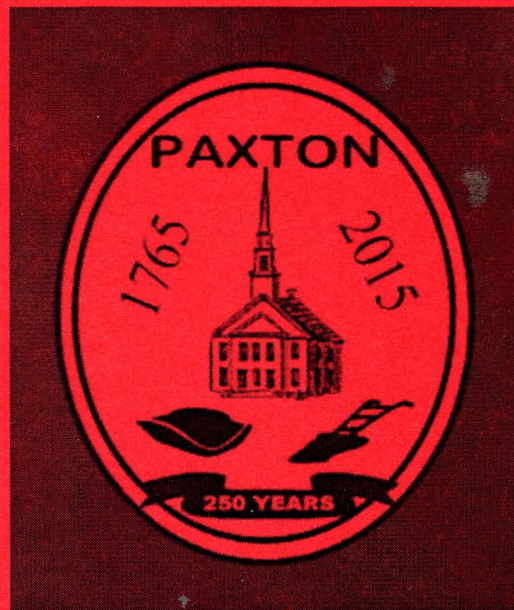


# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF PAXTON

*Year Ending June 30, 2015*



*Paxton Celebrates 250 years*

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*WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE*

**William Clute**  
WRSD Committee

**Margy O'Donnell**  
Board of Appeals

**James Lang**  
Capital Improvement Committee

**Phyllis Callahan**  
Board of Registrars

**Michael Benoit**  
Municipal Light Board

**Charles Innis**  
Library Trustee

**Raymond Charette**  
Cable and Communications Committee

**Cheryl Sleboda**  
Finance Committee

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*THANK YOU TO OUR 250<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION  
COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT YEAR OF  
MEMORABLE EVENTS*



Top row left to right: Robert Wilby, Adam Doud, and Gerald Ryan  
Bottom row left to right: Pat Wheeler, Anita Fenton, Marisol Dittami,  
and Kay Kingsbury



# *Celebrating Paxton's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

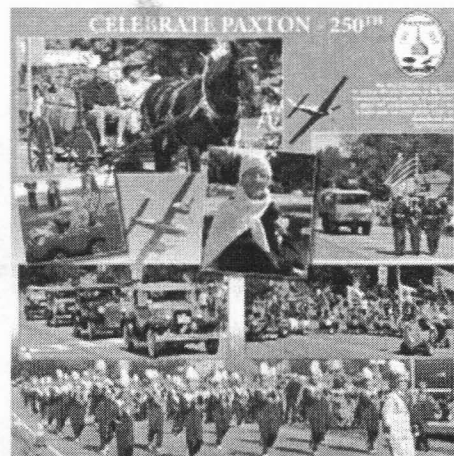
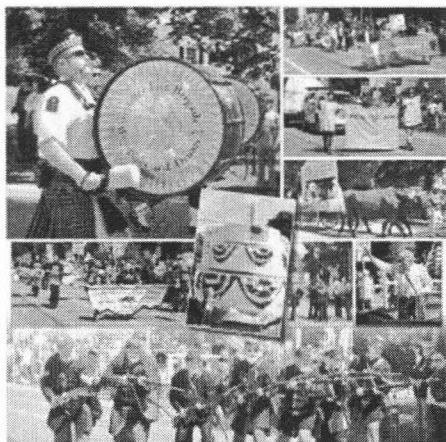
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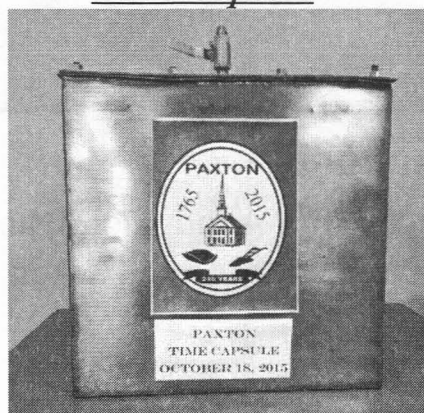
## *Encampment weekend*



## *Parade*



## *Time Capsule*





*TOWN OFFICERS*  
*May 2014 to May 2015*



## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman	2016
John F. Malone, Vice Chair	2017
Julia Pingitore, Clerk	2015
Moderator	
Roger Brunelle	2015
Constables	
Paul F. Ruane	2015
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2015
Tree Warden	
James Robert	2015
Wachusett Regional School District Committee	
Harriet Fradellos	2018
Barbara Renzoni	2017
Municipal Light Board	
John Ahearn	2017
Emerson Wheeler III	2016
John P. Crowley, Chair	2015
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2017
Joanne Savignac	2015
Kateri Clute	2016
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2017
David J. Trulson	2015
Rodney S. Jenkins	2016
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2015
Judy A. Hatstat	2017
David Parent, Chair	2016
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2015
David Bennett, resigned	2016
Jeffrey Kent	2015
Henry Stidsen	2019
Rob Jacobson	2017
Warren Bock	2016
Library Trustees	
Michelle Nelsen	2016
Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair	2016
Caroline Grinstead	2015
Patricia Dawson	2017
Roger Brunelle	2017
Kerry Orciuch	2015
Karen Putney	2016

Recreation Commission	
Betsy Howard	2017
Chuck Putney	2017
Roberley Tasca	2016
Matthew Noponen	2015
Paul Riches, Chairman	2015

Cemetery Commission	
Patricia Belsito	2015
Judi Mancini	2017
Christopher Stone	2016

Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives	
Robert Wilby	2017
Peter Schur	2016

## APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator	
Carol Riches	2015
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2015
Town Services Coordinator	
Sheryl Lombardi	2015
Town Accountant	
Donna Couture	2015
Town Collector/Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2015
Town Clerk	
Susan Stone	2015
Superintendent DPW	
Michael Putnam	2015
Veteran's Agent	
Timothy Hackett	2015
Veteran's Grave Officer	
Timothy Hackett	2015
Inspector of Wires	
Dennis Benoit	2015
John Slabich, Asst	2015
Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2015
Richard Travers, Assistant	2015
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Adam Smith	2015

Board of Appeals	
Forrest Smith	2016
Kirk Huehls	2018
Paul Robinson	2017
Richard Grensavitch	2019
Roberta Brien	2017
Robert Callahan	2018
Margie O'Donnell	2016
Joseph Roche	2017

Board of Registrars	
Mary Ann Paquette	2017
Phyllis Callahan	2016
Paula Mathieu	2015

Town Counsel	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2015

Sexual Harassment Officers	
Carol Riches	2015

Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers	
Larry Hammerberg	2015

Care of Clock	
Bruce Cheney	2015

Hazardous Waste Coordinator	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2015

Emergency Management Director	
Michael Pingitore	2015

Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Jay Conte	2015

Police Department Chief	
Robert Desrosiers	2015

Full Time Officers	
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2015
David Keller, Patrolman	2015
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2015
Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant	2015
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2015
Forrest Thorpe	2015
Joseph Coggans	2015

Conservation Commission	
Marisa Ayvazian	2017
Michael Voorhis	2016
Christopher Keenan, Chair	2016
James Robert	2016
Daniel Gehnrich	2015
Gerald Ryan	2015
Holly Robert, Associate	2016
Tim Luring	2017

Insurance Advisory Committee	
Deirdre Malone	2015
Yvette Orell	2015
Samuel Knipe	2015
Donna Graf-Parsons	2015
Eva Ryan	2015
Nancy Wilby	2015
Deborah Bailey	2015

Cable & Communication Committee	
Nick Powlovich, Chair	2015
Carol Riches	2015
Scott Wilson	2015
Gerald Ryan	2015

Agents for License Commission	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2015

Central Mass Regional Planning	
Christian S. Baehrecke	2015
Neil Bagdis, Alternate	

Personnel Advisory Board	
Heather Courtney	2015
Paul Sullivan	2015
Roland Card	2015

Council on Aging	
Barbara Braley	2017
Robert Callahan	2017
Gino Gangai	2016
Alice Crowley	2017
Curtis Hammer	2015
George Howatt	2015
Jean Wilde	2016
Joan Bedard	2015
James Putnam	2015
Natalie Siemen, Associate	
Louise Howatt, Associate	
June Herron, Associate	
Paul Bergin, Associate	
Doris E. Huard, Associate	

Historical Commission	
Alfred Niemi	2017
Susan Corcoran	2017
Larry Spongberg	2016
Anita Fenton	2016
Pamela Hair	2015
Donna MacLean	2017
Barbara Beall	2015

Sale of Town Owned Land	
Carol Riches	2015
Michael Putnam	2015
Richard Trifero	2015
Deirdre Malone	2015
Kathleen Stanley, Ex Officio	2015
Marisa Ayvazian	2015



**Historic District Commission**

Donna MacLean	2015
Jay Gallant	2015
Paul Robinson	2015
Roger Brunelle	2015

**Cultural Council**

Donna Graf-Parsons	2020
Daniel Gehnrich	2019
Anita Fenton	2015
Howard McGinn	2017
Sara Root-Simone	2016
Barbara Beall-Fofana	2018

**Anna Maria Scholarship Committee**

Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2015
Carol Riches	2015
John Malone	2015

**Capital Improvement Committee**

Carol Riches	2015
Forrest Smith	2015
Gerald Ryan	2015
Jeffrey Kent	2015
Kateri Clute	2015
Miryam Rabinovich	2015
Jeffrey Kent	2017

**Election Officers**

Janice Carlson  
Janet Chapman  
Kathryn Kingsbury  
Patricia Cole  
Nancy Delle  
Gino Gangai  
Michelle Nelsen  
Annette McKiernan  
Marguerite Ryan  
Sandra Vaudo  
Paula Gangai  
Melinda Johnson  
Jacqueline LaFlash  
Jane McTigue  
John Lucy  
Natalie Siemen

**Master Plan Implementation Committee**

Joanne Savignac	2015
Robert Bostwick	2015
Bob Hayes	2015
Kevin Quinn	2015
Paul Mathieu	2015
Jay Gallant	2015
Scott Siemen	2015
Paul Robinson	2015
Carol Riches, Ex Officio	

**Town Hall Renovation Committee**

Richard Fenton	2015
Jay Gallant	2015
Paul Robinson	2015
James Stone	2015
Roberta Brien	2015

**Town Building Needs Committee**

Jay Gallant	2015
Paul Robinson	2015
James Stone	2015

**Liaison to State Ethics Commission**

Carol Riches	2015
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**Open Space**

Robert Bertin	2015
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**Scenic Byway Committee**

Anita Fenton	2015
Paul Robinson	2015

**APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR****Finance Board**

Jamie Contonio	2016
Jennifer Lennon	2016
Mark Love	2015
James Lang	2015
Richard Fenton, Chair	2017
Miryam Rabinovich	2015
June Herron	2017
Scott Runstrom	2016
Kevin Mentzer	2015

**APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH****Plumbing Inspector**

Dennis Harney	2015
John P. Dolen, Assistant	2015

**Sanitary Inspector**

Wayne Curran	2015
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**Burial Agent**

Ronald Johnson	2015
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**Animal Inspector**

Jean Parent	2015
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**Animal Control Officer**

B. Peter Warren Jr.	2015
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**Rubbish/Recycling Collection**

Republic Trash Removal	2015
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## **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

### **First Responders**

Cory Anderson EMT  
Justin Bassick EMT  
Jon Belanger EMT-P  
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT  
Charles Bowry EMT-P  
James Carlton EMT-P  
Peter Conte EMT  
Cindy Gaudet EMT-P  
Kenneth Grensavitch EMT  
John Hansson EMT-P  
Ryan Hobbs EMT  
James Johnson EMT  
Richard Johnson EMT-P  
Kevin Kelly EMT  
Richard McGinn EMT-P  
Shawn Mead EMT  
Andrew Miller EMT  
Tim O'kane EMT-P  
Jeffrey Olson EMT  
Michael Pingitore EMT  
Thomas Savage Lieutenant EMT  
Alex Ward EMT

## **APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF**

### **Firefighters**

Dan Acuna  
Rudi Acuna  
Justin Bassick EMT  
Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT  
Lionel Berthiame  
Peter Conte EMT  
James Carlton EMT-P  
Richard Doughty  
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief  
Jessica Genarro  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
James Hansson  
Ryan Hobbs  
Kevin Kelly EMT  
Brian Killelea  
Chris Koretski  
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 FY15**

FY15 brought a continuation of some positive steps forward for the Town of Paxton as well as financial struggles that have gripped the town for the past several years.

