

## Special Town Meeting Dec 4, 1973 cont.

Article 17. Voted: to appropriate \$2,400.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund. Unanimous by voice vote.

Article 18. Voted: to include in the March ballot for Town election the question(s): "shall the Town vote to have its selectmen act as a board of Public Works, establish a Division of Public Works and appoint a Director of Public Works." by hand count 88 affirmative 34 opposed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting under Article 19, it was moved and

Voted: to adjourn. Adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Mary R. Meeker  
Assistant Clerk of  
The Town of Bedford

## Tellers:

Mary Edwards  
Helen McLaughlin  
Louise Sullivan  
Patricia Wheeler

## Annual Town Meeting March 5, 1973

Voters of the Town of Bedford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on March 5, 1973. Moderator William J. Greener called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed. Cadette Scout Troop Three led a flag ceremony with pledge of allegiance. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1: Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2: Voted to accept the proposed 18 month budget as presented with Finance Committee recommendations and the following changes made on the floor, to a total 18-month budget of \$3,143,371.00

## Eighteen Months Budget

	proposed	Accepted
Police	147,995.00	145,079.00
Fire Dept	39,431.00	39,331.00
Schools - Town	975,237.00	927,237.00
Regional School Dist.	1,710,272.00	1,612,678.00
Brush Days	new item	750.00
Soldiers Graves	450.00	225.00

Article 3: Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 4: Voted to pass over.

Article 5: Voted to allow the following bills of charge: Planning



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Board \$68.76; Board of Appeals \$32.50, and to raise and appropriate \$101.26 for payment. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 6: Voted to appropriate money refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries.

Article 7: Voted to transfer \$60,000.00 from Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,250.00 to be used in conjunction with allotments from the State and County under Chapter 90 Construction, for road construction on Spruick Road, Middleton Road and Main St for 1973.

Article 9: Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$62,042.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allotments for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 10: Voted to appropriate \$10,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 11: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to be used for completion of Herrick Road in part.

Article 12: Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive 3/4 ton pick-up truck with 8 foot plow, for the Highway Department and to authorize the trade-in of the present truck towards its purchase.

Article 13: Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,100.00 for a dump body and double power-take-off for the Highway Department.

Article 14: Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to add to the Highway land-taking account.

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Article 15: Voted to establish a "Fund for Resurfacing Roads" and to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

Article 16: Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 to be used for 1974 highway expenditures heretofore paid under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90, to include the Town's share of any payments to be added by State, county or other funds.

Article 17: Voted to appropriate revenue sharing money, \$24,601.97, for capital expenditures.

Article 18: Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer \$31,000.00 for the purchase of a new piece of fire apparatus, \$6,398.03 to be raised and appropriated and \$24,601.97 to be transferred from revenue sharing money; and to authorize the selectmen to dispose of the old truck.

Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,940.00 for the purchase of Porta Mobils for Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs cars.

Article 20: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for a base station transmitter for the Fire Department.

Article 21: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for a portable transmitter for the Police Department.

Article 22: Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the purchase or rental of land and construction or rental of transmission facilities. (Unanimous voice vote)

Article 23: Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 for the use of the Water Resources and Drainage Committee for engineering, consulting and exploration in connection with planning the development and protection of water resources for the Town.

Article 24: Voted to pass over.



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Article 25: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the use of Town equipment by the Highway Department to provide improved drainage and grading in connection with preparation of sites for buildings at the Town Center.

Article 26: Voted to pass over.

Article 27: Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,400.00 to be administered by the Board of Health to be used for counselling services rendered to Boyford residents.

By hand count, 149 affirmative; 145 opposed.

Article 28: Article was voted down.

Article 29: Voted to expand the Conservation Commission membership from five to seven members. By unanimous voice vote.

Article 30: Article voted down.

Article 31: Article voted down.

Article 32: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a present Police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$3,500.00 to purchase and equip for the Police Department a new cruiser-ambulance.

