

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 9, 1978**

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 9, 1978. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. The Reverend Norman Crook led voters in prayer and a tribute to the memory of the late Jack Johnson. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Bills of charge.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,661.88 to be paid to Police Chief Douglas A. Warren as retroactive pay covering the period from January 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 2 - To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to accept the reports.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 3 - To act on the proposed budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,132,353 as presented with Finance Committee recommendations and the following amendment:

1978-1979 Budget

	Proposed	Accepted
Police Department	\$148,609	\$152,435
Soldiers Graves	250	500

By voice unanimously.

A second amendment was moved and duly seconded as follows: To direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the Jonathan Tyler Barker Fund and to recommend to the town at the next annual town meeting a course of action consistent with the wishes of the Barker Fund Trustees and at no cost to the town.

VOTED by voice unanimously.

Original motion approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 - To see if the Town will vote 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, 1978, 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, etc., as printed in Article 4.

By voice, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,711.88 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$1,711.88 for the use of the Town Library.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of money received from the County on account of dog licenses for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 7 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000.00 for the continuation of a program of cataloguing and micro-filming the Towns' vital records, under the supervision of the Town Clerk.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

By voice.

ARTICLE 8 - To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8, Section 7, of the Town Bylaws voted on Article 2 of the March 4, 1929 Town Warrant and approved by the Attorney General's Office 6/29, to include the words "place or push any snow or ice into or across any street within the Town;" said Article to now read, "No person, not employed by the Department of Public Works, shall lay, throw, place or push any snow or ice into or across any street within the Town."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to amend Article 8, Section 7, of the Town Bylaws voted on Article 2 of the March 4, 1929 Town Warrant and approved by the Attorney General's Office 6/29, to include the words "place or push any snow or ice into or across any street within the Town;" said Article to now read, "No person, not employed by the Department of Public Works, shall lay, throw, place or push any snow or ice into or across any street within the Town in a manner which may obstruct the public way or constitute a safety hazard."

By voice, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase one Cab & Chassis (27,500 GVW) to be used by the Department of Public Works.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$11,188.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 10 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a six (6) cubic yard Dump Body for the above truck, referred to in Article 9.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$2,950.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 11 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a six (6) cubic yard Sander Body for the truck referred to in article 9.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$5,095.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 12 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase a one (1) Ton Roller with Trailer.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$3,737.

By voice.

ARTICLE 13 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,550.00 to replace a ten (10) year old Transceiver used in Police Cruiser #53.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$1,550.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 14 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,216.00 for the purchase of a five (5) watt dual frequency portable with vehicle charger, to be used in the Fire Department's Engine #5.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$1,216.

By voice.

ARTICLE 15 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,528.00 to meet Chapter 356 State Aid allotment, said money when reimbursed, to be credited to the General Account.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$34,528.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 16 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Road Machinery Fund, the sum of \$, to be added to the Road Machinery Account.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 17 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$30,687.00, as a fund for resurfacing roads.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 18 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the repair of the Middleton Road Bridge near Main Street.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,153.55 and transfer a sum of \$346.45 from the Lockwood Lane Bridge Account, Article 17 of the 1976 Town Meeting, for a total of \$4,500.

By voice.

ARTICLE 19 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to reconstruct a section of Main Street at the intersection of Sheffield Road.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500, per drawing on file with Town Clerk.

By voice.

ARTICLE 20 - To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: "There shall be no Street or Road which is to be used in the Town of Boxford as a Public Way, laid out, constructed or reconstructed, or accepted as a Town Way, with less than a twenty (20) foot paved surface with three (3) foot shoulders on both sides, and an additional three (3) feet unobstructed distance on the outer radii of curves.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice.

ARTICLE 21 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,936.00 for the use of the Tri-Town Council on Youth, Inc., or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,936.

By voice.

