ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to acquire for general municipal purposes, including, but not limited to, public water supply purposes, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, a Zone I Easement for Public Water Supply Purposes as shown on a plan entitled, "Easement Plan #10 and #14 Elm Street Boxford, MA", prepared by Donohoe Survey, Inc., dated April 1, 2021, on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Select Board to accept said easement; and further to authorize the Select Board to execute all agreements and instruments necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; or take any other action thereon.

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MOTION: I move to acquire for general municipal purposes, including, but not limited to, public water supply purposes, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, a Zone I Easement for Public Water Supply Purposes as shown on a plan entitled, "Easement Plan #10 and #14 Elm Street Boxford, MA", prepared by Donohoe Survey, Inc., dated April 1, 2021, on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Select Board to accept said easement; and further to authorize the Select Board to execute all agreements and instruments necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article.

COMMENTS: A land area around a public water supply well is required to be under the maintenance and control of the Town. This so-called "Zone 1" for the well at 10 Elm Street extends slightly onto the abutting property next door. In order for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to approve the public water supply well, the town must obtain a small 2,900 sq. ft. crescent shaped water supply easement from the neighbor. Any costs associated with the acquisition may be paid by federal water infrastructure grant funds.

