

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - May 13, 1975

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 13, 1975. Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:52 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. By voice vote.

Article 3. VOTED to accept the proposed budget and to raise and appropriate \$2,767,720.17 for the use of the several departments for the current fiscal year, and to transfer \$2,000 from Article 21 of the May 14, 1974 Annual Town Meeting, \$14,500 from the Road Machinery Fund, and \$117.18 from Article 13 of the May 14, 1974 Annual Town Meeting, for the use of the Highway Department thereby reducing the Department of Public Works budget to \$110,818.82, 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 amendment:
1975-1976 Budget

	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Accepted</i>
Schools - Regional	\$1,445,397.07	\$1,444,231.35

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, 1975, 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 the sum of \$1,575.33 received from the County on account of dog licenses for use by the Boxford Town Library.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$1,512 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 7, VOTED to pass over.

Article 8. VOTED not to amend the North Shore Regional Vocational School district agreement in accordance with the North Shore Regional Vocational School district agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 545 Acts of 1972 and pursuant to part VII of the regional agreement permit the future withdrawal from the region of the City of Gloucester. By voice vote.

Article 9. VOTED to authorize the Selectmen to enter into the National Flood Insurance Program if the Selectmen so deem advisable. By voice vote.

Article 10. VOTED to amend Section VI B4 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following subclause:

Frontage Exception for Larger Lots:

1) Notwithstanding the above provisions, a lot in a R-A Residence-Agricultural District need not have the specified amount of street frontage, provided that:

a) the area of the lot exceeds by at least four (4) acres the minimum area required for such an R-A District.

b) the lot has a minimum continuous street frontage of not less than fifty (50) feet and a width of not less than fifty (5) feet at any point between the street and the site of the dwelling.

c) there is not more than one other such lot with frontage contiguous to it, and

d) it is not, in the opinion of the Planning Board, so located as to block the possible future extension of a dead end St.

2) Notwithstanding any other provisions, no such lot as described in subclause c-1, on which a dwelling is located, shall be hereafter subdivided, reduced in area, or changed in size or shape.

By hand count, 283 affirmative, 25 opposed.

Article 11. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to be used by the Planning Board for the recompilation and printing of the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Boxford including the preparation of lot line and topographical overlays. By voice vote.

Article 12. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for repairs to the Little Red School House. By voice vote.

Article 13. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for repairs and reconstruction to town offices. By voice vote.

Article 14. VOTED to pass over.

Article 15. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of improving beach area and parking facilities at the Stiles Pond Town Beach. By voice vote.

Article 16. VOTED (1) to endorse the establishment of a permanent Historic Document Center for the Town of Boxford as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, and (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be used by the Boxford Bicentennial Commission as a portion of the cost of establishing this Center. By voice vote.

Article 17. VOTED to transfer from available funds a sum of \$142,894.60 for the purpose of removal of an existing building and the construction of a new Fire Station to be located on Town owned property in the West end of Boxford on Main Street, said monies to be transferred as follows: \$1,500 from Article 3 of the November 18, 1974 Special Town Meeting, \$50,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$91,394.60 from the Stabilization fund, and to authorize and instruct the present Fire Station Building Committee to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town and supervise the execution of such contract until completed. By voice vote.

Article 18. VOTED to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,100 for the purpose of equipping a new Fire Station in the West end of Boxford with the following:

- a. building maintenance equipment
- b. office furniture and equipment

By voice vote.

Article 19. VOTED to acquire by purchase or if necessary by eminent domain, land surrounding the West Boxford well site to conform with the State Department of Public Health regulations and to transfer from funds previously appropriated from land taking account a sum of \$4,000 therefor. By voice vote.

Article 20. Article voted down.

Article 21. Article voted down.

Article 22. VOTED to transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,528 to meet Chapter 765 State Aid allotment, said monies, when reimbursed, to be credited to the General Account. By voice vote.

Article 23. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purchase of one (1) rubber-tired, front-end loader with backhoe, for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 24. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 to be used for the purchase of one (1) new "dump body" for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 25. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 for the purchase of an eight (8) foot power angle plow, with frame and lights, for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 26. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,570 for the purchase of one (1) ten (10) foot plow for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 27. VOTED to pass over.

Article 28. VOTED to transfer from Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account. By voice vote.

Article 29. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to purchase Police Department Cruiser-Ambulance and trade a present cruiser toward its purchase. By voice vote.

Article 30. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to purchase second Police Department Cruiser-Ambulance and trade a cruiser toward its purchase. By voice vote.

Article 31. Article voted down.

Article 32. Article voted down.

Article 33. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 said sum to be added to the Fund for Resurfacing Roads. By voice vote.

Article 34. VOTED to pass over.

Article 35. Article voted down.

Article 36. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000, said sum to support the services of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc. By voice vote.

Article 37. VOTED to change that portion of the by-laws relating to "Town Employees" vacation, by changing the first sentence of paragraph "B" of Section 5 to read "For each 200 hours worked in excess of 1,000 hours during the twelve months ending June 1 of each year, 1 hour leave for employees who have worked less than two years, 1 hour leave for employees who have worked 10 years or more, and 1 hour leave for employees who have worked 20 years or more. By voice vote.

