

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MARCH 5, 1973

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on March 5, 1973. Moderator William J. Greenler called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed. Cadette Scout Troop Three led a flag ceremony with pledge of allegiance. 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.

Article 2. VOTED to accept the proposed 18-month budget as presented with Finance Committee recommendations and the following changes were made on the floor, to a total 18-month budget of \$3,143,371.00.

Eighteen Months Budget

	Proposed	Accepted
Police	\$ 147,995.00	\$ 145,079.00
Fire Department	39,431.00	39,331.00
Schools — Town	975,237.00	927,237.00
Regional School District	1,710,272.00	1,612,678.00
Brush Days	new item	750.00
Soldiers Graves	450.00	225.00

Article 3. VOTED to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 4. VOTED to pass over.

Article 5. VOTED to allow the following bills of charge: Planning Board \$68.76; Board of Appeals \$32.50, and to raise and appropriate \$101.26 for payment. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries.

Article 7. VOTED to transfer \$60,000.00 from Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 8. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, for road construction on Ipswich Road, Middleton Road and Main Street for 1973.

Article 9. VOTED to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$62,042.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 10. VOTED to appropriate \$10,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 11. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to be used for completion of Herrick Road in part.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive, ¾ ton pick-up truck with a 8 foot plow, for the Highway Department, and to authorize the trade-in of the present truck towards its purchase.

Article 13. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00 for a dump body and double power-take-off for the Highway Department.

Article 14. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to add to the Highway land-taking account.

Article 15. VOTED to establish a "Fund for Resurfacing Roads," and to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

Article 16. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 to be used for 1974 highway expenditures heretofore paid under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90, to include the Town's share of any payments to be added by State, county or other funds.

Article 17. VOTED to appropriate revenue sharing money, \$24,601.97, for capital expenditures.

Article 18. VOTED to raise and appropriate or transfer \$31,000.00 for the purchase of a new piece of fire apparatus, \$6,398.03 to be raised and appropriated and \$24,601.97 to be transferred from revenue sharing money; and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old truck.

Article 19. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$1,940.00 for the purchase of Porta Mobils for Fire Chief's and Deputy Chief's cars.

Article 20. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for a base station transmitter for the Fire Department.

Article 21. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for a portable transceiver for the Police Department.

Article 22. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the purchase or rental of land and construction or rental of transmission facilities. (Unanimous voice vote)

Article 23. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for the use of the Water Resources and Drainage Committee for engineering, consulting and exploration in connection with planning the development and protection of water resources for the Town.

Article 24. VOTED to pass over.

Article 25. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the use of Town equipment by the Highway Department to provide improved drainage and grading in connection with preparation of sites for buildings at the Town Center.

Article 26. VOTED to pass over.

Article 27. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$2,400.00 to be administered by the Board of Health to be used for counselling services rendered to Boxford residents. By hand count, 149 affirmative; 145 opposed.

Article 28. Article was voted down.

Article 29. VOTED to expand the Conservation Commission membership from five to seven members. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 30. Article voted down.

Article 31. Article voted down.

Article 32. VOTED to authorize the selectmen to sell a present Police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$3,570.00 to purchase and equip for the Police Department a new cruiser-ambulance.

Article 33. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to sell a current Police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to purchase and equip for the Police Department a new cruiser-ambulance in 1974.

Article 34. VOTED to pass over.

Article 35. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen and to raise and appropriate \$6,950.00 to fund said position for the last twelve months of the fiscal year.

Article 36. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's interest in a certain parcel of land on Ipswich Road, such parcel to be sold for a sum to be negotiated with the approval of the

Finance Committee, and upon such sale or transfer to abandon a section of old Ipswich Road.

Article 37. VOTED to enact the following by-law:

There shall be a Capital Budgeting Committee consisting of five members — one member appointed by and from the Finance Committee; one member appointed by and from the Planning Board; one member appointed by and from the Town Facilities Planning Committee, each with a one-year term; and two citizens at large appointed by the Selectmen, each with a three-year term but their terms not to expire in the same year. The Capital Budgeting Committee so constituted will be responsible for updating the Town's capital budget each year and reporting anticipated capital needs to the Town at each annual Town Meeting. (By hand count, 99 in favor; 58 opposed.)

