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The following named people were sworn in by me as follows:

Clayton A. Nelson - Jurant Officer - 1944 - Jan 12 - 1945  
 Arthur M. French - Forest Warden - 1945 - Jan 25 - 1945

Inspector of Slaughtering: { Nominated 1/3/45  
 Approved 1/15/45  
 Appointed 1/19/45  
 Sworn 1/23/45  
 Charles H. Foster

Harry L. Cole

Election Justice of Peace

a true copy attested

Gerald E. Anderson

Town Clerk

Election officers for Town Meeting March 5 - 1945

Arthur A. Auger

John A. Andrew

Fredrick J. Shaw

Raymond Pearl

Harry L. Cole Clerk

Harry L. Cole

a true copy attested

Gerald E. Anderson

Town Clerk

March 3 - 1945

I have this day destroyed all the ballots cast at the Presidential Election held Nov 7 - 1944 in Bufford Mass. in both precincts

attested

Gerald E. Anderson

Town Clerk

March 5 - 1945

I have this day deliver to the Moderator 592 Ballots & Specimen ballots Cards & instruction for use at the Annual Town Meeting held this day attested - Gerald E. Anderson Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Bufford, qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs held in Lincoln Hall West Bufford, on Monday, March 5 - 1945 the following record was made:

Meeting called to order and warrant read by the Moderator, William J. Greener.

The Ballot Box was opened and inspected by the public & election officers and found to be empty, then locked and the keys taken by Constable Clayton A. Nelson.

The Ballot Box Registered 000

The polls were declared open at 5:45 o'clock AM.

Election officers for Town Meeting

Harry L. Cole - Clerk

Arthur A. Auger

John A. Andrew

Fredrick J. Shaw

Raymond Pearl

All Sworn

Tellers Appointed

B. Robert Cunningham

Raymond Pearl

Fredrick J. Shaw

All Sworn

The Ballot box failed to register two votes

The polls were closed at 12:35 o'clock P.M.

The Ballot box registered 256 Shipped two votes

Number of ballots in Ballot Box was 258

Check Lists showed 258 Names Checked

An excellent dinner was served at noon by the Ladies of West Bufford Grange

Meeting for afternoon session called to order at 2:05 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator William J. Greener who invited Rev. Thomas Curtis to offer prayer

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Article 2

Noted To pass over Article 2

Article 3

Noted To accept the reports of Town officers and Committees as printed in the Town Reports

Noted To accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee as read by the Chairman - Namely:

- That the selectmen be authorized to appoint a Post-War Planning Committee of seven members, this Committee to perform as far as legally possible the functions of a regular planning board throughout the coming year.

- That a regular Planning Board of seven members be elected in the same manner as other town officers at the annual town meeting in 1946 and that the above mentioned Post-War Planning Committee turn over to this duly elected Planning Board their records and recommendations, the Planning Board then to take over the duties of the Committee which will then cease to exist.

- That this Post-War Planning Committee consider one of its major duties the preparation of a set of zoning ordinances or by-laws to be presented and acted on at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting called for that purpose during the year if in their judgement earlier action is essential to the welfare of the town.

Respectfully submitted

Nelson A. Childs

Albert S. Gale

William J. Greenlee

Award P. Lyon

Walter K. Moss

Simeon S. Pearl

Seth L. Helsey Chairman

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Article 4

Noted That the suggested budget be accepted with the following additions, Namely:

To add \$2,000<sup>00</sup> to Snow Removal account50<sup>00</sup> for Ancient Graves in Mount Vernon Cemetery  
(See Budget Page 95)

Article 5

Noted To appropriate the sum of \$700<sup>00</sup> for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6

Noted To pass over Article 6 without further action as it has already been taken care of in the budget. (See Budget page 95)

Article 7

Noted To raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000<sup>00</sup> to purchase Lincoln Hall - West Boyford

Article 8

Noted To postpone the matter of printing real estate valuation books until 1946

Article 9

Noted To accept Section 97 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws (Re Chief of Police)

Article 10

Noted To write off the balance of \$2,435.<sup>54</sup> in the closed Merchants Trust Co. Bank, Lawrence Mass

Article 11

Noted To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of improving the Ancient Graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 12

Noted To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of improving of the "Old Cemetery" on the south side of Main Street in Boyford Village

Article 13

Noted To appropriate \$500<sup>00</sup> for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

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Article 14

Noted

That the Compensation for labor in the several departments of the Town, be the same as last year namely: \$5.00 per day of eight hours or 62 1/2 cent per hour.

