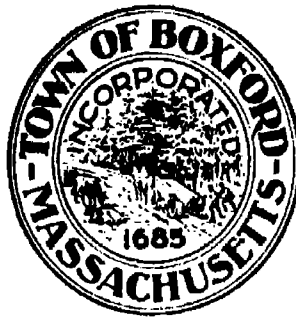


TOWN OF BOXFORD

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

**Masconomet Regional High School
Auditorium
20 Endicott Road
Boxford, MA 01921**



**PLEASE BRING THIS WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING WITH YOU ON MAY 8, 2018 - MEETING AT
MASCONOMET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM,
20 ENDICOTT ROAD AT 7:00 P.M.**

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 8, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

MASCONOMET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – AUDITORIUM

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the **Masconomet Regional High School**, 20 Endicott Road, Boxford, on **Tuesday the eighth day of May next at 7:00 P.M.**, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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

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 2019, 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: **\$34,238,867**
The proposed budget is printed on pages 17 and 18 of this warrant.
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

ARTICLE 3. To act on the list of proposed equipment and capital purchases for FY 2019 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 2019, and authorize expenditure of these funds under the direction of the appropriate listed department and authorize the Board of Selectmen or School Committees to dispose of any equipment declared surplus if replaced; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Selectmen (Numbers 1-16)
Sponsored and supported by the Masconomet District School Committee (Number 17)
Sponsored and supported by the Elementary School Committee (Number 18 & 19)
Estimate: **\$788,262**
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Permanent Building Committee Recommendations as noted
The proposed capital budget is printed on page 16 of this warrant.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$95,000 to supplement current consulting and other professional services assisting in preparing and evaluating a proposed Non-School Municipal Facilities Master Plan**, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board, or to take any other thereon.

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

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to create a special stabilization fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.40 § 5B, to be known as the Library Stabilization Fund and to raise and appropriate and/or **transfer from available funds the sum of \$475,000 to the Library Stabilization Fund, for the specific restricted purpose of use for library purposes as may be proposed to Town Meeting by the Library Trustees; in order to comply with the intent of the original donors who gifted the property at 10 Elm Street to the Town for library purposes and to transfer the care, custody and control of the property and building thereon at 10 Elm Street currently held by the Library Trustees for library purposes to the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes** and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action or execute any document or agreement necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, or to take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to **adopt M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 5C½ , which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under M.G.L. c59, §5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100 percent of the personal exemption**, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$40,000 to fund supplemental DPW roadside tree cutting, roadside tree and branch debris clearing, including subcontracted services and employee overtime as may be required**, said funds to be available for expenditure in FY 2018, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$100,000 to supplement the “Snow & Ice Removal” line item of the FY 2018 Annual Operating Budget** adopted as part of Article #5 of the May 9, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$9,000 to fund consulting services to assist with the preparation and mandatory update of the Town’s Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability report**, 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

ARTICLE 10. 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

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to **appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2019 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 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

Sawyer-Richardson Open Space Bond expense	\$172,225
Lincoln Hall Historic Renovation Bond expense	\$ 47,863
Haynes Land Purchase Bond expense	\$136,750
Aaron Wood Renovation Bond expense	\$ 14,326
Boxford Common Bond expense	\$148,889
Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 43,198

Reserves:

Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 24,206
Community Housing Reserve	\$ 86,395
FY 2019 Budgeted Reserve	\$180,000

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

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$100,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund for rehabilitation of land for recreational use, in particular** to fund the installation of new playground surfaces at Boxford Common consistent with the requirements of 521 CMR 2.1, 3.2, 19.7, and 29.1; including incidental costs and expenses, said 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

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$320,000 to fund site preparation and construction of a new elementary school playground at Spofford Pond School, Spofford Road, including incidental costs and expense; and to fund said appropriation, that \$70,000 be transferred from Free Cash, that \$200,000 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund for rehabilitation of land for recreational use, and \$50,000 be transferred from a gift fund established for said purpose,** said funds to be available for expenditure in FY 2018, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to **amend the Town's general bylaw by adding a new section, Town Code _____, Marijuana Establishments,** as follows:

Section _____ Consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G § 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G § 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited in the Town of Boxford.
or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to **amend its Zoning Bylaw, Town Code, Chapter 196 by adding the following new paragraph to §196-10. Conformity with bylaw required, prohibited uses,** as follows:

Consistent with G.L. c. 94G, §3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, and marijuana retailers, and any other types of licensed marijuana or licensed Cannabis related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Boxford.
or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Board of Selectmen
Planning Board to make recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the “Stretch Energy Code” set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 115.AA as may be amended from time to time, by amending the Code of the Town of Boxford by inserting the following new Chapter 164 entitled “Stretch Energy Code”:

Chapter 164. STRETCH ENERGY CODE

§164-1. Adoption. The Town of Boxford has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 115.AA as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

§164-2. Definitions.