Article 33: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a current Police cruiser and to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to purchase and equip for the Police Department a new cruiser-ambulance in 1974.

Article 34: Voted to pass over.

Article 35: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint an Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen and to raise and

appropriate \$6,950.00 to fund said position for the last twelve months of the fiscal year.

Article 36: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's interest in a certain parcel of land on Ipswich Road, such parcel to be sold for a sum to be negotiated with the approval of the Finance Committee, and upon such sale or transfer to abandon a section of old Ipswich Road.

Article 37: Voted to enact the following by-law:

There shall be a Capital Budgeting Committee consisting of five members -- one member appointed by and from the Finance Committee; one member appointed by and from the Planning Board; one member appointed by and from the Town Facilities Planning Committee, each with a one year term; and two citizens at large appointed by the Selectmen, each with a three-year term but their terms not to expire in the same year. The Capital Budgeting Committee so constituted will be responsible for updating the Town's capital budget each year and reporting anticipated capital needs to the Town at each annual Town Meeting.

By hand count, 99 in favor; 58 opposed

Article 38: Voted to enact the following by-law:

The Boyford Sanitary Landfill shall be open according to the posted hours for the deposit of solid refuse. This excludes automobile bodies, large household appliances or tree and brush refuse, which may be accepted only at specified times in designated areas. Biodegradable liquid wastes (septic tank pumpage, etc) may be deposited in a separate area provided for this and no other purpose during regular hours.

By arrangement with the Landfill Supervisor

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agency, disposal of this and other refuse may also be permitted at other agreed times. Deposit of any unauthorized refuse or dumping at unauthorized times or in any unapproved area in or adjacent to the landfill site on Town property shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$50.00. By voice vote.

Article 39: Voted to enact the following by-law:

Door-to-door solicitors shall be required to have in their possession, and upon request to show, official personal identification such as a driver's license, draft registration or social security card or equivalent or suitable identification to be provided by the Police Department. By voice vote.

Article 40: Voted to enact the following by-law:

There shall be no digging, filling, or alteration of grades or drainage on any property owned by the Town or adjacent to public ways, or over which the Town has a right of way except by permission of the Board of Selectmen or their authorized agent. Violation of this by-law shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00. By voice vote.

Article 41: Voted to amend the Town by-laws by deleting the sections under "Gas Inspector" passed by Town Meeting on November 23, 1962 and substituting the following:

"There shall be a gas inspector to be appointed by the Selectmen for such terms as they shall deem proper. He shall perform his duties under the direction of the Selectmen, as prescribed by the General Laws. He shall collect fees from applicants for permits in

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accordance with a schedule to be approved by the selectmen, and shall be paid a salary to be determined by the selectmen. By voice vote.

Article 42: Voted to move the date of the Annual Town meeting to the second Tuesday in May and the Election of Officers to the following Monday in May, commencing in 1974, and to extend the terms of office and attendant authority and duties of elected and appointed officials (whose terms would otherwise expire in March 1974) to May 1974. By voice vote.

Article 43: Voted to adjourn at 10:35 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 333; non-voters approximately 30. Counters for the meeting were appointed by the Moderator, Mr. Greener, and checkers by Assistant Town Clerk Mrs. Meeker.

A true record.

Mary R. Meeker, Asst. Town Clerk

The eighteen month Budget adopted for 1973-74 is as follows:

## General Government:

Selectmen	\$ 6,813.
Assessors	8,457.
Treasurer	8,560.
Town Clerk	2,920.
Accountant	13,994.
Collector of Taxes	7,175.
Planning Board	1,200.
Appeal Board	1,750.
Historic District Commission	150.
Registrars	1,550.
Elections	1,210.
Building Inspector	1,650.
Electrical Inspector	1,800.

