

February 11, 2020 Boxford Special Town Meeting Minutes

Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Gerald R. Johnston at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in the Spofford Pond School Auditorium, 31 Spofford Road, with 81 voters present.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, **borrow** or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$600,000** to be expended, in addition to the funds previously appropriated for this purpose, **to pay costs of the complete bridge replacement of the Lockwood Lane Bridge**, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); said amount to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator 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; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Board of Selectmen

Funded last year: \$650,000; (\$500,000 of that from a State grant)

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

Backup information: www.town.boxford.ma.us/stm-documents

It was moved by Selectman Albert Vaz, Jr., and duly seconded, to appropriate, **borrow** or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$475,000** be appropriated to be expended, in addition to the funds previously appropriated for this purpose, **to pay costs of the complete bridge replacement of the Lockwood Lane Bridge**, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); said amount to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow a sum of money pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator 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; or take any other action thereon.

This motion passed by a greater than two-thirds vote of 63 yes, 7 no.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, section 7, **will vote to approve the collective bargaining agreement** recently negotiated and ratified by the Board of Selectmen between the Town and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council #93, Local 939, **Boxford Public Works Employees for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022;** or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Board of Selectmen

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It was moved by Selectman Charles J. Costello, and duly seconded, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, section 7, **to approve the collective bargaining agreement** recently negotiated and ratified by the Board of Selectmen between the Town and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council #93, Local 939, **Boxford Public Works Employees for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022;** or take any other action thereon.

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This motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

It was moved by Selectwoman Mary Anne Nay, and duly seconded, to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Without objection, the Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:39pm.

A true record,

Robin Phelan

Boxford Town Clerk

September 12, 2020 Town of Boxford Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The Town of Boxford's Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Gerald Johnston at 10:09am on Saturday the twelfth day of September, 2020 at the Masconomet Regional High School, Roberts Field, 20 Endicott Road, with 180 voters in attendance.

Matthew Andrade moved to adjourn the meeting for two weeks to enfranchise parents with childcare needs and make the meeting accessible via Zoom. The motion was denied.

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 Alfred Vaz, 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. The motion passed by a unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 2. 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 2021, 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: **\$35,588,117**

The proposed budget is printed on pages 11 and 12 of this warrant.

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Michael White, and duly seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,571,108 and transfer the sum of \$17,009 from the "fund balance reserved for debt service", for a total appropriation of \$35,588,117 to be used for several departments for Fiscal Year 2021, 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

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ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 to reduce the tax rate for fiscal year 2021 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 \$150,000 to reduce the tax rate for fiscal year 2021.

It was moved by Matthew Andrade, and duly seconded, to amend the motion to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$375,000 to reduce the tax rate for fiscal year 2021. This motion was defeated by a majority show of hands. The article passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, section 7, will vote to approve the following collective bargaining agreements recently negotiated and ratified by the Board of Selectmen between the Town and the following Unions for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

- Teamsters Local 25 International Brotherhood of Teamsters Boxford Police Patrol Officers
- Boxford Police Reserve Association
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council #93, Local 939, Boxford Town Hall/Library Clerical Employees
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Communication Dispatchers and Police Secretarial Employees Association;

Said collective bargaining agreements on file with the Town Clerk; funding for the cost items for these one-year retroactive agreements were included in the general operating budget of the Town adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, May 2019; 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 Charles Costello, and duly seconded, that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, section 7, to approve the following collective bargaining agreements recently negotiated and ratified by

the Board of Selectmen between the Town and the following Unions for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

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- Boxford Police Reserve Association
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- Communication Dispatchers and Police Secretarial Employees Association;

Said collective bargaining agreements on file with the Town Clerk; funding for the cost items for these one-year retroactive agreements were included in the general operating budget of the Town adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, May 2019. This motion carried by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 5. To act on the list of proposed equipment and capital purchases for FY2021 and see what sums of money the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, for the use of several departments for fiscal year 2021, and authorize expenditure of these funds for such purposes 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 by the Board of Selectmen

Estimate: \$743,000

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

Permanent Building Committee recommendations as noted

The proposed capital budget is printed on page 10 of this warrant.