Article 38. VOTED to enact the following by-law:

The Boxford Sanitary Landfill shall be open according to the posted hours for the deposit of solid refuse. This excludes automobile bodies, large household appliances or tree and brush refuse, which may be accepted only at specified times in designated areas. Biodegradable liquid wastes (septic tank pumpage, etc.) may be deposited in a separate area provided for this and no other purpose during regular hours. By arrangement with the landfill supervisory agency, disposal of this and other refuse may also be permitted at other agreed times. Deposit of any unauthorized refuse or dumping at unauthorized times or in any unapproved area in or adjacent to the landfill site on Town property shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00. (By voice vote.)

Article 39. VOTED to enact the following by-law:

Door-to-door solicitors shall be required to have in their possession, and upon request to show, official personal identification such as a driver's license, draft registration or social security card or equivalent or suitable identification to be provided by the Police Department. (By voice vote.)

Article 40. VOTED to enact the following by-law:

There shall be no digging, filling, or alteration of grades or drainage on any property owned by the Town on or adjacent to public ways, or over which the Town has a right of way except by permission of the Board of Selectmen or their authorized agent. Violation of this by-law shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00. (By voice vote.)

Article 41. VOTED to amend the Town by-laws by deleting the section under "Gas Inspector" passed by Town Meeting on November 23, 1962 and substituting the following:

There shall be a gas inspector to be appointed by the Selectmen for such term as they shall deem proper. He shall perform his duties under the direction of the Selectmen, as prescribed by the General Laws. He shall collect fees from applicants for permits in accordance with a schedule to be approved by the Selectmen, and shall be paid a salary to be determined by the Selectmen. (By voice vote.)

Article 42. VOTED to move the date of the Annual Town Meeting to the second Tuesday in May and the Election of Officers to the following Monday in May, commencing in 1974, and to extend the terms of office and attendant authority and duties of elected and appointed officials (whose terms would otherwise expire in March 1974) to May 1974. (By voice vote.)

Article 43. VOTED to adjourn at 10:35 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 333; non-voters approximately 30. Counters for the meeting were appointed by the Moderator, Mr. Greenler, and checkers by Assistant Town Clerk Mrs. Meeker.

A true record.

Attest:

MARY R. MEEKER,
Assistant Town Clerk

**BUDGET ADOPTED FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1973
TO JUNE 30, 1974**

	Budget 1973	Total 18 Months
General Government		
Selectmen	\$4,529.00	\$6,813.00
Assessors	5,087.00	8,457.00
Treasurer	5,630.00	8,560.00
Town Clerk	1,960.00	2,920.00
Accountant	9,581.00	13,994.00
Collector of Taxes	4,335.00	7,175.00
Planning Board	800.00	1,200.00
Appeal Board	1,500.00	1,750.00
Historic District Commission	100.00	150.00
Registrars	805.00	1,550.00
Elections	610.00	1,210.00
Building Inspector	1,100.00	1,650.00
Electrical Inspector	1,200.00	1,800.00
Gas Inspector	700.00	1,050.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,000.00	1,500.00
Town Counsel	1,400.00	2,100.00
Finance Committee	550.00	1,100.00
Conservation Commission	160.00	250.00
Recreation Committee	1,150.00	1,925.00
Water and Drainage Committee	50.00	75.00
Board of Health	19,098.00	29,268.00
Child Guidance Center	1,277.00	1,915.00
	<u>\$62,622.00</u>	<u>\$96,412.00</u>
Buildings and Grounds:		
Salary, Director	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Ball Fields and Public Grounds	3,280.00	5,365.00
Town Halls and Buildings	4,595.00	6,525.00
Equipment	250.00	250.00
	<u>\$9,125.00</u>	<u>\$13,640.00</u>
Protection of Persons and Property		
Inspector of Animals	\$400.00	\$600.00
Dog Officer	1,100.00	1,650.00
Police	94,958.00	145,079.00
Communications	32,167.00	46,771.00
Fire Department	27,717.00	39,331.00
Tree Warden	3,000.00	4,500.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00	2,500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	2,500.00	3,500.00
	<u>\$163,242.00</u>	<u>\$243,931.00</u>