The fiscal year came to an end without a school budget being approved. An override vote was not passed and the Wachusett Regional School District filed for a one-twelfth budget. The challenges that have gripped both the Town and the school district show no signs of easing as new growth continues at a slow pace and state aid continues to be cut back. Despite the tough fiscal outlook, Paxton departments are to be commended for their constant pursuit of grant opportunities that have allowed Paxton to make infrastructure improvements, purchase capital items, and allowed the Town to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

Paxton was able to purchase, through Town Meeting approval, a much-needed ambulance for the Fire Department, a new Mack Truck for the Highway Department, and a new Ford Interceptor for the Police Department. While purchasing or leasing capital items is difficult as we work through our financial constraints, it is imperative that the Town's assets are kept up to date and functioning properly.

The FY 14 financial audit results were encouraging and the auditor reported that Paxton ended up in the middle of what he described as tier two, which he stated is a good place to be. However, there are areas where Paxton should improve even while recognizing the financial struggles of the Town. Paxton has established an OPEB account but now should begin putting \$25,000 - \$50,000 a year into the account. Currently the OPEB account exists on paper but has no balance. Concern was raised within the Management Letter regarding a Fraud Prevention Policy and that the policy should be reviewed with employees each year and that spot checks should be taking place. Finally, the Stabilization Account, Paxton's "rainy day fund," is not at a sufficient level.

The Holden Road Project continues to make headway as a public hearing was held that was attended by 18 residents. Planned improvements were outlined and input was solicited from residents in attendance. The project is still several years away from completion, but Paxton continues to take the necessary steps to keep the project moving forward. These improvements along Route 31 from Grove Street to the Holden line are long overdue, but the DPW is making great headway to ensuring improvements are made.

Construction has begun on a new water tank on Maple Street. While more details will be provided in the Report of the Water Commissioners, it would be a major omission to not highlight this much needed infrastructure improvement. Replacing the old tank, which had long outlived its projected life, is an important proactive step, which is much more cost effective than reacting to a failure in the near future.

Paxton began its celebration of the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The yearlong celebration began with a reading of the proclamation and cutting of a birthday cake with monthly events taking place leading up to a Civil War Encampment planned for the summer. A parade will follow in September and the burying of a time capsule will wrap things up in the fall. The 250<sup>th</sup> Committee has worked hard for five years planning and putting together the celebration, much of which will be paid for with grant money from the State of Massachusetts.



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. The Paxton Solstice Road Race accompanies the event and the day is concluded with the very popular Summer Jam that showcases local musical artists.

Paxton is a peaceful community that continues to move forward thanks to the many employees and volunteers who keep things running. The boards and committees made up of elected officials and volunteers serve as the heart and soul of our community. Without the many people who come forward each year to volunteer their time and talents Paxton could not continue to provide the opportunities it offers. Many heartfelt thanks go out to all who give so much and a request for others to consider volunteering in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter G. Bogren, Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

I would like to begin by once again 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 their hard work and commitment. Paxton is a great place to work and live due to their involvement.

As a Town despite the continual budget problems we experience every year we still accomplished a great deal during fiscal 2015 including:

Under Chief Conte and Captain Pingitore the Paxton Fire Department ran the first full year of the Town's Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service. This service is running extremely well and I am very pleased with the progress made by the department this year.

The audit for the Green Repair project that replaced windows and roof at the Paxton Center School was completed. The final cost was \$1,279,638 with a contributing grant of \$666,295 from the Massachusetts Schools Building Authority. The project came in \$55,493 under budget.

The Paxton Shuttle continued to operate two days a week running between Anna Maria College and Union Station. The service still hasn't taken off to the extent that I would have liked but it is being utilized by AMC faculty and students, as well as the occasional resident looking to get into Worcester. This service is at no cost to the Town and I am hoping that residents will take the opportunity to ride the bus and meet Denis our bus driver.

Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings began streaming live on the Town's local access channel 192. This was all made possible through the efforts of the Cable Committee members Nicholas Powlovitch, Scott Wilson and Gerald Ryan.

CMRPC completed a study of Route 31 encompassing the stretch of road from Spencer through Paxton to Holden. The study provided information on problematic areas of the route including

drainage, pavement, signage, traffic and accidents history. The study is comprehensive and will be useful as a future reference and for use with future grant submissions.

The Conservation Commission successfully hired Mia McDonald as the first Conservation Agent for the Town. With Mia's wetlands knowledge she is able to lighten the volunteer commission's workload.

The Town Hall staff hosted for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year a visit from the Paxton Center School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Employees gave an insight into the fundamentals of their department and Anita and Richard Fenton provided the history.

As a member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition we continued to participate in stormwater meetings and workshops. The CMRSC was awarded a 2014 STORMY award by the New England Stormwater Collaborative in recognition of "Regional Collaboration for Enhanced Stormwater Program Efficiency."

Paxton regionalized with Rutland, Barre, Hubbardston and Auburn to share resources. The group known as the Central Massachusetts Regional Equipment Cooperative successfully acquired a grant to purchase a bucket truck; housed in Rutland. The Town Administrator and Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent represents the town in this co-op and will work together in the future to pursue other grant opportunities.

Winter was relentless and we saw many back to back storm events. The Town's DPW did an excellent job under the direction of Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent. This led to a FEMA declaration, allowing cities and towns to claim for a 48 hour period. A claim for \$21,760 has been submitted for which we hope to receive 75% reimbursement.

The Governor also recognized the bad winter and announced the Winter Recovery Assistance Program for the second year. This program awarded \$29,405 to the DPW for winter road repairs.

Fiscal 2015 budgets also saw the effects of the severe winter; many accounts including Snow & Ice, Diesel, Heating Oil and Electricity had insufficient funds.

Students from Baypath Vocational School completed updating the second bathroom in the Town Hall, a great improvement for which we are grateful to the students.

At the May Annual Town Meeting the Town voted to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department and a Mack Heavy Duty Combination Dump/Sand/Plow Truck for the DPW. Both vehicles will replace aging pieces of equipment.

Throughout the year the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee worked hard to provide events that residents could attend and celebrate Paxton's 250<sup>th</sup> year. Events included a birthday party, showing of the film "Glory", lecture and tour, concert, scavenger hunt with the main event being the Civil War Reenactment and Encampment. The finale will be the parade through Town in September and the enclosing of the Time Capsule in October. All these events were made possible due the generous donations of residents and businesses and the acquisition of a \$20,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism by Anita Fenton, committee chair

In June work started on the new elevated water tank on Maple Street. It is anticipated that Statewide Aquastore Inc. will complete the \$1.7million project by the end of the year. The new tank will replace the eighty year old tank and will improve water quality.

To round off the year we held our fourth Paxton Days at the former Wentworth pool area. We had good participation and attractions such as vendors, music, entertainment, games and food. This event was followed in the evening with local artists performing music at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Jam.

In closing I would like to once again thank all Department Managers, Town Hall employees and Town employees for their continued hard work and support. I would also like to give a special thanks to Donna Graf Parsons, Administrative Assistant for all the valuable and appreciated help she provides on a daily basis.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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

Well permits	1
Septic Construction Inspections	28
Food Establishment Inspections	18
Soil Percolation Tests	25
Septic Plan Reviews	32
Complaints answered	1
Semi Public Pool Inspections	3
Summer Camp Inspections	3
Housing Inspections	5
Residential School Inspection	1

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

Consideration of this fiscal year’s budget for the most part proceeded well. The only serious concerns arose from the following. The savings realized with a 2% decrease in debt service was offset by a 4% reduction in available certified free cash. Fortunately, state aid increased by \$18,217, or 3% above last year. A deficit of \$44,693 in the Snow and Ice account resulted from our second harsh winter in a row. With respect to the municipal budget, the most notable impact was a 29% increase in the County Retirement account that added an expenditure of \$67,000. To account for inflation, a cost of living adjustment of 1.5% was awarded to employees not under contract. At the present time, we are still awaiting determination of a final municipal budget (operations plus schools) for reasons cited below. Presently, the operating budget as voted by the town has increased 4.4% above that of FY2015. However, upon closer examination this percentage is biased upward by the restoration this year of \$100,000 to the DPW account for the blacktop needed to maintain Paxton’s roads. Last year this sum was removed to balance the budget. With the exclusion of this sum for FY2016, the operational budget would be calculated to increase only 2.7%.

The final Wachusett Regional School District budget and the resulting Paxton assessment remains to be determined. The WRSD assessment for Paxton started the budget year at

\$5,951,637, or 10.3% above that of last year. This sum was voted at town meeting contingent upon a \$400,000 override which subsequently failed at the town ballot. Since the town of Rutland also rejected their WRSD assessment, the school committee reduced their budget, resulting in a reduction of Paxton's assessment by \$57,363. The resulting assessment is still 8.1% above that of last year. The Finance Committee responded in kind by reducing the Highway blacktop line item by \$50,000. The net result is a municipal budget for Paxton that is \$244,523 in deficit. At their most recent town meeting, Rutland approved their WRSD assessment contingent upon an override. We are presently waiting to learn if this override is accepted or rejected by town vote in Rutland. Dependent upon Rutland's decision and further action by the WRSD school committee, Paxton will either have the deficit reduced by a further reduction in the WRSD assessment, or will have to reduce the operational budget by a sum equal to the full deficit. Whatever the outcome, a balanced budget must be achieved.

The Bay Path Vocational assessment was \$136,062. In addition to education funding, this year's assessment also includes \$62,322 as our share of the Bay Path Vocational debt service.

Paxton's Capital Depreciation Fund presently stands at approximately \$128,685, while the Stabilization Fund is at approximately \$396,262. While these values are greater than those of last year, they are still less than appropriate for a town our size. The challenge will be to conclude the FY2016 budget without relying on transferring funds out of Stabilization.

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

### **PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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 the Mass Fire Academy Firefighter 1 and 2 programs. 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.

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, no injuries 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.

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.



The Fire Department purchased a used Fire Truck 100' platform truck with a 1500 GPM pump through donations from Worcester County Memorial Park and the Killelea Family, and Conte Insurance and the Conte Family. The lettering for the Fire Truck was donated by the Hayes Family in Memory of Claire Hayes.

The Fire Department was awarded 2013 two substantial grants for needed equipment. The First grant was for ten new defibrillators. Total grant award \$80,000.

The second grant was to replace E-2 (1981 Fire Truck) with a new pumper/rescue fire apparatus. Total grant award \$450,000.

In 2015 Paxton Fire Department was awarded a grant of \$142,858. With additional Town funds to purchase a new ambulance.

In closing I would like to thank the Fire Department officers for their professionalism, dedication, courage and support they have given to the department and myself as chief. I would also like to thank the entire membership and their families, spouses and children give up a lot so their fathers or mothers can respond to emergencies. The most important part of my job is to strive for the safest emergency operations, modern training techniques, and modern equipment to assure all of us come home to our families after an emergency incident, healthy both physically and mentally.

These members are:

Dan Acuna  
Rudi Acuna  
Cory Anderson- EMTP  
Nick Andexler-EMT  
Justin Bassick -EMT  
Michael Benoit – Deputy Chief – EMT  
Jon Belanger- EMTP  
Lionel Berthiame  
Charles Bowry -EMTP  
Peter Conte Lieutenant- EMT  
James Carlton -EMTP  
Tyler Crabb  
Richard Doughty  
Nolan Flynn- EMT  
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief  
Cindy Gaudette EMTP  
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT  
James Hansson  
John Hansson- EMTP  
Ryan Hobbs- EMT  
James Johnson EMT  
Kevin Kelly- EMT  
Brian Killelea  
Chris Koretski  
Richard McGinn- EMTP  
Shawn Mead- EMT  
Andrew Miller EMT  
Jeffrey Olson- EMT  
Jeremy Parkinson- EMTP  
Michael Pingitore –Captain- EMT

Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant  
Jerrod Ravid  
Gary Richards – Lieutenant  
Michael Rowe  
Thomas Savage – Captain- EMT  
James Scheuritzel-EMT  
Alex Ward- EMT

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay J. Conte EMT / Fire Chief

**RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

The library completed its first year as a full member of the CW Mars network. With their new universal library card, a patron now has access to materials at over 155 libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts. With just their library card and the click of a computer button a patron can request books, DVD's, or music from these libraries and have them delivered to Paxton. The card also gives full access to many digital materials that can be downloaded to their computers, phones and tablets.

