

Stoddard, John, Merchandising Mgr., Woodland Road  
 Sutton, Willena Z., Housewife, Boren Lane  
 Thomas, Catherine, Housewife, Baldpate Rd., W.B.  
 Thompson, Gordon, Engineer, Hemlock Road  
 Trask, David E., Banker, Depot Road  
 Walsh, Marjorie, Secretary, Elm Street

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1971

The voters of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional District School on March 1, 1971 at 8 P.M. After an introductory prayer by Rev. Robert Dana, the meeting was opened by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. The following action was taken under the articles of the warrant:

1. VOTED to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees provisionally because of errors in the town report.
2. VOTED to adopt the prepared budget with the following changes: Registrars increased from \$600.00 to \$1,380.00; Board of Health decreased from \$20,000.00 to \$18,571.00; Regional District School decreased from \$844,649.69 to \$828,827.88; Highway Vacation Account decreased from \$2,400.00 to \$2,200.00; and Highway Sick Benefit decreased from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.
3. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to establish a Communications Department and set the salary of the Director. Funds for the department will be transferred from Fire Department, \$7,138.00, Police Department \$10,600.00, and an additional sum of \$3,230.00 will be raised and appropriated.
4. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 for capital outlay to enlarge the Communications system to include the Highway Department.
5. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to establish a Department of Buildings and Grounds and set the salary of the Superintendent at \$1,000.00 annually; funds for the 1971 budget of \$6,000 to be transferred from Town Halls, \$2,500.00; Public Grounds, \$300.00; Community House, \$300.00; Maintenance of Ball Fields, \$2,550.00; Maintenance of Skating Rinks, \$250.00; Old Town Cemetery, \$50.00; and Libraries—Mowing and Shovelling, \$50.00.
6. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$1,436.00 for the purchase of equipment for the maintenance of the Town's buildings and grounds.

7. VOTED to appropriate \$3,500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, to be transferred from Road Machinery Fund.
8. VOTED to appropriate \$25,000 for the Reserve Fund, to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.
9. 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, 1971, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and renew any note or notes therefor as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.
10. Passed over.
11. VOTED to appropriate the sum of money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries, the money to be expended by the Library Trustees.
12. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, to be used on Washington Street.
13. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$41,825.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.
14. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$10,500.00 to be used for improvement and surfacing of the easterly end of Herrick Road.
15. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of Highway equipment.
16. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$729.00 for the purchase of speed signs, this sum to be added to the amount appropriated in 1970.
17. VOTED to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a present 1970 police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$3,200.00 to purchase and equip a new cruiser-ambulance for the Police Department.
18. Voted down.
19. Voted down.

20. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for repairs to the present West Boxford fire station.
21. VOTED to authorize and direct the Selectmen to negotiate the acquisition of land off Main Street in West Boxford abutting the Town Forest, to include all land within 400 feet of the Town Well; and to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for such acquisition.
22. VOTED by hand count, 205 yes, 26 no, to adopt a by-law establishing Historic Districts and an Historic District Commission under the provisions of Chapter 40C, General Laws, a copy of proposed by-law being on file with the Town Clerk.
23. VOTED to approve of the transfer, with legislative authorization, of title to 7.9 acres of land within the Town of Boxford owned by Videtta Corporation and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Property bordering Pye Brook, Topsfield." dated December 1970 by C. Lawrence Bond, to the Town of Topsfield for conservation and no other purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver any notes or correspondence of such approval.
24. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for drug education and prevention, such fund to be administered by the Board of Health.
25. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.
26. VOTED 88 yes, 58 no to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield forming the Masconomet Regional School District by striking out and rescinding Section XII of said Agreement entitled "Incurring of Debt," and adding Section XII as follows:
- "Section XII. Incurring of debt. The incurring of indebtedness by the District shall be approved by the registered voters in the member towns pursuant to General Laws Chapter 71, sec. 16 (n). Indebtedness shall not be subject to disapproval by each member town as provided in General Laws Chapter 71, sec. 16 (d)."
- Said amendment will in substance provide that the incurring of other than temporary indebtedness must be

approved by a majority of the registered voters in the member towns voting on the question at an election called by the three towns, at the expense of the district, on ballots prepared by the district, and conducted in each town in the same manner as the election of town officers.