Aid and Relief		
Veterans' Benefits	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Schools and Libraries		
Schools — Town	\$602,804.00	\$927,237.00
Regional School District	1,077,199.00	1,612,678.00
North Shore Regional Vocational School	4,000.00	6,069.00
Town Libraries	36,526.00	56,089.00
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	\$1,720,529.00	\$2,602,073.00
Highways		
Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Highway Department	2,100.00	3,200.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,930.00	5,860.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	10,000.00	15,500.00
Highway Operational Expense	3,920.00	6,710.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	36,320.00	62,180.00
Street Lighting	2,052.00	3,078.00
Vacation	3,000.00	4,000.00
Sick Benefit	300.00	500.00
Brush Days		750.00
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	\$62,622.00	\$104,778.00
Unclassified		
Insurance	\$4,256.00	\$6,431.00
Memorial Day	600.00	1,200.00
Town Forest	100.00	150.00
Civil Defense	600.00	750.00
Town Reports	2,150.00	4,300.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	300.00	450.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00	150.00
Harmony Cemetery	200.00	300.00
Mount Vernon Cemetery	100.00	150.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00	225.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	2,000.00	3,000.00
Interest on Loans	7,181.00	10,181.00
School House Notes	34,000.00	34,000.00
Group Hospital & Life Insurance	9,000.00	13,750.00
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	\$60,812.00	\$75,037.00
BUDGET TOTALS:	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$2,083,952.00	\$3,143,371.00

Additional Items:

Article 5 Bills of Charge	\$ 101.26
Article 8 Chapter 90	7,250.00

Article 11 Herrick Road	20,000.00
Article 12 Highway Department — Pickup Truck	3,500.00
Article 13 Highway Department — Dump body	2,100.00
Article 14 S/M Highway Landtaking	3,000.00
Article 15 Fund for Resurfacing Road	5,000.00
Article 16 Chapter 81 and 90 1974	7,500.00
Article 18 Fire Department — New Apparatus	6,398.03
Article 19 Communication — Porta-Mobiles (Fire Department)	1,940.00
Article 20 Communication — Base Station Transmitter — (Fire Department)	1,500.00
Article 21 Communication — Portable Transceiver — (Police)	800.00
Article 22 Communication — Land purchase or rental — Transmission facility	2,500.00
Article 23 Water Resource and Drainage Fund	4,500.00
Article 25 Drainage & Grading Fund — Town Center	1,000.00
Article 27 Tri-Town Council on Youth & Family Service	2,400.00
Article 32 Police Department — Cruiser/Ambulance — 1973	3,570.00
Article 33 Police Department — Cruiser/Ambulance — 1974	4,000.00
Article 35 Selectmen's Administrative Assistant	6,950.00

Total to be Raised and Appropriated

\$ 84,009.00

\$3,227,380.00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 22, 1973

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 22, 1973. Moderator William J. Greenler called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed.

Article 1. VOTED to transfer the sum of \$169.31 from the West Boxford Fire Station Repair Fund for the payment of the balance of December fuel bills for the Boxford Fire Department. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 2. VOTED to transfer \$602.51 from the West Boxford Fire Station Repair Fund and \$354.99 from the Board of Health Loading Dock Fund for a total of \$957.50 for contribution to the North Shore Guidance Center covering the town's share of expense from January 1, 1974 to July 1, 1974. By voice vote.

Article 3. VOTED to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,400.00 to permit an increase in the salary of the Chief of Police to 1½ times that of the highest paid patrolman for the period January 11, 1973 to July 1, 1974, such funds to be transferred as follows: \$1,545.01 from the Board of Health Loading Dock Fund and \$1,854.99 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund. By voice vote.

Article 4. VOTED to raise the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Highway Department funds for sick leave during the period to July 1, 1974 by transferring the sum of \$1,400.00 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund and \$100.00 from the Goodwin Plans (1954). By voice vote.

Article 5. VOTED to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Spofford Pond School Fund for additional brush days. By voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$1,512.00 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Libraries. By voice vote.