The library Friends group continues to fund most of the programs at the library. We are grateful for the generous support that we receive from our annual membership drive and at our annual book and bake sale. Once again we had the visit and pictures with Santa, the Easter egg hunt and our annual bike rodeo. The Paxton police assisted with the rodeo by giving safety checks and an obstacle course. The Friends gave new bike helmets to all who attended. Our Halloween party this year of live "Wild Creatures" drew a large group. The summer reading theme this past year was "Super Heroes," Over 60 kids signed up for the program. Kids made super hero capes and costumes, they learned about the "heroes" that make up the star constellations, and they even got to meet a pig who likes to read with them. It was a highly successful and fun summer.

During the school year, Lois Shorten, Children's librarian, continued to have a weekly story hour for the babies and toddlers which was very well attended. We also continued our collaboration with CFCE for a monthly "music and motion" program.

The library was also very pleased to host many of the wonderful 250<sup>th</sup> events including the "Gravestone Girls" and American Indian flute maker "Strong Eagle".

Other events at the library included a showing of the movie. "The Connection" which was spearheaded by Janet Huehls, and a lecture and slide show by author Jeff Belanger of "Haunted Massachusetts". The Cultural Council and the Friends financed passes to many area museums so that patrons could visit for free or for a reduced price. Overall, the library was a very busy and pleasurable place to be.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Bailey

**TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY15**

The fiscal year of 2015 was, once again, the DPW dealing with a long cold winter. There were numerous snow and ice events beginning on November 26<sup>th</sup> and ending with snow /sleet on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The season was highlighted with a 30 inch blizzard in January, a 20 inch storm in February and a grand total of 125 inches of snow for the entire season! The record setting snow and prolonged cold put a burden on the manpower, equipment and our operating budget.

Similar to FY14, the State of Massachusetts allotted funds to each community for post winter road repairs called the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP). Paxton's WRAP amount was for \$29,405. It was used this past spring in conjunction with the Town blacktop account and our Chapter 90 allotment for the resurfacing of Rockland St. This project consisted of full depth reclamation, regrading, compaction and full repavement of the entire roadway.

Other DPW projects included replacement of approximately 150 feet of drain pipe on William Allen Dr., new mulch and improvements to the Paxton playground, and screening of approximately 2000 cubic yards of compost/dirt mix for Town projects.

Routine maintenance included roadside mowing, catch basin cleaning/repairs, sign replacements, line painting, recreation facilities and cemeteries. The department took care of 9 cremations and 16 full burials at Mooreland Cemetery.

The Holden Rd. project continues to move forward and is close to the 75% design phase. The DPW assisted the Water Department with a few water main breaks, hydrant and valve repairs and service connections. The original steel line for the Town Hall was replaced with a new copper service to eliminate water quality and freezing.

Ground was broken and work has started in June for the new Maple Street water tank. This project should be complete and online by December of 2015.

I would like to recognize the staff of the DPW and thank them for their efforts in such a trying year as this was. The winter was one for the record books and the crew was always out there keeping our roads safe and clear for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Putnam, Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FY15**

The Water Commissioners met regularly throughout the year and some of the activities of the Water Commission and Department this year were as follows:

Responded to customers with unusually high water usage by giving them the opportunity to be heard at a meeting and present their case.

- Posted the Consumer Confidence Report again online for the third time rather than mailing to each resident or placing in a newspaper. This was a savings for the Water Department.
- Discussed future capital projects.

- New meters were installed at Anna Maria College and the Paxton Center School.
- 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 throughout Town, especially in the West Street area of Town; this is due to the age of the infrastructure.
- Awarded the project to replace the Maple Street Water Tank to Statewide Aquastore Inc.
- Work started on the new Maple Street Water Tank in June 2015.

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, Chairman  
David Trulson, Vice Chairman  
Rodney Jenkins, Clerk

### **REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION** **YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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 2014, the Paxton Light Department contributed nearly \$3,245.01 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department, as well as an additional \$15,960.61 from cash receipts.

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.

Meter Reading Equipment was upgraded, and the cost shared between the Light Department and the Water Department. Approximately 100 of the Town's Streetlights were upgraded from High Pressure Sodium to LED, as part of an on-going program to upgrade all of the streetlight system to LED over the next few years.

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 2014 PMLD provided 47 energy audits and 55 rebates to customers who purchased Energy Star qualified appliances. These rebates and incentives totaled over \$4,000.00. Total estimated Energy Savings per year for operation of the appliances, and measures implemented during the energy audits is estimated to be 44,7242 MBTU. This is the equivalent to over 13,107 kWhs for these 55 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 2014 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvette M. Orell, Interim Manager

Paxton Light Commission  
Emerson W. Wheeler III, Chairman  
John P. Crowley, Vice-Chairman  
John A. Ahern, Clerk-Secretary

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

This year brings the initial agreement between Anna Maria College and the town of Paxton into its 4<sup>th</sup> year. Initial meetings with the new College president Mary Lou Retelle indicate that the college fully intends on extending our agreement for another five years. Both agencies have realized tremendous benefits as a result of this unique partnership. Incorporating equipment purchases and the sharing of personnel have resulted in both parties saving substantial monies keeping budgets under control in tough economic times. I extend my gratitude to our town administrator Carol Riches, our select board and finance committee members for having the confidence to support this venture.

In an ever changing, fast paced world, please be vigilant for any suspicious activity you may see or hear. Cell phone calls have resulted in arrests of impaired drivers, road rage incidents and domestic violence. Our town has become a throughway for commuters, thousands of vehicles pass through our borders each day. The opioid/heroin problem has reached staggering levels of use in our area. Drug use equals crime and our town is vulnerable to house break-ins. Please secure precious items in your homes. Firearms should be secured beyond simple trigger locks. Stay watchful of your neighborhoods and please report suspicious activity. I promise we won't mind checking it out.

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, visit our website [Paxtonpolice@townofpaxton.net](mailto:Paxtonpolice@townofpaxton.net) . 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.

1	Abandoned Auto
102	Accidents
164	Alarm Burglar/Holdup
102	Animal Other Than Dog
0	Arson
4	Assaults
70	Arrests
37	Assist Citizen
19	Breaking/Entering Auto/ Residential/business
5	Breaking/Entering attempts
5153	Business Checks
1164	Citations-Criminal, Civil, Warnings
1	Destruction of Property/Motor Vehicle
80	Disabled Auto
45	Disturbances
107	Dog Calls
10	Domestic Incidents
1	Drug/Narcotic Violations
100	Fire call/Emergency/Alarm
902	General Police
0	Homicide
15	House Checks
2	Larceny
39	Lockouts/Auto/Home
0	Loitering
324	Medical Emergencies
6	Mental Health (Section 12)
9	Missing Person
0	Motor Vehicle Theft
84	Mutual Aid (Area Police Depts.)
1	Parking Violation
74	Phone/Annoying/Harassing
34	Property (Lost/Found)
6	Property Damage
0	Recovered Motor Vehicle
5	Restraining Orders
0	Robbery
2	Repossession
8	Rubbish/Dumping
2	Runaway
0	Sex Offense
0	Shoplifting
12	Soliciting
1	Suicide/Attempts
30	Summons Service
89	Suspicious Autos
19	Suspicious (other)
56	Suspicious Persons
13	Threats/Harassment
1843	Traffic Safety
2	Trespassing Incidents

7	Vandalism
1	Warrant Arrest
1	Warrants/General
0	Weapons violations
39	Welfare Checks
24	911 Silent/Hang up/Abandoned Calls

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

We had a busy and challenging year. We have helped many new transplants to get acclimated to our Senior Services and helped them feel welcome and not enveloped in loneliness. To that end Cindy Love has made endless visits which helped many get by the feeling of isolation. We have strived to make this a warmer and more inviting facility by replacing the dining room seating and adding some new games and programs. This truthfully has not always been successful, so we are constantly searching new ways to improve. I will be going to the fall MCOA conference in Sturbridge to learn new ways and programs. I hope this will give us new tools for addressing this problem.

To clearly demonstrate that we are not alone, the theme this year is "Making Senior Centers a Welcoming Place for all". Most of the workshops are geared to new ways to serve our fast growing senior population. This past year we reached out to a younger generation through our wild owl program at PCS as we had the program presented there. We are now crafting a GOOD GOVERNMENT DAY hopefully in the spring. We will invite middle school grades to come to the Senior Center, join us for lunch, and talk individually with our elected officials with an eye to getting the youngsters involved, or at least engaged in their own governing bodies.

Our senior Connection has morphed into a community paper as we have invited Town Departments and other agencies to post announcements with us. The best part is it gets the caregivers a reason to read it and to discuss senior programs with their aging parents or clients.

We have been working with Recreation to get the most for the buck and to share the facilities under the purview of both. This past year we jointly purchased six new folding picnic tables that are stored in the white building and out of the weather and safe from abuse. We also along with Conservation and Paxton Land Trust hosted a presentation on hiking and walking trails in Paxton and adjoining towns.

The Council looks forward to hosting as many cultural events and bus trips as we can fit in this coming year to keep the tradition alive and make the lives of our Town's Senior as full as they deserve,

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Ryan, Director

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

The Commission would like to thank Sam Knipe for his years of dedicated service in maintaining both the Center and Mooreland Cemeteries. Sam retired from the DPW in July.

Judi Mancini continues her work on determining the missing and or incorrect information on the handwritten information cards for Mooreland. When completed the new Cemetery software will have all the correct information.

The Commission approved a request by Mike Putnam to buy a new compactor to use in the cemetery to compact the soil of new graves.

The Commission approved a request by Chris Stone to replace the Center Cemetery gates on the Pleasant St. side and repair and paint the gate on the Richards Ave. side. The work was completed in April and the gates look great.

There were 27 grave plots sold, 17 full burials and 10 cremation burials in the Mooreland Cemetery this fiscal year.

The Commission holds regular monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Stone, Chairman

**PLANNING BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

For FY15, the Planning Board had four Storm Water Permit applications come before them and all were approved. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments done throughout the fiscal year also. The board met eight times and approved minutes are available on the town's website. There were no new or amended bylaws passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman



**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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, Pamela Hair, and Donmarie Desrosiers

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 focusing on celebrations, since 2015 was a special year for the town.

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 hired the Curator of Old Sturbridge Village, Mr. Thomas Kelleher. During three hours using typical period tools, Mr. Kelleher who was adorned in period dress, was able to construct a wooden water barrel which was given to the Commission for display. Many residents enjoyed watching him create this necessary item for a typical colonial homestead.

The Commission continued to conduct sales of Barbara Beall's book which was very well received by residents. Also offered during the year were CDs based on the Commission's "Our Town" program for the Audio Journal and a DVD that combined archival photos of Paxton and the oral "Our Town" CD.

Commissioners began the process of reintroducing the Boston Post Cane selection of the oldest resident of Paxton that was begun by the Boston Post newspaper in 1909. Five of the oldest residents were identified and contacted to obtain their consent to participate in the program. A replacement cane was purchased from the town of Petersborough, New Hampshire and a jeweler was found who could supply five copies on miniature Boston Post Cane pins for future recipients.

Anita and Richard Fenton prepared a tour of Civil War veteran graves in Paxton's Center Cemetery that was given to Paxton residents and subsequently to two Worcester State University classes of Dr. Frank Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Fenton

**PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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 2015 GRANT APPROVALS

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to Paxton was \$4250 for fiscal 2015. The addition of residual Council funds brought the total amount of money allocated to grants for 2015 to \$4770.

