

# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF PAXTON

*Year Ending June 30, 2014*



*The Hills at Paxton Village  
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*WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE*

**Robert Pelczarski**

WRSD Committee

**Daniel Gehnrich**

Conservation Commission

**James Stone**

Capital Improvement Committee & Town Building Needs Study Committee

**Kristen Steinmetz**

Open Space and Recreation Commission

**William Casey**

Open Space and Recreation Commission

**Roger Brunelle**

Local Historic District Commission & Richards Memorial Library Trustee

**Robert Bostwick**

Master Plan Implementation Committee

**Barbara Lorge**

Cultural Council



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***TOWN OFFICERS***  
***May 2013 to May 2014***



Board of Appeals	Forrest Smith	2016	Insurance Advisory Committee	
	Kirk Huehls	2018	Deirdre Malone	2014
	Paul Robinson	2017	Yvette Orell	2014
	Richard Grensavitch,	2014	Samuel Knipe	2014
	Roberta Brien	2017	Donna Graf-Parsons	2014
	Robert Callahan	2018	Eva Ryan	2014
	Margie O'Donnell	2016	Harold Smith	2014
	Joseph Roche	2017	Deborah Bailey	2014
Board of Registrars			Cable & Communication Committee	
	Mary Ann Paquette	2014	Carol Riches	2014
	Phyllis Callahan	2016	Raymond Charette, Chair	2014
	Paula Mathieu	2015	Scott Wilson	2014
Town Counsel			Gerald Ryan	2014
	Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2014	Agents for License Commission	
Sexual Harassment Officers			Donna Graf-Parsons	2014
	Carol Riches	2014	Central Mass Regional Planning	
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers			Christian S. Baehrecke	2014
	Larry Hammerberg	2014	Neil Bagdis, Alternate	
Care of Clock			Personnel Advisory Board	
	Bruce Cheney	2014	Heather Courtney	2015
Hazardous Waste Coordinator			Paul Sullivan	2015
	Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2014	Roland Card	2015
Emergency Management Director			Council on Aging	
	Michael Pingitore	2014	Barbara Braley	2014
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden			Robert Callahan	2014
	Jay Conte	2014	Gino Gangai	2016
Police Department Chief			Alice Crowley	2014
	Robert Desrosiers	2014	Curtis Hammer	2015
Full Time Officers			George Howatt	2015
	Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2015	Doris E. Huard, Associate	
	David Keller, Patrolman	2015	Jean Wilde	2016
	William F. Lang, Sergeant	2015	Joan Bedard	2015
	Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant	2015	James Putnam	2015
	Jason Silvestri, Detective	2015	Natalie Siemen, Associate	
	Forrest Thorpe	2015	Louise Howatt, Associate	
	Joseph Coggans	2015	June Herron, Associate	2015
Conservation Commission			Paul Bergin, Associate	2016
	Marisa Ayvasian	2014	Historical Commission	
	Michael Voorhis	2016	Alfred Niemi	2014
	Christopher Keenan, Chair	2016	Susan Corcoran	2014
	James Robert	2016	Larry Spongberg	2016
	Daniel Gehnrich	2015	Anita Fenton	2016
	Gerald Ryan	2015	Pamela Hair	2015
	Holly Robert, Associate	2016	Donna MacLean	2014
			Barbara Beall	2015
			Historic District Commission	
			Donna MacLean	2014
			Jay Gallant	2014
			Paul Robinson	2014
			Roger Brunelle	2014

Cultural Council	
Christie Barnes	2014
Daniel Gehnrich	2019
Anita Fenton	2015
Barbara Lorge	2017
Sara Root-Simone	2016
Barbara Beall-Fofana	2018

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee	
Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2014
Carol Riches	2014
John Malone	2014

Capital Improvement Committee	
Carol Riches	2014
Forrest Smith	2014
Gerald Ryan	2014
Jeffrey Kent	2014
James Stone	2014
James Lang	2014

Election Officers	
Beverly Berthel	
Donald Berthel	
Kateri Clute	
Janice Carlson	
Cecilia Carroll	
Kathryn Kingsbury	
Patricia Cole	
Anita Fenton	
Gino Gangai	
Michelle Nelsen	
Annette McKiernan	
Marguerite Ryan	
Chris Starbard	
Sandra Vaudo	
Deirdre Malone	
Melinda Johnson	
Jacqueline LaFlash	
Maureen Lockman	
John Lucy	
Robert Wilby	

Master Plan Implementation Committee	
Joanne Savignac	2014
Robert Bostwick	2014
Bob Hayes	2014
Kevin Quinn	2014
Paul Mathieu	2014
Jay Gallant	2014
Scott Siemen	2014
Paul Robinson	2014
Carol Riches, Ex Officio	

Town Hall Renovation Committee	
Richard Fenton	2014
Jay Gallant	2014
Paul Robinson	2014
James Stone	2014
Roberta Brien	2014

Town Building Needs Committee	
Jay Gallant	2014
Paul Robinson	2014
James Stone	2014

Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Carol Riches	2014

#### APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Board	
Jamie Contonio	2016
Jennifer Lennon	2016
Mark Love	2015
James Lang	2015
Richard Fenton, Chair	2014
Cheryl Sleboda	2015
June Herron	2014
Scott Runstrom	2016
Kevin Mentzer	2015

#### APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector	
Dennis Harney	2014
John P. Dolen, Assistant	2014

Sanitary Inspector	
Wayne Curran	2014

Burial Agent	
Ronald Johnson	2014

Animal Inspector	
Jean Parent	2014

Animal Control Officer	
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2014

Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
Republic Trash Removal	2015

## **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

### **First Responders**

Cory Anderson EMT  
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT  
James Foley EMT  
Kevin Kelly EMT  
Kyle Marcinkiewiz EMT  
Alex Ward EMT  
Andrew Miller EMT  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT

Justin Bassick EMT  
Peter Conte EMT  
James Carlton EMT-P  
Dan Gagne EMT  
Richards Latour EMT  
Jeffrey Olson EMT  
Michael Pingitore EMT  
Thomas Savage Lieutenant EMT

## **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

### **Firefighters**

Rudi Acuna  
Cory Anderson EMT  
Justin Bassick EMT  
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT  
Lionel Berthiamé  
Peter Conte EMT  
James Carlton EMT-P  
Richard Doughty  
Amanda Drew  
James Foley EMT  
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief  
Dan Gagne EMT  
Jessica Genarro  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
James Hansson  
Ryan Hobbs  
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief  
Kevin Kelly EMT  
Brian Killelea  
Richard Latour EMT  
Kyle Marcinkiewiz EMT  
Andrew Miller EMT  
Jeffrey Olson EMT  
Michael Pingitore – Lieutenant EMT  
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant  
Gary Richards – Lieutenant  
Michael Rowe  
Thomas Savage – Lieutenant EMT  
Alex Ward EMT





*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND  
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND  
BOARDS*

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

FY14 saw some significant positive changes in Paxton as well a continuation of the unfortunate fiscal woes that have been plaguing the town over the last few years. As our financial burden grows due to cutbacks in local aid as well as slow tax growth, there is an increased need for creativity in locating revenue sources to fund or offset department needs.

The Fire Department secured a \$425,000 grant in FY13 for a new engine to replace aging equipment. The new truck was delivered in March of 2014 and is now in service to the town. The Fire Department also began providing basic life support level ambulance service to the town beginning in October 2013, after negotiations with the struggling Spencer Rescue Squad failed to result in a mutually beneficial contract. This change keeps the ambulance in town and available to town residents. In June of 2014, the service was then upgraded to the advanced life support level in order to provide a high level of pre-hospital care to town residents as soon as the ambulance reaches them. A portion of the ambulance service is being funded through receipts and so this change has been minimally impactful to the overall budget, with the benefit that the service is now directed by Paxton's own fire department.

The Paxton Shuttle was established, providing bus service along a route from Paxton to Union Station in Worcester two days per week. This service makes use of funds the town is required to pay to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority due to its proximity and we are now realizing a benefit from this assessment rather than just an annual financial obligation.

Construction has been completed on Paxton's senior residential development, The Hills at Paxton Village, and the first tenants moved in in December 2013. It is hoped that this development will offer an affordable option to aging Paxton residents so that they will be able to continue to live in town as their priorities change.

The FY13 financial audit results were encouraging and Paxton was commended on its performance. However, the town was reminded that we should focus on decreasing our debt burden as well as increasing our stabilization and depreciation accounts. Although we were able to avoid any major cuts for FY15 due in part to some one-time cash influxes, in recent years we have seen the town's operational budget suffer while there were substantial increases in the school budget and/or the town's assessment. It is expected that we will continue to see difficulty balancing the budget in an atmosphere where the financial burden is progressively being shifted to the local level. This has intensified our insistence on increasing state funding when speaking with Senator Brewer and Representative Ferguson, as well as our appeal for improved transparency in the schools' budgetary processes. We have found both the new administration at Wachusett Regional School District as well as the administration at Bay Path Regional Vocational High School to be agreeable to maintaining an open and honest dialog.

In order to help control costs, we have utilized the students at Bay Path to complete minor town projects including renovations of the bathrooms in the town hall. We have also leveraged our relationship with Anna Maria College to continue to provide IT services to the town, and we have located and utilized several grants for public safety, infrastructure, highway maintenance and planning. The passing of the Town Government Act, which designates a consistent reporting structure for all town positions, will help to streamline processes and maximize our ability to see cost savings as a result of greater efficiency and also in areas such as uniform purchasing in the future.

We are seeing significant needs presented as a result of our aging infrastructure. Notably, the Maple Street Water tank needs replacement and the town voted to secure time-sensitive low interest financing for this venture at the Annual Town Meeting in May, which will save a great deal on the project as a whole. There remains a need to address the underground water infrastructure, particularly in the vicinity of West Street, and this will require attention going forward. Engineering design was completed for Holden Road, and it is hoped that this project will receive state funding shortly in order to address the major requirements of this roadway.

Throughout FY14 we have continued to see passionate contribution from many town residents who have stepped up to get involved in issues affecting their neighborhoods. Hopefully, this appetite can be further directed into continued community involvement in other areas after the motivating issue has resolved. We would like to strongly encourage pride and participation in our community and there are multiple committees and events in which town residents can participate to this end.

Paxton will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this upcoming year and the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee has been hard at work securing funding and planning events throughout the upcoming year. They were able to secure grant funding which will contribute significantly to this historic event and we look forward to reveling in a major town milestone.

Paxton Days was a huge success this year, thanks to the Paxton Days Committee. Occurring annually in June, Paxton Days is a celebration of our community with displays and demonstrations from town departments, kid's activities, raffles, food and vendors.

Paxton is a beautiful and wholesome community, and I would like to personally thank all of the town employees and volunteers who invest their valuable time and effort in maintaining and improving the town. As we move forward, creative problem-solving will be a must in order to meet town needs in the current and evolving fiscal environment. An eye for efficiency, continued focus on grant funding opportunities, consideration for regional approaches when appropriate, and a general "thinking outside the box" mentality will be increasingly necessary to bridge budget gaps so that we can preserve the essence and amenities that compel each resident to call Paxton their home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia N. Pingitore  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen



**REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated department managers, town employees, elected officials and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all of their hard work and commitment to make Paxton a better place for everyone.

Fiscal year 2014 welcomed Julia Pingitore as the Town's newest member of the Selectboard.

Fiscal year 2014 budgets voted in for the most part were as departments requested; with the exception of the Highway Department who once again went without additional blacktop money and relied solely on the Chapter 90 state award.

