

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MAY 14, 1974

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 14, 1974. Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. VOTED to pass over.

Article 2. VOTED to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report. By voice vote.

Article 3. VOTED to accept the proposed budget for the current fiscal year, to wit: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Aid and Relief, Schools and Libraries, Highways and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said fiscal year, as presented with Finance Committee recommendations and the following changes were made on the floor to a total budget of \$2,557,180.21.

1974-1975 Budget

	Proposed	Accepted
Schools — Town	\$781,181.00	\$757,181.00
Town Libraries	42,758.00	41,410.00

Article 4. 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 July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, 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 General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. By voice vote.

Article 5. VOTED to appropriate for the use of the Boxford Town Library, the sum of \$1,512 received in April 1974 for the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate for the use of the Boxford Town Library the sum of \$724.28 refunded by the County in March 1974 on account of dog licenses. By voice vote.

Article 7. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve. By voice vote.

Article 8. VOTED to pass over.

Article 9. VOTED to transfer from the account set up under Article 16 of the 1973 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$7,250 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction to be used for completion of work on Ipswich Road and Route 97 work. By voice vote.

Article 10. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,930 to be used for 1975 highway expenditures under Chapter 81 to include the Town's share of any payments to be added by state, county or other funds. By voice vote.

Article 11. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$41,896 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said monies when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue. By voice vote.

Article 12. VOTED to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the Maintenance of Road Machinery. By voice vote.

Article 13. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to complete the construction of the Ipswich Road end of Herrick Road. By voice vote.

Article 14. VOTED to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$6,150 for the purchase of a 1974 International, Model 1700, Cab and Chassis without body and authorize the trade-in of a 1968 Chevrolet truck toward purchase. By voice vote.

Article 15. VOTED to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$4,565 for the purchase of a 1974 1-Ton Chevrolet Cab and Chassis with Dump Body and authorize the trade-in of a 1967 Dodge pick-up truck toward purchase. By voice vote.

Article 16. VOTED to transfer from the Road Machinery account the sum of \$3,970 for the purchase of a Sand Spreader Body. By voice vote.

Article 17. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$4100 for the construction of a salt storage facility to comply with the provisions of Section 7a of Chapter 85 as amended December 12, 1973. By voice vote.

Article 18. VOTED to allocate \$85,168 of Chapter 1140 Sections 20 and 21 funds to regrading and resurfacing Route 97. By voice vote.

Article 19. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$15,000, the same to be added to the Fund for Resurfacing Roads. By voice vote.

Article 20. VOTED to pass over.

Article 21. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$2,000 to construct or rent a building for recycling, transfer to be made only after some responsible organization is found to take control of the operation. By voice vote.

Article 22. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$4,000 for the construction of approach roads and parking spaces in the vicinity of the new Police/Communications Building. By voice vote.

Article 23. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$4,000 to purchase a 1975 Police Department Cruiser-Ambulance and trade a present cruiser toward its purchase. By voice vote.

Article 24. Article voted down.

Article 25. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$2,212 to the Haverhill-Newburyport Mental Health and Mental Retardation Area Board as the Town's fair share of fiscal year 1975 expenses, as one of eleven cities and towns legally defined by the Commonwealth as participants in this Area of Region IV for mental health and mental retardation services available to and now being used by the residents of the Town, regardless of age. By voice vote.

Article 26. VOTED to change the name of Service Road to Pond Street. By hand count, 192 affirmative; 144 opposed.

Article 27. VOTED to amend the official zoning map by lowering the boundary elevation of the Conservancy District north of Cedar Street and between Cedar Street and Surrey Lane from 78 feet to 70 feet. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 28. VOTED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Board, to designate all roads within the town other than numbered routes or state highways as "scenic roads" under the provisions of General Law Chapter 40 Section 15C, in order to preserve the natural character and physical appearance of said roads; and to instruct the Planning Board, in exercising its responsibilities hereunder, to take into consideration sound planning principles, aesthetic considerations, and preservation of natural resources, as well as public safety. By voice vote.

Article 29. Article voted down.

VOTED at 11:20 P.M. to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 15, 1974.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 393.

Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., called the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. on May 15, 1974.