- a. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) –The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.
- b. Stretch Energy Code- Codified by the Board of Building Regulation and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§164-3. Purpose. The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

§164-4. Applicability. This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 115.AA, as applicable.

§164-5. Stretch Energy Code. The Stretch Energy Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Boxford General By-Laws. The Stretch Code is enforceable by the building inspector.

§164-6. Effective Date. The Stretch Energy Code was adopted by the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, with a concurrency start date of July 1, 2018 and a sole effective date of January 1, 2019.

or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Sustainability Committee and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Town Code, Chapter 196 by adding the following new section 196-22.2: Solar Overlay District, and to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Boxford and §196-2 of the Zoning Bylaw, to add the Solar Overlay District as defined in Section 196-22.2, as follows:

A. Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is to permit As-of-Right Siting of Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations within a designated Solar Overlay District by providing standards for the design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and that provide adequate financial assurance in the event of abandonment or removal of such Installations.

(2) Definitions.

AS-OF-RIGHT SITING - As-of-Right Siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary zoning approval.

LARGE SCALE GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION (also "Installation") - A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum rated nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC.

SOLAR OVERLAY DISTRICT – as used in this section shall include the following properties: 1) property at Spofford Road designated as Assessor's Map 19, Block 3, Lot 28 and Assessor's Map 15, Block 2, Lot 1; and 2) property designated as Assessor's Map 42, Block 1, Lot 1.

RATED NAMEPLATE CAPACITY- The maximum rated output of electric power production of the photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

(3) General requirements.

(a) The construction and operation of all Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of the Installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code. No Installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

(b) No Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the Installation is to be located has been informed of the Installation and the owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(c) All Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall undergo Site Plan Review by the Planning Board in accordance this Zoning Bylaw prior to construction or modification as provided in this section. The Planning Board may, at the Board's option, hold an informal hearing of which abutters are given notice, in order to solicit comment during the

Site Plan Review. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions on the project in granting site plan approval. The Planning Board shall act on an application for site plan review and file a written decision of its action with the Town Clerk within 90 days of receipt of a complete Site Plan Review submission unless otherwise agreed by the project proponent.

- (4) Site Plan Review submission requirements. The project proponent shall provide the following documents:
- (a) A Site Plan on one or more sheets. All plans shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts. The plans, at a minimum, must include the following:
- [1] Property lines and physical features, including roads, topography, vegetation, hydrological features, shading from existing structures and zoning map designation of the project site;
 - [2] Proposed changes to the site, including proposed grading, planting or removal of vegetation, lighting, signage and structures;
 - [3] Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation;
 - [4] An electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
 - [5] Manufacturers specifications, warranties and related documentation for the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter. These may be referenced on the plan to documents provided for the Planning Board file;
 - [6] Name, address, and contact information for the proposed installer of the Installation;
 - [7] Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;
 - [8] The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent.
- (b) The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed installation.
- (c) The project proponent shall submit an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, and general procedures for operation and maintenance of the Installation.
- (d) Proof of liability insurance naming the Town of Boxford as Additional Insured in the amounts of at least one million dollars current and three million dollars aggregate, or such other amounts as are standard in the Town of Boxford. Such proof will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities.

- (e) Proof of Utility Notification.
 - (f) A designation of a date representing the end of the useful life of the Installation, which date may be extended by the project proponent upon notice to the Planning Board provided no later than 30 days in advance of the designated date. Upon such notice the Planning Board may review the Installation and determine, at its sole discretion, if an application for a modification is required under the terms of this section.
 - (g) A Removal Plan, signed by the project proponent, listing the actions to be taken to remove the Installation and a plan showing the proposed physical characteristics of the site upon completion of the removal.
 - (h) Description of financial surety and cost of removal. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal of the Installation, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. Project proponent shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board not to exceed 125% of the estimated cost of removal. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities.
- (5) Design Standards.
- (a) Dimensional Requirements.
 - [1] Front yard: The front yard depth shall be at least 50 feet;
 - [2] Side yard. Each side yard shall have a depth at least 15 feet; provided, however, that where the lot abuts a Residential-Agricultural district, the side yard shall not be less than 50 feet.
 - [3] Rear yard. The rear yard depth shall be at least 25 feet; provided, however, that where the lot abuts a Residential-Agricultural district, the rear yard shall not be less than 50 feet.
 - [4] Appurtenant Structures. All appurtenant structures to Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be subject to applicable regulations, including the dimensional regulations established in this bylaw, concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.
 - (b) Lighting. Lighting of Installations shall be the minimum required by local, state and federal law, or as required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Where feasible, lighting of the Installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

