

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 11, 1976**

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 11, 1976. Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 the sum of \$2,783,957.84 for the use of the several departments 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 amendment:

1976-1977 Budget

	Proposed	Accepted
Moth Suppression	\$ 00.00	\$1,400.00

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, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of the 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 \$1,512.00 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 6. VOTED to appropriate the sum of money when received from the County on account of dog licenses for use by the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 7. VOTED to pass over.

Article 8. VOTED to establish a Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) citizens of Boxford, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed four (4) years for any member. Said terms shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be re-appointed for concurrent terms.

The duties of said Council on Aging shall be:

1. Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population;
2. Educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens concerning these needs;

3. Design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community.
4. Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

Said Council on Aging shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and shall be cognizant of all state and federal legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exists for better community programming for the elderly.

Said Council on Aging shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs. By voice vote.

Article 9. VOTED to increase the maximum penalty for bylaw violations to \$200.00 (per Chapter 107, Acts of 1975, amending Chapter 40, Section 21, of the Massachusetts General Laws). By voice vote.

Article 10. Article voted down.

Article 11. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to accomplish Part II of a three part plan which will develop an operation plan for Boxford's landfill. By voice vote.

Article 12. VOTED to pass over.

Article 13. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,450.00 for the continued support of the Tri-Town Council on Youth Services, Inc. By voice vote.

Article 14. VOTED to transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,600.00 for a 12-ton Cab and Chassis for the Highway Department and to authorize the trade-in of the present truck towards its purchase, said monies to be transferred as follows: \$1,031.26 from Article 23 of the May 1975 Annual Town Meeting, \$125.00 from Article 24 of the May 1975 Annual Town Meeting, \$31.65 from Article 25 of the May 1975 Annual Town Meeting, \$70.00 from Article 26 of the May 1975 Annual Town Meeting and \$10,342.09 from Federal Revenue Sharing. By voice vote.

Article 15. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$4,651.00 for a six (6) cubic yard sander to replace a 1968 sander. By voice vote.

Article 16. Article voted down.

Article 17. VOTED to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for the reconstruction of bridge on Lockwood Lane. By hand count, 132 affirmative, 42 opposed.

Article 18. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 as a Fund for Resurfacing Roads. By voice vote.

Article 19. VOTED to pass over.

Article 20. VOTED to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$16,700.00 for the maintenance of road machinery. By voice vote.

Article 21. VOTED to transfer the sum of \$34,528.00 from the surplus revenue to meet the State allotments under Chapter 765 for highways, said

money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue. By voice vote.

Article 22. Article voted down.

Article 23. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase a Police Department Cruiser/Ambulance and trade a present cruiser toward its purchase. By voice vote.

Article 24. VOTED to pass over.

Article 25. VOTED to pass over.

Article 26. VOTED to transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of \$45,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. By voice vote.

Article 27. VOTED to pass over.

Article 28. VOTED that a Study Committee, composed of five (5) members, be appointed by the Moderator, said Committee to be charged with the responsibility to determine from a fiscal and educational aspect whether the Town of Boxford should consider withdrawal from the North Shore Regional Vocational School District or any other action with respect thereto. The members of this Committee shall include a Boxford member of the Masconomet Regional School Committee, a member of the Boxford Finance Committee, a member of the Boxford Board of Selectmen, the Boxford representative to the North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee and an interested Boxford citizen. A recommendation shall be made by this Committee to the Town of Boxford at or before the next Annual Town Meeting. By voice vote.

Article 29. RESOLVED —

WHEREAS William J. Greenler, Jr., has served the Town as Moderator, starting in 1946 (at age 29) and

THAT from 1949 to 1975 he further served as Town Counsel (the only one the Town ever had)

THAT he gave dignity and decorum to the conduct of the business of the Town of Boxford

THAT by his personal example and manner of officiating he helped us all to remember that we were ladies and gentlemen

THAT he insured that all viewpoints were heard, but tactfully expedited the proceedings without abridging the rights of individuals

THAT above all he assisted in the preservation of the tradition of the truly democratic Town Meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT by vote of this body the gratitude of this Board, and the present residents of Boxford, and those who preceded us during the past 30 years be expressed to our retiring Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., and

THAT a notation of these proceedings be spread upon the records of the Town of Boxford.

Article 30. VOTED to adjourn at 11:03 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 263. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

A true record.

ATTEST:

AUDREY J. LADD
Town Clerk

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1976-1977**General Government**

Selectmen	\$ 4,715.00
Selectmen's Assistant	11,700.00
Assessors	5,952.00
Treasurer	5,445.00
Town Clerk	2,230.00
Accountant	10,680.00
Collector of Taxes	5,535.00
Planning Board	1,600.00
Appeals Board	412.00
Historic District Commission	50.00
Registrars	1,550.00
Elections	2,820.00
Building Inspector	5,000.00
Electrical Inspector	2,000.00
Gas Inspector	900.00
Plumbing Inspector	1,625.00
Town Counsel	5,300.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Conservation Committee	100.00
Recreation Committee	1,500.00
Water and Drainage	0.00
Board of Health	9,300.00
Child Guidance	2,590.00
Clerical	22,000.00

TOTAL \$ 103,054.00

Veterans' Benefits \$ 5,000.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Inspector of Animals	\$ 275.00
Dog Officer	1,000.00
Police Department	120,357.00
Communications Department	40,430.00
Fire Department	33,868.00

TOTAL \$ 195,930.00

Schools and Libraries

Elementary	\$ 861,812.00
Regional	1,311,773.84
North Shore Reg. Vocational	56,102.00
Libraries	47,834.00

TOTAL \$2,277,521.84

Department of Public Works

Selectmen's Highway	\$ 4,250.00
General Highway	2,130.00
Highway Operational	5,121.00
Snow and Sand	40,720.00
Vacation/Holiday	5,470.00
Sick benefit	1,500.00
Ballfields and Public Grounds	4,154.00
Town Hall and Buildings	6,348.00
Equipment	0.00
Tree Warden	4,346.00
Moth Suppression	1,400.00
Dutch Elm	2,650.00
Brush Days	800.00
Community	0.00
No. 497	36,311.00
Street Lighting	2,800.00
Landfill	11,350.00
Police Station Maintenance	1,896.00

TOTAL \$ 131,246.00

Unclassified

Insurance	\$ 9,694.00
Memorial Day	700.00
Town Forest	300.00
Civil Defense	100.00
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	500.00
Harmony	200.00
Selectmen's Contingency	1,500.00
Interest on Loans	7,062.00
Group Hospital and Life	21,500.00
Police Station Note	25,000.00
Retirement Pensions	1,100.00

TOTAL \$ 71,206.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$2,788,957.84

Additional Items

Article 11	\$ 3,500.00	
Article 13	3,450.00	
Article 15	4,651.00	
Article 17	4,000.00	
Article 18	29,000.00	
Article 23	<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ <u>49,601.00</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED		\$2,833,558.84

Transfers

Article 5	\$ 1,512.00	
Article 6		
Article 14	11,600.00	
Article 20	16,700.00	
Article 21	34,528.00	
Article 26	<u>45,000.00</u>	
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$

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