

**Minutes of the BOXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MASCONOMET MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
May 14, 2013 6:00PM**

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Present: Peter Perkins, Mary Anne Nay, Steve Davis, Charlie Killam, Chuck Costello

Absent:

Others Present: Town Administrator Alan Benson, Natasha Grigg, Richard Taylor, Malcolm Kinnaird

**6:00PM Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Peter Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**MEETING WITH BTA/BOLT:** Natasha Grigg of BTA-BOLT updated the Board on the funds they have raised to date to offset the cost to the Town to purchase the Nason property. At the conclusion of Grigg's report, the Board took the following actions:

On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Killam**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously to create the Nason Property Gift Fund, pursuant to M.G.L. c44 s53A, and accept donations toward the purchase of the Nason property as part of the funding of Article #24 of the May 14, 2013 Boxford Annual Town Meeting.

On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Killam**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously that in acknowledgement of over \$500,000 in donations received to date and the potential for grants for additional funds, the Board of Selectmen recommends adoption of Article #24 of the May 14, 2013 Boxford Annual Town Meeting, to purchase the approximate 46 acres of the Nason property for Conservation and Passive Recreation Purposes.

**MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING:** Dick Taylor of the Council on Aging met with the Board to discuss Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, in an effort to persuade the Board to support the Article. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Killam**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** 3-2 to support Article 15. (**NO: Nay, Costello**)

**CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN POSITION ON VARIOUS WARRANT ARTICLES:** The Board briefly discussed the Articles 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 and took the following actions:

46 On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Costello**, the Board of Selectmen  
48 **VOTED** 4-1 to support and recommend adoption of Article #9 of the Boxford  
Annual Town Meeting to borrow \$395,000 to fund the design of a new 15,000 sq.  
ft. library at 10 Elm Street. (**NO: Killam**)

50 On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Costello**, the Board of Selectmen  
52 **VOTED** unanimously to support and recommend adoption of Article #11 of the  
Boxford Annual Town Meeting for \$175,000 to fund the microbial contamination  
remediation and repairs of the Library at 10 Elm Street.

54 On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Costello**, the Board of Selectmen  
56 **VOTED** unanimously to support and recommend adoption of Article #12 of the  
Boxford Annual Town Meeting in the amount of \$137,500 if Article #9 fails and in  
58 the amount of \$52,800 if Article #9 passes, to fund renovations and repairs to the  
Library at 10 Elm Street.

60 On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Costello**, the Board of Selectmen  
62 **VOTED** 3-2 to support and recommend adoption of Article #13 of the Boxford  
Annual Town Meeting for renovations to the office space at the library at 10 Elm  
64 Street, in the amount of \$50,000 if Article #9 fails, but recommend that this article  
be passed over if Article #9 passes. (**NO: Killam, Perkins**)

66 On a **MOTION** made by **Davis**, seconded by **Killam**, the Board of Selectmen  
68 **VOTED** unanimously to recommend Article #14 of the Boxford Annual Town  
Meeting for renovations to the library at 188 Washington Street be passed over.

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72 **CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER:** The Board  
briefly discussed the draft of a proclamation honoring Robert W. Conroy and took the  
74 following action:

76 On a **MOTION** made by **Costello**, seconded by **Nay**, the Board of Selectmen  
**VOTED** unanimously to sign and execute the proclamation as presented.

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80 **CONSIDERATION OF DETERMINATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT LINE-OF-DUTY  
INJURY CLAIM:** The Board briefly discussed the letter from Chief Murphy regarding the  
injury sustained by Officer Kara Decoteau that occurred on May 2, 2013, and took the  
82 following action:

84 On a **MOTION** made by **Costello**, seconded by **Killam**, the Board of Selectmen  
**VOTED** unanimously to support the recommendation of the Chief, as stated.

86 **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUTINES:**

- 88 • **Funding for Article #21:** Benson explained the funding arrangements for Article  
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- 90       • **Eagle Scout Proclamations Signatures:** The Board signed the proclamations  
for the Eagle Scouts who will be honored on Sunday.
- 92       • **Treasury Warrants:** The Board voted to approve for payment the week's  
treasury warrants.

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96       **6:33PM Meeting Adjourned**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.

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100      Respectfully submitted,

102      Judith A. Stickney  
Minutes Secretary

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Documents either distributed to the Board of Selectmen before the meeting in a packet,  
or at the meeting:

- 106       1. Agenda
- 108       2. Motions to consider regarding the Nason property
- 110       3. E-Mail from Dick Taylor to the Board of Selectmen, Re: Article #15, 5/7/13
- 112       4. Copy of a vote made by the Board of Health of May 8, 2013 regarding Area 2 on  
Spofford Road
- 114       5. Plan of Land off Spofford Road, Boxford, MA
- 116       6. Potential motions for Board action
- 118       7. Proclamation declaring May 15, 2013 as Robert W. Conroy Day
- 120       8. Letter from Chief Murphy to the Board of Selectmen, Re: Injury to Officer Kara  
Decoteau, 5/7/13