

**TOWN OF BOXFORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 12, 2015, MINUTES**

A quorum being present, Boxford Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Gerald R. Johnston at 7:12pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in the Masconomet Auditorium with 250 voters in attendance.

The Town Moderator invited the Board of Selectmen to come forward. Chair Mary Anne Nay declared May 12, 2015 Kerry C. Stickney day in honor of retiring Fire Chief Stickney's years of service to the Town of Boxford.

It was moved by Mary Anne Nay, and duly seconded, that the Moderator NOT be required to read articles or motions of the warrant verbatim and further that he be authorized to summarize articles and motions as he deems appropriate. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The articles were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To receive and place on file the reports of the Town Officers and Committees without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Board of Selectmen

It was moved by Mary Anne Nay, and duly seconded, to receive and place on file the reports of the Town Officers and Committees without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of the following **revolving accounts** as authorized by Chapter 44, § 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, contingent upon an annual report to the Town on the total receipts and expenditures of each account for each Fiscal Year:

1) **Recycling Revolving Account** under the direction of the Board of Health and used for the deposit of receipts and fees collected on recyclable materials; said recyclable materials to be determined by a joint vote of the Board of Health and Recycling Committee and to be in compliance with all state health regulations; and, further, to allow the Board of Health, or the Recycling Committee, with the approval of the Board of Health, to expend funds not to exceed **\$35,000** for Fiscal Year 2016 from said account for the operation and maintenance of the Town Recycling Center;

2) **Printing Revolving Account** under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and used for the deposit of receipts and fees collected on the sale of printed official documents as required by law by several of the elected and appointed committees, commissions, and boards as well as legal advertisements which are reimbursed to the Town; and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to expend funds not to exceed **\$5,000** for Fiscal Year 2016 from said account for the costs to the Town for printing supplies, equipment and reimbursable advertising;

3) **Library Photocopy Machine Revolving Account** under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees and used for the deposit of receipts collected through public use of the

photocopy machines at the Boxford library; and further to allow the Board of Library Trustees to expend fees not to exceed **\$5,000** for Fiscal Year 2016 from said account for ongoing supplies and maintenance of the copy machines, and purchase of other library supplies;

4) **Conservation Revolving Fund** under the direction of the Conservation Commission and used for the deposit of receipts collected through fees, including fees collected from applications related to the Town of Boxford Wetlands Protection Bylaw, by direction of the Conservation Commission and further to allow the Conservation Commission, with the written approval of the Selectmen, to expend fees not to exceed **\$20,000** for Fiscal Year 2016 from said account for management of land under Conservation Commission control, and for other Conservation Commission expenses approved by a majority of the Commission;

It was moved by Mary Anne Nay, and duly seconded, to authorize the establishment of the **revolving accounts as listed in Article #2 of this warrant**, as authorized by Chapter 44, § 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, contingent upon an annual report to the Town on the total receipts and expenditures of each account for each Fiscal Year. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the **Classification Plan and Compensation Plan** for FY 2016, as submitted by the Personnel Board under Chapter 23 of the Town Code; said Classification Plan and Compensation Plan as printed on pages 11 through 13 of this warrant; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Personnel Board
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Personnel Board Chair Tim Feeney, and duly seconded, to adopt the **Classification Plan and Compensation Plan** for FY 2016, as submitted by the Personnel Board under Chapter 23 of the Town Code; said Classification Plan and Compensation Plan as printed on pages 11 through 13 of this warrant. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To act on the proposed budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, for the use of several departments for Fiscal Year 2016, to wit: General Government, Financial Administration, Public Safety, Education, Public Works, Health & Human Services, Culture & Recreation, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, and all other necessary proper expenses during said fiscal year; and authorize expenditure of these funds under the direction of the appropriate listed department; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Finance Committee
Estimate: **\$30,533,687.**
The proposed budget is printed on pages 14 and 15 of this warrant.

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Michael White, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, to raise and appropriate \$30,502,747, and transfer \$5,940 from "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation-Septic Loan Program", and transfer \$25,000 from "Overlay Released by the Assessors", for a total appropriation of \$30,533,687, for the use of several departments for Fiscal Year 2016, to wit: General Government, Financial Administration, Public Safety, Education, Public Works, Health & Human Services, Culture & Recreation, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, and all other necessary proper expenses during said fiscal year; and authorize expenditure of these funds under the direction of the appropriate listed department.

