

ARTICLE 1. To receive and place on file the reports of the Town Officers and Committees without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed; or take any other action thereon.

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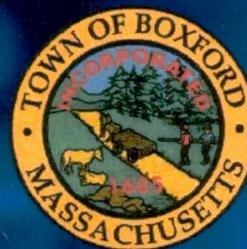
MOTION: I move to **receive and place on file the reports** of the Town Officers and Committees without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed.

COMMENTS: This is the annual acknowledgement of the annual town report. The report can be found on line at the town website: www.boxfordma.gov.

The 2020 Annual Report is dedicated to former Select Board member Enid Thuermer. Enid was widely loved for her dry wit, wisdom, and considerable political acumen. She served on the Boxford Select Board for two terms, from 1982 to 1988. She chaired the Housing Partnership for Boxford's first affordable housing project, served sixteen years on the Capital Budgeting Committee, nine years as Library Trustee, and a number of other committees, including the Finance Committee and the Boxford Open Land Trust. In 2008, the State Legislature presented Enid with the prestigious "Unsung Heroines of Massachusetts Award." Enid's dedication to the Town of Boxford was extraordinary. She will be missed.

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**TOWN OF BOXFORD
ANNUAL REPORT**



DEDICATION

Enid Thuermer April 16, 1921 – February 10, 2020



Enid Thuermer, well-beloved and full of years, died peacefully at home on the evening of February 10th, 2020 in her ninety-ninth year, surrounded by family, friends, and her loyal dog, Langley. She is survived by three children: Anne Deneen, Sarah Sally Lanczi, and David Thuermer.

Enid was born in Gillett, Wisconsin on April 16th, 1921. She grew up in Carmi, Illinois, where she attended Carmi High School and then attended Ripon College in Wisconsin, graduating in 1942. She taught history and Latin at her high school Alma Mater during the Second World War. She married 2nd Lieutenant John F. M. Thuermer on January 9th, 1944 in Carmi. After the war, the couple made their home in Chicago, where Enid worked as a librarian at the University of Chicago and immersed herself in her love of politics and democracy. She worked for the State Attorney General, she became a local organizer for the Democratic party, a precinct captain of her ward, and a member of the League of Women Voters of Illinois. Her love of local and state politics manifested wherever she lived.

After settling in Boxford with her family in 1967, Enid became involved in the local and state League of Women Voters (LWV), eventually serving as Co-President of the local branch, and Vice President of the State LWVMA board championing voters rights and fighting voter suppression. She recently rejoiced that she lived to see the hundredth anniversary of a woman's right to vote and the formation of the League.

Enid served Boxford in a variety of ways. She was widely loved for her dry wit, wisdom, and considerable political acumen. She served on the Boxford Board of Selectmen for two terms, from 1982 to 1988. She chaired the Housing Partnership for Boxford's first affordable housing project, served sixteen years on the Capital Budgeting Committee, nine years as Library Trustee, and a number of other committees, including the Financial Committee and the Boxford Open Land Trust. During this time, Enid raised her children and worked as a children's librarian in the Boxford and Topsfield Public Schools, and the Ipswich Public Library. She loved young children, and had a creative, patient acceptance of them. She took great delight in child development, an interest that benefited all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Enid touched many lives beyond her far-flung extended family. She had a gift for enduring friendships, nurturing them for many decades with people of all ages. During her last years, her close friends regularly came to visit, enjoying her humor, her insights, and bringing news of the many doings of the people and organizations she loved. She will be deeply missed.