ARTICLE 22 - To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6-N, amended by Chapter 693, Acts of 1977: "To authorize the Board of Public Works to make repairs to private ways that have been open to the public for six (6) years or more. Such repairs to be made at Town expense, provided that:

1. Such way shall continue to be open to the public;

2. The work is required by public necessity;
3. It exclude construction or reconstruction of such ways;
4. Work on drainage include only the clearing of obstructions in existing drains;
5. The Town be released and held harmless by all abutting owners on account of any damage whatever caused by or incident to such repairs."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adopt the Bylaw.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 23 - To see if the Town will amend its Bylaws to replace the Facilities Planning and Building Committee as established by Article 9 of the November 18, 1974 Special Town Meeting, and the School Building Committee as established by Article 21A of the March 7, 1960 Annual Town Meeting, with a Facilities Planning Committee and a Facilities Building Committee (to include schools), said committees to be established in the following manner, and to be charged with the designated areas of responsibilities:

Facilities Planning Committee

Section 1. A committee shall be appointed by the Selectmen (a) to study both the current and the future needs of the Town with regard to publicly-used facilities, (b) to recommend to the Town an integrated plan for construction and modification of all Town facilities, and (c) to continue to update such a plan as conditions warrant.

Section 2. The committee shall consist of five members at large, appointed by the Selectmen. Terms of office shall be five (5) years, the term of one member expiring each year.

Section 3. In making committee appointments, the Selectmen shall make every reasonable effort to obtain representation of the various geographical sections of the Town.

Section 4. The committee shall report its recommendations to the Town at each annual meeting and to the Board of Selectmen at other times, as may be appropriate.

Facilities Building Committee

Section 1. A committee shall be appointed to coordinate and oversee the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Town for study of project construction or modification of any Town facility, including school facilities.

Section 2. The responsibilities of the committee shall include the functions, duties and authority necessary for appraisals, securing of options, site acquisition, design, construction and original equipping, and obtaining professional and technical assistance.

Section 3. The committee shall consist of five (5) regular members, three (3)

at large to be appointed by the Selectmen for three (3) year terms, with the term of one (1) member to expire each year, and two (2) to be appointed by and from the Facilities Planning Committee.

Section 4. Upon appropriation by the Town of funds to meet the need of a specific department, board or committee, this Committee shall be augmented by the addition of two (2) ad hoc members to serve for the duration of the project. The ad hoc members shall be appointed by and from the concerned organization.

Section 5. None of the above wording shall be construed as preventing participation of organization representatives or other concerned citizens in the work of the Committee, as observers, advisors or implementors.

An amendment was moved and seconded as follows: The Town Facilities Planning and Building Committee, as established by Article 9 of the November 18, 1974 Special Town Meeting, be hereby dissolved.

A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.
VOTED by voice.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the amendment passed by ballot vote, 217 affirmative and 208 opposed.

A second motion to move the original question was made and duly seconded.

VOTED by hand count, 236 affirmative, 90 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to dissolve the Town Facilities Planning and Building Committee.

By hand count, 192 affirmative and 177 opposed.

ARTICLE 24 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,422.48, to be expended by the Department of Public Works, to initiate a Town-run recycling center at the Landfill site, to include three (3) bunkers, appropriate signs, a town mailing and a used trailer, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,422.48.

By voice.

ARTICLE 25 - To see if the Town will vote the following: To acquire as open space a certain parcel of land of approximately thirty (30) acres located off Surrey Lane and known as "Long Hill;" to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to obtain appraisals of said parcel; and to instruct the Conservation Commission and/or Planning Board to develop an approved Open Space Plan for the purpose of qualifying for State Aid for this acquisition.

Article defeated by voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 1978.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 425.

Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. on May 10, 1978.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED that all four library articles be discussed at once but separate votes be taken on each article.

By voice.

