

BOXFORD TOWN REPORT
REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1966

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School at 8 P.M. After a brief prayer by Rev. Arthur White, the business meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the Moderator. The Articles of the Warrant were acted upon as follows:

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

Article 2. Voted to adopt the suggested budget as written in the Town Report.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$2,500.00 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 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, 1966, 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 adopt the following wage scales for labor in the several departments:

- a. \$1.75 per hour for part-time and casual labor.
- b. \$2.00 per hour for unskilled labor in the Highway Dept., etc.
- c. \$2.25 per hour for truck drivers and subordinate officers.
- d. \$2.50 per hour for department heads.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$555.45 re-funded from the County on account of dog licenses, for the

support of the libraries, to be expended by the elected Town Library Trustees.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be expended by the elected Town Library Trustees.

Article 10. Voted to accept Whittier Terrace as a public road subject to the setting of fixed bounds.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$37,100.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for improvements in the fire stations.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for dry hydrants and the maintenance of water holes.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of trading the police cruiser for a new model.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for micro-filming of records.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of two new snowplows.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for recreational planning.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,108.00 for the purpose of providing the Town's share of the cost of the Regional District School Committee to pay for an architect, or other professional services, to draw plans and specifications for an addition to the regional school together with any remodelling to the existing buildings as may be made necessary thereby, in accordance with the original agreement with the Towns of Middleton and Topsfield establishing the Regional School District as amended by vote of the member towns in 1961 and 1965, and to expressly ratify and confirm the Town's acceptance of said amendments, and to direct the Town Treasurer to pay over said sum to the Regional District School Committee to be used only in conjunction with funds appropriated by the other two member towns for this purpose.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,780.00 for the construction during the year 1966 of a regulation-size baseball field at Boy Scout Park, if included in the overall facility plan to be obtained by the Town Recreation Committee.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of establishing and equipping a central communications system for town departments.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to be used in conjunction with an allotment from the State under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 23. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five members to be known as the Boxford Water & Drainage Committee; said committee to be appointed for the purpose of planning the development and protection of water sources within the Town.

Article 24. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Water & Drainage Committee to engage a professional engineering company to conduct a survey of the potential source or sources of water supply for the Town, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 therefor.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for the Conservation Committee.

Article 26. Voted to pass over.

Article 27. Voted to repair and improve a section of Willow Road, from Washington St. to Georgetown town line, and to appropriate therefor the sum of \$3,390.00, said sum to be transferred from the funds received from the State under Chapter 679, Acts of 1965.

Article 28. Voted to pass over.

Article 29. Voted to enact the following by-law:
 "Any person or firm requiring the services of the Tree Warden shall pay for such services at an hourly rate

established by the Selectmen. Such compensation shall be paid directly to the said Tree Warden."

Article 30. The following resolution was voted: hereafter, the flyers containing the Articles of the Warrant and the Budget (suggested) for the annual Town Meeting will indicate the sponsor of each article, and also show the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Greenler, the Moderator, announced the completion of twenty years in that position and thanked the townspeople for their helpfulness in making the meetings operate smoothly over that period.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. 450 Voters attended the meeting.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
 Town Clerk

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BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1966

	Adopted Budget 1966
	\$1,450.00
Selectmen	300.00
Board of Public Welfare	2,500.00
Assessors	700.00
Treasurer	600.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Collector of Taxes	2,900.00
Town Accountant	400.00
Registrars	1,200.00
Elections	300.00
Planning Board	200.00
Appeal Board	1,000.00
Building Inspector	1,000.00
Wire Inspector	500.00
Gas Inspector	600.00
Plumbing Inspector	50.00
Finance Committee	500.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Recreation Committee	4,800.00
Board of Health	800.00
Inspection of Slaughter	50.00
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Dog Officer	18,000.00
Police	16,200.00
Fire Department	2,000.00
Tree Warden	1,400.00
Moth Suppression	2,000.00
Dutch Elm Disease	
Public Welfare	
Disability Assistance	} 14,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	
Old Age Assistance	
Medical Aid to Aged	722.00
Central Essex Welfare Dist. Adm.	1,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	