27. VOTED to authorize a charge for the inspection of installation or alteration of oil burners and fuel storage tanks, such charge to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

28. VOTED to adjourn at 11:55 P.M.

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Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk

### BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1971

#### General Government

Selectmen	\$ 2,775.00
Board of Public Welfare	25.00
Assessors	6,100.00
Treasurer	5,034.00
Town Clerk	900.00
Accountant	4,200.00
Collector	2,900.00
Registrars	1,380.00
Elections	350.00
Town Counsel	1,200.00
Conservation Commission	60.00
Appeal Board	500.00
Planning Board	900.00
Building Inspector	1,100.00
Wire Inspector	1,200.00
Gas Inspector	600.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00
Finance Committee	335.00
Recreation Committee	3,525.00
Board of Health	18,571.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Child Guidance Center	1,480.37
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	\$53,785.37

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Dog Officer	\$ 400.00
Police	75,622.00
Fire Department	25,523.00
Tree Warden	2,500.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,500.00
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	\$107,945.00

<b>Aid and Relief:</b>	
Veterans Benefits	\$ 4,500.00
<b>Schools and Libraries:</b>	
Schools — Town	\$524,238.00
Regional District School	828,827.88
Town Libraries	25,430.00
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	\$1,378,495.88
<b>Highways:</b>	
Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,920.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	30,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00
Vacation Account	2,200.00
Sick Benefit	500.00
Operational Expense	3,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	3,500.00
General Highway Department	2,000.00
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	\$47,420.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>	
Town Halls	\$ 2,500.00
Public Grounds	300.00
Town Forest	100.00
Civil Defense	200.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Memorial Day	600.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	250.00
Harmony Cemetery	200.00
"Old" Town Cemetery	50.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Clerical	3,000.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	2,000.00

Interest on Maturing Debt and Temporary Loan	11,651.00
School House Notes	34,000.00
Community House	300.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	6,300.00
Water Source Survey	1,000.00
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	\$68,276.00
Total Budget Adopted	\$1,660,422.25
<b>Other Items:</b>	
Article 3	\$ 3,230.00
Article 4	2,200.00
Article 6	1,436.00
Article 12	7,250.00
Article 14	10,500.00
Article 15	2,000.00
Article 16	729.00
Article 17	3,200.00
Article 20	5,000.00
Article 21	4,000.00
Article 24	1,000.00
Article 25	50,000.00
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	\$ 90,545.00
Total to be raised and appropriated	\$1,750,967.25
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
Article 3	\$17,738.00
Article 5	6,000.00
Article 7	3,500.00
Article 8	25,000.00
Article 13	41,825.00
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Total Transfers	\$94,063.00
A true record	
Attest:	
	E. LAURENCE COLBY, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 29, 1971**

The voters of Boxford met at the Spofford Pond School at 8 P.M. with 300 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer, the business meeting was opened by the Moderator, William J. Greenler, Jr. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. (a) Voted to transfer \$800.00 to Libraries, \$600.00 to Group Hospital and Life Insurance, \$300.00 to Buildings and Grounds, \$3.00 to Public Grounds, \$50.00 to Community House, and \$1,750.00 to Communications: from Town Reports, \$355.52; Central Communications System 1966 Account, \$257.64; Fire Department, \$955.00; and Masconomet Regional School Planning Account, \$1,934.84.

(b) Voted to transfer \$2,737.36 from the Masconomet Regional Planning Account to the Police Department.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$502.50 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

Article 3. Voted unanimously to enact the following by-law: The Plumbing Inspector shall charge \$20.00 for inspection of new construction, which shall enure to the Town.

Article 4. Voted to transfer \$3,278.00 from Surplus Funds to finance the construction of School Zone signs, flashers, and crosswalks at Masconomet Regional High School, said sum to be fully re-imbursable by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and, when re-imbursed to be returned to Surplus Funds.

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Highway Surveyor to purchase a snowplow for \$1,150.00, by transferring that amount from Masconomet Regional Planning Account.

Article 6. Voted to transfer \$1,460.15 from Town Farm Fund and \$9,439.85 from Masconomet Regional Planning Account, totalling \$10,900.00 for the survey, appraisal, and purchase of, or an option to purchase 19.2 acres more or less adjacent to the Spofford Pond School and other town land.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to pass over

Article 9. Voted to enjoin the Board of Health to maintain a Saturday and Sunday schedule as part of a three day weekly schedule at the Sanitary Landfill.

Article 10. Voted down.

Article 11. Voted to request the Library Trustees to give further consideration and study to the re-location of the Ingalls Library at the Gardner Morse School, and report back to the town at the March 1972 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 12. Voted to adjourn at 9:50 P.M.

A true record

Attest:

E. LAURENCE COLBY,  
Town Clerk