As a Town we experienced many accomplishments during the year including:

- In October we were unable to finalize a satisfactory contract with Spencer Rescue Squad for the Town's ambulance service. Under Chief Conte, the Paxton Fire Department took over the Basic Life Support (BLS) service for the Town – utilizing Medstar for Advanced Life Support (ALS) service calls. In June 2014 both ambulances received ALS licenses which will allow the Paxton Fire Department to take over running both services in FY15.
- October also saw the ground breaking ceremony at The Hills at Paxton Village Senior Residential Facility; in fact by this date it was almost ready for occupancy which started to take place in December 2014. By May 2014 the fifty unit complex was seventy five percent occupied and becoming part of the community.
- In December we saw the start of the Paxton Shuttle – a Worcester Regional Transit Authority owned bus operated by the Town running two days a weeks between Anna Maria College and Union Station. The service is being funded through the MBTA Assessment that the Town is obligated to pay. We are hoping that this service can be expanded sometime in the future.
- March saw the delivery of the new pumper truck that the Fire Department acquired through a \$450,000 FEMA grant. This piece of equipment will be in service for many years to come.
- The Cable Committee negotiated and finalized the new cable contract with Charter Communications for a further ten years.
- In May as part of the Stormwater Coalition we were once again awarded a CIC grant of \$115,000 to continue the work in preparation of the new DEP Permit being introduced.
- In May the students from Bay Path Vocational School completed updating one of our bathrooms in the Town Hall; a vast improvement.
- The Town voted at the May Annual Town Meeting to replace the Maple Street Water Tank. This eighty year old tank will be the site of a new elevated water tank.
- In June we saw the completion of the replacement of a culvert on Davis Hill Road – this was funded through a MassWorks grant of \$200,000.

- To round off the year we held our third Paxton Days at the former Wentworth pool area. This was a great event with over sixty vendors and Town organizations participating. This event gets bigger every year!

In closing I would like to thank all Department Managers, Town Hall employees, Town employees and Donna Graf Parsons, Administrative Assistant for all the continued hard work and dedication to the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol L. Riches  
Town Administrator

### **BOARD OF HEALTH** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2014:  
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Permits issued	27
Septic Construction Inspections	47
Food Establishment Inspections	20
Soil Percolation Tests	20
Septic Plan Reviews	40
Complaints answered	4
Semi Public Pool Inspections	5
Summer Camp Inspections	5
Housing Inspections	2

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

Though much improved, the fiscal climate continued to be tight this year. State aid increased a modest 2.4% above that of FY2014, and the total debt service fell by \$41,016, a 3.3% decrease from FY2014. However, these beneficial effects were offset by the reduction in available certified free cash and significant increases in Town Employee Insurance and County Retirement. The estimated shortfall of \$16,000 that occurred in the Snow and Ice account was the second year in a row that this budget incurred a deficit. This may suggest that it would be appropriate to increase this budget in the future. Overall, the municipal budget alone as finally approved at town meeting increased 7.3% above that approved for FY2014.

Several budgets exhibited significant increases from those approved for the prior year. Among these is the Conservation Commission budget which increased significantly with the proposed hiring of a part-time agent. Because the workload has steadily increased, this individual is needed to help the all-volunteer membership conduct business of the commission. The Emergency Medical Service budget increased 71% with the proposed hiring of personnel required as Paxton moves toward an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service to replace a previously contracted service. The DPW budget increased 12.1% with the addition of \$50,000 in blacktop. This line item was absent from the budget last year, although this level of funding is clearly inadequate as we fall further behind in the maintenance of our roads. With the resumption

of Worcester bus service to Paxton, a new budget for the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) has been created. The funding for this budget will be reimbursed in full by the WRTA

The budget that was presented at the annual town meeting included a 4.8% increase in the Wachusett Regional School District (WRSD) assessment. An increase of this magnitude would have been difficult to meet without significantly decreasing municipal budgets. It was proposed by the Finance Committee to advise voters to approve the assessment contingent upon an override of \$120,000. This proposal was opposed by the Board of Selectmen. The voters attending the Town Meeting rejected the WRSD assessment in its entirety. Because it was also rejected by the voters of Rutland, the WRSD will be required to submit a new assessment based upon a revised budget. We believe that the newly requested assessment will be affordable to the town. Meetings of the WRSD task force will resume with the goal of finding a way to either change the Chapter 70 funding formula or increase State funding, thereby reducing the yearly effect of putting one or two town's fiscal plans into crisis mode.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,  
Richard A. Fenton, Chair

### **PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The firefighter's moral remains high as the department officers continue to prioritize personnel safety, physical fitness, mental wellbeing, and training in the skills needed to perform the job as firefighters.

The time commitment and the risk of injury increases each year, therefore it is difficult to recruit new members to our profession. We advertise in newspapers, recruit at schools and solicit through word of mouth. New recruits must be willing and able to pass a physical examination, strength requirements, attend Mass Fire Academy Firefighter 1 and 2 sponsored by our regional fire district. The classroom and practical schedule is 206 hours completed in 5 months, and then all recruits must pass a written and practical state exam before they are allowed on the department.

Through fund raising events, we purchase and maintain equipment for our fitness facility. Paxton Fire Department has funded all fitness equipment through fundraisers.

Paxton Fire Department began ambulance ALS transport service in July 2014 with our owned ambulances using fulltime and part time staff of EMTS and Medics. The ambulances are staffed 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week/ 365 days per year.

With many fires, auto accidents, and request for mutual aid emergencies this year, only one injury occurred to a Paxton Firefighter. This is a direct result of the department's formal structured management system, with safety and accountability designees responsible for all firefighters at all emergencies and training events. Paxton belongs and has spearheaded a Regional Safety Committee, which promotes and trains in safety, accountability and rescue on the fire ground.

The Public Safety Complex began construction April 2008 with a completion date of October 2009. Many thanks to the Building Committee for their continued work on this project to see it through to completion.



Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant  
Jerrod Ravid  
Gary Richards – Lieutenant  
Michael Rowe  
Thomas Savage – Captain- EMT  
Alex Ward EMT  
Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte EMT, Fire Chief

**RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

This last year was incredibly busy for the library. The library completed the installation of a lift to the basement. This will now allow accessibility to the basement and to the Children's room. This was not possible previously for anyone handicapped. In the process of installing the lift, it was determined that the smoke and fire detectors were not working and therefore the library updated that system.

The Library completed the conversion of their materials as part of their new membership with CW Mars. Under this membership, patrons now have access to over 6 million items with their new library card. They may log on to their computer and request any book, movie or other material from any one of 155 libraries to be delivered to the Paxton library for pick-up. If someone does not have a computer, the library staff will be happy to order it for them. Richards Memorial Library purchases new materials each month as well and therefore regular patrons have a constant new inventory to choose from. The new CW Mars card also allows patrons to download digital books and movies directly to a nook, kindle, I-Pad or other reading or listening device. This can be done from the comfort of their home.

Due to generous support from our patrons for the Friends annual membership drive and the annual book sale, the Friends group once again paid for numerous programs and Museum passes. As part of summer reading, the kids were entertained by mime, Robert Rivest and magician, Scott Jameson. They also maintained the annual Easter Bunny and visit with Santa. Once again the library was pleased to work with the Police Department to present the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Rodeo to teach kids bicycle safety. The Friends purchased helmets which were given to the kids as part of the rodeo. A Halloween party drew many kids as Wild Creatures brought in snakes, tarantulas and other creepy critters for the kids to learn about and handle.

All year long, Lois Shorten, children's librarian, presented a weekly story hour for the youngest children. This year's summer reading theme was "Fizz, Boom, Bang" and older kids also met weekly for various science experiments. A collaboration with CFCE provided some "Icky Sticky Playtime" and a "Music in Motion" program each month. All in all, the library presented 85 programs for children that drew 950 participants. A relationship was begun with the Aldrich Astronomical Society and member John Root, a Paxton resident, donated a telescope to the library which is available for loan. Adult programming included meditation classes, a Downton Abby Tea, and a presentation by Erik Howe on electricity. An adult Book Club met on the third Thursday of each month. The library is proud to be an educational, cultural and recreational asset to the Town of Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Bailey

**TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY14**

The Highway Department was, once again, busy with its winter snow and ice operations. The first major storm was November 23rd, followed by numerous icing events in December, and then typical snow storms right into the month of April for a total of 90 inches. This season was made difficult with the continuous cold temperatures causing frost to penetrate deep into the roadways. Due to the amount of events, our salt vendor could not keep up with the supply, subsequently forcing us to change our operation of using 100% pretreated salt and going back to a sand mix in order to stretch the materials for the duration of the season. This meant a lot more sand residue on the streets and a longer spring sweeping cleanup. The long winter never seemed to end and was taxing on the DPW employees, equipment and the budget.

Due to this long, cold season, The State of Massachusetts will be giving all towns some financial assistance by way of the Winter Rapid Road Recovery Program (WRRRP). Paxton's portion of the "pothole" money will be used to repair a deteriorated section of Lower Grove St. in FY 15.

The Highway Department completed a paving project on Whitney Drive, funded by Chapter 90 money, which included full depth reclamation, curbing and a new bituminous concrete surface. Other projects included a drainage expansion behind Paxton Center School to alleviate runoff /flooding issues.

The department finished GIS mapping of our catch basins to keep in compliance of our MS4 storm water permit. We are awaiting the conditions of a new, more strictly regulated permit for next year which could potentially pose major financial implications for the Town. Stay tuned. The box culvert on Davis Hill Rd. was completed, a portion of the road paved, all funded by a Mass Works Grant.

The department took delivery of a new pickup truck and snowplow with thanks to our Capital Improvement Committee for helping us obtain this valuable piece of equipment.

Routine maintenance continued with roadside mowing, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, street sign upgrades and the care of Town cemeteries and recreation facilities. The Holden Rd. reconstruction project continues to move forward with MA DOT and CMRPC. There have been a few public hearings held with the residents as we try to complete the 25% design phase. Projected outlook to break ground is 2017 or 2018.

The Water Department was busy with monthly sampling, seasonal flushing, leak detection, backflow cross connection inspections, meter change outs, dig safe markings to go along with the daily booster pump station operation. It had its share of unforeseen water main breaks, service leaks, and hydrant repairs.

Engineering design for the Maple St. water tank replacement is almost complete and we are hoping to break ground in spring 2015.

I would like to thank the employees of the DPW for their hard work and dedication for this past year, and also during a time when we were short staffed due to injuries and/or sickness.

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Putnam  
Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY14**

The Water Commissioners met monthly throughout the year and some of the activities of the year were as follows:

- Responded to customers with unusually high water usage by giving them the opportunity to be heard at a meeting
- The CCR report was again posted online for the second time rather than mailing to each resident or placing in a newspaper. This was a savings for the Water Department
- A new main was put in for the Hills at Paxton Village (SRD)
- The CodeRed system was utilized on several occasions throughout the year to alert water customers of potential problems with the water system.
- Water main breaks continued to present problems, especially in the West Street area of town; this is due to the age of the infrastructure.
- Improved the water loss ratio; saving the department substantial money. This was due to the dedication of Travis Thibault, Working Foreman.
- Received and reviewed the Asnebumskit Dam Inspection Report
- Held information hearing for the replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank
- Applied and was awarded a low interest loan (2%) from the DEP State Revolving Fund to replace the Maple Street Water Tank. This funding was approved by voters at the May Annual Town Meeting.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Michael Putnam, Water Superintendent and Travis Thibault, Water Working Foreman for all their hard work and dedication to provide residents of Paxton with safe drinking water.

Respectfully Submitted

John F. Malone, Chair

David Trulson, Vice Chair

Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013**

The Light Commission thanks the employees of the Light Department for their continuing efforts to bring value to the ratepayers of Paxton and to the Town itself. During 2013, the Paxton Light Department contributed nearly \$7,011 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. We also manage the mercury bulb recycling program for the town and cover the full cost of the program, with some reimbursement from Wheelabrator. Meter reading and billing services provided for the water department and for the town's trash continues to keep costs at a minimum for ratepayers and taxpayers alike.

In 2013 the Light Department began its 5 year street light LED fixture upgrade. The new lights will bring value to both the customers of Paxton Light and the town of Paxton in general. This is due to the lower operating and maintenance costs and the superior lighting quality of the fixtures

In an effort to better serve its customers, PMLD introduced online payment processing in 2012. This system allowed customers to pay PMLD bills online with a bank account or credit card, as well as the value of paying at their convenience. In addition to simply paying bills, customers could access their payment and billing historical information online when registered. The functionality has expanded over the last couple of years, making the interface a little easier and adding the ability to pay multiple bills at once. By the end of 2013, nearly 20% of all PMLD payments were processed online.

