Shannon Graham	533.25
Ethan Johnson	594.00
Megan Knipe	518.38
Elizabeth Kruz	550.13
James Kusz	326.25
Nicole Lederer	597.00
Nicole Leone	631.13
Daniel Logee	904.50
Mallory Malkasian	344.25
Andrew Masterman	621.00

Craig Masterman	13,300.00
Rachel Masterman	420.50
Joseph McKay	590.63
Jenna Noel	769.50
Mary Norton	605.38
Elizabeth Pare	590.88
Erick Parent	526.50
David Parent	651.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	1,284.10
Michael Reilly	573.75
Katherine Reynolds	1,358.25
Meaghan Reynolds	619.88
Daniel Ruane	526.50
Marie Savignac	2,541.01
Caitlin Shooshan	452.25
Michelle Simon	558.25
Phoebe Siter	224.00
Nicholas Stocia	641.25
Beth Sullivan	478.50
Beth Sundstrom	1,635.50
Corinne Tetreault	351.00
Luanne Tribastone	4,050.
Jamie Trifilo	631.13
Rachel Warren	714.00
Sarah Weagle	572.76

COUNCIL ON AGING

Robert Callahan	6,763.08
Heather Courtney	6,641.51
Frederick Goodrich	219.15
George Heeley	5,025.65
John McKiernan	5,163.42
Lisa Martin	3,883.42
David Penny	315.89

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Ahearn	65,737.00
David Ahlin	11,276.93
William Beaudry	6,740.26
Brian Boulette	6,526.95
Mark Chase	14,922.17
Hans Carlson	59,052.42
Robert DesRosiers	52,047.51
Todd Girouard	496.43
David Keller	12,209.16
Kathleen Killoran	26,085.20
William Lang	54,338.92
Todd LaPorte	59,225.91
Patrick O'Donoghue	31,587.98
William Reilly	57,788.52
William Sampson	1,390.28
Mark Savasta	86,770.43

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Jason Barlow	96.10
Suzanne Bassett	3,276.61
Jonathan Bourget	7889.58
Philip Cerasoli	48.05
Lisa Cottter	1,025.05

Cory Darrah	1,135.57
Tara Gonelli	12,536.60
Richard Greenway	6,744.33
Jeffrey Harrell	3,815.96
Andrew Kularski	16,845.83
Johnathan Nozzolillo	38.44
Ronald Obuchowski, Jr.	140.00
Matthew Ohman	240.25
Thomas O'Neil	2,000.33
Diane Rucci	32,187.20
Thomas Savage Jr.	4,956.04
Steven Smith	836.24
Forrest Thorpe III	4,849.79
Kimberly Walker	9,473.60
Bonnie White	15,206.25

LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Michael Benoit	200.00
Susan Blackwood	31,497.60
Diane Dillman	57,952.34
Brian Marion	31,132.45
Russell McQuestion	2,097.40
Yvette Orell	31,497.60
Matthew Stone	35,030.49
Gordon Szczepanek	56,131.03
Joseph Thompson	53,447.89
Emerson Wheeler	200.00
Michael Zalansky	200.00

Independent Auditors' Report On General-Purpose Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2001) as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial-statements base on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include a General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally

accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In my opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission of a General Fixed Asset Account Group, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2002 (except for the Electric Enterprise Fund which is December 31, 2001), and the result of its operations and cash flow of its proprietary fund and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated September 30, 2002 on my consideration of the Town of Paxton's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining fund financial statements and other supplementary schedule listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Paxton, Massachusetts. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Bill Fraher C.P.A.

TOWN OF PAXTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types and Account Group June 30, 2002
(Except for Proprietary Fund Type which is December 31, 2001)

