

County Commissioners (vote for 2)		187
C. F. Nelson Pratt	R	187
John H. Ahern	D	45
Edward H. Cahill	D	31
Frank L. Weiggin	R	148
Blanks		87

Sheriff

Earl E. Wells	R	202
Everett B. Dove	D	42
Blanks		5

Clerk of Courts

Philip A. Hennessey	D	50
J. Frank Hughes	R	194
Blanks		5

Register of Deeds

Carl C. Emery	R	210
Mary Kennedy	D	37
Blanks		2

Question No 1.

A	yes	39	B	yes	43	C	yes	60
	no	180		no	176		no	165
	Bl.	30		Bl.	30		Bl.	24

A true copy

Attest: E. Laurence Colby
Town Clerk.

March 4, 1957

The voters of the Town of Belford met on March 4, 1957 at 8 p.m. in the Harry Lee Cole School for their annual town meeting. After a brief prayer by Rev. William O. Hoover, the business meeting was conducted by William J. Greener, the moderator. The action taken was as follows:

- Art. 1 Voted to accept the reports of the town officers and committees, as printed in the town report.
- Art. 2 Voted to adopt the budget as printed in the town report.
- Art. 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.
- Art. 4 Voted to appropriate \$3,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.
- Art. 5 Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefor as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.
- Art. 6 Voted unanimously to allow bills of charge and raise & appropriate \$109.79 to pay for them as follows: Belford Community Store \$11.69; Roberts Contracting Co., \$22.50; Building Inspector, \$23.80; and Wire Inspector, \$51.80.
- Art. 7 Voted to continue the same rate of compensation for labor in the several departments as last year. Voted that all town labor working 25 weeks a year or its equivalent on an 8 hour day, 5 day a week basis, be granted one week off a year with pay. Furthermore, all full time help shall be granted two weeks ^{off} a year off with pay, ^{and} said vacation time

shall be taken off in order to receive compensation; also, all full time help shall be granted five holidays with pay, namely Jan. 1, May 30, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the event that circumstances require said labor to work on the preceding holidays, and recipient of said holiday pay shall be required to take 8 hours off at the earliest possible time after said holiday. The time of such time off shall be left in the hands of the respective department heads so that no disruption of service will occur.

Art. 8 Voted to authorize the assessors to use \$10,000.00 free cash in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Art. 9 Voted to appropriate \$484.78 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, said amount to be divided equally between the libraries in the two ends of the town.

Art. 10 Voted to raise and appropriate \$600.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of same.

Art. 11 Voted, ^{unanimously} to enact a new building code by-law as presented in mimeograph form, with one amendment as follows: Under Article V, Section 1 dealing with Foundations, replace the line "If of concrete... not less than eight inches thick" with the line, "If of concrete, not less than 10 inches thick for full height cellar walls, and not less than 8 inches thick for walls not over four feet high."

Art. 12 Voted to petition the state Legislature, if necessary to authorize the Town of Boxford to grant the Town of Topsfield permission to extend its water system solely to the proposed regional school.

Art. 13 Voted that the proposed construction on Topsfield Road be referred to the Planning Board and the Selectmen for study, and that included in the recommendations of the Planning Board in this

matter, to be presented within four months, there be an additional recommendation concerning the advisability of having a master plan of the town made, and a recommendation regarding how this master plan may be accomplished.

Art. 14 Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue \$32,000.00 to meet the State & 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.

Art. 15 Voted to pass over

Art. 16 Voted that two bouquets of flowers decorating the stage be given to the oldest residents of each parish.

Voted to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

A true record

attest: E. Lawrence Cely, town clerk

The Budget as Adopted is as follows:

Selectmen	1300.
Board of Public Welfare	300.
Assessors	1600.
Treasurer	650.
Town Clerk	450.
Accountant	1700.
Collector	1650.
Registrars	150.
Elections	200.
Town Council	500.
Appeal Board	150.
Building Inspector	650.
Wire Inspector	650.
Finance Committee	25.
Planning Board	25.
Board of Health	1150.
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1200.
Inspector of Animals	50.

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Budget Continued.

Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Police	3000.00
Forest Warden	2000.00
Fire Warden	1500.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Moth Suppression	1300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	880.00
Public Welfare	} 18000.00
Disability Assistance	
Old Age Assistance	
Aid to Dependent Children	
Veterans' Benefits	1500.00
School Department	98215.
Regional School	15,322.46
Vocational Education	300.
East Parish Library	300.
West Parish Library	300.
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2900.
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1000.
Snow Removal & Sanding	10,000.
Street Lighting	775.
Town Halls	2000.
Public Grounds	250.
Insurance	5471.
Town Forest	400.
Memorial Day	250.
Soldier's Graves	225.
Harmony Cemetery	50.
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.
Dorford Village Cemetery	150.
Clerical	300.
Town Reports	625.
Civil Defense	375.
Selectman's Contingent Fund	500.
Interest on Maturing Debt	3000.
School House Note	7000.
Community House	200.

Morse House		75.00
Land Damage		160.00
		<u>235.00</u>
Total Budget		\$ 191,768.46
<u>Other items</u>		
Article 6	109.79	
" 10	600.00	
		<u>709.79</u>
Total to be RAISED & APPROPRIATED		\$ 192,478.25

Transfers.

Article 3	1,000.00
" 4	3,000.00
" 8	10,000.00
" 9	484.78
" 14	<u>32,000.00</u>
Total Transfers	<u>46,484.78</u>

Not included in total budget

Essex Sanatorium	1486.72
County Retirement System	<u>2542.15</u>
	\$ 4028.87

Attest: E. Lawrence Colby
Town Clerk

March 5, 1957

Town Election

March 5, 1957

Annual Town Election

Precinct 1 & 2

Lincoln Hall, W. Boyford

Polls opened at 12 M

No. of ballots cast 190

Check list 190

Ballot Box 190

Polls closed 8 P.M.