- (c) Signage. Signs shall comply with §196-27 of the Zoning Bylaw. A sign posted in a location visible from a public way shall identify the name and nature of the Installation, the owner and the operator, and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. Signs at Installations shall not be used for displaying advertising.
 - (d) Utility Connections. All utility connections from the Installation shall be placed underground unless otherwise required by the utility provider.
- (6) Safety and Environmental Standards.
- (a) Emergency Services. The project proponent shall provide a copy of the Site Plan Review submission documents to the Boxford Fire Department and the Boxford Police Department upon submission of its application for site plan review to the Planning Board. The project proponent shall cooperate with these Departments in developing an Emergency Response and Security Plan. As approved by the Planning Board through site plan review, a copy of the Plan shall be kept on the project site at all times, and shall be placed on file with the Boxford Fire and Police Departments. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly identified in the Emergency Response and Security Plan, and where practicable, marked in the field.
 - (b) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.
- (7) Monitoring and Maintenance. The installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Boxford Fire Department. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the installation and associated site improvements. The Owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining any access road(s) unless the access road is accepted as a public way.
- (8) Modifications. All material modifications to a solar photovoltaic installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Planning Board in accordance with this bylaw. The Planning Board may waive any requirements of the Site Plan Review submission requirements deemed by the Board to be not relevant to the proposed modification.
- (9) Abandonment, Decommissioning or Removal
- (a) Abandonment. Absent written notice provided by the owner or operator to the Planning Board of extenuating circumstances, the Installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board.
 - (b) Decommissioning. The owner or operator shall, upon 30 days advance notice to the Planning Board, identify a date for decommissioning the Installation. If the owner or operator of the Installation fails to remove the Installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of the decommissioning date, the town may, to the extent it is otherwise authorized by law, enter the property and physically remove the

Installation, and apply any financial surety provided by the project proponent towards the cost of removal.

(c) Removal. Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life, or been abandoned, or reached a decommissioning date, shall be removed within 150 days. Removal shall consist of the following:

- [1] Physical removal of all installation structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
- [2] Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- [3] Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

(10) Severability. The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity of any section, subdivision, paragraph. Or other part of this section shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this section.

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And further, to amend Section 196-30 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following underlined language:

A. For the purpose of . . . until a site plan has been approved for a special permit by the Board of Appeals, with the exception of Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations approved pursuant to §196-18C.

or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Sustainability Committee and the Board of Selectmen Planning Board to make recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, Town Code, Chapter 196 Section 196-20 and 196-35, by deleting the language shown as ~~struck through~~ and inserting the language underlined, and adding a new section 196-20C, as follows:

§196-20 A(1)

FROM: "... such housing to be owned and operated by a ~~private~~ nonprofit organization."
TO: "... such housing to be owned and operated by a for-profit or nonprofit organization."

§196-20 B

FROM: "... the Elderly Housing District ~~shall~~ include: ..."
TO: "... the Elderly Housing District may include: ..."

§196-20 B(1)

FROM: "Garages."

TO: “Accessory uses customarily incidental to any main permitted use on the same premises, including but not limited to private garages, a pool, and other such other accessory uses customarily incidental to an age-restricted, active adult community.”

§196-20 B(2)

FROM: “... tools and equipment to maintain and service housing for the elderly.”

TO: “... tools and equipment to maintain and service housing for the elderly, as well as separate structures to house any water or sewer utility and/or centralized mailbox facility for residents.”

