

Annual Town Meeting, March ⁵ 6, 1951

The annual town meeting of the Town of Bradford was held in Lincoln Hall, West Bradford, on March 6, 1951. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by William J. Greener, Jr., the moderator, and Rev. Frederick Powell was called upon for prayer. The following action was taken:

Article 1

Voted that the reports of the Town Officers and Committees be approved as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2

Voted To adopt the suggested budget as printed with the substitution of \$400⁰⁰ instead of \$1,000⁰⁰ for "Board of Public Welfare", and appropriate money for same.

Article 3

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$1,000⁰⁰ for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4

Moved to pass over this article

Article 5

Voted To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500⁰⁰ for the improvement of Topsfield Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, with the stipulation that money may not be spent until such time as the Board of Selectmen considers Highland, Spofford, and Valley Roads to be in suitable condition to anticipate the 1952 spring thaw.

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Article 6

Voted to appropriate \$2,000⁰⁰ for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 7

voted that compensation for labor in the various departments of the town be the same as last year.

Article 8

voted to appropriate \$288.11 refunded from the county on account of dog licenses for libraries.

Article 9

Voted to pass over

Article 10

Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7000⁰⁰ from the Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1951 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59, of the General Laws.

Article 11

Voted to leave matter of making roads passable when encumbered with snow in hands of highway surveyors.

Article 12

Voted to leave determining when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same, with the Board of Assessors.

Article 13

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying 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, of the General Laws.

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Article 14

Voted to raise and appropriate \$400⁰⁰ to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 15

Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$22,000⁰⁰ to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 16

Voted to rescind the vote of December 27, 1950, approving the construction of a central elementary school under Article I of the Special Town Meeting of that date. 63 yes, 45 no, by showing of hands.

Article 17

voted to rescind the vote of December 27, 1950, continuing the present School Building Committee under Article III of the Special Town Meeting of that date.

Article 18

voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3500⁰⁰ to be used by the School Committee for the improvement of the Community House in the East Parish.

Article 19

Voted to pass over.

Article 20

Voted to pass over.

Article 21

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000⁰⁰ for the improvement of Main St. from Kimball's Pond toward West Bosford.

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Article 22

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000⁰⁰ to cut the brush, gravel, and otherwise improve Oak Ridge Road.

Article 23

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100⁰⁰ to be used for the conditioning and upkeep of the "Ancient Graves" in the Bosford Village Cemetery.

Article 24

Voted that any action regarding a Civil Defense by-law under Section 1, Chapter 639, Acts of 1950, should be left in the hands of the selectmen.

Voted to adjourn until 6:30 a.m., March 7, for the purpose of choosing by ballot certain town officers for the ensuing year.

The Budget as Adopted

Departments

Selectmen	\$ 1050.00
Board of Public Welfare	400.00
Assessors	1600.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1500.00
Accountant	1600.00
Registrars	200.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wre Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	350.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	898.33
Dealer of Weights & Measures	35.00
Police	600.00

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Adopted Budget, continued

	\$
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Forest Warden	1500.00
Fire Warden	1000.00
Moth Suppression	1500.00
Public Welfare	1000.00
Old Age Assistance	12000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1800.00
Veteran's Benefits	1000.00
Schools	40,879.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highway & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1000.00
Chapter 81 - Maintenance	2800.00
Chapter 90 - Maintenance	1000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	5000.00
Street Lighting	625.00
Town Halls	1500.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldier's Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Community House	200.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Council	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Central Essex Welfare District	490.00
Land Parking - Washington St.	50.00
Total Departmental Appropriations	\$ 91052.33

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Carried forward

\$ 91052.33

Other Appropriations

	\$
Article 5	1500.00
Article 14	400.00
Article 18	3500.00
Article 21	1000.00
Article 22	1000.00
Article 23	100.00

Total other appropriations 7500.00

Transfers

Article 3	1000.00
Article 6	2000.00
Article 8	288.11
Article 10	7000.00
Article 15	22000.00

Total Transfers 32288.11

Total Amount to be raised incl. Transfers \$ 130,840.44

A true record

Attest, E. Laurence Colby
Town Clerk

Record of Town Election held March 6, 1951
in Lincoln Hall, West Boyford.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 a.m.

The whole number of ballots cast 334

There were 26 "absentee" ballots 26
360

All ballots were counted with the following results:

Moderator for one year:

William J. Greenler, Jr. 339
Blanks 21

Selectman for three years

Franklin C. Roberts 219
Richard A. Spofford 133
Blanks 8

Collector of Taxes for one year

Simon S. Pearl 340
Blanks 20

Assessor of Taxes for three years

J. Warren Chadwick 321
Richard Spofford 1
Albert Gale 1
Blanks 37

School Committee for three years

Helen E. Chadwick 172
Rosamond Price 170
Blanks 18

Board of Health for three years

Franklin C. Roberts 252
Otho Fiske Thrasher 90
Blanks 18

Surveyor of Highways (East Parish) for one year

Clinton E. French 334
Blanks 26

Surveyor of Highways (West Parish) for one year

B. Robert Cunningham 282
Walter H. Gamans, Jr. 65
Blanks 13

Tree Warden for one year 334

Olson E. Noyes
Blanks 26

Constable (East Parish) for one year

Nathaniel W. Love, Jr. 320
Rosamond Price 1
Blanks 39

Constable (West Parish) for one year

Walter H. Gamans, 33	Earle Blake 1
Rosamond Price 20	Clayton Nelson 71
Ashton Goddard 12	Chas. Hetchell 1
Laurence Triggell 4	John Benson 1
B. Robert Cunningham 3	Herbert Leighton 1
W. B. Perkins 2	Wm. Stelzner 1
Ashley Goddard 1	Blanks 269

Planning Board for five years (vote for 2)

Simon S. Pearl 276
Albert C. Waters 220
Howard Butler 1
Paul Knowles 1
Archer French 2
Virginia Waters 1
Blanks 219

The Moderator declared the balloting closed at 1:30 p.m.

