PAXTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2014

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

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

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

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

The Moderator began with Article 2.

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

Motion was seconded by John Malone

The Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval

The Finance Committee recommended approval

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT DID NOT PASS.
Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,355,125 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from the EMS Receipts Account, the sum of $115,000 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 Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of $75,000 or any other sum, and to further appropriate from Free Cash the sum of $302,313 or any other sum, for a total appropriation of $5,855,136 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, 2014, and especially for any and all of the items shown on the attached Budget; or act in any way thereon.

Motion made and seconded to take no action on Article 1.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended that no action be taken.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 1.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $245,108 to pay its assessed share of the Bay Path Regional Technical School Budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014; or act in any way thereon.

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

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended that no action be taken.

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

Article 4:

Michael Putnam moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate through Water Department receipts the sum of $1,370,000 for the engineering, planning, construction, and all other costs associated with the replacement of the sixty-year-old water tank on Maple Street, Paxton, MA with a new elevated water tank at the same location, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow $1,370,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other applicable statute; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water
Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with said Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town's Board of Water Commissioners be authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

The motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

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

Article 5:

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

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Compensations</td>
<td>$142,540</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses</td>
<td>$591,717</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debt</td>
<td>$35,388</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maple St. Water Tank Debt</td>
<td>$90,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>$859,645</td>
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And that $859,645.00 be raised as follows:

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Department receipts</td>
<td>$859,645</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retained Earnings</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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Motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 6:

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

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

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $30,000 or any other sum to the Capital Depreciation Fund, or act in any way thereon.

Motion was made to take no action on Article 7.

Motion seconded by Julia Pingitore

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

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

Article 8:

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

Motion was seconded by John Malone

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 9:

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

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED.
Article 10:

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

It was moved to take no action on Article 10.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval to take no action.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION ON ARTICLE 10.

Article 11:

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

Motion was made to take no action on Article 11.

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval to take no action.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Article 12:

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

The motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

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

Article 13:

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

The motion was seconded by Julia Pingitore.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 14:

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

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<th>Revolving Fund</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Funds to be Deposited from</th>
<th>Maximum Expenditure</th>
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<tr>
<td>Council on Aging</td>
<td>Van Replacement</td>
<td>Donations and fees from riders</td>
<td>$25,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recreation Revolving</td>
<td>Support of all Recreation Programs</td>
<td>Program fees, donations gifted, private sponsorship, facilities fees</td>
<td>$75,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library</td>
<td>Purchase New Books</td>
<td>Fines for overdue books &amp; videos</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
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Or act in any way thereon.

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

Motion was seconded by John Malone.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 15:

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

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.**

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