Customers are reminded to conserve energy whenever possible and respond when energy alerts are issued. The actions you take affect your cost of power and the cost to all customers of the Paxton Light Department. The Paxton Light Department offers incentives for energy saving appliances and modifications in accordance with audit recommendations. Call the office or check out the department's website at [www.townofpaxton.net](http://www.townofpaxton.net).

In 2013 PMLD provided 20 energy audits and 43 rebates to customers who purchased Energy Star qualified refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners. These rebates and incentives totaled nearly \$3,000. Total estimated Energy Savings per year for operation of the appliances, and measures implemented during the energy audits is estimated to be 162 MBTU. This is equivalent to over 19,388 Kwhs for these 63 customers.

The Light Commission meets each month 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.

Management Discussion and Analysis of the 2012 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis Of 2013 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 years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. 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 Position are designed to indicate our financial position as of a specific point in time. On December 31, 2013 it shows our net worth increased by \$236,402 or 5.3% over the year ending December 31, 2012.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarize our operating results and reveals how much of a profit was earned for the year. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$233,606 which was an increase of \$148,462 as compared to the net income 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.

### Summary of Net Position

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Current Assets	\$2,706,783	\$2,487,884
Noncurrent Assets	<u>4,282,193</u>	<u>4,241,507</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$6,988,976</u>	<u>\$6,729,391</u>
Current Liabilities	\$314,232	\$340,954
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>125,593</u>	<u>95,811</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>439,825</u>	<u>436,765</u>
Net Invest in Cap Assets,	1,879,617	1,946,726
Net Pos. Restr. for Depr.	1,027,501	975,520
Unrestricted	<u>1,790,059</u>	<u>1,538,530</u>
Total Net Position	<u>4,697,177</u>	<u>4,460,775</u>
Total Liabilities and		
Net Assets	<u>\$6,988,976</u>	<u>\$6,729,391</u>

### Summary of Changes in Net Position

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Revenues	\$3,738,041	\$3,384,125
Operating Expenses	<u>3,516,336</u>	<u>3,349,103</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	221,705	35,022
Non-operating		
Revenues (Expenses)	<u>11,901</u>	<u>50,122</u>
Income Before Contributions		
and Transfers	233,606	85,144
Transfers In – Restricted		
for Capital Projects	2,796	600
Beginning Net Position	<u>4,460,775</u>	<u>4,375,031</u>
Ending Net Position	\$4,697,177	\$4,460,775

### Financial Highlights:



Operating revenues and expenses both increased over the previous year. Increased revenues were due mostly to a 1.1% increase in kilowatt-hour sales from 2012. The increase in expenses is mainly due to power supply cost to serve the increased kilowatt-hour sales. Power production accounted for 70% of operating expenses in 2013 and 69% in 2012.

Non-Operating revenues and expenses consist of investment income and interest expense. Our investment income decreased from 2012 by \$4,179 as a result of less than favorable investment performance.

Our residential electric rates exclusive of the power cost adjustment have remained unchanged since 2004. Due to rising costs, the power cost adjustment was increased one-half cent per kilowatt-hour in March of 2010. This has resulted in the necessary revenue to cover power costs. The variance of power supply costs to billed revenues will continue to be tracked monthly and management will continue to recommend the application of available distribution billings against power supply costs if appropriate.

#### Power Supply

The Paxton Municipal Light Department provides power for its customers through both fixed contracts and 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 residents and businesses in the town of Paxton. There are circumstances that will make the 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. Working with electric power supply experts we continue to try to position ourselves to best manage the impact that adverse weather, and market economic conditions have on the rates of its customers so that these situations will not be an overbearing burden on our customers.

Paxton continues to purchase more of its power from the market as our load profile changes. Peak demand continues to reflect summer air-conditioning and other cooling load requirements. As Paxton's peak becomes coincident with the regional peak, power supply cost will be more dependent on market price. Additionally, orders issued by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and market design development through ISO-New England continue to add to the power supply cost for Paxton. During 2013, the Department purchased 263,280 kilowatt hours less than those purchased in 2012. The 2013 purchased power costs were \$151,080 more than 2012. The increase in power costs was mostly attributable to the rising cost environment related to electric energy generation and transmission. The department's percentage of Berkshire Wind Renewable Energy Credits totaled \$97,027 for the year ending December 31, 2013. It is expected that this project will continue to reduce the Department's cost of power for future years and provide a favorable renewable component for the overall power portfolio.

ISO-New England has proposed changes to the existing Forward Capacity Market, through which electric generating capacity is procured three years in advance of the time it is needed to meet the demand for electricity in New England. Each utility is required to have sufficient electric generating capacity to meet its share of the regional demand for electricity. This is a requirement that consumer owned utilities have been able to satisfy by "self-supplying" the capacity they own or contract to buy. The right to engage in "self-Supply" has been a critical component to the current Forward Capacity Market Design, which was approved in 2006. The proposed changes to this are expected to have a negative effect on the department.

## **Utility Plant and Debt Administration:**

### Utility Plant

The Department's investment in utility plant assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$1,879,617 and \$1,946,726, respectively. Equipment replacement is part of an ongoing capital improvement plan to keep the Department in good operating condition.

### 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 NGrid, were 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.

## **Significant Balances and Transactions:**

### Purchased Power Working Capital

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC). 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. Developments in the power market continue to create pressure on working capital requirements that secure Paxton's financial guarantee to operate in the market. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$439,507

### Rate Stabilization Fund

The Department's Rate Stabilization Fund was created following passage of the Massachusetts Restructuring Law of 1997 and is to be utilized for unexpected escalation in costs such as price spikes in energy prices, transmission cost increases and other cost increases. Our rate stabilization balance at December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$1,309,815 and \$1,254,275, respectively. In August of 2012, the Department borrowed \$500,000 from this fund to help pay for the substation project. This is reconstituted on a 15 year repayment schedule.

### 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 gross cost-of-plant to be used for capital improvements and additions. In 2013 and 2012, we used \$178,958 and \$162,070 respectively, for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

## **Significant Developments**

### Stonybrook Unit 3

The Paxton Municipal Light Department is participating in development of a new gas-fired generation plant proposed by MMWEC through Special Project 2006A and formally named

Stonybrook Unit 3 in 2007, with an expected winter output rating of 280 MW. The Department has signed up for a 1 MW share of the project. The first phase of the project produced a preliminary engineering design; cost estimates, alternative site analysis, and identified potential project participants. The second phase, budgeted at \$5 million continued through 2009, encompassing all the work preliminary to final engineering design and construction. It will include the regulatory, environmental, permitting, siting, detailed design, contract development and financing development work required to move the project forward. The third phase will include financing, unit construction, and startup activities. At the end of 2010, MMWEC was still negotiating with interested parties for joint ownership. Commercial operation is currently scheduled for 2016. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$220 million.

Due to current market conditions the project has temporarily become inactive. All permits remain valid, to allow the project to resume activity when market conditions become more favorable. At the end of 2013 it was decided to reassess the projects future viability.

#### Wentworth Substation

The Paxton Municipal Light Department takes delivery of energy from the NGRD 127A transmission line through the Wentworth Substation. The substation was constructed in the mid 1970's and had been approaching the end of its useful life. In addition, the federal government through FERC is requiring adherence to new mandatory reliability standards. The PMLD has completed the process to upgrade the facility to provide reliable and efficient power delivery that the town will require in the near future. The approximate cost for the upgrades is \$1 million. The cost of the upgrade has come from available cash and financing to be repaid from future revenues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory D. DeStasi, Manager  
Emerson W. Wheeler III, Chairman  
John P. Crowley, Vice-Chairman  
John A. Ahern, Clerk-Secretary

Paxton Light Commission

### **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The department finished its third complete year policing Anna Maria College on budget. We negotiated a fourth year budget with the college which now includes four full-time police officers being assigned to the campus. I would like to again thank the Selectboard, Finance Committee, residents, and my staff for making sacrifices in order to allow the above to happen.

The Police Department Administration is constantly looking for ways to secure grant funding. Based on statistics set forth by the state and government our towns makeup limits our qualification for many of the programs offered with most of the funding going to the larger cities and towns. This process has not discouraged us from looking into every opportunity possible.

As always we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. We welcome constructive criticism and new ideas. Any resident wishing to make a donation to the police department, please make the check out to the Town of Paxton. We will

assure you that 100% of the donations will go towards the betterment of the department as a whole. Anyone interested in contacting me can send an email to [policechief@townofpaxton.net](mailto:policechief@townofpaxton.net) or call 508-755-1104.

Chief Robert Desrosiers

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

This past year has witnessed a growing trend of the very old moving in with adult children. These new residents are often transplants from other states and who suddenly find themselves alone in a new place and very lonely. We have been working with them and their children to bring them into and help integrate them with, their new and strange environs. This has been a learning experience for our office and Cindy Love has done an exemplary job in making it happen. We foresee this trend getting stronger as more seniors enter the age group of 80 plus.

We have just added a Tai-Chi class on Fridays, so we now have five physical activities each week. Add to that at least two to four social events each month and we have a well-rounded offering to keep our town seniors active and interested in something outside the home. This engagement contributes greatly to their ability to remain at home for a much longer time than if they had to, or felt they had to, exist in quiet despair.

We have been reaching out more to our younger citizens with as many inter-generational programs as we can find. This enables youngsters to see old people in a new light, as a vibrant and interesting segment of our community. We have also pretty much assumed stewardship of the White Building and are proud of our efforts to make it a valuable asset to the many civic groups who use it.

Gerald Ryan, Director

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

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 31<sup>st</sup> of each year with the Town Clerk. 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.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Paxton Historical was established in 1976 to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton's past.

Membership includes:

Anita Fenton – Chairman

Larry Spongberg – Secretary

Donna MacLean – Treasurer

Members: Barbara Beall, Sue Corcoran, and Pamela Hair



The Commission continued its annual project to publish a calendar depicting images that showcased people, places, and activities that are a part of Paxton's heritage.

Several Commission members gave tours of the town hall to the third grade classes from Paxton Center School with descriptions of social meetings, festive celebrations and town meeting that once occurred in the second floor Allen Hall in addition to a tour of the basement with its historical jail or "tramp room" and an unique four holer once in use in the building. A coloring contest of possible colors that once existed on the original town hall was also repeated with resulting pictures displayed in the White Building foyer.

For the annual June Paxton Days, the Commission focused on a large display of Paxton war veterans from World War II and the Vietnam War. A highlight was a large display of the uniform and memorabilia of resident, Harrison Prentice. Several veterans donated memorabilia, such as a horn from an old PT boat, for the Paxton Days' display. During the event a large number of residents commented on their efforts willing serving during past wars and were pleased by the memorabilia shown.

The Commission continued to conduct sales of Barbara Beall's book which was very well received by residents. Also offered were CDs based on the Commission's "Our Town" program for the Audio Journal.

In addition, a resident of Paxton, Richard Fenton, completed a DVD for sale that combined archival photos of Paxton and the oral "Our Town" CD.

Commissioners actively supported the opposition of Paxton residents for a proposed ATT cell tower to be constructed within view of the fields and scenic vistas of Moore State Park to the Zoning Board of Appeal. The tower was subsequently rejected by the board.

Photographic and other artifacts, including a document on investigations of buried ruins at Moore State Park, were archived by the Commission for future inquiries. Barbara Beall and Mr. Fenton were able to access and photograph the bell in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church tower and verified that it was a product of the Paul Revere Foundry as had been hoped.

Larry located microfilm in the Anna Maria College library from Paxton in the 1700s. Commissioners will exam it on Assumption College equipment at a later date.

Anita and Richard Fenton prepared a lecture and tour to be given in conjunction with the Worcester 1774 Revolution festivities this year. Elizabeth Tivnan, a DAR Docent, was asked to give a talk in June about the upcoming event and how Paxton residents may participate.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Fenton

**PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Paxton Cultural Council was established to help in the funding of local artists, cultural groups, and coordinators who submitted grant applications that would enhance the cultural experience of Paxton residents. The Council has supported numerous varied events all year long which are displayed on the town website and in the local newspaper.

