

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 10, 1977

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 10, 1977. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich 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. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED to accept the proposed budget and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,998,829.62 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:

1977-1978 Budget

	Proposed	Accepted
Selectmen	\$5,165.00	\$7,330.00
Highway Operational	5,774.00	6,774.00
Finance Committee	50.00	60.00

By voice vote.

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, 1977, 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. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED to amend Article X, Section 3, of the Town By-Laws (revised July 1974), voted under Article 38 of the 1973 Town Warrant, to include the words "for Boxford residents only." The first sentence of Article X, Section 3, shall now read, "The Boxford Sanitary Landfill shall be open for Boxford residents only according to the posted hours, for the deposit of solid refuse." By unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$4,560.80 to be used for the purchase of one (1) new ¾ ton, 4 wheel drive pick-up truck. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of

\$34,528.00 to meet Chapter 765 State Aid allotment, said monies when reimbursed, to be credited to the General Account. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED to transfer from Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$17,532.00 to be added to the Road Machinery Account. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$30,489.00 as a Fund for Resurfacing Roads, said sum to be provided as follows: \$27,262 to be raised by tax levy, \$3,227 to be transferred from Title II Anti-Recession Funds. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED to substitute in all Town By-Laws and Regulations the words "Superintendent of Public Works" wherever "Highway Surveyor" appears. By unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED to transfer from Article 17 of the May 1975 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$936.62 for the purchase of a Master Stream Appliance for the Fire Department. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$5,500.00 to purchase a Police Department Cruiser/Ambulance, and trade a present cruiser towards its purchase. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$1,997.00 to replace the police base station transmitter that was damaged by fire. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$780.00 to replace the sixteen (16) year old mobil transceiver in fire vehicle #2. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$840.00 to replace the twenty (20) year old transceiver in police vehicle #52. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and ninety six (\$196.00) dollars to be used as the Town of Boxford's contribution to the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, Inc., such contribution being a condition of participating in the services offered by said organization for the benefit and welfare of the elder citizens of Boxford. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00 to prepare and seed the recreation area adjacent to the parking lot at Stiles Pond Town Beach. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,600.00 for the continued support of the Tri-Town Council on Youth Services, Inc. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED to pay the entire premium for group accidental death and disability insurance for policemen and firemen who are killed or who die from accidental injuries received in the performance of their duties. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED to endorse the two village libraries concept and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, to be spent by the Trustees of the Library, to be used for architectural studies that will determine the feasibility of constructing an addition to the Cummings Building and to study the feasibility of constructing a new building on the Alcott land. By hand count, 148 affirmative, 96 opposed.

VOTED at 12:15 a.m. to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 1977.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 393.

Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. on May 11, 1977.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED to pass over.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED to continue the Growth Policy Committee as established under Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1975, said committee to lapse after one year unless continued again by Town Meeting vote in 1978. The Committee will operate to implement the recommendations contained in its report to the Office of State Planning, a summary of which was mailed to each resident in June 1976. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$10,000.00. Said funds to be expended by the Board of Health for the retention of professional engineering services in conjunction with the preparation of an "Operational and Maintenance Manual" for the Sanitary Landfill as prescribed by Section 150A of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, which regulates the assignment of sites for the establishment and operation of refuse disposal facilities. By hand count, 128 affirmative, 26 opposed.

ARTICLE 29. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 30. VOTED to authorize the Planning Board to obtain appraisals of a certain parcel of land known as "Long Hill," abutting Surrey Lane, in Boxford, for the purpose of future acquisition by the Town as open space. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 31. VOTED to accept the revised Zoning Map, dated May 10, 1977, and to include a parcel 135' x 60' x 84' x approximately 70', trapezoidal in shape, which includes the remainder of the B-1-b zone, West Village store lot. By hand count, 186 affirmative, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 32. Article voted down.

ARTICLE 33. VOTED to transfer from Masconomet Regional School account, fiscal 1977, the sum of \$35,270 to be added to the Stabilization Fund. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 34. VOTED to transfer from Overlay Reserve the sum of \$23,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. By voice vote.

