

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PAXTON

Year Ending June 30, 2011



In Memory of Edward H. Duane
Paxton Historian
January 31, 1920 to June 22, 2011

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WITH GREATFUL THANKS FOR PAST SERVICE

Caroline Grinstead
Library Trustee

Robert Pelczarski
Recreation Commission

William Trotta
Recreation Commission

James Lang
Personnel Advisory Board

Lois Breault-Melican
*Historical Commission &
Historical District Study Committee*

Anita Fenton
*Historical District Study
Committee*

Matthew Atanian
Historical District Study Committee

Jay Gallant
Historical District Study Committee

Daniel Gehrich
*Historical District Study
Committee*

Paul Robinson
Historical District Study Committee

Michele Nelson
Cultural Council



TOWN OFFICERS
May 2010 to May 2011

ELECTED OFFICIALS

| | | |
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| Board of Selectmen | | |
| Frederick G. Goodrich, Chair | 2011 | |
| William Trotta, Vice Chair | 2012 | |
| Peter Bogren Jr. | 2013 | |
| Town Clerk | | |
| Susan Stone | 2012 | |
| Treasurer | | |
| Deirdre L. Malone | 2011 | |
| Collector | | |
| Deirdre L. Malone | 2011 | |
| Moderator | | |
| Francis A. Ford | 2011 | |
| Constables | | |
| William Trotta | 2011 | |
| B. Peter Warren Jr. | 2011 | |
| Tree Warden | | |
| Adam Smith | 2011 | |
| Wachusett Regional School District Committee | | |
| William Clute | 2012 | |
| Robert Pelczarski | 2011 | |
| Municipal Light Board | | |
| Michael J. Benoit, Chair | 2011 | |
| Emerson Wheeler III | 2013 | |
| Paul F. Crowley | 2012 | |
| Assessors | | |
| Doris E. Huard | 2011 | |
| Joanne Savignac | 2012 | |
| Donna Graf-Parsons, resigned | 2013 | |
| Janice Childs | 2013 | |
| Water Board | | |
| John F. Malone, Chair | 2011 | |
| David J. Trulson | 2012 | |
| Local Water Resources Mgt Official | | |
| Charles Bolster | 2013 | |
| Board of Health | | |
| Thomas B. Carroll | 2012 | |
| Judy A. Hatstat | 2011 | |
| David Parent, Chair | 2013 | |
| Planning Board | | |
| Neil Bagdis, Chair | 2012 | |
| David Bennett | 2011 | |
| Pamela Vasil-Sagarian | 2015 | |
| Henry Stidsen | 2014 | |
| Julie Jacobson | 2013 | |

Library Trustees

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Michelle Nelsen | 2013 |
| Charles L. Innis Jr., Chair | 2013 |
| Caroline Grinstead | 2012 |
| Patricia Dawson | 2011 |
| Roger Brunelle | 2011 |
| Louise Erskine, Resigned | 2012 |
| Kerry Orciuch | 2012 |

Recreation Commission

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Betsy Howard | 2011 |
| Chuck Putney | 2013 |
| Susan Chianese | 2011 |
| Katie Siemen | 2013 |
| Paul Riches, Chairman | 2012 |

Cemetery Commission

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|-------------------|------|
| Patricia Belsito | 2012 |
| Lois Melican | 2011 |
| Christopher Stone | 2013 |

Bay Path Regional Voc. Representatives

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| Robert Wilby | 2011 |
| Sandy Benoit | 2013 |

APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD

Town Administrator

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|----------------------------|------|
| Charles Blanchard, retired | 2011 |
| Carol Riches | 2011 |

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

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| Carol Riches | 2011 |
| Donna Graf-Parsons | 2011 |

Town Services Coordinator

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| Sheryl Lombardi | 2011 |
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Town Accountant

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| Donna Couture | 2011 |
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Superintendent DPW

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| Michael Putnam | 2011 |
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Veteran's Agent

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| Timothy Hackett | 2011 |
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Veteran's Grave Officer

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|-----------------|------|
| Timothy Hackett | 2011 |
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Inspector of Wires

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| Dennis Benoit | 2011 |
| John Slabich, Asst | 2011 |

Building Commissioner

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|----------------------------|------|
| Richard Trifero | 2011 |
| Richard Travers, Assistant | 2011 |

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| Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control | | Justin Thackeray, Vice Chair | 2012 |
| Adam Smith | 2011 | Connie White | 2011 |
| Board of Appeals | | Holly Robert, Associate | 2012 |
| Susan Serrato | 2014 | Matthew Erskine, Associate | 2011 |
| Forrest Smith | 2015 | | |
| Kirk Huelhs | 2012 | Insurance Advisory Committee | |
| Paul Robinson | 2011 | Deirdre Malone | 2011 |
| Richard Grensavitch, | 2013 | Joseph Thompson | 2011 |
| Roberta Brien, Alternate | 2011 | Gary Richards | 2011 |
| Robert Callahan, Alternate | 2012 | Carol Riches | 2011 |
| Margie O'Donnell | 2015 | Eva Ryan, Chair | 2011 |
| | | Harold Smith | 2011 |
| Board of Registrars | | Cable & Communication Committee | |
| Mary Ann Paquette | 2011 | Carol Riches | |
| Phyllis Callahan | 2013 | Raymond Charette, Chair | |
| Gerald Teran | 2012 | Scott Wilson | |
| Town Counsel | | Agents for License Commission | |
| Peter J. Dawson, Esquire | 2011 | Donna Graf-Parsons | 2011 |
| Sexual Harassment Officers | | Central Mass Regional Planning | |
| Charles Blanchard, retired | 2011 | Christian S. Baehrecke | |
| Carol Riches | 2011 | Neil Bagdis, Alternate | |
| Measurer of Wood, Bark, Field Drivers & Fence Viewers | | Personnel Advisory Board | |
| Larry Hammerberg | 2011 | Heather Courtney | 2012 |
| | | Paul Sullivan | 2012 |
| Care of Clock | 2011 | Council On Aging | |
| Bruce Cheney | | Barbara Braley | 2011 |
| Hazardous Waste Coordinator | | Robert Callahan | 2011 |
| Jay Conte, Fire Chief | 2011 | Howard Coleman | 2013 |
| Emergency Management Director | | Alice Crowley | 2011 |
| Charles Bolster | 2011 | Curtis Hammer | 2012 |
| William Trotta, Assistant | 2011 | George Howatt | 2012 |
| Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden | | Doris E. Huard | 2012 |
| Jay Conte | 2011 | Jean Wilde | 2013 |
| | | Natalie Siemen, Assoc | |
| Police Department Chief | | Louise Howatt, Assoc | |
| Robert Desrosiers | 2011 | Historical Commission | |
| Full Time Officers | | Alfred Niemi | 2011 |
| Kenneth Johnson, Patrolman | 2012 | Susan Corcoran | 2011 |
| David Keller, Patrolman | 2012 | Larry Spongberg | 2013 |
| William F. Lang, Sergeant | 2012 | Anita Fenton | 2013 |
| Mark S. Savasta, Sergeant | 2012 | Pamela Hair | 2012 |
| Jason Silvestri, Detective | 2012 | Donna MacLean | 2011 |
| Forrest Thorpe | 2012 | Denis Melican, Chair | 2012 |
| Joseph Coggans | 2012 | Historic District Commission | |
| Conservation Commission | | Lois Breault-Melican | 2011 |
| Marisa Ayvasian | 2011 | Anita Fenton, Chairman | 2011 |
| Michael Voorhis | 2013 | Jay Gallant | 2011 |
| Christopher Keenan, Chair | 2013 | Paul Robinson | 2011 |
| James Robert | 2013 | | |
| Daniel Gehrlich | 2012 | | |

Cultural Council
 Christie Barnes 2014
 Daniel Gehrlich 2013
 Anita Fenton, Chair 2015
 Barbara Lorge 2011
 Barbara Socha 2011
 Barbara Beall-Fofana 2012

Paxton Housing Partnership Committee
 Martha Akstin 2013
 Sue-Anne Bock 2012
 Anita Fenton 2013
 Nancy McBride 2011
 Kevin Quinn 2013
 Joanne Savignac 2012
 James Stone 2011
 Paul Robinson 2011

Anna Maria Scholarship Committee
 Debra M. Henderson, Chair 2011
 Carol Riches 2011
 William Trotta 2011

Capital Improvement Committee
 Charlie Blanchard, retired 2011
 Carol Riches 2011
 Forrest Smith 2011
 Gerald Ryan 2011
 Donna Parsons, resigned 2011
 James Stone 2011
 Jeffrey Dumas 2011

Election Officers
 Beverly Berthel
 Donald Berthel
 Mary Byrnes
 Janice Carlson
 Cecilia Carroll
 Janet Chapman
 Patricia Cole
 Victoria Copp
 Margaret Eident
 Gino Gangai
 Robert Herron
 Kathryn Kingsbury
 Michelle Nelsen
 Annette McKiernan
 Nancy Proulx
 Marguerite Ryan
 Natlie Siemen
 Sandra Vaudo

Public Safety Complex Committee
 Richard Bedard, Chair
 Charlie Blanchard
 Paul Crowley
 Richard Sansoucy
 Harold Smith
 Veda Ulcickas
 Jay Conte
 Robert Desrosiers
 Frederick Goodrich

Master Plan Implementation Committee
 Joanne Savignac
 Robert Bostwick, Chair
 Robert Johnson
 Kevin Quinn
 Paul Mathieu
 Scott Runstrom
 Scott Siemen
 Charlie Blanchard, Ex Officio, retired
 Frederick Goodrich, Ex Officio

Affordable Housing Trustee
 Martha Akstin 2011
 John Hurley 2011
 William Trotta 2011
 Michael Quinlivan 2011
 Richard Sansoucy 2011
 James Stone 2011
 Frederick Goodrich 2011

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

Town Building Needs Committee
 Richard Fenton
 Jay Gallant
 Paul Robinson
 James Stone

Liaison to State Ethics Commission
 Charles Blanchard, retired
 Carol Riches

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Board
 Jamie Contonio 2013
 Jennifer Lennon 2013
 Gayle Ireland 2012
 James Lang 2012
 Richard Fenton, Chair 2011
 Philip Dilorio 2011
 June Herron 2011
 Scott Runstrom 2013
 Peter Schur 2012

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Plumbing Inspector
Dennis Harney
John P. Dolen, Assistant

Sanitary Inspector
Wayne Curran
Richard M. Cox, Environmental Engineer

Burial Agent
Ronald Johnson

Animal Inspector
Jean Parent

Animal Control Officer
B. Peter Warren Jr.

Rubbish/Recycling Collection
Central Mass Disposal
13 Hardscrabble Road
Auburn, MA 01501

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

First Responders
Cory Anderson EMT
Michael Benoit –Captain - EMT
Andrew Eisch EMT
Dan Gagne EMT
Peter Conte EMT
Kenneth Grensavitch EMT
Richards Latour EMT
Jeffrey Olson EMT
Michael Pingitore EMT
Thomas Savage Lieutenant EMT
John Cutter EMT
Michael Daniels EMT
John D’Auria EMT
Erick Millette EMT

APPOINTED BY FIRE CHIEF

Firefighters
Rudi Acuna
Steve Brotherton
Mike Flek
Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief
James Hansson
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief
Adam Martin
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
Gary Richards – Lieutenant
Michael Rowe
Raymond Savignac
Orville Sheldon – Lieutenant
Alex Ward
Lionel Berthiame
Richard Doughty
Amanda Drew
James Foley
Brian Killelea
Kyle Marcinkiewiz
John Shea



*REPORTS OF ELECTED AND
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS AND
BOARDS*

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Like the last several years 2011 – 12 have been difficult years for the town financially. Revenues for auto excise taxes were down by approximately \$43 thousand dollars. We had to hold a special town meeting to transfer funds to cover the short fall in October 2011. FY11 was destined to be a difficult year financially due to a need to reduce the town's budget by \$135,085. This reduction in state aid and local revenues is affecting the town's ability to take care of infrastructure and the town's monetary reserves; as we are not able to add to the depreciation and stabilization accounts.

The board of selectman changed as John Malone replaced Fred Goodrich on the board and William Trotta became Chairperson. A new Town Administrator took over for retiring Charles Blanchard. The new Administrator is now Mrs. Carol Riches. On her first annual review she received outstanding scores and her contract was increased to three years. We also acquired a new Light Department Manager, Mr. Gregory D. DeStasi who is also doing an outstanding job. In the last black out Paxton was one of the first towns in the region to get power restored.

Thanks to the efforts of Chief Robert Desrosiers and the administration at Anna Maria College one major accomplishment was the entering into and signing of a contract between Ann Maria College and the Town of Paxton. This contract would provide police protection for the college by the Town's police department. All cost born by the college. It did increase the size and efficiency of the Paxton Police Department and the efficiency of police response on and off of campus. As of now the arrangement has worked out very well.

The Board of Selectmen also approved the spending of \$210,000 dollars for new SCBA and other equipment for the Town's fire department.

The purchase and transfer of the Muir Woods property also took place. The cost was one million dollars. The town's contribution was \$100 thousand dollars. The rest came from the Land Trust, City of Worcester, and donations. The City of Worcester will preserve and maintain the property. This will insure that no building will take place on the property, and the water flowing into the lower reservoir will not be contaminated by runoff.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Paxton and JK Scanlan took place. This represented the initiation of talks to move forward with a ground lease for the senior housing project that is proposed on the Holden Road/Grove Street's property donated by Mr. Klingele to the Town. Selectmen Trotta and Goodrich went to Boston and met with Senator Harriet Chandler and the director of the DCR and several of the staff members. The topic was the perseveration and up keep of Moore State Park. It was noted that the park has over 70,000 visitors a year to the facility, much more than Rutland State Park. As a result of the meeting it was promised that the staffing levels would be maintained at current levels and a meeting between the DCR and the Friends of Moore State Park would be held to insure that no changes would take place. 2010/2011 was a very difficult winter with numerous snow storms. The DPW

under the direction of Mike Putnam and the members of his work force did a tremendous job keeping up with the accumulation and keeping the roadways clear and sanded, as well as clearing the fire hydrants.