Michelle Amato pointed out that North Shore Voke under Education on page 14 of the warrant should read Essex Technical High School to reflect the change in the school's name and the merger of the North Shore Vocational Technical High School and Essex Agricultural High School. The Moderator stated that this would be duly noted going forward.

It was moved by Dan Volchok, and duly seconded, to amend the proposed FY 16 budget as follows:

The Masconomet Operational Assessment be increased by \$54,027 for a total of \$8,979,197 resulting in a total town budget of \$30,587,714. The motion to amend was defeated by majority voice vote.

The main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NOTE: At this time, we anticipate that Article 5 & 6 will be offered as "contingent appropriations." This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Annual Town Meeting, that appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2½ ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void, and in the case of Article #5, the Masconomet Regional School District budget would be rejected (the district budget must be accepted by at least two of the three member communities).

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$406,258 for the purposes of additionally funding the Fiscal Year 2016 Masconomet Regional School District Assessment, thereby completing the funding required to meet the total assessment and approving the district certified budget, provided that the appropriation authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Masconomet Regional School Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by James Ben Messenger of the Masconomet School Committee, and duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$406,258 for the purposes of additionally

funding the Fiscal Year 2016 Masconomet Regional School District Assessment, thereby completing the funding required to meet the total assessment and approving the district certified budget, provided that the appropriation authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called. This motion passed by a majority hand count of 185 yes, 27 no.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$195,871 for the purposes of additionally funding the Fiscal Year 2016 Elementary School Budget**, provided that the appropriation authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Elementary School Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by David Rivers, and duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$195,871 for the purposes of additionally funding the Fiscal Year 2016 Elementary School Budget**, provided that the appropriation authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$20,000 to additionally fund the "Tree Department" line item of the "DPW Non-Salary Expense" of the FY16 Annual Operating Budget**, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Selectman Peter Perkins, and duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000 to additionally fund the "Tree Department" line item of the "DPW Non-Salary Expense" of the FY16 Annual Operating Budget**. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To act on the list of proposed capital purchases for FY 2016 and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, for the use of several departments for fiscal year 2016, and authorize expenditure of these funds under the direction of the appropriate listed department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any equipment declared surplus if replaced; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported the Board of Selectmen
Estimate: **\$446,239.00**
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Capital Budget Committee Recommendations as noted
Permanent Building Committee Recommendations as noted
The proposed capital budget is printed on page 10 of this warrant.

It was moved by Selectman Charles Costello, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$446,239 to fund the list of proposed capital purchases as shown on page 10 of this warrant, for the use of several departments for fiscal year 2016, and authorize expenditure of these funds under the direction of the appropriate listed department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any equipment declared surplus if replaced.

Donald Morton moved to amend Article 8 by removing item 6. This motion was rejected by majority voice vote.

The main motion was approved by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$229,461 to partially pay costs of architectural, engineering, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to historically preserve through the renovation and rehabilitation of some exterior components of a portion of the historic Aaron Wood School, located at 28 Middleton Road and that to meet this appropriation: 1) to transfer \$110,046 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund; 2) to appropriate the sum of \$19,415 from the unexpended balance of the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund appropriation and debt authorization approved for the historic renovation of Lincoln Hall in Article #14, of the Special Town Meeting October 23, 2007; and, 3) that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen shall be authorized to issue debt in the amount of \$100,000 under the Community Preservation Program for the rehabilitation of historic resources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B and under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) and 7(21), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee and the Community Preservation Committee; provided however that no funds may be expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted in the affirmative for Article # 10 of this warrant; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Elementary School Committee
Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Permanent Building Committee recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Capital Budget Committee: "A" Essential
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by David Rivers, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$275,353 to partially pay costs of architectural, engineering, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to historically preserve through the renovation and rehabilitation of some exterior components of a portion of the historic Aaron Wood School, located at 28 Middleton Road and that to meet this appropriation: 1) to transfer \$130,938 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund; 2) to appropriate the sum of \$19,415 from the unexpended balance of the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund appropriation and debt authorization approved for the historic renovation of Lincoln Hall in Article #14, of the Special Town Meeting October 23, 2007; and, 3) that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen shall be authorized to issue debt in the amount of \$125,000 under the Community Preservation Program for the rehabilitation of historic resources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B and under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) and 7(21), or pursuant to any other

enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee and the Community Preservation Committee; provided however that no funds may be expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted in the affirmative for Article # 10 of this warrant.

The Moderator asked if anyone objected to Assistant Superintendent Steven Greenberg addressing Town Meeting. In the absence of any objection, Mr. Greenberg addressed the Audience to answer questions that had been raised.