Paxton Cultural Council members:  
Anita Fenton - Chairman



Sara Root-Simone – Secretary  
Christy Barnes - Treasurer  
Barbara Beall  
Daniel Gehnrich  
Mitzi Nelsen  
Howard McGinn

#### PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL 2014 GRANT APPROVALS

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to Paxton was again \$4250 for fiscal 2014. The addition of residual Council funds brought the total amount of money allocated to grants for 2014 to \$4725.

The following approved grants were:

Audio Journal - (Cultural Enlightenment Initiative) \$136;  
Denis Cormier - (The American Revolutionary War - Paxton Center School) \$300;  
Massachusetts Audubon/Wachusett Meadow - (Our Native Turtles - Help Them - Paxton Center School) \$390;  
Paxton COA - (Neil Simon Play) \$400;  
Paxton COA (Christmas Holiday Concert) \$175;  
Paxton COA (Glenshane St. Patrick's Day Concert) \$399;  
Paxton Recreation Department (Summer Concert Series) \$500;  
Paxton 250th Committee – (logo banners) \$400;  
John Porcino (story teller/musician) \$425;  
Children's Librarian Richards Memorial Library - (Robert Rivest Mime) \$350;  
Children's Librarian Richards Memorial Library - (Scott Jameson Magician) \$450;  
Richards Memorial Library – (Passes to Old Sturbridge Village) \$400;  
Richards memorial Library (Passes to Tower Hill Botanical Garden) \$150;  
Richards Memorial Library (Passes to Worcester Art Museum) \$250.

The total funds awarded were \$4725.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

#### **PAXTON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Paxton 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee was established by the Paxton Board of Selectmen in 2012. They were assigned the task of planning, organizing, and funding a year long celebration of Paxton's 250th anniversary in 2015. The official logo for the Paxton 250th celebration contains three important symbols of Paxton's heritage: the early church (faith), the plow (farming community) and the tricorner hat (patriotism).

#### Officers:

Anita Fenton – Chairman  
Robert Wilby – Treasurer  
Lindsey Stasiowski – Secretary

#### Members:

Adam Doud  
Marisol Dittami

Michael Donnelly  
Kay Kingsbury  
Gerald Ryan  
Forrest Smith

**Mission Statement:**

The purpose of the 250th Celebration is to highlight the unique path Paxton has taken from a small rural village of fewer than 300 resident farmers and tradesmen scattered over fifteen square miles to a modern community with over 4600 residents.

The Committee continues to maintain a website ([www.paxton250thcelebration.org](http://www.paxton250thcelebration.org)) to allow residents to follow upcoming events anticipated during the 2015 festivities and also to be educated on facts of Paxton's past.

The Committee continues to sell Paxton memorabilia as fundraisers, including commemorative throws, coffee mugs, glasses, bumperstickers, and newly design T shirts.

Events are being added to the schedule for 2015 including, a birthday party on February 8<sup>th</sup> to begin the year long festivities and a large birthday cake purchased from the 250<sup>th</sup> Oakham committee that will be located on a town common with numerous holiday decorations. Concerts, lectures, festive banners, a town wide scavenger hunt, a Civil War Army encampment, and a large parade on September 26<sup>th</sup> are also among events being planned for 2015.

The Committee hopes that many residents will participate in the diverse activities it is still planning for the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

**WIRING INSPECTOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site [www.townofpaxton.net](http://www.townofpaxton.net). Permits may be applied for from the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant 508-754-7638 ext. 10. 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Wiring Inspector is Dennis Benoit and he may be reached at 508-868-8950.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee began the planning cycle in October 2013, reviewing the status of capital items procured in prior fiscal years, status of items on the current project plan, the Town's fixed assets, and current and project financial capacities.

The Committee then formally solicited capital project requests from the Departments, Committees, Boards, and so forth. Formal responses were received from Fire/EMS, Public Works, Council on Aging, Paxton Center School, and Richards Memorial Library. As part of the

process, Department Managers were interviewed, and the Committee inspected equipment and facilities. The following is a summary of the capital requests:

1. Council on Aging requested \$14.5K to renovate the first floor male and female restrooms in the John Bauer Senior Center.
2. Fire/EMS requested \$785.0K to refurbish the ladder truck; and purchase ambulance(s) and water tanker. Projects were deferred to future fiscal years for the following reasons:
  - a. Tanker Truck for \$350K will move from 2015 to 2017 and will include a footnote that a grant will be written for it.
  - b. Ladder 10 Year Refurbishment for \$100K will be deleted as it will be absorbed by the operating budget.
  - c. A-1 99 Ford New Ambulance for \$150K will move from 2015 to 2018
  - d. A-2 2008 Ford Replace Ambulance for \$185K in 2018 will remain as is with a footnote to be added that it will be sourced from private funds (Holden Hospital).
3. The Library requested \$15.2K for smoke alarms/CO2 sensors, but withdrew the request after receiving private funding.
4. Paxton Center School requested \$154.7K to pave the parking lot (\$100K), replace pumps on the heating system (\$27.2K), and refurbish the gymnasium floors (\$25K). The committee discussed the policy that if each requirement/expenditure is less than \$25,000 it would not fall in to the responsibility of the individual town, but rather the WRSD in total. The committee evaluated the requests and has included the requirements in the FY 16-20 Capital Program.
5. DPW requested \$250K to replace the 2000 International Combination Sander/Dump Truck, but deferred the requirement for resourcing to FY17.

Overall, the FY 15 Capital Budget requests totaled approximately \$500K, while the FY 16 – 20 Capital Program requirements totaled approximately \$1.3M. At the time these requirements were evaluated, the Capital Depreciation Fund had a balance of approximately \$170K.

At the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the committee sponsored the following warrant articles:

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,250, or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to renovate the first floor male and female restrooms in the John Bauer Senior Center; or act in any way thereon.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash and/or Overlay Surplus), the sum of \$30,000 or any sum and transfer to the Capital Depreciation Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended approval of Article 6, and was approved by unanimous town vote. However, Article 7 was passed over and was not voted on, but will be considered at future town meetings.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the service of James Stone and James Lang and their years of service to the Town of Paxton. Both of these gentlemen sincerely cared about Paxton and were advocates for our citizens. Both served in important roles on the committee, and we owe them a debt of gratitude and a huge thank you.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Kent, Chairman  
Forrest Smith, Vice Chair  
Gerald Ryan, Clerk  
Carol Riches  
Kateri Clute

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Wachusett Regional School District continues to offer the students and families of the five towns a first-class educational experience for an exceptional value. Currently, the WRSD spends \$11,100 per pupil which makes it one of the lowest cost districts in the state, yet our students continue to be ranked among the top students in all of central Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, as I write this letter, the District is faced with potential unprecedented budget cuts due to the current monetary shortfall at the state level. If passed, the 9C reductions (cuts enacted when a fiscal emergency is imminent) , proposed by former Governor Patrick and continued by current Governor Baker, will result in a budget reduction for the District of over \$1.4 million for our current budget (FY15). If the 9C reductions occur, our overall budget for FY15 will be lower than the District's FY14 budget. As it stands, if the proposed 9C reductions do not come to pass, the District will still have only increased the FY15 budget 1.2% over FY14. The fixed costs associated with items such as health care and contractual obligations leave little, if any, new funding to support the educational process.

I have asked our teacher's union to work with me and our School Committee on developing an understanding of what the actual needs are in our District. Technology remains woefully out of date in all of our schools. With the little funds that are directed toward technology, we purchased refurbished computers and continue to maintain our ever aging technology infrastructure. Many of our textbooks have been in use since the last century and are older than the students who currently use them, even at our high school. Curricular materials that were once abundant in the District, including a thriving curriculum library and material center, are now out of date or non-existent. The recent NEASC report for Wachusett Regional High School clearly states that the District needs to better support the school with materials, technology, and staffing.

Working in conjunction with Member Towns, it is my hope that we will be able to support a FY16 budget that represents a reasonable, feasible, and responsible educational plan, spending the taxpayers' dollars wisely. Having created a transparent budget process, I will strive to continue to create a budget that works for the towns without further decimating programs, class size, staffing, and more. Our children deserve a first class education.

Despite the financial challenges, this has been a very good year for WRSD and I remain optimistic about our wonderful students, staff, and families. We must continue to work toward

the creation of a comprehensive curricular, technology, and strategic vision for the District. With continued hard work and cooperation between the District and the towns, solutions to these serious educational issues will be found. With your support, I look forward to working with you to continue to put our educational needs at the forefront of our community priorities.

Sincerely,

Darryll McCall, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

**BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 225 students in June of 2014, and accepted a class of 311 freshmen in September of 2014. Our current enrollment has reached 1,127 students.

Of the 7 Paxton seniors who graduated 3 are now attending College. Currently, 11 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of our 21 vocational areas.

Whenever possible, we have continued our practice of utilizing our occupational programs to provide requested services to municipalities, non-profit organizations and residents from any of our ten district towns. During the 2013-2014 school year, our 21 vocational programs completed 1,153 work orders, 25 of which were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

Our Hilltop Restaurant and Minuteman Shoppe are opened to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Our cosmetology program is also open to the general public. Appointments for cosmetology services must be made in advance by calling the school. Residents of the Bay Path district are encouraged to take advantage of the services provided by our students. These learning opportunities benefit not only the students but provide useful services at reasonable costs to in-district residents. We will continue this type of work whenever possible, keeping in mind that the projects must be of educational value for our students.

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10 town district, as well as an additional 20 surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall programs had a combined enrollment of 1880, in programs ranging from Business & Finance, Career/ Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health & Fitness; Hobbies & Crafts; Home & Job; Language & Art; and Sports & Leisure. The program also offered a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

This year, the only "Out of District" students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the Districts ten member towns and then subsequently moved out of the District before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where the students now reside must pay an out of district tuition for each student ranging in cost between \$14,416 and \$16,168. Those towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

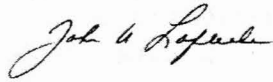
The Wachusett Regional School System continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe that they share our feeling that



all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

We, at Bay Path, will continue to serve Paxton with the finest vocational education programs available for high school students and adults, and will, when at all possible, use our skills and facilities to further town projects as they add to our students' education.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Lafleche  
Superintendent-Director

**WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER**  
**WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY14**

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center, at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston, is a partnership of seven Wachusett Towns (Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston), the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the volunteer non-profit Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated.

Wachusett Earthday, a volunteer non-profit group operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center year-round on Monday from 5 to 7 P.M., Tuesday from 9 to 11 A.M., Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 P.M. and the third Saturday of each month from 8 to 11 A.M. to collect bulk, recycling and reuse items. Check [www.wachusettearthday.org](http://www.wachusettearthday.org) or Town websites for updates.

During 2014 Wachusett Earthday held 147 collections during 2014, nearly a 50% increase from 2013. In 2014, the number of recycle center visits by residents from the seven town region increased by 60% to 15,495.

Four special collections of household hazardous products with a disposal fee were held on the third Saturday of April, June, September and November from 8 A.M. to noon. Three free document shredding days were held at the Recycle Center on the third Saturdays of March, May and October.

The 6,000 square foot Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center recycle building provides an opportunity for large quantities of household goods and furnishings, fabric arts, school supplies, sporting goods, cards and gift items and holiday items to be reused.

Over 7,700 gallons of household hazardous products were safely removed from the watershed. Collected items totaled 64 tons of appliances and metals, 900 tires, 393 propane cylinders, 54 fire extinguishers, 90 tons of cardboard, paper, plastic and mixed recycling. 266 tons of project debris and furniture, one ton of fluorescents, more than one ton of alkaline batteries, thousands of electronics including computer monitors and TVs, thousands of rechargeable batteries and several tons of clothing. Over 10,000 returnable bottles and cans were collected.

Nearly seventy dedicated volunteers serve at the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center. In addition, regional High School student volunteers, Bancroft Students, St. John's students and scout groups volunteer and enjoy educational tours. Earthday volunteers offered free crafts and

reuse and recycling information at Wachusett Town celebrations. Two recycle craft fairs were held.

Facility improvement projects included paving the entry drive and parking areas, outdoor lighting, entry signage and repairing storage trailer roofs. Nick D 'Aquila completed his Eagle project by constructing a shelter for check-in volunteers.