Article 15

Noted

That the money refunded 916 dog licenses be equally divided between the two libraries.

Article 16

Noted

To appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the Surplus Revenue account for the purpose of reducing the 1945 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commission of Corporations and Taxations in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Article 17

Noted

To pass over Article 17 as no bills were presented.

Article 18

Noted

That the matter of making roads passable when encumbered with snow be left in the hands of the Highway Surveyors.

Article 19

Noted

That the matter of committing the taxes to the Collector and the manner of collecting the same be left with the Assessors.

Article 20

Noted

That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1-1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

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Article 21

Noted

To appropriate \$2,000.00 to be transferred from the available funds in the treasury for the purchase of short term maturity War Bonds not later than 1950 to establish a Post War Rehabilitation fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 Acts of 1943.

At this time the results of the election were announced and the following officers declared elected.

Thomas E. Cargill - Moderator for one year  
 Franklin C. Roberts - Selectman for three years  
 Raymond Perley - Selectman for one to fill vacancy  
 George B. Parkhurst - Assessor of Taxes for three years  
 Simeon S. Pearl - Collector of Taxes for one year  
 Thomas E. Cargill - Constable, East Parish for one year  
 Clayton A. Nelson - Constable, West Parish for one year  
 Clinton E. French - Highway Surveyor, East Parish for one year  
 B. Robert Cunningham - Highway Surveyor, West Parish for one year  
 Nelson E. Chadwick - School Committeeman for three years  
 Harry E. Haab - School Committeeman for one year  
 Franklin C. Roberts - Board of Health for three years  
 Archer M. French - Tree Warden for one year

Question - Shall the Town vote to change the schedule of Town Meeting and hold Town Meeting to vote on articles in the Warrant on the first Monday evening in March, and to vote for election of Town officers on Tuesday following. Yes - 62 No. 146 Absents 50  
 Lost in the negative.

Mr. Cargill having been chosen Moderator was invited to come forward by Mr. Greenlee presiding Moderator to take the oath of office and after brief remarks by Mr. Greenlee and Mr. Cargill, Mr. Cargill continued on with the meeting by asking the assembled meeting to rise and their appreciation for Mr. Greenlee's 10 years of faithful service as Moderator.

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## Article 22

Noted To raise and appropriate \$200.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same.

## Article 23

Noted To appropriate a sum of money up to \$10,000.00 from surplus revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways said money when reimbursed to be credited to surplus revenue.

## Article 24

Noted Thanks to the Ladies of West Bedford for their delicious dinner.

Noted To commend the Selectman in their efforts in trying to locate a suitable dump.

Noted To dissolve the meeting at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

A True Record

Attest Harold E. Anderson  
Town Clerk

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## Budget for 1945

Selectmen	\$ 800.-
Board of Public Welfare	350.-
Assessors	800.-
Treasurer	350.-
Town Clerk	300.-
Collector of Taxes	600.-
Accountant	400.-
Registrars	400.-
Elections	100.-
Board of Health	500.-
Inspector of Slaughtering	420.-
Inspector of Animals	50.-
Essex Sanatorium	628.71
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.-
Police	500.-
Log officer	50.-
Tree Warden	100.-
Fire Warden	1350.-
Forest Warden	1500.-
Forest Fire patrol	300.-
Moth department	1200.-
Deputy Game Warden	50.-
Public Welfare	500.-
Old age Assistance	4500.-
Aid to Dependent Children	1100.-
Soldiers' Relief	400.-
Military Aid	100.-
Schools	20767.35
Vocational Education	250.-
Highways and Bridges, Selectman's Fund	1500.-
Chapter 81, Maintenance	2292.-
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1000.-
Snow Removal and Sanding	6000.-
Street Lighting	540.-
Town Hall	1300.-
Public Grounds	150.-
Insurance	1500.-
Town Forest	250.-
Carried Forward	52933.06