The following approved grants were:

The Paxton Cultural Council is happy to congratulate the following grant applicants who have been approved for funding in fiscal 2015: 1) Richards Memorial Library for \$400 in support of passes for Old Sturbridge Village; \$200 for passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; and \$200 for passes to the Worcester Ecotarium; 2) Children Librarian of Richards Memorial Library \$250 for a program "Farmer Minor and Daisy Pig Out on Reading"; 3) Paxton Council on Aging \$450 for St. Patrick's Day Concert; 4) Field trip support of \$918 for Paxton Center School Grades 1 and 2 students to attend Mechanics hall play; 5) Audio Journal \$227 for support of the "Cultural Bridge program"; 6) Worcester Chamber Music Society \$400 for support of Free Ticket program; 7) Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary \$375 for support of "Wilderness Skill Science Class" for Paxton Center School; and 8) Paxton 250th Anniversary Committee \$500 in support of Gravestone Girls Program and \$350 in support of "Slo Grass Band Performance" for Army Encampment; and Paxton Recreation Department \$500 for the Summer Music series.

It is the hope of Council members that Paxton residents have participated in many of these diverse activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Fenton

### **PAXTON 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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 tricorn hat (patriotism).

Officers:

Anita Fenton – Chairman

Robert Wilby – Treasurer

Kay Kingsbury – Secretary

Members:

Adam Doud  
Marisol Dittami  
Kathy Card  
Gerald Ryan  
Pat Wheeler  
David Wheeler

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, bumper stickers, T shirts, and sweatshirts.

Events held during the first half of 2015 included, the presence of a large birthday cake purchased from Oakham on the town common, the purchase of 25 banners constructed by Bay Path Vocational Technical school students that were hung on telephone poles in the center of town, a birthday party on February 8<sup>th</sup>, Civil War era concerts, a flute concert by a Nipmuc Native American, a tour of the Paxton Center Cemetery by the Gravestone Girls, and a Civil War Army Encampment on Wentworth Field during a June weekend. Scheduled to complete the festivities later in the year are a town wide scavenger hunt, a lecture about traveling salesmen in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a large town wide parade on September 26<sup>th</sup> and a time capsule filling event in October.

The Committee hopes that many residents had enjoyed these community events and will participate in the diverse activities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Fenton

**WIRING INSPECTOR**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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,  
Dennis Benoit

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee began the planning cycle in October 2014, 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 also welcomed new members Jim McGrath and Miryam Rabinovich.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Chief Conte (Fire/EMS) met with the CIPC and submitted a request for a Lucas CPR Chest Compression System. The CIPC completed the evaluation of the capital item and recommended approval. The item was placed on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, and on October 27<sup>th</sup> the Town voted and approved to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$13,200, to purchase a Lucas 2.2 Chest Compression System and accessories for use by the Paxton Fire Department on the Town's ambulance.

The CIPC also included an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, requesting that \$40,000 be transferred to the Capital Depreciation Fund. The Town voted and approved to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

WRSD representatives met with the CIPC on November 17<sup>th</sup> and discussed potential FY 16 Capital Project requests, which included resurfacing of the gymnasium and cafetorium floors, upgrade of the heating system boilers, parking lot resurfacing, installation of new flooring/carpet in the library, and upgrades to the light fixtures and switches in the cafetorium.

The CIPC formally solicited capital project requests on November 17<sup>th</sup> from the Departments, Committees, Boards, and so forth. Formal responses were received from Fire/EMS, Public Works, Police, and Board of Selectmen. 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. DPW: Procure a new 2015 Mack Heavy Duty/Single Axle Combination Dump/Sander/Plow Truck to replace the present existing 2000 International Dump Truck.
2. Fire/EMS: Procure a new 2015 Emergency/Rescue Ambulance to replace the present existing 1999 Ford E450 Rescue Ambulance.
3. Police: Procure a new 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Police Department; and, further, to authorize the disposal of the Police Department's 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser (Car #7).
4. Board of Selectmen: Painting, lead abatement and minor repairs to the exterior of the Town Hall.
5. CIPC: Transfer available funds to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

Overall, the FY 16 Capital Budget requests totaled approximately \$648K, while the FY 17 – 21 Capital Program requirements totaled approximately \$2.86M. At the time these requirements were evaluated, the Capital Depreciation Fund had a balance of approximately \$128K.

At the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the committee sponsored the following warrant articles:



Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new 2015 Mack Heavy Duty/Single Axle Combination Dump/Sander/Plow Truck for the DPW to replace the present existing 2000 International Dump Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new Emergency/Rescue Ambulance for the Fire/EMS Department to replace the present existing Ambulance, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$36,842 or any other sum, from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase one 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Police Department; and further to authorize the disposal of the Police Department's 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser (Car #7) with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund; 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 Articles 4, 5, and 6; these articles were approved by unanimous town vote. However, Article 6 was disapproved by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and thus was not voted on. The Town Hall Project (exterior painting, lead abatement and minor repairs) did not make it out of committee and thus was not placed on the Town Warrant.

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

### **ROUTE 122 SCENIC BYWAY** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY**

The Lost Villages section of the Route 122 Scenic Byway

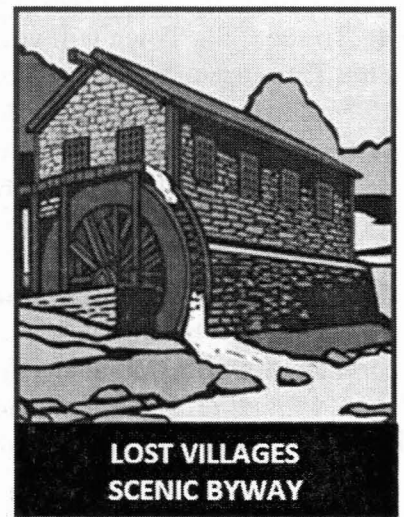
Currently, Western Massachusetts has seven state-designated scenic byways, all part of the US Department of Transportation's National Scenic Byway Program. Much of the Scenic Byway network originated hundreds of years ago as Native American footpaths along river valleys and hillsides. European settlers expanded many of the paths into stagecoach routes connecting villages to towns. Some areas boomed as a result of tourism and industry, while other receded.

## The Lost Villages section of the Route 122 Scenic Byway

derives its name from the many settled areas that were “lost” as a result of changes in human settlement patterns, the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir and its aqueduct system, and other historic events. Linking the towns of Orange, New Salem, Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Rutland, and Paxton, the Route 122 Lost Villages Scenic Byway connects 40 miles of back roads, pristine land, and historic sites. Vestiges of former towns, old farm settlements, and outdoor recreation opportunities abound.

“Lost Villages” include:

- Towns “lost” to the Quabbin Reservoir (Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott)
- The “Indian” caves
- West Rutland Village
- Coldbrook Springs Village
- White Valley Village
- Nichewaug Village
- Moore State Park
- Rutland Prison Camp
- Old mill villages and farm settlements



The Lost Village Section (Paxton to Petersham) of the Route 122 Scenic Byway Local Advisory Committee is comprised of two representatives from Paxton (Anita Fenton and Paul Robinson), Rutland (Helen Viner and Dick Williams), Oakham (Wes Dwelly and Bill Mucha), Barre (Phil Hubbard and Ed Yaglou) and Petersham (Nancy Allen and Don Flye).

The Towns of Barre, Oakham, and Rutland now have unique Scenic Byways kiosks that highlight important sites and pay homage to the Lost Villages. Efforts are still in progress to find locations for the Paxton and Petersham Kiosks. The poster content for each town is unique and has been developed by local advisory committee members. Graphic Artist, Nancy Allen, an advisory committee member from Petersham lent her talents to the poster design. The kiosks were constructed by the carpenters at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Oakham kiosk was installed by DCR staff as well, while the Barre and Rutland kiosks were installed by the Barre and Rutland DPWs. Installation of travel and wayfinding signage, demarking the *Route 122 Scenic Byway*, is also underway. Also efforts are now underway to develop local brochures highlighting each towns businesses and scenic attractions.

The Route 122 Lost Villages Scenic Byway is a collaborative project of the five towns of in partnership with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. Paxton’s kiosk was constructed by Bay Path Vocational Technical High School students and was paid for by a grant from the state that we applied for last year.

**WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

Dear Residents of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling,

The 2015-2016 school year in the Wachusett Regional School District has been productive and groundbreaking. Our year has been productive because with the passage of a school budget in late fall, the District had the ability to add several key positions to assist our students and teachers in the educational process. I want to thank all of our communities for making education a priority and supporting a budget that will help our children become well prepared to be successful in our globally competitive world. This year has also been groundbreaking because of the progress being made on the new Mountview Middle School, with construction moving along at a fast clip and completion of the new school on Shrewsbury Street anticipated to be sometime before this coming summer.

An item that will be at the forefront of our work this spring will be the development of the WRSD Strategic Plan. Our school district is well poised to provide a visionary strategic plan that will take us into the next five years of learning in all schools. We are committed to a collaborative, open planning process in which feedback and discussions are vital components of synthesizing our unified goals. A community-wide survey and a series of focus groups with all stakeholders will help to inform the strategic planning process. I am confident that this process will improve our district and strengthen our community while providing an outline for budget priorities over the next several years.

This year, as we begin to work on the FY17 WRSD budget, I have held two Budget Roundtables open to all Member Towns, in order to discuss budget issues for both FY16 and FY17. The conversations have been candid and worthwhile, with various town representatives sharing their own concerns about the upcoming budget process. The more conversations that we participate in as a whole school district, the more we all understand that many of the funding issues associated with the District are because of the funding formula at the state level. The issue still remains that the formula will not be fixed in the near future and we are still responsible for providing our children with a strong educational experience.

Each budget that we have presented over the past several years has been fiscally sound and educationally driven. In the past three years, our budget increases have all been under 2.5%. By remaining fiscally frugal, our per pupil expenditure remains a little over \$11,000 per student, which is well under all other school districts that border WRSD Member Towns. We must continue to work together to assess what our schools need to provide the children of the Wachusett Regional School District the necessary skills for success.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, faculty and staff of the WRSD.

Sincerely,  
Darryll McCall, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 260<sup>+</sup> students in June of 2015, and accepted a class of 326 freshmen in September of 2015. Our current enrollment has reached 1,189 students. Currently, 16 students from Paxton are enrolled in one of our 21 vocational areas. Two Paxton students are receiving extra services from our Special Education Department.

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 2014-2015 school year, our 21 vocational programs completed 1,024 work orders, of which, 21 were for residents of the Town of Paxton. Each school year, our construction trades work together to build a house, on a rotating basis, in one of our ten district towns. Last year's home was built in the town of Webster.

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 1,219, 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.

During Fiscal Year 2015, construction continued on the Bay Path addition/renovation project. Subsequently, on December 4, 2015, we celebrated our ribbon-cutting signifying the completion of our project on-time and under budget. The district expects to issue a small bond in 2016 to finalize the financing of the project once we receive the final reimbursement amount from MSBA. We are very pleased that low interest rates and construction budget savings resulted in assessments to the towns that are significantly lower than we projected in the summer of 2012. We thank the town for their support of our construction project and look forward to serving your students for many years in the future.

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,  
Jon A. Lafleche, Superintendent-Director



**WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER**  
**WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

2015 was another year of growth for the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center, at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston. The center 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.

In 2015, the number of recycle center visits by residents from the seven town region increased by 43% to 22,113. During 2015 Wachusett Earthday held 155 collections.

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.

Neighbors shared many thousands of household goods and furnishings, fabric arts, school supplies, sporting goods, cards and gift items. Seniors downsized and children shared favorite toys and games they had outgrown. Residents moving in or out of the region found a place to leave their extra household goods or handle their chemicals and paints. Students and young families found just the right item to help set up housekeeping. Teachers found a great place to share resources.