As a result of an agreement, the DPW took over the maintenance of the Town's field's from the Recreation Commission; this should make the up keep more consistent and efficient.

Other notable accomplishments this past year were: The painting and repair of the White Building. A new and fuller Christmas tree for the Town Common. A new roof and windows for the Paxton Center School. Several new traffic signs installed at various locations. Traffic signal post painted. Towns Health Insurance kept at a low level. The Town DPW is assisting the Paxton Little League with the installation of a new concession stand and rest rooms made possible with a generous donation from the Country Bank. The lease of a new Front End loader for the DPW. Receipt of a \$1,500 dollar CERT grant for the Emergency Management Department. To be used to purchase equipment for the shelter at Anna Maria college. Application for a MEMA grant of \$2,000 to also be used for shelter equipment. Participated in a joint Selectboard meeting with members of the Wachusett region select boards to discuss the Wachusett School District's budget. Put on hold the renovation of the old police station on West Street.

I would like to thank all of the Town's department heads and their staff's for doing an outstanding job this fiscal years. Also, on behalf of the Selectboard, I would like to thank all the citizens who came forward to serve on numerous boards and commissions .These elected and volunteer efforts greatly contribute to the excellent quality of life in the Town of Paxton. Lastly, I would like to thank Donna-Graf-Parsons, secretary to the select board for her dedicated and efficient service she has provided to us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Trotta
Chairman of the Select board

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated department managers, town employees, elected officials and numerous volunteers who serve on the many boards, commissions and committees for all of their hard work and commitment to make Paxton a better place for everyone. We wouldn't have the Town we have if it wasn't for all these outstanding people.

After six years as Paxton's first Town Administrator, Charlie Blanchard retired, and I took over as his successor on January 1, 2011. I would like to thank Charlie for all his hard work and dedication and providing me with the guidance and contribute over the years.

The year also experienced changes in personnel in other Town Hall Departments. Nancy Wilby retired from the Town Service Coordinators position after over ten years dedication to the Town. Sheryl Lombardi took over as Town Service Coordinator and has provided a smooth transition.

Donna Graf Parsons took over as the Administrative Assistant position in the Office of the Board of Selectmen. Although it was a disappointment to the Assessors, who lost their Administrative Assessor it was a wonderful move from my perspective and the Board of Selectmen.

Kathy Stanley replaced Donna in the Assessor's Office and came to us with excellent knowledge of the Assessor's data software, "Vision Appraisal" and the permitting process. Kathy has fitted into the office very well.

Fiscal year 2011 started out with a lower Town budget than the previous year, so all indications were that it was going to be a financially challenging year. The same is happening in Paxton as it is in other towns, we are getting by but our building maintenance and infrastructure is suffering.

The Town moved forward in other areas, some of the accomplishments of the Town included:

- In February we negotiated a one year contract for the Patrolmen and Police Chief.
- The Town authorized the Board of Selectmen to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and a Ninety Nine Year Ground Lease with JK Scanlan Inc. to build a proposed Paxton Senior Residential Development to be situated on the land known as Klinge property, on Holden Road.
- The Board of Selectmen adopted a Meeting Posting Policy to be in compliance with the new Open Meeting Laws.
- The Board of Selectmen attended meetings in Boston to keep Moore State Park fully operational; through these efforts the park remained open.
- The Town voted to make repairs to the Paxton Center School roof and windows with the assistance of a 52% reimbursable grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Work is due to start in the fall and will be completed in January 2012.
- The Public Safety Building Committee dissolved in June 2011, after meeting for over four years to bring the project from design to completion. We now have a building that we can be proud of and in part thanks to the dedication of the whole committee under the chairmanship of Dick Bedard.
- The Town scored 42 points on the Commonwealth Capital application.

- The Personnel Advisory Board accepted the revised Employee Handbook and this was distributed to all Town Employees.
- The Water Department received a Capital Improvement Grant of \$7,500, which allowed them to hire Tighe & Bond to prepare an Inventory and Capital Improvement Plan for the future.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol L. Riches
Town Administrator

BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is a breakdown of the Board of Health's activities for fiscal year 2010:
Inspections by Sanitary Inspector:

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| Septic Plan Reviews | 17 |
| Septic Permits Issued | 17 |
| Septic Inspections | 26 |
| Soil Percolation Tests | 20 |
| Food Inspections | 25 |
| Summer Camp Inspections | 25 |
| Semi Public Pool Inspections | 5 |
| Complaints | 10 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Curran
Sanitary Inspector, Board of Health

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Paxton:

The FY2012 budget approved at the Annual Town Meeting reflects an effort by the Finance Committee to recommend a budget that maintains existing services while restoring those services that had been limited during the last two budget cycles. The Operating Budget as approved is \$3,993,095. This represents an increase of 5.6% from FY2011. However, the inclusion of debt service which is reduced from last year results in an overall projected Municipal Budget of \$5,280,766, or a 3.1% increase over the budget of FY2011. Budgets for fixed costs are generally increased. County Retirement and Employee Insurance are increased 8% and 1.9%, respectively, whereas Insurance and Bonds remains unchanged. Central Purchasing increases over 4% as a result of higher projected oil costs. With respect to education, Paxton's Baypath assessment for FY2012 is \$229,515, representing a 7.3% increase from FY2011. Our Wachusett Regional School District assessment increases by 2.6% (not including the excluded debt). This increase amounts to approximately half of Paxton's new revenue

projected for the year. Considering that the WRSD assessment is close to half of our town's entire budget, this increase is not thought to be unreasonably large. Paxton's FY2012 State Aid is

\$545,956, representing a decrease of 5% from FY2011. If State Charges are included, the total revenue received from the State is down 6.1% from FY2011.

Consideration was given to distribute available revenue with the goal of restoring Public Safety budgets. Police and Highway receive 32% and 35% of our projected new revenue, respectively. Funding for engineering services, equipment rental, line painting and some blacktop has been restored to the DPW budget. With respect to personnel costs, significant increases have been proposed. The Police budget reflects successful contract negotiations with this department's personnel. Budgeted DPW payroll increases will allow potential in-grade step increases after job performance evaluation, changes in license requirements and increases in responsibilities. In addition, for the DPW it is proposed that a new hire fill one equipment operator position that has been vacant for two years. The Tree Warden budget is increased to enable replacement of some dead and dying trees along Paxton's by-ways. All non-contract municipal employees are awarded a cost of living adjustment of 2%. Finally, various budgets are supplemented to cover the vacation and sick time earned by part-time personnel as mandated by the Select Board.

Although our immediate objectives have been met with this budget, it must be remembered that our General Stabilization Fund has been reduced over the last two years and, once again, all our Free Cash has been utilized to pay for operating expenses. Furthermore, our infrastructure continues to deteriorate. We continue the hope that at some point in the future, these deficiencies will be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Fenton, Chair

PAXTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

The time commitment and the risk of injury increases each year, therefore it is difficult to recruit new members to our profession. We advertise in newspapers, recruit at schools and solicit through word of mouth. New recruits must be willing and able to pass a physical examination, strength requirements, attend Mass Fire Academy Firefighter 1 and 2 sponsored by our regional fire district. The classroom and practical schedule is 160 hours completed in 5 months, and then all recruits must pass a written and practical exam before they are allowed on the department.

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

Paxton Fire Department began ambulance ALS transport service in July 2007 with our used

vehicle. Paxton Fire and Spencer Rescue Squad Inc. entered into an agreement to provide ambulance service to the citizens of Paxton and provide Paxton Fire's EMT'S with training and skill reviews. The regional approach between our two services has been a success and many town residents have benefited from this service. The Town leased a second new 2008 ambulance in September 2008 using private funds and donations.

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

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

This year two of our active firefighters turned sixty-five and retired, Lieutenant Orville Sheldon and Firefighter Peter Warren. Orville remains on as our safety officer and recruit training for the regional programs.

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 EMT

Michael Benoit – Captain – EMT

Lionel Berthiame

Steven Brotherton

Peter Conte EMT

John Cutter EMT

Richard Doughty

Amanda Drew

Michael Daniels EMT

John D'Auria EMT

Andrew Eisch EMT

Mike Flek

James Foley

Richard Gaffney – Deputy Chief

Dan Gagne EMT

Kenneth Grensavitch – EMT

James Hansson
Richard Jenkins – Deputy Chief
Brian Killelea
Richard Latour EMT
Kyle Marcinkiewiz
Adam Martin
Erick Millette EMT
Jeffrey Olson EMT
Michael Pingitore – Lieutenant EMT
Kevin Quinn – Lieutenant
Gary Richards – Lieutenant
Michael Rowe
Thomas Savage – Lieutenant EMT
Raymond Savignac
John Shea
Orville Sheldon
Alex Ward EMT

Respectfully submitted,

Jay J. Conte
Fire Chief - EMT

RICHARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library has continued to be a very active place as patrons checked out once again over 50,000 materials in the format of books, DVD's, Books on CD and magazines. Museum passes, paid for by the "Friends" or through Cultural Council grants provided free or reduced admission to many cultural institutions.

Lois Shorten, children's librarian, has built up a following of moms and their children for story hours, pajama time and summer reading. "Dog Bones", where children (some reluctant readers) can read to specially certified dogs has been a very popular program that will continue into 2012. Summer reading also included performances with Sparky's Puppets. Peter and Ellen Allard, Rocketry with the Museum of Science, Drumming away the Blues and an ice-cream social.

The library was also pleased to receive a grant through the Wachusett Partnership for Children for 6 weeks of music and motion with music therapist Rene Corio. And of course, there was the Easter Party with the bunny, a Halloween party of stories and crafts and, as always, a Christmas party with Santa.

Other programs at the library included an Irish Music Folk group. "The Boys of the Town", a lecture on our changing habitat by Bob Bertin, the ever popular antique appraisal night with Stuart Whitehurst, and a Susan B Anthony impersonator. An adult book club now meets monthly and is always accepting new participants.

The library now has Wi-Fi and is seeing more people coming in with their personal laptops to access the internet. The library also wishes to encourage people to join us on our Facebook Page so that we can keep them informed of programs and new materials.

The library is extremely pleased with the support given by Paxton residents. The Friends group has an annual book and bake sale and membership drive which helps considerably in providing the financial means for programming, passes and technical needs. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Bailey

TOWN OF PAXTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ANNUAL REPORT FY 2011

The Department of Public Works started FY11 off by hiring a new Water Department Foreman and eliminated the outsourcing of a subcontractor for our water operations. This has proven extremely beneficial to both the Town and Department. We now have another devoted, full-time licensed town employee available to run the Water Department as well as assist in other areas of the DPW.

The Water Department was kept busy with never-ending maintenance and repairs to the distribution system. Repairs included 3 main breaks, numerous service leaks/investigations, and hydrant repair/replacements. The Booster Pump station required a new VFD motor control, 2 rebuilt pumps, and annual upgrades to the SCADA alarm system. The Asnebumskit and Maple Street water tanks were cleaned and inspected as required by the MA DEP. Maple Street tank had roof repairs, while further inspections show more costly improvements in the near future.

A large project this year was the replacement/upgrade of water main on a portion of Grove Street and Sunset Lane to Anna Maria College. This project consisted of removal of an old 8" cement lined ductile iron main. The purpose was to increase fire flows required for a new dormitory built on AMC campus. This will also benefit the residents in the Grove Street area, by way of improved fire protection, reliability, and better water quality.

The Water Department oversaw this project from start to finish, including all proper permitting, inspections and water testing. We appreciate the cooperation from the residents during the project, which will also see a new top coat (curb to curb asphalt) on Grove Street next spring as the final portion of the AMC agreement.

The Highway Division of the Public Works performed its yearly maintenance of roadside mowing, street sweeping, and continuation of the new street sign program. The winter season began with a record snowfall pace then thankfully eased up in February and March. One final storm on April 1st pushed the yearly total in Paxton to over 100 inches! This combined with the usual ice events, kept crews and equipment very busy once again.

Road projects included drainage/curbing on Highland Street, curbing/resurface of Crocker Hill and Mount View Drive and resurface of Keep Avenue.

Due to budget cuts in FY11, the Department continued to operate understaffed and saw its road program fall further behind. Although the Town financial situation looks bleak, taxpayers did vote to restore this position and increase the blacktop account for FY12. As a part of the bargain to hire this employee, some of the funding will come from the Recreation Department. The DPW will take over maintenance for all Town Recreation facilities thus eliminating the part-time Parks Director position.

The DPW continues upkeep and maintenance of the two town cemeteries. Mooreland Cemetery had 14 full burials and 4 cremations in FY11.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Putnam, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

The Light Commission thanks the employees of the Light Department for their continuing efforts to bring value to the ratepayers of Paxton and to the Town itself. During 2010, the Paxton Light Department contributed over \$5,200 in direct labor and materials to projects assisting other departments of the Town of Paxton through our line department. We also manage the mercury bulb recycling program for the town and cover the full cost of the program, with some reimbursement from Wheelabrator. Meter reading and billing services provided for the water department and for the town's trash continues to keep costs at a minimum for ratepayers and taxpayers alike.