For 2015 four Household Hazardous Products collections are planned from 8 A.M. to noon on April 18, June 20, September 19 and November 21. In 2015 free document shredding will be held on March 21, May 16 and October 17 from 8 to 11 A.M. The Center will be closed on May 25, September 7 and November 25.

The Wachusett Regional Recycle Town Representative Team includes designated representatives of the seven Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated. The Team meets periodically to review operations. The board of directors of Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated, a volunteer non-profit group, meets monthly to manage operations.

The Towns of Boylston, Holden, Princeton and Rutland collect sharps. The Towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, West Boylston and Rutland collect pharmaceuticals.

Wachusett Earthday [www.wachusettearthday.org](http://www.wachusettearthday.org) or 978-464-2854. Check for updates including weather closings.

2014 Members of the Wachusett Regional Recycle Center Town Representative Team:

Boylston—Martin McNamara	Rutland—Sheila Dibb
Holden—Dennis Lipka	Sterling—William Tuttle
Paxton—Carol Riches	West Boylston—Leon Gaumond, Christopher Rucho
Princeton—Arthur Allen	Wachusett Earthday—Colleen Abrams
MA Department of Conservation and Recreation—John Scannell	

2014 Directors of Wachusett Earthday:

Colleen Abrams, Norma Chanis, George Dvorak, Andre Gaudet, Eric Johansen, C. Mary McLoughlin, Anna Perkins, Patt Popple, Helen Townsend and Robert Troy.

New directors beginning in 2014: Sandra Hakkarainen, Tim Harrington, Lydia Shewchuk  
Retiring during 2014: David Ryan, Robert Paulson, Arthur Allen.

## **WACHUSETT GREENWAY** **ANNUAL REPORT FY2014**

Wachusett Greenways thanks each member and each of our partners: the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Wachusett Towns, local foundations and businesses. Together we've built and continue to maintain nearly two-thirds of the central 30 mile section of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT), including ten bridges and two tunnels. The MCRT is a treasured resource for walking with a friend, running for fitness, exploring or finding one's 'happy place' to heal from surgery or loss, learning to ride a bicycle, cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Greenways also maintains the 4-mile White Oak Trail in Holden which it completed in 2002.

### **Increased Support**

In 2014 membership grew 16% to a record 864 members, including 100 new members, a 70% increase. 496 donors contributed to Wachusett Greenways' MCRT Construction Fund. Since 1995, 2,756 generous donors and members have supported Greenways. This year nearly 200 volunteers of all ages helped carry out Greenways' mission.

### **State Trail Award**

Wachusett Greenways was honored to receive the 2014 Massachusetts Trail Award in recognition of twenty years of teamwork to connect the heart of the Commonwealth with trails and greenways. The Greenways Board of Directors and volunteers attended the annual conference led by Paul Jahnige and Amanda Lewis of the Massachusetts Trails and Greenways and the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board (MARTAB). Greenways continues to mentor and encourage other trail groups.

### **Mass Central Rail Trail Construction Continues**

In 2014 Wachusett Greenways continued connecting the Mass Central Rail Trail with support from the DCR, local foundations and many individual donors. Wachusett Greenways completed the stone dust 'paving' of the MCRT from Coldbrook Road, Oakham west to the Route 122 Mass Highway rest stop in Barre.

Preparation for completion of the MCRT connection along the Route 140/Beaman St. causeway in West Boylston is underway. Design and engineering grants from the DCR Recreational Trails Program and Partnership Matching Program have been awarded to Wachusett Greenways which is providing the match for these grants.

### **Teaming Up for Trail Maintenance and Upgrades**

Wachusett Greenways trail patrollers and trail clearing volunteers continued to maintain the MCRT. The Wachusett Towns and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation also carried out trail maintenance including assisting with mowing rail trail shoulders and plowing parking lots. On the DCR's statewide partnership work day, Greenways volunteers and DCR field crews worked together to improve the parking area and MCRT at Manning Street, Holden.

The DCR expanded the parking at the MCRT entrance at River Street, Holden. Wachusett Greenways added a portable toilet at the Thomas Street, West Boylston entrance to the MCRT.

### **Community Volunteers and Outreach**

Greenways held several hospitality days and trail counts on the rail trail and welcomed visitors at Holden Days. The most common comments are: "Keep up the great work! Thank you! This trail is a special place."

Youth teams are enthusiastic, perennial volunteers. Bancroft middle-school and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students returned for their annual series of volunteer days. WPI students from the Alpha Phi Omega coed service fraternity served for several trail days including at the Springdale Mill celebration. Rutland Girl Scouts and St. John's High School students also volunteered.

### **Welcome Center**

Progress on the Welcome Center at 21 Miles Road in Rutland continued as volunteers completed more interior improvements. The accessible ramp and connecting Mass Central Rail Trail is under design. Doug Hagman, landscaper, donated mowing and leaf removal. WG misses neighbor and volunteer, Roland Veaudry, who moved from Miles Road to N.H. WG is grateful for neighbors Seth Stidsen and Dave Camarra who continue to help out with plowing and more.

### **Outdoor Events and Guide**

Wachusett Greenways welcomes volunteers, members and supporters. Wachusett Greenways offers free outdoor events year round. The Wachusett Greenways guide and map for the regions' trails and greenways and sectional maps of the Mass Central Rail Trail are available at [www.wachusettgreenways.org](http://www.wachusettgreenways.org) or Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden 01520.

#### **Wachusett Greenways Board of Directors:**

Colleen Abrams, Chair

Gordon Elliot

Christy Barnes

Jeffrey Keay

Stephen Chanis

David Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Michael Peckar, Secretary



*TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS  
AS PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK*



## **Official Results of the Annual Town Election of May 12, 2014**

### **Selectboard - 3 Years**

John F. Malone: 187  
Blanks: 60  
Write-Ins: 3

### **Assessor - 3 Years**

Doris E. Huard: 195  
Blanks: 54  
Write-Ins: 1

### **Constable - 3 Years (2 Positions)**

Paul F. Ruane: 169  
B. Peter Warren, Jr.: 183  
Blanks: 145  
Write-Ins: 3

### **Moderator - 3 Years**

Roger J. Brunelle: 202  
Blanks: 48  
Write-Ins: 0

### **Municipal Light Board - 3 Years**

John A. Ahern: 193  
Blanks: 55  
Write-Ins: 2

### **Water Board - 3 Years**

John F. Malone: 178  
Blanks: 69  
Write-Ins: 3

### **Planning Board - 5 Years**

Henry B. Stidsen, Jr.: 189  
Blanks: 60  
Write-Ins: 1

### **Tree Warden - 3 Years**

James H. Robert: 185  
Blanks: 62  
Write-Ins: 3

### **Board of Health:**

Judy Anne Hatstat: 191  
Blanks: 59  
Write-Ins: 0

### **Cemetery Commission**

Judith Ann Mancini: 190  
Blanks: 58  
Write-Ins: 2

**Library Trustee - 3 Years (2 Positions)**

Patricia Dawson: 155

William F. Jones, Jr.: 103

Nicholas A. Powlovich: 137

Blanks: 104

Write-Ins: 1

**Recreation Commission - 3 Years (2 Positions)**

Elizabeth M. Howard: 189

Charles G. Putney: 177

Blanks: 134

Write-Ins: 0

**Southern Worc. County Vocation School Committee:**

Robert A. Wilby: 196

Blanks: 54

Write-Ins: 0

**Wachusett Regional School District Committee - 3 Years**

Barbara Ann Renzoni: 186

Blanks: 58

Write-Ins: 6

**Question 1**

Yes: 67

No: 175

Blanks: 8

Special Town Meeting, September 30, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 55 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY SERVED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

COUNTER FOR THE TOWN MEETING WAS JANICE CARLSON.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 1**

John Malone moved Article 1 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a further sum of \$5,684 for the revised Southern Worcester Vocational School assessment of \$274,632; this assessment being an increase to the amount of \$268,984 voted and accepted by the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS  
MAJORITY VOTE.

#### **Article 2:**

John Malone moved Article 2 as follows that the Town vote to transfer to the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum of \$2,335, being the unexpended balance from the appropriation to paint the White Building approved at the May 2, 2011 Annual town Meeting.

The Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNAMIOUSLY.

#### **Article 3**

John Malone moved Article 3 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to fund an assistant to the Town Clerk for fiscal year 2014.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 4**

John Malone moved Article 4 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 and further transfer \$195,000 from free cash to the Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 5**

John Malone moved Article 5 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 and further transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 6**

John Malone moved Article 6 as follows that the Town transfer from Retained Earnings of the Water Department the sum of \$55,000 to pay the engineering and surveying costs associated with the proposed replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank; or act in any other way thereon.

The motion was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 7**

John Malone moved Article 7 as follows that the Town votes to transfer the sum of \$10,036 from the Overlay Surplus to pay the interest on the pending cases before the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 8**

John Malone moved Article 8 as follows that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to purchase a vehicle for use by the Animal Control Officer; and further, to authorize the disposal of the current Animal Control Officer vehicle, which has come to the end of its useful life, by trade-in or otherwise.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 1 was then brought back and moved as follows to indicate where the funding would come from. It was moved that the town raise and appropriate a further sum of \$5,684 for the revised Southern Worcester Vocational School assessment of \$274,632; this assessment being an increase to the amount of \$268,948 voted and accepted by the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion was seconded.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE MEETING.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:23P.M.

Roger J. Brunelle, Town Moderator,  
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk



PAXTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 5, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 92 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY Posted. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,400 from the Fire Department's Compensation account #0100-1220-5200-5103, the sum of \$8,000 from the Fire Department's Purchase Service account #0100-1220-5200-00, and the sum of \$2,000 from the Fire Department's Supplies account 0100-1220-5400, to fund the shortage in the FY14EMS Compensation account 0100-1232-5103; or act in any way thereon.

Richard Fenton moved that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$6,400 from the Fire Department's Compensation account #0100-1220-5200-5103, the sum of \$8.000 from the Fire Department's Purchase Service account #0100-1220-5200-00, and the sum of \$2,000 from the Fire Department's Supplies account 0100-1220-5400, to fund the shortage in the FY14 EMS Compensation account 0100-1232-5103.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.

Motion moved to dissolve the meeting. Seconded

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:06P.M.

Respectively submitted by:  
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk  
Roger J. Brunelle, Town Moderator

PAXTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 5, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 100 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY POSTED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

The Moderator passed over Article 1 and began with Article 2.

Richard Fenton, Finance Chairman, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,394,247 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014, and that the Town raise and appropriate an additional \$120,000 required to fully fund the assessment, and thereby approve the district's budget of \$5,514,247 for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of \$120,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, §21C(g) of the General Laws.

Seconded by John Malone

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval

The Finance Committee recommended approval

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT DID NOT PASS.

**Article 3**

Motion made to take no action on Article 3. Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 3.

**Article 4**

Michael Putnam moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts the sum of \$1,370,000 for the engineering, planning, construction, and all other costs associated with the replacement of the sixty-year-old water tank on Maple Street, Paxton, MA with a new elevated water tank at the same location, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow \$1,370,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and/or Chapter 29C of

the General Laws, or any other applicable statute; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with said Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town's Board of Water Commissioners be authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

Seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE.

#### **Article 5**

Michael Putnam moved that the Town raise and appropriate through Water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise.

Compensations	\$142,540.
Expenses	\$591,717.
Debt	\$ 35,388.
Maple St. Water Tank Debt	<u>\$ 90,000.</u>
Total	\$859,645.

Motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 6**

Jeffrey Kent moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$14, 250 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to renovate the first floor male and female restrooms in the John Bauer Senior Center.

Motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Article 7**

Motion was made to take No Action on Article 7.

Motion seconded by Julia Pingitore

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 7 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Article 8**

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to transfer to the Capital Depreciation Fund the sum of \$4,467, being the unexpended balance of the match for the FEMA grant that purchased the Fire Department pumper truck as approved at the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion was seconded by John Malone  
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Article 9**

Anita Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the town's 2015 Anniversary events as proposed by the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.  
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

### **Article 10**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds any sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

It was moved to take no action on Article 10.  
The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.  
MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 10.

### **Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting the Solicitor/Canvasser Bylaw in its entirety and inserting in its place the Solicitor/Canvasser Bylaw set out in Article 11.

