

ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF PAXTON

Year Ending June 30, 2016



New Maple Street Water Tank

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Council on Aging
Capital Improvement
Cable Committee
Conservation Committee

Lois Shorten

Children's Librarian

Miryam Robinavitch

Finance Committee
Capital Improvement Committee

Timothy Hackett

Veteran's Agent

Yvette Orell

Paxton Light Department

Paul Riches

Recreation Commission

Roger Brunelle

Historical District
Library Trustee

Justin Thackery

Conservation Commission

Dave Bennett

Planning Board

Charles Innis

Library Trustee

Phyllis Callahan

Board of Registrars

Alfred Niemi

Council on Aging

Samuel Knipe

Department of Public Works

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TOWN OFFICERS
May 2015 to May 2016

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	
Peter Bogren, Jr., Chairman	2016
John F. Malone, Vice Chair	2017
Julia Pingitore, Clerk	2018
Moderator	
Roger Brunelle	2016
Constables	
Paul F. Ruane	2016
B. Peter Warren Jr.	2016
Tree Warden	
James Robert	2016
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	2018
Assessors	
Doris E. Huard	2017
Joanne Savignac	2018
Kateri Clute	2016
Water Board	
John F. Malone, Chair	2017
David J. Trulson	2018
Rodney S. Jenkins	2016
Board of Health	
Thomas B. Carroll	2018
Judy A. Hatstat	2017
David Parent, Chair	2016
Planning Board	
Neil Bagdis, Chair	2018
Richards Doughty	2016
Jeffrey Kent	2020
Henry Stidsen	2019
Rob Jacobson	2017
Warren Bock, resigned	2016
Library Trustees	
Michelle Nelsen	2016
Nick Powlovich	2017
Caroline Grinstead	2016
Patricia Dawson	2017
Bill Jones	2017
Kerry Orciuch	2018
Karen Putney	2016

Recreation Commission	
Betsy Howard	2017
Chuck Putney, Chairman	2017
Roberley Tasca	2016
Matthew Noponen	2018
Heather Larson	2018

Cemetery Commission	
Patricia Belsito	2018
Judi Mancini	2017
Christopher Stone	2016

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

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator	
Carol Riches	2018

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2016

Town Services Coordinator	
Sheryl Lombardi	2016

Town Accountant	
Donna Couture	2016

Town Collector/Treasurer	
Deirdre L. Malone	2016

Town Clerk	
Susan Stone	2016

Superintendent DPW	
Michael Putnam	2016

Veteran's Agent	
Jeffrey Kent	2016

Veteran's Grave Officer	
Jeffrey Kent	2016

Inspector of Wires	
Dennis Benoit	2016
John Slabich, Asst	2016

Building Commissioner	
Richard Trifero	2016
Richard Travers, Assistant	2016

Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Adam Smith	2016

Board of Appeals		Insurance Advisory Committee	
Forrest Smith	2016	Deirdre Malone	2016
Kirk Huehls	2018	Travis Thibault	2016
Paul Robinson	2017	Donna Graf-Parsons	2016
Richard Grensavitch	2019	Eva Ryan	2016
Roberta Brien	2017	Nancy Wilby	2016
Robert Callahan	2018	Deborah Bailey	2016
Joseph Roche	2017		
Board of Registrars		Cable & Communication Committee	
Mary Ann Paquette	2017	Nick Powlovich, Chair	2016
Jeremy Richards	2016	Carol Riches	2016
Paula Mathieu	2018	Scott Wilson	2016
Town Counsel		Agents for License Commission	
Peter J. Dawson, Esquire	2016	Donna Graf-Parsons	2016
Sexual Harassment Officers		Central Mass Regional Planning	
Carol Riches	2016	Christian S. Baehrecke	2016
Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers		Personnel Advisory Board	
Larry Hammerberg	2016	Heather Courtney	2016
Care of Clock		Paul Sullivan	2016
Bruce Cheney	2016	Roland Card	2016
Hazardous Waste Coordinator		Council on Aging	
Jay Conte, Fire Chief	2016	Barbara Braley	2017
Emergency Management Director		Robert Callahan	2017
Michael Pingitore	2016	Gino Gangai	2016
Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden		Alice Crowley	2017
Jay Conte	2016	Curtis Hammer	2018
Police Department Chief		George Howatt	2018
Robert Desrosiers	2016	Jean Wilde	2016
Full Time Officers		Joan Bedard	2018
Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman	2016	James Putnam	2018
David Keller, Patrolman	2016	Natalie Siemen, Associate	
William F. Lang, Sergeant	2016	Louise Howatt, Associate	
Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant	2016	June Herron, Associate	
Jason Silvestri, Detective	2016	Paul Bergin, Associate	
Forrest Thorpe	2016	Doris E. Huard, Associate	
Joseph Coggans	2016		
Matthew Morin	2016	Historical Commission	
Conservation Commission		DonMarie Desrosiers	2017
Marisa Ayyazian	2017	Susan Corcoran	2017
Michael Voorhis	2016	Larry Spongberg	2016
Christopher Keenan, Chair	2016	Anita Fenton	2016
James Robert	2017	Pamela Hair	2018
Daniel Gehnrich	2018	Donna MacLean	2017
Zachary Ferguson	2018	Barbara Beall	2018
Holly Robert, Associate	2016		
Tim Lauring	2017	Sale of Town Owned Land	
		Carol Riches	2016
		Michael Putnam	2016
		Richard Trifero	2016
		Deirdre Malone	2016
		Kathleen Stanley, Ex Officio	2016
		Marisa Ayyvzian	2016

Historic District Commission		Town Hall Renovation Committee	
Donna MacLean	2016	Richard Fenton	2016
Jay Gallant	2016	Jay Gallant	2016
Paul Robinson	2016	Paul Robinson	2016
		James Stone	2016
		Roberta Brien	2016
Cultural Council		Town Building Needs Committee	
Donna Graf-Parsons	2020	Jay Gallant	2016
Daniel Gehnrich	2019	Paul Robinson	2016
Anita Fenton	2021	James Stone	2016
Howard McGinn	2017		
Sara Root-Simone	2016	Liaison to State Ethics Commission	
Barbara Beall-Fofana	2018	Carol Riches	2016
Anna Maria Scholarship Committee		Open Space	
Kerrie Flynn-Orciuch	2016	Robert Bertin	2016
Carol Riches	2016		
John Malone	2016	Scenic Byway Committee	
		Anita Fenton	2016
Capital Improvement Committee		Paul Robinson	2016
Carol Riches	2016		
Forrest Smith	2018	APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR	
Gerald Ryan	2015	Finance Board	
Jeffrey Kent	2015	Jamie Contonio	2016
Kateri Clute	2018	Jennifer Lennon	2016
Mark Love	2018	Mark Love	2018
Jeffrey Kent	2017	James Lang	2018
Election Officers		Richard Fenton, Chair	2017
Janice Carlson		Miryam Rabinovich	2018
Janet Chapman		June Herron	2017
Kathryn Kingsbury		Scott Runstrom	2016
Nancy Delle		Kevin Mentzer	2018
Gino Gangai			
Michelle Nelsen		APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH	
Annette McKiernan		Plumbing Inspector	
Marguerite Ryan		Dennis Harney	2016
Sandra Vaudo		John P. Dolen, Assistant	2016
Paula Gangai		Sanitary Inspector	
Melinda Johnson		Wayne Curran	2016
Jacqueline LaFlash			
Jane McTigue		Burial Agent	
John Lucy		Ronald Johnson	2016
Natalie Siemen		Animal Inspector	
Master Plan Implementation Committee		Jean Parent	2016
Joanne Savignac	2016	Animal Control Officer	
Robert Bostwick	2016	B. Peter Warren Jr.	2016
Bob Hayes	2016		
Kevin Quinn	2016	Rubbish/Recycling Collection	
Paul Mathieu	2016	Republic Trash Removal	2016
Jay Gallant	2016		
Scott Siemen	2016		
Paul Robinson	2016		
Carol Riches, Ex Officio			

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

First Responders and Firefighters

Rudi Acuna
Cory Anderson – EMT - P
Brandon Andexler - EMT
Nick Andexler - EMT
Michael Benoit – Deputy Captain – EMT
Lionel Berthiame
Joe Bialecki – EMT
Jon Cooper
James Carlton - EMT-P
Peter Conte – Lieutenant – EMT
Tyler Crabb
Richard Doughty
Nolan Flynn – EMT
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief
Cindy Gaudet - EMT-P
Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT
James Hansson
John Hansson - EMT-P
Ryan Hobbs - EMT
James Johnson - EMT
Kevin Kelly - EMT
Brian Killelea
Chris Koretski
Richard McGinn - EMT-P
Shawn Mead - EMT
Jeffrey Olson - EMT
Jeremy Parkinson – EMT – P

Michael Pingitore – Captain – EMT
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
Jerrod Ravid
Gary Richards – Lieutenant
Michael Rowe
Thomas Savage - Captain – EMT
James Scheuritzel – EMT
Megan Stevens - EMT



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND
BOARDS*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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FY16 saw Paxton continue its yearlong 250th anniversary while the Town continued making positive structural strides and tackled difficult financial struggles.

Paxton's 250th Anniversary Celebration continued its momentum throughout the summer and fall. July closed with a Zip Trip visit from the Fox 25 Morning Show. The Town was the center of attention as the show spent five hours showcasing Paxton to viewers throughout the New England region. Next up was a parade in September from Klinge Field to Paxton Center School. Retired Senator Stephen Brewer was the grand marshal as groups and organizations from Paxton and surrounding communities marched to celebrate Paxton's first 250 years. The yearlong celebration wrapped up with the burial of a time capsule so residents celebrating our town's 300th Anniversary will have a glimpse into Paxton life in 2015.

Each of the members of the 250th Celebration Committee was recognized for all the hard work and dedication that they provided over the past five years to put together a yearlong celebration. Members that were recognized included: Anita Fenton, Kay Kingsbury, Robert Wilby, Pat Wheeler, Dave Wheeler, Jerry Ryan, Adam Doud and Marisol Dittami.

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 continue to apply for numerous grants to help the Town fund capital projects. The fire department funded part of an already approved ambulance purchase through a grant. They also secured two S.A.F.E. Grants that totaled \$5,774. Two culverts were relined through a Mass Works Grant for \$39,200. Finally, a computer security audit was paid for with a successful grant application through the Department of Revenue. All town departments are to be commended as they continue to pursue grant opportunities to supplement budgets.

Paxton is a member of a Storm Water Coalition set up to work through new Department of Environmental Protection Agency regulations. Although grant opportunities no longer exist, the coalition decided to continue its work with each town contributing \$4,000 per year. This will enable all the member towns to continue with:

- Training
- Access to the online mapping and inspection platform
- Inclusion in the next MassDEP/WPI partnership (likely to be focused on defining appropriate disposal or reuse methods for catch basin screenings and street sweepings)
- Access to the water quality kits and meters
- The personnel, equipment, and resources that the coalition has acquired over the past four years.

The addition and renovations of Bay Path Vocational High School, of which Paxton is a member, were completed in the early fall. John Lafleche, Superintendent of Bay Path, and Robert Wilby, Bay Path School Committee member, presented the final phase of the school renovation project. Mr. Lafleche stated that the project came in \$465,000 under budget. The reason the project came in under budget was that Bay Path's own students and teachers could do some of the renovation work.

The new water tank on Maple Street came online. The water tank project replaced the 80-year-old tank which had been used for many years beyond its practical useful life. The new tank is a state of the art 210,000-gallon glass fused steel water storage tank. Congratulations to the water Board, Water Foreman Travis Thibault, Water Superintendent Michael Putnam, and Town Administrator Carol Riches on a job well done.

Gerald Ryan was presented with a Special Recognition Award for all the years that he served as the COA Director along with his participation on many Town boards and Committees. Mr. Ryan was a dedicated employee and volunteer and the Town of Paxton will miss the energy he brought to the many positions he filled over the years.

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.