Through our membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) we continue to fight transmission support and reliability payments that we believe are unfair to Paxton ratepayers. These efforts have saved our customers thousands of dollars, and we will continue to monitor the changing market rules. Whenever appropriate, Paxton continues to support any actions that reduce these charges.

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

In 2010 we provided 19 energy audits and 143 rebates to customers who purchased Energy Star qualified refrigerators, clothes washers, dishwashers and room air conditioners. These rebates and incentives totaled over \$7,000. Total estimated Energy Savings per year for operation of the appliances, and measures implemented during the energy audits is estimated to be 256 MBTU. This is equivalent to over 75,000 Kwhs for these 162 customers.

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

Management Discussion and Analysis of the 2010 operations follows. Complete audited Financial Statements are available for viewing at our office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory D. DeStasi, Manager
Emerson W. Wheeler III, Chairman
Michael J. Benoit, Clerk-Secretary
Paul F. Crowley
Paxton Light Commission

Management's Discussion and Analysis Of 2010 Operating Results Of The Paxton Light Department

Within this section of the Paxton Municipal Light Department's annual financial report, management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the Paxton Municipal Light Department for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The Department's performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements:

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

The Statements of Net Assets are designed to indicate our financial position as of a specific point in time. Our net assets increased \$62,720 or 1.5%.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets summarize our operating results and reveals how much, if any, of a profit was earned for the year. Our net income for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$59,882 which was a decrease of \$193,166 as compared to the net income for the prior year.

The Statements of Cash Flows provides information about the cash receipts and cash payments during the accounting period. It also provides information about the operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the same period. The statement shows a net decrease in cash of \$119,719 provided by operating activities. Our ending cash and cash equivalents balance decreased by \$217,555.

Summary of Net Assets

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current Assets | \$2,286,014 | \$2,096,986 |
| Noncurrent Assets | <u>4,301,700</u> | <u>4,290,905</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$6,587,714</u> | <u>\$6,387,891</u> |
| Current Liabilities | \$443,458 | \$364,047 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | <u>1,880,431</u> | <u>1,822,739</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>2,323,889</u> | <u>2,186,786</u> |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted | 1,141,719 <u>3,122,106</u> | 1,063,194 <u>3,137,911</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>4,263,825</u> | <u>4,201,105</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u>\$6,587,714</u> | <u>\$6,387,891</u> |

Summary of Changes in Net Assets

| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$3,303,200 | \$3,226,277 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>3,198,934</u> | <u>3,186,534</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | 104,266 | 39,743 |
| Non-operating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>(44,384)</u> | <u>213,305</u> |
| Income Before Contributions and Transfers | 59,882 | 253,048 |
| Transfers In – Restricted for Capital Projects | 2,838 | 6,702 |
| Beginning Net Assets | <u>4,201,105</u> | <u>3,941,3355</u> |
| Ending Net Assets | <u>\$4,263,825</u> | <u>\$4,201,105</u> |

Financial Highlights:

Operating revenues and expenses both increased over the previous year. Increased revenues were due mostly to a 3% increase in kilowatt-hour sales from 2009. The small increase in expenses is due mainly to rising costs and a declining dollar. Power production accounted for 67% of operating expense in 2010 and 77% in 2009.

Non-operating revenues and expenses consist of investment income, interest expense, and since 2009 disaster recovery expenses. Our investment income decreased from 2009 by \$32,831 or 51% as a result of continually declining interest rates. The 100-year ice storm in December 2008 required continuing expenditures over the year totaling \$89,304. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has obligated the funds for reimbursement of 75% of the cost. The accounts receivable from FEMA as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$157,290 and \$142,675, respectively.

The department had operating income of \$104,266 and \$39,743 for years ending 2010 and 2009. The revenues billed for power supply cost in 2010 were \$111,018 greater than the total power supply cost.

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

Power Supply

The Paxton Municipal Light Department provides power for its customers through both fixed contracts and the open market power supply in an effort to stabilize power costs. Purchased Power costs are the costs associated with buying energy and having it delivered to the Town of

Paxton. There are circumstances that will make prices fluctuate, such as extended periods of time with above or below normal temperatures, unexpected power plant shutdowns for unforeseen repair, and fuel prices being affected by global issues. The Light Department has tried to position its customers so that these situations will not have an overbearing burden on them.

Paxton continues to purchase more of its power from the market as our load profile changes. Peak demand continues to reflect summer air-conditioning and other cooling load requirements. As Paxton's peak becomes coincident with the regional peak, power supply cost will be more dependent on market price. Additionally, orders issued by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and market-design development through ISO-New England continue to add to the power supply cost for Paxton. Kilowatt hour sales were 22,608,333 and 21,919,309 in 2010 and 2009 respectively, or a 3.1% increase.

Reliability-Must-Run (RMR) payments and other market-design features that seek to bring competition to energy pricing in the New England market continue to have an impact on the cost of purchased power. The Paxton Municipal Light Department, along with other MMWEC members and other public power entities in New England, has challenged RMR payments at

ISO-New England, at FERC, and in court. We have prevailed on some of these challenges resulting in reductions or refunds. Legislation is being sought that will compel FERC to ensure the ISO's and RTO's operate to provide the consumer with the reliable energy at lowest reasonable cost.

Utility Plant and Debt Administration:

Utility Plant

The Department's investment in utility plant assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$1,141,719 and \$1,063,194, respectively. Equipment replacement is part of an ongoing capital improvement plan to keep the Department in good operating condition.

Debt Administration

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

The generation assets, which we have a vested ownership in along with the other municipal electrical systems in New England, are financed through municipal bonds.

In an effort to ensure stable costs for electricity in future years the Department worked with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company on a bond refinancing in 2001. This refinancing is expected to save the Department approximately \$1.4 million in interest over the life of the bonds.

Significant Balances and Transactions:

Purchased Power Working Capital

The purchased power working capital is an amount held by MMWEC. MMWEC requires that they hold a set amount of capital (minimum of two months) from which it may pay our power

obligations when they are due. They replenish the fund as needed from our monthly invoice payments. Developments in the power market continue to create pressure on working capital requirements that secure Paxton's financial guarantee to operate in the market. Paxton currently has some surplus in working capital and the required level of additional working capital is not expected to impact rates in 2010.

Rate Stabilization Fund

The rate stabilization fund was created as an aftermath of deregulation. These funds are for unexpected escalation in costs, such as the *decommissioning of nuclear power plants before the end of their operating license, unusual price spikes in fuel prices and transmission cost increases. This fund was established to help us maintain our competitive position when the investor-owned utilities are no longer collecting their "stranded costs**". Our rate stabilization balance at December 31, 2010 was \$1,725,097, unchanged from 2009. There was no appropriation to Rate Stabilization from current earnings in 2009.

Interest earned on the rate stabilization fund is used to reduce purchased power cost to Paxton ratepayers. The fund balance is expected to be maintained at the current level throughout 2011.

- * Decommissioning of a nuclear power plant means the complete removal of any trace of that power plant. Paxton has decommissioning obligations associated with power sales agreements through MMWEC to purchase power from Millstone III and Seabrook. Decommissioning costs are being collected as the plants operate so that at the scheduled end of term of operation there will be monies to decommission the plant. If for some reason the plant is shut down early funds have to be made available to decommission at that time.
- ** Stranded costs refer to long-term debt or contractual obligations previously incurred that are higher than the new market costs. The investor-owned utilities were required to sell their generation assets as a condition to recover their stranded costs. The proceeds from the sales were used to pay off some of their costs. In place of owning generation, we have long-term power contracts with long-term payment obligations.

Depreciation Fund

Paxton Municipal Light Department maintains a depreciation fund, which is managed by the Town of Paxton Treasurer. This fund is used to pay for large capital investments such as new vehicles, distribution system upgrades and new construction. This fund is required by state statute. We annually set aside 3% to 5% of our gross cost-of-plant to be used for capital improvements and additions. In 2010, we used \$296,454 for asset purchases. All interest on this fund is added to the fund balance and remains in the account.

Significant Developments

Stonybrook Unit 3

The Paxton Municipal Light Department is participating in development of a new gas-fired generation plant proposed by MMWEC through Special Project 2006A and formally named Stonybrook Unit 3 in 2007, with an expected winter output rating of 280 MW. The Department has signed up for a 1 MW share of the project.

The first phase of the project produced a preliminary engineering design; cost estimates, alternative site analysis, and identified potential project participants. The second phase, budgeted at \$5 million continued through 2009, encompassing all the work preliminary to final engineering design and construction. It will include the regulatory, environmental, permitting,

siting, detailed design, contract development and financing development work required to move the project forward. The third phase will include financing, unit construction, and startup activities. At the end of 2010, MMWEC was still negotiating with interested parties for joint ownership. Commercial operation is currently scheduled for 2016. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$220 million.

Berkshire Wind

Through MMWEC's Project 2002A, Paxton has participated with several other municipal systems investigating the potential for purchase of wind generation. In 2004, the Department contracted for a share of the output of the Berkshire Wind Power Project. For several years, development of the project was delayed for various reasons. In 2008, Paxton, along with 13

other municipal systems agreed to purchase the assets of the project which includes land and permitting. The municipal systems and MMWEC formed the Berkshire Wind Cooperative and project engineering and construction was resumed. Procurement of turbines was completed in 2009 and construction was scheduled to be completed by early 2010. After a few project delays, including an injunction halted construction in the fall of 2010, the project is scheduled to be operational in the 2nd quarter of 2011. The Berkshire Wind Power Project will have its on-site dedication in early May 2011.

Wentworth Substation

The Paxton Municipal Light Department takes delivery of energy from the NGRD 127A transmission line through the Wentworth Substation. The substation, constructed in the mid 1970's, is aging and reaching obsolescence. In addition, the federal government through FERC is requiring adherence to new mandatory reliability standards. Upgrading the facility to provide

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT **FISCAL YEAR 2011 (JULY 1, 2010– JUNE 30, 2011)**

Fiscal year 2011 again proved to be a challenging year in the same manner as past years. For the first time in the past three years the Paxton Police Department is running with a full staff of Officers. We are able to provide 24 hour coverage, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. We were also able to restore our neighborhood patrols despite the rising cost of gasoline. I would like to thank the Selectboard, Finance committee, residents, and my staff for making sacrifices in order to allow the above to happen.

With the economy still trying to stabilize we have seen a rise in house breaks not only in our town but the surrounding towns as well. With the limited amount of jobs available along with the rise in unemployment rate we realize that the criminal element and drug users will do whatever it take to survive and supply their habits. For these reasons alone I hope the support of our department continues, as I know it will.

The Police Department Administration is constantly looking for ways to secure grant funding, however we have noticed a large decrease in available monies this year from last. Based on statistics set forth by the state and government our towns makeup limits our qualification for many of the programs offered with most of the funding going to the larger cities and towns. This process has not discouraged us from looking into every opportunity possible.

In June of 2011 our Police Department and town entered into a new partnership with Anna Maria College (AMC). Under this agreement the Paxton Police Department would provide overall security and policing for the campus. This new endeavor allowed for a total restructuring of our Police Department with the recent hiring of twelve new employees, two of them being full time

Police Officers along with 10 additional Public Safety Officers. The partnership with Anna Maria College also allowed for the creation of our departments first Lieutenant's position. The Lieutenant will be in charge of the Anna Maria College project, personnel, and every day

running of the Police Department under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police. We see this partnership growing yearly to better serve both the Town of Paxton and Anna Maria College.

As always we take great pride in our town and always try to apply the laws of the Commonwealth fairly and appropriately without prejudice in our community. We are constantly trying to improve our services, update our training, increase our resources, and seek alternate funding. We welcome constructive criticism and new ideas. Any resident wishing to make a donation to the police department, please make the checkout to the Town of Paxton. We will assure you that 100% of the donations will go towards the betterment of the department as a whole. Anyone interested in contacting me can send an email to policechief@townofpaxton.net or call 508-791-6600, ext. 3131.

Chief Robert Desrosiers

PAXTON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The committee focused on finishing any uncompleted items and solving any outstanding problems. These area included: (1) sealing the driveway and parking lots and painting parking lines, (2) coordinating the lawn care with the DPW, (3) completing the “heat trace” installation that will remove roof ice in the winter, (4) completing the emergency generator installation at the water tower, (5) moving the cubicles for the police officers for increased efficiency, (6) conducting training for public safety personnel on the use of the “Smart Board” in the Training Room, (7) installing a microwave communications link from the building to the water tower to replace an unreliable telephone circuit, (8) changing the operational frequency of the police radio system to eliminate interference.

The committee held their 57th and last meeting on 6/27/11, covering a period of over four years with the project under budget by over \$ 1,000,000. The committee was pleased to serve the Town of Paxton during the construction phase of the project and takes pride in the outcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Bedard, Chairman
Harold L. Smith, Vice Chairman
Charles T. Blanchard
Paul F. Crowley
Frederick G. Goodrich
Richard L. Sansoucy
Veda-Anne Ulcickas

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs six months or older must be licensed by March 31st of each year 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 2011 REPORT

During the fiscal year from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, there were 15 burials at Mooreland Cemetery, and 23 cemetery plots sold. Fertilizer applications to the cemetery grounds continue and finding replacements for missing street signs is in process. We researched various cemetery software options to bring our town cemetery organization into the 21st century.

The DPW continues to assist at all burials, oversee all operations, install headstone foundations, repair headstones when possible and continue to provide grounds keeping duties.

Discussions on “green or “natural” is ongoing. No concrete decisions have been made.