Assets	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Memorandum</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Type</u> <u>Electric Enterprise</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Types</u> <u>Trust & Agency</u>	<u>General Long-</u> <u>Term Obligations</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 644,152	\$ 167,625	\$ (11,623)	\$ 2,316,762	\$ 378,765	\$ -	\$ 3,495,681
Other Investments	-	-	-	-	331,438	-	331,438
Receivables:							
Property Taxes	178,767	-	-	-	-	-	178,767
Tax Liens and Foreclosures	128,533	-	-	-	-	-	128,533
Motor Vehicle Excise	46,906	-	-	-	-	-	46,906
User Charges	30,769	-	-	181,921	-	-	212,690
Other	-	114,226	-	4,016	-	-	118,242
Less: Allowance For Abatements and Uncollectible Accounts	(20,479)	-	-	-	-	-	(20,479)
Due From Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Other Assets	-	-	-	718,674	-	-	718,674
Inventory	-	-	-	86,658	-	-	86,658
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	-	-	-	810,522	-	-	810,522
Amounts to Be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Obligations	-	-	-	-	-	6,566,902	6,566,902
Total Assets	\$ 1,008,648	\$ 281,851	\$ (11,623)	\$ 4,118,553	\$ 710,203	\$ 6,566,902	\$ 12,674,534
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>							
Warrants Payable	\$54,382	-	-	89,820	-	-	144,202
Other Accrued Liabilities	22	-	-	26,024	-	-	26,046
Notes Payable	-	-	146,584	-	-	-	146,584
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	6,566,902	6,566,902
Deferred Revenue	334,362	114,226	-	-	-	-	448,588
Other Liabilities	17,531	-	-	1,330,636	62,161	-	1,410,328
	<u>406,297</u>	<u>114,226</u>	<u>146,584</u>	<u>1,446,480</u>	<u>62,161</u>	<u>6,566,902</u>	<u>8,742,650</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>							
Fund Equity:							
Retained Earnings:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved	-	-	-	810,522	-	-	810,522
Unreserved	-	-	-	1,861,551	-	-	1,861,551
Fund Balances:							
Reserved For Encumbrances	92,227	-	-	-	-	-	92,227
Unreserved:							
Designated	176,143	-	-	-	648,042	-	-
Undesignated	333,981	167,625	(158,207)	-	-	-	824,185
Total Fund Equity	<u>602,351</u>	<u>167,625</u>	<u>(158,207)</u>	<u>2,672,073</u>	<u>648,042</u>	-	<u>3,931,884</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$ 1,008,648	\$ 281,851	\$ (11,623)	\$ 4,118,553	\$ 710,203	\$ 6,566,902	\$ 12,674,534

Board of Assessors**Table 1****Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary****Expenditures**

	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>%INC</u>	<u>FY 2001</u>	<u>% INC</u>	<u>FY2000</u>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$6,841,351.00		\$6,536,556.00		\$5,846,485.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	430,550.00		234,525.00		354,556.44
Offset Items	8,364.00		7,982.00		6,454.00
Retirement	115,050.00		127,757.00		138,066.00
State & County Assessments	44,157.00		34,601.00		41,023.00
Tax Title	3,000.00		3,434.84		3,000.00
Overlay	35,678.00		47,406.07		36,120.56
Deficits Prior Years	0.00		0.00		0.00
Final Court Judgments	0.00		25,000.00		0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	0.00		0.00		288,498.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$7,478,150.00	6.6%	\$7,017,261.91	4.5%	\$6,714,203.00

Estimated Receipts

Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$699,246.00		\$598,856.00		\$540,058.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	482,700.00		475,000.00		390,000.00
Water Department	376,400.00		400,000.00		400,000.00
Other Local Receipts	208,484.00		301,597.00		351,139.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	275,939.00		551,878.00		0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	494,800.00		234,525.00		351,286.00
Available Funds - Other	10,750.00		0.00		3,270.44
Total Estimated Receipts	\$2,548,319.00	-0.5%	\$2,561,856.00	25.8%	\$2,035,753.44
Net Amount to be Raised	\$4,929,831.00	10.6%	\$4,455,405.91	-4.8%	\$4,678,449.56
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$5,066,182.00	9.3%	\$4,636,436.00	-6.7%	\$4,964,217.00

Valuations

Real Estate	\$293,432,900.00		\$290,084,800.00		\$233,879,100.00
Personal Property	3,490,209.00		3,938,848.00		4,024,262.00
Total Taxable Property	\$296,923,109.00	0.9%	\$294,023,648.00	23.6%	\$237,903,362.00

Tax Rates

Residential	\$16.63	9.6%	\$15.18	-22.9%	\$19.70
Open Space	\$14.97		\$13.66		\$17.73
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$16.60		\$15.15		\$19.67