Motion was made to Take No Action on Article 11.  
The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.  
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION.

### **Article 12**

Warren Bock moved that the Town vote to amend the Paxton Zoning Bylaw to allow Registered Marijuana Dispensaries by special permit in the Business Zoning District and is available for inspection during regular Town Hall business hours.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.  
Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

### **Article 13**

John Malone moved that the Town vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (pertaining to Highway Funds); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads; and to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of receipt of said funds; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Article 14**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for the fiscal year beginning On July 1, 2014 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, with all expenditures under said revolving accounts not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in prior fiscal year, as follows

Revolving Fund	Purpose	Funds to be Deposited from	Maximum Expenditure
Council on Aging	Van Replacement	Donations and fees from riders	\$25,000.00
Recreation Revolving	Support of all Recreation Programs	Program fees, donations gifts, private sponsorship, facilities fees	\$75,000.00
Library	Purchase New Books	Fines for overdue books & videos	\$20,000.00

Or act in any way thereon.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved article 14 as follows, that the Town vote to reauthorize for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, namely, Council on Aging, Recreation Revolving Account and Library Revolving Account, to be used for the purposes and subject to the limitations stated in Article 14.

Motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Article 15**

Peter Bogren Jr. moved article 15 as follows that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws, to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of funding future financial obligations of the Town for health insurance and other post-employment benefits to retirees.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.



Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.  
Discussion: Way of funding benefits for the retired Towns people.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting to June 2, 2014.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

CONTINUED TOWN MEETING

JUNE 2, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 56 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

**Article 1**

Because this Article makes very specific references to more than one source and amount of money to be raised or transferred from available funds, I am going to request that the meeting first vote to raise and to transfer from available funds the sum of money for the annual budget. Then we will have separate votes to appropriate the sums raised and transferred to defray the expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,355,125, and to further appropriate from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$90,000, and to further appropriate from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$75,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$302,313 for a total of \$5,830,136, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

The motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moderator then stated that a motion would be made for each separate category under Article 1 and then a motion would be made to pass the entire budget.

The categories under Article 1:

**General Government**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,478,881 for the General Government Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Public Safety**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,704,746 for the Public Safety Budget, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant, except that the amount allocated for Emergency Medical Services Compensation account should be \$342,200 and the total amount allocated for Emergency Services should be \$412,350.

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Public Service**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$698,339 for the Public Service Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

### **Sanitation and Environment**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$296,549 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Human Services**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$68,891 for the Human Services Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Culture and Recreation**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$190,218 for the Culture and Recreation Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Central Purchasing**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$184,850 for the Central Purchasing Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **Debt Services**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,207,660 for the Debt Service Budget to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Entire Budget Excluding Schools:**

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,830,136 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for fiscal year 2014, excluding school, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in Article 1 of the Warrant except for the amount allocated for the Emergency Medical Services Compensation account should be \$342,200 and the total amount allocated for Emergency Services should be \$412,350.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Article 2:**

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the Motion that was defeated at the May 5<sup>th</sup> portion of the Annual Town Meeting with regard to Article 2, the Wachusett Regional School District Budget.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

Discussion: If the Motion is passed, it means that Town Meeting will be able to discuss and vote upon the school budget again.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IF PASSED.**

Motion was then moved to amend the pending Motion so that it reads:

Motion moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,394,247 for the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the Fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IF PASSED.**

Motion was then made that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,394,247 for the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IF PASSED.**

**Article 3:**

Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,108 to pay for its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:21PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

Roger Brunelle, Town Moderator

Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk





## *TOWN CLERK*

**TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

**VITAL STATISTICS REPORT**  
**BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES**

**Number of Births: 22**

**Number of Marriages: 10**

**Number of Deaths: 26**

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED:**

**Male/Female: 76**

**Neutered/Spade: 559**

**Kennel Licenses: 3 for 2014**

**Transfers: 3**

**Service Dog: 1**

**Total: 642**

**LICENSES**

**DBA Licenses Issued: 24**

**Amount Paid to General Fund: \$9087.50**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Susan E. Stone**

**Town Clerk**



## *TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**Combined Balance Sheet  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	975,829	1,756,302	3,016,028		5,748,159
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	303,203				303,203
Other Receivables	22,643	153,171	338,658		514,472
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations				8,838,733	8,838,733
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,675</b>	<b>\$ 1,909,473</b>	<b>\$ 3,354,686</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,733</b>	<b>\$ 15,404,567</b>
Payables	128,949	25,330	54,465		208,744
Allowance for Exempt & Abatements	153,842				153,842
Deferred Revenue:					
Property & Excise Taxes	149,361				149,361
Other Departmental	22,643	153,171	338,658		514,472
Bonds Payable				8,838,733	8,838,733
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 454,795</b>	<b>\$ 178,502</b>	<b>\$ 393,123</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,733</b>	<b>\$ 9,865,153</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	18,949		31,721		50,670
Reserved For Expenditures	377,313				377,313
Other Reserves	(13,864)	334,186			320,322
Designated F/B		1,396,785	2,766,267		4,163,052
Undesignated F/B	464,482		163,575		628,057
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 846,880</b>	<b>\$ 1,730,971</b>	<b>\$ 2,961,563</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,539,415</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,675</b>	<b>\$ 1,909,473</b>	<b>\$ 3,354,686</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,733</b>	<b>\$ 15,404,567</b>

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2014**

**REVOLVING FUNDS**

K-9 Grant	8,918	
SETB Police Grant	(8,452)	
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	(6,990)	
Fire Safet Grant	3,879	
Mass Works Grant	(40,669)	
Chapter 90 Grant	(120,301)	
Cultural Council Grant	3,835	
Library State Grant	16,116	
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	102,855	
Cemetery Sale of Lots	140,488	
Title V Loan Program	149,177	
AMC Fund	4,821	
Road Details	(9,176)	
Wachusett EMS / Holden Hospital	11,808	
Police Donations	31,716	
Emergency Management Donation	913	
Fire Donations	449	
Ambulance Donations	2,248	
Historical Donations	3,395	
COAGifts/Donations	9,613	
Library Donations	5,532	
250th Anniversary Celebration	12,478	
COA Revolving Fund	15,562	
Library Revolving	985	
Recreation Revolving Fund	79,368	
Wetland Protection	30,600	
Cable Committee Revolving	149,717	
		<u>\$ 598,885</u>

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

Public Safety Complex	167	
Center School Green Project	19,489	
		<u>\$ 19,655</u>

**AGENCY FUNDS**

Glad Hill Associates	6,958.60	
Highland Village	50,037.19	
Fox Run / Molumco Development	2,073.23	
Forestdale Realty	8,081.55	
JK Scanlan / PHP	6,746.00	
		<u>\$ 73,897</u>

**TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE**

Capital Depreciation	112,680
Stabilization	368,913
Conservation Fund	23,701
Cemetery Perpetual Care	14,532
Village Improvement	1,592
D. Russell Poor	9,952
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	63,400
War Bond General Purpose	6,577
E.D. Bigelow School	490



Municipal Affordable Housing	250	
Howland Trust	15,388	
Richards Memorial Library	59,572	
E. Bigelow Library	21,696	
Hazel Gay Fund	212	
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	5,393	\$ 704,349

TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL

Cemetery Perpetual Care	112,796	
Village Improvement	1,000	
D. Russell Poor Fund	7,675	
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000	
Bigelow School	1,000	
Richard Memorial Library	175,503	
Howland Library	10,529	
Bigelow Library	23,548	
Hazel Gay	393	
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	180	
Comcast Stocks	562	\$ 334,186

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	Final Budget	Year to Date Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2015	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	4,994	4,994		-
Secretary Salaries	39,422	39,313		109
Purchased Services	10,596	9,970		626
Supplies	750	424		326
Other Expenses	22,250	19,988		2,262
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
Salary	76,469	76,469		-
Purchased Services	500	460		40
Car Allowance	1,200	1,200		-
<u>TOWN SERVICES</u>				
Coordinator Salary	25,414	23,533		1,881
Purchased Services	74	-		74
Supplies	300	293		8
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	260	155		105
Supplies	15	-		15
RESERVE FUND	11,362			11,362
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salary	28,146	28,146		-
Supplies	100	100		-
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
Board Salary	4,429	4,429		-
Administrative Assessor	26,689	26,689		-
Purchased Services	4,010	3,962		48
Supplies	400	162		238
Other Expenses	29,500	28,929		571
<u>TREASURER</u>				
Salary	16,610	16,610		-
Assistant	11,468	8,501		2,967
Purchased Services	5,900	5,496		404
Interest on Refunds	10,036	-	10,036	-
<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>				
Salary	36,614	36,614		-
Purchased Services	5,750	5,288		462
Supplies	1,325	1,102		223
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
Legal	20,000	18,853		1,147
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	2,947		2,053

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<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
Purchased Services	14,739	13,333		1,406
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salary	29,714	29,714		-
Record Keeping	90	-		90
Assistant	6,000	3,235		2,765
Purchased Services	1,950	1,436		514
Supplies	1,200	1,122		78
Other Expenses	700			700
Elections - Tellers	4,000	708		3,292
Elections - Purchased Services	4,600	2,683		1,917
Elections - Supplies	3,300	2,266		1,034
Special Article - Voting Booths	6,606		6,606	-
Registrars - Salary	1,650	1,650		-
Registrars - Clerk	250			250
Registrars - Census Taker	500	500		-
Registrars - Purchased Services	928	496		433
Registrars - Supplies	650	305		345
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
Clerk	579	171		408
Purchased Services	625	625		-
Conferences	61	61		-
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	642	396		246
Supplies	139			139
<u>ZONING APPEALS BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	600	549		51
Supplies	828	-		828
Dues	60	60		-
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,187	1,187		0
HISTORICAL DIST PURCHASED SERV	200			200
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
Custodian	7,453	4,945		2,508
Purchased Services	11,600	11,526		74
Supplies	1,596	1,335		261
Prior Year Encumbrance	881	881		-
Insurance Premiums	105,340	98,211		7,129
Town Report Purchased Services	1,300	856		444
Town Clock Purchases Services	420	420		-

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	Final Budget	Year to Date Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2015	Closed to Surplus
<u><b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b></u>				
Chief Salary	80,742	80,742		-
Compensation	775,228	767,120		8,108
Purchased Services	42,341	41,889		452
Supplies	45,080	45,080		-
Dues	1,300	1,044		257
Cruisers (2)	58,192	58,177		15
<u><b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b></u>				
Chief Salary	32,713	32,713		-
Compensation	140,848	137,271		3,577
Purchased Services	28,114	28,062		52
Equipment	22,500	21,669		831
FEMA Matching Grant	18,033	18,033		-
<u><b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</b></u>				
Compensation	213,579	213,530		49
Purchased Services	30,379	29,934	445	-
Supplies	18,550	16,943	1,607	-
<u><b>INSPECTORS</b></u>				
Building - Compensation	19,959	19,959		-
Building - Local Inspector	1,875	1,425		450
Building - Purchased Services	200	160		40
Building - Supplies	25			25
Plumbing - Compensation	2,145	2,145		-
Wire - Compensation	4,434	4,434		-
Wire - Assistant Compensation	116	116		-
<u><b>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</b></u>				
Purchased Services	30,790	30,624		166
Expenses	2,780	2,576		204
<u><b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b></u>				
Compensation	5,100	5,100		-
Purchased Services	2,500	1,016		1,484
Supplies	500	287		213
<u><b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b></u>				
Compensation	6,384	6,384		-
Purchased Services	2,485	2,435		50
Vehicle Purchase	7,065	4,255		2,810
<u><b>TREE WARDEN</b></u>				
Salary	1,231	1,207		24
Hourly Employee	600	600		-
Purchased Services	5,065	5,024		41
Supplies	50	22		28
Trees	1,000	1,000		-