Sincerely,
Patricia Belsito, Chair
Christopher Stone, Vice Chair
Judith Mancini, Clerk

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Historical Commission is to preserve, document, and analyze historical documents and artifacts of Paxton’s past. The membership was changed with the resignation of Chairman – Denis Melican and the appointment of Barbara Beall as a member.

The Commission once again offered their annual 2011 Historical calendar as a fundraiser. The theme of the calendar was the development of an education system in Paxton. Originally there were five small (frequently only one room) school houses located in different regions of the town to allow families in all areas to still send their children to school. Subsequently they were united into one large building at 17 West Street, the White School Building.

The Commission also worked closely with the Paxton Historic District Commission to facilitate the repair and repainting of the deteriorating exterior of White School Building. A warrant was presented and approved at the May annual town meeting in 2011 requesting the town fund \$35,000 to be used for the professional restoration of its exterior in the fall.

Several members of the Historical Commission volunteered to help educate Paxton Elementary School children during a daylong visit to the Town Hall. Historical anecdotes concerning the Tramp Room and three holler in the basement, information on the duties of the municipal employees on the main level, and the history of town meetings, parties, and events in Allen Hall were presented.

Many varied artifacts were donated to the Historical Commission by residents throughout the year, including photos, books, and items from Paxton's past. They were documented and archived in the growing collection.

The Historical Commission co-sponsored a lecture by Professor Robert Bertin in June with the Friends of Richards Memorial Library. It was called "Seventy years of change in the flora of Worcester County". The plants of our forests, lawns, roadsides and ponds are not the same as those present in the last century. This talk described these changes, their possible causes, and other interesting finds, including species new to New England.

Respectfully submitted:

Chairman – Anita Fenton

Secretary – Larry Spongberg

Treasurer – Donna MacLean

Members – Barbara Beall, Sue Corcoran, and Pamela Hair

Associate member – Richard Fenton

PAXTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Paxton Cultural Council is to enhance the cultural/historical/scientific environment of Paxton.

The Paxton Cultural Council is appointed by the Board of Selectmen with the duty to distribute funds allocated by Massachusetts Cultural Council to selected grantees that had applied for them in October 2010. \$3870 was the amount of funds given to the Council in 2011 along with any residual funds that had not been used.

Preference is given to local groups and to programs that will be enjoyed by a significant number of Paxton residents.

Out of twenty grant applications received, the following were funded:

- 1) Paxton Center School trip to Hanover Theatre - \$850
- 2) Boys of the Town Band - \$325
- 3) Craig Harris – Drum Away Global Blues - \$250
- 4) Richards Memorial Library – Passes to Broadmeadow Brook Wildlife sanctuary - \$50;
Passes to Higgins Amory - \$225
Passes to the Ecotarium - \$250
One World, Many Stories - \$400
Passes to Tower Hill Botanical Garden - \$150
- 5) Tall Heights – WRHS Fundraiser for “Be Like Brit” - \$200
- 6) Tower Hill Botanical Garden Concert Series - \$250
- 7) Paxton Council on Aging – Atticus Finch portrayal - \$250
Three International Learning Programs - \$550
Glenshane Irish Folk Duo - \$400

Respectfully submitted,

Chair - Barbara Beall;

Secretary – Sara Root-Simone;

Treasurer – Christy Barnes;

Members – Mitzi Nelsen and Daniel Gehrich;
Non-voting member – Anita Fenton.

PAXTON 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

This committee was established in 2011 to begin planning the 250th Anniversary of Paxton's creation in 2015.

The Committee will meet throughout the year to propose various events and new merchandise and to plan various types of contests for residents to participate in each year. A website www.paxton250thcelebration.org was established at which residents could learn of all new developments. Some of the proposed events for 2015 were a black powder demonstration and encampment, a parade, the sale of a newly designed cotton throw with images of important Paxton Sites, and contests for creating a town logo.

Respectfully submitted:

Co-chairmen – Scott Farrar and Anita Fenton;

Secretary – Meaghan Puglisi;

Treasurer – Robert Wilby;

Members – Joan Bedard, Fred Goodrich, and Paul Mathieu.

WIRING INSPECTOR

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,

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

BAYPATH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

During the FY'11 school year, we continue to see success with our extended day programs. These programs are a direct reflection of the results in our MCAS scores and the high level of achievement that our students are enjoying. We have also expanded our extended day foreign language program and we now offer Spanish I & II to our students.

With the addition of Advance Placement Math and English, we see more of our students going on to post-secondary education. In 2011, 50% of our senior class enhanced their vocational education by going on to college.

We continue to pursue an addition/renovation project which we plan to present to the ten towns in our district this spring. With the guidance of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and our architectural consultants, we have been able to develop a scope of project that will add 50,000 square feet to our facility and bring the building to code with an additional fifty

year life expectancy. As we continue to work on this project with our consultants, we will maintain clear lines of communication with the member towns of our district.

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to work with the representatives of your communities. The elected school committee members of each of your towns that make up the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District School Committee are dedicated and hard working.

Their time and effort has made Bay Path one of the premiere vocational schools in the state of Massachusetts. They represent your towns and the school district with educational understanding and fiscal responsibility. We are very fortunate to have these representatives in our community.

Jack Haroian – Auburn
Donald H. Erickson – Auburn
Clarence A. Bachand – Charlton
Olaf R. Garcia – Charlton
Timothy M. Schur – Dudley
Alfred C. Reich – Dudley
James N. Caldwell – North Brookfield
Donald J. Gillette, Sr. – North Brookfield
Benjamin J. LaMountain – Oxford
Rene J. Hamel – Oxford
Robert A. Wilby, Vice-Chairman– Paxton
Peter M. Schur - Paxton
Robert K. Mowatt – Rutland
Michael S. Pantos – Rutland
Peter M. Preble – Southbridge
Helen I. Lenti, Secretary – Southbridge
Kenneth R. Wheeler, Assist. Treasurer – Spencer
Robert L. Zukowski – Spencer
Alfred E. Beland, Chairman – Webster
Edwin G. Stalec – Webster

Respectfully Submitted,

David P. Papagni, Superintendent Director

WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

As we begin a new budget season, the Wachusett Regional School District is pleased to announce its creation of a new budget website. It is our hope that this site will provide you with the information that you need to evaluate the FY13 budget request of our school district. You can access this site by visiting <http://aim21.org/Budget-Welcome-page.html>. In order to orient you to the site, let me take a moment to tell you what you will find if you visit.

We have designed this site to allow you to learn about our current budget, as well as to gain an understanding of the background that underlies the District's current financial position. You will have an opportunity to move through this information at your own pace and we have tried to provide you with sufficient information to support any claims that we mane as we tell our financial story. Not only does this site provide you with background regarding our current

budget, we have also provided a plan that details spending goals for the next five years, and a rationale for a revenue sharing plan that might allow us to meet these goals. As the budget season progresses, we will regularly update this site with current information as we make our way to Annual Town Meetings.

We hope that you find all the information that you need on this dynamic website. It is our hope that the information contained on this website will provide you with the information you need to examine our budget critically this spring.

As always, thank you for your continuing support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Pandiscio, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

WACHUSETT GREENWAYS ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Major Mass Central Rail Trail Connections

In 2011 Wachusett Greenways completed major Mass Central Rail Trail connections with support from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, local foundations and many individual donors. Greenways installed the Pommogussett Tunnel under Route 56 just north of Rutland center. The road was closed at the tunnel for five weeks to complete the installation. In Oakham Greenways replaced a failed stone culvert at Parker Brook with a new box culvert and completed stone dust paving from Muddy Pond outlet west to Coldbrook Road.

Wachusett Greenways will extend the Mass Central Rail Trail west from Coldbrook Road, Oakham to the Ware River crossing in Barre during 2012. The construction will include a new bridge over the Ware River. Wachusett Greenways volunteers began tree removal during 2011 in preparation for construction.

Big Snow in October

The major snowstorm in October 2011 left hundreds of down or heavily damaged trees on the rail trail. The Oakdale to River Street section in West Boylston and Holden was most impacted. Many volunteers including some new helpers came out to get the trail open again. Hundreds of hours by dozens of volunteers and trail neighbors got the job done.

Partners for Rail Trail Maintenance

The Towns and the MA DCR carried out trail maintenance including mowing rail trail shoulders, plowing parking lots and removing leaves. The October snow left some work to be completed in 2012. Volunteers John Rives and Roland Veaudry completed many hours of rail trail shoulder mowing. Greenways volunteers cleared trees, trimmed brush, cleaned drainage including the 1000' Charnock cut, raked and blew leaves, removed downed or leaning trees, and cared for trailhead plantings. Greenways Trail Patrollers continue to care for their adopted trail sections.

Community Volunteers

Nativity School students, Bancroft middle-school students and WPI students from the Alpha Phi Omega coed service fraternity served for several trail days. Vertex Pharmaceuticals provided a sturdy team of volunteers on their community service day to help clear the drainage on the Glenwood to Miles section of the rail trail in Rutland and plant new bushes at Pommogussett Tunnel (donated by Jed's Hardware and Garden Center). Girl Scouts Katie McKeon and Christina Fallavolita completed their Silver award projects. Eagle Scouts, Brian Walsh, Adam Mayer and Jonathan Staruk all completed their Eagle projects. Paxton Boy Scout Troop 182 and YAHOO volunteers helped too.

Pancakes, Pedaling and Parade

In May Greenways offered a fun day including a bicycle ride and pancake breakfast. Riders traveled from Sterling to Rutland much on the rail trail. Rutland community volunteers prepared a delicious pancake breakfast enjoyed by riders and the greater community. Greenways also joined the Rutland 4th of July parade.

Memorial

Robert Spindler, of Rutland, a dedicated super-volunteer for fifteen years died on April 17, 2011. Robert brought a beaming smile and can-do attitude for trail work all year. Mark Forkey, of Sterling, an early Greenways board member, trail enthusiast and longtime patroller for Greenways' White Oak Trail, died on December 11, 2011. They are missed!

Welcome Center

Greenways prepared a handicapped-accessible plan for the welcome center at 21 Miles Road in Rutland. Neighbors, Dave Camarra, Roland Veaudry and Doug Hagman donated snow plowing, mowing and leaf removal. In 2012 the house will become Greenways' new Welcome Center and trail maintenance center. In addition 15 acres are being preserved and will provide a rail trail connection along Miles Road.

Pommogussett Tunnel and Trail Campaign Progresses

In 2011 Greenways continued the campaign to raise \$600,000 for the Pommogussett Tunnel and the Welcome Center. By year end more than \$500,000 was raised. Greenways will seek contributions from friends, members and grantors to complete the capital campaign in 2012.

Moving Forward!

Wachusett Greenways presses on to connect our communities with trails and greenways in partnership with the Commonwealth, Wachusett Towns, local foundations, businesses and nonprofit groups. Since 1995, 2,440 generous donors and members have supported Greenways. In 2011 50 volunteers gathered to continue setting the vision for Greenways. More than 600 members joined Wachusett Greenways and 610 donors contributed to the MCRT Construction or Pommogussett Tunnel and Trail Fund. Each year more than 200 volunteers help carry out our mission. This partnership has built and today maintains more than 16 miles of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT), including eight bridges, two tunnels and several major culverts. Greenways has also built and maintains the 4-mile White Oak Trail in Holden.

Colleen Abrams, Chair

Gordon Elliot

Christy Barnes

David Lambert

Lydia Barter (resigned 12/2011)

Edward Tarquinio

Steven Dubrulle

Edward P. Yaglou

2011 ANNUAL REPORT
WACHUSETT WATERSHED REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER
WACHUSETT EARTHDAY

Wachusett Earthday conducted weekly recycling collections during 2011 at the Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center at 131 Raymond Huntington Highway in West Boylston. The Center is a partnership of seven Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the volunteer non-profit Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated. The Center provides year-round collections of bulk, recyclable and re-useable items and four collections of household hazardous products. The participating Watershed Towns are Boylston, Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and West Boylston.

Sixty-one collections were held in calendar 2011 with four of those including Household Hazardous Products disposal. The total number of collections in 2011 was more than double the number in 2010. 4,372 car trips were made to the center by residents from across the seven town region. Over 5,000 gallons of household hazardous products have been safely removed from the watershed along with 1,483 computer monitors and TVs, 1,886 appliances and refrigerators, 614 tires and 283 propane cylinders. Additional recycling includes: 46 tons of metals, 45 tons of cardboard, plastic and styrofoam, 184 tons of project debris and furniture, and two tons of alkaline batteries.

The Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center is open every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. when bulk, recycling and reuse items are collected. Four Household Hazardous Products collections are set for 2012 on May 19, June 16, September 15 and November 17. Free shredding began in 2011 and will be held again on May 19, 2012. The MA Department of Environmental Protection provided a new container for bulky rigid plastic recycling.

The DCR provided a temporary trailer for office and recycling use. The septic, well and electric services on the site all became operational. Planning for the permanent building is on-going and construction is anticipated during 2012.

The Wachusett Recycled Resource Center, operated by Wachusett Earthday, offered free recycled materials at 52 Boyden Road in Holden. The Center was hosted by Oriol Health Care, with utilities funded by the Wachusett Towns, until it closed July 2011 for expansion by Oriol Health Care. During the six months of 2011, 5,000 visitors received free items for use in classrooms, theater programs, community programs and homes.

The Wachusett Regional Recycle Site Team includes designated representatives of the seven Wachusett Towns, the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation and Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated. The Site Team meets periodically to review operations and to help plan the completion of the site development. The volunteer board of Wachusett Earthday, Incorporated meets monthly to manage on-going operations and to prepare for the next phase of site development.