Article 7. VOTED to raise \$8,500.00 to provide for resurfacing or reconstruction of town roads by transfer of \$2,301.10 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund and \$6,198.90 to be raised and appropriated on this year's taxes. By voice vote.

Article 8. VOTED to rescind Town action on Article 32 of the March 7, 1960 Town Meeting authorizing the Selectmen to lease certain Town property located on Ipswich Road to the American Legion. By voice vote.

Article 9. VOTED to accept the following designated precinct line to run from North Andover line between Hall's and Tuchen's across Maple Avenue and Main Street, between Walter's and Manuel's, along the south line of Wildcat tract coming out between Wood's and Hatch's and then down the middle of Ipswich Road and Spofford Road, then through the Town land and Spofford Pond School and directly back to the Georgetown line along the back of the properties of Donovan, Alm, A. Schneiderman and Briggs. By voice vote.

Article 10. Passed over by Moderator.

Article 11. VOTED down.

Article 12. VOTED to pass over.

Article 13. VOTED to transfer \$.28 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund to the Masconomet School District Account. By voice vote.

Article 14. VOTED to transfer from available funds \$11,000.00 to prepare and modify working drawings and all necessary documents for bidding on construction of a Police-Communications building at the Town Center, such transfer to be made from the Morse House Account (1964) \$44.77, the Town Farm Fund \$108.11, the Post War Rehabilitation Fund \$6,903.49, and from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund \$3,943.63. By voice vote.

Article 15. VOTED down.

Article 16. VOTED to adjourn at 10:45 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 399; non-voters approximately 10.

AUDREY J. LADD,
Town Clerk

Tellers:

Joyce Chub
Alice Farnsworth
Faye Jennings
Barbara Ross

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 1973

A special Town Meeting of the voters of Boxford was called to order at 7:55 P.M. at the Masconomet Regional High School on November 19, 1973, with 391 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer the Moderator, William J. Greenler, read the notice as published and the return of service. Appointed as counters for the meeting were Mrs. Marcia Brockelman and Messrs. George Gould, Richard LeBel and Norman Turner.

The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. VOTED: to transfer \$1,000 from the Board of Appeals: \$500 to Selectmen Contingent Fund, \$500 to Brush Day.

The following amendment was offered on the floor, moved and seconded, and accepted by voice vote:

To transfer \$1,854.99 from the Police Department 1973, \$1,400 from Highway Department Sick Leave, \$500 from Brush Days, \$2,301.10 from the Fund for Resurfacing Roads, \$.28 from the Masconomet Regional School Committee, a total of \$6,056.37 to the Spofford Pond School Building Addition Fund.

The article as amended was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 2. VOTED: to transfer from the Overlay Reserve \$6,000 to the Selectmen Highways and Bridges Account. Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 3. VOTED: to amend the Building Code section dealing with fees, Article 17 adopted at March 1, 1948 Town Meeting, deleting Section 1 of III and substituting the following: "The inspection fees shall be established by the Board of Selectmen." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 4. VOTED: to adopt the following by-law: "No overnight parking shall be permitted on the streets of Boxford from December 1st to April 1st." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 5. VOTED: to amend the by-law dealing with door to door solicitation, Article 39 adopted at March 5, 1973 Town Meeting by adding the following Section 2: "No person or persons shall solicit to sell or distribute merchandise on a house to house basis within the limits of the Town of Boxford without first obtaining a permit from the Boxford Police Department. Whoever violates this Town by-law shall be subject to arrest without a warrant and shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50)." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED: to adopt the following by-law: "No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws, while on, in, or upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, park or playground, school grounds, or private or public land or place, without consent of the owner, or person in control thereof. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this Town by-law shall be seized and safely held for trial before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession. Whoever violates this Town by-law shall be subject to arrest without a warrant and shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50)." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 7. VOTED: to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the policy that, all brush generated within the Town by the various Town departments be disposed of by chipping, and that the policy of burying brush on Town property be abandoned. Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 8. VOTED: to rezone to R-A the following areas as defined in the current Zoning Map of the Town of Boxford: 1. the B-2 area east of Service Road, and 2. the portion of the B-1 area abutting Baldpate Pond outside of a distance of 150 feet in all directions from the foundation of the existing Shopping Center buildings. By hand count, 269 affirmative, 79 opposed.

