

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1964

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional School on March 2, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. with William J. Greenler, Jr. presiding as moderator. Rev. Arthur F. White of the First Congregational Church offered a prayer at the opening of the meeting. Miss Janice Hopping, accompanied by Mrs. Marie Smith, sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Voted that in the future, the complete recapitulation sheet used by the assessors in arriving at the tax rate be printed as part of the assessors' report in the Town Report.

The School Building Committee reported that the new Spofford Pond School was 90% complete and would be ready for occupancy in September, 1964.

Article 2. The suggested budget was adopted as printed with two exceptions: Town Reports was increased from \$1,300.00 to \$1,379.65; School House Notes was decreased from \$32,000.00 to \$31,000.00.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from the Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1964 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to increase the compensation for town labor as follows: from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per hour where applicable, and from \$1.90 to \$2.15 per hour where applicable. A hand vote showed 169 yes, 50 no.

Article 8. Voted that the sum refunded from the County on account of dog licenses be appropriated and divided equally between the two libraries of the town.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$1,750.00 be raised and appropriated and divided as follows between the two libraries: \$1,000.00 to the East Parish library, and \$750.00 to the West Parish library.

Article 10. Voted to pass over.

Article 11. Voted unanimously to transfer \$2,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of trading the present police cruiser for a 1964 model.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$80,000.00, and to transfer \$20,000.00 from Overlay Surplus Revenue, for the purpose of adding to the Stabilization Fund as provided by Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 13. Voted that the Committee appointed pursuant to the vote of the Special Town Meeting of March 25, 1954, to study and make recommendations regarding codification and revision of the town by-laws, be re-activated and instructed to report at the first special or annual meeting following next June 1; and that further action under this article be postponed until such report.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for the purpose of establishing a ball field at the new Spofford Pond School site under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Article 15. Voted to take up to \$300.00 from the Rehabilitation Fund to cover the expense of a bronze plaque, commemorating the nine sons who served in the Civil War.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a new pump and tank for Engine No. 3 for the Fire Department.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to install windows and a fire escape at the West Boxford Fire Station, toilet facilities at the East Boxford Fire Station, and miscellaneous repairs and improvements in either station, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief.

Article 18. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, the money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 19. Voted 174-56 to postpone any action.

Article 20. Voted to pass over.

Article 21. Voted to authorize the assessors to enter into a contract, as provided under Section 4 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, in an amount not exceeding \$10,000.00 for the preparation of assessors' maps and records, said money to be raised and appropriated in the 1964 tax levy.

Article 22. Voted 98 yes, 146 no, by hand vote against adopting this article.

Article 23. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,400.00 for use in conjunction with allotments from the State and County, for Chapter 90 construction work; said sum to be transferred from funds received from the State under Chapter 822, Acts of 1963.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 25. Voted to pass over.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for dry hydrants and water holes.

Article 27. Voted to adjourn at midnight. The attendance was slightly under 300 voters.
A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1964

Selectmen	\$1,450.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	2,400.00
Treasurer	700.00
Town Clerk	600.00
Collector of Taxes	2,000.00
Town Accountant	2,700.00
Registrars	500.00
Elections	1,000.00
Planning Board	300.00
Appeal Board	300.00
Building Inspector	900.00
Wire Inspector	900.00
Gas Inspector	500.00
Plumbing Inspector	500.00
Finance Committee	150.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Recreation Committee	1,050.00
Board of Health	4,000.00
Inspection of Slaughter	1,000.00
Inspection of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	70.00
Police	13,500.00
Forest Warden	} 11,360.00
Fire Warden	
Tree Warden	
Moth Suppression	2,000.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,400.00
Public Welfare	2,000.00
Disability Assistance	} 12,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Old Age Assistance	
Medical Aid to Aged	605.00
Central Essex Welfare District Administration	
Veteran's Benefits	1,500.00

School	212,938.00
Regional District School	239,371.98
Selectmen's Highway Fund	2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	3,300.00
Snow Removal	21,000.00
Street Lighting	900.00
Vacation Account	1,200.00
Sick Benefit	250.00
Town Halls	2,000.00
Public Grounds	300.00
Town Forest	100.00
Civil Defense	400.00
Insurance	6,795.46
Memorial Day	525.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Harmony Cemetery	150.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	150.00
Town Reports	1,379.65
Clerical	1,500.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	700.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	4,905.00
School House Notes	31,000.00
Community House	300.00
TOTAL	\$597,710.09