Article 30. VOTED to authorize and direct the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, for recreational use, approximately 7.3 acres of land located on the southwest corner of Stiles Pond shown as Parcels A, B and C on the plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Boxford, property of E.C. Bemis," Scale 1"=40' dated May 14, 1974 and prepared by Essex Survey Service, Inc., 47 Federal St., Salem, Massachusetts, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 for such acquisition. The Selectmen are further authorized to grant or maintain, through appropriate easement, unrestricted right of access from Main Street over Parcel B to those parties of interest. By voice vote.

Article 31. VOTED to raise and appropriate for the Recreation Committee the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of improving beach area and parking facilities at the Stiles Pond Town Beach. By voice vote.

Article 32. VOTED to accept the provisions of Section 6f of Chapter 238 authorizing the repair of private ways open to public use for 6 years or more if such repairs are required by public convenience and necessity. By voice vote.

Article 33. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the construction of two tennis courts near the new Police Station on Spofford Road. A specific site to be agreed upon mutually with the Selectmen, Police Department and Town Building Committee, and said construction to be under the supervision of the Recreation Committee. By voice vote.

Article 34. VOTED to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$160,000 to be used to purchase in the name of the Town of Boxford the so-called "Wildcat" property in its entirety for conservation, recreation and open space purposes under the management of the Conservation Commission, and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three registered voters of the Town to conduct negotiations attendant to the purchase, said sum to be provided as follows: \$40,000 to be raised by tax levy, \$10,000 to be transferred from the Conservation Fund, \$52,000 to be transferred from Free Cash, and \$58,000 to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. By voice vote.

Article 35. VOTED to pass over.

Article 36. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$7,500 to be expended at the discretion of the "Fire Station Building Committee," said Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and charged with the responsibility of presenting at the next Annual Town Meeting final plans and firm bids on a new West Boxford Fire Station. By voice vote.

Article 37. Article voted down.

Article 38. VOTED to pass over.

Article 39. VOTED to adopt Section 9A of Chapter 53 of the General Law. By voice vote.

Article 40. VOTED to accept an amendment to the North Shore Regional Vocational School District agreement, this amendment dated 21 March 1974 which sets forth conditions under which the City of Peabody shall be allowed to withdraw from said School District; this action being in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 545 of the Acts of 1972 and Part VII of the District agreement. By voice vote.

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Article 41. VOTED to pass over.

Article 42. VOTED to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 364. Counters for the meeting were appointed by the Moderator, Mr. Greenler, and checkers by Town Clerk

Audrey J. Ladd.

A true record.

Attest:

AUDREY J. LADD,
Town Clerk

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BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1974-1975

General Government

Selectmen	\$ 20,440.0
Assessors	7,399.0
Treasurer	6,557.0
Town Clerk	3,960.0
Accountant	9,860.0
Collector of Taxes	5,811.0
Planning Board	800.0
Appeal Board	550.0
Historic District Commission	100.0
Registrars	1,685.0
Elections	2,110.0
Building Inspector	4,621.0
Electrical Inspector	2,000.0
Gas Inspector	838.0
Plumbing Inspector	1,625.0
Town Counsel	1,400.0
Finance Committee	100.0
Conservation Commission	200.0
Recreation Committee	1,400.0
Water and Drainage Board	50.0
Board of Health	17,998.0
Child Guidance Center	2,050.0
	<u>\$ 91,554.0</u>

Protection of Persons and Property

Inspector of Animals	\$ 260.0
Dog Officer	800.0
Police Department	107,877.0
Communications Department	36,665.0
Fire Department	30,280.0
	<u>\$ 175,882.0</u>

Aid and Relief

Veterans' Benefits	\$ 5,000.0
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Schools and Libraries

Schools — Town	\$ 757,181.0
Regional School District	1,326,535.0
North Shore Regional	
Vocational School	14,141.0
Town Libraries	41,410.0
	<u>\$2,139,267.0</u>

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Department of Public Works

Selectmen's Highway Fund	\$ 4,000.00
General Highway Department	2,100.00
Highway Operational Expense	5,819.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	40,000.00
Street Lighting	2,300.00
Vacation and Holiday	4,000.00
Sick Benefit	2,000.00
Ball Fields and Public Grounds	3,600.00
Town Halls and Buildings	5,180.00
Equipment	100.00
Tree Warden	4,100.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm Disease	2,500.00
Brush Days	800.00
	<u>\$ 77,899.00</u>