We have many open positions on our Town Boards and Committees and anyone interested in volunteering for a board or committee can email me, call me or fill out the form available on our website.

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16**

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 would not be the Town it is without the involvement of these people. I would like to especially thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued leadership of the Town. The Town had another busy year including the following in fiscal 2016:

The year kicked with by the Town hosting FOX Zip Trip. This highlighted Paxton during the Friday morning news show and provided residents an opportunity to meet television celebrities.

The Ambulance Service had a very busy year under the leadership of Fire Chief Conte and Captain Pingitore. This is a valuable service of the Town.

The Cable Committee through the efforts of members Nicholas Powlovich and Scott Wilson introduced Video on Demand through the Towns website, allowing residents without cable access to watch Selectboard and Finance Committee meetings.

Paxton signed the Community Compact in January 2016; an initiative of the Baker/Polito administration. Paxton chose cyber security and regionalization as best practices. A grant was

awarded to conduct a Data Security Audit. CMRPC was assigned to Towns in their region with regionalization projects.

Throughout the year the Town Administrator and public safety personnel worked on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. This plan prepares the Town for natural disasters such as snow and ice storms, hurricanes etc. The plan is expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

The Town was successful in the MassWorks grant program and was awarded \$39,200 to reline two problem culverts on Route 56. The work will be completed in July 2016 under the direction of Mike Putnam, DPW Superintendent.

The Town approved the replacement of the COA roof. This was greatly needed as it had been patched for many years and the leaking caused damage to interior ceilings and floors. The project cost was \$59,000.

The Town Hall staff hosted for the 5th consecutive year a visit from the Paxton Center School 3rd grade class. Employees gave an insight into the fundamentals of their department and Anita and Richard Fenton provided the history.

Jerry Ryan, COA Director retired in April 2016 and we will all miss Jerry's contribution to the Town. Jerry was also a member of the Capital Committee, the Cable Committee and the Conservation Commission. Cindy Love stepped into the Directors position and is doing a great job.

Lois Shorten, Children Librarian also retired in late April and will be missed. Lois was replaced by Kim Cooke and is doing a great job.

In April the full-time firefighters petitioned to unionize. The negotiations for the first contract will start in early fiscal 2017.

Fiscal 2016 budgets also saw the effects of a less severe winter from the previous one. The Snow & Ice, Diesel and Heating Oil accounts survived and were sufficiently funded.

In an effort to avoid new borrowing or leasing, no new equipment purchases were requested at the May Annual Town Meeting. The Town did vote to accept a Road Improvement Stabilization Fund for \$100,000 that will allow the DPW Superintendent to have this funding in place each year for Town road maintenance.

In June we paid the final bill for the construction of the new elevated water tank on Maple Street. This has been on line for a few months and the old one was demolished and removed.

The Town Hall floor was finally restored from the drab gray paint to a beautiful shining wood finish. What a difference this makes to the foyer.

To round off the year we held our fifth Paxton Days on the Common, unfortunately the weather did not cooperate this year and we had to cancel after two hours.

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 help she provides.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol L. Riches, Town Administrator

BOARD OF HEALTH
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The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2016:
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

Septic Construction Inspections	72
Food Establishment Inspections	12
Soil Percolation Tests	33
Septic Plan Reviews	57
Septic Construction Permits Issued	30
Semi Public Pool Inspections	4
Summer Camp Inspections	6
Housing Inspections	5

FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Preparation of the fiscal year 2017 budget progressed as in previous years. Of the 58 non-school budget requests considered, 28 were unchanged from the previous year and 6 were lower than requested for FY2016. Budget considerations began this year with a free cash amount of \$114,318. This value, the lowest since 1992, reflects the tight financial constraints the town has been experiencing. Once again, the free cash has been entirely utilized to help balance the budget. The debt service increased almost \$28,000, a result of purchases authorized at last year's Annual Town Meeting. The County Retirement account increased 8.4%, or almost \$26,000, and Town Employee Insurance increased 2.1%, or approximately \$11,000. It is to be noted that no addition was made to the Other Post-Employment Benefits account which presently stands at \$0.00. At some point in time, Paxton will have to begin funding this account regardless of how difficult it may be. Similarly, no additions were made to the Capital Depreciation Fund or the Stabilization Fund. It is also to be noted that the approved FY17 budget did not include a cost-of-living adjustment for non-contractual employees.

A closer examination of individual municipal budgets reveals that salary increases, contractual and non-contractual, were awarded to positions funded by budgets of the Administrator, Police, Building Commissioner and Library. The Fire budget reflects an increase needed to address a greater number of calls. Increases proposed for Emergency Medical Service and Waste accounts will be offset by revenue collected for the services provided. The DPW budget experienced a modest increase resulting from the restoration of overtime compensation that had been deleted from last year's budget. This budget no longer includes funding for road paving. The deletion of funding for "blacktop" too often in the past was required to provide a balanced budget, but resulted in the gradual deterioration of Paxton's roads. A separate account has now been set up to include funding for this expenditure. A Proposition 2½ override request of \$100,000 specifically targeted to road repair was approved by the voters. The request was structured such that this

amount will be applied annually specifically for this purpose. The budget for Municipal Information Services has been increased significantly to provide funding for the timely servicing of the town's technology.

Budgets for education are responsible for almost 50% of the town's expenditures. The total Bay Path assessment for FY2017 has been increased 31% from the previous year. Most of this increase reflects a 50% increase in the required Minimum Local Contribution resulting from a greater number of Paxton students in attendance. There is no additional operational assessment. The WRSD School Committee approved a budget that resulted in a total assessment to Paxton of \$6,026,292, an increase of 4.1% from the previous year. While the required Minimum Local Contribution as determined by the Commonwealth was reduced by 5.3%, the Operational Assessment as determined by WRSD was increased by \$417,140. Transportation increased by \$55,454. It was determined that support for the WRSD assessment contingent upon a Proposition 2½ override of \$300,000 was required to meet our obligation to submit a balanced budget to the residents attending the Annual Town Meeting. With the failure of the override at the polls and a similar rejection of the WRSD budget by Rutland, the school committee presented to Paxton a reduced assessment of \$5,853,444. It was felt that another override vote to cover the remaining municipal deficit was not warranted. Therefore, budget adjustments to Police, Fire, DPW, COA and Library will be proposed to balance the budget at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the near future.

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

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16**

The firefighter's moral remains high as the department officers continue to prioritize personnel safety, physical fitness, mental well-being, 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 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:

Rudi Acuna
Cory Anderson- EMTP
Brandon Andexler EMT
Nick Andexler_EMT
Michael Benoit – Deputy Chief – EMT
Lionel Berthiame
Joe Bialecki EMT
Jon Cooper
Peter Conte Lieutenant- EMT
James Carlton -EMT-P
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
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
Megan Stevens-EMT

Respectfully submitted,
Jay J. Conte EMT , Fire Chief

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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It has been another busy year at the library. The library circulated over 30,000 materials and it has been a busy hub for various programs and activities.

Libraries are constantly evolving to accommodate the needs of patrons. The Massachusetts Library System has recently instituted the Commonwealth Book Collection which allows a person to borrow materials from any library in Massachusetts. Accordingly, they can borrow, not only our books, and those within the CW Mars (Central region), but now, from any library in the Commonwealth. They can also download books to their kindle, nook or tablet if they prefer to E-read.

Lois Shorten, our children's Librarian retired in May after 6 wonderful years with us. She has been replaced by Kim Cooke, who has instituted some new programs at the library. She had a busy Summer Reading program with 81 kids who signed up. She solicited donations from area businesses and was able to reward the kids with some unique prizes. Country Bank paid for the end of summer program with Animal Adventure.

As in the past, the Library had Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and with the assistance of the Police Department, our annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo. In June we were pleased to have a unique Caterpillar program where people were able to view a butterfly through all its levels of metamorphosis. Our Victorian Tea in April was well received as was our "Learn to play the Ukelele" program. Several youth participated in a cinematography class where they learned not only the basics of photography, but created a short film.

Our Annual Book and Bake Sale in October is the major fundraiser for our Friends group. The funds raised from this sale are used to pay for most of our programs as well as several of our passes. The Cultural Council paid for several of our museum passes and this year supported a new one from The Boston Museum of Science.

Ongoing programs continue with story hours on Wednesday mornings, our adult book club on the 2nd Thursday of each month and a library jam on the third Thursday of each month. A Lego drop in on Wednesday and Friday afternoons allows children to meet new friends as they explore their creativity.

The library continues to be an integral part of Paxton offering a lot to all ages of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Bailey

TOWN OF PAXTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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The Highway Department had a much needed “mild” winter in FY16. There were numerous small events for a total of 47” of snow. We were able to go back to using Clearlane (referred to as green salt) which has been a very effective and efficient de-icing product.

Due to a limited budget, the DPW paved one road this year funded with our Chapter 90 money. Brigham Rd. was a full depth reclamation project which included curbing and a new Type I asphalt surface. The department continued with regular maintenance of catch basin cleaning and repairs, road side mowing, line /crosswalk painting, and sign replacement as needed.

We took delivery of a new Mack Dump truck which includes a sander combination body with front and wing plows. This truck is very versatile and should enhance the efficient winter operations.

The DPW assisted with maintenance of Asnebumskit Reservoir Dam plus drainage, driveway and finishing touches to the new Maple St. water tank. This new elevated tank was online by December of 2015 and on budget. A tremendous asset to the Town, this tank is the first major project funded by the Water Enterprise.

The Water Dept. continues to do routine maintenance of the distribution system with hydrant repair and replacements, water sampling, meter change outs, cross connection testing and water main flushing. The Water Foreman is constantly doing monthly and yearly paperwork required by the State DEP.

DPW continues with maintenance of the two Town Cemeteries, burials and monuments as needed, and the caretaking of all the Recreation facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Putnam, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION
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The Water Commissioners met regularly throughout the year, and some of the activities of the Water Commission, and Department this year were as follows:

- The department responded to customers with unusually high water usage by first investigating the issues, and if necessary giving those customers the opportunity to present their case to the board of commissioners at a meeting.
- The aging infrastructure continues to be an issue. The Department had repaired a total of nine major water main breaks throughout the year in various locations. During these emergency situations the Department was able to have as minimal an impact on its customers as the emergency would allow.
- The Code Red system was utilized on several occasions throughout the year to alert water customers of potential problems with the water system.

- Several new water services were installed for new homes that were built throughout town, and connected to the water system.
- The Asnebumskit Water Storage tank was cleaned, and inspected. The tank was found to be in good working order at the time of inspection.
- The new Elevated Water Tank on Maple Street was put online November 23rd, 2015. The completion of all work for the tank was in June 2016 by Statewide Aquastore Inc. Engineering and construction costs amounted to \$1,437,716.
- The Rules and Regulations for the Department were updated, and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- The Department put in place a stage 1 Drought Declaration in January of 2016.
- Work was done on the spillway at the Asnebumskit Dam to help with erosion control by the Department.

The Water Commissioners would like to thank Michael Putnam, Water Superintendent and Travis Thibault, Water Working Forman 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, 2015**

The Paxton Municipal Light Department provides power for its customers through both fixed contracts and the open market power supply in an effort to stabilize power costs. Purchased power costs are the cost associate with buying energy and having it delivered to the residents and businesses in the town of Paxton. There are circumstances that will make prices fluctuate, such as extended periods of time with above or below normal temperatures, unexpected power plant shutdowns for unforeseen repair, and fuel prices being affected by global issues. Working with electric power supply experts we continue to try to position ourselves to best manage the impact that adverse weather and market economic conditions have on the rates of its customers so that these situation will not be an overbearing burden on our customers.

Paxton continues to purchase more of its power from the market as our load profile changes. Peak demand continues to reflect summer air-conditioning and other cooling load requirements. As Paxton's peak becomes coincident with the regional peak, power supply cost will be more dependent on market price. Additionally, orders issued by FERC (Federal Energy Regularity Commission) and market-design development through ISO-New England continue to add to the power supply cost for Paxton. During 2015, power costs increased slightly. The increase in power costs was mostly attributed to the rising cost environment related to electric energy generation and transmission. The Department's Berkshire Wind Renewable Energy Credits totaled \$119,629 for the year ending December 31, 2015. It is expected that this project will continue to reduce the Department's cost of power for future years and provide a favorable renewable component for the overall power portfolio.