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Harry L. Cole, clerk

Moderator	William J. Greener, Jr.	184
	Blank	6

Selectman	Franklin C. Roberts	174
	Clinton E. French	1
	Blank	16

Collector of Taxes	Simcon S. Pearl	183
	Blanks	7

Assessor of Taxes	J. Warren Chadwick	179
	Earle Blake	1
	Blanks	10

School Committee	Louis Vrettos	175
	Blanks	15

Board of Health	Stephen J. Maddock	155
	Earle Blake	10
	Harry L. Cole	1
	Blank	24

Highway Surveyor	Clinton E. French	174
E. Parish	Blank	16

Highway Surveyor, L	B. Robert Cunningham	183
W. Parish	Blanks	7

Tree Warden	Aleron E. Noyes	181
	Blank	9

Constable	Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.	173
E. Parish	Franklin Roberts, Jr.	16
	Blank	1

Constable	Walter H. Gamons, Jr.	117
W. Parish	Earle Blake	69
	Blanks	4

Planning Board	Charles L. Cotton	177
	Earle Blake	1
	Merton S. Barrows	1
	Blanks	11

Regional District	Merton S. Barrows	111
School Committee	Rosamond L. Lord	74
3 years	Blank	5

Regional District	Franklin C. Roberts, Sr.	172
School Committee	Blanks	18
2 years		

E. Laurence Cilly
Town Clerk

June 14, 1957

Special Town Meeting

The voters of Buxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on June 14, 1957 at 8 p.m. with about 65 people present. After a prayer by Rev. William Hoover, the meeting was conducted by William J. Greenler, the moderator, and the following business was transacted:

Art. 1 Voted to pass over

Art. 2 Voted to transfer the sum of \$200.00 to Essex Welfare District and \$400.00 from to Board of Health, both amounts to come from \$600.00 appropriated for the libraries under Article 10 at the last annual meeting.

Art. 3 Voted to accept the recommendations of the Planning Board in regard to the improvement and re-location of a portion of Topsfield Road under the provisions of Chapter 90, and to instruct the selectmen to carry out the above improvement with funds available from Chapter 718 of the acts of 1956.

Art. 4 Voted that the sum of \$1000 available from Chapter 718, acts of 1956, be used for the repair and improvement of Beldpate Road under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Art. 5 Voted ^{unanimously} to enact the following by-law under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21A:
^{Sec 21A} All officers and employees of the town paid on the basis of time worked, except those appointed by the School Committee, shall be entitled to vacation leave without loss of pay as follows:
 a. For 1,000 hours worked during the twelve months ending June 1, of any year, forty hours leave.

b) For each 200 hours worked in excess of 1000 during the twelve months ending June 1 of each year, 8 hours leave. No time shall be counted in units of less than 200 hours.

c) The maximum vacation leave allowable shall be eighty hours in one year, regardless of time worked, and shall be taken during the twelve months after it is earned; and no vacation leave shall be allowed any employee who works less than 1000 hours during the twelve months ending June 1 of any year.

d) Employees working for more than one department during the twelve months ending June 1 may combine the working time in the several departments for the purpose of computing the amount of vacation leave earned; but in such case the rate of pay while on vacation leave shall be computed by apportioning and pro-rating the rates of pay at which such employees worked for the several departments.

Section 2- Employees of the town who have worked 1000 hours during the six months immediately preceding Jan. 1, May³⁰, July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas shall be entitled to leave on such days without loss of pay equivalent to eight hours of work. If such 1000 hours worked were at different rates of pay, the pay for such holiday shall be apportioned and pro-rated accordingly. Employees who shall have worked at least 500 hours but less than 1000 hours during the six months immediately preceding said holidays shall be entitled to leave with pay on such holidays equivalent to four hours of work, similarly apportioned if earned at different rates of pay.

Section 3. Leave for the current year shall be granted on the basis of time worked during the twelve

months next preceding the effective date of this bylaw, at the rate set forth in Section 1

Article 6

Art. 6 Voted the sum of \$1150.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, to be allocated between Highways and the Town Accountant's appropriations.

Art. 7 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to carry out the resolution in regard to recreational facilities as voted under Article 23 of the annual town meeting of March 5, 1955, and to report to the town within six months of this date.
Voted to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

A true record

Attest: E. Lawrence Colby
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting

The voters of Buxford met at the Harry Lee Cole School on Dec. 6, 1957 at 8 P.M. with about 55 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer, the meeting was conducted by William J. Greenlee, Jr., the moderator, and the following business was conducted:

Art. 1 The Board of Selectmen reported that they had investigated the following sites for a town bathing beach: the Boy Scouts' property off Topsfield Road; a large pool opposite the Townsend Farm in Fish Brook; the George Clay Beach at Stiles pond; and sand on Depot Pond near Roundtop on the Kelsey property. It was voted that the matter be referred to the Planning Board with instructions to investigate further and to report at the next annual town meeting.

Dr. Stephen J. Maddock reported that the Board of Health had several recommendations for improving the appearance of the town dump, and making it more sanitary, but no action was taken.

Art. 2 Voted to accept as public ways, Chapman Road, Roundtop Road, and Campground Road as shown on Plan of Land belonging to Harlan P. Kelsey, Inc., dated February 11, 1955, Frederick T. Wood, professional engineer, approved as a subdivision by the Planning Board on June 24, 1955.

Art. 3 Voted to accept as public ways the roads on the development known as Holiday Hill off Georgetown Road, Buxford, belonging to the Stockman Trust, per plan dated Sept. 20, 1955, Frederick T. Wood, professional engineer, approved as a subdivision by the Planning Board. This