

**Minutes of the BOXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL, MEETING ROOM #1
October 17, 2011 7:30PM**

Present: Chairman Perkins, Preston Galarneau, Chuck Costello, Stephen Davis, Mary Anne Nay

Absent: None

Others Present: Alan Benson, Town Administrator; Barbara Jessel, I-95 Salt Study Task Force; John Antczak, I-95 Salt Study Task Force; Karen Hartel, I-95 Salt Study Task Force; Pat Morris, Boxford Watershed Committee; Bob Eisenberg, Boxford Watershed Committee; Jill Henry, Boxford Watershed Committee; Marc Mercier, Louise Kress, Laura Grabsky, Kathryn O'Brien, Tri-Town Transcript; and others

Meeting Called to Order:

Selectmen Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Announcements:

- **Moderator's Forum:** The Town of Boxford will hold a Moderator's Forum on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Boxford Town Hall, at 7:30PM. There will be a review of all warrant articles and override questions. The public is invited to attend.

Meeting With I-95 Salt Study Task Force:

Barbara Jessel, John Antczak, and Karen Hartel, of the I-95 Salt Study Task Force appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide an update on negotiations with MassDOT to date. Barbara Jessel provided a copy of a letter which was sent to MassDOT in September, outlining five remaining outstanding issues. The main issue is that they have been unable to agree on a scope. A timeline of discussions between the I-95 Salt Study Task Force and MassDOT was also provided. Barbara Jessel noted that a response from MassDOT takes about three months. She also made the Board aware of the Task Force's frustration in getting MassDOT to follow the legislation. It was noted that there are no penalties for not following the legislation.

Bob Eisenberg, of the Boxford Watershed Association, explained that the cost of the hydro geologic study has prevented MassDOT from getting fast-track funding for the project. He also suggested that a run-off study might be an alternative to the hydro geologic study, to solve the contamination problem.

46 Preston Galarneau mentioned that there is a Boxford Watershed Committee meeting
48 being held tomorrow night with David White, a representative from MassDOT, as well as
50 our Rep. Brad Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr in attendance. The meeting will be held in the
Community Center, in the East Village, at 7:30PM. Perkins suggested that a member of
the I-95 Task Force attend the meeting, if possible. John Antczak will attend, as well as
members of the Board of Health.

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Louise Kress suggested that the third legislator be included on correspondence, even
54 though he represents only Precinct 2, she felt he should still be included. Alan Benson
will add Rep. Lyons to the distribution list.

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58 **Report of the Town Administrator:**

- 60 • **Minutes Secretary:** Alan Benson introduced Judi Stickney as the new
Minutes Secretary.

- 62 • **Administrative Assistant Update:** Benson advised the Board that he is
64 down to two candidates for the Administrative Assistant position and expects
to have the position filled before Thanksgiving.

- 66 • **National Grid Permits:** Benson advised the Board that there have been
68 issues with National Grid work in town recently, which has resulted in getting
behind in approval of permits. DPW Superintendent John Dold has resolved
the issues with National Grid and permits are ready to be issued:
 - 70 ▪ **Costello** made a **MOTION** to approve National Grid permit numbers
72 NG092011-14 through NG092011-18, seconded by **Nay** and approved
unanimously.
 - 74 ▪ Benson advised the Board that some municipalities give their DPW
76 Superintendent a blanket authorization to approve utility permits,
without having to go through the Board of Selectmen for approval.
Perkins suggested that Benson schedule discussion time on the
78 agenda for their next meeting.

- 80 • **Upcoming Meetings:** Benson presented the Board with a calendar of
82 upcoming meetings, suggesting that the Board may want to skip meeting on
October 24, due to the Town Meeting on the 22nd. The Board decided to skip
the meeting on the 24th, as well as on the 31st and will next meet on
84 Tuesday, November 1, at 6PM to sign warrants. If something comes up in the
meantime, they can schedule to meet on November 1st, if necessary.

- 86 • **Permanent Building Committee Meeting:** Benson advised the Board that
88 the Permanent Building Committee is meeting tomorrow night to go over the
two projects the schools are planning.