Increasing by 48%, more than 11,400 gallons of household hazardous products (chemicals and paints) were safely removed from the watershed. Collected items totaled more than 144 tons of appliances and metals, 1,106 tires, 635 propane cylinders, 59 fire extinguishers, 120 tons of cardboard, paper, plastic and mixed recycling, 401 tons of project debris and furniture, 2 tons of fluorescents, more than 2 tons of alkaline batteries, more than 2 tons of rechargeable and lead acid batteries, thousands of electronics including over 2,000 computer monitors and TVs, and several tons of clothing. Over 13,000 returnable bottles and cans were collected.

95 dedicated volunteers served at the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center. Additional volunteer groups who helped include Scout Troops and WPI Alpha Phi Omega volunteers. Earthday volunteers offered free sample items and reuse and recycling information at Wachusett Town celebrations.

For 2016 six Household Hazardous Products, i.e. Chemicals and Paints collections are planned from 8 A.M. to noon.

- Four Chemical and Paint collections are on third Saturdays (April 16, June 18, September 17 and November 19), and will also include bulk, recycling and reuse.
- Chemicals and paints **ONLY** will be collected on May 7 and October 1. The other areas of the Recycle Center will be closed on those two Saturdays.

In 2016 free document shredding will be held on March 19, May 21 and October 15 from 8 to 11 A.M.

The Center will be closed on May 30, July 4, September 5 and November 23 in 2016.

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center 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, Rutland and Sterling collect sharps. West Boylston has a program to mail in sharps without a fee. The Towns of Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston collect pharmaceuticals at their Public Safety buildings.

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

2015 Members of the Wachusett Regional Recycle Center Town Representative Team:

Boylston—Martin McNamara	Rutland—Sheila Dibb
Holden—Dennis Lipka/Pam Harding	Sterling—William Tuttle
Paxton—Carol Riches	West Boylston—Leon Gaumond/Mike Kittredge/Nancy Lucier
Princeton—Arthur Allen	Wachusett Earthday—Colleen Abrams
MA Department of Conservation and Recreation—John Scannell	

2015 Directors of Wachusett Earthday:

Colleen Abrams, Norma Chanis, George Dvorak, Tim Harrington, Eric Johansen, Mark Koslowske, C. Mary McLoughlin (became emeritus 10/1/2015), Anna Perkins, Patt Popple, Ben Ribeiro, Vanya Seiss, Helen Townsend and Robert Troy. Retired in 2015: Andre Gaudet 6/30/15, Sandra Hakkarainen 3/8/15, Lydia Shewchuk 9/28/15

## **WACHUSETT GREENWAY** **ANNUAL REPORT FY2015**

In 2015 Wachusett Greenways celebrates two decades of connecting the Wachusett community with trails and greenways. What a journey we continue to share! Join us throughout the coming year as we raise a walking stick or grab a shovel in celebration. We thank you and look forward to continuing our journey together. In 2014 a record total of 966 members or Mass Central Rail Trail donors contributed to Wachusett Greenways. For 2015 we will welcome each supporter as we continue the quest to reach 1,000 members. WG welcomes each volunteer and trail visitor. Our primary partner, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, continues to share the vision for stewardship of the Mass Central Rail Trail. The towns of the Wachusett region and Worcester area foundations also help sustain this vital community partnership. In 2014 we accepted two awards, the Holden Good Neighbor Award and the Massachusetts State Trail Award. Thank you for your role in 20 years of serving our communities. Whether you joined, contributed, volunteered or encouraged with a note...you are the fuel and foundation of our achievements together.



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

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Special Town Meeting

October 27, 2014

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

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 76 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWS THAT IT HAS 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.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.**

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a further sum of \$474 for the revised Wachusett Regional School District assessment of \$5,394,721; this assessment being an increase to the amount of \$5,394,247 voted and accepted by the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a further sum of \$474 for the revised Wachusett Regional School District assessment of \$5,394,721; this assessment being an increase to the amount of \$5,394,247 voted and accepted by the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$10,500 to pay the engineering, loan submission and bidding costs associated with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, for the proposed replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate through water receipts, water fees, or water charges, the sum of \$10,500 to pay the engineering, loan submission and bidding costs associated with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, for the proposed replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$35,000 to operate the Water Enterprise.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$35,000 to operate the Water Enterprise.

Motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



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**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$13,200, to purchase a Lucas 2.2 Chest Compression System and accessories for use by the Paxton Fire Department on the Town's ambulance;

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,200, to purchase a Lucas 2.2 Chest Compression System and accessories for use by the Paxton Fire Department on the Town's ambulance.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Stabilization Fund;

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

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

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to the Capital Depreciation Fund.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr...

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, and to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw that would authorize the Town to deny any application for a building permit or any local license or permit to any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges, as follows:

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57, and to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a bylaw in the form set out in the Warrant that would authorize the Town to deny any application for a building permit or any local license or permit to any person, corporation or business enterprise, who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The following is the bylaw as set forth in the Warrant:

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**Denial, Revocation or Suspension of Local Licenses and Permits for  
to Pay Taxes or Charges**

- (a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- (b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.
- (c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- (d) The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, Section 13 of M.G.L. c. 48; bicycle permits, Section 11A of M.G.L. c. 85; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section 33 of M.G.L. c. 101; children work permits, Section 69 of M.G.L. c. 149; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, Section 21E of M.G.L. c. 140; dog licenses, Section 137 of M.G.L. c. 140; fishing, hunting, trapping license, Section 12 of M.G.L. c. 131; marriage licenses, Section 28 of M.G.L. c. 207; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section 181 of M.G.L. c. 140. Or act in any other way thereon.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23D, which would allow a member of any Town board, committee or commission who misses not more than one session of an adjudicatory hearing, to certify in writing that he or she has examined all evidence received at the missed session and thereby allowing said member to vote in such matter.

Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23D, which would allow a member of any Town board, committee or commission who misses not more than one session of an adjudicatory hearing, to certify in writing that he or she has examined all evidence received at the missed session and thereby

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allowing said member to vote in such matter.

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

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

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.**

Article 9. Julia Pingitore moved that the town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting the bylaw entitled "Unlawful Noise" in the form set out in the WARRANT:

The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.**

The following is the bylaw as set out in the Warrant:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons in the operation of vehicles, equipment, tools or machines used as a means of construction, maintenance, repair or demolition of a dwelling, building site, building, bridge, tower or road between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., to cause such noise so as to annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose, health or safety of any person or persons in the vicinity.

This bylaw shall not apply to (a) any police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicle or emergency equipment, engaged in emergency related response or activity; (b) any vehicles or equipment engaged in snow or ice removal upon any public or private property; and (c) the emergency repair of bridges, streets, highways, or public utility installations, by or on behalf of the Town, any public utility, or any agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Any person violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense. Each such act which either continues or is repeated more than one-half (1/2) hour after notice of violation of this bylaw shall be a separate offense and shall be prosecuted as a separate offense or act in any way thereon.

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

**MEETING DISSOLVED AT 7:29P.M.**

Respectfully submitted:

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

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03P.M.**

**MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 108 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTERS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY POSTED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS 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 THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.**

**Article 1:** Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$118,000 and further transfer from line item 6500-1450-5602-0000 the sum of \$31,000 to pay the additional engineering and contingency costs associated with the proposed replacement of the Maple Street Water Tank. Selectmen Peter Bogren seconded the motion.

Both the Selectboard and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Roger J. Brunelle, Town Moderator

Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk





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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12P.M.

The Moderator declared a quorum present, 113 Registered Voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The return of the Warrant shows that it had been properly posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

As the first item of business, the Moderator, Roger Brunelle 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 THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.**

Article 1: A motion was made by Finance Committee Chairman Richard Fenton to defer action on Article 1. The motion was seconded.

The Selectboard and the Finance Committee both recommended deferring action on Article 1.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED TO DEFER ACTION ON ARTICLE 1.**

Article 2: Finance Committee Chairman Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,551,637 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015, and that the Town raise and appropriate an additional \$340,109 required to fully fund the assessment, and thereby approve the district's budget of \$5,891,746 for said fiscal year, provided that the additional appropriation of \$340,109 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, 521C(g) of the General Laws.

The Selectboard recommended disapproval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

An amendment was made by Benjamin Lefebvre of Lancelot Drive and seconded to move the above motion for \$5,891,746 without the contingency of the override vote.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AMENDMENT DID NOT PASS.**

A call for a hand count was made. Moderator determined that a hand count would not be taken.

A voice vote was taken on Article 2.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION FAILED.**

Article 3: Finance Committee Chairman Richard Fenton moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,384 to pay for its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015. Selectman John Malone seconded the motion.

Selectboard recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**



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Article 4: Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee moved that the Town borrow the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of acquiring a 2015 Mack Heavy Duty/Single Axle Combination Dump/Sander/Plow Truck for the Department of Public Works to replace the existing 2000 International Dump Truck, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Selectman Julia Pingitore.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-Thirds vote required for borrowing.

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

Article 5: Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee, moved that the Town borrow the sum of \$210,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new Emergency/Rescue Ambulance for the Fire/EMS Department to replace the existing Ambulance, with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited in the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 6: Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee, moved that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$36,842 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase one 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility for the Police Department; and further to authorize the disposal of the police Department's 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, police cruiser (Car #7) with all proceeds generated from the disposal of said vehicle to be deposited into the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Selectman Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval

Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7: Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 to the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren.

The Selectboard recommended disapproval.

The Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT HAS FAILED.



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Article 8: Selectman Julia Pingitore moved that the Town raise and appropriate through water Department receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise.

Compensations	\$147,538
Expenses	\$591,717
Debt	\$ 29,635
Maple St. Water Tank Debt	<u>\$ 90,000</u>
	\$858,890

And that \$858,890 be raised from Department receipts.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT HAS BEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 9: It was moved and seconded to take no action on Article 9 which was to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or any other sum to fund the OPEB Account (Other Post-Employment Benefits); or act in any way thereon.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 9.

Article 10: Motion made by Selectman Peter Bogren and seconded to take no action on article 10 which is to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or act in any way thereon.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 11: Selectman Julia Pingitore 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 Selectman Peter Bogren.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 12: Selectman Julia Pingitore moved that the Town vote to authorize for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, 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 12, and I further move that the Town vote to establish a new revolving account for the Paxton Days Annual Event, to be known as the Selectboard Revolving Fund, to be used for the purposes and subject to the limitations stated in Article 12. The motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren.



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Revolving Fund	Purpose	Funds to be Deposited From	Authority to Spend Fund	Maximum Expenditure
Council on Aging	Van Replacement	Donations and fees from riders	Council on Aging	\$25,000
Recreation Revolving	Support of all Recreation Programs	Program fees, donations, gifts, private sponsorship, facilities fees	Recreation Commission	\$91,000
Library	Purchase New Books, videos and library materials	Fines for overdue books & videos	Board of Library Trustees	\$20,000
Paxton Days	Support the Paxton Days Annual Event	Event fees, donations, gifts, private sponsorship	Paxton Days Committee	\$5,000

Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 13: Treasurer/Collector Deirdre Malone moved that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5(54), of the General Laws, and establish \$500.00 as the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 14: Roberta Brien moved that the Town vote to authorize the Paxton Town Hall Renovation Committee to apply for grants for the renovation of the Town Hall building, and, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to execute any documents or take any other act necessary to apply for said grants. The motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 140, Section 173, of the General Laws to delete the existing General Bylaw entitled "Dog By-Law" as adopted on November 1, 1978 and as amended on May 19, 1986 in its entirety and insert in its place a General Bylaw entitled "Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw" as follows:

DOG CONTROL and LICENSING BYLAW

Section 1: Dog Regulation & Licensing To Be Governed By State Law





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(a) The town shall implement to the fullest extent possible the provisions of sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as may be amended from time to time, as concerns the licensing and regulation of dogs and dog kennels, and, where applicable, cats and ferrets. The provisions of this bylaw shall be interpreted in accordance with said sections of chapter 140 of the General Laws, including the defined terms contained therein. In the event of any conflict between any part of this bylaw and any provision in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, the provisions of the General Laws shall prevail.