Article 9 passed by a greater than two-thirds majority vote of 185 yes, 27 no.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$585,000 [estimate] to pay costs of architectural, engineering, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to renovate portions of the interior and exterior of the historic Aaron Wood School, located at 28 Middleton Road and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$585,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3); 7(3A) and 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; further to authorize the Elementary School Committee to enter into a ten (10) year, joint lease with the two other members of the Tri-town School Union of a building and associated premises at 28 Middleton Road, Boxford, Massachusetts on such terms and conditions as said Committee deems favorable to the Town of Boxford; proceeds from said lease to partially offset repayment of this debt; and to authorize the Elementary School Committee and the Permanent Building Committee to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to effect the construction of said project; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Elementary School Committee
Permanent Building Committee recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Capital Budget Committee: "A" Essential
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by David Rivers, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$667,000 to pay costs of architectural, engineering, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to renovate portions of the interior and exterior of the historic Aaron Wood School, located at 28 Middleton Road and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$667,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3); 7(3A) and 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; further to authorize the Elementary School Committee to enter into a ten (10) year, joint lease with the two other members of the Tri-town School Union of a building and associated premises at 28 Middleton Road, Boxford, Massachusetts on such terms and conditions as said Committee deems favorable to the Town of Boxford; proceeds from said lease to partially offset repayment of this debt; and to authorize the Elementary School Committee and the Permanent Building Committee to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to effect the construction of said project; said funds to be

expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee. This motion passed by a greater than two-thirds voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to engage consulting services to assist in scoping and public outreach efforts preparatory to the creation of a Non-School Municipal Facilities Master Plan, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee to make recommendation at Town Meeting

It was moved by Planning Board Chair Robert Gore, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to engage consulting services to assist in scoping and public outreach efforts preparatory to the creation of a Non-School Municipal Facilities Master Plan, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board. This motion passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to pay for the costs to install, test and seek Department of Environmental Protection approval for a public water supply on town land located adjacent to Spofford Pond Road, for the purpose of providing potable water to municipal buildings located on and adjacent to said land; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, or take any other action thereon

Sponsored and supported by the Permanent Building Committee
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee does not recommend adoption of this article
Capital Budget Committee to make recommendation at Town Meeting

It was moved by Permanent Building Committee Chair Margaret Chow Menzer, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000 to pay for the costs to install, test and seek Department of Environmental Protection approval for a public water supply on town land located adjacent to Spofford Pond Road, for the purpose of providing potable water to municipal buildings located on and adjacent to said land; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee.

It was moved by Donald Morton, and duly seconded, to pass over Article 12. This motion passed by a hand count of 109 yes, 64 no.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000 to additionally fund the costs of consultant expenses and study costs to update the mandatory stormwater management plan for the Town of Boxford; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Selectman William R. Cargill, Jr., and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,000 to additionally fund the costs of consultant expenses and study costs to update the mandatory stormwater management plan for the Town of Boxford;

said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000 to provide engineering oversight for the Town during construction and installation of a photovoltaic solar facility on the closed and capped Northern landfill on Town-owned land adjacent to Spofford Road; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Health
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee to make recommendation at Town Meeting

It was moved by Richard Taylor of the Board of Health to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to provide engineering oversight for the Town during construction and installation of a photovoltaic solar facility on the closed and capped Northern landfill on Town-owned land adjacent to Spofford Road; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health. This motion passed by a majority hand count of 80 yes, 78 no.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000 to supplement the FY 2015 Finance Committee Reserve Fund; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Finance Committee
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Michael White, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000 to supplement the FY 2015 Finance Committee Reserve Fund; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee, or take any other action thereon. This motion passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$225,000 to supplement the "Snow and Ice Removal" of the FY 2015 Annual Operating Budget; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Selectman Charles Killam, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$225,000 to supplement the "Snow and Ice Removal" of the FY 2015 Annual Operating Budget; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

This motion passed by applause and a standing ovation which the Moderator took as a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to set the annual curbside solid waste collection fee at \$2.50 for each 32-gallon bag or container (each use); or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Health
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Board of Health Chair Richard Fahrner, and duly seconded, to set the **annual curbside solid waste collection fee** at \$2.50 for each 32-gallon bag or container (each use); or take any other action thereon. This article passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the **Community Preservation Fund** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Sawyer-Richardson Open Space Bond expense	\$191,490
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Lincoln Hall Historic Renovation Bond expense	\$ 52,500
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Haynes Land Purchase Bond expense	\$150,000
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 48,841