ARTICLE 35. VOTED to pass the following non-binding resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that the Boxford Town meeting hereby votes to convey to our elected state representatives and senators, our desire that there be no

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extension of compulsory and binding arbitration for police and fire labor negotiations beyond its termination date of June 30, 1977, so that final authority for determining local expenditures be returned to Town Meeting.

2. Be it resolved by the Boxford Town Meeting that our elected state representatives and senators be urged to vote against the passage of any legislation imposing additional costs on local governments, except where subject to local acceptance.

By voice vote.

ARTICLE 36. VOTED to adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 202. Counters for the meeting were appointed by the Moderator, Mr. Minich, and checkers by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

A true record.

Attest:

AUDREY J. LADD
Town Clerk

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 29, 1977

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Spofford Pond School on June 29, 1977. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Passed over.

Article 2. VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,100.00 to provide ambulance service for the Town of Boxford. By hand count, 56 affirmative, 19 opposed.

Article 3. VOTED to accept the portion of Andersen Drive in the Town of Boxford, Massachusetts, from Station 16+00 to Station 26+69, per the definitive plan of the Planning Board for Andersen Drive, approved 6/28/73. By voice vote.

Article 4. VOTED to adjourn at 9 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 85. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1977-1978

General Government		
Selectmen	\$ 7,330.00	
Selectmen's Assistant	11,550.00	
Assessors	10,272.00	
Treasurer	5,445.00	
Town Clerk	1,740.00	
Accountant	10,905.00	
Collector of Taxes	5,615.00	
Planning Board	1,600.00	
Appeals Board	490.00	
Historic District Commission	50.00	
Registrars	1,100.00	
Elections	1,425.00	
Building Inspector	5,000.00	
Electrical Inspector	2,000.00	
Gas Inspector	300.00	
Plumbing Inspector	0.00	
Town Counsel	6,000.00	
Finance Committee	60.00	
Conservation Committee	100.00	
Recreation Committee	1,500.00	
Water and Drainage	50.00	
Board of Health	12,000.00	
Child Guidance	2,590.00	
Clerical	23,100.00	
Council on Aging	250.00	
TOTAL		\$ 110,472.00
Veterans Benefits	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Inspector of Animals	\$ 225.00	
Dog Officer	1,800.00	
Police Department	129,204.00	
Communications Department	43,137.00	
Fire Department	39,506.00	
TOTAL		\$ 213,872.00
Schools and Libraries		
Elementary	\$ 906,522.00	
Regional	1,447,835.62	
North Shore Regional Vocational	23,261.00	
Libraries	53,550.00	
TOTAL		\$2,431,168.62

Department of Public Works

Selectmen's Highway	\$ 0.00	
General Highway	6,689.00	
Highway Operational	6,774.00	
Snow and Sand	46,756.00	
Vacation/Holiday	5,500.00	
Sick Benefit	0.00	
Ballfields and Public Grounds	4,357.00	
Town Hall and Buildings	5,827.00	
Tree Warden	4,500.00	
Moth Suppression	1,400.00	
Dutch Elm	3,000.00	
Brush Days	800.00	
General Road Repair	60,200.00	
Street Lighting	3,323.00	
Landfill	7,659.00	
Police Station Maintenance	1,925.00	
TOTAL		\$ 158,710.00

Unclassified

Insurance	\$ 11,050.00	
Memorial Day	700.00	
Town Forest	100.00	
Civil Defense	100.00	
Town Reports	2,700.00	
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	5,837.00	
Group Hospital and Life	30,240.00	
Police Station Note	25,000.00	
Retirement Pensions	1,130.00	
TOTAL		\$ 79,607.00
TOTAL BUDGET		\$2,998,829.62

Additional Items

Article 13	\$ 27,262.00
Article 18	780.00
Article 19	840.00
Article 20	196.00

Article 21	1,300.00	
Article 22	5,600.00	
Article 25	<u>6,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 41,978.00
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED		\$3,040,807.62

Transfers		
Article 7	\$ 4,560.80	
Article 9	34,528.00	
Article 11	17,532.00	
Article 13	3,227.00	
Article 15	936.62	
Article 16	5,500.00	
Article 17	1,997.00	
Article 28	10,000.00	
Article 33	35,270.00	
Article 34	<u>23,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 136,551.42

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ATTEST:

AUDREY J. LADD
Town Clerk