2011 Members of the Wachusett Regional Recycle Center Site Team:

Boylston—Nancy Colbert

Rutland—appointed 12/2011 Sheila Dibb

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

2011 Directors of Wachusett Earthday:

Colleen Abrams, Susan Abramson, Arthur Allen, Karl Barry, Diane Dillman, Andre Gaudet, Eric Johansen, Michael Kacprzicki, Douglas Kimball, C. Mary McLoughlin, Stanley Miller, Kerry Raber, William Rand, Diane Spindler, Helen Townsend, Robert Troy. Robert Spindler, of Rutland, a dedicated volunteer for more than 15 years died on April 17, 2011.



TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 24, 2011

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Paxton Center School Cafetorium, West Street, Paxton, MA on January 24, 2011 at 7:00p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

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

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 93 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE WARRANT HAD BEEN DULY POSTED AND THE CONSTABLE HAD MADE HIS RETURN.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request 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.”

MOTION PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ground lease with the JKS Paxton, LLC, a Massachusetts a non-profit housing developer, or its affiliates or related entities, for the development of affordable housing for seniors on thirty (30) acres of Town-owned property (twenty acres of which are restricted pursuant to Article 5 of the November 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting), said property being formerly known as the Klingele property and being a portion of Lot 105 on Assessor’s Map 18, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any other way.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Article 1: Frederick G. Goodrich of the Board of Selectmen stated that the article is slightly amended so he would need to read the article to the town meeting. The amended article was read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ground lease, for a term of up to 99 years, with J.K. Scanlan Company, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, or its affiliates or related entities, for the development of affordable housing for seniors on thirty (30)

acres of Town owned property (twenty acres of which are restricted pursuant to Article 5 of the December 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting), said property being known as the Klingele property and being a portion of Lot 105 on Assessor's Map 18, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any way thereon.

Moderator asked for and motion seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend approval.

Discussion followed:

After further discussion a vote was taken and the Moderator declared that the ayes have it.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$25,000 or any other sum from free cash to be expended under the direction of the School building Committee for a feasibility study in which the town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, for the purpose of replacing windows and repairing part of the roof at the Paxton Center School, 19 West Street, Paxton, MA. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or act in any other way.

Board of Selectman, Frederick G. Goodrich moved the article. Moderator asked for a second and the motion was seconded.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
Finance Committee recommended disapproval

Richard Fenton stated that the Finance Board does not disapprove of the project but where the money is being removed from; the Finance Committee recommends that the money be taken from Capital Improvement Fund.

After discussion: Anita Fenton 3 Nipmuck moved to amend the article to take out the words free cash and put in Capital Improvement Fund.

Moderator asked for a second and it was seconded.

Fire Alarm went off during discussion of the amended motion.

At 7:40PM as it continued to go off, The Moderator recessed the meeting to a future date to be determined.

Francis A. Ford: Moderator

Susan E. Stone: Town Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2011

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the constables of the Town of Paxton

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Paxton Center School Cafetorium, West Street, Paxton, MA on March 15, 2011 at 7:00PM.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02PM.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 68 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE WARRANT HAD BEEN DULY POSTED AND THE CONSTABLE HAD MADE HIS RETURN.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

“As the first item of business, I request 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.”

MOTION PASSED TO ADOPT RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Special Town Meeting duly called and held on January 24, 2011: or act in any way thereon.

The Moderator declared that it was unanimously approved to adjourn the January 24, 2011 Special Town Meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ground lease, for a term of up to 99 years, with J.K. Scanlan Company, Inc. a Massachusetts corporation, or its affiliates or related entities, for the development of affordable housing for seniors on thirty (30) acres of Town-owned property (twenty acres of which are restricted pursuant to Article 5 of the December 17, 2008 Special Town Meeting), said property being known as the Klingele property and being a portion of Lot 105 on Assessor’s Map 18, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or act in any way thereon.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

Martha Akstin asked that this article 2 be passed over due to the fact that the Article had been passed at the January 24, 2011 Special Town Meeting and it was seconded. The Moderator declared that the ayes have it to pass over article 2.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$25,000 or any other sum from free cash to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for a feasibility study in which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, for the purpose of replacing windows and repairing part of the roof at the Paxton Center School, 19 West Street, Paxton, MA. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or act in any other way.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval.

The Finance Board recommends approval if it comes from the Capital Improvement Fund (Depreciation Fund).

Article 3 was amended and seconded to take the money from the Depreciation Fund.

The Moderator declared that it passed by a majority vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000,000. or any other sum , for the design, permitting and construction of a water treatment facility and related system improvements for the Asnebumskit Reservoir and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or any other source or entity; or act in any other way.

John Malone from the Water Commission Board asked that this article be passed over and it was seconded.

Moderator declared that the ayes have it to pass over Article 4.

Motion made and seconded to adjourns the Special Town Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

Francis A. Ford: Moderator

Susan E. Stone: Town Clerk

TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 2, 2011

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Paxton Center School Auditorium, West Street, Paxton on May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04PM.

MODERATOR DECLARED A QUORUM PRESENT, 110 REGISTERED VOTERS WERE SIGNED IN BY THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. THE WARRANT HAD BEEN DULY POSTED AND THE CONSTABLE HAD MADE HIS RETURN.

COUNTERS FOR THE TOWN MEETING WERE: JANICE CARLSON, JUDY PRAY, AND KATHRYN KINGSBURY.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN WILLIAM A. TROTTA THANKED MODERATOR FRANCIS FORD ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN FOR HIS 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS TOWN MODERATOR.

MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15.

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

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT AND THE RULE OF TOWN MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 39, SECTION 15 WAS PASSED.

Article 1. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds, to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and especially for any and all of the items shown on the following Budget: or act in any way thereon.

Article Sponsored by the Finance Committee.

The Total Government Figure of \$1,271,641.00 was moved and seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

Under the item of Town Collector the motion to amend from \$29,733.00 to \$35,896.00 was made and seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO AMEND THE LINE ITEM #5101-00 AMOUNT UNDER TOWN COLLECTOR FROM \$29,733.00 TO \$35,896.00.

The new figure moved and seconded for Total General Government was \$1,277,804.00.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FIGURE OF \$1,277,804.00

The Total Public Safety Budget of \$1,358,784.00 was moved and seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET OF \$1,358, 784.

The following budgets of Total Public Service of \$632,665.00; Total Sanitation and Environment of \$284,819.00, Total Human Services of \$61,500.00, Total Culture and Recreation of \$212,696.00, and Total Central Purchasing of \$164,827.00 were each moved and seconded separately.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval for the following budgets of Total Public Service, Total Sanitation and Environment, Total Human Services, Total Culture and Recreation and Total Central Purchasing.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE BUDGET OF \$632,665.00, THE TOTAL SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT BUDGET OF \$284,819.00, THE TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET OF \$61,500.00, THE TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION BUDGET OF \$212,696.00, AND TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING BUDGET OF \$164,827.00.

DEBT SERVICE:

Finance Committee Chairman stated that there is one change on the Debt Service that does not change the bottom line. The PSC Short Term Loan (5 years) of \$20,000.00 gets moved down to the Temp. Loan Interest from the Principle and the PSC Short Term Loan interest of \$4,000.00 for 5 years get moved from the Interest on Notes and Bonds down to the Temp Loan Interest.

The Finance Committee moved the Total Debt Service of \$1,287,671.00 which was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL DEBT SERVICE OF \$1,287,671.00

The Total Budget excluding schools of \$5,280,766.00 was moved and seconded.

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

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL BUDGET EXCLUDING SCHOOL OF \$5,280,766.00

The Total School Budget of \$5,289,496.00 was moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET OF \$5,289,496.00.

The Total Budget of \$10,570,262.00 was moved and seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE TOTAL BUDGET OF \$10,570,262.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Moderator stated that the figures are there primarily for informational purposes. Moved and seconded just to vote the Total Water Figure of \$806,774.00

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT THE WATER DEPARTMENT FIGURE OF \$806,774.00

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take a sum of money from available funds (Free Cash and/or Overlay Surplus) and appropriate said sum to offset the Budget for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended passing over article 2 and it was seconded.

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval of passing over.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 2.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Ninety Eight dollars (\$1,679,098) for the purpose of replacing windows and repairing part of the roof and related or ancillary improvements at the Paxton Center School, 19 West Street, Paxton, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Wachusett School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, for said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town receives from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed 52.89% of eligible project costs, as determined by the MSBA. Further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exclude the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitation on taxes imposed by MGL 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½ so-called); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Board recommended approval.

Board of Selectman William A. Trotta waived the total reading of the article and a motion was made to move the total amount of \$1,679,098.00 for the repair of the roof and replacement of windows at the Paxton Center School.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED FOR BORROWING. MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT HAS BEEN PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS HANDILY.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow and appropriate the sum of \$270,000, or any other sum, to complete construction documents, specifications, bidding and negotiation services for an addition and renovation to the Paxton Town Hall: or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Citizens Petition

Board of Selectmen recommended disapproval.
Finance Committee recommended approval.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED FOR BORROWING. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT IT DID NOT PASS.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$230,000, or any other sum, to purchase a new Front End Loader to replace the present 1997 Loader, for the Department of Public Works; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Capital Improvement Committee

The DPW Superintendent found that he is able to save \$14,000.00 in interest by leasing to own and is interested in replacing the existing Article 5 with a new Article 5 which is as follow:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten year “lease to own” agreement for the purpose of acquiring a new Front End Loader, for the DPW to replace the present 1997 Loader and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,028.00, or any other sum, as part of the first year lease payment on this

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

The yearly amount will become part of the DPW Budget.

SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE NEEDED. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A LEASE TO OWN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A FRONT END LOADER, THE FIRST YEAR LEASE PAYMENT BEING \$27,028.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$108,000, or any other sum, to purchase 12 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units, for the Fire Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval as written.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

Capital Improvement Committee recommended approval by borrowing.

Fire Chief Jay Conte made a motion to amend. The motion to amend is to replace the figure of \$108,000.00 with \$231,000.00 and to replace the number 12 self-contained units to 29 self-contained units.

The Moderator declared that the ayes have it to amend the article which was moved and seconded.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED FOR BORROWING. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT, CLEARLY TWO-THIRDS. ARTICLE PASSED TO BORROW \$231,000.00 AND TO REPLACE 12 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS WITH 29 SELF-CONTAINED UNITS.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$31,652, or any other sum from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a Police Cruiser, for the Police Department; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Capital Improvement Committee.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED AS IT IS COMING FROM CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND. THE MODERATOR DECLARED VOTE UNANIMOUS FOR THE SUM OF \$31,652.00.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$30,000, or any other sum from Capital Improvement Fund to purchase services to repaint the exterior of the White Building at 17 West Street: or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Citizens Petition.

The motion was moved and seconded for \$35,000.00 for the repainting of the exterior of the White Building.

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED BECAUSE IT IS FROM THE CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND. THE MODERATOR DECLARED IT CLEARLY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$16,640, or any other sum from the Capital Depreciation Fund to purchase a new van for the Council on Aging, to replace the current five year old minivan. The balance of the cost to be funded from the Council on Aging- Revolving 53E ½ fund and trade in value of the old van; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by Capital Improvement Committee.

Article was moved and seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED AS IT IS FROM THE CAPITAL DEPRECIATION FUND. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT, CLEARLY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Superintendent; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

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

Article was moved and seconded.

Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO BE ALLOTTED BY THE STATE UNDER AUTHORIZATION OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LAWS, (AS PERTAINING TO HIGHWAY FUNDS).

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for fiscal year 2012 all revolving accounts previously established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. Expenditures for fiscal year 2012 will not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount raised by taxation in fiscal year 2011; or act in any way thereon. [By state law these have to be reauthorized annually.]

| Revolving Fund | Purpose | Funds to be Deposited From | Maximum Expenditure |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Council on Aging | Van Replacement | Donations and fees from riders | \$20,000.00 |
| Recreation Revolving | Support of all Recreation Programs | Program fees, donations gifts, private sponsorship, facilities fees | \$40,000.00 |
| Library | Purchase New Books | Fines for overdue books & videos | \$20,000.00 |

Article sponsored by the Town Accountant.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE AYES HAVE IT.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to reduce the tax levy for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee made a motion to pass over Article 12. It was moved and seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended passing over Article 12.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 12.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from available funds to put in the Stabilization Fund; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended passing over Article 13 on a motion from the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 13.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to take any sum of money from Stabilization as an offset to the total budget for the fiscal year 2012; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion made by the Finance Committee to pass over Article 14, motion was seconded. Board of Selectmen also recommended passing over Article 14.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 14.

Article 2 (Revisited)

The Finance Committee revisited Article 2 after there was a vote on Article 14 and made a motion to authorize the Assessors to take the sum of \$324,428.00 from Free Cash and appropriate said sum to offset the Budget for the next fiscal year; or act in any way thereon.

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

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THE VOTE UNANIMOUS TO TAKE \$324,428.00 FROM FREE CASH.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Section 7 of the Zoning Bylaws that reference Flood Plain District:

Section 7.2.2: to reflect the countywide mapping format

Section 7.4: to update State office addresses

Section 7.5: to update references

Section 7.3.1: to delete the reference to Zone B

Section 7.3.3: to add a new section

The revised and new text for these changes is available for viewing during regular business hours in the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Planning Board

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval.