(b) For purposes of implementing sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, the "hearing authority" as stated in the General Laws shall be a "hearing officer" designated by the Board of Selectmen, such hearing officer may be an animal control officer or any other officer or employee of the town in any department under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2: No person owning or keeping any dog in the Town of Paxton shall permit the animal to go at large to the injury or nuisance of others or to constitute a nuisance or danger in any other way. Any dog shall be deemed at large if said dog is outside the boundaries of the property of its owner or keeper and not under the direct care and control of a person demonstrating the ability to properly care and control the animal.

Section 3: Definitions

"Animal Control Officer" (ACO) means a person appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen as further defined in Section 151 of chapter 140 of the General Laws and duly authorized to enforce sections 136A to 174E, inclusive, of chapter 140 of the General Laws and this bylaw.

"Go at large" any dog shall be deemed at large if said dog is outside the boundaries of the property of its owner or keeper and not under the direct care and control of a person demonstrating the ability to properly care and control the animal.

"Nuisance Dog" shall be defined by section 136A of chapter 140 of the General laws.

"Kennel" a pack or collection of dogs on a single premise, including a commercial boarding or training kennel, commercial breeder kennel, domestic charitable corporation kennel, personal kennel or veterinary kennel. (MGL c. 140, § 136A) [MGL c. 140: 136A]

"Personal Kennel" a pack or collection of more than 4 dogs 3 months old or older, owned or kept under a single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the department, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit. (MGL c. 140, § 136A) [MGL c. 140:136A]

"Commercial Breeder Kennel" an establishment, other than a personal kennel, engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration. (MGL c. 140, §136A) [MGL c. 140:136A]



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"Domestic Charitable Corporation Kennel" a facility operated, owned or maintained by a domestic charitable corporation registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources or an animal welfare society or other nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals, including a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a licensed veterinarian, which operates consistent with such purposes while providing veterinary treatment and care. MGL c. 140, § 136A) [MGL c. 140:136A]

"Veterinary Kennel" a veterinary hospital or clinic that boards dogs for reasons in addition to medical treatment or care; provided, however, that "veterinary kennel" shall not include a hospital or clinic used solely to house dogs that have undergone veterinary treatment or observation or will do so only for the period of time necessary to accomplish that veterinary care. (MGL 140, § 136A), [MGL c. 140:136A]

Section 4: All dogs six months or older in the Town of Paxton shall be licensed by the Town Clerk annually beginning January 1st and not later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Upon receipt of payment of the licensing fee, the Town Clerk shall issue a license and a tag. The tag, along with current rabies tag, shall be worn by the dog on a collar or harness when the dog is off its owner's or keeper's property. The License Period shall be January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

Section 5: License Fees - Annual License fees for all dogs shall, except as otherwise provided is as follows:

- (a) The fee for every dog license shall be:
  - Ten dollars (\$10.00) for every spayed or neutered dog
  - Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for every intact (unspayed or unneutered) dog
  - There shall be no license fee for "service dogs" as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated there under.
  - Proof of spaying or neutering shall be shown at time of licensing.
- (b) Charge for lost tags:
  - The charge for replacing lost dog tags shall be \$1.00
- (c) Transfer License Fee, as further defined by MGL, Ch. 140: Section 145:
  - The charge for a Transfer License shall be \$3.00
- (d) License fee waived for a dog owner 70 years or above however, the dog must be licensed. A late fee is not waived if dog is not licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (e) Kennel Licenses fees: The fee for each kennel license shall be as follows:
  - Seventy-Five dollars (\$75.00) for kennels with up to 5 dogs;
  - Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) plus licensing amount for each dog over 5 dogs but no more than 10 dogs;
  - One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for Commercial Kennels, not to exceed fifteen (15) dogs; and
  - One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for Commercial Kennels of fifteen (15) or more dogs.



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Section 6: Late Fees / Fines

- (a) Any person who is the owner or keeper of a dog in the Town of Paxton and who fails to license said dog by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in any year, shall be subject to a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per dog. If a dog is not licensed by July 1<sup>st</sup> a late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per dog is to be payable to the Town Clerk upon demand by the Animal Control Office, in addition to the license fee.
- (b) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of any part of the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a non-criminal violation according to the following schedule:
  - 1. First Offense \$25.00
  - 2. Second Offense \$25.00
  - 3. Third Offense \$50.00
  - 4. Subsequent Offenses \$50.00Said fines to be paid to the Town within 21 days of receipt of a non-criminal violation by the Animal Control Officer.

Or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Town Clerk and Animal Control Officer

Article 15 was moved by Selectman Julia Pingitore that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 140, Section 173, of the General Laws to delete the existing General Bylaw entitled "Dog By-Law" as adopted on November 1, 1978 and as amended on May 19, 1986 in its entirety and insert in its place a General Bylaw entitled "Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw" which is set forth in Article 15 of the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren.

The Selectboard recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Selectman Julia Pingitore and seconded by Selectman Peter Bogren to adjourn the meeting to June 22, 2015 at 7p.m at the Paxton Center School Cafetorium.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49P.M.**

Respectfully submitted:

Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk

Moderator for the Town Meeting was Roger Brunelle

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**MAY 11, 2015**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ,**

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

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

**PAXTON CENTER SCHOOL**  
**19 WEST STREET**

On Monday, the Eleventh day of May, 2015 from 10:00am to 8:00pm for the following purposes:

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

		Results	Votes	Blanks	Write-Ins
Selectboard	Three Years	Julia N. Pingitore	244	76	2
Assessor	Three Years	Joanne L. Savignac	250	71	1
Municipal Light Board	Three Years	John P. Crowley	242	79	1
Water Board	Three Years	David L. Trulson	236	85	1
Planning Board	Five Years	Jeffrey L. Kent	235	86	1
Board of Health	Three Years	Thomas B. Carroll	229	92	1
Cemetery Commission	Three Years	Patricia F. Belsito	257	63	2
Library Trustee	Three Years	Kerrie E. Flynn	230	204	4
Library Trustee	Three Years	William F. Jones	206		
Library Trustee	One Year	Carolyn Grinstead	9	303	10 All Others
Recreation Commission	Three Years	Matthew J. Noponen	226	407	6 All Others
	Three Years	Paul Riches	5		
Wachusett Regional School Committee	Three Years	Harriet Fradellos	177	13	0
		Miryam V. Rabinovich	132		

Question 1:

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$400,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Wachusett Regional School District Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and fifteen?"

Yes: 87

No: 215

Blanks: 20

Question 2:

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue in order to finance a new 2015 Mack Heavy Duty/Single Axle Combination Dumb/Sander/Plow Truck for the Department of Public Works?"

Yes: 152

No: 137

Blanks: 33

Question 3:

"Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issue in order to finance a new Emergency/Rescue Ambulance for the Fire Department?"

Yes: 153

No: 137

Blanks: 32

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

GIVEN under our hands this thirteenth day of April, 2015.

Board of Selectmen:

Julia N. Pingitore, Chairman

Peter Bogren Jr., Vice-Chairman

John F. Malone, Clerk

Submitted by: Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk





## *TOWN CLERK*

**TOWN CLERK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

**VITAL STATISTICS REPORT**

Births:	33
Marriages:	8
Deaths:	36

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED:**

Male/Female:	61
Neutered/Spayed:	562
Kennel Licenses:	2
Service Dogs:	2

Amount Paid to General Fund:       \$9038.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan E. Stone

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY15**

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

<u>New Totals</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Democrat	693
Green Rainbow	2
Republican	439
Unenrolled	1859
United Independent Party	9
Political Designations	9
<u>Total</u>	<u>3011</u>

Voting is held at the Paxton Center School Gymnasium which is handicapped accessible. A person may register to vote in person, by mail, through the RMV or by online voter registration. To complete an online voter registration you would go to the secretary of state's website @[www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us). In order to exercise the voting franchise, anyone who needs help may call the Town Clerk/Registrars at 508-799-7347 Ext. 13 for assistance.

Board of Registrars  
Phyllis Callahan  
Paula Mathieu  
MaryAnn Paquette  
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk/Registrar



## *TOWN ACCOUNTANT*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**Combined Balance Sheet  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	761,853	1,872,914	2,999,976		5,634,743
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	325,885				325,885
Other Receivables	108,899	216,160	361,681		686,740
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations				7,976,036	7,976,036
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,637</b>	<b>\$ 2,089,074</b>	<b>\$ 3,361,657</b>	<b>\$ 7,976,036</b>	<b>\$ 14,623,403</b>
Payables	123,473	31,765	83,559		238,797
Allowance for Exempt & Abatements	168,299				168,299
Deferred Revenue:					
Property & Excise Taxes	157,586				157,586
Other Departmental	108,899	216,160	361,681		686,740
Bonds Payable				7,976,036	7,976,036
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 558,257</b>	<b>\$ 247,925</b>	<b>\$ 445,240</b>	<b>\$ 7,976,036</b>	<b>\$ 9,227,457</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	43,751		159,706		203,457
Reserved For Expenditures	330,173				330,173
Other Reserves	(42,338)	329,807			287,469
Designated F/B		1,511,342	2,655,661		4,167,003
Undesignated F/B	306,794		101,049		407,843
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 638,380</b>	<b>\$ 1,841,149</b>	<b>\$ 2,916,416</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,395,946</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,196,637</b>	<b>\$ 2,089,074</b>	<b>\$ 3,361,656</b>	<b>\$ 7,976,036</b>	<b>\$ 14,623,403</b>

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds  
As of June 30, 2015**

Ambulance Receipts Reserved	228,840
Cemetery Sale of Lots	146,445
Title V Loan Program	154,117
K-9 Grant	10,713
AMC Fund	(10,395)
Road Details	628
Firearms Licensing	1,450
Wachusett EMS / Holden Hospital	12,054
Police Donations	36,593
Emergency Management Donation	293
Fire Donations	173
Ambulance Donations	5,452
Historical Donations	4,334
COAGifts/Donations	11,574
Library Donations	5,532
250th Anniversary Celebration	6,935
COA Revolving Fund	14,696
Library Revolving	2,703
Recreation Revolving Fund	80,616
Wetland Protection	31,467
Cable Committee Revolving	136,023
SETB Police Grant	(10,289)
PSAT 911 Police Grant	(3,494)
Fire Safe Grant	1,961
Chapter 90 Grant	(233,753)
WRAP Funding	(29,405)
Cultural Council Grant	2,593
Library State Grant	21,507
Public Safety Complex	167
Center School Green Project	55,494
Glad Hill Associates	55,558
Highland Village	1,462
Fox Run / Molumco Development	2,073
Forestdale Realty	8,090
JK Scanlan / PHP	6,661

<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care	117,481.63	10,641
Village Improvement	1,000.00	1,601
D. Russell Poor Fund	7,675.00	10,018
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000.00	63,641
Bigelow School	1,000	496
Richard Memorial Library	166,288	67,167
Howland Library	10,576	15,647
Bigelow Library	23,652	22,229
Hazel Gay	393	215
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent, Comcast	742	6,274
War Bond General Purpose		6,602
Conservation Fund		23,790
Municipal Affordable Housing		250
Capital Depreciation		128,429
Stabilization		395,475



GENERAL FUND  
Appropriation / Expenditure Report  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2016	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	5,094	5,094		-
Secretary Salaries	41,526	40,475		1,051
Purchased Services	10,976	10,307		669
Supplies	500	406		94
Other Expenses	16,492	16,443		49
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
Salary	78,364	78,364		-
Purchased Services	500	236		264
Car Allowance	1,200	1,200		-
<u>TOWN SERVICES</u>				
Coordinator Salary	24,861	24,844		17
Purchased Services	74			74
Supplies	300	293		7
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	260	155		105
Supplies	15			15
RESERVE FUND	8,400			8,400
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salary	28,709	28,709		-
Supplies	300	300		-
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
Board Salary	4,518	4,518		-
Administrative Assessor	40,370	40,370		-
Purchased Services	3,460	2,581		879
Supplies	500	476		24
Other Expenses	15,500	15,420		80
<u>TREASURER</u>				
Salary	16,942	16,942		-
Assistant	9,752	9,173		579
Purchased Services	5,900	5,900		-
Interest on Refunds	10,036	-	10,036	-
<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>				
Salary	37,346	37,346		-
Purchased Services	6,750	6,258		492
Supplies	1,325	676		649
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
Legal	28,200	27,743		457
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	4,874		126
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
Purchased Services	14,199	14,153		46