(new) §196-20 C

ADD: “Design Guidelines. In addition to the standards for Site Plans under § 196-30, a proposal within the Elderly Housing District shall be consistent with the following design guidelines:

(1) All proposed buildings and structures shall be compatible with other quality buildings of similar scale in the vicinity, and shall provide for varied roofline articulation that stresses New England village-style architecture, building materials and colors;

(2) The compatibility of such buildings and structures shall be analyzed in terms of the following factors: size and bulk; orientation to the street; distance from the street; height and roof-line articulation; the pattern of window, door, and other building openings; architectural styles; and exterior building materials and colors; and,

(3) The Applicant shall submit a separate landscaping plan, prepared by a registered landscape architect, that provides for intensive high-quality landscaping of all open areas, including areas adjacent to paths, driveways and parking lots, and, where appropriate for screening purposes, dense buffers of trees and shrubs.”

§196-35 Definitions: “Housing for the elderly”

FROM: “Multifamily dwellings which ~~contain no less than four~~ nor more than 10 independent units consisting of...”

TO: “Multifamily dwellings which consist of buildings containing no less than two nor more than ten independent units each consisting of...”

§196-35 Definitions: “Housing for the elderly”

FROM: “... except for the unit to be occupied and used as aforesaid by the manager, ~~no unit in any building shall be occupied unless at least one tenant is a person who is 60 years of age or over.”~~

TO: “... except for the unit to be occupied and used as aforesaid by the manager, each building and each unit shall be restricted to occupancy as an age-restricted community in which at least one occupant of each unit shall be at least 55 years of age or older at the time of occupancy in accordance with 24 CFR 100, 300 and other applicable laws, and provided such occupancy conforms with the Federal Fair Housing Act, 42 USC Section 3607(b), as amended, the regulations promulgated thereunder at 24 CFR Section 100,300 et seq., Subpart E – Housing for Older Persons, as amended, and the Massachusetts Fair Housing law, MGL c. 151B, Section 4.

or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and Supported by the Housing Partnership Committee and the Board of Selectmen
Planning Board recommends adoption of this article

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Boxford by rezoning from R-A Residence-Agricultural District to E-H Elderly Housing District a certain parcel of land consisting of 117.62 acres located on the north side of Willow Road, between Pine Plain Road and Whittier Terrace, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land on Willow Road in Boxford, Massachusetts," dated March 1, 2018, prepared for Price Family LLC by Christiansen & Sergi, Inc. on file with the Town Clerk, or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored and supported by the Housing Partnership Committee
Planning Board recommends adoption of this article
Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of this article

ARTICLE 20. Proposal for the town to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 33 S. 59

EFFECT OF MILITARY SERVICE ON SALARY, SENIORITY AND LEAVE ALLOWANCES OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

[Subsection (a) effective until July 14, 2016. For text effective July 14, 2016, see below.]

Section 59. (a) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee during annual training under section 60 or drills and parades under section 61, not exceeding 34 days in any state fiscal year and not exceeding 17 days in any federal fiscal year, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

[Subsection (a) as amended by 2016, 141, Secs. 6 and 7 effective July 14, 2016. For text effective until July 14, 2016, see above.]

(a) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee during service in the uniformed services, annual training under section 60 or drills and parades under section 61, not exceeding 34 days in any state fiscal year and not exceeding 17 days in any federal fiscal year, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. For the purposes of this section, "uniformed services" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 13.

(b) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth under sections 38, 40 or 41 shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime during the first 30 consecutive days of any mission. Thereafter, any such ordinary remuneration shall be reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period, and there shall be no loss of any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. National guard duty performed under Title 32 of the United States Code shall not be deemed service in the armed forces of the commonwealth under sections 38, 40 or 41 for the purposes of this section.

(c) An employee of the commonwealth in the armed forces of the commonwealth performing duty under Titles 10 or 32 of the United States Code shall be paid the regular base salary as a public employee for

each pay period of such military leave of absence, reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

[Subsection (d) effective until July 14, 2016. For text effective July 14, 2016, see below.]

(d) An employee of a county, city or town within the commonwealth which, by vote of its county commissioners or city council or of its inhabitants at a town meeting, accepts this section, or has accepted similar provisions of earlier laws, shall be entitled to the benefits and protections of this section or the benefits of the accepted earlier law.

[Subsection (d) as amended by 2016, 141, Sec. 8 effective July 14, 2016. For text effective until July 14, 2016, see above.]

(d) An employee of the commonwealth in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who is ordered to service for more than 30 consecutive days shall be paid the regular base salary as a public employee for each pay period of such military leave of absence, reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period. No such employee shall lose any seniority or accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

[Subsection (e) added by 2016, 141, Sec. 8 effective July 14, 2016.]