Summary of Net Position

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current Assets	\$2,846,768	\$2,743,390
Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$4,443,312</u>	<u>\$4,339,699</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$7,290,080</u>	<u>\$7,083,089</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$111,767</u>	<u>\$97,328</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	<u>\$7,401,847</u>	<u>\$7,180,417</u>
Current Liabilities	\$378,136	\$318,680
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$1,619,033</u>	<u>\$1,496,544</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,997,169</u>	<u>\$1,815,224</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$1,885,186</u>	<u>\$1,868,263</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$1,898,688	\$1,861,217
New Position Restricted from Depreciation	\$1,082,767	\$1,071,861
Unrestricted	<u>\$538,037</u>	<u>\$563,852</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$3,519,492</u>	<u>\$3,496,930</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Positions	<u>\$7,401,847</u>	<u>\$7,180,417</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Jason Lavalley, Manager
 Paxton Light Commission
 Emerson W. Wheeler III
 John P. Crowley
 John A. Ahern

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

The Police Department faced an onslaught of new challenges this year. The trend of relaxed Marijuana attitudes and laws has prompted unforeseen new issues. For the first time in my career, this agency is taking reports of stolen marijuana from "medical marijuana patients". As an observation, it appears that there are very generous prescriptions of medical marijuana that has led to thefts, house break-ins, and prescription holders selling or providing marijuana to others.

The opioid epidemic has left its toll nationwide, not sparing our town. For many years we taught the DARE program in our middle schools. DARE was under constant criticism of being ineffective, but during the ten years I was a DARE Officer, I was in contact with hundreds of kids. I can't help but think that one or some of my DARE students made a good choice along the

way regarding drugs or alcohol. DARE funding went away, school resource Officer funding went away and a few years later came the opioid crisis. I believe there is a connection.

As bad as the drug problem has become, it pales in comparison relative to public safety crisis of distracted driving. Texting and driving is rampant yet very difficult to enforce. We tell our kids not to but most of the parents are doing it as well. Motorists feel so strongly about being continuously connected, that texting and driving is always justified.

The lack of respect for each other, rules of the road, and law enforcement has been a downhill trend nationwide. Thirty years ago when I participated in the Memorial Day parade, no one sat on the curb while the flag of our country passed by. This year, only a portion of observers stood up or removed hats while the flag passed by. Perhaps we forgot that the flag represents a great nation in which we enjoy many liberties. The flag is not representative of ones politics but a simple symbol of sacrifice and freedom.

Having noted these disturbing trends, we are answering back. This year we reintroduced the Civilian Academy to educate interested persons in police work, or to just learn about what we do as police officers. We plan on providing women's defensive tactics and safety nights. We are in partnership with District Attorney Joseph Early's Opioid Crisis Team. We now meet monthly with Superintendent McCall to discuss improving school safety.

Financially we are in negotiations with Anna Maria College to renew our five year partnership agreement. This agreement provides extra resources for both the town and the college campus. Officers are cross trained for both campus duty and town wide patrol. During any serious incident in either location, we provide combined resources where needed.

I am confident that I have provided you with a contingent of highly trained Officers ready and willing to protect our community. Please do not hesitate to call us. Take advantage of our civilian academy, safety nights, or firearm licensing classes. We always accept donations to help fund these programs. Contact us at 508-755-1104 for details.

Please report any suspicious activity. "If it feels wrong, it is"

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16**

The Council on Aging and the John Bauer Senior Center continue to provide advocacy and support for our older adults to maintain their independence, improve quality of life and prepare for life changes. As the town's human services department, our focus includes information and referral services, health awareness, home and health support, counseling, social services, fitness, and volunteer opportunities.

With the senior population continuing to increase, our challenge is to expand our curriculum of programs and activities while still identifying individual needs and solutions for all seniors and caregivers.

We assist Paxton seniors through an in-home outreach program. We provide a variety of information, explain available community programs and benefits, and offer assistance with applications for support programs. We work closely with health and home agencies to provide our seniors with the best care possible.

As part of our nutrition program, lunches are served three days a week in the senior center dining room and we provide home delivered meals five days a week to homebound seniors. Monthly, we provide transport to the Wachusett Food Pantry. We also assist individuals with applying for food assistance programs and provide a state certified counselor for those with health insurance questions and those in need of confidential advice.

Our Council on Aging van transports approximately 20 - 30 seniors a week to medical appointments, grocery shopping and various other locations. To meet the needs of seniors with disabilities, we provide fully-equipped transportation.

We offer weekly activities such as yoga, senior exercise, bowling and bocce in addition to active Women's, Men's and Book Clubs.

Our monthly newsletter is circulated to all our seniors, keeping them informed of activities, programs, trips and happenings around town.

We host a variety of programs and events throughout the year, including our annual senior picnic, holiday luncheons, plays, informational speakers and special gatherings, all focusing on seniors. Our Friends of the Council on Aging are instrumental in the support and success of the COA, by providing monthly trips and programs throughout the year. They were instrumental in the renovations of our kitchen this year.

The COA staff consists of a director, office assistant and two van drivers. We have nine Board Members and five Associate Board Members who meet the first Wednesday of every month.

As of this year we now have 1,050 seniors living in Paxton, a significant increase from the 905 in the last federal census. As we move forward in 2017, we continue to look at new ways to enhance the lives of our seniors and meet the challenges of this growing population.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Love, Director

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31st of each year 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 FY16

During this fiscal year, 16 grave plots were sold, and 17 full or cremation burials took place at Mooreland Cemetery. Under the direction of Michael Putnam, DPW Superintendent, his staff maintained both the Center Cemetery and Mooreland Cemetery. The stone wall of the Center Cemetery, across from Maple Street, was repaired following a car accident, and not for the first time.

Judi Mancini continues to fine tune the accuracy of the information contained on the hand-written cards which was the only information system used for decades, and enter accurate information for each plot into the new cemetery software program.

Work on installing four new grave markers at each lot at Mooreland Cemetery was started in the spring, and should be completed during the fall. The new grave markers display larger raised numbers, making it easier to find specific grave addresses.

The Cemetery Commission usually meets every 4th Wednesday each month in the Edward Howard Duane Research Room at the Senior Center. Some months the meeting dates have to change, so please check the website calendar for a particular month's meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Mancini, Cemetery Commission Chair

PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

For FY16, the Planning Board had one Preliminary Subdivision Plan followed by the Definitive Subdivision Plan for Bel Arbor Estates which is still ongoing. There were several renewals for Temporary Accessory Use Apartments and one new one heard throughout the fiscal year. Also, four Approval Not Required, ANR's, were approved. The board met eight times and approved minutes are available on the towns' website. There were no new or amended bylaws passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil A. Bagdis, Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

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 unique unpublished photos of early Paxton life.

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 displayed many of the artifacts donated by residents that were from various wars that the United States had been involved in, including the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. A tour of patriot graves in the Center Cemetery was planned but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. 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.

A permanent display was created in the Historical Commission Office dedicated to the Boston Post Cane and its recipients. It included a replica of the original cane and plaques for past, present, and future recipients.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Fenton

PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL **ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16**

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
Donna Parsons – Secretary
Christy Barnes - Treasurer
Cindy Love
Howard McGinn
Marybeth Brown

PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL 2016 GRANT APPROVALS

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to Paxton was again \$4500 for fiscal 2016. The addition of residual Council funds brought the total amount of money allocated for grants in 2016 to \$5300.

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 2016. Grant requests for \$13969 were received. The following grantees were awarded funds for 2016:

- 1) Paxton Summer Jam 2016 (\$292);
- 2) Audio Journal – The Silver Tsunami: a new cultural programs for utilizing seniors (\$300);
- 3) Mass Audubon Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary – Statewide Storybook Walk - Sheep Take a Hike (\$170);

- 4) Mass Audubon Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary – Statewide Storybook Walk - Fall is Not Easy (\$245);
- 5) Paxton Council on Aging – Dramatic Presentation; two people in dramatic performance (\$450);
- 6) Paxton Council on Aging - Annual Senior Picnic Concert during July Senior Picnic (\$350);
- 7) Presentation on American Rev. for 5th graders (\$300);
- 8) Worcester Chamber Music Society – a free family concert and free ticket program (\$300);
- 9) Paxton Center School Field Trip to Mechanics Hall for Grades 1 and 2; Theatre USA – Junie B. Jones play (\$1,018);
- 10) Richards Memorial Library – Passes to Museum of Science (\$700);
- 11) Richards Memorial Library – Passes to Old Sturbridge Village (\$400);
- 12) Richards Memorial Library – Passes to Tower Hill Botanical Garden (\$150);
- 13) Paxton Rec. Dept.– Summer Music Program Concert series on Thursday evenings at the Bandstand (\$500); and
- 14) Scenic Byway Advisory Board – Lost Villages Section Rt. 122 Scenic Byway to fund fliers, brochures, and kiosk maintenance (\$125).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Fenton

WIRING INSPECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

Permit applications and fee schedules are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's web site 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 FY16

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) began the planning cycle in August 2015, 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 member Mark Love, but said goodbye to longstanding member Jerry Ryan. We wish to acknowledge Jerry's years of service to the Town of Paxton, and we owe him a debt of gratitude and a huge thank you.

In September 2015 the CIPC reviewed and discussed the roof of the John Bauer Senior Activity Center. The following summary/discussion points were made:

- (1) The roof leak(s) have worsened and rain water continues to penetrate two floor levels. As time passes, the structure and foundation will rapidly deteriorate.
- (2) There is ceiling and drywall damage in two rooms on the second floor.

- (3) There are adequate finances in the Capital Deprecation Fund to pay for a new roof.
- (4) We should leverage the Capital Deprecation Fund to finance the project and set a budget of \$65,0000.00

The Committee voted that the roof project be placed on the warrant at the Special Town Meeting (STM), and submitted the following Warrant Article to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace the leaking roof of the John Bauer Senior Activity Center; or act in any way thereon.

The Warrant Article was presented at the September 2015 Special Town Meeting and was approved unanimously.

In the next three months following the STM, the CIPC solicited and received the following FY17 Capital Improvement Projects:

- (1) Fire/EMS: Tanker Truck, at a cost of \$350K. (Borrow \$100K/\$250K FEMA Grant)
- (2) Fire/EMS: Command Car, at a cost of \$47K.
- (2) DPW: Backhoe, at a cost of \$123K. Utility Truck, at a cost of \$50K.
- (3) Richard Memorial Library: Facility Upgrades (Lighting, Insulation/WX Proofing, Carpeting), Update HVAC, Basement Meeting Room, at a cost \$60K-\$112K.

The CIPC reviewed all projects and met with the departments to discussed the Capital Budget submissions. Both DPW and the RML Board of Trustees withdrew their submissions for consideration. DPW will invest maintenance dollars to extend the service life of the 2002 John Deere Backhoe and 2006 Ford F350 Pickup Truck. RML needed more time to refine their requirements and obtain contracting bids; all items are on the Capital Plan and may be considered as a warrant article in the future. The CIPC passed over the Tanker Truck requirement until the FEMA AFG Grant decision is announced, and deferred the Command Vehicle requirement to a later budget year. At the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the CIPC sponsored the following Warrant Articles:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended sum of \$6,000 from Article 3 of the October 15, Special Town Meeting (Account 0100-1192-5803-0000) to the Capital Depreciation Account; or act in anyway thereon.

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 the first warrant article, which was unexpended funds from the John Bauer Senior Center roof project. The second warrant article was disapproved by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee and thus was not voted on.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey Kent, Chairman
Forrest Smith, Vice Chair

Kateri Clute, Clerk
Mark Love
Jim McGrath
Carol Riches

VETERANS AGENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

The following report is of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Paxton for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

This year we said goodbye to Mr. Timothy Hackett, Paxton's long-serving Veterans Agent. We wish to acknowledge Tim's 20+ years of service to the Town of Paxton, and we owe him a debt of gratitude and a huge thank you. In January the Board of Selectmen appointed Jeffrey Kent to the position.