It was moved by Peter Perkins, and duly seconded, to transfer the sum of \$743,000 from Free Cash for the use of several departments for fiscal year 2021 as shown on page 10 of this warrant, and authorize expenditure of these funds for such purposes under the direction of the appropriate listed department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any equipment declared surplus if replaced. This article passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to borrow \$388,000 to engage consulting and engineering services to design, seek regulatory permitting approval, provide plans and specifications, conduct competitive construction bidding and undertake other services as necessary, for the Harry Lee Cole

School & Spofford Pond School Site Renovation Projects, including any incidental or related expenses, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Elementary School Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Carol Hubbard, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$388,000 to engage consulting and engineering services to design, seek regulatory permitting approval, provide plans and specifications, conduct competitive construction bidding and undertake other services as necessary, for the Harry Lee Cole School and & Spofford Pond School Site Renovation Projects, including any incidental or related expenses, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Committee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. And to authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and the Elementary School 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; provided further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant or gift amounts received. This article passed by a greater than two-thirds majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds \$250,000, to engage services to design, furnish and construct a Metal Truss Fabric Building for the Department of Public Works at 7B Spofford Road, including any incidental or related expenses, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, 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 Charles Costello, and duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$250,000, to engage services to design, furnish and construct a Metal Truss Fabric Building for the Department of Public Works at 7B Spofford Road, including any incidental or related expenses, said funds to be

expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee. This article passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to borrow and transfer from available funds \$2,800,000 to be expended, under the direction of Permanent Building Committee to pay costs of the Building Envelope Repair, HVAC, Replacement, and Library Interior Renovation Project at Boxford Town Hall/Library, 7A Spofford Road, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the Building and preserve an asset, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee; and to meet this appropriation to: 1. Transfer \$450,000 from library stabilization fund; and 2. Authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow the remainder of the appropriation amounting to \$2,350,000, pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; and to authorize the Chief Procurement Officer 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; provided further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount received; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by Permanent Building Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Robert Hazelwood, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$2,626,000, to be expended, under the direction of Permanent Building Committee, to pay costs of the Building Envelope Repair, HVAC Replacement, and Library Interior Renovation Project at Boxford Town Hall/Library, located at 7A Spofford Road, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"); which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the Building and preserve an asset; and to meet this appropriation (i) \$450,000 shall be transferred from the library stabilization fund; and (ii) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$2,176,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount, and that the Chief Procurement Officer and the Permanent Building Committee are each authorized to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to

affect the construction of said project; provided further that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amounts received on account of this project. This article was approved by a greater than two-thirds majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to set the annual curbside solid waste collection fee at \$3.00 for each 32-gallon bag or container (each use); or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Board of Health

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Alex Constan, and duly seconded, to set the annual curbside solid waste collection fee at \$3.00 for each 32-gallon bag or container (each use). This article passed by a majority show of hands.

ARTICLE 10. 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 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:	
Sawyer-Richardson Open Space Bond	\$158,150
Lincoln Hall Renovation Bond expense	\$ 45,063
Haynes Land Purchase Bond expense	\$ 128,750
Aaron Wood Renovation Bond expense	\$ 14,346
Boxford Commons Bond expense	\$ 154,450
Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 43,066
Reserves:	
Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 26,724
Community Housing Reserve	\$ 86,132
Budgeted Reserve	\$ 200,000

or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2021 estimated 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 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as shown in article #10 of this warrant. This article was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$68,000 in land purchase expense to enable the Town of Boxford to acquire for conservation, open space, and passive recreation purposes as set forth in the General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 8C and subject to the protections afforded under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of fee simple interest or less, of a parcel of land in Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, also known as the "Bergstrom Property," the parcel consisting of 14.5± acres of open land bordering Hoveys Pond, identified as Map 9, Lot 1, Parcel 29 in the records of the Boxford Assessors on file with the Town Clerk, together with all rights and easements and subject to all easements; said land to be under the care, custody and control of the Boxford Conservation Commission; and that to fund said purchase, to transfer \$60,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance; the remaining \$8,000 needed for the purchase to be funded through a contribution from BTA/BOLT, Inc.; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant a perpetual conservation restriction in said parcel of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, as may be deemed appropriate, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to affect said purchase, said funds to be expended by the Conservation Commission in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee; further, to authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for and accept any grants or gifts for this purpose and additional related legal and closing cost expenses; and further, that the amount authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount received above amounts necessary for additional related costs; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article.