The ballots were counted, the result announced, and the meeting was dissolved at 4:15 p.m.

Harry L. Cole, clerk

Attest - A true record copy
E. Lawrence Colby, town clerk

Town Offices

March 19, 1951

To the Town Clerk,
Boxford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the recount of the votes cast on March 6, 1951, for the office of School Committee discloses that 174 were cast for Rosamond Price, 173 for Helen E. Chadwick, and 13 were blank; and that in accordance therewith it appears that Rosamond Price has been elected to said Office of School Committee, for three years.

William J. Greenler, Jr.
William J. Greenler, Jr.

Town Moderator, exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Board of Registrars under G.L.c.54 s.135.

Town Offices, March 19, 1951.

A true copy, attest:

E. Lawrence Colby
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting - July 18, 1951

A special town meeting of the inhabitants of Boxford qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs was called in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, at 8 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the town clerk in the absence of William J. Greenler, Jr. and Thomas Cargill was elected temporary moderator.

Article 1 Voted to accept the report of the School Committee in regard to the recent action of the Andover School Committee concerning the tuitioning of Boxford pupils in Grades 7 through 12.

Article 2 Voted that a School House Committee be appointed to study the school housing problem in Boxford, and to make recommendations to the town as soon as possible, said Committee to consist of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Selectmen, ^{one member of the Board of Assessors,} one member of the Planning Board, and three members-at-large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the moderator within one week.

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Article 3 Voted to transfer to the Committee appointed under Article 2, the sum of \$500.00 from the fund appropriated for the use of the School Committee to renovate the Community House.

Article 4 Voted to transfer to the Board of Health the following sums of money: \$300.00 from Insurance, \$100.00 from Interest on Loans, \$100.00 from Community House, and \$25.50 from Town Reports, subject to approval of the Finance Committee.

Article 5 No action taken

Special Town Meeting, July 18, 1951 (Cont'd)

Article 6 Voted that permission be given to the Town of North Andover to extend a drain pipe across Washington St. near the town line subject to conditions agreeable to the selectmen of the two towns.

Article 7 Voted that Board of Health study the problem of a regional Health Union under the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, and report at a later town meeting.

Article 8 Voted to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

A true record.

E. Lawrence Colby
town clerk.

Schoolhouse Committee

Archibald L. Trull	}	School Committee
James Pierce		
Rosamund Price		
Franklin C. Roberts,		Selectman
Harry E. Trask,		Assessor
J. Warren Chadwick,		Planning Board
John Stuart Haywood	}	members at large
Barbara L. Mattraw		
Lawrence D. Frizzell		

Annual Town Meeting, March 3, 1952

The annual town meeting of the Town of Boxford was held in the Town Hall, Boxford, on March 3, 1952 at 8:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Moderator William J. Greener, Jr. No clergyman being present, a moment of silent prayer was observed. The following action was taken:

Article 1 Voted to accept the reports of the town officers and committees as printed.

Article 2 Voted to adopt budget as amended.

Article 3 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4 Voted to appropriate \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5 Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$21,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway re-location, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying 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, of the General Laws.

Article 7 Voted to pass over.

Special Town Meeting, Dec. 27, 1950.

Article III
Voted That the present School Building Committee be continued; that it be directed to supervise construction of new building; and that it be authorized to appoint two new members.

An amendment specifying that one new member must come from the West Parish and one new member from the East Parish was defeated.

Article IV
Voted That the meeting be adjourned.
A true record
C. Laurence Colby, clerk

Special Town Meeting - January 17, 1951

A special town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bofford qualified to vote in town elections and in town affairs was called in the Town Hall in Bofford at 8 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the town clerk in the absence of the moderator, and was adjourned to the First Congregational Church. Dr. William J. Greenler was appointed moderator, pro tem, and he called on Dr. Atkins for prayer.

Article I
Rejected That the sums of \$9500.00 from the Town Farm Fund, \$8000.00 from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, and \$2500.00 from the School Building Committee be transferred from said funds and appropriated for the financing of the construction voted under Article I at the Town Meeting held on Dec. 27, 1950; and that the further sum of \$100,000 be raised and appropriated therefor by bond issue, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to issue bonds of the town in that amount, to mature not later than twenty years from date of issue and to carry interest at not more than $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum.

96 yes, 165 no, by secret ballot with check lists

Article II
voted That School Building Committee be given a rising vote of thanks for their work of the last 10 months.
voted That meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

A true record
C. Laurence Colby
town clerk