The Veterans Agent is responsible for the administration of municipal veterans' benefits program, per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. It provides financial assistance to honorably-discharged, veterans who establish need and worthiness and are residents of the Town of Paxton. During the year the office extended benefits to qualified veterans totaling \$8,172.00 for housing, food, heat, medical and other related costs. The amount expended was reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth at a rate of 75% of total expenditures.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey L. Kent, Veterans Agent

ROUTE 122 SCENIC BYWAY
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

Linking the historic towns of Orange and Paxton, the Route 122 Scenic Byway passes to the north of the Quabbin Reservoir along 40 miles of back roads for a quiet drive through pristine lands. Moore State Park in Paxton, part of a historical district, was the site of grist and saw mills from 1747 through the early part of the 20th century. Today, walking, hiking and cross-country skiing paths pass old stone foundations and a restored mill, providing year-round opportunities to enjoy nature and glimpse the region's past. Thousands of azaleas, rhododendrons and mountain laurels cascade down hills, line wooded paths and decorate waterfalls, making this an especially glorious destination when the plants bloom in mid- to late spring.

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

The 2016-2017 school year continues to be one of great change here in the Wachusett Regional School District. One of the major accomplishments of the District this past year was the completion of the WRSD 2016-2021 Strategic Plan. Working in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS), a Strategic Planning Steering Committee was created during the last school year. The Steering Committee consisted of twenty-three members representing a variety of stakeholders. In order to gain feedback from the community, a survey was conducted which produced over 2,000 responses. Focus group meetings were held in all 13 schools and in each Member Town. Drawing on the information gathered, the Steering Committee established five learning domains from which strategic objectives, priority initiatives, and action plans have been crafted.

The WRSD Strategic Plan provides the Wachusett community with a sense of purpose as we define priorities and set budgets. Each school has developed a School Improvement Plan that ties directly back to the Strategic Plan and will help define budget priorities at both the building and District levels. Goals that have been set by administrators and teachers will have common themes connected to the five learning domains, thus helping bring our five town district toward common educational outcomes.

In early November, I held our annual Budget Roundtable open to all Member Towns, in order to discuss budget issues associated with the upcoming fiscal year. As always, the meeting was well attended by town representatives as well as officials from the state. Funding at the state level remains a major issue associated with the budget woes we have faced as a district and continues to be an area of concern for both local and state officials. As state funding continues to decline, we are even more dependent upon our local tax base to support our educational endeavors. I will continue to advocate on behalf of the District to support the recommendations made by the Chapter 70 Foundation Budget Review Commission which would help to ease the financial burden placed on both schools and towns.

Last year, the five towns that comprise the District supported a strong and solid budget that has permitted us the opportunity to increase support for our students. We look forward to continuing the forward progress made this past year as we look to create a budget that supports the new Strategic Plan.

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 FY16**

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduated a class of 259 students in June of 2016, and accepted a class of 306 freshmen in September of 2016. Our current enrollment has reached 1,115 students.

Of the 5 Paxton seniors who graduated, 1 is now gainfully employed in an occupation related to their training and 3 are now attending College. Currently, 15 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 2015-2016 school year, our 21 vocational programs completed 1,123 work orders, of which, 31 were for residents of the Town of Paxton.

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

Our Evening School Program continues to serve the adult needs of our 10 town district, as well as an additional 20 surrounding towns. Our Spring and Fall programs had a combined

enrollment of 1,481, in programs ranging from Business & Finance, Career/ Licensing; Computers; Cooking; Entertainment; Health & Fitness; Hobbies & Crafts; Home & Job; Language & Art; and Sports & Leisure. The program also offered a wide variety of over 400 online courses, including career certificate programs and courses to satisfy professional development requirements for teachers.

This year, the only "Out of District" students that have been accepted are students who began their high school education at Bay Path while residing in one of the Districts ten member towns and then subsequently moved out of the District before completing their high school education. It is important to note that the town where the students now reside must pay an out of district tuition for each student ranging in cost between \$14,701 and \$16,488. Those towns also pay the transportation costs for those students.

The Wachusett Regional School System continues to provide excellent cooperation for our recruiting program and we are thankful for their efforts. I believe that they share our feeling that all students must be given the right, the information, and the opportunity to make an informed school choice.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jon A. Lafleche, Superintendent-Director

WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER
WACHUSETT EARTHDAY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

2016 proved a continued and growing reliance on the services provided at the Regional Recycle Center. Located at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston, the Recycle Center is a partnership of the seven Wachusett Watershed towns (Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston), the MA Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), and Wachusett Earthday, Inc., with support from the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Wachusett Earthday, Inc, the non-profit organization staffed by an all-volunteer group, operates the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center for the collection and disposal of household goods and items for reuse, bulk waste and recycling, and the proper disposition of hazardous household products. The Center operates on a year-round basis on Monday from 5-7PM, Tuesday from 9-11AM, Wednesday from 2:30-4:30PM and every third Saturday of each month from 8-11AM. Please see the website: www.wachusettearthday.org and/or Town websites for updates, announcements and weather closings.

During FY2016, 158 collections were held: four regular collections of Hazardous Household Products (HHP) were augmented by two HHP-only collections in May and October; three regular free shredding days were augmented by an additional free shredding day in July. The actual number of cars visiting the site over the course of the year increased 44%, from 17,735 in FY2015 to 25,512 in FY2016.

This fiscal year, more than 12,160 gallons of Hazardous Household Products (chemicals, paints, fertilizers etc.) were responsibly disposed of. Other items collected and properly disposed of included: 117 tons of appliances and metals, 1,190 tires, 724 propane cylinders, 62 fire extinguishers, 130 tons of paper, corrugated cardboard, plastic & mixed recycling, 446 tons of project debris & furniture, over 2 tons of fluorescents, more than 2 tons of alkaline batteries, nearly 3 tons of rechargeable & lead acid batteries, thousands of pieces of electronic equipment including over 3,600 computer monitors & TVs, and over 3 tons of clothing. The Boy & Girl Scouts continued to assist with the collection of returnable cans and bottles. Additionally, Wachusett Earthday initiated a mattress recycling program that, between March and June 30, has kept 239 mattresses out of landfills +/- incinerators. Site improvements included redirection of traffic flow for increased safety, relocation of the tire and propane tank depots, as well as plans for additional paving along the building; additional improvements are planned for the next year as funds permit.

The Recycle Center is staffed by 15 to 20 people during every two hour shift; between 4 and 10 volunteers put in an extra 4 hours every Friday afternoon, when the site is open for organization and restocking. Many additional behind-the-scenes hours, comprised of administrative, research and organizational work, are completed off-site. Between 50 and 75 volunteers regularly donate their time to the Regional Recycle Center as well as additional time donated by various Scout Troops, the WPI Alpha Phi Omega service organization, the Sheriff's Community Service Program and an enthusiastic contingent from the Bancroft School. Earthday volunteers staffed booths and tents at the Sterling Fair and Holden Days, offering free items and educational information on reuse and recycling.

In the past year, WEI continued the expansion of outreach programs into the seven watershed towns and the greater Worcester County Community. The Salvation Army, the Worcester Free Store, several local animal shelters, Habitat for Humanity/ReStore. Toys for Tots, the Lions Club, Veterans Inc, the Department of Children & Families and the Montachusett Veteran's Outreach Center are among the partnerships proving fruitful.

For 2017, six Hazardous Household Products (Chemicals, Paints, Pesticides etc.) collections are planned from 8 AM to noon.

- Four HHP collections will be on the third Saturdays (April 15, June 17, September 16, November 18), and will also include bulk waste, recycling and reuse.
- Chemicals, Paints, Pesticides, etc. **ONLY** will be collected on May 6 & October 7. The remainder of the site will be **CLOSED** on those two Saturdays.

Free document shredding will be held on March 18, May 20 and October 21 from 8 to 11 AM.

Holiday closings in 2017 will be on July 4, November 22 & 23 and December 26.

For 2017, the Center will close on Monday evenings during the months of January, February and December but will be open instead on the first Saturdays of those months (1/7/17, 2/4/17, and 12/2/17). Evening hours will resume on Thursdays, March 2 from 5-7PM.

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center Town Representative Team includes designated representatives of the seven Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation & Recreation and Wachusett Earthday, Inc. The Team meets periodically to review operations. The board of directors of Wachusett Earthday, Inc, meets monthly to manage operations.

2016 Members of the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycle Center Town Representatives:

Boylston – Martin McNamara

Rutland – Sheila Dibb

Holden – Jacqui Kelley/Robin Farrington/Pam Harding

Paxton – Carol Riches

Sterling – William Tuttle/Mike Szoslek/Kama Jayne

Princeton – Arthur Allen

West Boylston – Anita Scheipers/Mike Kittredge, Nancy Lucier

Wachusett Earthday – Helen Townsend

MA Department of Conservation & Recreation – John Scannell

2016 Board of Directors, Wachusett Earthday Inc:

Norma Chanis, George Dvorak, Tim Harrington, Eric Johansen, Mark Koslowske, Patt Popple, Vanya Seiss, Helen Townsend and Robert Troy.

Retired in 2016: Colleen Abrams, Anna Perkins, Ben Ribeiro

It is with sadness that we noted the passing of C. Mary McLoughlin, Director Emerita in June of 2016.

WACHUSETT GREENWAY **ANNUAL REPORT FY2016**

You are setting a strong foundation for generations of neighbors to connect along greenways. Wachusett Greenways members, donors, volunteers and friends energize and inspire each other as we share the mission of connecting the Wachusett communities with trails and greenways. Wachusett Greenways, 21 years young now, has enriched the quality of life in the Wachusett region, but still many accomplishments await. You are the heart of Wachusett Greenways as we seek to connect our communities outdoors. Outdoor enthusiasts daily express their gratitude for the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) and for the work we do together. Our primary partner, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, continues to share the vision for stewardship of the MCRT as we work to connect all 30 miles of the treasured MCRT. The Wachusett towns and Worcester regional foundations also help sustain our vital community partnership.



TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

**TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15PM.

MODERATOR, ROGER BRUNELLE, DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 159 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY SERVED. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS THEN RECITED.

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 HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

Moderator then moved to article 3.

Article 3: Jeffrey Kent, Chairman of the Capital Depreciation Committee, moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 from the Capital Depreciation Fund to replace the leaking roof of the John Bauer Senior Activity Center. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 4: John Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town vote to reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated through the Water Department receipts, water fees and water charges from \$90,000 to \$40,000 for the debt relating to the Maple Street Water Tank. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 5: Peter Bogren Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53F3/4 of the General Laws and establish a separate revenue account known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which may be deposited funds received in connection with a franchise agreement between a cable operator and the Town. With all monies in said fund to be appropriated for cable related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement, including but not limited to (i) support of public educational or governmental access cable television services, (ii) monitor compliance of the cable operator with

the franchise agreement or (iii) prepare for renewal of the franchise license. The motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 6: Peter Bogren Jr., Vice-chairman of the Board of Selectmen, moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) of the General Laws, and impose a local meals excise. The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION FAILED.

Article 1: Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds the further sum of \$201,550, for the revised Wachusett Regional School District assessment of \$5,791,410; this assessment being an increase to the amount of \$5,589,860 voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr. Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Article 2: Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line item 151-5200 by \$10,000, reducing line item 910-5207 by \$2,000, reducing line item 193-5200 by \$5,000 resulting in a total revised budget for General Government of \$1,565,059. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Safety Budget under Article 2:

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line item 210-5400 by \$2,200, reducing line item 210-5103 by \$8,000 and by reducing line item 220-5800 by \$2800 resulting in a total revised budget for Public Safety of \$1,784,265. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Public Service Budget under Article 2:

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting by reducing line item 421-5103 by \$5,000 and line item 421-5700 by \$100,000.00 resulting in a total revised budget for Public Service of \$699,986. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Sanitation and Environment Budget under Article 2:

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line item 443-5200 by \$10,000 resulting in a total revised budget for Sanitation and Environment of \$263,945. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Culture and Recreation Budget under Article 2:

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting, by Reducing line item 610-5800 by \$1600.00 and reducing line item 610-5200 by \$80.00 resulting in a total revised budget for Culture and Recreation of \$195,704.00 The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.