It was moved by Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$68,000 in land purchase expense to enable the Town of Boxford to acquire for conservation, open space, and passive recreation purposes as set forth in the General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 8C and subject to the protections afforded under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of fee simple interest or less, of a parcel of land in Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, also known as the "Bergstrom Property," the parcel consisting of 14.5± acres of open land bordering Hovey's Pond, identified as Map 9, Lot 1, Parcel 29 in the records of the Boxford Assessors on file with the Town Clerk, together with all rights and easements and subject to all easements; said land to be under the care, custody and control of the Boxford Conservation Commission; and that to fund said purchase, to transfer \$60,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance; the remaining \$8,000 needed for the purchase to be funded through a contribution from BTA/BOLT, Inc.; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant a perpetual conservation restriction in said parcel of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, as may be deemed appropriate, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to affect said purchase, said funds to be expended by the Conservation Commission in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee; further, to authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for and accept any grants or gifts for this purpose and additional related legal and closing cost expenses; and further, that the amount authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount received above amounts necessary for additional related costs.

It was moved to amend Article 11 to read as follows: to appropriate \$68,000 in land purchase expense to enable the Town of Boxford to acquire for conservation, open space, and passive recreation purposes as set forth in the General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 8C and subject to the protections afforded under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of fee simple interest or less, of a parcel of land in Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, also known as the "Bergstrom Property," the parcel consisting of 14.5± acres of open land bordering Hovey's Pond, identified as Map 9, Lot 1, Parcel 29 in the records of the Boxford Assessors on file with the Town Clerk, together with all rights and easements and subject to all easements; said land to be under the care, custody and control of the Boxford Conservation Commission; and that to fund said purchase, to transfer \$50,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance; the remaining \$18,000 needed for the purchase to be funded through a contribution from BTA/BOLT, Inc.; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant a perpetual conservation restriction in said parcel of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, § 12 and M.G.L. Chapter 184, §§ 31-33, as may be deemed appropriate, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Boxford to affect said purchase, said funds to be expended by the Conservation Commission in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee; further, to authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for and accept any grants or gifts for this purpose and additional related legal and closing cost expenses; and further, that the amount authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount received above amounts necessary for additional related costs. This amendment passed by a unanimous show of hands.

Article 11, as amended was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance to be deposited into the Conservation Fund established pursuant to the Conservation Commission Act, M.G.L. Ch. 40 s. 8C, for use by the Conservation Commission on projects that satisfy eligibility requirements of both M.G.L. Ch. 40 s. 8C and the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. Ch. 44B; any expenditure of these deposited funds to be authorized by the Conservation Commission in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to appropriate \$25,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance to be deposited into the Conservation Fund established pursuant to the Conservation Commission Act, M.G.L. Ch. 40 s. 8C, for use by the Conservation Commission on projects that satisfy eligibility requirements of both M.G.L. Ch. 40 s. 8C and the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. Ch. 44B; any expenditure of these deposited funds to be authorized by the Conservation Commission in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee. This article passed by unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stormwater Management Bylaw, Town Code Ch. 160, to update a definition of Stormwater Management Standards and to delete an exemption for projects receiving a wetland permit, as follows, with struck through language deleted, and bolded and underlined language inserted; or take any other action thereon:

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY STANDARDS- The Policy Standards issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act GL c.131 § 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act GL c. 131 §§23-56, to prevent or reduce pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

§ 160-6 Statement of Jurisdiction¹

A. No person shall perform any activity that alters a construction site or hotspot or results in an illicit discharge, except as authorized by the Conservation Commission in a Stormwater Management Permit or as otherwise provided in this bylaw.