(e) An employee of a county, city or town which, by vote of its county commissioners, city council or inhabitants at a town meeting, has accepted this section or similar provisions of earlier laws, shall be entitled to the benefits and protections of this section or the benefits of the accepted earlier law.

Sponsored by Initiative Petition

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn voters to meet in the Boxford Town Hall, 7A Spofford Road, Boxford, MA, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of May next, polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the following purposes, viz: to choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: **Board of Selectmen**, TWO members for three years; **Board of Assessors**, one member for three years; one member for two years; **Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds**, one member for three years; **Masconomet Regional District School Committee**, one member for three years; **Boxford School Committee**, TWO members for three years; **Board of Health**, TWO members for three years; **Trustees of the Boxford Town Libraries**, THREE members for three years; one member of one year.

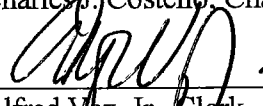
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

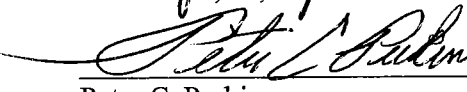
Given under our hands this second day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.



Charles J. Costello, Chair

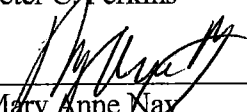


Alfred Vaz, Jr., Clerk




Peter C. Perkins

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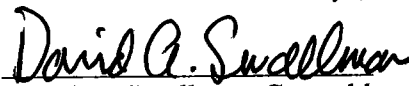


Mary Anne Nay




Barbara G. Jessel

I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof on each of the meeting houses in said Town of Boxford seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.



David A. Smallman, Constable
West Parish



John A. Rowen, Constable
East Parish

Date 4-3-18

Date 4/6/2018

Proposed Equipment and Capital Purchases for FY 2019

			Bldg Comm Recommendation
1	Fund Replacement Front End Loader for DPW	\$128,100	Not Applicable
2	Fund a portion of Town Beach Food Building Improvements (FY18)	\$ 18,000	Recommend adoption
3	Fund Installation of Dehumidifier at Main Street Fire Station	\$ 3,330	Recommend adoption
4	Fund Painting Interior Middleton Road and Main Street Fire Stations	\$ 6,600	Recommend adoption
5	Fund Replacement Water Treatment System Middleton Road Fire	\$ 8,200	Recommend adoption
6	Fund Partial Replacement Ceiling Tiles at Police Station	\$ 3,500	Recommend adoption
7	Fund Various Repairs at Main Street Fire Station	\$ 19,500	Recommend adoption
8	Fund Replacement Compressed Air Tank for Fire Department	\$ 3,800	Not Applicable
9	Fund Replacement HVAC Unit at Police Station	\$ 20,000	Recommend adoption
10	Fund DPW and Fire Phone Upgrades	\$ 8,920	Not Applicable
11	Fund Colby Park Well Pump	\$ 7,761	Not Applicable
12	Fund Replacement Police Firearms	\$ 5,100	Not Applicable
13	Fund Replacement Fire Rescue Vehicle	\$230,000	Not Applicable
14	Fund Replacement Masco, Police and Fire Receivers	\$ 27,000	Not Applicable
15	Fund Replacement Fire/Burglary Receivers	\$ 35,000	Not Applicable
16	Fund New Fiber Optic Interfaces	\$ 13,300	Not Applicable
17	Fund Boxford share of Building Improvements at Masconomet	\$208,151	Not Applicable
18	Fund Elementary Cole School Technology Improvements	\$ 23,000	Not Applicable
19	Fund Elementary Spofford School Technology Improvements	\$ 19,000	Not Applicable
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT & CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$788,262.00	