Gas Inspector	1,050.
Plumbing Inspector	1,500.
Town Counsel	2,100.
Finance Committee	1,100.
Conservation Commission	250.
Recreation Committee	1,925.
Water & Drainage Committee	75.
Board of Health	29,268.
Child Guidance Center	1,915.
	\$ 96,412.00

## Buildings &amp; Grounds:

Salary Director	1,500.
Ball Fields & Public Grounds	5,365.
Town Halls & Buildings	6,525.
Equipment	250.
	\$ 13,640.00

## Protection of Persons &amp; Property:

Inspector of Animals	600.00
Dog Officer	1,650.00
Police	145,079.00
Communications	46,771.00
Fire Dept.	39,331.00
Tree Warden	4,500.00
Moth Suppression	2,500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	3,500.00
	\$ 243,931.00

## Aid and Relief:

Veterans' Benefit	\$ 7,500
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## Schools and Libraries:

Schools - Town	927,237.00
Regional School District	1,612,678.00
North Shore Reg. Voc. School	6,069.00
Town Libraries	56,089.00
	\$ 2,602,073.00

## Highways:

Selectmen's Highway Fund	3,000.00
General Highway Dept.	3,200.00

Chapters Maintenance	5,860.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	15,500.00
Highway Operational Expense	6,710.00
Snow Removal & Hauling	62,150.00
Street Lighting	3,078.00
Vacation	4,000.00
Sick Benefit	500.00
Brush Days	750.00
	\$ 104,778.00

## Unclassified:

Insurance	6,431.00
Memorial Day	1,200.00
Town Forest	150.00
Civil Defense	750.00
Town Reports	4,300.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	450.00
Brookside Cemetery	150.00
Harmony Cemetery	300.00
Mount Vernon Cemetery	150.00
Soldiers Graves	225.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	3,000.00
Interest on Loans	10,181.00
School House Notes	34,000.00
Group Hosp. & Life Insurance	13,750.00
	\$ 75,037.00

Total eighteen months budget adopted for 1973-74 \$ 3,143,371.00

## Other Items:

Article # 5	101.26
8	7,250.00
11	20,000.00
12	3,500.00
13	2,100.00
14	3,000.00
15	5,000.00
16	7,500.00
18	6,398.03
19	1,940.00
20	1,500.00



Article 21	800.00
22	2,500.00
23	4,500.00
25	1,000.00
27	2,400.00
32	3,570.00
33	4,000.00
35	6,950.00

Total Warrant items to be raised & appropriated \$4,009.29

Total to be raised and appropriated \$3,227,380.29

Transfers: Article #7

60,000.00
9 62,042.00
10 10,000.00
18 24,601.97

Total transfers \$156,643.97

a true record

attest: Mary R Meeker, asst. Town Clerk

March 6, 1973 Annual Town Election

Spofford Pond School

polls opened 12 noon to 8 PM  
Ballots Cast Check list 891 (Ballot Box starting # 1540 final # 2431)

VOTE FOR ONE	
WILLIAM GREENLEAF JR. Highland Road	197
Nobles	
SELECTMAN for three years	
VERNON HAWKINS Valley Road	197
CHARLES E. KIDLAND Ipswich Road	347
JAMES T. STROMBERG Camp Grand Road	342
Nobles	
TOWN CLERK for one year	
AUDREY LEADB Ipswich Road	467
LOUISE M. SULLIVAN Andersen Drive	466
Nobles	
ASSESSOR for three years	
IN A BENSON Washington Street	206
Nobles	
TOWN ENGINEER	
WILLIAM H. BROWN Farm Hill Road	187
Nobles	

See page for Recount figures.