Interest on Notes and Bonds under Article 2:

Richard Fenton, chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town amend the Interest on Notes & Bonds Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as voted and accepted at the June 29, 2015 session of the Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line item 715-0000 by \$5,341.00 resulting in a total revised budget for Interest on Notes & Bonds of \$1, 174982. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Town Total Budget under Article 2:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,934,056.00 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, excluding schools, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, and as amended by the votes previously taken at this Special Town Meeting of October 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Peter Bogren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval. Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE MEETING.
MEETING WAS DISSOLVED AT 8:13PM.**

Respectfully Submitted: Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk

Moderator for the Special Town Meeting was Roger Brunelle

**TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 2, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 126 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Counters for the Special Town Meeting were Anita Fenton and Kay Kingsbury.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Special 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 in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAD BEEN ADOPTED.

The Moderator, Roger Brunelle, then stated that the Warrant had been properly posted.

Article 1 - EMS transfers: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the EMS Account #0100-232-5200-0000, the sum of \$1,000 from EMS Account #0100-232-5400 and the sum of \$15,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Account to fund the shortage in the FY2016 EMS Compensation Account #0100-232-5103-0000 provided that any unexpended amounts are to be returned to the Ambulance Receipts Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2016; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Fire Department.

Peter Bogren Jr., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the EMS Account #0100-232-5200-0000, the sum of \$1,000 from EMS Account #0100-232-5400 and the sum of \$15,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Account to fund the shortage in the FY2016 EMS Compensation Account #0100-232-5103-0000 provided that any unexpended amounts are to be returned to the Ambulance Receipts Account at the end of Fiscal Year 2016. Motion was seconded by Richard Fenton.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Board recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2 – Water Enterprise To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$40,000 to the Water Enterprise Expenses account 6500-1450-5200-0000; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Commissioners.

Mr. Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town vote to transfer from available funds (Retained Earnings), the sum of \$40,000 to the Water Enterprise Expenses account 6500-1450-5200-0000. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WAS
DISSOLVED AT 7:13P.M.**

Roger Brunelle, Town Moderator for the Special Town Meeting

Susan Stone, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 2, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:13P.M.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT. 136 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPERLY POSTED.

Counters for the Annual Town Meeting were Anita Fenton and Kay Kingsbury.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Annual 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 Moderator or seven or more voters in attendance.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

Article 1 – Water Department Receipts To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts, water fees, or water charges, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, as follows:

Compensation	\$126,436
Expenses	\$638,401
Debt	\$118,761
Total	\$883,598

and that \$883,598.00 is raised as follows:

Department receipts \$883,598
Or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Water Commissioners.

John Malone, Chairman of the Water Board, moved that the Town raise and appropriate through water Department Receipts, water fees or water charges, the following sums for the Water Enterprise.

Compensation	\$126,436
Expenses	\$638,401
Debt	\$118,761
Total	\$883,598

And that \$883,598.00 be raised by Department receipts.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2. 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.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, made the motion to take no action on Article 2. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended taking no action.
Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

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

Article 3 – Stabilization Fund 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.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren, Jr. made the motion to take no action on Article 3. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended taking no action.
Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

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

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept any funds to be allocated by the Commonwealth under authorization of Chapter 90 of the 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; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Board of Selectmen and D.P.W. Superintendent.

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

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT ARTICLE 4 HAS BEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 5 – Revolving Accounts To see if the Town will vote to authorize or reauthorize for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016 all revolving accounts previously established under Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, of the General Laws, with all expenditures under said revolving accounts not to exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in prior fiscal year, as follows;

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

or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Select Board.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the Town vote to authorize for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, namely, Council on Aging, Recreation Revolving Account, Library Revolving Account and Paxton Days, to be used for the purposes and subject to the limitations stated in Article 5. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 6 – Capital Depreciation To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended sum of \$6,000 from Article 3 of the October 15, 2015 Special Town Meeting (account 0100-1192-5803-0000) to the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in anyway thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the Town vote to transfer the unexpended sum of \$6,000 from Article 3 of the October 15, 2015 Special Town Meeting (account 0100-1192-5803-0000) to the Capital Depreciation Fund. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 6 HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7 – Capital Depreciation 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 other sum to the Capital Depreciation Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Peter Bogren, Jr made the motion to take no action on Article 7. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended taking no action.

Finance Committee recommended taking no action.

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

Article 8 – Kennel License Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw”, to establish the requirements for the licensing and operation of a kennel within the Town of Paxton, as shown on the document entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw”, to establish the requirements for the licensing and operation of a kennel within the Town of Paxton, as shown on the document entitled “Kennel Licensing Bylaw” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk’s regular business hours. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 8 HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 9 – Wetlands Bylaw To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled “Wetlands Bylaw” to allow for the protection of wetlands resources areas in the Town of Paxton by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values, including public or private water supply, groundwater supply, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control,

storm damage prevention, water quality, prevention and control of pollution, fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community, as show on the document entitled "Wetlands Bylaw" on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk's regular business hours; or act in any way thereon. Article sponsored by the Conservation Commission.

Mia McDonald, Agent for the Conservation Commission, moved that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw entitled "Wetlands Bylaw" to allow for the protection of wetlands resources areas in the Town of Paxton by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect on resource area values, including public or private water supply, groundwater supply, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality, prevention and control of pollution, fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant and animal species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community, as shown on the document entitled "Wetlands Bylaw" on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for inspection during the Town Clerk's regular business hours. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.

Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION WAS NOT PASSED.

Article 10 – Abutter Lot Sales Program To see if the Town will vote to authorize and establish an "Abutter Lot Sales Program" through which the Board of Selectmen may dispose of certain Town-owned parcels of land determined to be of low value and included on a specific list as voted by Town Meeting, by sale to direct abutters under rules established by the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with procedures set forth in Chapter 30B of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Sale of Town Owned Property Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. made the motion to take no action on Article 10. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.

Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

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

Article 11 – Properties available for Abutter Lot Sales To see if the Town will vote to add the following list of properties to the "Abutter Lot Sales Program" established by Article 10 of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, and to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of said parcels from the board or officer that currently has custody of said parcels to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of sale, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell said parcels in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 30B of the General Laws and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town.

Assessors Map & Lot Location		Acreage
10/40	Brooks Road	1.06
13/34	Marshall Street	1.39
13/17	Marshall Street	10
19/156	Pleasant Street	6.5
21/22	Marshall Street	0.94
26/56	Larchwood Road	1.24
30/86	Mower Street	0.25

or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Sale of Town Owned Property Committee.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to take no action on Article 11. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended to take no action.

Finance Committee recommended to take no action.

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

Article 12 – Create Road Improvement Fund To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 40 Sec 5B to create a Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote pursuant to MGL c. 40 Sec 5B to create a Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-thirds majority vote needed.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY MORE THAN A 2/3 MAJORITY.

Article 13 – Appropriate funds to Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws; or act in any other way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund, contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2

½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-thirds majority vote needed.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED BY MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS Majority Vote.

Article 14 – Use funds from the Road Improvement To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr. moved that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of resurfacing roads. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

Two-Thirds vote needed.

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

Article 15 – WRSD Science Project Room To see if the Town will vote to approve naming the Science Project Room at the Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Dr. Neil Ault; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos, a member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee for Paxton, moved that the town vote to approve naming the Science Project Room at the Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Dr. Neil Ault. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 16 – WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.3 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The

proposed amendment will align the annual census review with the proposed five year review of the Regional Agreement.

Section 1.1.3 - The population of the Member Towns shall be determined every five (5) years in accordance with the towns' annual census with the first next five (5) year review to be conducted in calendar 1998 2021 and certified by the respective town clerks. Any increase in membership resulting from population changes shall be elected at the annual town meeting following the review year.

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

CENSUS REVIEW	ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING
2007	2008
2012	2013
2017	2018
2022	2023

and every five (5) years thereafter

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.3 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 16. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.

The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 17 – WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of

Section 1.1.6 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment is grammatical, replacing the word “in” with the word “on.”

Section 1.1.6 - If a vacancy occurs in on the Committee, or if there is a failure to elect, the Selectboard of the Member Town to which the vacancy relates shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The person so appointed shall be a registered voter of such town and shall perform the duties of the office until such town's next annual meeting and a successor is qualified; at such annual meeting a successor shall be elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 1.1.6 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 17. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 18 - WRSD Agreement. To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 5 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment will change the Member Town assessment payment schedule from semi-annual payments to payments four times a year, with Member Towns Princeton and Paxton making assessment payments the first day of July, October, January and April; the Member Towns of Holden, Rutland, and Sterling making assessment payments the first day of August, November, February and May.

Section 5 - Payments of ~~one half~~ of each Member Town's proportional part of the District's Budget shall be made ~~semi-annually on the first day of each May and November, such payments to be made~~ in the manner prescribed by statute four (4) times per year in accordance with the following schedule:

Town of Paxton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st

Town of Princeton by July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st

Town of Rutland by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Town of Sterling by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st

Town of Holden by August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 5 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 18. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 19 - WRSD Agreement To see if the town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 7 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment updates "Massachusetts Department of Education" to "Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education." Section 7 - Any town not included in the District may be admitted to said District by a majority vote of the Committee upon acceptance by the town of the original agreement with any amendments thereto. Upon admission of such town, the total of

the costs of the original construction and of subsequent acquisitions and improvements, reduced by a depreciation allowance at a percentage determined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be reapportioned to all towns in the District, including the newly admitted town, as determined by the Committee. The newly admitted town shall then assume liability for its entire share of the cost as determined by this Section, to be paid to the District over the remaining term of the funded debt. If no funded debt exists the newly admitted town must finance its share as computed in this Section, independent of the District, and pay the same directly to each Member Town, subject to the approval of the Committee. Any action under this Section shall be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 7 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 19. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THIS MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 20 - WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 16 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment corrects "single projected" to "single project."

Section 16 - The Regional District School Committee may authorize capital expenditures from surplus funds for those purposes cited in General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16, not to exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year or for any single projected project, and provided two-thirds of the members of the Committee voting on the question authorize said expenditure.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 16 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 20.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 21 - WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 17.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The

proposed amendment reduces the length of lease agreements between the Member Towns and the Wachusett Regional School District from twenty years to ten years.

Section 17.1 - The Member Towns are hereby authorized and directed to lease to the District, upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) in each case (each said sum to be assessed from each Member Town and the assessment to be payable upon demand by the District) the school

building and premises, which premises include the land appurtenant to and used in connection with said schools owned by the Member Towns on July 1, 1994 and any new school buildings constructed by the Member Towns after July 1, 1994. Each such lease shall be made by the Selectboard for the Member Town and shall provide for an initial term of twenty (20)-ten (10)

years and the term shall commence on the date when the District accepts possession of the building and each such lease shall contain a provision for the extension of the lease for an additional term of twenty (20)-ten (10) years, at the option of the Committee. No rental shall be charged to the District by any of the Member Towns.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 17.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 21. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 21 IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 22 - WRSD Agreement To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment of Section 19.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016. The proposed amendment adds the phrase "as described in Section 14.2"

Section 19.1 - This amended Agreement shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of each of the Member Towns at town meetings in each such town, as described in Section 14.2 and shall thereupon supersede the Wachusett Regional School District Agreement most recently

amended by vote of the Member Towns on May 7, 1977 and validated by Chapters 461, 462 and 463 of the Acts of 1977.

Article sponsored by the Wachusett Regional School District.

