

I have this day reset the two ballot boxes to zero readings. The count at this time was precinct one 1212 and precinct two 454.

Attest:
Audrey J. Ladd
Town Clerk
November 26, 1974.

I have this day reset the ballot box for Precinct Two used for the Vocational School Referendum to zero. The reading at this time was 297.

Attest:
Audrey J. Ladd
Town Clerk
May 19, 1975

Annual Town Meeting
May 13, 1975

Voters of the Town of Boyford met at the Massachusetts Regional High School on May 13, 1975. Moderator William J. Greenlee, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:52 AM and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

Article 1. Voted to pass over.

Article 2. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees. By voice vote.

Article 3. Voted to accept the proposed budget and to raise and appropriate ~~\$2,200,000.00~~ ^{\$2,784,332.35} for the use of the several departments for the current fiscal year, and to transfer \$2,000. from Article 21 of the May 14, 1974 Annual Town Meeting, \$14,500 from the Road Machinery Fund, and \$117.18 from Article 13 of the May 14, 1974 Annual Town Meeting, for the use of the Highway Department thereby reducing the Department of Public Works budget to \$110,818.82 to wit: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Aid and Relief, Schools and Libraries, Highways and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said fiscal year as presented with Finance Committee recommendations and the following amendments:

1975-1976 Budget

Schools - Regional Proposed \$1,445,397.07 - Accepted \$1,444,231.35

Article 4. 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, 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 General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 12. By voice vote.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,525.33 received from the County on account of dog licenses for use by the Boxford Town Library.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,512 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library. By voice vote.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted not to amend the North Shore Regional Vocational School District agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 545 Acts of 1972 and pursuant to part VII of the regional agreement permit the future withdrawal from the region of the City of Gloucester. By voice vote.

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into the National Flood Insurance Program if the Selectmen so deem advisable. By voice vote.

Article 10. Voted to amend Section VI B 4 of the Zoning Bylaws by adding the following subclause:

C. Frontage Exception for Larger Lots:

1.) Notwithstanding the above provisions, a lot in a R-A - Residence - Agricultural District need not have the specified amount of street frontage, provided that:

- a.) the area of the lot exceeds by at least four (4) acres the minimum area required for such an R-A District.
- b.) the lot has a maximum continuous street frontage of not less than fifty (50) feet and a width of not less than fifty (50) feet at any point between the street and the site of the dwelling.
- c.) there is not more than one other such lot with frontage contiguous to its own.
- d.) it is not, in the opinion of the Planning Board, so located as to

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block the possible future extension of a dead end street.

2.) Notwithstanding any other provisions, no such lot as described in subclause c-1, on which a dwelling is located, shall be hereafter subdivided, redivided in area, or changed in size or shape.

By hand count, 283 affirmative, 25 opposed

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be used by the Planning Board for the recompilation and printing of the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Boxford including the preparation of lot line and topographical overlays. By voice vote.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for repairs to the Little Red School House. By voice vote.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000. for repairs and reconstruction to town offices. By voice vote.

Article 14. Voted to pass over.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for the purpose of improving beach area and parking facilities at the Stiles Pond Town Beach. By voice vote.

Article 16. Voted (1) to endorse the establishment of a permanent Historic Document Center for the Town of Boxford as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, and (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000. to be used by the Boxford Bicentennial Commission as a portion of the cost of establishing this center. By voice vote.

Article 17. Voted to transfer from available funds a sum of \$142,894.60 for the purpose of removal of an existing building and the construction of a new Fire Station to be located on Town owned property in the West end of Boxford on Main Street, said monies to be transferred as follows: \$1,500 from Article 3 of the

November 18, 1974 Special Town Meeting.
 \$50,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing, and \$91,394.60 from the Stabilization Funds, and to authorize and instruct the present Fire Station Building Committee to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town and supervise the execution of such contract until completed. By voice vote.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,100 for the purpose of equipping a new Fire Station in the West end of Boyford with the following:

- a. building maintenance equipment
- b. office furniture and equipment

By voice vote.

Article 19. Voted to acquire by purchase, or if necessary, by eminent domain, land surrounding the West Boyford well site to conform with the State Department of Public Health regulations and to transfer from funds previously appropriated from land-taking account a sum of \$4,000 therefor. By voice vote.

Article 20. Article voted down

Article 21. Article voted down

Article 22. Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,528 to meet Chapter 765 State Aid allotment, said monies, when reimbursed to be credited to the General Account. By voice vote

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purchase of one (1) rubber-tired, front-end loader with backhoe, for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 to be used for the purchase of one (1) new "dump body" for the Department of Public Work. By voice vote.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100 for the purchase of an eight (8) foot plow for the Department of Public Works.

By voice vote. * (angle plow, with frame and light)

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,570 for the purchase of one (1) ten (10) foot plow for the Department of Public Works. By voice vote.

Article 27. Voted to pass over.

Article 28. Voted to transfer from Road Machinery Funds the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account. By voice vote.

Article 29. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to purchase a Police Department Cruiser Ambulance and trade a present cruiser toward its purchase.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,500 to purchase a second Police Department Cruiser-Ambulance and trade a cruiser toward its purchase. By voice vote.

Article 31. Article voted down

Article 32. Article voted down

Article 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 said sum to be added to the Fund for Resurfacing Roads. By voice vote.

Article 34. Voted to pass over

Article 35. Article voted down

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. said sum to support the services of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc. By voice vote.

Article 37. Voted to change that portion of the by-laws relating to "Town Employees vacation, by changing the first sentence of part "B" of Section 5 to read "For each 200 hours worked in excess of 1,000 hours during the twelve months ending June 1 of each year, 8 hours leave for employees who have worked less than ten years, 12 hours leave for employees who have worked 10 years or more, and 16

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hours leave for employees who have worked 20 years or more. By voice vote.

Article 39. Voted to accept the reimbursement from Department of Natural Resources toward the "Wildcat" acquisition, said funds to be returned to the Stabilization Fund. By voice vote.

Article 40. Voted to transfer from the Overlay Reserve a sum of \$60,000. to be added to the Reserve Fund. By voice vote.

Article 41. Voted to pass over.

Article 42. Voted to adjourn at 11:40 P.M.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 339. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd

a true record

Attest:

Audrey J. Ladd, Town Clerk.

Approved by
at the
July 27, 1975

Article 38. Voted to change that portion of the by-laws relating to "Town Employees" accumulation of sick leave, by changing the second sentence of Section 4, pag. 15, to read: "five working days". By voice vote.

Audrey J. Ladd
Town Clerk

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Special Town Meeting
December 19, 1975

Voters of the Town of Bedford met at the Spofford Pond School on December 19, 1975. Moderator William J. Greenlee called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm. and, in the absence of a clergyman, a moment of silent prayer was observed.

Article I. Voted to transfer from the General Fund to the Town Clerk's Account the sum of \$1,134 to pay for the State census, said sum to be returned to the General Fund when reimbursed by the State.

By voice vote.

Article II. Voted to pass over.

Article III. Voted to transfer from Article 23 of the 1975 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$3,042 to the Police Department Wage Account due to an increase in criminal activity. By voice vote.

Article IV. Article voted down.

Article V. Article voted down.

Article VI. Voted to adjourn at 10:15 pm.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 589. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Audrey J. Ladd.

Tellers:

Joyce Chub
Mary Edwards
Gloria Wangle
Barbara Rose

A true copy
attest:

Audrey J. Ladd
Town Clerk

February 19, 1976

I have this day reset the ballot box for Precinct # back to 0. The number on the box at this time was 678. Attest:

Audrey J. Ladd, Town Clerk