TOWN CLERK

Salary	30,308	30,308	-
Record Keeping	90	-	90
Assistant	6,722	5,772	950
Purchased Services	1,950	1,205	745
Supplies	1,200	964	236
Other Expenses	700	-	700
Elections - Tellers	6,600	3,474	3,126
Elections - Purchased Services	8,000	6,554	1,446
Elections - Supplies	4,500	2,428	2,072
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	878	671	207
Registrars - Supplies	750	434	316

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Clerk	5,391	3,680	1,711
Purchased Services	1,050	969	81
Conferences	115	115	-

PLANNING BOARD

Purchased Services	642	336	306
Supplies	139		139

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

Purchased Services	600	296	304
Supplies	28		28
Dues	60		60

REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,217	1,216	1
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WRTA

Compensation	10,900	9,019	1,881
Purchased Services	9,660	3,095	6,565
Supplies	7,075	69	7,006

HISTORICAL DIST PURCHASED SERV	200	-	200
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Custodian	4,236	4,167	69
Purchased Services	12,500	11,670	830
Supplies	1,400	1,396	4
Senior Center Restroom Renovation	14,250	14,250	-
Insurance Premiums	111,772	91,088	20,000
Town Report Purchased Services	930	827	103
Town Clock Purchases Services	360	360	-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Salary	82,357	82,357	-
Compensation	804,236	794,043	10,193
Purchased Services	46,722	44,231	2,491
Supplies	48,280	44,040	134
Dues	1,300	1,235	66

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Salary	36,030	36,030	-
Compensation	172,520	169,265	3,255
Purchased Services	43,491	43,489	2
Equipment	22,500	22,500	0

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS

Compensation	342,200	342,192	8
Purchased Services	31,100	31,100	-
Supplies	36,050	36,050	-
Chest Compression System	13,200	13,125	75
Prior Year Encumbrance	2,052	1,471	500 81

INSPECTORS

Building - Compensation	20,358	20,358	-
Building - Local Inspector	1,375	1,225	150
Building - Purchased Services	-	-	-
Building - Supplies	25	-	25
Plumbing - Compensation	2,918	1,953	966
Wire - Compensation	4,523	4,523	-
Wire - Assistant Compensation	116	116	-

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

Purchased Services	32,015	31,974	41
Expenses	1,800	1,783	17

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Compensation	6,222	6,222	-
Purchased Services	2,500	2,267	233
Supplies	500	232	268

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Compensation	6,512	6,512	-
Purchased Services	1,225	1,183	42

TREE WARDEN

Salary	1,256	1,256	-
Hourly Employee	624	548	76
Purchased Services	6,075	5,875	200
Supplies	50	-	50
Trees	1,000	894	106

SCHOOLS

Wachusett Assessment	5,394,721	5,394,721	-
Vocational Assessment	243,608	243,511	97

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salary	52,745	52,742	3
Compensation	246,946	244,052	2,894
Purchased Services	107,500	106,981	164 355
Supplies	34,489	34,489	-
Type I Blacktop	50,000	50,000	-
Equipment	27,028	27,028	-
Snow & Ice - Overtime	40,656	50,194	(9,538)
Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand	110,000	145,214	(35,214)
Snow & Ice - Equipment	6,050	6,068	(18)
Street Lights Electricity	22,925	22,925	-
Cemetery - Salary	1,756	1,756	-

Cemetery - Compensating	4,459	3,272	1,187
Cemetery - Purchased Services	930	318	612
Cemetery - Supplies	979	745	234
<b><u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u></b>			
Waste Collections Contract	269,576	253,773	15,803
Salaries	366	366	-
Purchased Services	1,020	975	45
Supplies	-	-	-
Sanitation Engineer - Compensation	11,059	11,059	-
Inspector of Animals - Salary	487	487	-
<b><u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u></b>			
Director Salary	22,393	21,968	425
Van Drivers	19,164	18,443	721
Outreach Coordinator	10,688	10,688	-
Purchased Services	2,600	2,439	106 55
Supplies	3,800	3,627	173
Other Expenses	1,390	1,315	75
<b><u>VETERANS AGENT</u></b>			
Salary	596	596	-
Purchased Services	100	-	100
Benefits	8,280	8,280	-
<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>			
Director Salary	44,058	44,042	16
Compensation	30,633	29,610	1,023
Children's Librarian	31,609	31,597	12
Purchased Services	16,419	16,079	340
Supplies	37,230	37,163	67
Equipment	1,200	1,200	-
Prior Year Encumbrance	65	65	-
<b><u>RECREATION</u></b>			
Director Salary	14,614	14,614	-
Admin. Assistant	2,081	2,081	-
Purchased Services	10,000	10,000	-
Supplies	2,000	2,000	-
<b><u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Purchased Services	224	224	-
Supplies	150	150	-
250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	5,000	5,000	-
<b><u>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</u></b>			
Principal:			
School Reconstruction	330,000	330,000	-
School Windows	6,000	6,000	-
DPW /Doors & Windows	2,300	2,300	-
DPW Dump Truck	25,000	25,000	-
Public Safety Complex	371,700	371,700	-
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	76,395	76,395	-
School Windows	2,985	2,985	-
DPW /Doors & Windows	1,202	1,202	-
DPW Dump Truck	5,000	5,000	-
Public Safety Complex	258,480	258,479	1
PSC Green Repairs	19,906	19,906	-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	5,994	5,994	-

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Retired Teachers Health Insurance	22,662	22,662	-
Air Pollution	1,278	1,278	-
Registry Non Renewal	2,660	2,660	-
MBTA	31,700	31,700	-

OTHER

Medicare & Social Security	64,460	64,223	237
Employee Assistance Program	2,000	-	2,000
Health Insurance Premiums	459,753	422,744	1,205 35,804
Life Insurance	1,700	1,403	297
Insurance Deduct for Premiums	10,000	6,500	3,500
Prior Year Encumbrance Health Ins	190	190	-
Retirement Assessment	233,447	233,447	-
Unemployment	-	-	-

CENTRAL PURCHASING

Heat / Oil	68,350	68,335	15
Postage	4,810	4,583	227
Telephone	14,500	13,723	777
Electricity	64,370	63,558	812
Diesel	56,800	56,781	19

TRANSFERS

To Stabilization Fund	25,000	25,000	-
To Capital Fund	29,467	29,467	-

<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 11,634,131</b>	<b>\$ 11,500,838</b>	<b>\$ 43,751</b>	<b>\$ 89,542</b>
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WATER ENTERPRISE FUND  
Appropriation / Expenditure Report  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2016	Closed to Surplus
Compensation	142,540	123,605		18,935
Expenses	591,717	555,780	25,000.00	10,937
Debt	35,388	30,788		4,601
Maple St Water Tank Debt	59,000	3,800		55,200
Engineering Services	169,221	34,514	134,706.06	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	22,000	22,000		-
<b>WATER ENTERPRISE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,019,866</b>	<b>\$ 770,487</b>	<b>\$ 159,706</b>	<b>\$ 89,673</b>



**Schedule of Outstanding Debt  
As of June 30, 2015**

	<u>Outstanding July 1, 2014</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Outstanding June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Interest 2015</u>
<b><u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u></b>					
School Renovations	1,650,000		330,000	1,320,000	76,395
Water Department	125,000		25,000	100,000	5,788
Title V Loan Program	53,733		7,697	46,036	-
DPW Bldg Renovations	28,800		2,300	26,500	1,202
DPW Dump Truck	125,000		25,000	100,000	5,000
School Windows	72,000		6,000	66,000	2,985
Public Safety Complex	4,334,200		321,700	4,012,500	181,917
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,750,000		50,000	1,700,000	76,563
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	162,000		24,000	138,000	5,994
Center School Green Project	538,000		71,000	467,000	19,906
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 8,838,733</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 862,697</b>	<b>\$ 7,976,036</b>	<b>\$ 375,749</b>



## *BOARD of ASSESSORS*

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

After a state mandated interim revaluation, based on sales in 2013, the total taxable Valuation as of January 1, 2014 for Fiscal Year 2015 was set at \$440,916,367.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2014 added \$4,802,500.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$127,500.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$796,200.

The Board received 8 abatement requests of which 6 were approved and processed.

The Assessor's office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00am to 4:00pm

The Board meets once per month to review abatement requests and review any pertinent information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen M Stanley, MAA, Administrative Assessor

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

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>FY2015</u></b>	<b><u>FY2014</u></b>	<b><u>FY2013</u></b>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$11,063,153.00	\$11,010,982.00	\$10,705,729.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$510,128.00	\$375,583.00	\$182,698.00
Offset Items	\$870,145.00	\$787,596.00	\$776,356.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$58,300.00	\$52,787.00	\$52,494.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$86,276.25	\$94,983.84	\$62,810.20
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	\$12,588,002.25	\$12,321,931.84	\$11,780,087.20
<b><u>Estimated Receipts</u></b>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$945,307.00	\$930,786.00	\$916,028.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$638,942.12	\$560,226.02	\$535,877.55
Water Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Local Receipts	\$1,118,405.00	\$1,043,665.00	\$1,062,364.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$302,313.00	\$200,000.00	\$182,698.00
Available Funds - Other	\$207,815.00	\$175,583.00	\$0.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$3,212,782.12	\$3,050,318.25	\$2,696,967.55
Net Amount to be Raised	\$9,375,220.13	\$9,271,613.59	\$9,083,119.65
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$9,168,114.00	\$8,849,131.00	\$8,653,576.00
<b><u>Valuations</u></b>			
Real Estate	\$432,438,725.00	\$422,007,169.00	\$441,563,761.00
Personal Property	\$8,477,642.00	\$8,494,795.00	\$8,591,504.00
Total Taxable Property	\$440,916,367.00	\$430,501,964.00	\$450,155,265.00
<b><u>Tax Rates</u></b>			
Residential	\$20.79	\$20.51	\$19.22
Open Space	\$20.79	\$20.51	\$19.22
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$20.79	\$20.51	\$19.22

**Board of Assessors**

**Table II**

**Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

<b><u>Exemptions</u></b>	<b><u>FY2015</u></b>		<b><u>FY2014</u></b>		<b><u>FY2013</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	0	\$0.00	2	\$350.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22E	1	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22: Veterans	17	\$6,800.00	17	\$8,550.00	19	\$8,175.00
Clause 37: Blind	3	\$1,312.50	4	\$1,750.00	4	\$1,750.00
Clause 41: Elderly	8	\$6,000.00	11	\$7,875.00	13	\$9,750.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$7,355.50	1	\$7,145.68	1	\$7,232.49
Totals	31	\$23,218.00	35	\$27,070.68	39	\$27,257.49
<b><u>Abatements</u></b>						
Real Estate	3	\$3,806.66	7	\$5,524.75	12	\$7,624.57
Personal Property	0	\$0.00	1	\$54.64	1	\$1,287.18
Farm Animal Excise	4	\$552.15	4	\$552.15	4	\$565.15
Motor Vehicle Excise	179	\$17,000.94	184	\$16,064.85	184	\$14,282.35
					0	\$0.00
Total	186	\$21,359.75	196	\$22,196.39	201	\$23,759.25
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u></b>						
Bills Processed	5110	\$684,306.91	4896	\$638,942.12	4896	\$583,395.84
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$667,305.97		\$622,877.27	0	\$569,113.49