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School	259,059
Regional District School	342,192
Selectmen's Highway Fund	2,000
Chapter 81 Maintenance	3,400
Snow Removal	21,000
Street Lighting	900
Vacation Account	1,200
Sick Benefit	350
Town Halls	2,000
Public Grounds	300
Town Forest	100
Civil Defense	215
Insurance	6,400
Memorial Day	525
Soldiers' Graves	225
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50
Harmony Cemetery	150
Boxford Village Cemetery	150
Town Reports	1,600
Clerical	2,000
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	1,000
Interest on Maturing Debt	3,500
School House Notes	31,000
Community House	300
Conservation Committee	1,520
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	4,000

\$764,108

Other amounts to be raised and appropriated:

Article 9	\$ 6,000.00
Article 12	1,000.00
Article 13	500.00
Article 14	2,000.00
Article 15	175.00

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Article 16	1,500.00
Article 17	1,500.00
Article 18	10,108.00
Article 19	4,780.00
Article 20	12,000.00
Article 21	800.00
Article 22	6,000.00
Article 24	10,000.00
Article 25	3,400.00
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	\$59,763.00
Total to be raised and appropriated:	\$823,871.76

TRANSFERS

Article 3	\$ 2,500.00
Article 4	15,000.00
Article 8	555.45
Article 11	37,100.00
Article 27	3,390.00
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Total Transfers:	\$58,545.45

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 14, 1966

The voters of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Tuesday, June 14, 1966 at 8:00 P.M. for a Special Town Meeting. After a few moments of silent prayer, William J. Greenler, Jr., moderator, opened the business meeting.

Article 1. Voted to pass over.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for libraries in this town, for the use of the public libraries in this town, to be expended by the Town Library Trustees.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be paid to the City of Haverhill for the use of the jail.

✓ Article 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey to Earle and Avis Blake for the sum of \$100.00 a strip of land seven feet wide from the back of the bulkhead of Lincoln Hall to the rear line of the town property adjoining the Blake property, and to grant for \$1.00 an option to buy said land for a period not exceeding one year.

✓ Article 5. Voted to convey or release the town's interest, if any, in the "School House Lot," so called, to A. Gordon Price for the sum of \$1.00; and to authorize the selectmen to execute a proper instrument for that purpose.

✓ Article 6. Voted to convey to the Boy Scouts Inc. an area of land to the north and northeast of their present land, being a portion of the land conveyed by the Boxford Boy Scouts Inc. to the town (see Book 5162, page 498) and shown as part of lot C on Crawford Plan, book 78 plan 5, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute a proper deed of conveyance for the sum of one dollar; so that the Boy Scout land shall total approximately fourteen acres, the northerly bound to start at a stake by the land of Cole about 639 feet north of land of Atherton and follow a line and course North 53 degrees thirty-five minutes west (magnetic), marked by several stakes in a straight line, about 800 ft. to Spring Brook.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for the purpose indicated, in addition to the sums voted at the annual town meeting: Vacation — \$1200.00; Sick Benefit — \$400.00; Dog Officer — \$100.00; Treasurer — \$500.00; Snow Removal — \$5000.00; Tree Warden — \$500.00; Selectmen's Contingent Fund — \$400.00.

Article 8. Attorney Edgar Kelley explained the State Liquor Laws and their effect on the Town of Boxford if the town voted to allow the sale of liquors at the special election on June 20, 1966.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M. with sixty voters present.

A true record.

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 1966

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Thursday, December 29, 1966 for a Special Town Meeting. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to accept Hollow Tree Road in the Ardon Farm Development.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$5,500.00 for land taking for highway purposes, such taking to be pursuant to a layout of Middleton Road as made by County Engineers, said payment not to exceed a rate of five and one half cents per square foot.

Article 3. Voted to make the following transfers of funds: \$79.12 from Memorial Day to the Appeal Board; \$500.00 from Public Welfare to Snow Removal and Sanding; \$1,000.00 from Public Welfare to Police; and \$1,000.00 from Insurance to Police.

Article 4. Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from Road Machinery Fund to Road Machinery Maintenance.

✓ Article 5. Voted that sum of \$2000 to be received under the provisions of Section (gg) of Article III of the Mary Stacy Holmes Trust 1952 be designated as the Mary Stacy Holmes Libray Fund, said fund to be administered and used solely at the discretion of the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library for general Library purposes.

Article 6. Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

A true record:

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
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