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Brought Forward	\$52,933.06
Memorial Day	75.-
Soldiers Graves	200.-
Clerical	125.-
Noise House	200.-
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	150.-
Schoolhouse Loan	2000.-
Interest On Loans	150.-
Community House	100.-
War Allowance	750.-
Civilian Defense	100.-
Town Reports	183.-
Ancient Graves, Mount Vernon Cemetery	50.-
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	\$57,016.06
Ancient Graves in Harmony Cemetery	200.-
Purchase Lincoln Hall	3000.-
Improvement of Old Cemetery in East Parish	100.-
Maintenance of Two Public Libraries	200.-
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Total Amount to raise and appropriate	\$60,516.06
Transfers of other Appropriations	
Maintenance of Road Machinery from Road Machinery Fund	700.-
Reserve Fund from Overlay Reserve	500.-
To Reduce Tax Levy from Surplus Revenue	10000.-
War Bonds (short term maturing not later 1950) from available funds in treasury	2000.-
Highway Allotment from surplus revenue not to exceed <sup>this time</sup>	10000.-
Two libraries from Roy account (Amount not known)	

A True Record

attest *Gerald E. Anderson*  
Town Clerk

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## Election Clerks Record of Town Election

Annual Town Meeting Town of Bofford held  
in Lincoln Hall, West Bofford March 5<sup>th</sup> 1945

Meeting called to order by the Moderator William  
J. Greener who read the Warrant and after inspection  
of the ballot box declared the Meeting open at 5<sup>45</sup> AM.

The number of Votes Cast were 258  
Ballots were counted and recorded as follows.

Moderator for One year	
Thomas E. Cargill	226
Blanks	25
B. W. Currier	1
Wm J. Greener	3
Seth Helsey	3

Selectman for one year	
Raymond Perley	233
Blanks	25

Selectman for 3 years	
Clinton B. Mason	89
Franklin C. Roberts	164
Blanks	5

Collector of Taxes for One year	
Simon S. Pearl	247
Blanks	11

Assessor of Taxes for three years	
George B. Parkhurst	240
Blanks	18

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School Committee for One year  
 Harry E. Nash 228  
 Blanks 27  
 Morrotha Currier 2  
 Seth Kelsoy 1

School Committee for three years  
 Helen E. Chadwick 218  
 Blanks 38  
 Edward Miller 1  
 Ruth Baer 1

Board of Health for three years  
 Franklin C. Roberts 228  
 Blanks 28  
 B. W. Currier 1  
 Raymond Perley 1

Surveyor of Highways - East Parish for one year  
 Howard F. Buttle 39  
 Clinton E. French 206  
 Blanks 11  
 Raymond Perley 1  
 B. Robert Cunningham 1

Surveyor of Highways - West Parish for one year  
 B. Robert Cunningham 71  
 Blanks 170  
 C. W. Pratt 5  
 Harry Cole 1  
 Howard Buttle 2  
 Henry Mason 6  
 Clayton Nelson 2  
 Donald Anderson 1

Tree Warden for One year  
 Archer M. French 222  
 Blanks 33  
 Edward Mortimer 1

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George Gould 1  
 Arthur Phillips 1

Constable East Parish for One year  
 Thomas E. Cargill 225  
 Blanks 32  
 B. W. Currier 1

Constable West Parish for One year  
 Clayton G. Nelson 220  
 Blanks 38

Question:

Shall the Town change the schedule of Town Meeting and hold Town Meeting to vote on Articles in the Warrant on the first Monday evening in March, and to vote for election of Town officers on Tuesday following?

Yes 62  
 No 146  
 Blanks 50

The polls were closed at 12 <sup>35</sup>/<sub>1</sub> P.M. A.C.B.C.H.