HIGHWAY COMMISSION G. RICHARD CO. WINGHAM, Essex Road ROBERT E. HEBB, Lake Shore Road	Vote for one 781 Blanks 101
BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years BUEL C. BASSETT, Kilham Hill Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION	Vote for one 68 Blanks 101
CONSTABLE (East Parish) for one year HAROLD O. SEDERQUEST, Hemlock Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION	Vote for one 190 Blanks 101
CONSTABLE (West Parish) for one year WALTER H. GAMANS, JR., Lake Shore Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION	Vote for one 76 Blanks 101
TREE WARDEN, for one year ROBERT E. HEBB, Lake Shore Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION J. ARMES E. KILLAM, Ipswich Road	Vote for one 413 425 Blanks 101
PLANNING BOARD, for five years JAMES P. A. NELSON, Middleton Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION	Vote for one 577

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, for three years ETHEL M. HOUSER, Hollow Tree Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION DONALD K. REILAND, Middleton Road CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION RUTH P. FAULKNER, Woodcrest Road	Vote for three 713 693 692 Blanks 101
TO VOTE UPON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MARK A CROSS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN THE SQUARE AT THE RIGHT OF "YES" OR "NO"	
QUESTION #1 "Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen act as a Board of Public Works?"	YES 561 NO 204 Blanks 101
QUESTION #2 "Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 6c of Chapter 40 of the General Laws which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?"	YES 584 NO 260 Blanks 101

A true record: Patricia E. Wheeler  
 attest: Mary R. Meeker, asst. Town Clerk







Special Town Meeting  
May 22, 1973

Voters of the Town of Boyford met at the Masconomet Regional High School on May 22, 1973. Moderator William J. Greenlee called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed.

Article I. Voted to transfer the sum of \$169.31 from the West Boyford Fire Station Repair Fund for the payment of the balance of December fuel bills for the Boyford Fire Department. By unanimous voice vote.

Article II. Voted to transfer \$602.51 from the West Boyford Fire Station Repair Fund and \$354.99 from the Board of Health Loading Dock Fund for a total of \$957.50 for contribution to the North Shore Guidance Center covering the Town's share of expense from January 1, 1974 to July 1, 1974.

Article III. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3400 to permit an increase in the salary of the Chief of Police to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times that of the highest paid patrolman for the period January 1, 1973 to July 1, 1974, such funds to be transferred as follows: \$1,545.01 from the Board of Health Loading Dock Fund and \$1,854.99 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund.

Article IV. Voted to raise the sum of \$1,500. to be added to the Highway Dept. funds for sick leave during the period to July 1, 1974, by transferring the sum of \$1,400 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund and \$100 from the Goodwin Plans (1954).

Article V. Voted to transfer the sum of \$500 from the Spofford Pond School Fund

for additional brush days.

Article VI. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,512 received as state aid for libraries for the use of the Boyford Town Library.

Article VII. Voted to raise \$8,500. to provide for resurfacing or reconstruction of Town roads by transfer of \$2,301.10 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Fund and \$6,198.90 to be raised and appropriated on this year's taxes.

Article VIII. Voted to rescind Town action on Article 32 of the March 3, 1960 Town Meeting authorizing the Selectmen to lease certain Town property located on Ipswich Road to the American Legion.

Article IX. Voted to accept the following designated precinct line. Line to run from North Andover line between Hall's and Tuchen's across Maple Avenue and Main Street, between Walters and Manueli, along the south line of Wildcat tract coming out between Wood's and Hatch's and then down the middle of Ipswich Road and Spofford Road, then through the Town land and Spofford Pond School and directly back to the Georgetown line along the back of the properties of Donovan, Alm, Schneiderman, Briggs.

Article X. Passed over (by moderator)

Article XI. Article voted down

Article XII. Voted to pass over.

Article XIII. Voted to transfer \$25 from the Spofford Pond Building Addition Account to the Masconomet School District Account.

~~Article XIV. Article voted down~~

Article XV. Voted to transfer from available funds \$11,000 to prepare and modify working drawings and all necessary



documents for bidding on construction of a Police-Communications building at the Town Center, such transfers to be made from the Morse House Account (1964) \$44.73, the Town Farm Fund \$108.11, the Post War Rehabilitation Fund \$6,903.49, and from the Spafford Pond Building Addition Fund \$3,943.63.