Reserves:

From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 35,182
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 87,682
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$310,000

or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Community Preservation Committee Chair Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to appropriate or reserve from the **Community Preservation Fund** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

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Reserves:

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From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 87,682
From FY 2016 estimated annual revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$310,000

This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$6,588 from the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund** to fund the purchase and installation of 9 signs and 7 posts to be placed at various locations on the boundary of the Boxford Historic District and the

Howe Village Historic District, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Historic Districts Commission member Virginia Havey, and duly seconded, to appropriate **\$6,588 from the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund** to fund the purchase and installation of 9 signs and 7 posts to be placed at various locations on the boundary of the Boxford Historic District and the Howe Village Historic District, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$350 from the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund to fund the installation of two signs at Round Top Park**, one at each entrance, to enhance public awareness of the historic significance of the park, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to appropriate **\$350 from the Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund to fund the installation of two signs at Round Top Park**, one at each entrance, to enhance public awareness of the historic significance of the park, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$909 from the Community Preservation Committee Undesignated Fund to fund the installation of a sign at Colby Park**, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney to appropriate **\$909 from the Community Preservation Committee Undesignated Fund to fund the installation of a sign at Colby Park**, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to have its (sic) elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by Initiative Petition

It was moved by Patricia Morris to have the elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk.

It was moved by Barbara Jessel to amend Article 22 to read "To see if the town will vote to have it's (sic) elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk effective at the Annual Town Election of May 2019."

It was moved by Marci Miller, and duly seconded, to call the vote. This motion passed by majority voice vote.

The amendment was defeated by a majority voice vote.

The main motion was defeated by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. It was moved by Mary Anne Nay, and duly seconded, to adjourn Annual Town Meeting. This motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Boxford Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.

A true record,

Robin Phelan, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BOXFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015, MINUTES

A quorum being present, Boxford Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Gerald R. Johnston at 7:05pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in the Masconomet Auditorium with 927 voters in attendance.

It was moved by Peter Perkins that the Moderator not be required to read articles or motions of the warrant verbatim, and further that he be authorized to summarize articles and motions as he deems appropriate. This motion passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the Elementary Schools department line item by \$60,000**, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Elementary School Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by David Rivers to raise and appropriate funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the Elementary Schools department line item by \$60,000**. This motion passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the DPW Salary department line item by \$7,175**, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by William Cargill, Jr. to raise and appropriate funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the DPW Salary department line item by \$7,175**. This motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the Police Salaries department line item by \$30,000**, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Alfred Vaz, Jr. to transfer from Free Cash funds to amend FY 2016 budget appropriations adopted as Article #4 of the May 12, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and **INCREASE the Police Salaries department line item by \$30,000**. This motion passed by a majority hand count.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$5,203 to fund upgraded barrier and gate to the Recycling Center**, including any expenses incidental thereto, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee to make recommendation at Town Meeting

It was moved by Mary Anne Nay to transfer Free Cash the sum of **\$5,203 to fund upgraded barrier and gate to the Recycling Center**, including any expenses incidental thereto, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$17,500 to fund repairs to existing culvert on Topsfield Road**, including any expenses incidental thereto, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Board of Selectmen

It was moved by Charles Costello to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$17,500 to fund repairs to existing culvert on Topsfield Road**, including any expenses incidental thereto, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 6. I move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$21,175 to fund engineering design of a culvert replacement on Highland Road**, funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

It was moved by Peter Perkins to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$21,175 to fund engineering design of a culvert replacement on Highland Road**, funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend its bylaws and **DELETE** in its entirety, from the Town Code the following article: Town Code Chapter 7, Article II, **Capital Budgeting Committee, § 7-3. Membership; terms; responsibilities**, which currently states:

“A Capital Budgeting Committee consisting of five members shall be established, two members appointed by and from the Finance Committee and three members appointed by the Board of Selectmen; two positions for one-year terms; two positions for two-year terms and one position for a three-year term. The Capital Budgeting Committee so constituted will be responsible for updating the Town's capital budget each year and reporting anticipated capital needs to the Town at each Town Meeting.”

with the intention for the Finance Committee to become responsible for maintaining and reporting on the Town's capital budget needs, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Finance Committee

It was moved by Joyce Ricklefs to amend Town bylaws and **DELETE**, in its entirety, from the Town Code, the following article: Town Code Chapter 7, Article II, **Capital Budgeting Committee**, § 7-3. Membership: terms: responsibilities, which currently states:

“A Capital Budgeting Committee consisting of five members shall be established, two members appointed by and from the Finance Committee and three members appointed by the Board of Selectmen; two positions for one-year terms; two positions for two-year terms and one position for a three-year term. The Capital Budgeting Committee so constituted will be responsible for updating the Town's capital budget each year and reporting anticipated capital needs to the Town at each Town Meeting.”