ARTICLE 26 - To see if the Town will accept the conclusion of the Library feasibility study directed by the Town in May, 1977. The conclusion is that expansion of library services at the "Cumming's" property is neither practical nor in the best interest of the Town and that it be excluded from consideration for a future Town Library.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to accept the conclusion of the Library feasibility study.

By hand count, 234 affirmative and 180 opposed.

ARTICLE 27 - To see if the Town will direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new Village Library on the "Alcott" property.

Article defeated by hand count vote, 78 affirmative, 319 opposed.

ARTICLE 28 - To see if the Town will direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new Library at the Town Center with the expectation of its completion, of closing the branch libraries in Boxford Village and West Boxford.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new Library at the Town Center.

By hand count, 220 affirmative and 192 opposed.

ARTICLE 29 - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to provide all architectural design and development, plans, specifications and final construction bids for a new Town Library of 6,000 square feet; these final bids to be available to the Town for action on or before the annual Town Meeting in May, 1979.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,950.

By hand count, 219 affirmative, 178 opposed.

ARTICLE 30 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500.00 for professional site studies of the East Village and the Town Center. Said monies to be expended by the Facilities Planning Committee.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for professional site studies of the East Village and the Town Center. Said monies to be expended by the Board of Selectmen.

By voice vote.

ARTICLE 31 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or funds to become available, a sum of money. Such sum to be expended at the discretion of the "East Fire Station Building Committee;" said committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and charged with the responsibility of representing the Town in any and all matters pertaining to planning, location and designing a new fire station in the east end of Boxford,

and to return at the next Annual Town Meeting with final plans and a firm bid on that station.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,750.78, transfer the sum of \$1,557.24 from the West Boxford Fire Station Building Account, and transfer the sum of \$191.98 from the West Boxford Fire Station Equipment Account, for a total of \$8,500. Such sum to be expended at the discretion of the "East Boxford Fire Station Building Committee;" said committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and charged with the responsibility of representing the Town in any and all matters pertaining to planning, location and designing a new fire station in the east end of Boxford, and to return at the next Annual Town Meeting with final plans and, at the Committee's option, a firm bid on that station.

By voice.

ARTICLE 32 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or funds to become available, a sum of money to purchase a new fire engine to replace Engine #4, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present Engine #4, (a 1958 vehicle) in any manner which they deem advisable.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 and to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Stabilization Funds, for a total of \$78,000, and authorize Selectmen to dispose of Engine #4, etc.

By voice, 4 dissenting votes.

ARTICLE 33 - To see if the Town will vote to adopt the present Boxford Zoning Bylaw and Map, on file with the Town Clerk, and so identified.

Explanation - This article is designed to establish a proper base for the succeeding zoning amendments.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice unanimously.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 1978.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 451.

Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the third session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. on May 11, 1978.

ARTICLE 34 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the present Boxford Zoning Bylaw by adopting the proposed amendments dated May 1, 1978, and on file with the Town Clerk, or to act otherwise.

Explanation - This article is designed to comply with Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 entitled "The Zoning Act." This new state law requires all cities and towns to bring their local ordinances and bylaws into compliance before June 30, 1978. The text and map cited in the article are identical to the present zoning bylaw except for certain minimal changes.

An amendment was moved and seconded as follows: On Page 1 of the pro-

posed amendments, Paragraph 1, add the words "housing for senior citizens" following the phrase "to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation."

A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.

VOTED by voice.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the amendment passed by voice vote.

A second amendment was moved and seconded to postpone further action on this article until the next special town meeting.

VOTED by hand count, 74 affirmative, 38 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to pass over the article.

By hand count, 79 affirmative, 28 opposed.

ARTICLE 35 - To see if the Town will vote to amend Section X-B of the Boxford Zoning Bylaw by striking the phrase "including Variances for use" following the phrase "to hear and decide petitions for variances."

Explanation - The Planning Board feels that the optional provision of Chapter 808 would strengthen our Zoning Bylaw.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 36 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of gasoline tanks and pumps for the use of Town Vehicles.