Board of Assessors

Table II

Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise

	<u>FY2002</u>		<u>FY2001</u>		<u>FY2000</u>	
<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17: Widows	6	1,050.00	8	1,400.00	6	1,050.00
Clause 22: Veterans	31	7,750.00	36	9,000.00	39	9,750.00
Clause 37: Blind	5	2,187.50	5	2,187.50	5	2,187.50
Clause 41: Elderly	14	7,000.00	13	6,500.00	15	7,500.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1,389.23
Clause 42:	1	5,000.64	1	4,564.63	1	5,003.80
Totals	57	\$22,988.14	63	\$23,652.13	67	\$26,880.53
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	3	\$2,853.71	9	\$6,832.86	3	\$1,660.49
Personal Property	3	269.05	6	6,883.06	1	953.78
Farm Animal Excise	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	194	16,457.50	158	11,257.51	195	15,512.31
Total	200	\$19,580.26	173	\$24,973.43	199	\$18,126.58
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	4810	\$625,798.64	4219	\$413,398.09	4448	\$480,034.31
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$609,341.14		\$402,140.58		\$464,522.00

Board of Assessors

Table III

Property Classification

	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2001 (1)</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$277,408,500.00	\$273,733,080.00	\$3,675,420.00	1.3%
Open Space	4,549,000.00	4,875,400.00	-\$326,400.00	-6.7%
Commercial	8,706,000.00	8,706,920.00	-\$920.00	0.0%
Industrial	2,769,400.00	2,769,400.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Personal Property	3,490,209.00	3,938,848.00	-\$448,639.00	-11.4%
Total Taxable Property	\$296,923,109.00	\$294,023,648.00	\$2,899,461.00	1.0%
Exempt Property	31,367,800.00	31,295,300.00	\$72,500.00	0.2%
Total Valuation	\$328,290,909.00	\$325,318,948.00	\$2,971,961.00	0.9%

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

DIAL "911"

Fire: 508-756-1400

Police: 508-791-9296

Medical: 508-791-9296

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: 508-791-6600

576 Pleasant Street

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

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street, Hours: Monday 8a.m. - 3:30p.m, 5:30p.m - 8p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 8a.m.- 4p.m., Friday 8a.m.- 1p.m.

Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Nancy Wilby at 508-754-7638, ext. 11 for the following:

Board of Appeals	Art Croteau, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" basis
Board of Health	Thomas Carroll, Chair Home: 508-799-9713	Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m.
Planning Board	Christian Baehrecke, Chair Home: 508-755-9009	Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero	Office hours on Monday evening by appointment Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran	Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection Home: 508-799-0392
Wire Inspector	Patrick Fanning	Call 48 hours in advance for appointment Home: 508-755-1385
Fire Inspector	Thomas Cunningham	Home: 508-798-3239
Town Accountant & Town Clerk	June Herron	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Ext. 13
Town Collector & Treasurer	Deirdre Malone	See Town Hall hours 508-754-7638, Ext. 15
Assessors	James Stone, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant	Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon 508-754-7638 Ext. 16
Board of Selectmen	Frederick Goodrich, Chair Carol Riches, Administrative Secretary	Board meets every week - Call in advance for meeting dates 508-754-7638 Ext. 10
Department of Public Works	Ronald Fritze, Superintendent	Office: 107 Holden Road 508-753-9077
Water Commissioners	Jack Malone, Chair	Board meets second Tuesday of each month at the DPW Office: 578 Pleasant Street. 508-756-9508
Municipal Light Department	Diane Dillman, Manager Michael Benoit, Chair	Board meets second Wednesday of each month. Office: 10 West Street 508-755-1104
Police Department	Michael Ahearn, Police Chief	(Business Only) Contact Dispatch 508-791-6600
Dog/Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Board meets the last Tuesday in the month Office: 17 West Street 508-756-2833
Recreation Commission	John Glowik, Chair	Board meets the first Tuesday of each month. Board meets the second Thursday of each month Home: 508-799-9848
Council on Aging	Ella Beach, Chair George Heeley, Director	Board meets the third Thursday of each month Home: 508-752-1809
Conservation Commission	Robert Stewart, Chair	
Historical Commission	Dennis Melican, Chair	
Veteran's Agent	Timothy Hackett	Home: 508-755-1477
Richards Memorial Library	Janet Porter, Librarian Charles Innis, Trustee Chair	Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month 508-754-0793

LIBRARY HOURS

HOURS:	WINTER	SUMMER
Sunday & 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