Article 9. VOTED: to appropriate \$163,000 to construct a new Police/Communications Center at the northeast corner of Ipswich and Spofford Roads, on land now owned by the Town and that it be appropriated therefor the sum of \$28,500 as follows: \$6,000 to be transferred from the Spofford Pond School Building Fund, \$22,500 to be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds; and the further sum of \$134,500 to be provided by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized and directed to issue bonds or notes therefor, payable in accordance with said General Laws Chapter 44, so that the whole amount shall be paid in not more than five (5) years from the date of said bonds or notes. By hand count, 239 affirmative, 57 opposed.

Article 10. VOTED: to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution for an Act: "authorizing the Town of Boxford to issue an All Alcoholic License to Far Corner Farm Golf Course, Inc." By hand count, 175 affirmative, 30 opposed.

Article 11. VOTED: that the citizens of the Town of Boxford confirm the vote of the Public Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to terminate the lease on which payment of \$1 per year has been made each year since 1966 for the use of the Catherine Ingalls Memorial Library in West Boxford;

that these properties be returned to the Trustees of the Catherine Ingalls Memorial Library; that we hereby express the gratitude of the people of the Town for the many benefits enjoyed by them for some forty (40) years as a result of the effort of Rosamond Ingalls Gowen, the Private Library Trustees, and the many people who assisted in this general effort. Unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the meeting under Article 12, it was moved and

VOTED: to adjourn.

Adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

AUDREY J. LADD,
Town Clerk
Town of Boxford

Election Officers
Kathryn Dineen
Mary Edwards
Susan Price
Barbara Ross

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1973

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 12	— Herbert Brandt Foster	Bradbury H. Foster Sandra Ann Tardiff
Jan. 17	— Keith Andrew Hemeon	Gordon Raymond Hemeon Joanne Lorraine Knight
Jan. 17	— Daryl Gordon Hemeon	Gordon Raymond Hemeon Joanne Lorraine Knight
Jan. 17	— David Rittenhouse Smyth	William Russell Smyth, Jr. Eleanor Newhall Churchman
Feb. 9	— Melissa Rollins	Arthur Melvin Rollins Ruth Eleanor Gamble
Jan. 30	— Peter Gregory Ford	Peter Anthony Ford Jane Hart Tormey
Jan. 31	— Geoffrey Barnes Georgi	Howard Mason Georgi Anne Rutledge Blake
Mar. 9	— Anita Muriel Sweeney	Edward Francis Sweeney Anita Vesta McDonald
Mar. 7	— David Garabrant Stone 3rd	David Garabrant Stone, Jr. Linnette Gail Kelsey
Feb. 27	— Matthew Bernard McCarey	Thomas Joseph McCarey Mary Judith Robrecht
Feb. 23	— Christen Powers	Michael Joseph Powers Carrie Jane Adams
Feb. 3	— Holly Ann Helfrich	Thomas Charles Helfrich Susan Louise Myers
Mar. 1	— Molly Elizabeth Taber	Bruce Dean Taber Nancy Lavaune Greaves
Feb. 4	— Douglas Alten Prouty	Kenneth Alten Prouty Carol Ann Donovan
Mar. 15	— Valarie Clair Hickok	Richard Clair Hickok Sandra Ruth Pelton
Mar. 15	— Craig Rossi	William Joseph Rossi Sandra Ann Skranda
Mar. 14	— Amy Elizabeth Jelly	Donald Babeon Jelly Sharon Ann Brackett
Mar. 25	— Tricia Rene Zelin	William Howard Zelin Patricia Agnes Kassnel
April 14	— Scott Paul Stickney	Kerry Christopher Stickney Judith Ann Pellicelli
April 6	— Joshue Ames Nichols	Peter Ames Nichols Frances Elaine Archon
April 9	— Jill Ann Gregory	David Warren Gregory Carolyn Stephanie Ruchola
May 13	— Alison Teresa Denno	Joseph Charles Denno Susan Marie Pecreault
May 28	— Matthew Todd Sullivan	James Francis Sullivan Rita Ann Topelewski