Harriet Fradellos moved that the town vote to approve the amendment of Section 19.1 of the Amended Wachusett Regional School District Agreement, as recommended and approved by vote of the Regional District School Committee on March 14, 2016, and as stated in Article 22. The motion was seconded by Barbara Renzoni.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
The Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 23 – Town Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,789,262 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$236,400 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698 or any other sum, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$114,318 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of \$6,187,678 or any other sum, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Because this Article makes very specific references to more than one source and amount of money to be raised or transferred from available funds, the Moderator requested that the meeting first vote to raise and to transfer from available funds the sum of money for the annual budget. Then we will have separate votes to appropriate the sums raised and transferred to defray the expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016.

Richard Fenton, Chairman of the Finance Committee, then moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,789,262, and to further appropriate, from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of \$236,400, and to further appropriate, from the Title V Special Assessment Account, the sum of \$7,698, and to further appropriate, from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$40,000, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$114,318 for a total of \$6,187,678 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION IS PASSED.

The following are the votes taken under each separate category of Article 23 in which the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval for each category. The itemized Budget for each category is attached.

The first budget category under Article 23 is:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,638,030 for the General Government Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT HAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum \$1,899,172 for the Public Safety Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$709,014 for the Public Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$278,225 for the Sanitation and Environment Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HUMAN SERVICES:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$70,411 for the Human Services Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THIS MOTION IS PASSED.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$201,014 for the Culture and Recreation Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant except under the library allocation accounts which should be Children's Librarian 36,045 and Compensation 36,590. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CENTRAL PURCHASING:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$188,890 for the Central Purchasing Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEBT SERVICE:

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,202,922 for the Debt Service Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Moderator than asked for a Motion to confirm the entire budget for all categories, excluding schools.

Richard Fenton moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,187,678 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, excluding school, to be allocated as recommended and itemized in the budget summary attached to the Warrant. The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THAT MOTION HAS PASSED.

We will now move on to Article 24, which is for the Wachusett Regional School District budget.

Article 24 – WRSD Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,726,292 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,026,292 assessment from the District and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation shall be contingent on the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), of the General Laws; or act in any way thereon.

Barbara Renzoni moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,726,292 to pay its assessed share of the Wachusett Regional School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$300,000 required to fully fund the \$6,026,292 assessment from the District, and thereby approve the District's budget for said fiscal year, provided that this additional appropriation of \$300,000 shall be contingent upon the approval of a Proposition 2 ½ levy limit override under Chapter 59, §21C(g) of the General Laws. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.
Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

Moderator was unable to determine the voice vote and called for a Hand Count.

YES: 74 NO: 50

TOTAL: 124

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS BEEN PASSED.

Article 25 – Bay Path Budget To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$260,771 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016; or act in any way thereon.

Robert Wilby, a member of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical School Committee, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,771 to pay for its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

**THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION HAS PASSED.
MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.
THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MEETING IS DISSOLVED.
TOWN MEETING DISSOLVED AT 8:48P.M.**

Roger Brunelle, Moderator for Annual Town Meeting

Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MAY 2, 2016 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

SELECTBOARD - 3 YEARS

Peter G. Bogren, Jr.: 376

Blanks: 97

Write-Ins: 5

Total: 478

ASSESSOR - 3 YEARS

Kateri M. Clute: 375

Blanks: 103

Total: 478

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD - 3 YEARS

Emerson W. Wheeler III: 375

Blanks: 101

Write-Ins: 2

Total: 478

WATER BOARD - 3 YEARS

Rodney S. Jenkins: 379

Blanks: 99

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 478

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YEARS

Blanks: 448

Write-Ins:

Richard Doughty: 21

All Others: 9

Total: 478

BOARD OF HEALTH - 3 YEARS

David G. Parent: 349

Blanks: 128

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 478

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 3 YEARS

Blanks: 446

Write-Ins:

Christopher Stone: 26

All Others: 6

Total: 478

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS

VOTE FOR TWO

Carolyn L. Grinstead: 345

Karen H. Putney: 373

Blanks: 237

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 478

RECREATION COMMISSION - 3 YEARS

Roberley H. Tasca: 377

Blanks: 97

Write-Ins: 4

Total: 478

RECREATION COMMISSION - 2 YEARS

Blanks: 441

Write-Ins:

Heather Larson: 5

All Others: 10

Total: 478

SOUTHERN WORC. COUNTY REG. VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 3 YEARS

Peter M. Schur: 368

Blanks: 110

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 478

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$300,000 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 sixteen?

Yes: 184

No: 292

Blanks: 2

Total: 478

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Road Improvement Capital Stabilization Fund for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and sixteen?

Yes: 248

No: 228

Blanks: 2

Total: 478

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – MARCH 1, 2016

RESULTS:

Democratic Ballot:

Presidential Preference:

Bernie Sanders: 408
Martin O'Malley: 5
Hillary Clinton: 341
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente: 0
No Preference: 9
Blanks: 0
Write-Ins: 2
Total: 765

State Committee Man:

William R. Shemeth, III: 536
Blanks: 225
Write-Ins: 4
Total: 765

State Committee Woman:

Laura L. Jette: 546
Blanks: 217
Write-Ins: 2
Total: 765

Town Committee:

Blanks: 26766
Write-Ins: 9
Total: 26775

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY:

Presidential Preference:

Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry: 1
William P. Kreml: 0
Kent Mesplay: 0
Darryl Cherney: 0
No Preference:
Blanks: 0
Write-Ins: 1
Total: 2

State Committee Man:

Blanks: 2

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 2

State Committee Woman:

Blanks: 1

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 2

Town Committee:

Blanks: 19

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 20

REPUBLICAN**Presidential Preference:**

Jim Gilmore: 0

Donald J. Trump: 348

Ted Cruz: 99

George Pataki: 0

Ben Carson: 25

Mike Huckabee: 0

Rand Paul: 0

Carly Fiorina: 1

Rick Santorum: 0

Chris Christie: 0

Marco Rubio: 129

Jeb Bush: 7

John R. Kasich: 145

No Preference: 5

Blanks:

Write-Ins: 2

Total: 761

State Committee Man:

William J. Gillmeister: 250

Reed V. Hillman: 398

Blanks: 113

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 761

State Committee Woman:

Ronna K. Prunier: 362

Lindsay A. Valanzola: 255

Blanks: 143

Write-Ins: 1

Total: 761

Town Committee:

Blanks: 26622

UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY

Presidential Preference:

No Preference: 0

Blanks: 1

Write-Ins: 2

Total: 3

State Committee Man:

Blanks: 3

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 3

State Committee Woman:

Blanks: 3

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 3

Town Committee:

Blanks: 30

Write-Ins: 0

Total: 30

Submitted by:

Susan Stone, Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK

TOWN CLERK
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

Births: 38
Marriages: 17
Deaths: 26

DOG LICENSES ISSUED:

Male/Female: 64
Neutered/Spayed: 607
Kennel Licenses: 2
Service Dogs: 1
Transfers 2

Amount Paid to General Fund: \$10,233.50

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY16

The Board of Registrars held new voter registration during the year as required by law. 316 new voters were added between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 with The Board registering 219 more new voters between June 30, 2016 and November 8, 2016.

New Totals: November 8, 2016	MA Independent Party: 1
American independent: 1	Libertarian: 7
Democrat: 681	Republican: 451
Green-Rainbow: 2	Unenrolled: 1890
United Independent Party: 33	

Voting is held in the Gym of the Paxton Center School which is handicap accessible. There is also a Handicap accessible machine at all elections for voters. Due to a new voting law passed in 2014 of which segments have been enacted through 2016, for the first time in Massachusetts there was Early Voting for the State Election. Over 600 in Paxton participated in early voting which was held from Oct. 24th through Nov. 3rd, 2016 in Paxton according to the Town Clerk's hours. In addition to allowing early voting during the Town Clerk's normal business hours which include Monday evenings, the voters were provided extra hours on Saturday, Oct. 29th from 9am to 1pm. With this new law, voters may register to vote using the online voter registration website. The website is www.registertovotema.com and 16 and 17 year olds may now pre-register to vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Combined Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds	Long Term Debt	Total (memorandum)
Cash & Investments	987,782	1,928,383	3,362,277		6,278,443
Property & Excise Tax Receivables	382,068		5,689		387,757
Other Receivables	20,537	277,033	282,426		579,995
Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations				8,849,536	8,849,536
Total Assets	\$ 1,390,387	\$ 2,205,416	\$ 3,650,392	\$ 8,849,536	\$ 16,095,732
Payables	245,816	53,258	67,844		366,918
Allowance for Exempt & Abatements	148,571				148,571
Deferred Revenue:					
Property & Excise Taxes	233,497				233,497
Other Departmental	20,537	277,033	288,115		585,685
Bonds Payable				8,849,536	8,849,536
Total Liabilities	\$ 648,421	\$ 330,290	\$ 355,959	\$ 8,849,536	\$ 10,184,206
Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	29,520		99,058		128,579
Reserved For Expenditures	154,318				154,318
Other Reserves	2,242				2,242
Designated F/B		1,875,126			1,875,126
Undesignated F/B	555,886		3,195,375		3,751,262
Total Fund Balances	\$ 741,967	\$ 1,875,126	\$ 3,294,433	\$ -	\$ 5,911,526
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,390,387	\$ 2,205,416	\$ 3,650,392	\$ 8,849,536	\$ 16,095,732

**Schedule of Special Revenue Funds
As of June 30, 2016**

Ambulance Receipts Reserved	268,660
Cemetery Sale of Lots	151,104
Title V Loan Program	156,475
Insurance Proceeds	2,571
K-9 Grant	13,773
AMC Fund	901
Road Details	(304)
Firearms Licensing	1,250
Holden Hospital Fund	11,401
Police Donations	44,240
Emergency Management Donation	293
Fire Donations	3,070
Ambulance Donations	2,500
Historical Donations	4,660
COAGifts/Donations	10,586
Library Donations	3,032
250th Anniversary Celebration	215
Recreation 53D Fund	6,741
Paxton Days	851
COA Revolving Fund	13,682
Library Revolving	5,386
Recreation Revolving Fund	87,032
Wetland Protection	30,859
Cable Committee Revolving	151,695
Community Compact Grant	196
SETB Police Grant	(9,077)
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	(2,550)
Fire Safe Grant	1,975
Chapter 90 Grant	(227,900)
Cultural Council Grant	2,439
Library State Grant	25,105
Public Safety Complex	167
Equipment Purchase	1,796
Center School Green Project	55,494
Glad Hill Associates	55,563
Highland Village	1,482
Fox Run / Molumco Development	2,073
Forestdale Realty	8,096
JK Scanlan / PHP	6,666

TRUST FUNDS

	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>EXPENDABLE</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care	121,054	10,765
Village Improvement	1,000	1,623
D. Russell Poor Fund	7,675	10,167
C.D. Boynton General Purpose	1,000	64,188
Bigelow School	1,000	508
Richard Memorial Library	155,937	73,466
Howland Library	10,939	15,826
Bigelow Library	24,465	22,998
Hazel Gay	393	220
Library Trust AT&T, Lucent, Comcast	180	7,776
War Bond General Purpose		6,658
Conservation Fund		18,351
Municipal Affordable Housing		250
Capital Depreciation		27,673
Stabilization		398,819

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
Salaries	5,170	5,170		-
Secretary Salaries	42,787	41,938		849
Purchased Services	10,816	9,905		911
Supplies	500	489		11
Other Expenses	18,592	16,178		2,414
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
Salary	80,758	80,758		-
Purchased Services	900	630		270
Car Allowance		1,500		-
Supplies	100	93		7
<u>TOWN SERVICES</u>				
Coordinator Salary	26,967	25,891		1,076
Purchased Services	74	-		74
Supplies	300	264		36
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	260	155		105
Supplies	15			15
RESERVE FUND	15,390			15,390
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>				
Salary	29,140	29,140		-
Supplies	300	291		9
<u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u>				
Board Salary	4,586	4,586		-
Administrative Assessor	40,976	40,976		-
Purchased Services	3,460	3,212		248
Supplies	500	201		299
Other Expenses	15,500	15,447		53
<u>TREASURER</u>				
Salary	17,196	17,196		-
Assistant	9,898	9,464		434
Purchased Services	8,125	7,728	23	373
Supplies		295		4,344
Interest on Refunds	10,036	-	10,036	-
<u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u>				
Salary	37,906	37,906		-
Purchased Services	7,150	7,128		22
Supplies	925	42		883