Sheryl Lombardi, Town Service Coordinator – the Planning Board did take a vote at a Public Hearing at its March Meeting and voted 4 to 0 to approve the Flood Plan Bylaw changes. Further a report provided by the Town Clerk was read by the Moderator outlining the changes to the Bylaw.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED. THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO AMEND THE PART OF SECTION 7 AS LISTED ABOVE OF THE ZONING BYLAWS ABOUT THE FLOOD PLAN DISTRICT.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to authorize the Town, to establish an open meeting-board of Selectmen-Town Administrator form of government as set forth below; provided however, unless the Board of Selectmen approves the amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to adopt an act known as the Paxton Governmental Act, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection during regular business hours, or take any other action thereon.

Article sponsored by the Select Board

Motion made and seconded to pass over Article 16.

Board of Selectmen recommended not passing over.

Finance Committee disapproved of Article 16 but did not take a vote on passing over it. No position either way.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT ARTICLE 16 IS PASSED OVER.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote the following: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section thirteen of Chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the Town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights or any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment; or act in any way thereon.

Article sponsored by the Select Board

Article 17 was moved as printed, motion seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee both recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE AYES HAVE IT TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 17 AS PRINTED.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE TOWN MEETING.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 9:07P.M.

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

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

Given under our hands this nineteenth of April 2011.

Frederick G. Goodrich, Chairman
William A. Trotta, Vice-Chairman
Peter Bogren. Jr, Clerk

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO DISSOLVE THE TOWN MEETING.

MODERATOR DECLARED THE MEETING DISSOLVED AT 9:07P.M.

Francis A. Ford, Moderator
Susan E. Stone, Town Clerk

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YEARS Vote for ONE
LOIS A. BREault-MELICAN: 108
JUDITH ANN MANCINI: 220
Blanks: 17

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS Vote for TWO
ROGER J. BRUNELLE: 242
PATRICIA DAWSON: 247
Blanks: 201

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD – 3 YEARS Vote for ONE
MICHAEL J. BENOIT: 254
Blanks: 91

PLANNING BOARD – 5 YEARS Vote for ONE
WARREN D. BOCK: 245
Blanks: 99
Write-In: 1

RECREATION COMMISSION – 3 YEARS Vote for TWO
CHARLES G. PUTNEY: 224
ELIZABETH M. HOWARD: 247
Blanks: 219

SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – 3 YEARS Vote for ONE
ROBERT A. WILBY: 259
Blanks: 86

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL
COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS Vote for ONE
ROBERT J. PELCZARSKI: 255
Blanks: 90

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QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Paxton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance the project to replace windows and repair part of the roof at the Paxton Center School?

Yes: 195
No: 118
Blanks: 32



TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK VITAL STATISTICS
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011

BIRTH, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

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| Number of Births: | 37 |
| Number of Marriages: | 15 |
| Number of Deaths: | 24 |

Dog Licenses Issued:

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| Male/Female: | 34 |
| Neutered/Spade: | 443 |
| Kennel Licenses: | 2 |

Amount Paid to General Fund: \$7,506.19

FISHERIES & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED:

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|--------------------|----|
| Fishing Licenses: | 30 |
| Sporting Licenses: | 31 |
| Hunting License: | 1 |

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| Resident Primitive Firearm Stamps: | 15 |
| Resident Waterfowl Stamps: | 3 |
| Resident Archery Stamps: | 10 |

Amount Paid to
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: \$1,359.00

Respectfully submitted
Susan E. Stone
Town Clerk



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

**Combined Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011**

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Funds | Enterprise Funds | Long Term Debt | Total (memorandum) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash & Investments | 991,343 | 1,779,771 | 2,740,354 | | 5,511,469 |
| Property & Excise Tax Receivables | 435,471 | | | | 435,471 |
| Other Receivables | 26,951 | | 225,908 | | 252,859 |
| Special Assessments | | 104,325 | | | 104,325 |
| Loans Authorized | | | | 898,100 | 898,100 |
| Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations | | | | 10,491,824 | 10,491,824 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,453,765 | \$ 1,884,096 | \$ 2,966,262 | \$ 11,389,924 | \$ 17,694,048 |
| Payables | 234,266 | 24,242 | 81,122 | | 339,630 |
| Allowance for Exempt & Abatement | 201,972 | | | | 201,972 |
| Deferred Revenue: | | | | | |
| Property & Excise Taxes | 233,498 | | | | 233,498 |
| Other Departmental | 26,951 | 104,325 | 225,908 | | 357,184 |
| Tailings | 1,226 | | | | 1,226 |
| Loans Authorized and Unissued | | | | 898,100 | 898,100 |
| Notes Payable | | 100,000 | | | 100,000 |
| Bonds Payable | | | | 10,491,824 | 10,491,824 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 697,913 | \$ 228,567 | \$ 307,030 | \$ 11,389,924 | \$ 12,623,434 |
| Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations | 34,597 | | 23,240 | | 57,837 |
| Reserved For Expenditures | 324,428 | | | | 324,428 |
| Other Reserves | (2,387) | 320,539 | 33,850 | | 352,002 |
| Designated F/B | | 1,334,990 | 2,491,528 | | 3,826,518 |
| Undesignated F/B | 399,214 | | 110,614 | | 509,828 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ 755,852 | \$ 1,655,529 | \$ 2,659,232 | \$ - | \$ 5,070,614 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | \$ 1,453,765 | \$ 1,884,096 | \$ 2,966,262 | \$ 11,389,924 | \$ 17,694,048 |

Combined Balance Sheet -- Special Revenue Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Grants | Revolving | Capital Projects | Agency | Trusts | Total (memorandum) |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash & Investments | (75,500) | 1,214,383 | 42,041 | 95,688 | 503,159 | 1,779,771 |
| Receivables | 104,325 | | | | | 104,325 |
| Total Assets | \$ 28,825 | \$1,214,383 | \$ 42,041 | \$ - | \$ 503,159 | \$1,884,096 |
| Payables | 765 | 17,591 | 5,886 | | | 24,242 |
| Deferred Revenue | 104,325 | | | | | 104,325 |
| Notes Payable | | | 100,000 | | | 100,000 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 105,090 | \$ 17,591 | \$ 105,886 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 228,567 |
| Reserved for Endow ments | | | | | 320,539 | 320,539 |
| Reserved For Expenditures: | | | | | | |
| Performance Bonds | | | | 95,688 | | 95,688 |
| Other | (76,265) | 1,196,792 | (63,845) | | 182,620 | 1,239,302 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ (76,265) | \$1,196,792 | \$ (63,845) | \$ 95,688 | \$ 503,159 | \$1,655,529 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | \$ 28,825 | \$1,214,383 | \$ 42,041 | \$ 95,688 | \$ 503,159 | \$1,884,096 |

**Combined Balance Sheet -- Enterprise Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011**

| | Water | Electric | Total (memorandum) |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash & Investments | 198,118 | 2,542,236 | 2,740,354 |
| Receivables: | | | |
| User Charges | 61,894 | 162,433 | 224,327 |
| Liens | 1,581 | | 1,581 |
| Total Assets | \$ 261,593 | \$ 2,704,669 | \$ 2,966,262 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Payables | 64,264 | 16,858 | 81,122 |
| Deferred Revenue | 63,475 | 162,433 | 225,908 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 127,739 | \$ 179,291 | \$ 307,030 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Reserved for Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations | 23,240 | | 23,240 |
| Other Reserves | | 33,850 | 33,850 |
| Designated F/B | | 2,491,528 | 2,491,528 |
| Undesignated F/B | 110,614 | | 110,614 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ 133,854 | \$ 2,525,378 | \$ 2,659,232 |
| | | | |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | \$ 261,593 | \$ 2,704,669 | \$ 2,966,262 |

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>MODERATOR</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 102 | 102 | | - |
| <u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | 4,800 | 4,800 | | - |
| Secretary Salaries | 34,478 | 34,236 | | 242 |
| Purchased Services | 10,975 | 10,926 | | 49 |
| Supplies | 2,700 | 2,598 | | 102 |
| Other Expenses | 17,920 | 17,814 | | 106 |
| <u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 82,200 | 80,099 | | 2,101 |
| Purchased Services | 3,000 | 2,993 | | 7 |
| Car Allowance | 1,390 | 1,295 | | 95 |
| Insurance Reimbursement | 600 | 250 | | 350 |
| <u>TOWN SERVICES</u> | | | | |
| Coordinator Salary | 24,327 | 20,563 | | 3,764 |
| Purchased Services | 1,273 | 1,173 | | 100 |
| Supplies | 50 | 31 | | 19 |
| <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> | | | | |
| Secretary | 51 | - | | 51 |
| Purchased Services | 260 | - | | 260 |
| Supplies | 15 | - | | 15 |
| RESERVE FUND | 28,943 | | | 28,943 |
| <u>ACCOUNTANT</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 27,053 | 27,053 | | - |
| Supplies | 100 | 77 | | 23 |
| <u>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</u> | | | | |
| Board Salary | 4,257 | 4,139 | | 118 |
| Administrative Assessors | 25,653 | 22,619 | | 3,034 |
| Purchased Services | 5,510 | 3,003 | | 2,507 |
| Supplies | 300 | 299 | | 1 |
| Other Expenses | 37,300 | 37,000 | | 300 |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 15,965 | 15,965 | | - |
| Assistant | 11,710 | 11,710 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 6,800 | 5,472 | | 1,328 |
| Supplies | 2,975 | 1,645 | | 1,330 |
| <u>TOWN COLLECTOR</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 29,150 | 29,150 | | - |

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Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Purchased Services | 7,300 | 4,200 | | 3,100 |
| Supplies | 3,825 | 136 | | 3,689 |
| <u>LEGAL SERVICES</u> | | | | |
| Legal | 28,000 | 27,966 | | 34 |
| Tax Title Legal Fees | 1,500 | 1,475 | | 25 |
| <u>MUNICIPAL INFO SERVICES</u> | | | | |
| Purchased Services | 23,838 | 23,728 | | 110 |
| Equipment | 1,850 | 1,812 | | 38 |
| <u>TOWN CLERK</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 28,560 | 28,560 | | - |
| Record Keeping | 90 | - | | 90 |
| Purchased Services | 1,978 | 577 | | 1,401 |
| Supplies | 657 | 562 | | 95 |
| Other Expenses | 1,815 | 1,815 | | - |
| Elections - Salaries | 6,650 | 5,798 | | 852 |
| Elections - Purchased Services | 4,300 | 4,300 | | - |
| Elections - Supplies | 3,300 | 2,782 | | 518 |
| Registrars - Salary | 900 | 900 | | - |
| Registrars - Clerk | 250 | 250 | | - |
| Registrars - Census Taker | 500 | 500 | | - |
| Registrars - Purchased Services | 1,533 | 559 | | 974 |
| Registrars - Supplies | 617 | 617 | | - |
| <u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u> | | | | |
| Clerk | 557 | - | | 557 |
| Purchased Services | 625 | 426 | | 199 |
| Conferences | 150 | 95 | | 55 |
| <u>PLANNING BOARD</u> | | | | |
| Purchased Services | 642 | 280 | | 362 |
| Supplies | 294 | 264 | | 30 |
| <u>ZONING APPEALS BOARD</u> | | | | |
| Purchased Services | 1,170 | 270 | | 900 |
| Supplies | 364 | 116 | | 248 |
| Dues | 60 | - | | 60 |
| REGIONAL PLANNING ASSESSMENT | 1,057 | 1,057 | | 0 |
| HISTORICAL DIST PURCHASED SERV | 100 | - | | 100 |

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Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</u> | | | | |
| Custodian | 7,164 | 5,106 | | 2,058 |
| Purchased Services | 9,100 | 6,963 | 1,000 | 1,137 |
| Supplies | 2,800 | 2,798 | | 2 |
| Prior Yr Encumbrance | 300 | 198 | | 102 |
| Insurance Premiums | 104,672 | 103,078 | 1,000 | 594 |
| Tow n Report Purchased Services | 1,500 | 1,477 | | 23 |
| Tow n Clock Purchases Services | 360 | 360 | | - |
| <u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u> | | | | |
| Chief Salary | 75,345 | 75,345 | | - |
| Compensation | 478,033 | 478,033 | | - |
| Sergeant | 119,225 | 119,225 | | - |
| Secretary | 33,471 | 33,471 | | - |
| Assistant Dispatcher | 30,485 | 30,485 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 22,270 | 22,270 | | - |
| Supplies | 35,500 | 35,500 | | - |
| Dues | 1,300 | 1,300 | | - |
| Cruiser Purchase | 23,098 | 23,098 | | - |
| <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u> | | | | |
| Chief Salary | 27,996 | 27,996 | | - |
| Compensation | 130,977 | 124,339 | | 6,638 |
| Purchased Services | 37,941 | 37,941 | | - |
| Equipment | 28,500 | 28,407 | | 93 |
| Prior Year Encumbrance | 156 | 156 | | - |
| <u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS</u> | | | | |
| Compensation | 128,588 | 128,564 | | 24 |
| Purchased Services | 59,025 | 58,715 | | 310 |
| Supplies | 22,500 | 22,402 | | 98 |
| Equipment | 3,000 | 3,000 | | - |
| Prior Year Encumbrance | 1,500 | 865 | | 636 |
| <u>INSPECTORS</u> | | | | |
| Building - Compensation | 19,478 | 19,478 | | - |
| Building - Local Inspector | 1,750 | 700 | 100 | 950 |
| Building - Purchased Services | 560 | - | | 560 |
| Building - Supplies | 75 | 47 | | 28 |
| Pluming - Compensation | 4,000 | 1,485 | | 2,515 |
| Wire - Compensation | 4,347 | 4,347 | | - |
| Wire - Assistant | 114 | 114 | | - |
| <u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX</u> | | | | |
| Purchased Services | 26,010 | 22,817 | | 3,193 |
| Expenses | 2,000 | 345 | | 1,655 |