Article XV. Article voted down

Article XVI Voted to adjourn at 10:45 pm

Registered voters attending the meeting were 399, non-voters approximately 10. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

A true record

Attest: Audrey J. Ladd  
Town Clerk

June 22, 1973 - On this date the ballots for the March 5, 1973 election were officially destroyed.  
Audrey J. Ladd  
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting  
November 19, 1973

A special Town Meeting of the Voters of Oxford was called to order at 7:55 pm at the Massachusetts Regional High School on November 19, 1973, with 391 voters present. After a moment of silent prayer the Moderator, William J. Greenlee, read the notice as published and the return of service.

Appointed as counters for the meeting were Mrs. Marcia Brockelman and Messrs. George Gould, Richard LeBel and Norman Turner.

The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to transfer \$1,000. from the Board of Appeals; \$500. to Selectmen's Contingent Funds; \$500. to Brush Day.

The following amendment was offered on the floor, moved and seconded, and accepted by voice vote:

To transfer \$1,854.99 from the Police Department 1973, \$1,400 from Highway Dept. Sick Leave, \$500 from Brush Day, \$2,301.10 from the Fund for Resurfacing Roads, \$28 from the Massachusetts Regional School Committee, a total of \$6,056.37 to the Spafford Pond School Building Addition Fund.

The article as amended was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 2. Voted: to transfer from the Overlay Reserve \$6,000 to the Selectmen Highway and Bridges Account.

Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 3. Voted to amend the Building Code section dealing with fees. Article 17 adopted at March 1, 1948 Town Meeting, deleting Section 1



of III and substituting the following:  
"The inspection fees shall be established by the Board of Selectmen." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 4 Voted: to adopt the following by-law: "No overnight parking shall be permitted on the streets of Boyford from December 1st to April 1st." Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 5 Voted: to amend the by-law dealing with door-to-door solicitation,

Article 39 adopted at March 5, 1973 Town meeting by adding the following section 2:

"No person or persons shall solicit to sell or distribute merchandise on a house to house basis within the limits of the Town of Boyford without first obtaining a permit from the Boyford Police Department. <sup>(Whosoever violates this Town By-Law shall be subject to arrest without a warrant)</sup> and shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.)" Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 6 Voted: to adopt the following by-law: "No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138, section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws, while on, in, or upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has a right of access as inverts or licensee's park, or playground, school grounds, or private or public land or place without consent of the owner or person in control thereof. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this Town by-law shall be seized and safely held for trial before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession. <sup>(Whosoever violates this Town by-law shall be subject to arrest without a warrant)</sup> and shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.) Unanimously by voice vote.

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Article 7 Voted: to authorize the Selectmen to adopt that, all brush generated within the Town by the various Town departments be disposed of by chipping, and that the policy of burying brush on Town property be abandoned. Unanimously by voice vote.

Article 8 Voted: to rezone to R-1 the following areas as defined in the current Zoning Map of the Town of Boyford: 1. the B-2 area east of Service Road, and 2. the portion of the B-1 area abutting Baldpate Pond outside of a distance of 150 feet in all directions from the foundation of the existing Shopping Center building. By hand count, 269 affirmative, 79 opposed.

Article 9 Voted: to appropriate \$163,000 to construct a new Police/Communications Center at the northeast corner of Ipswich and Spofford Roads, on land now owned by the Town and that it be appropriated therefor the sum of \$28,500 as follows: \$6,000 to be transferred from the Spofford Pond School Building Fund, \$22,500 to be transferred from Federal Reserve Sharing Funds, and the further sum of \$134,500 to be provided by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized and directed to issue bonds or notes therefor, payable in accordance with said General Laws Chapter 44, so that the whole amount shall be paid in not more than five (5) years from the date of said bonds or notes.

By hand count, 239 affirmative, 57 opposed.

Article 10 Voted: to approve the filing of a petition in the General Court under the provisions of section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution for an Act: "authorizing the Town of Boyford to issue an

approved by Attorney General  
Feb 5, 1974