Harry L. Cole Clerk

A True Copy

Attest

Donald E. Anderson  
 Town Clerk

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Office of Board of Selectmen  
April 20 - 1945

Mrs Lucy H. Parkhurst  
Crawick Road  
Boxford, Mass.

Dear Mrs Parkhurst:

Under the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Laws, you have been appointed by the Selectmen as temporary treasurer for the town of Boxford.

If you care to accept this responsibility the law requires that within five days you file a bond in the sum satisfactory to the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation for the faithful performance of your duties in this office. It is also a requirement that you take your oath of office at once.

Very truly yours,

Harry L. Cole } Board  
Franklin C. Roberts } of  
Raymond Parley } Selectmen

a true copy

Gerald E. Anderson Town Clerk

Town of Boxford

April 21 - 1945

To the Town Clerk:

cl. have this day administered the oath of office to Lucy H. Parkhurst as Treasurer for the Town of Boxford.

Barbara Carolyn Parley  
Notary Public

(Seal)

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At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs held in Lincoln Hall West Boxford on Friday Oct 5 - 1945 at 8 P.M. the following record was made.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Thomas E. Cargill: with all repeating the Lord's Prayer after which he read the Warrant for the Special Meeting

Article I Re By-Laws.

Mrs William Dunder Jr - Made Preferred Motion: made - 2<sup>nd</sup> That we leave this problem in the hands of the existing Committee, and to defer action on this Article at this time, and to report at the next town meeting.

a Hand vote was taken  
43 Yes. 35 No.

Article II

Voted

To appropriate the sum of \$1500. for the purpose of placing gravel upon the surface of the rutting roads and cutting brush. This money to be expended under the supervision of the two Highway Surveyors.

Article III

Voted

To purchase two W-Type snow-plows, one for each end of the Town.

Voted

Amended - That the plows be purchased and money to be appropriated for same in the regular way.

No Vote

Amended: That the purchase of these plows be made by bids being procured.

Article IV

Voted

To transfer \$400 - to the Welfare account; \$200 - from Registrars and 200.00 from the Board of Health account.

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## Article V

At this time Mrs Cole in behalf of citizens of the Town of Boffard spoke very kindly of the various people who had so willingly giving their time and energy without any remuneration thru the past few years as members of the

Boffard Rationing Board and also members of the price control Board, namely

Chairman of Ration Board, Joseph Burson Stanley Hills, Edward Killen and Raymond Pearl who served only a short time, Mrs Cole presented each with a gift as a token of appreciation for their services

He also presented the price control board, which consisted of Donald E. Anderson Chairman, E. Lawrence Colby and Harry E. Wash, with a gift as a token of appreciation for their services.

Noted To dissolve the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

A True Record

Attest Donald E. Anderson  
Town Clerk.

Boffard, Mass

Oct 25-1945

To the Commissioners of Essex County  
Gentlemen:

The undersigned inhabitants of the town of Boffard respectfully represent that the way in said Boffard known as Middleton Road from a point approximately three hundred feet south of the residence of John Hitchcock to the junction of Middleton Road and Fuller Lane, so-called, is unsuited to the present requirements of traffic and that common convenience and safety make it desirable that the same should be relocated, widened and straightened.

Wherefore, they pray that after due notice and a hearing you may lay out, alter or relocate said way and discontinue any portions thereof which by reason of your action may no longer be necessary, and that you may order specific repairs to be made thereon, all as in your judgement may be required.

Edward J. Holmes	Robert W. Means
Mary S. Holmes	Alice F. Means
Margaret S. Hitchcock	Caroline S. Lockwood
John Hitchcock	Albana Lockwood

Harry L. Cole

Franklin E. Roberts

Raymond Pearl

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, S.S.

County Commissioners

Nov 6-1945

On the foregoing petition, Ordered: That said petitioners give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Salem in said County, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of November 1945 at 10:30 o'clock, A.M., by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in the Haverhill Evening Gazette, a newspaper printed in Haverhill in said County the said publication to be seven days & lead before the said