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION</u> | | | | |
| Compensation | 816 | 816 | | - |
| Expenses | 500 | 155 | | 345 |
| <u>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</u> | | | | |
| Compensation | 6,136 | 6,136 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 1,050 | 639 | | 411 |
| Prior Year Encumbrance | 750 | - | | 750 |
| <u>TREE WARDEN</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 1,183 | 1,183 | | - |
| Hourly Employee | 1,000 | 279 | | 721 |
| Purchased Services | 4,220 | 4,220 | | - |
| Supplies | 500 | 500 | | - |
| <u>SCHOOLS</u> | | | | |
| Wachusett Assessment | 4,918,311 | 4,911,480 | | 6,831 |
| WRSD Feasibility Study | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | - |
| Vocational Assessment | 213,861 | 205,355 | | 8,506 |
| <u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 47,336 | 47,336 | | - |
| Compensation | 189,942 | 186,245 | | 3,697 |
| Purchased Services | 78,500 | 78,499 | | 1 |
| Supplies | 37,989 | 29,015 | | 8,974 |
| Tupe 1 Blacktop | 35,000 | 35,000 | | - |
| Snow & Ice - Overtime | 38,311 | 33,569 | | 4,742 |
| Snow & Ice - Salt & Sand | 100,128 | 77,747 | | 22,381 |
| Snow & Ice - Equipment | 6,050 | 6,050 | | - |
| Street Lights Electricity | 22,800 | 22,800 | | - |
| Cemetery - Salary | 1,576 | 1,575 | | 1 |
| Cemetery - Compensating | 4,202 | 2,752 | | 1,450 |
| Cemetery - Purchased Services | 53 | 53 | | 0 |
| Cemetery - Supplies | 2,415 | 2,415 | | - |
| <u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u> | | | | |
| Waste Collections Contract | 257,605 | 232,229 | | 25,376 |
| Salaries | 345 | 345 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 1,750 | 1,024 | | 726 |
| Supplies | 500 | 355 | | 145 |
| Prior Year Encumbrance | 105 | 105 | | - |
| Sanitation Engineer - Compensation | 10,421 | 10,421 | | - |
| Inspector of Animals - Salary | 459 | 459 | | - |
| <u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u> | | | | |
| Director Salary | 21,102 | 21,102 | | - |
| Van Drivers | 17,681 | 16,674 | | 1,007 |

GENERAL FUND
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Outreach Coordinator | 10,575 | 10,575 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 2,270 | 2,270 | | - |
| Supplies | 1,500 | 1,491 | | 9 |
| Professional Services | 1,790 | 1,790 | | - |
| <u>VETERANS AGENT</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 573 | 573 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 100 | - | | 100 |
| Benefits | 2,000 | 2,000 | | - |
| MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT | 1,500 | 1,500 | | - |
| <u>LIBRARY</u> | | | | |
| Director Salary | 41,517 | 41,517 | | - |
| Compensation | 33,718 | 29,896 | | 3,822 |
| Children's Librarian | 29,785 | 29,785 | | - |
| Purchased Services | 19,587 | 18,987 | 327 | 273 |
| Supplies | 33,402 | 32,567 | 563 | 272 |
| <u>RECREATION</u> | | | | |
| Director Salary | 8,405 | 8,405 | | - |
| Parks Director | 7,747 | 6,556 | | 1,191 |
| Admin. Assistant | 3,442 | 3,442 | | - |
| Camp Director | 3,000 | 1,705 | | 1,295 |
| Purchased Services | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 0 |
| Supplies | 17,000 | 15,175 | | 1,825 |
| <u>HISTORICAL COMMITTEE</u> | | | | |
| Purchased Services | 250 | 100 | | 150 |
| Supplies | 50 | 31 | | 19 |
| <u>DEBT & INTEREST</u> | | | | |
| Principal: | | | | |
| School Reconstruction | 330,000 | 330,000 | | - |
| Ford Pick Up | 13,000 | 13,000 | | - |
| Street Sweeper | 42,000 | 42,000 | | - |
| Refurb Rescue Truck | 22,000 | 22,000 | | - |
| School Windows | 8,800 | 8,800 | | - |
| One Ton Truck w/Sander | 21,500 | 21,500 | | - |
| Police Cruiser | 8,000 | 8,000 | | - |
| Ambulance | 11,000 | 11,000 | | - |
| DPW /Doors & Windows | 2,200 | 2,200 | | - |
| Catch Basin | 18,000 | 18,000 | | - |
| DPW Dump Truck | 25,000 | 25,000 | | - |
| Town Hall Design | 10,000 | 10,000 | | - |
| Public Safety Complex | 358,500 | 358,500 | | - |
| Title V Betterment | 7,698 | 7,697 | | 1 |

GENERAL FUND
Appropriation / Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

| | Final Budget | Year to Date Expenditures | Carried to Fiscal 2012 | Closed to Surplus |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Interest: | | | | |
| School Reconstruction | 136,191 | 136,191 | | 1 |
| Ford Pick Up | 845 | 845 | | - |
| Street Sweeper | 1,680 | 1,680 | | - |
| Refurb Rescue Truck | 1,430 | 1,430 | | - |
| School Windows | 4,014 | 4,014 | | 0 |
| One Ton Truck w/Sander | 1,385 | 1,385 | | - |
| Police Cruiser | 720 | 720 | | - |
| Ambulance | 940 | 940 | | - |
| DPW Door & Windows | 1,469 | 1,469 | | 1 |
| Catch Basin | 1,595 | 1,595 | | - |
| DPW Dump Truck | 7,938 | 7,938 | | 1 |
| Town Hall Design | 1,175 | 1,175 | | - |
| Public Safety Complex | 300,630 | 300,629 | | 1 |
| Short Term Interest | 5,000 | - | | 5,000 |
| <u>STATE ASSESSMENTS</u> | | | | |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | 23,068 | 23,068 | | - |
| Air Pollution | 1,227 | 1,227 | | - |
| Registry Non Renewal | 2,420 | 2,680 | | (260) |
| MBTA | 29,308 | 29,308 | | - |
| <u>OTHER</u> | | | | |
| Medicare | 29,188 | 29,188 | | - |
| Employee Assistance Program | 2,000 | - | | 2,000 |
| Health Insurance Premiums | 337,597 | 314,122 | | 23,475 |
| Life Insurance | 1,700 | 1,173 | | 527 |
| Social Security | 28,749 | 21,449 | | 7,300 |
| Retirement Assessment | 169,973 | 166,576 | | 3,397 |
| Unemployment | 1,000 | - | | 1,000 |
| Prior Yr Encumbrance - Unemployment | 275 | 225 | | 50 |
| <u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u> | | | | |
| Heat / Oil | 52,719 | 51,708 | | 1,011 |
| Postage | 6,400 | 6,168 | | 232 |
| Telephone | 19,000 | 17,784 | | 1,216 |
| Electricity | 50,200 | 50,154 | | 46 |
| Diesel | 44,500 | 43,666 | | 834 |
| <u>SPECIAL ARTICLES</u> | | | | |
| Election - Voting Booths | 6,606 | | 6,606 | - |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND TOTALS | \$ 10,369,927 | \$ 10,115,581 | \$ 34,597 | \$ 219,750 |

Schedule of Outstanding Debt

As of June 30, 2011

| | Balance July 1, 2010 | Issued | Retired | Balance June 30 2011 | Interest |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <u>LONG TERM - BOND PAYABLE</u> | | | | | |
| School Renovations | 2,970,000 | | 330,000 | 2,640,000 | 136,191 |
| Water Department | 225,000 | | 25,000 | 200,000 | 10,318 |
| Title V Loan Program | 84,523 | | 7,700 | 76,824 | - |
| Ambulance | 31,000 | | 11,000 | 20,000 | 940 |
| DPW Bldg Renovations | 37,900 | | 2,200 | 35,700 | 1,469 |
| DPW Dump Truck | 225,000 | | 25,000 | 200,000 | 7,938 |
| DPW Equipment | 53,000 | | 18,000 | 35,000 | 1,595 |
| DPW Truck | 26,000 | | 13,000 | 13,000 | 845 |
| DPW Truck | 42,500 | | 21,500 | 21,000 | 1,385 |
| Police Cruiser | 24,000 | | 8,000 | 16,000 | 720 |
| Rescue Truck Refurbish | 44,000 | | 22,000 | 22,000 | 1,430 |
| School Windows | 107,000 | | 8,800 | 98,200 | 4,014 |
| Street Sweeper | 42,000 | | 42,000 | - | 1,680 |
| Town Hall Design | 40,000 | | 10,000 | 30,000 | 1,175 |
| Public Safety Complex | 5,492,600 | | 308,500 | 5,184,100 | 215,257 |
| Public Safety Complex | 1,950,000 | | 50,000 | 1,900,000 | 85,373 |
| TOTAL LONG TERM | <u>\$11,394,523</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 902,700</u> | <u>\$ 10,491,824</u> | <u>\$ 470,330</u> |
| <u>SHORT TERM DEBT PAYABLE</u> | | | | | |
| Public Safety Complex | <u>-</u> | <u>100,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>100,000</u> | |
| <u>AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED</u> | | | | | |
| | | <u>Authorized as of June 30, 2011</u> | | <u>Unissued as of June 30, 2011</u> | |
| Public Safety Complex | | 8,698,100 | | 898,100 | |



BOARD of ASSESSORS

Report of the Board of Assessors

After a state mandated Revaluation Adjustment, based on sales in 2010, the total taxable

Valuation as of January 1, 2011 for Fiscal Year 2012 was set at \$ 461,697,906.

New construction, additions, and alterations thru June 30, 2011 added \$2,808,938.

Real Estate and Personal Property abatements reduced the total valuation \$273,895.

Other adjustments lowered the total valuation \$706,080.

The Board received 15 abatement requests of which 14 were approved and processed.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stanley
Administrative Assessors

Board of Assessors

Table 1

Tax Rate Recapitulation Summary

| <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>FY2011</u> | <u>FY2010</u> | <u>FY2009</u> | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Appropriations to be Raised | \$10,254,114.00 | \$10,157,753.00 | \$9,257,666.00 | |
| Appropriations from Available Funds | \$23,098.00 | \$244,551.00 | \$457,932.00 | |
| Offset Items | \$803,146.00 | \$834,708.00 | \$678,655.00 | |
| Retirement | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| State & County Assessments | \$56,023.00 | \$58,787.00 | \$66,299.00 | |
| Tax Title | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Overlay | \$96,802.33 | \$109,259.69 | \$55,000.00 | |
| Deficits Prior Years | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Final Court Judgments | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$27,177.00 | |
| Debt & Interest Charges | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Gross Amount to be Raised | \$11,233,183.33 | \$11,405,058.69 | \$10,542,729.00 | |
| | | | | |
| <u>Estimated Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Local Aid and Agency Fund | \$926,313.00 | \$926,313.00 | \$1,061,608.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | \$560,245.00 | \$540,000.00 | \$628,329.00 | |
| Water Department | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Other Local Receipts | \$1,097,933.54 | \$1,076,268.20 | \$1,235,559.00 | |
| Available Funds - School Reimbursement | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Available Funds - Free Cash | \$23,098.00 | \$244,551.00 | \$414,432.00 | |
| Available Funds - Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$43,500.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | \$2,607,589.54 | \$2,787,132.20 | \$3,383,428.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Net Amount to be Raised | \$8,625,593.79 | \$8,617,926.49 | \$7,159,301.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Maximum Allowable Levy | \$8,144,645.00 | \$8,194,818.00 | \$7,160,597.00 | |
| | | | | |
| <u>Valuations</u> | | | | |
| Real Estate | \$469,650,900.00 | \$482,408,890.00 | \$533,890,700.00 | |
| Personal Property | \$8,496,357.00 | \$4,666,592.00 | \$5,773,079.00 | |
| | | | | |
| Total Taxable Property | \$478,147,257.00 | \$487,075,482.00 | \$539,663,779.00 | |
| | | | | |
| <u>Tax Rates</u> | | | | |
| Residential | \$17.03 | \$16.30 | \$13.26 | |
| Open Space | \$17.03 | \$16.30 | \$13.26 | |
| Commercial, Industrial, Personal Prop | \$17.03 | \$16.30 | \$13.26 | |

Board of Assessors

Table II

Exemptions, Abatements, Motor Vehicle Excise

| | <u>FY2011</u> | | <u>FY2010</u> | | <u>FY2009</u> | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Exemptions</i> | <u>NO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
| Clause 18: Age, Infirmary, Poverty | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Clause 17: Widows | 4 | \$700.00 | 3 | \$525.00 | 4 | \$525.00 |
| Clause 22: Veterans | 24 | \$9,600.00 | 20 | \$8,000.00 | 23 | \$9,900.00 |
| Clause 37: Blind | 4 | \$1,750.00 | 5 | \$2,187.50 | 7 | \$2,625.00 |
| Clause 41: Elderly | 14 | \$10,500.00 | 18 | \$13,500.00 | 17 | \$12,750.00 |
| Clause 41A: Deferred Taxes | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Clause 42: | 1 | \$6,611.05 | 1 | \$6,661.81 | 1 | \$6,165.90 |
| | | | | | | |
| Totals | 47 | \$29,161.05 | 47 | \$30,874.31 | 49 | \$31,965.90 |
| | | | | | | |
| <i>Abatements</i> | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | 10 | \$3,460.50 | 6 | \$3,048.28 | 3 | \$628.53 |
| Personal Property | 4 | \$1,203.94 | 0 | \$0.00 | 4 | \$4,784.90 |
| Farm Animal Excise | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 193 | \$18,082.41 | 193 | \$1,664.50 | 128 | \$10,441.46 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total | 207 | \$22,746.85 | 199 | \$19,712.78 | 135 | \$15,854.89 |
| | | | | | | |
| <i>Motor Vehicle Excise Bills</i> | | | | | | |
| Bills Processed | 4859 | \$551,922.59 | 4870 | \$560,689.06 | 4630 | \$531,204.35 |
| Dollar Value Less Abatements | | \$533,840.18 | | \$544,024.56 | | \$520,762.89 |