With the intention for the Finance Committee to become responsible for maintaining and reporting on the Town's capital budget needs. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$375 from the **Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund** to fund the installation of a sign at the Davis Hay Field, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney to appropriate \$375 from the **Community Preservation Committee Historic Fund** to fund the installation of a sign at the Davis Hay Field, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3000 from the **Community Preservation Committee Budgeted Reserve** to fund the construction and installation of two kiosks with interpretive and directional signage for the Boxford Borders to Boston trail, of which it is anticipated that \$1500 will be reimbursed to the CPC Undesignated Fund upon receipt of a matching grant awarded to the project from the Essex Heritage Partnership, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney to appropriate \$3000 from the **Community Preservation Committee Budgeted Reserve** to fund the construction and installation of two kiosks with interpretive and directional signage for the Boxford Borders to Boston trail, of which it is anticipated that \$1500 will be reimbursed to the CPC Undesignated Fund upon receipt of a matching grant awarded to the project from the Essex Heritage Partnership, the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. This motion passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,557,904 to fund the construction of two multi use fields, one grass and one synthetic turf, proposed as part of the **Boxford Common, a community project also known as the Haynes Land Project**, and that to meet this appropriation: 1) to appropriate \$2,471,853 from the Community Preservation Committee Undesignated Fund; 2) to transfer the unexpended balance from Warrant Article #13 approved at Special Town Meeting, October 23, 2007 for the purchase of the Haynes Land the amount of

\$28,750; 3) to transfer from the Community Preservation Committee Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$306,397; 4) that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to issue debt in the amount of \$1,250,000 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Chapter 44B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; 5) conditioned upon a prohibition on expending any funds originating from the Community Preservation Act on the acquisition of artificial turf for athletic fields; 6) and that in order to aid the funding of said project, that the Haynes Land Committee be permitted to seek, receive and accept grants, donations or reimbursements of \$500,904 for this purpose and to authorize the Haynes Land Committee and the Permanent Building Committee to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to affect the construction of said project; the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Permanent Building Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by Board of Selectmen
Community Preservation Committee recommends adoption of this article
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Joseph Callahan to appropriate **\$4,557,904 to fund the construction of two multi use fields, one grass and one synthetic turf, proposed as part of the Boxford Common, a community project also known as the Haynes Land Project**, and that to meet this appropriation: 1) to appropriate \$2,471,853 from the Community Preservation Committee Undesignated Fund; 2) to transfer the unexpended balance from Warrant Article #13 approved at Special Town Meeting, October 23, 2007 for the purchase of the Haynes Land the amount of \$28,750; 3) to transfer from the Community Preservation Committee Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$306,397; 4) that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to issue debt in the amount of \$1,250,000 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Chapter 44B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; 5) conditioned upon a prohibition on expending any funds originating from the Community Preservation Act on the acquisition of artificial turf for athletic fields; 6) and that in order to aid the funding of said project \$500,904 be transferred from a gift account established for that purpose, and that the Haynes Land Committee be permitted to seek, receive and accept grants, donations or reimbursements for this purpose and to authorize the Haynes Land Committee and the Permanent Building Committee to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to affect the construction of said project; the appropriated funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Permanent Building Committee.

It was moved by Robert Eisenberg to terminate the discussion of Article 10. This motion passed by a greater than two-thirds majority of 661 yes, 290 no.

ARTICLE 11. PROPOSAL FOR "INGALDSBY LAND" PURCHASE

PROPOSAL FOR THE TOWN OF BOXFORD TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS "INGALDSBY LAND"; PROPERTY USAGE TO BE DESIGNATED FOR CONSERVATION, SENIOR HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND RECREATION. FURTHERMORE, SAID PURCHASE TO BE FINANCED WITH CPC FUNDS AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS' GRANT

Sponsored by Initiative Petition

It was moved by Laura Sapienza-Grabski to pass over Article 11. This motion passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business to legally come before this meeting.

It was moved by Peter Perkins to dissolve Town Meeting. This motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

A true record.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelan, Town Clerk

2015 STATISTIC REPORT

Population:	8,555
Residences:	2,856
Registered Voters:	6,075
Births:	44
Deaths:	46
Marriages:	11