Unclassified

Insurance	\$ 5,907.00
Memorial Day	650.00
Town Forest	100.00
Civil Defense	700.00
Town Reports	3,000.00
Town Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	300.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00
Harmony Cemetery	200.00
Mount Vernon Cemetery	100.00
Soldier's Graves	225.00
Selectmen's Contingency Fund	2,000.00
Interest on Loans	9,745.25
Group Hosp. and Life Insurance	10,000.00
Police/Communications	
Building Notes	
	<u>34,500.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGET \$2,557,180.21

Additional Items

Article 6	\$ 724.28
Article 7	50,000.00
Article 10	2,930.00
Article 11	41,896.00
Article 13	7,500.00
Article 25	2,212.00
Article 30	36,000.00
Article 31	5,000.00
Article 33	16,500.00
Article 34	40,000.00
Article 36	7,500.00
	<u>\$210,262.28</u>

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Allocated Funds

Article 18	\$ 85,168.
Total to be Raised and Appropriated	<u>\$2,767,442.</u>

Transfers

Article 9	\$7,250.00
Article 12	15,000.00
Article 14	6,150.00
Article 15	4,565.00
Article 16	3,970.00
Article 17	4,100.00
Article 19	15,000.00
Article 21	2,000.00
Article 22	4,000.00
Article 23	4,000.00
Article 34	<u>120,000.00</u>

Total Transfers

\$186,035.

A true record
Attest:

AUDREY J. LADD,
Town C

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — NOVEMBER 18, 1974

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on November 18, 1974. 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.

Article 1. VOTED to pass over.

Article 2. VOTED to enact a by-law to place the responsibility for the operation of the Sanitary Landfill under the jurisdiction of the Division of Public Works in conformity with the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Health. By voice vote.

Article 3. VOTED to transfer from Article 31, 1972 Town Meeting, Assessors' Maps account, the sum of \$3,000, said amount to be used in conjunction with \$7,500 raised at the Town Meeting of May 14, 1974, to pay architect's fee and conduct site tests for the Fire Station being designed to replace the present building in West Boxford. By voice vote.

Article 4. VOTED to accept as a gift a small piece of property adjacent to the West Boxford Fire Station. By voice vote.

Article 5. VOTED to enact a by-law that no person shall operate a boat equipped with more than a 10 horsepower motor on great ponds in Town according to Ch. 131, S. 45 as amended of the General Laws. By voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate for the use of the Boxford Town Library the sum of \$1,512 received after the Annual Town Meeting. By voice vote.

Article 7. VOTED to transfer from the Library Special Program Account the sum of \$1.60 for the use of the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 8. VOTED to strike out the pertinent section in the article which created a Capital Budgeting Committee reading "one member to be 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; and two citizens at large appointed by the Selectmen" and substitute: "five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member from the Finance Committee, one member from the Planning Board, one member from the Town Facilities Planning Committee and two citizens at large, each to serve for a term of one year." By hand count, 110 affirmative, 72 opposed.

Article 9. VOTED to dissolve the Town Facilities Planning Committee and to create a five member Town Facilities Planning and Building Committee with terms of three years, two expiring in the first year (1975), two in the second year, and one in the third year, with successors to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as vacancies occur; in addition, there shall be appointed two ad hoc members representing any department for which appraisal, planning, or

building funds have been appropriated by the Town, to serve until each such project is completed." By voice vote.

Article 10. VOTED to refer to the Planning Board, pursuant to the provisions of Mass. G.L. C41 Section 81-I, the following matters for review and recommendation with the provision that the Board submit its preliminary report establishing priorities, method of study, and cost projections to the March 1975 Annual Town Meeting.

1. Master Plan updating.
2. Subdivision Rules and Regulations updating.
3. Zoning map redrafting.
4. Density Zoning including apartment houses, condominiums, cluster housing, and Planned Unit Development.
5. Local business development.
6. "Porkchop" zoning.
7. Flood Plain and Conservancy zoning.
8. Housing for the elderly.
9. Housing for people with low and moderate income.
10. Boxford Open Space Plan.
11. Participation with the Board of Selectmen in developing a Master Road plan.

By voice vote.

Article 11. VOTED to pass over.

Article 12. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$18,497.30 from Ch. 114 funds already received for Highway Maintenance. By voice vote.

Article 13. VOTED to enact the following by-law: "any operator of a motor vehicle who shall drive his vehicle into an intersection without coming to a complete stop as required by a legally approved and established stop sign shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$20, which fine shall enure to the Town. By voice vote.

Article 14. VOTED to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 224; non-voters approximately 4. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

AUDREY J. LADD,
Town Clerk