Article 38. VOTED to change that portion of the by-laws relating to "Town Employees" accumulation of sick leave, by changing the second sentence of Section 4, page 15, to read: "Such sick leave may accumulate up to but not exceeding eighty-five working days." By voice vote.

Article 39. VOTED to accept the reimbursement from Department of Natural Resources toward the "Wildcat" acquisition, said funds to be returned to the Stabilization Fund. by voice vote. ^{A 10,000}

Article 40. VOTED to transfer from the Overlay Reserve a sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Reserve Fund. By voice vote.

Article 41. VOTED to pass over.

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Article 42. VOTED to adjourn at 11:40 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 339. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

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ATTEST:

Audrey J. Ladd
Town Clerk

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BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1975-1976

General Government		
Selectmen	\$18,459.00	
Assessors	11,049.00	
Treasurer	7,725.00	
Town Clerk	4,110.00	
Accountant	12,602.00	
Collector of Taxes	4,935.00	
Planning Board	800.00	
Appeals Board	300.00	
Historic District Commission	50.00	
Registrars	1,170.00	
Elections	1,470.00	
Building Inspector	5,000.00	
Electrical Inspector	2,000.00	
Gas Inspector	900.00	
Plumbing Inspector	1,625.00	
Town Counsel	5,000.00	
Finance Committee	100.00	
Conservation Committee	200.00	
Recreation Committee	1,500.00	
Water and Drainage	50.00	
Board of Health	8,674.00	
Child Guidance	2,445.00	
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TOTAL		\$ 90,164.00
Veteran's Benefits		\$ 5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Inspector of Animals	275.00	
Dog Officer	1,000.00	
Police Department	111,809.00	
Communications Department	38,178.00	
Fire Department	32,551.00	
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TOTAL		\$ 183,813.00

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Schools and Libraries		
Elementary	814,094.00	
Regional	1,444,231.35	
North Shore Regional Vocational School	10,763.00	
Libraries	45,303.00	
TOTAL		\$2,314,391.35

Department of Public Works		
Selectmen's Highway	\$ 4,000.00	
General Highway	2,100.00	
Highway Operational	5,379.00	
Snow and Sand	38,000.00	
Street Lighting	2,500.00	
Vacation/Holiday	5,000.00	
Sick Benefits	2,000.00	
Ballfields and Public Grounds	3,600.00	
Town Hall and Buildings	6,229.00	
Tree Warden	4,100.00	
Moth Suppression	1,400.00	
Dutch Elm	2,500.00	
Brush Days	800.00	
Community	1,170.00	
Chapter 497	37,698.00	
Landfill	10,960.00	

TOTAL \$127,436.00

Article 3 amended to include following transfers:

Article 21, 5/14/74 Town Meeting	2,000.00
Road Machinery Fund	14,500.00
Article 13, 5/14/74 Town Meeting	117.18

16,617.18

AMENDED TOTAL

\$ 110,818.82

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Unclassified	
Insurance	\$8,016.00
Memorial Day	650.00
Town Forest	100.00
Civil Defense	450.00
Town Reports	3,000.00
Town Cemetery	50.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	300.00
Brookside Cemetery	100.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100.00
Soldiers Graves	250.00
Harmony	200.00
Selectmen's Contingency	2,000.00
Interest on Loans	8,287.00
Group Hospital and Life	14,000.00
Police Station Note	25,000.00
Retirement Pensions	1,030.00

TOTAL \$ 63,533.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$2,767,720.17

Additional Items	
Article 11	\$ 4,800.00
Article 12	300.00
Article 13	4,000.00
Article 15	1,000.00
Article 16	4,000.00
Article 18	1,100.00
Article 23	18,000.00
Article 24	2,100.00
Article 25	1,100.00
Article 26	1,570.00
Article 29	4,500.00
Article 30	4,500.00
Article 33	15,000.00
Article 36	2,000.00

TOTAL \$ 63,970.00

TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED \$2,831,690.17

Transfers

Article 3	\$16,617.18
Article 5	1,575.33
Article 6	1,512.00
Article 17	142,894.60
Article 19	4,000.00
Article 22	34,528.00
Article 28	15,000.00
Article 40	60,000.00

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$276,127.11

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Attest:

AUDREY J. LADD
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING — DECEMBER 10, 1975

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Spofford Pond School on December 10, 1975. Moderator William J. Greenler called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed.

Article 1. VOTED to transfer from the General Fund to the Town Clerk's Account the sum of \$1,134 to pay for the State census, said sum to be returned to the General Fund when reimbursed by the State. By voice vote.

Article 2. VOTED to pass over.

Article 3. VOTED to transfer from Article 23 of the 1975 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$3,042 to the Police Department Wage Account due to an increase in criminal activity. By voice vote.

Article 4. Article voted down.

Article 5. Article voted down.

Article 6. VOTED to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 589. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

AUDREY J. LADD
Town Clerk

Tellers: Joyce Chub
Mary Edwards
Gloria Nangle
Barbara Ross