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>				
Legal	20,800	20,757		43
Tax Title Legal Fees	5,000	5,000		-
<u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u>				
Purchased Services	14,376	14,376		-
Equipment	3,323	2,395		928
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Salary	32,793	32,793		-
Record Keeping	90	-		90
Assistant	8,904	8,897		7
Purchased Services	1,950	972		978
Supplies	1,200	1,197		3
Other Expenses	700	-		700
Elections - Tellers	6,600	2,460		4,140
Elections - Purchased Services	9,075	4,749		4,326
Elections - Supplies	5,000	3,203		1,797
Special Article - Voting Booths	6,606	5,528		1,078
Registrars - Salary	1,697	1,697		-
Registrars - Clerk	250	250		-
Registrars - Census Taker	500	-		500
Registrars - Purchased Services	728	636		93
Registrars - Supplies	850	610		240
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
Clerk	5,472	5,472		-
Purchased Services	915	915		-
Conferences	250	-		250
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	642	77		566
Supplies	139			139
<u>ZONING APPEALS BOARD</u>				
Purchased Services	600	84		516
Supplies	828			828
Dues	60			60
REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT	1,247	1,247		-
<u>WRTA</u>				
Compensation	10,900	7,661		3,239
Purchased Services	9,660	2,090		7,570
Supplies	7,075	74		7,001
HISTORICAL DIST PURCHASED SERV	200	200		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
<u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u>				
Purchased Services	15,800	10,993		4,807
Supplies	1,900	1,347		553
Senior Center Roof Replacement	65,000	59,000	6,000	-
Insurance Premiums	104,617	95,963		8,654
Insurance Encumbrance	20,000	20,000		-
Town Report Purchased Services	1,400	788		612
Town Clock Purchases Services	470	470		-
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Chief Salary	83,593	83,593		-
Compensation	823,846	823,846		-
Purchased Services	50,304	50,304		-
Supplies	51,300	49,526		1,773
Dues	1,400	1,400		-
Cruiser Purchase	36,842	36,841		1
Encumbrance	134	134		-
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
Chief Salary	39,497	39,497		-
Compensation	201,014	192,802		8,212
Purchased Services	43,491	39,185	4,306	-
Equipment	19,700	19,669		31
<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</u>				
Compensation	382,942	381,666		1,276
Purchased Services	35,475	34,922	461	92
Supplies	32,850	31,315	1,486	50
Prior Year Encumbrance	500	500		-
<u>INSPECTORS</u>				
Building - Compensation	21,697	21,697		-
Building - Local Inspector	2,000	1,800		200
Building - Purchased Services	250	50		200
Building - Supplies	25	-		25
Plumbing - Compensation	4,000	2,888		1,113
Wire - Compensation	4,591	4,591		-
Wire - Assistant Compensation	116	116		-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</u>				
Purchased Services	36,833	31,819	5,015	-
Expenses	2,500	1,408	848	244
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
Compensation	6,315	6,315		-
Purchased Services	2,500	1,895		605
Supplies	500	23		477

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
Compensation	6,610	6,610		-
Purchased Services	1,050	750		300
Supplies	175	-		175
<u>TREE WARDEN</u>				
Salary	1,275	1,275		-
Hourly Employee	624	624		-
Purchased Services	6,075	5,976		99
Supplies	50			50
Trees	1,000	903		97
<u>SCHOOLS</u>				
Wachusett Assessment	5,791,410	5,791,410		-
Vocational Assessment	198,384	198,384		-
<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Salary	57,137	55,546		1,591
Compensation	264,227	238,521		25,706
Purchased Services	118,150	118,131		19
Supplies	34,489	34,469		20
Type I Blacktop	-	-		-
Equipment / Loader Lease	27,028	27,028		-
Prior Year Encumbrance	164	164		-
Snow & Ice - Overtime	41,268	22,883		18,385
Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand	130,000	124,647		5,353
Snow & Ice - Equipment	6,050	6,050		-
Street Lights Electricity	21,637	21,637		-
Cemetery - Salary	1,782	1,782		-
Cemetery - Compensating	4,526	2,274		2,252
Cemetery - Purchased Services	930	798		132
Cemetery - Supplies	979	926		53
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
Waste Collections Contract	241,700	232,556		9,144
Salaries	371	371		-
Purchased Services	1,750	1,750		-
Supplies	188	175		13
Sanitation Engineer - Compensation	11,225	11,225		-
Inspector of Animals - Salary	494	494		-
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
Director Salary	22,729	22,344		385
Van Drivers	18,639	16,307		2,332
Outreach Coordinator	10,848	10,041		807
Purchased Services	4,000	3,558		442
Supplies	3,800	3,800		-
Other Expenses	1,190	1,096		94
Prior Year Encumbrance	106	106		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
<u>VETERANS AGENT</u>				
Salary	605	605		-
Purchased Services	100	-		100
Benefits	8,500	8,172		328
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
Director Salary	46,954	46,954		-
Compensation	35,986	29,552		6,434
Children's Librarian	34,933	34,933		-
Purchased Services	11,552	9,247		2,305
Supplies	35,934	35,926		8
Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	-
<u>RECREATION</u>				
Director Salary	14,833	14,833		-
Admin. Assistant	2,112	2,112		-
Purchased Services	10,000	9,707	60	233
Supplies	2,000	2,000		-
<u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u>				
Purchased Services	250	225		25
Supplies	150	74		76
250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	5,000	4,714	286	-
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
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	67,000	67,000		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	23,000	23,000		-
Title V Betterment	7,698	7,698		-
Interest:				
School Reconstruction	61,182	61,182		-
School Windows	2,805	2,805		-
DPW /Doors & Windows	1,133	1,133		-
DPW Dump Truck	4,250	4,250		-
Public Safety Complex	246,570	246,570		-
PSC Green Repairs	17,279	17,279		-
Fire Breathing Apparatus	5,106	5,106		-
Ambulance & Dump Truck	3,959	3,959		-
<u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u>				
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	9,539	9,539		-
Air Pollution	1,266	1,266		-
Registry Non Renewal	2,660	2,660		-
MBTA	24,059	24,059		-
Regional Transit	7,762	7,762		-

	Final Budget	Expenditures	Carried to Fiscal 2017	Closed to Surplus
<u>OTHER</u>				
Town Share Medicare	45,484	34,675		10,809
Employee Assistance Program	-			-
Health Insurance Premiums	481,958	440,917		41,041
Life Insurance	1,700	1,311		389
Insurance Deduct for Premiums	10,000	6,200		3,800
Prior Year Encumbrance Health Ins	1,205	205		1,000
Retirement Assessment	300,145	300,143		2
Unemployment	1,000	-		1,000
<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>				
Heat / Oil	48,100	35,401		12,699
Postage	7,400	6,000		1,400
Telephone	14,700	14,120		580
Electricity	71,000	70,728		272
Diesel	38,500	27,757		10,743
GENERAL FUND TOTALS	\$ 12,123,588	\$ 11,847,674	\$ 29,520	\$ 252,532

**Schedule of Outstanding Debt
As of June 30, 2016**

	Outstanding July 1, 2015	Issued	Retired	Outstanding June 30, 2016	Interest 2016
<u>LONG TERM - BONDS PAYABLE</u>					
School Renovations	1,320,000		330,000	990,000	61,182
Water Department	100,000		25,000	75,000	4,635
Title V Loan Program	46,036		7,698	38,338	-
DPW Bldg Renovations	26,500		2,300	24,200	1,133
DPW Dump Truck	100,000		25,000	75,000	4,250
School Windows	66,000		6,000	60,000	2,805
Public Safety Complex	4,012,500		321,700	3,690,800	172,195
Public Safety Complex - USDA	1,700,000		50,000	1,650,000	74,375
Fire - Breathing Apparatuses	138,000		23,000	115,000	5,106
Center School Green Project	467,000		67,000	400,000	17,279
Ambulance & Dump Truck		366,000		366,000	3,959
Water Tank		1,365,198		1,365,198	-
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	\$ 7,976,036	\$ 1,731,198	\$ 857,698	\$ 8,849,536	\$ 346,919



BOARD of ASSESSORS

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After a state mandated interim revaluation, based on sales in 2014, the total taxable Valuation as of January 1, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2016 was set at \$458,470,103.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2015 added \$3,456,390.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$230,200.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$1,224,127.

The Board received 11 abatement requests of which 8 were approved and processed.

The Assessors office is open Monday, Thursday and Friday 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**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Appropriations to be Raised	\$11,409,977.00	\$11,063,153.00	\$11,010,982.00
Appropriations from Available Funds	\$615,713.00	\$510,128.00	\$375,583.00
Offset Items	\$957,890.00	\$870,145.00	\$787,596.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State & County Assessments	\$45,286.00	\$58,300.00	\$52,787.00
Tax Title	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overlay	\$51,269.14	\$86,276.25	\$94,983.84
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	\$13,080,135.14	\$12,588,002.25	\$12,321,931.84
<u>Estimated Receipts</u>			
Local Aid and Agency Fund	\$963,524.00	\$945,307.00	\$930,786.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$643,577.31	\$638,942.12	\$560,226.02
Water Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Local Receipts	\$1,154,905.00	\$1,118,405.00	\$1,043,665.00
Available Funds - School Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds - Free Cash	\$290,173.00	\$302,313.00	\$200,000.00
Available Funds - Other	\$325,540.00	\$207,815.00	\$175,583.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$3,377,719.31	\$3,212,782.12	\$3,050,318.25
Net Amount to be Raised	\$9,702,415.83	\$9,375,220.13	\$9,271,613.59
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$9,443,723.00	\$9,168,114.00	\$8,849,131.00
<u>Valuations</u>			
Real Estate	\$449,987,075.00	\$432,438,725.00	\$422,007,169.00
Personal Property	\$8,483,028.00	\$8,477,642.00	\$8,494,795.00
Total Taxable Property	\$458,470,103.00	\$440,916,367.00	\$430,501,964.00
<u>Tax Rates</u>			
Residential	\$20.59	\$20.79	\$20.51
Open Space	\$20.59	\$20.79	\$20.51
Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop	\$20.59	\$20.79	\$20.51

Board of Assessors**Table II****Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise**

<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>FY2016</u>		<u>FY2015</u>		<u>FY2014</u>	
	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 17D: Widows	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 22A	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
Clause 22E	1	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Clause 22: Veterans	22	\$8,800.00	17	\$6,800.00	17	\$8,550.00
Clause 37: Blind	3	\$1,312.50	3	\$1,312.50	4	\$1,750.00
Clause 41: Elderly	9	\$6,750.00	8	\$6,000.00	11	\$7,875.00
Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Clause 42:	1	\$7,490.64	1	\$7,355.50	1	\$7,145.68
Totals	37	\$26,103.14	31	\$23,218.00	35	\$27,070.68
<u>Abatements</u>						
Real Estate	7	\$4,739.82	3	\$3,806.66	7	\$5,524.75
Personal Property	1	\$154.16	0	\$0.00	1	\$54.64
Farm Animal Excise	4	\$508.00	4	\$552.15	4	\$552.15
Motor Vehicle Excise	203	\$22,716.00	179	\$17,000.94	184	\$16,064.85
Total	215	\$28,117.98	186	\$21,359.75	196	\$22,196.39
<u>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</u>						
Bills Processed	5328	\$7,100,984.39	5110	\$684,306.91	4896	\$638,942.12
Dollar Value Less Abatements		\$7,078,268.39		\$667,305.97	0	\$622,877.27