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- **Comcast Recognition:** Steve Davis commented on the good works Comcast has provided to the Town of Boxford. They have provided free high speed internet to the libraries and schools and have provided grants to deserving families for low-cost Internet service.
 - **Trees and Brush Issue Route 97/Pye Brook:** Perkins commented on the issue with the trees and brush on Route 97 and advised the Board that DPW Superintendent John Dold has taken care of the issue.
 - **Appointments:** Alan Benson advised the Board there were no appointments this week. Preston Galarneau reviewed the list of committee vacancies:
 - Agricultural Commission, 1 vacancy
 - Border to Boston Trail Committee, 1 vacancy
 - Council on Aging, 1 vacancy
 - Cultural Council, 1 vacancy
 - Cable Television Advisory Committee, 3 vacancies
 - Computer Management Committee, 2 vacancies
 - Friends of the Ackerman Playground, 5 vacancies
 - Haynes Land Committee, 1 vacancy
 - Historic District/Historic Committee, 1 vacancy for an alternate
 - Lakes Ponds & Streams Committee, 1 vacancy
 - Recreation Committee, 2 vacancies
 - Recycling Committee, 2 vacancies
 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 vacancy for an alternate
 - **Special Town Meeting Books:** Benson advised the Board that he has prepared the Special Town Meeting books for them and asked them to let him know if there are any changes.
 - **Update on New Town Website:** Benson gave the Board an update on the progress of the new Website for the Town. It should be live in approximately 1 1/2 months.
 - **Warrant Article Assignments:** Chuck Costello advised the Board that there are changes to the warrant article assignments. Chuck will do Article 9, rather than Mary Anne Nay. Mary Anne will do Article 4 and Article 14.

136 **Approval of Minutes:**

- 138 • After amendments were discussed, **Davis** made a **MOTION**, seconded by
140 **Costello**, to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2011, as amended.
142 Approved unanimously.
- 144 • After amendments were discussed, **Davis** made a **MOTION**, seconded by
146 **Costello**, to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2011, as amended. Approved
148 unanimously.
- 148 • **MOTION** by **Galarneau**, seconded by **Costello**, to approve the Minutes of the
150 October 3, 2011 Executive Session, as written. Approved unanimously.

148 **Treasury Warrants:**

- 150 • **MOTION** by **Nay** and seconded by **Davis**, for approval of payment of payroll
152 warrant #PY1215, for non-school payroll, in the amount of \$77,439.01.
154 Approved unanimously.
- 154 • After **Costello** recused himself from the Board, **MOTION** by **Nay** and
156 seconded by **Davis**, for approval of payment of accounts payable warrant
158 #PY1215, for school payroll in the amount of \$294,233.94. Approved 4-1, with
160 **Costello** abstaining.
- 162 • **MOTION** by **Nay** and seconded by **Davis**, to pay accounts payable warrant
164 #12-16, in the amount of \$130,161.34. Approved unanimously.

162 **Spofford Pond Water Level:** Chuck Costello briefly discussed the importance of
164 maintaining the water level to keep the aquifer charged at Spofford Pond, and it was
166 noted that the water level is high right now. Perkins asked Alan Benson to notify the
168 DPW Superintendent of the water level.

168 **Glendale Road Culvert:** Chuck Costello noted that the Glendale Road culvert looks
170 great. All agreed. It was noted that weathering steel guardrails will be installed. Costello
172 wanted to recognize DPW Superintendent John Dold for doing a great job.

174 **Kudos for Officer Borodawka:** Chuck Costello recognized Officer Borodawka's
176 apprehension of a housebreak suspect recently and asked the Board if it would be
178 possible to bring in recognized officers, perhaps at the end of the year, to recognize
180 them in person. Alan Benson will contact the Police Chief about it.

182 **Executive Session:** Upon a **MOTION** duly made by **Perkins**, and seconded by **Nay**,
the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously, via roll call vote, to go into Executive
184 Session for the purpose of discussing overall strategy on employment contract
negotiations with the Reserve Police Officers Association, and discussing strategy on
186 litigation, and declare that an Executive Session is necessary since an open public
discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating, bargaining or litigating
188 position of the Board of Selectmen, and upon completion of the Executive Session to
return to open session and immediately adjourn without conducting any further
business.

190 The Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session at 9:12PM in Meeting Room #1.

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194 Respectfully Submitted,

196 *Judith A. Stickney*
Minutes Secretary

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