	Actual Expended FY16	Actual Expended FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed FY19 Budget	\$ Change FY18 to FY19	% Change FY18 to FY19
General Government						
Selectmen & Administrator	241,671	267,711	288,830	293,709	4,879	1.7%
Legal	75,828	95,804	108,361	108,361		
Technology	193,663	202,512	207,250	220,421	13,171	6.4%
Town Clerk	88,884	99,379	104,498	105,808	1,310	1.3%
Land Committee	0	0	500	500		
Conservation Com/Planning Bd.	73,481	77,579	81,342	84,877	3,535	4.3%
Utilities & General Maintenance	273,550	301,160	297,507	292,007	-5,500	-1.8%
Other Insurance	283,950	319,085	349,510	354,510	5,000	1.4%
Total General Government	1,231,527	1,363,230	1,437,798	1,460,193	22,395	1.6%
Financial Administration						
Finance Committee	285	1,010	1,010	1,010		
Finance Committee Reserve	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000		
Municipal Finance Departments	454,145	435,209	511,381	495,214	-16,167	-3.2%
Total Financial Administration	629,430	611,219	687,391	671,224	-16,167	-2.4%
Public Safety						
Police Salary	1,278,262	1,232,390	1,237,793	1,257,992	20,199	1.6%
Police Non Salary Expenses	65,985	72,644	70,237	70,445	208	0.3%
Fire Salary	408,306	514,160	569,671	577,598	7,927	1.4%
Fire Non Salary Expenses	87,053	104,328	90,719	92,006	1,287	1.4%
Building Inspection/Zoning Bd	120,783	120,608	130,478	131,975	1,497	1.1%
Sealer of Weights & Measures	425	425	425	431	6	1.5%
Animal Inspector	5,279	5,318	5,744	5,830	86	1.5%
Animal Control Officer	38,336	39,014	48,625	49,310	685	1.4%
Communications Salary	339,515	367,870	349,749	355,492	5,743	1.6%
Communications Non Salary Exp.	88,942	91,206	99,169	108,745	9,576	9.7%
Total Public Safety	2,432,886	2,547,963	2,602,610	2,649,825	47,215	1.8%
Education						
Elementary Schools	10,897,572	11,355,283	11,933,088	12,218,594	285,506	2.4%
Essex Tech School Assessment	294,979	366,561	289,775	293,414	3,639	1.3%
Masconomet Operational Assessment	9,331,428	9,535,095	9,784,970	10,206,544	421,574	4.3%
Total Education	20,523,979	21,256,939	21,810,515	22,718,552	908,037	4.2%

	Actual Expended FY16	Actual Expended FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed FY19 Budget	\$ Change FY18 to FY19	% Change FY18 to FY19
Public Works						
Cemeteries	481	500	500	500		
Trash/Recycling Pickup & Disposal	516,919	511,973	516,302	786,412	270,110	52.3%
Snow & Ice Removal	249,140	394,290	133,000	133,000		
Fuel Depot	55,554	70,692	110,000	110,000		
DPW Salaries	528,777	499,636	537,271	598,213	60,942	11.3%
DPW Non Salary Expense	323,539	336,004	338,464	359,064	20,600	6.1%
Total Public Works	1,674,429	1,813,095	1,635,537	1,987,188	351,651	21.5%
Human Services						
Board of Health	135,496	138,693	146,320	148,378	2,058	1.4%
Council on Aging	112,288	106,009	121,417	123,009	1,592	1.3%
Veterans' Benefits	36,562	32,113	35,000	35,000		
HAWC Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
Tri Town Council	29,614	29,614	29,614	29,614		
Total Human Services	309,398	308,429	334,351	338,001	3,650	1.1%
Culture & Recreation						
Library Salaries	304,920	313,566	339,722	343,709	3,987	1.2%
Library Non Salary Expense	119,403	113,667	114,163	117,611	3,448	3.0%
Recreation Committee	3,365	3,914	3,425	4,425	1,000	29.2%
Cultural Council	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000		
Historic District Commission	300	0	375	375		
Total Culture & Recreation	430,488	433,647	460,685	469,120	8,435	1.8%
Employee Benefits						
Health Insurance (non school)	620,001	657,700	790,264	755,264	-35,000	-4.4%
OPEB Contribution	250,000	300,000	350,000	350,000		
Essex Retirement Assessment	1,006,232	1,059,806	1,149,773	1,268,935	119,162	10.4%
Medicare/Life & LTD Insurance	165,746	170,379	182,964	182,964		
Unemployment Insurance	9,561	15,133	15,000	15,000		
Salary Reserve			31,269	20,000	-11,269	-36.0%
Total Employee Benefits	2,051,540	2,203,018	2,519,270	2,592,163	72,893	2.9%
Debt Service						
Non School Debt Service	1,016,501	866,543	592,384	656,579	64,195	10.8%
Elementary School Debt Service	114,613	62,113	61,113	285,984	224,871	368.0%
Masconomet Debt Assessment	415,601	407,640	408,977	410,037	1,060	0.3%
Total Debt Service	1,546,715	1,336,296	1,062,474	1,352,600	290,126	27.3%
Total Budget	30,830,392	31,873,836	32,550,631	34,238,867	1,688,235	5.2%

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