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 16, 1964

A special town meeting was held at the Harry Lee Cole School May 16, 1964 at 2:00 P.M. with William J. Greenler, Jr., presiding as moderator. After an opening prayer by the Rev. Arthur White, the articles of the warrant were acted upon as follows:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$582.50 received as state aid for libraries, for the use of the public libraries of the town, said sum to be divided as follows: 60% to the library in the East Parish and 40% to the West Parish library.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the balance of the funds received from the state under Chapter 822, Acts of 1963, for use of the highway department for the road repair and construction on Topsfield and Bare Hill Roads.

Article 3. Voted to reject the purchase of the Kelsey property offered for sale to the Town by voice vote.

Voted to adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

A True Record:

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E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 1964

A special town meeting was held at the Harry Lee Cole School on November 20, 1964 with 60 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer, the business meeting was conducted by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. The articles of the warrant were handled as follows:

Article 1. Voted unanimously to appropriate \$550.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, the money, when reimbursed, to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Old Age Assistance for the purpose of taking the 1965 Census of the town as required under General Laws, Chapter 9, Section 7 and amendments thereof.

Article 4. Voted unanimously to make the following transfers of funds: \$1,000.00 from Insurance to Selectmen's Highway Fund; \$500.00 from Veteran's Benefits to Elections; \$100.00 from Inspection of Slaughtering to Sick Benefits; \$200.00 from Inspection of Slaughtering to Selectmen's Contingent Fund; \$319.58 from Cole School Addition to New Elementary School; \$1,226.98 from School Building Committee, 1961 Account, to New Elementary School; and \$2,600.00 from School Building Committee Options to New Elementary School.

Article 5. Voted unanimously to elect only one Highway Surveyor at future town elections, who shall have jurisdiction over the territory of the entire town, under General Laws, Chapter 41, Sections 1 and 62, and any other pertinent sections.

Article 6. Voted, for highway purposes, to acquire an easement on an area of land on Middleton Road containing approximately 65,000 square feet owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar Lockwood, and to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 from the general highway fund for this purpose.

Article 7. Voted that the by-law committee be continued for the purpose of holding public hearings and report further at the next annual meeting.

Article 8. Voted to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

A True Record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1964 IN BOXFORD

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 5	Holly Anne Lee	Richard A. Lee Thorné E. Bateman
Jan. 9	Leslie Ann Oliver	Wallace Oliver Betty Wise
Jan. 24	Francis Joseph Weber, Jr.	Francis J. Weber, Sr. Marilyn J. Twiss
Feb. 7	Robert Cushing Coburn	Frank S. Coburn Barbara G. Knight
Feb. 8	Susan Carol Hagen	Richard B. Hagen Marjorie B. McKay
Feb. 16	Joyce Leslie Seymour	Lester L. Seymour, Jr. Ruth A. Larrabee
Feb. 26	Eric Whipple Hackley	Ralph M. Hackley Reba Sue Johnson
Mar. 2	Jennifer Grocott	John Grocott Judith Hawkes
Mar. 4	Melanie Risa Duncan	Stewart Duncan E. Indrani Ameresekere
Mar. 11	Maria Constance Barous	Francis A. Barous Carmen L. Dumond
Mar. 26	Anne Marie Kelley	Edgar L. Kelley Martha M. Lafabreque
Mar. 29	Kristin Jane Stromberg	James T. Stromberg Shirley E. Landergren
Mar. 31	Andrew David Peck	Jonathan Bosworth Peck Marian Ann Miller
Apr. 6	Douglas Scott Bartlett	David B. Bartlett Nancy Shillington
Apr. 17	Thomas Joseph Denney, Jr.	Thomas Joseph Denney Edith Wells Drexler
Apr. 28	Rose Mary Aulson	Michael Francis Aulson Patricia J. Chatel
May 14	Timothy Charles Kastrinelis	Peter L. Kastrinelis Barbara A. Adams