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<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
Wachusett Assessment	5,261,904	5,261,904		-
Vocational Assessment	274,632	274,632		-
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Salary	51,711	51,711		-
Compensation	242,103	228,004		14,099
Purchased Services	104,000	104,000		-
Supplies	37,989	37,459		530
Front End Loader / Lease	27,028	27,028		-
One Ton Truck w/plow	55,325	55,325		-
Prior Year Encumbrance	27	27		-
Snow & Ice - Overtime	39,859	35,361		4,498
Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand	100,128	121,363		(21,235)
Snow & Ice - Equipment	6,050	6,050		-
Street Lights Electricity	24,582	24,582		0
Cemetery - Salary	1,722	1,722		-
Cemetery - Compensating	4,372	1,607		2,765
Cemetery - Purchased Services	930	906		24
Cemetery - Supplies	979	967		12
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Waste Collections Contract	274,576	251,424		23,152
Salaries	359	359		-
Purchased Services	1,605	861		744
Supplies	188	141		47
Sanitation Engineer - Compensation	10,842	10,842		-
Inspector of Animals - Salary	477	477		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Director Salary	21,954	21,269		685
Van Drivers	19,612	18,454		1,158
Outreach Coordinator	8,478	8,478		-
Purchased Services	3,050	2,719		331
Supplies	3,912	3,912		-
Other Expenses	1,290	1,208		82
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
Salary	596	596		-
Purchased Services	100	-		100
Benefits	8,064	8,064		-
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Director Salary	43,194	43,178		16
Compensation	33,660	33,660		-
Children's Librarian	30,989	30,977		12
Purchased Services	13,367	12,069	65	1,233
Supplies	31,399	31,169		230



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<u>RECREATION</u>				
Director Salary	13,347	13,347		-
Admin. Assistant	2,040	2,040		-
Purchased Services	10,000	10,000		-
Supplies	5,000	5,000		-
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	224	224		-
Supplies	150	101		49
<u>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</u>				
Principal:				
School Reconstruction	330,000	330,000		-
School Windows	8,700	8,700		-
DPW /Doors & Windows	2,300	2,300		-
DPW Dump Truck	25,000	25,000		-
Town Hall Design	10,000	10,000		-
Public Safety Complex	369,000	369,000		-
PSC Green Repairs	71,000	71,000		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	24,000	24,000		-
Title V Betterment	7,698	7,697		1
Interest:				
School Reconstruction	91,576	91,576		-
School Windows	3,224	3,224		-
DPW /Doors & Windows	1,266	1,266		0
DPW Dump Truck	5,688	5,688		1
Town Hall Design	275	275		-
Public Safety Complex	269,534	269,534		-
PSC Green Repairs	22,533	22,533		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	6,882	6,882		-
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	17,467	19,963		(2,496)
Air Pollution	1,280	1,280		-
Registry Non Renewal	2,600	2,660		(60)
MBTA	31,440	31,440		-
<u>OTHER</u>				
Medicare	34,931	30,993		3,938
Employee Assistance Program	-			-
Health Insurance Premiums	417,470	403,918	190	13,362
Life Insurance	1,700	1,563		137
Social Security	22,045	22,045		-
Insurance Deduct for Premiums	10,000	3,000		7,000
Retirement Assessment	219,617	219,616		1
Unemployment	1,000			1,000

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	Final Budget	Year to Date Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2015	Closed to Surplus
<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>				
Heat / Oil	57,500	54,963		2,537
Postage	7,400	5,183		2,217
Telephone	17,600	13,639		3,961
Electricity	60,900	59,733		1,167
Diesel	44,750	42,996		1,754
<u>TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND</u>				
Stabilization Fund	225,000	225,000		-
Capital Fund	37,335	37,335		-
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 11,442,399</b>	<b>\$ 11,291,486</b>	<b>\$ 18,949</b>	<b>\$ 131,964</b>

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND  
Appropriation / Expenditure Report  
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	Final Budget	Year to Date Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2015	Closed to Surplus
Compensation	124,341	123,828		513
Expenses	571,717	529,407	22,000	20,310
Debt	36,538	31,937		4,602
Engineering Services	55,000	45,279	9,721	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	22,000	22,000		-
<b>WATER ENTERPRISE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 809,596</b>	<b>\$ 752,451</b>	<b>\$ 31,721</b>	<b>\$ 25,424</b>

**Schedule of Outstanding Debt  
As of June 30, 2014**

	<u>Outstanding July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30 2014</u>	<u>Interest</u>
<u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u>					
School Renovations	1,980,000		330,000	1,650,000	91,576
Water Department	150,000		25,000	125,000	6,937
Title V Loan Program	61,430		7,697	53,733	-
DPW Bldg Renovations	31,100		2,300	28,800	1,266
DPW Dump Truck	150,000		25,000	125,000	5,688
School Windows	80,700		8,700	72,000	3,224
Town Hall Design	10,000		10,000	-	275
Public Safety Complex	4,653,200		319,000	4,334,200	190,784
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,800,000		50,000	1,750,000	78,750
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	186,000		24,000	162,000	6,882
Center School Green Project	609,000		71,000	538,000	22,533
	<u>9,711,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>872,697</u>	<u>8,838,733</u>	<u>407,914</u>
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 9,711,430</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 872,697</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,733</b>	<b>\$ 407,914</b>



*BOARD of ASSESSORS*

## **Report of the Board of Assessors**

After a state mandated revaluation, based on sales in 2012, the total taxable

Valuation as of January 1, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2014 was set at \$430,501,964.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2013 added \$2,784,287.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$269,368.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$679,371.

The Board received 6 abatement requests of which 5 were approved and processed.

The Assessors office is open Monday & Tuesday from 7:00am to 12:00pm, and Thursday from 7-5.

The Board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stanley  
Administrative Assessors

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

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>FY2014</u></b>	<b><u>FY2013</u></b>	<b><u>FY2012</u></b>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$11,010,982.00	\$10,705,729.00	\$10,597,290.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$375,583.00	\$182,698.00	\$103,292.00
Offset Items	\$787,596.00	\$776,356.00	\$806,774.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$52,787.00	\$52,494.00	\$59,199.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$94,983.84	\$62,810.20	\$79,017.51
Deficits Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final Court Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$12,321,931.84	\$11,780,087.20	\$11,645,572.51
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$930,786.00	\$916,028.00	\$884,001.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$560,226.02	\$535,877.55	\$523,352.27
Water Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Local Receipts	\$1,183,723.23	\$1,076,402.28	\$1,065,935.25
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$200,000.00	\$182,698.00	\$103,292.00
Available Funds - Other	\$175,583.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$3,050,318.25	\$2,711,005.83	\$2,576,580.52
Net Amount to be Raised	\$9,271,613.59	\$9,069,081.37	\$9,068,991.99
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$8,849,131.00	\$8,653,576.00	\$8,384,588.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$422,007,169.00	\$441,563,761.00	\$451,762,200.00
Personal Property	\$8,494,795.00	\$8,591,504.00	\$9,935,706.00
Total Taxable Property	\$430,501,964.00	\$450,155,265.00	\$461,697,906.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$20.51	\$19.22	\$18.16
Open Space	\$20.51	\$19.22	\$18.16
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$20.51	\$19.22	\$18.16



## **Board of Assessors**

### **Table II**

#### **Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>	<b><u>FY2014</u></b>		<b><u>FY2013</u></b>		<b><u>FY2012</u></b>	
	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows	0	\$0.00	2	\$350.00	3	\$525.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22E	1	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22: Veterans	17	\$8,550.00	19	\$8,175.00	23	\$9,000.00
Clause 37: Blind	4	\$1,750.00	4	\$1,750.00	4	\$1,750.00
Clause 41: Elderly	11	\$7,875.00	13	\$9,750.00	13	\$9,750.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$7,145.68	1	\$7,232.49	1	\$6,735.54
Totals	35	\$27,070.68	39	\$27,257.49	44	\$27,760.54
<b><u>Abatements</u></b>						
Real Estate	7	\$5,524.75	12	\$7,624.57	12	\$3,078.11
Personal Property	1	\$54.64	1	\$1,287.18	1	\$19.70
Farm Animal Excise	4	\$552.15	4	\$565.15	4	\$579.15
Motor Vehicle Excise	184	\$16,064.85	177	\$14,282.35	136	\$12,350.14
Total	196	\$22,196.39	194	\$23,759.25	149	\$16,027.10
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u></b>						
Bills Processed	4696	\$638,942.12	4771	\$583,395.84	4779	\$561,796.65
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$622,877.27		\$569,113.49		\$549,446.51

**Board of Assessors**  
**Table III**  
**Property Classification**

	<b><u>FY2014</u></b>	<b><u>FY2013</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/ Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Residential	\$405,961,116.00	\$426,509,796.00	-\$20,548,680.00	-5.1%
Commercial	\$10,698,453.00	\$10,700,965.00	-\$2,512.00	0.0%
Industrial	\$5,347,600.00	\$4,353,000.00	\$994,600.00	18.6%
Personal Property	\$8,494,795.00	\$8,591,504.00	-\$96,709.00	-1.1%
Total Taxable Property	\$430,501,964.00	\$450,155,265.00	-\$19,653,301.00	-4.4%
Exempt Property	\$70,073,000.00	\$74,457,300.00	-\$4,384,300.00	-6.3%



## *TOWN COLLECTOR*

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR**

### Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$11,432.34	
Collected		\$ 82.50
Committed		
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$11,349.84
Total	\$11,432.34	\$11,432.34

### 2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$3,884.68	
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$3,884.68
Total	\$3,884.68	\$3,884.68

### 2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$2,581.12	
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$2,581.12
Total	\$2,581.12	\$2,581.12

### 2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$1,895.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$1,895.00
Total	\$1,895.00	\$1,895.00

### 2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$ 832.50	
Collected		\$ 68.75
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$763.75
Total	\$832.50	\$832.50

### 2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$1,533.86	
Collected		\$ 82.50
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$1,451.36
Total	\$1,533.86	\$1,533.86

### 2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$1,730.85	
Collected		\$ 82.50
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$1,648.35
Total	\$1,730.85	\$1,730.85

### 2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$1,625.32	
Collected		\$ 136.46
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$1,488.86

**2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$ 2,338.97	
Collected		\$762.19
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$1,576.78
Total	\$2,338.97	\$2,338.97

**2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$5,470.84	
Refunded	\$ 645.84	
Collected		\$1,117.92
Abated		\$ 645.84
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 4,352.92
Total	\$6,116.68	\$6,116.68

**2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$ 9,393.66	
Committed	\$ 42.50	
Refunded	\$ 161.56	
Collected		\$3,851.99
Abated		\$ 161.56
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 5,584.17
Total	\$9,597.72	\$9,597.72

**2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$46,073.37	
Committed	\$ 54,228.57	
Refunded	\$ 7,000.88	
Collected		\$93,555.38
Abated		\$ 7,317.40
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 6,430.04
Total	\$107,302.82	\$107,302.82

**2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$0	
Committed	\$ 578,091.54	
Refunded	\$ 7,385.23	
Collected		\$554,395.44
Abated		\$ 10,279.24
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 20,802.09
Total	\$585,476.77	\$585,476.77

**2014 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise**

Committed	\$552.15	
Collected		\$504.65
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 47.50
Total	\$552.15	\$565.15

2014 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$12,773.81	
Collected		\$12,773.81
Total	\$12,773.81	\$ 2,773.81

2009 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$116.40	
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$116.40
Total	\$116.40	\$116.40

\* Please note there is no outstanding 2010 Fiscal Personal Property

2011 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$38.15	
Collected		\$38.15
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 0
Total	\$38.15	\$38.15

2012 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$764.81	
Collected		\$ 579.87
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 184.94
Total	\$764.81	\$ 764.81

2013 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$460.83	
Collected		\$380.32
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 80.51
Total	\$460.83	\$460.83

2014 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$174,228.24	
Refunded	\$ 506.98	
Adjusted	\$ 6.31	
Collected		\$173,942.46
Abated		\$ 54.64
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 744.43
Total	\$174,741.53	\$ 174,741.53

2012 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$2,709.25	
Collected		\$ 735.26
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 1,973.99
Total	\$2,709.25	\$ 2,709.25



**2013 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$96,964.06	
Refunded	\$ 905.26	
Collected		\$ 74,742.09
Abated		\$ 905.26
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 8,570.19
Adjustment		\$ 2,436.53
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 11,215.25
Total	\$97,869.32	\$ 97,869.32