B. The following exemptions apply to the alteration of a construction site or hotspot

- (1) Alteration, regardless of square footage, all of which is located outside of the NPDES Phase II Regulated Area and which does not drain to the Boxford municipal separate storm sewer system within the NPDES Phase II regulated area;
- (2) Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.04;
- (3) Stormwater discharges that are authorized under an Order of Conditions issued by the Boxford Conservation Commission pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, MGL c. 131, § 40, and where the Order includes findings by the Commission that the discharge complies with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy;
- (4) Emergency activities necessary to protect public health or safety, so long as all necessary emergency permits or emergency certifications have been or will be obtained; and,
- (5) (5) Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of this bylaw.

Sponsored and Supported by the Conservation Commission

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney, and duly seconded, to amend the Stormwater Management Bylaw, Town Code Ch. 160, to update a definition of Stormwater Management Standards and to delete an exemption for projects receiving a wetland permit, as shown in article #13, with struck-through language deleted, and bolded and underlined language inserted. This motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to fund the Conservation Fund; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by Conservation Commission

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

It was moved by Peter Delaney to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to fund the Conservation Fund. This article passed by unanimous show of cards.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to fund the Unemployment Fund; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

Barbara Jessel moved, and it was duly seconded, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to fund the Unemployment Fund. This motion passed by unanimous show of cards.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,150 to fund the biannual mandated OPEB Actuarial Study; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

Mary Anne Nay moved, and it was duly seconded, to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,150 to fund the biannual mandated OPEB Actuarial Study. This article passed by unanimous show of hands.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to engage consulting and engineering services for design plans and specifications, for various capital projects including any incidental or related costs, said funds to be expended under the joint direction of the Board of Selectmen and Permanent Building Committee, or take any other action thereon.

It was moved by Richard O'Brien, and duly seconded, to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to engage consulting and engineering services for design plans and specifications, for various capital projects including any incidental or related costs, said funds to be expended under the joint direction of the Board of Selectmen and Permanent Building Committee. This motion passed by a majority show of cards.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Initiate a municipal aggregation program to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within the boundaries Town independently, or in joint action with other municipalities pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §134, or any other enabling legislation; and

2. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to (i) enter into one or more agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation and administration of such aggregation program for a term most advantageous including authorization for a term or more than three years, and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town.

Or take any other action thereon.

It was moved by Keith Sampson and duly seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to initiate a municipal aggregation program to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within the boundaries Town independently, or in joint action with other municipalities pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, as described in article #18. This article was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Sponsored and Supported by Sustainability Committee

Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General By-Laws to rename of the "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board:", as follows, with struck through language deleted, and bolded and underlined language inserted:

Chapter 32, Secion 32-1 Election of Members

A Board of Selectmen Select Board of five members shall be elected from the town at large for three-year overlapping terms of office. Two new members shall be elected at the Annual Town Election on May 16, 2000, as follows: one member for a three year term and one member for a one year term. The Board shall exercise the general supervision over all matters affecting the interest or welfare of the town. The Select Board shall have all the powers and duties of a board of selectmen under the general laws and any special laws applicable to the Town of Boxford as well as such other powers and duties as are provided in these by-laws.

And further, in each instance in which they appear in the Town Code, to replace the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen", with the words "Select Board," and to replace the word "Selectmen" with "Select Board Member", 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 amend the Town General By-Laws to rename of the "Board of Selectmen" to "Select Board:", as shown in Article #19, with struck-through language deleted, and bolded and underlined language inserted.

Laura Grabski moved, and it was duly seconded, to pass over this article. This motion failed.

Matthew Andrade moved, and it was duly seconded, to amend the motion to strike out Select Board to read Executive Board. This motion was defeated by a majority show of hands.

This motion passed by a majority show of cards.

Article 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Alfred Vaz moved to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting. Without objection, Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 1:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Phelan, Town Clerk