Article defeated by hand count vote, 42 affirmative and 54 opposed.

ARTICLE 37 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000.00 to purchase and equip a new sedan to be used as a police car, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$6,000.

By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 38 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new radar unit. Said sum to be returned to the General Fund upon receipt of reimbursement.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate \$300 and to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,000, a total of \$1,300, for the purchase of a new radar unit, said purchase to be made only after Federal Funds of \$1,000 towards this purchase have been guaranteed by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau; said \$1,000 to be returned to Surplus Revenue upon receipt of reimbursement.

By voice.

ARTICLE 39 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a breathalyzer.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate \$200 and to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,000, a total of \$1,200, for the purchase of a breathalyzer, said purchase to be made only after Federal Funds of \$1,000 towards this purchase have been guaranteed by the Governor's

Highway Safety Bureau; said \$1,000 to be returned to Surplus Revenue upon receipt of reimbursement.

By voice.

ARTICLE 40 - To authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any deeds and other instruments which they deem necessary or desirable to establish the common boundary between land of the Town of Boxford and land of Earle Blake and Avis E. Blake or their successors or assignees, located on Main Street in West Boxford, as more fully shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Boxford, prepared for Town of Boxford and Earle and Avis Blake, Scale 1" - 10 ft., April 13, 1978, Essex Survey Service, Inc., 47 Federal Street, Salem, Mass." and to convey to Earle Blake and Avis E. Blake, their successors or assignees, and easement for the maintenance and use of the well as shown on said plan, and to accept from Earle Blake and Avis E. Blake, or their successors or assignees, an easement for the purpose of maintaining and using the septic system as shown on said plan. Plan on file with the Town Clerk.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any deeds, etc.

By hand count, 93 affirmative and 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 41 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to hire outside assistance in rewriting and reprinting the Town Bylaws, said work to be performed under the supervision of the Town Clerk, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to hire outside assistance in compiling, rewriting and reprinting the Town Bylaws, said work to be performed under the supervision of the Town Clerk.

By voice.

ARTICLE 42 - To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9, Section 12, of the October 1, 1946 Special Town Meeting, by substituting in Section 1, the words "Inspector of Buildings" for Building Inspector, and by deleting the words "in April" from said same section. The rest of this bylaw to remain the same.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice.

ARTICLE 43 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to complete a municipal audit in conformity with Federal Revenue Sharing requirements, and to authorize the Selectmen to engage outside auditors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.

By voice.

ARTICLE 44 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer the sum of \$22,000 from Surplus Revenue.

By voice.

ARTICLE 45 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a suitable sum to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to pass over the article.

By voice.

ARTICLE 46 - To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 132. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 9, 1978

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 9, 1978. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$7,695, recorded as Receipts Reserved for Appropriations, to be transferred to the Snow Removal Account.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to accept the article.
 By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 2 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$13,166.11 to cover the cost of emergency snow removal in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 31, and the instructions of the Director of Accounts.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$13,166.11
 By voice unanimously.

ARTICLE 3 - To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
 By voice unanimously.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 60. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
 Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 27, 1978

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School field house on June 27, 1978. 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 - To see if the town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw by adopting the proposed amendments dated June 7, 1978 which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The proposed amendments are designed to bring the Zoning Bylaws into compliance with a new state law, Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975. This law requires compliance by June 30, 1978. The Planning Board believes that the proposed changes satisfy this requirement while maintaining all of the protections and rights of our existing Zoning Bylaws.

Amendments by the Planning Board were moved and duly seconded as follows:

On Page 21A, Section VI - I - 3, change the word "objectional" to "objectionable."

On Page 22, Section VII - B, second line, insert after word "dwellings;" "except as provided in G. L. Ch. 40A, Section 3, and,"

On Page 26, Section C, line 8, change "at" to "in."

An amendment was made and duly seconded to insert the word "legally" between "be" and "buildable" on Page 15, Section 2 - c - 2, line 3.