**2014 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Committed	\$8,671,460.57	
Refunded	\$ 32,925.46	
Adjusted	\$ 16.20	
Collected		\$8,587,913.87
Unposted Refunds		\$ 15,499.50
Abated		\$ 30,845.43
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 8710.60
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 61,432.83
Total	\$8,704,402.23	\$8,704,402.23

**Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable – Various Years**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$43,727.81	
Committed	\$21,811.75	
Collected		\$ 776.30
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$64,763.26
Total	\$65,539.56	\$65,539.56

**2014 Fiscal Light Liens**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$ 1,126.39	
Committed	\$30,809.36	
Collected		\$27,858.43
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 1,855.14
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 2,222.18
Total	\$31,935.75	\$31,935.75

**Tax Possessions**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$98,834.13	
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$98,834.13
Total	\$98,834.13	\$98,834.13

**2014 Fiscal Trash Liens**

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$368.10	
Committed	\$3,835.16	
Collected		\$3,271.66
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 931.60
Total	\$4,203.26	\$4,203.26

#### 2014 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$1,801.63	
Committed	\$16,513.32	
Transferred to Tax Title		\$ 485.38
Collected		\$15,212.38
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 2,617.19
Total	\$18,314.95	\$18,314.95

#### 2014 Fiscal Title V

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$73,185.14	
Collected		\$3,045.05
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$70,140.09
Total	\$73,185.14	\$73,185.14

#### 2014 Fiscal Title V Betterments

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$27,233.00	
Collected		\$ 10,600.50
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 16,632.50
Total	\$27,233.00	\$ 27,233.00

#### 2014 Income and Expense Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2013	\$0	
Committed	\$2,250.00	
Collected		\$ 750.00
Outstanding June 30, 2014		\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00

#### 2014 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on all Taxes	\$25,618.29
Certificate of Municipal Lien	\$ 3,550.00
Lien Fees	\$ 3,700.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$23,815.53
Return Check Fees	\$ 142.90
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$ 2,320.00
Dog Fines	\$ 0
Collector's Interest	\$ 3,533.11
Betterment Interest	\$ 1,361.65
Title V and Interest	\$ 2,713.84
Agency Interest	\$ 35.79
Cultural Council Interest	\$ 7.75
Total	\$66,798.86

### Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$688,634.02
Installation & Repairs	\$ 16,507.36
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$ 254.18
Water Lien Receipts & Fees	\$ 15,212.38
Water Late Charges Received	\$ 6,105.52
Other Local receipts	\$ 629.
Total	\$727,342.46

#### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Deirdre L. Malone  
Collector



## *TOWN TREASURER*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance of Operating Cash	
As of July 1, 2013	\$4,450,038.61
Receipts for the Year	\$17,710,907.76
Payments for the Year	\$17,600,467.87
<b>Balance, June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$4,560,478.50</b>

Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 2014	
People's United Bank	\$2,072,512.44
NOW Accounts	\$408,943.27
Money Market Accounts	\$982,196.54
Agency Accounts	\$71,685.16
Petty Cash	\$250.00
Rollstone Pel Acc	\$1,024,891.09

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,560,0478.50</b>
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Interest and Dividend Income	
Town Operating	\$6,609.03
Electric Depreciation	\$22,484.99
Agency Accounts	\$35.79
Electric Operating	\$21,102.52
Cultural Council	\$7.75
Title V – Special Revenue	\$240.61
Water Enterprise	\$254.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,734.87</b>

### Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 2014

	Non-Expendable (Principal)	Expendable
Richards Memorial Library:		
Trust (Book Value)	\$175,503.43	\$59,571.68
V. Howland Library Trust	\$10,529.09	\$15,387.81
Other Library Trusts:		
Hazel Gay Fund	\$393.15	\$212.41
E.D. Bigelow School Book Fund	\$1,000.00	\$490.00
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent	\$180.00	\$5,393.48
Comcast Stock Shares	\$562.00	
E. Bigelow Library	\$23,547.89	\$21,695.87
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$112,795.92	\$23,439.76
Cemetery Sale of Lots		\$140,488.07
Village Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$1,591.66
D. Russell Poor Fund	\$7,675.00	\$9,951.99
C.D. Boynton Gen. Purpose	\$1,000.00	\$63,400.19
Income from WWII War Bonds	0.00	\$6,577.23
Conservation	0.00	\$23,701.04
Stabilization		\$368,913.11
Capital Depreciation Fund		\$112,680.19
Municipal Affordable Housing		\$250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 334,186.48</b>	<b>\$853,744.49</b>

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER****Town of Paxton Payroll**

<b>TOWN HALL</b>	
Dennis Benoit	4,434.00
Peter Bogren	1,551.00
Kimberly Peloquin	8,239.82
Thomas Carroll	119.67
Kateri Clute	4,488.64
Donna Couture	28,146.00
Wayne Curran	10,842.00
Denis Leo	3,094.89
Richard DeWitt	2,592.00
Donna Graf-Parsons	39,128.94
Timothy Hackett	596.00
Dennis Harney	2,447.50
Judy Hatstat	119.67
Doris Huard	1,476.33
Sheryl Lombardi	23,643.17
Deirdre Malone	53,221.74
John Malone	1,892.00
John Noonan	4,955.10
David Parent	119.66
Jean Parent	477.00
Julia Pingitore	1,551.00
Carol Riches	77,669.00
James Robert	1,207.00
Joanne Savignac	1,476.34
John Slabich	116.00
Kathleen Stanley	26,678.89
Susan Stone	30,214.00
Richard Travers	850.00
Richard Trifero	19,959.00
B. Peter Warren	5852.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Rodolfo Acuna	1,366.54
Corey Anderson	3,394.69
Justin Bassett	171.96
David Beauregard	490.99
Michael Benoit	15,915.47



Lionel Berthiaume	557.34
James Carleton	25,199.15
Jay Conte	33,082.38
Peter Conte	4,929.17
Tyler Crabb	1,074.87
Adam Doud	1,431.60
Richard Doughty	1,606.57
Richard Gaffney	6,176.52
Daniel Gagne	43,213.42
Jessica Gennaro	1,074.87
Kenneth Grensavitch	758.65
James Hansson	2,830.14
Ryan Hobbs	1,021.01
Richard Jenkins	978.20
Kevin Kelly	7,419.26
Brian Kellelea	2,336.42
Christopher Koretski	2,129.84
Richard LaTour Jr.	128.66
Shawn Mead	43,801.63
Andrew Miller	401.24
Michael Monfreda	729.85
Patrick Normandin	6,230.63
James Olson	252.13
Jeffrey Olson	47,215.42
Michael Pingitore	76,497.70
Kevin Quinn	5,541.19
Jerrod Ravid	384.83
Gary Richards	5,810.86
Michael Rowe, Jr.	291.94
Thomas Savage, Jr.	18,201.83
Ward, Alex	660.85
Justin Warren	380.52
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Tracey Coetzee	14,527.94
Roni Huard	48,442.38
Samuel Knipe	41,987.24
Mark Leveille	43,732.76
Philip McPherson	46,588.00
Michael Putnam	67,486.64

Gary Richards	52,138.48
Christopher Ross	47,840.36
Travis Thibault	79,187.67
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
Deborah Bailey	43,178.03
Barbara Braley	5,484.67
Tori Brown	1,605.44
Arnold Childs, Jr.	4,311.60
Joseph Dawson	1,111.52
Elizabeth Gaffney	3,921.75
Emily Hodder	922.50
Danielle Martin	3,337.50
Robert Rizzuto	268.00
Lois Shorten	30,976.94
Susan Wheeler	13,351.81
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	
Kathy Card	15,387.00
Gabrielle Beauregard	32.00
Lee Ann Card	900.00
Juvan Coetzee	460.00
Rudolph Coetzee	820.00
James Devens	264.00
Lauren Jacques	477.00
Carly Sansoucy	564.00
Kaitlyn Tupper	612.00
Diana West	1,800.50
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Paul Belsito	6,778.75
Cynthia Love	8,064.20
John Crowley	11,483.63
Gerald Ryan	26,322.90
<b>COMMUNICATIONS CENTER</b>	
John Annunziate	772.33
Christopher Bergeron	29,9210.88
Andrew Doughty	1,464.47
Richard Fairbanks	45,970.95
Kimberly Fontaine	41,430.87
Brian Gonzalez	3,936.47
Tenley Goodwin	2,490.90

Ashley Holden	26,770.01
Jacob Moisio	6,626.72
Diony Nunez	9,027.87
Brian Ryder	8,259.53
<b>LIGHT DEPARTMENT</b>	
Benjamin Allen	82,128.59
Michael Benoit	600.00
Susan Blackwood	49,400.00
John Crowley	600.00
Greg DeStasi	96,990.40
Yvette Orell	55,931.89
David Renzetti	96,928.50
Matthew Stone	49,872.28
Emerson Wheeler	600.00
Timothy White	75,484.59
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Guy Bibeau	75,484.59
Joseph Coggans	81,361.58
Robert Desrosiers	114,278.71
Kenneth Johnson	79,080.05
David Keller	64,693.73
William Lang	68,499.60
Matthew Morin	68,788.15
Steven Mucci	61,131.20
Rachel Pawlina	60,435.29
Eva Ryan	46,718.29
Mark Savasta	120,249.30
Jason Silvestri	102,754.29
Douglas Tripp	62,272.51
Forrest Thorpe III	83,800.93
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Paul Ciance	10,964.95
Shawn Davis	45,526.54
James Early	2,183.72
John Jovan	4,877.92
Kevin Mailman	1,106.04
Gino Molinari	5,711.26
Thomas O'Neil	5,263.48
David Warren	41,259.96

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: [townofpaxton.net](http://townofpaxton.net)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:  
DIAL "911"

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-755-1104  
located at 576 Pleasant Street

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

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street: hours: Monday-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am - 1pm.

Town Administrator	Carol L. Riches	Town Hall	508-754-7638 Ext. 20
Board of Selectmen	Julia Pingitore, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons	Board meets every other Monday - Call in advance for meeting dates	508-754-7638 Ext 10
Town Services Coordinator	Sheryl Lombardi	Board of Appeal, Planning Board and Board of Health	508-753-2803 Ext. 11
Board of Appeals	Roberta Brien, Chair	Board meets on an "As needed" basis	
Board of Health	David Parent, Chair	Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	
Planning Board	Neil Bagdis, Chair	Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	
Building Commissioner	Richard Trifero		Home: 508-756-5622
Sanitary Inspector	Wayne Curran		Home: 508-757-4180
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Dennis Harney	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 774-261-8084
Wire Inspector	Dennis Benoit	Call direct for an inspection	Home: 508-799-0392
Fire Inspector	Michael Pingitore	Call for Inspection	508-793-3170
Town Accountant	Donna Couture		508-754-7638 Ext. 16
Assessors	Joanne Savignac, Chair Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor	Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m.-Noon	508-754-7638 Ext. 16
Town Clerk	Susan Stone	Thursday 8am to 4pm	
Treasurer/Collector	Deirdre Malone	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 13
Water Commissioners	John Malone, Chair	Town Hall	508-799-7347 Ext. 15
		Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm	
Municipal Light Department	Greg DeStasi, Manager Emerson Wheeler, Chair	Office: 578 Pleasant Street.	508-756-9508
		Board meets second Tuesday of each month.	
Police Department	Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief	Office: 576 Pleasant Street	508-793-3131
		(Business Only)	
Dog/ Animal Control Officer	B. Peter Warren	Contact Dispatch	508-755-1104
Recreation Commission	Paul Riches, Chair	Commission meet the third Monday of each month	508-752-7204
Council on Aging	Barbara Braley, Chair Gerry Ryan, Director	Office: 17 West Street	508-756-2833
		Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.	
Conservation Commission	Christopher Keenan, Chair	Board meets the second Thursday of each month	508-735-0035
Historical Commission	Anita Fenton	Board meets the third Thursday of each month	
Veteran's Agent	Timothy Hackett		Home: 508-755-1477
Richards Memorial Library	Debbie Bailey, Librarian Patricia Dawson, 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.	1-8 p.m.
Wednesday	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.
Thursday	1-8 p.m.	1-8 p.m.
Friday	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.	9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m.
Saturday	10-2 p.m.	CLOSED