

2 **Minutes of the BOXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
3 **Joint Meeting with the FINANCE COMMITTEE**
4 **TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM #1**
5 **March 27, 2012 7:00PM**

6 *Present: Chairman Perkins, Mary Anne Nay, Chuck Costello, Preston Galarneau*

8 *Absent: Stephen Davis*

10 *Others Present: Town Administrator Alan Benson, Minutes Secretary Stickney, Finance*
11 *Director Kathleen Benevento, Finance Committee Members: Michael White, Robert*
12 *Fanning, John Powell, Geoffrey Buswick, Marc Mercier, Peter Bernardin; Kathryn*
13 *O'Brien, Tri-Town Transcript; Masconomet Superintendent Darrell Lockwood and*
14 *members of the Masconomet School Committee; and others*

16 **Meeting Called to Order at 7:00PM**

17 Finance Committee Chairman Buswick called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

18 **7:00PM Finance Committee Minutes Approval:** Motion was made to accept the
19 Finance Committee minutes.

22 **7:01PM Review Income/Expense Summary, Town Budget:** Finance Director
23 Kathleen Benevento presented a review of the following to the Finance Committee:

- 24 • Town's Income/Expense Summary
- 25 • Draft Budget Proposal
- 26 • Cuts Made to Non-School Budgets
- 27 • Proposed Increases to Budget

28 Chairman Buswick commended the Finance Director on the cuts that were made and
29 the manner in which they were executed.

32 **7:25PM Discussion on Capital Budget Proposals:** Committee member Robert
33 Fanning reviewed the ratings the Capital Budgeting Committee gave to the free cash
34 capital budget projects.

36 The Finance Committee voted to support the following articles funded with free cash:

- 37 • Repair rotted wood and paint trim at the West Library.
- 38 • Repair the Community Center handicap ramp.
- 39 • Renovate the DPW bathroom to add a shower
- 40 • Phase II floor replacements for Cole & Spofford schools

- 41 ▪ **7:36PM** On a **MOTION** made by **Costello**, seconded by **Nay**, the Board
42 of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously to support the \$19,200 expenditure to
43 fund the Phase II floor replacement.

46 The Finance Committee had a brief discussion on the remaining capital items to decide
whether to fund them from free cash or other sources and voted as follows:

- 48 ▪ Purchase of a DPW dump truck, sander and wing plow, with excluded debt
- 50 ▪ Purchase of a tanker/pumper for the Fire Department, \$420,000 for the fire truck
52 funded through excluded debt and \$60,000 for the refurbishment of Engine 2
through free cash.

52 **7:51PM Review of Masconomet Regional School Budget**

54 Superintendent Darrell Lockwood and members of the Masconomet School Committee
56 joined the discussion on the Masconomet Regional School budget. A lengthy discussion
ensued regarding the increase to the budget which exceeded the Finance Committee's
58 guidelines.

60 **8:48PM Continued Discussion on Capital Budget Requests:** The Finance
Committee continued their discussion and voted to support the following capital budget
62 items:

- 64 • Fund Stiles Pond dam engineering
- 66 • Replace DPW and Fire Department radios
- 68 • Purchase new weapons for the Police Department
- 70 • Replace DPW mower
- 72 • Replace irrigation shed at Chadwick Field
- 74 • Fund the K-6 math curriculum materials
 - 76 ▪ **8:59PM** On a **MOTION** made by **Galarneau**, seconded by **Nay**, the Board of
78 Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously to support the funding of the K-6 Math
Curriculum.
- 80 • Fund the Spofford Road Land Eminent Domain purchase
- 82 • Approve the recommendation of \$250,000 for the OPEB Trust Fund

84 **9:15PM Operational Budgets Approval:** The Finance Committee approved the
Town's operating budget for FY13, by department.

86 **9:39PM Board of Selectmen Left Meeting:** After concluding their business with the
Finance Committee, the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen left the Finance
88 Committee meeting at 9:39PM.

84 Respectfully Submitted,

86 *Judith A. Stickney*
88 Minutes Secretary