Board of Assessors
Table III
Property Classification

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Increase/ Decrease</u>	<u>%</u>
Residential	\$433,626,448.00	\$416,464,260.00	\$17,162,188.00	4.0%
Commercial	\$10,701,327.00	\$10,673,265.00	\$28,062.00	0.3%
Industrial	\$5,659,300.00	\$5,301,200.00	\$358,100.00	6.3%
Personal Property	\$8,483,028.00	\$8,477,642.00	\$5,386.00	0.1%
Total Taxable Proper	\$458,470,103.00	\$440,916,367.00	\$17,553,736.00	4.0%
Exempt Property	\$69,091,811.00	\$69,091,811.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Valuation	\$527,561,914.00	\$510,008,178.00	\$17,553,736.00	3.4%



TOWN COLLECTOR

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FY 2016

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$11,294.84	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$11,294.84
Total	\$11,294.84	\$11,294.84

2003 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$3,884.68	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$3,884.68
Total	\$3,884.68	\$3,884.68

2004 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$2,574.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$2,574.35
Total	\$2,574.35	\$2,574.35

2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,895.00	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,878.75
Total	\$1,895.00	\$1,878.75

2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$747.50	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$747.50
Total	\$747.50	\$747.50

2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,451.36	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,451.36
Total	\$1,451.36	\$1,451.36

2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,648.35	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,648.35
Total	\$1,648.35	\$1,648.35

2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,488.86	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,488.86
Total	\$1,488.86	\$1,488.86

2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,293.65	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,293.65
Total	\$1,293.65	\$1,293.65

2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$4,256.04	
Abated		\$157.08
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$4,098.96
Total	\$4,256.04	\$4,256.04

2012 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$4,186.67	
Collected		\$713.12
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$3,473.55
Total	\$4,186.67	\$4,186.67

2013 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$3,027.20	
Collected		\$1,686.15
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$1,341.05
Total	\$3,027.20	\$3,027.20

2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$8,599.68	
Committed	\$63.75	
Refunded	\$1,430.41	
Collected		\$4,100.53
Abated		\$1,430.41
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$4,562.90
Total	\$10,093.84	\$10,093.84

2015 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$39,190.82	
Committed	\$68,040.30	
Refunded	\$7,565.70	
Collected		\$99,206.79
Abated		\$8,077.83
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$7,512.20
Total	\$114,796.82	\$114,796.82

2016 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Committed	\$633,074.09	
Refunded	\$7,245.69	
Collected		\$576,000.11
Abated		\$13,410.78
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$50,908.89
Total	\$640,319.78	\$640,319.78

2015 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$47.50	
Collected		\$47.50
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$47.50	\$47.50

2016 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$509.50	
Collected		\$475.50
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$34.00
Total	\$509.50	\$509.50

2016 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

Committed	\$22,128.46	
Collected		\$22,128.46
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$0.00
Total	\$22,128.46	\$22,128.46

* Please note that there is no outstanding 2009 thru 2012 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

2013 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$53.66	
Collected		\$53.66
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$0.00
Total	\$53.66	\$53.66

2014 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$205.28	
Collected		\$169.10
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$36.18
Total	\$205.28	\$205.28

2015 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$963.97	
Collected		\$726.28
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$237.69
Total	\$963.97	\$963.97

2016 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

Committed	\$174,665.56	
Refunded	\$1,021.83	
Collected		\$174,865.29
Abated		\$154.16
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$667.94
Total	\$175,687.39	\$175,687.39

2014 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$773.84	
Collected		\$773.84
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$0.00
Total	\$773.84	\$773.84

2015 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$101,509.26	
Collected		\$88,421.66
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$8,790.52
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$4,297.08
Total	\$101,509.26	\$101,509.26

2016 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

Committed	\$9,287,778.35	
Refunded	\$32,033.60	
Positive Adjustment	\$3.80	
Collected		\$9,197,261.27
Abated		\$30,842.96
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$29,037.60
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$62,673.92
Total	\$9,319,815.75	\$9,319,815.75

Tax Title - Various Years

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$120,791.31	
Positive Adjustment	\$441.42	
Transferred into Tax Title	\$42,741.53	
Collected		\$49,653.91
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$114,320.35
Total	\$163,974.26	\$163,974.26

Tax Possessions

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$101,587.37	
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$101,587.37
Total	\$101,587.37	\$101,587.37

2015 Fiscal Light Liens

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$1,532.68	
Collected		\$1,532.68
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$0.00
Total	\$1,532.68	\$1,532.68

2016 Fiscal Light Liens

Committed	\$26,824.45	
Collected		\$22,437.83
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$4,386.62
Total	\$26,824.45	\$26,824.45

2016 Fiscal Trash Liens

Committed	\$4,784.43	
Collected		\$4,414.43
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$370.00
Total	\$4,784.43	\$4,784.43

2016 Fiscal Water Liens

Committed	\$20,405.56	
Transferred out to Tax Title		\$340.25
Collected		\$18,762.88
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$1,302.53
Total	\$20,405.56	\$20,405.66

2016 Fiscal Title V

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$62,979.12	
Collected		\$2,278.01
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$60,701.11
Total	\$62,979.12	\$62,979.12

2016 Fiscal Title V Betterments

Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$13,984.00	
Collected		\$4,888.50
Outstanding June 30, 2016		\$9,095.50
Total	\$13,984.00	\$13,984.00

2016 Income and Expense Liens

Committed	\$1,250.00	
Collected		\$1,250.00
Outstanding June 30, 2015		\$0.00
Total	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00

2015 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

Interest Received on all Taxes	\$18,569.87
Certificates of Municipal Lien	\$5,225.00
Lien Fees	\$3,775.15
Demand & Warrant Fees	\$26,600.00
Return Check Fees	(\$2.36)
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	\$3,950.00
Dog Fines	\$0.00
Collector's Interest	\$3,196.78
Betterment Interest	\$699.20
Title V and Interest	\$2,889.55
Agency Interest	\$35.87
Cultural Council Interest	\$2.98
Total	\$64,942.04

Water Department Receipts

Readings	\$854,585.19
Installation & Repairs	\$63,747.84
Interest Received on Water Receipts	\$199.92
Water Lien Receipts & Fees	\$18,762.88
Water Late Charges Received	\$5,719.61
Other Local Receipts	\$1,212,612.39
Total	\$2,155,627.83

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

TOWN HALL	
Dennis Benoit	4,591.00
Peter Bogren	1,958.00
Thomas Carroll	123.67
Kateri Clute	1,146.50
Donna Couture	30,260.75
Wayne Curran	11,225.00
Denis Leo	7,840.05
Donna Graf-Parsons	43,155.95
Timothy Hackett	302.50
Dennis Harney	3,410.00
Doris Huard	1,528.67
Jeffrey Kent	302.50
Sheryl Lombardi	26,666.67
Deirdre Malone	57,221.85
John Malone	1,606.00
Mia McDonald	7,560.00
Adam Menard	9,296.45
David Parent	123.66
Jean Parent	494.00
Julia Pingitore	1,606.00
Kim Peloquin	21,662.81
Carol Riches	85,395.00
James Robert	1,275.00
Joanne Savignac	1,528.67
John Slabich	116.00
Kathleen Stanley	41,752.25
Susan Stone	34,304.26
Richard Travers	2,225.00
Richard Trifero	22,573.75
B. Peter Warren	6,610.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Rodolfo Acuna	537.66
Corey Anderson	6,626.01
Brandon Andexler	1,646.19
Nicholas Andexler	16,355.44
Jon Belanger	1,270.27

Michael Benoit	13,588.84
Lionel Berthiaume	302.28
Joseph Bialecki	787.92
Charles Borowy	1,790.51
James Carleton	69,338.28
Jay Conte	50,705.35
Peter Conte	9,279.74
Jonathan Cooper	728.22
Joshua Cooper	769.44
Tyler Crabb	1,428.96
Albert Deshler	2,953.20
Richard Doughty	2,039.96
Nolan Flynn	2,646.86
Richard Gaffney	7,939.12
Cynthia Gaudet	61,774.67
Kenneth Grensavitch	1,173.44
Jonathan Hanson	7,308.28
James Hansson	4,711.28
Ryan Hobbs	2,214.86
James Johnson	1,673.70
Kevin Kelly	49,906.24
Brian Kellelea	1,785.00
Christopher Koretski	3,434.05
Richard McGinn	68,607.64
Shawn Mead	52,393.74
Andrew Miller	133.56
Jeffrey Olson	56,546.19
Jeremy Parkinson	5,601.39
Michael Pingitore	80,750.60
Jason Putnam	3,761.74
Kevin Quinn	6,393.99
Jerrold Ravid	2,102.22
Gary Richards	8,857.34
Michael Rowe, Jr.	192.36
Joshua Roy	10,774.28
Thomas Savage, Jr.	9,690.09
James Scheuritzel	3,926.03
James Smith	288.54
Meghan Stevens	2,167.81

Mina Thabet	4,328.37
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
Brennen Cheney	24,252.86
Tracey Coetzee	6,574.65
Roni Huard	49,691.89
Samuel Knipe	3,786.01
Mark Leveille	48,964.86
Philip McPherson	49,507.56
Michael Putnam	76,753.70
Michael Putnam Jr	2,365.00
Gary Richards	53,957.09
Christopher Ross	51,776.43
Travis Thibault	87,299.18
LIBRARY	
Deborah Bailey	48,850.23
Barbara Braley	5,561.48
Hallie Brown	1,343.50
Tori Brown	25.00
Arnold Childs, Jr.	4,978.01
Kim Cooke	7,928.69
Danielle Martin	1,087.64
Emily Orciuch	778.50
Lillian O'Riordan	298.00
Lois Shorten	28,331.35
Susan Wheeler	16,487.16
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	
Kathy Card	18,114.73
Lee Ann Card	466.00
Juvan Coetzee	1,134.00
James Devens	568.00
Lindsey Giorgi	224.00
Erica Johnsson	144.00
Paul Johnson	762.00
Craig Larson	562.50
Ashlynn Peterson	816.00
Katie Riches	40.00
Anthony Riopel	535.00
Carly Sansoucy	928.00
Megan Smith	284.00

Cameron Sullivan	752.00
Jordan Turgeon	112.00
Diana West	2,561.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	
Paul Belsito	5,711.04
John Crowley	11,072.26
Cynthia Love	15,087.12
Gerald Ryan	23,412.28
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	
Ashley Anderson	49,009.40
Laura Cassady	12,349.32
Richard Fairbanks	41,172.48
Sean McKiernan	1,854.16
Jacob Moisio	8,600.44
Andrew Montiverdi	1,458.00
Timothy Robinson	17,545.96
Mitchell Rogers	36,131.16
Mark Anthony Rouse	666.79
Brian Ryder	9,273.69
Jason Sherblom	1,719.76
Jeffrey Tasca	10,489.28
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
John Ahern	600.00
Susan Burdett	56,534.69
John Crowley	600.00
Cheryl Kerxhalli	5,568.00
David Laflamme	44,950.81
Jason Lavallee	73,779.00
Yvette Orell	71,599.75
David Renzetti	109,348.65
Tara Rondeau	25,297.94
Matthew Stone	77,778.54
Emerson Wheeler	600.00
Timothy White	101,481.57
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Guy Bibeau	88,875.95
Joseph Coggans	109,048.52
Robert Desrosiers	127,340.79
Kenneth Johnson	99,469.32

David Keller	68,750.44
William Lang	73,051.61
Matthew Morin	80,046.62
Eva Ryan	51,823.52
Mark Savasta	148,054.16
Jason Silvestri	114,919.09
Douglas Tripp	67,364.08
Forrest Thorpe III	109,148.10
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Paul Ciance	10,307.68
Shawn Davis	49,723.49
Christopher Duff	37,474.66
John Jovan	8,380.74
Kevin Mailman	5,402.24
Gino Molinari	234.88
Dioney Nunez	41,843.05
Rachel Pawlina	22,594.72
Russell Toedt	7,809.76
Michael Tremblay	11,557.36
David Warren	49,332.77