The amendments were voted by voice vote. vi 17

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve Article 1 as amended.

By hand count, 520 yes, 8 no.

ARTICLE 2 - To see if the town will vote to make the following transfers of funds from budgets voted at the Annual Town Meeting, 5/10/77: \$3,000.00 from Town Accountant to Town Counsel; \$2,000.00 from Town Accountant to Road Machinery Maintenance; \$916.25 from Dutch Elm Disease Control to Tax Collector; \$1,470.00 from Tree Warden to Planning Board; \$2,500.00 from Veterans Benefits, \$900.00 from Street Lighting to Police Department; \$800.00 from Brush Days, \$530.00 from Tree Warden and \$500.00 from General Highway, for a total of \$1,830.00 to the Fire Department, or take any other action thereto.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the article amended as follows:

To make the following transfers of funds from budgets voted at the Annual Town Meeting, 5/10/77: \$3,000.00 from Town Accountant to Town Counsel;

\$2,000.00 from Town Accountant to Road Machinery Maintenance; \$916.25 from Dutch Elm Disease Control to Tax Collector; \$1,387.54 from Veterans Benefits to Planning Board; \$2,500.00 from Veterans Benefits, \$900.00 from Street Lighting and \$1,600.00 from Surplus Revenue, for a total of \$5,000.00 to the Police Department; \$800.00 from Brush Days, \$530.00 from Tree Warden, and \$500.00 from General Highway, for a total of \$1,830.00 to the Fire Department; \$850.00 from Surplus Revenue to Town Clerk; and \$5,067.10 from Surplus Revenue to Road Machinery Fund.

By voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 - To see if the town will vote the following:

To rescind the vote under Article 26, 27 and 28 of the Warrant for the 1978 Annual Town Meeting; to direct the Library Trustees to delay any action under Article 29 of said Warrant pending further town meeting action and the outcome of the referendum question on the subject of Town library facilities; to refer the matter to the Planning Board as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-1, the matter of East and West Village library facilities and to direct said Board to report its findings and recommendations to the Town at a meeting before the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

The above referenced warrant articles were as follows:

ARTICLE 26: Voted to accept the conclusion of the Library feasibility study directed by the Town in May 1977. The conclusion is that expansion of library services at the "Cummings" property is neither practical nor in the best interest of the Town and that it be excluded from consideration for a future Town Library.

ARTICLE 27: Voted not to direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new village library on the "Alcott" property.

ARTICLE 28: Voted to direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new Library at the Town Center with the expectation of its completion, of closing the branch libraries in Boxford Village and West Boxford.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,950.00 to provide all architectural design and development, plans, specifications and final construction bids for a new Town Library of 6,000 square feet; these final bids to be available to the Town for action on or before the Annual Town Meeting in May 1979.

Or to take whatever action is necessary in the legal opinion of the Town to carry out the intent of the above.

A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.

VOTED by hand count, 509 yes, 48 no.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the main article as printed.

By hand count, 367 yes and 223 no.

ARTICLE 4 - To see if the Town will vote to require that the Selectmen petition

the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to put on the ballot for the next Annual Town Meeting the following binding referendum questions:

Vote for one of the following:

Shall the Library Trustees be directed to maintain library facilities in both the East and West Villages in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board as given in the (1978 Annual Town Report)?

Shall the Library Trustees be directed to plan for construction of a new library at the Town Center with the expectation at its completion, of closing the branch libraries in Boxford Village and West Boxford?

Or to take whatever action is necessary in the legal opinion of the Town to carry out the intent of the above.

A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.

VOTED by hand count, 359 yes and 146 no.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the main article as printed.

By hand count, 481 yes, and 16 no.

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for publication of the newly adopted Zoning Bylaw and Map.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00.

By voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 649. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

Article 5	\$1,250.00	
TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED		\$1,250.00

TRANSFERS

Article 2	\$20,050.89	
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED		\$20,050.89

A true record.

ATTEST:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK

BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1978-1979

General Government

Selectmen	\$ 19,100
Clerical Pool	11,435
Town Clerk	1,740
Registrars	1,325
Elections	1,525
Town Counsel	6,000
Planning Board	3,445
Appeals Board	540
Recreation Committee	1,400
Child Guidance	2,697
Council on Aging	875
Conservation Commission	100
TOTAL	\$ 50,182

Finance

Accountant	\$ 5,890
Treasurer	6,713
Tax Collector	11,739
Assessors	15,135
Finance Committee	100
TOTAL	\$ 39,577

Public Safety

Police Dept.	\$ 152,436
Fire Dept.	37,743
Communications	48,540
Dog Officer	1,800
Inspector of Animals	225
Building Inspector	5,000
Electrical Inspector	2,000
Gas Inspector	300
Board of Health	12,979
Civil Defense	100
Ambulance Service	7,400
TOTAL	\$ 268,523

Schools

Elementary	\$ 955,117
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TOWN CLERK

Masconomet	1,451,432
Regional Vo-Tech	20,454
TOTAL	\$2,427,003

Libraries	\$ 58,200
TOTAL	\$ 58,200

Dept. of Public Works

Road Resurfacing & General Repair	\$ 93,979
Snow & Ice	50,425
Landfill	7,341
Tree Dept.	9,535
General Operation Expense	27,752
Equipment Operation	29,027
Town Buildings & Grounds	12,080
Gross Operating Budget	\$230,139

Less Transfer From Road Machinery Account	<u>(17,532)</u>
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NET OPERATING BUDGET **\$212,607**

Footnotes to D.P.W.

1. Operating Budget	\$ 230,139
Chapter 356 Warrant Art.	34,529
TOTAL D.P.W. FUNDS	\$264,668

2. Budget Detail:

Salaries & Wages	\$ 86,702
Materials	93,714
Equipment Hire	27,000
Gas & Oil	6,300
Tires	750
Maint. & Repair Bldgs.	3,987
Maint. & Repair Equip.	19,775
Utilities	7,344
Insurance	8,633
Street Lighting	3,323
Town Equipment	1,200
Other	5,940
TOTAL	\$264,668

Unclassified

General Insurance	\$ 4,296
Health & Life Insurance	29,010
Town Cemetery	50
Village Cemetery	300
Brookside Cemetery	100
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100
Soldiers Graves	500
Harmony Cemetery	200
Veterans Benefits	5,000
Selectmen's Contingency	1,500
Interest on Loans	5,225
Retirement Pensions	1,130
Police Station Note	25,000
Town Reports	3,000
Memorial Day	700
Town Forest	100
Historic Dist. Comm.	50
TOTAL	

GRAND TOTAL TOWN BUDGET

Additional Items

Article 1	\$2,661.88
Article 7	1,000.00
Article 18	4,153.55
Article 19	13,500.00
Article 21	5,936.00
Article 24	3,422.48
Article 29	41,950.00
Article 30	2,500.00
Article 31	6,750.78
Article 32	28,000.00
Article 38	300.00
Article 39	200.00
Article 41	3,000.00
Article 43	7,500.00
TOTAL	

TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

Transfers

Budget	17,532.00
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Article 5	1,711.88
Article 9	11,188.00
Article 10	2,950.00
Article 11	5,095.00
Article 12	3,737.00
Article 13	1,500.00
Article 14	1,216.00
Article 15	34,528.00
Article 18	346.45
Article 31	1,557.24
Article 31	191.98
Article 32	50,000.00
Article 37	6,000.00
Article 38	1,000.00
Article 39	1,000.00
Article 44	22,000.00
TOTAL	

\$161,603.55

\$76 record.

\$ 3,132

SI:

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

\$120,87

\$3,253,22