Board of Assessors

Table III

Property Classification

| | <u>FY2011</u> | <u>FY2010</u> | <u>Increase/ Decrease</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Residential | \$454,561,860.00 | \$482,408,890.00 | -\$27,847,030.00 | -6.1% |
| Commercial | \$10,776,140.00 | \$10,985,160.00 | -\$209,020.00 | -1.9% |
| Industrial | \$4,312,900.00 | \$4,417,150.00 | -\$104,250.00 | -2.4% |
| Personal Property | \$8,496,357.00 | \$4,666,592.00 | \$3,829,765.00 | 45.1% |
| | | | | |
| Total Taxable Prope | \$478,147,257.00 | \$474,630,762.00 | -\$24,330,535.00 | -5.1% |
| Exempt Property | \$64,676,300.00 | \$66,130,800.00 | -\$1,454,500.00 | -2.2% |
| | | | | |
| Total Valuation | \$542,823,557.00 | \$540,761,562.00 | \$2,061,995.00 | 0.4% |



TOWN COLLECTOR

Prior Years Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$11,442.65 | |
| Collected | | |
| Committed | | |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$11,442.65 |
| Total | \$11,442.65 | \$11,442.65 |

2005 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$2985.63 | |
| Committed | | |
| Refunded | | |
| Collected | | \$44.38 |
| Abated | | \$1,027.50 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$1,913.75 |
| Total | \$2,985.63 | \$2,985.63 |

2006 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$1,831.56 | |
| Committed | | |
| Abated | | \$685.00 |
| Collected | | \$281.56 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$865.00 |
| Total | \$1,831.56 | \$1,831.56 |

2007 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$2656.26 | |
| Committed | | |
| Refunded | | |
| Collected | | \$861.46 |
| Abated | | \$88.02 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$1706.78 |
| Total | \$2,656.26 | \$2,656.26 |

2008 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$3,885.03 | |
| Committed | | |
| Refunded | \$812.20 | |
| Collected | | \$1,221.45 |
| Abated | | \$922.83 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$2,552.95 |
| Total | \$4,697.23 | \$4,697.23 |

2009 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$5,491.90 | |
| Committed | \$69.17 | |
| Refunded | \$754.92 | |
| Collected | | \$2,958.66 |
| Abated | | \$754.92 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$2,602.41 |
| Total | \$6,315.99 | \$6,315.99 |

2010 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$18,059.32 | |
| Committed | \$59,898.24 | |
| Refunded | \$4,605.23 | |
| Collected | | \$69,083.13 |
| Abated | | \$5,319.82 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$8,159.84 |
| Total | \$82,562.79 | \$82,562.79 |

2011 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$0 | |
| Committed | \$491,961.74 | |
| Refunded | \$3,545.13 | |
| Adjustment | \$.01 | |
| Collected | | \$458,661.93 |
| Abated | | \$8,665.88 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$28,179.07 |
| Total | \$495,506.88 | \$495,506.88 |

2011 Fiscal Farm Animal Excise

| | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Committed | \$303.05 | |
| Collected | | \$303.05 |
| Total | \$303.05 | \$303.05 |

2011 Fiscal in Lieu of Taxes

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Committed | \$10,906.86 | |
| Collected | | \$10,906.86 |
| Total | \$10,906.86 | \$10,906.86 |

2008 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1,2010 | \$645.93 | |
| Refunded | \$2043.09 | |
| Collected | | \$0. |
| Abated | | \$2,636.71 |

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$52.31 |
| Total | \$2,689.02 | \$2,689.02 |

2009 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$1,229.91 | |
| Collected | | \$206.67 |
| Abatement | | \$660.35 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$362.89 |
| Total | \$1,229.91 | \$1,229.91 |

2010 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$1,370.69 | |
| Collected | | \$550.45 |
| Abated | | \$811.74 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$8.50 |
| Total | \$1,370.69 | \$1370.69 |

2011 Fiscal Personal Property Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Committed | \$144,692.94 | |
| Adjusted | \$10.86 | |
| Refunded | \$675.68 | |
| Collected | | \$143,690.10 |
| Abated | | \$1,272.77 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$416.61 |
| Total | \$145,379.48 | \$145,379.48 |

2008 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$12,123.97 | |
| Transferred to Tax Title | | \$12,123.97 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$0 |
| Total | \$12,123.97 | \$12,123.97 |

2009 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$21,360.03 | |
| Transferred to Tax Title | | \$21,360.03 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | |
| Total | \$21,360.03 | \$21,360.03 |

2010 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$150,652.26 | |
| Collected | | \$102,115.53 |
| Transfer to Tax Title | | \$23,113.90 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$25,422.83 |
| Total | \$150,652.26 | \$150,652.26 |

2011 Fiscal Real Estate Tax

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Committed | \$7,998,155.56 | |
| Adjusted | \$7.90 | |
| Rescinded | \$812.26 | |
| Refunded | \$74,795.97 | |
| Collected | | \$7,853,540.24 |
| Abated | | \$33,433.82 |
| Transfer to Tax Title | | \$75,697.26 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$111,100.37 |
| Total | \$8,073,771.69 | \$8,073,771.69 |

Real Estate Tax Liens Receivable – Various Years

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$173,778.31 | |
| Transferred to Tax Title | \$58,673.67 | |
| Collected | | \$35,559.91 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$196,892.07 |
| Total | \$232,451.98 | \$232,451.98 |

2010 Fiscal Light Liens

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Committed | \$19,142.82 | |
| Collected | | \$18,167.89 |
| Transferred to Tax Title | | \$974.93 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$0 |
| Total | \$19,142.82 | \$19,142.82 |

Tax Possessions

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | \$37,471.12 | |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$37,471.12 |
| Total | \$37,471.12 | \$37,471.12 |

2010 Fiscal Trash Liens

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Outstanding July 2, 2010 | \$332.00 | |
| Transferred to Tax Title | | \$332.00 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$0 |
| Total | \$332.00 | \$332.00 |

2011 Fiscal Water Liens

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Committed | \$18,493.57 | |
| Collected | | \$16,548.00 |
| Transferred to Tax Title | | \$364.78 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$1580.79 |
| Total | \$18,493.57 | \$18,493.57 |

2011 Fiscal Title V

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Committed | \$53,383.65 | |
| Added Committed | \$19,325.00 | |
| Collected | | \$3,227.42 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$69,507.25 |
| Total | \$72,708.65 | \$72,708.65 |

2011 Fiscal Title V Betterments

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Committed | \$38,610.50 | |
| Collected | | \$3,792.50 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2011 | | \$34,818.00 |
| Total | \$38,610.50 | \$38,610.50 |

2011 Fiscal Miscellaneous Receipts

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Interest Received on all Taxes | \$25,406.87 |
| Certificate of Municipal Lien | \$6,725.00 |
| Lien Fees | \$2,050.00 |
| Demand & Warrant Fees | \$24,695.00 |
| Return Check Fees | \$70.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees | \$1,720.00 |
| Dog Fines | \$50.00 |
| Collector's Interest | \$30,996.84 |
| Betterment Interest | \$1,519.53 |
| Title V and Interest | \$539.06 |
| Agency Interest | \$33.92 |
| Cultural Council Interest | \$14.46 |
| Total | \$93790.68 |

Water Department Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Readings | \$685,900.88 |
| Installation & Repairs | \$3,965.30 |
| Interest Received on Water Receipts | \$343.20 |
| Water Lien Receipts & Fees | \$16,548.00 |
| Water Late Charges Received | \$4,386.87 |
| Total | \$711,144.25 |

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm
 Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by
 Deirdre L. Malone
 Collector



TOWN TREASURER

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance of Operating Cash | |
| As of July 1, 2010 | \$3,932,436.79 |
| Receipts for the Year | \$15,893,242.02 |
| Payments for the Year | \$15,564,272.31 |
| Balance, June 30, 2010 | \$4,261,406.50 |

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|---|-----------------------|
| Analysis of Operating Cash, June 30, 2010 | |
| Webster Bank | \$3,309,347.44 |
| NOW Accounts | \$568,653.12 |
| Money Market Accounts | \$205,248.76 |
| Agency Accounts | \$93,614.70 |
| Petty Cash | \$250.00 |
| Library CD's | \$84,292.48 |
| Total | \$4,261,406.50 |

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Interest and Dividend Income | |
| Town Operating | \$8,820.72 |
| Electric Depreciation | \$4,503.34 |
| Agency Accounts | \$33.92 |
| Electric Operating | \$3,121.38 |
| Cultural Council | \$14.46 |
| Title V – Special Revenue | \$539.06 |
| Water Enterprise | \$343.20 |
| Total | \$17,376.08 |

Non-Operating Account Balances, June 30, 2010

| | Non-Expendable(Principal) | Expendable |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Richards Memorial Library: | | |
| Trust (Book Value) | \$166,251.27 | \$37,382.21 |
| V. Howland Library Trust | \$10,743.40 | \$13,914.58 |
| Other Library Trusts: | | |
| Hazel Gay Fund | \$393.15 | \$200.15 |
| E.D. Bigelow School Book Fund | \$1,000.00 | \$459.90 |
| Library Trust AT&T, Lucent | \$180.00 | \$1,847.60 |
| Comcast Stock Shares | \$562.00 | |
| E .Bigelow Library | \$24,027.18 | \$21,476.16 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | \$106,957.39 | \$27,410.29 |
| Cemetery Sale of Lots | | \$146,701.08 |
| Village Improvements | \$1,000.00 | \$1,539.27 |
| D. Russell Poor Fund | \$7,675.00 | \$9,595.91 |
| C.D. Boynton Gen. Purpose | \$1,000.00 | \$62,099.27 |
| Income from WWII War Bonds | 0.00 | \$6,444.34 |
| Conservation | 0.00 | \$43,290.35 |
| Stabilization | | \$219,461.30 |
| Capital Depreciation Fund | | \$338,451.07 |
| Total | \$ 319,789.39 | \$930,273.48 |

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Website: townofpaxton.net

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:
DIAL "911"

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: 508-791-6600
576 Pleasant Street

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

TOWN HALL, 697 Pleasant Street: hours: Monday-Thursday 9am- 4pm, Friday 9am – 1pm. Contact the Town Services Coordinator, Sheryl Lombardi at 508-753-2803, ext. 11 for Board of Appeal, Planning Board and BOH

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| Town Clerk | Susan Stone | | 508-799-7347 |
| Board of Appeals | Paul Robinson, Chair | Board meets on an "As needed" basis | |
| Board of Health | David Parent, Chair | Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. | |
| Planning Board | Neil Bagdis, Chair | Board meets the second Monday or Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. | |
| Building Commissioner | Richard Trifero | | Home: 508-756-5622 |
| Sanitary Inspector | Wayne Curran | | Home: 508-757-4180 |
| Gas & Plumbing Inspector | Dennis Harney | Call direct for an inspection | Home: 508-868-8950 |
| Wire Inspector | Dennis Benoit | Call direct for an inspection | Home: 508-799-0392 |
| Fire Inspector | Michael Pingitore | Call for Inspection | 508-868-8928 |
| Town Accountant | Donna Couture | | 508-754-7638 Ext. 13 |
| Assessors | Joanne Savignac, Chair Kathleen Stanley, Administrative Assessor | Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m.-Noon Thursday 8am to 4pm | 508-754-7638 Ext. 16 |
| Board of Selectmen | William A Trotta, Chair Donna Graf-Parsons, Administrative Assistant | Board meets every other Monday – Call in advance for meeting dates | 508-754-7638 Ext. 10 |
| Town Administrator | Carol L. Riches | Town Hall | 508-754-7638 Ext. 20 |
| Water Commissioners | John Malone, Chair | Board meets third Tuesday of each month at 7pm | |
| Municipal Light Department | Greg DeStasi, Manager Michael Benoit, Chair | Office: 578 Pleasant Street. Board meets second Tuesday of each month. | 508-756-9508 |
| Police Department | Robert Desrosiers, Police Chief | Office: 10 West Street (Business Only) | 508-755-1104 |
| Dog/ Animal Control Officer | B. Peter Warren | Contact Dispatch | 508-791-6600 |
| Recreation Commission | Paul Riches, Chair | Commission meet the third Monday of each month | 508-752-7204 |
| Council on Aging | Barbara Braley, Chair Gerry Ryan, Director | Office: 17 West Street Board meets the first Tuesday of each month. | 508-756-2833 |
| Conservation Commission | Christopher Keenan, Chair | Board meets the second Thursday of each month | 508-735-0035 |
| Historical Commission | Anita Fenton | Board meets the third Thursday of each month | |
| Veteran's Agent | Timothy Hackett | | Home: 508-755-1477 |
| Richards Memorial Library | Debbie Bailey, Librarian Charles Innis, Trustee Chair | Trustees meet the first Tuesday of each month | 508-754-0793 |

LIBRARY HOURS

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| HOURS: | WINTER | SUMMER |
| Sunday & Monday | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Tuesday | 1-8 p.m. | 1-8 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m. | 9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m. |
| Thursday | 1-8 p.m. | 1-8 p.m. |
| Friday | 9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m. | 9-12 p.m., 1-5 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10-2 p.m. | CLOSED |