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

	<b><u>FY2015</u></b>	<b><u>FY2014</u></b>	<b><u>Increase/ Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Residential	\$416,464,260.00	\$405,961,116.00	\$10,503,144.00	2.5%
Commercial	\$10,673,265.00	\$10,698,453.00	-\$25,188.00	-0.2%
Industrial	\$5,301,200.00	\$5,347,600.00	-\$46,400.00	-0.9%
Personal Property	\$8,477,642.00	\$8,494,795.00	-\$17,153.00	-0.2%
Total Taxable Prope	\$440,916,367.00	\$430,501,964.00	\$10,414,403.00	2.4%
Exempt Property	\$69,091,811.00	\$70,073,000.00	-\$981,189.00	-1.4%
Total Valuation	\$510,008,178.00	\$500,574,964.00	\$9,433,214.00	1.9%



## *TOWN COLLECTOR*

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

### Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$11,349.84	
Collected		\$65.00
Committed	\$10.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$11,294.84
Total	\$11,359.84	\$11,359.84

### 2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$3,884.68	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$3,884.68
Total	\$3,884.68	\$3,884.68

### 2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$2,581.12	
Collected		\$6.77
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$2,574.35
Total	\$2,581.12	\$2,581.12

### 2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,895.00	
Collected		\$16.25
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,878.75
Total	\$1,895.00	\$1,895.00

### 2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$763.75	
Collected		\$16.25
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$747.50
Total	\$763.75	\$763.75

### 2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,451.36	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,451.36
Total	\$1,451.36	\$1,451.36

2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,648.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,648.35
Total	\$1,648.35	\$1,648.35

2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,488.86	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,488.86
Total	\$1,488.86	\$1,488.86

2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,576.78	
Collected		\$283.13
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,293.65
Total	\$1,576.78	\$1,576.78

2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$4,352.92	
Abated		\$96.88
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$4,256.04
Total	\$4,352.92	\$4,352.92

2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$5,584.17	
Collected		\$1,397.50
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$4,186.67
Total	\$5,584.17	\$5,584.17

2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$6,430.04	
Refunded	\$176.04	
Collected		\$3,402.84
Abated		\$176.04
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$3,027.20
Total	\$6,606.08	\$6,606.08

2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$20,802.09	
Committed	\$68,787.67	
Refunded	\$8,720.51	
Collected		\$80,356.87
Abated		\$9,353.72
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$8,599.68
Total	\$98,310.27	\$98,310.27

2015 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$0.00	
Committed	\$615,519.24	
Refunded	\$4,859.09	
Collected		\$571,691.46
Abated		\$9,496.05
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$39,190.82
Total	\$620,378.33	\$620,378.33

2015 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$552.15	
Collected		\$504.65
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$47.50
Total	\$552.15	\$552.15

2015 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$12,773.81	
Collected		\$12,773.81
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$12,773.81	\$12,773.81

2009 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$116.40	
Abated		\$116.40
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$116.40	\$116.40

\* Please note that there is no outstanding 2010 or 2011 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

**2012 Fiscal Personal Property Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$184.94	
Collected		\$184.94
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$184.94	\$184.94

**2013 Fiscal Personal Property Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$80.51	
Collected		\$26.85
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$53.66
Total	\$80.51	\$80.51

**2014 Fiscal Personal Property Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$744.43	
Collected		\$539.15
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$205.28
Total	\$744.43	\$744.43

**2015 Fiscal Personal Property Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$0.00	
Committed	\$176,250.15	
Collected		\$188,171.06
Refunded	\$12,884.88	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$963.97
Total	\$189,135.03	\$189,135.03

**2012 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,973.99	
Transferred to Tax Possessions		\$1,973.99
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$1,973.99	\$1,973.99

**2013 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$11,215.25	
Collected		\$9,577.71
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$1,637.54
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$11,215.25	\$11,215.25



**2014 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$61,432.83	
Collected		\$40,128.71
Negative adjustment		\$0.32
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$20,529.96
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$773.84
Total	\$61,432.83	\$61,432.83

**2015 Fiscal Real Estate Tax**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$0.00	
Committed	\$8,996,910.04	
Collected		\$8,840,282.88
Refunded	\$12,258.83	
Adjusted	\$784.84	
Abated		\$27,076.63
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$41,084.94
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$101,509.26
Total	\$9,009,953.71	\$9,009,953.71

**Tax Title - Various Years**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$64,763.26	
Shea Disclaimer	\$130.14	
Transferred into Tax Title	\$72,098.53	\$0.00
Collected		\$16,200.62
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$120,791.31
Total	\$136,991.93	\$136,991.93

**Tax Possessions**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$98,834.13	
Committed	\$2,753.24	
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$101,587.37
Total	\$101,587.37	\$101,587.37

**2015 Fiscal Light Liens**

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$2,222.18	
Committed	\$26,015.92	
Collected		\$25,868.46
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$836.96
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,532.68
Total	\$28,238.10	\$28,238.10

2015 Fiscal Trash Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$931.60	
Committed	\$3,014.76	
Collected		\$3,946.36
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$3,946.36	\$3,946.36

2015 Fiscal Water Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$2,617.19	
Committed	\$16,251.63	
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$796.16
Collected		\$18,072.66
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$18,868.82	\$18,868.82

2015 Fiscal Title V

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$70,140.09	
Collected		\$7,160.97
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$62,979.12
Total	\$70,140.09	\$70,140.09

2015 Fiscal Title V Betterments

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$16,632.50	
Collected		\$2,648.50
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$13,984.00
Total	\$16,632.50	\$16,632.50

2015 Income and Expense Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$1,500.00	
Committed	\$750.00	
Collected		\$2,250.00
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00

### 2015 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on all Taxes	\$18,282.73
Certificates of Municipal Lien	\$4,650.00
Lien Fees	\$4,100.00
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$29,449.50
Return Check Fees	\$165.74
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$2,290.00
Dog Fines	\$0.00
Collector's Interest	\$3,017.77
Betterment Interest	\$831.63
Title V and Interest	\$2,949.90
Agency Interest	\$35.83
Cultural Council Interest	\$11.47
Total	\$65,784.57

### Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$777,854.75
Installation & Repairs	\$32,360.77
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$259.26
Water Lien Receipts & Fees	\$18,072.66
Water Late Charges Received	\$5,752.53
Other Local Receipts	\$1,496.73
Total	\$835,796.70

#### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Deirdre L. Malone, Collector



## *TOWN PAYROLL*

# TOWN OF PAXTON PAYROLL

<b>TOWN HALL</b>	
Dennis Benoit	4,523.00
Peter Bogren	1,582.00
Thomas Carroll	122.00
Kateri Clute	1,129.50
Donna Couture	29,829.75
Wayne Curran	11,059.00
Denis Leo	9,123.48
Donna Graf-Parsons	41,851.89
Timothy Hackett	1,192.00
Dennis Harney	2,722.50
Judy Hatstat	122.00
Doris Huard	1,506.00
Sheryl Lombardi	25,966.17
Deirdre Malone	56,409.59
John Malone	1,582.00
Mia McDonald	3,360.00
Adam Menard	3,527.17
John Noonan	1,464.74
David Parent	122.00
Jean Parent	487.00
Julia Pingitore	1,930.00
Kim Peloquin	10,539.88
Carol Riches	82,670.00
James Robert	1,256.00
Joanne Savignac	1,506.00
John Slabich	116.00
Kathleen Stanley	41,671.42
Susan Stone	32,319.46
Richard Travers	2,650.00
Richard Trifero	21,192.50
B. Peter Warren	7,044.00
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Daniel Acuna	760.65
Rodolfo Acuna	1,370.24
Corey Anderson	6,066.86
Nicholas Andexler	14,120.81
David Beauregard	242.91

Jon Belanger	9,096.60
Michael Benoit	14,650.03
Lionel Berthiaume	525.63
Charles Borowy	8,956.48
James Carleton	65,607.44
Jay Conte	37,015.76
Peter Conte	10,080.14
Tyler Crabb	3,099.21
Albert Deshler	796.61
Richard Doughty	1,904.65
Nolan Flynn	2,801.41
Richard Gaffney	7,726.54
Cynthia Gaudet	17,648.36
Jessica Gennaro	512.82
Kenneth Grensavitch	701.76
Jonathan Hanson	4,569.60
James Hansson	5,164.92
Daniel Harris	3,240.27
Ryan Hobbs	3,144.70
James Johnson	2,547.78
Richard Johnson	12,625.93
Kevin Kelly	37,177.22
Brian Kellelea	2,232.73
Christopher Koretski	3,999.26
Richard McGinn	16,352.04
Shawn Mead	48,641.84
Andrew Miller	189.19
Kevin Morrissey	249.48
Patrick Normandin	1,482.30
Timothy O'Kane	39,964.98
James Olson	162.48
Jeffrey Olson	52,754.46
Jeremy Parkinson	13,025.66
Michael Pingitore	79,240.40
Kevin Quinn	7,992.37
Jerrod Ravid	1,652.94
Gary Richards	9,619.84
Michael Rowe, Jr.	338.50
Joshua Roy	11,261.70



Thomas Savage, Jr.	15,526.14
James Scheuritzel	1,081.08
Martin Scott	1,900.03
Ward, Alex	388.08
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
Tracey Coetzee	15,825.13
Roni Huard	52,649.73
Samuel Knipe	50,345.45
Mark Leveille	51,670.01
Philip McPherson	51,792.67
Michael Putnam	71,710.14
Gary Richards	55,715.89
Christopher Ross	52,585.41
Travis Thibault	83,737.62
<b>LIBRARY</b>	
Deborah Bailey	45,847.60
Barbara Braley	5,585.00
Hallie Brown	752.00
Tori Brown	1,170.41
Arnold Childs, Jr.	4,666.02
Joseph Dawson	50.00
Elizabeth Gaffney	366.48
Danielle Martin	2,318.20
Lillian O'Riordan	972.00
Lois Shorten	32,917.37
Susan Wheeler	14,561.73
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	
Kathy Card	18,029.23
Lee Ann Card	927.00
Juvan Coetzee	1,269.00
Rudolph Coetzee	1,543.50
James Devens	344.00
Heather Dziembowski	584.00
Paul Johnson	114.00
Ashlynn Peterson	1,180.00
Anthony Riopel	24.00
Carly Sansoucy	656.00
Cameron Sullivan	632.00
Kaitlyn Tupper	1,176.00

Diana West	2,898.90
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	
Paul Belsito	7,629.73
John Crowley	11,488.07
Cynthia Love	11,611.62
Gerald Ryan	27,888.84
<b>COMMUNICATIONS CENTER</b>	
Christopher Bergeron	10,072.70
Richard Fairbanks	40,720.60
Kimberly Fontaine	337.68
Brian Gonzalez	5,600.99
Ashley Holden	46,175.98
Sean McKiernan	828.17
Jacob Moisio	8,520.32
Andrew Montiverdi	2,079.14
Diony Nunez	36,359.60
Mitchell Rogers	5,221.41
Mark Anthony Rouse	1,202.99
Brian Ryder	11,144.53
Jeffrey Tasca	10,441.61
Dominic Walker	2,419.62
<b>LIGHT DEPARTMENT</b>	
John Ahern	600.00
Benjamin Allen	38,917.45
Susan Blackwood	54,720.39
John Crowley	600.00
Greg DeStasi	99,730.40
David Laflamme	8,518.50
Yvette Orell	61,031.75
David Renzetti	103,605.17
Matthew Stone	62,137.39
Emerson Wheeler	600.00
Timothy White	91,990.50
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
Guy Bibeau	74,111.63
Joseph Coggans	95,186.93
Robert Desrosiers	123,390.62
Kenneth Johnson	92,538.65
David Keller	70,569.84

William Lang	73,381.43
Matthew Morin	60,428.57
Steven Mucci	30,294.75
Rachel Pawlina	66,584.58
Eva Ryan	50,237.51
Mark Savasta	136,243.54
Jason Silvestri	116,536.93
Douglas Tripp	70,095.04
Forrest Thorpe III	93,068.52
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Paul Ciance	11,408.46
Shawn Davis	47,932.38
Christopher Duff	19,390.70
John Jovan	4,948.94
Kevin Mailman	2,075.01
Gino Molinari	4,232.30
Michael Tremblay	2,718.48
David Warren	44,539.28