

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 27, 1978

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School field house on June 27, 1978. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. 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 - To see if the town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw by adopting the proposed amendments dated June 7, 1978 which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The proposed amendments are designed to bring the Zoning Bylaws into compliance with a new state law, Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975. This law requires compliance by June 30, 1978. The Planning Board believes that the proposed changes satisfy this requirement while maintaining all of the protections and rights of our existing Zoning Bylaws.

Amendments by the Planning Board were moved and duly seconded as follows:

On Page 21A, Section VI - I - 3, change the word "objectional" to "objectionable."

On Page 22, Section VII - B, second line, insert after word "dwellings;" "except as provided in G. L. Ch. 40A, Section 3, and,".

On Page 26, Section C, line 8, change "at" to "in".

An amendment was made and duly seconded to insert the word "legally" between "be" and "buildable" on Page 15, Section 2 - c - 2, line 3.

The amendments were voted by voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve Article 1 as amended.

By hand count, 520 yes, 8 no.

ARTICLE 2 - To see if the town will vote to make the following transfers of funds from budgets voted at the Annual Town Meeting, 5/10/77:

\$3,000.00 from Town Accountant to Town Counsel; \$2,000.00 from Town Accountant to Road Machinery Maintenance; \$916.25 from Dutch Elm Disease Control to Tax Collector; \$1,470.00 from Tree Warden to Planning Board; \$2,500.00 from Veterans Benefits, \$900.00 from Street Lighting to Police Department; \$800.00 from Brush Days, \$530.00 from Tree Warden and \$500.00 from General Highway, for a total of \$1,830.00 to the Fire Department, or take any other action thereon.

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Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the article amended as follows:

To make the following transfers of funds from budgets voted at the Annual Town Meeting, 5/10/77: \$3,000.00 from Town Accountant to Town Counsel; \$2,000.00 from Town Accountant to Road Machinery Maintenance; \$916.25 from Dutch Elm Disease Control to Tax Collector; \$1,387.54 from Veterans Benefits to Planning Board; \$2,500.00 from Veterans Benefits, \$900.00 from Street Lighting and \$1,600.00 from Surplus Revenue, for a total of \$5,000.00 to the Police Department; \$800.00 from Brush Days, \$530.00 from Tree Warden, and \$500.00 from General Highway, for a total of \$1,830.00 to the Fire Department; \$850.00 from Surplus Revenue to Town Clerk; and \$5,067.10 from Surplus Revenue to Road Machinery Fund.

By voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 - To see if the town will vote the following:

To rescind the vote under Articles 26, 27 and 28 of the Warrant for the 1978 Annual Town Meeting; to direct the Library Trustees to delay any action under Article 29 of said Warrant pending further town meeting action and the outcome of the referendum question on the subject of Town library facilities; to refer to the Planning Board as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-I, the matter of East and West Village library facilities and to direct said Board to report its findings and recommendations to the Town at or before the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

The above referenced warrant articles were as follows:

Article 26: Voted to accept the conclusion of the Library feasibility study directed by the Town in May 1977. The conclusion is that expansion of library services at the "Cummings" property is neither practical nor in the best interest of the Town and that it be excluded from consideration for a future Town Library.

Article 27: Voted not to direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new village library on the "Alcott" property.

Article 28: Voted to direct the Library Trustees to plan for construction of a new Library at the Town Center with the expectation of its completion, of closing the branch libraries in Boxford Village and West Boxford.

Article 29: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,950.00 to provide all architectural design and development, plans, specifications and final construction bids for a new Town Library of 6,000 square feet; these final bids to be available to the Town for action on or before the Annual Town Meeting in May 1979.

Or to take whatever action is necessary in the legal opinion of the Town to carry out the intent of the above.

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A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.
VOTED by hand count, 509 yes, 48 no.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the main article as printed.

By hand count, 367 yes and 223 no.

ARTICLE 4 - To see if the Town will vote to require that the Selectmen petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to put on the ballot for the next Annual Town Meeting the following binding referendum questions:

Vote for one of the following:

Shall the Library Trustees be directed to maintain library facilities in both the East and West Villages in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board as given in the 1978 Annual Town Report?

Shall the Library Trustees be directed to plan for construction of a new library at the Town Center with the expectation at its completion, of closing the branch libraries in Boxford Village and West Boxford?

Or to take whatever action is necessary in the legal opinion of the Town to carry out the intent of the above.

A motion to move the question was made and duly seconded.
VOTED by hand count, 359 yes and 146 no.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to approve the main article as printed.

By hand count, 481 yes and 16 no.

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for publication of the newly adopted Zoning Bylaw and Map.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00.

By voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m.

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Registered voters attending the meeting were 649. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Frank H. Weatherby

FRANK H. WEATHERBY
Town Clerk

TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

Article 5 \$1,250.00

TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED \$1,250.00

TRANSFERS

Article 2 \$20,050.89

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED \$20,050.89

A true record.

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk