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c) False alarms, other than those caused by faulty telephone service, electrical storms or the Town's main receiving console, shall be limited to two (2) in any six month period for each dwelling or business. The owner of the dwelling or business shall be assessed a penalty of \$25.00 for each additional false alarm during any six month period. Said penalty to be paid to the Town of Boxford., or to take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, an amendment was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to add after Section b: These equipment specifications apply to all applications for alarm systems made to the Communications Center after May 9, 1979, and to existing systems if subsequently they should abuse the right to access by excessive false alarms or malfunction.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the following by-law:

a) No alarm system or equipment shall be connected into the Town Emergency Center without first obtaining an alarm permit signed by the Communications Director, Police Chief or Fire Chief, if applicable.

b) The only types of equipment which will be allowed to connect to the Town Emergency Center will be digital dialers and leased lines and any other type which the Communications Director deems to be compatible with the equipment of the Town Emergency Center. Telephone dialing systems which include voice or tape recorders are not compatible to the Town's equipment and shall, therefore, not be allowed to connect to the Town's system. These equipment specifications apply to all applications for alarm systems made to the Communications Center after May 9, 1979, and to existing systems if subsequently they should abuse the right to access by excessive false alarms or malfunction.

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Section 2. If the Dog Officer determines that a female animal in heat (even when confined to the property of the owner or keeper), is attracting other animals to the area, which condition causes disturbance and/or damage to neighboring property or public areas, he may require the owner or keeper to place and keep said animal while in heat, in a kennel, or to remove it from the area so that the nuisance is abated.

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Section 3. The Dog Officer is authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large in schools, school playgrounds, parks, or public recreational areas. The Dog Officer is further authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large when it has been determined by the Dog Officer that the dog is an annoyance, is dangerous, or is known to cause damage in a neighborhood.

Notwithstanding, the schedule of fines as set forth in Chapter 140, Section 173A of the General Laws, the following schedule of fines shall apply to the failure of any owner or keeper of dogs to comply with the order of the Dog Officer; first offense within a calendar year shall be a warning; second offense within a calendar year shall be ten dollars (\$10.00); the third, or subsequent offense in the calendar year shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).", or take any other action relative thereto.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, an amendment was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to delete Section 1 and add to Section 3, after Paragraph #1 and before Paragraph #2: Within ten (10) days after such decision notification, the owner or keeper of such dog may appeal in writing, addressing themselves to the Board of Selectmen, praying that such decision be reviewed by the Board.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the following by-law:  
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ARTICLE 25 - To see if the Town will vote to request the Planning Board to insure the developer complete Sheffield Road through to Main Street.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count (188 affirmative and 41 opposed), to move the question.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count (174 affirmative and 76 opposed) to request the Planning Board to insure the developer complete Sheffield Road through to Main Street.

ARTICLE 26 - To see if the Town will vote to request the Planning Board to approve the request of the Board of Selectmen to reconstruct the curve on Main Street.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, an amendment, which then became the substitute article, was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to instruct the Planning Board and Selectmen to provide a solution to the problem concerning the curve on Main Street, at or near its proposed intersection with Sheffield Road, by no later than January 1, 1980.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to instruct the Planning Board and Selectmen to provide a solution to the problem concerning the curve on Main Street, at or near its proposed intersection with Sheffield Road, by no later than January 1, 1980.

ARTICLE 27 - To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance requiring all electric power transmission lines to be constructed in or through the Town having a rated potential capacity of 69,000 volts or more, be buried underground.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count (149 affirmative and 45 opposed), to move the question.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 28 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$5,900.00 for use by the Council on Aging to conduct studies, engage professional services, and develop a proposal for Housing for Senior Citizens to be presented by the next Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon.

A substitute motion was made, duly seconded, and VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for use by the Boxford Council on Aging for the purpose of engaging the services of a professional consultant to conduct a need evaluation of the elderly of Boxford for elderly housing;

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and if sufficient need is determined: to complete an availability and requirements survey of applicable programs and possible financing arrangements. The results are to be presented to the Town by the Council at the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 29 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,300.00 for the use of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc., or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate \$6,300.00 for the use of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 30 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, agreement or eminent domain, a parcel of land containing approximately 2.07 acres, owned by the North Bennett Street Industrial School, located on Ipswich Road, in the Town of Boxford; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money for said purpose, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00 for said purchase.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, an amendment was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to substitute the sum of \$25,000.00 for \$29,000.00.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the article was defeated by hand count vote, 40 affirmative and 128 opposed.

ARTICLE 31 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, agreement or eminent domain, a parcel of land containing approximately 30.02 acres, owned by the North Bennett Street Industrial School, located on Ipswich Road, in the Town of Boxford; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money for said purpose, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 32 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,404.00 to provide for a second person to be on duty during night hours at the East and West Village libraries - nine hours per week - at minimum wage.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to pass over the article.

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ARTICLE 33 - To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Executive Secretary in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 23A, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Said position to replace the current one of Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen, and the salary is to remain the same as the budgeted figure for the Administrative Assistant, or to take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count (90 affirmative and 50 opposed), to establish the position of Executive Secretary, etc., as printed in Article 33.

ARTICLE 34 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, assum of money for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$25,565.16 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,434.84, for a total of \$29,000.00, for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 35 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a suitable sum to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 36 - To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 271. 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

BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1979-1980

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	\$ 21,124	
Clerical	11,852	
Town Clerk	1,900	
Registrars	1,450	
Elections	1,425	
Town Counsel	9,000	
Planning Board	3,618	
Appeals Board	1,000	
Recreation Committee	1,250	
Child Guidance	2,697	
Council on Aging	1,275	
Conservation Committee	100	
TOTAL		\$ 56,691

FINANCE

Accountant	\$ 9,612	
Treasurer	6,819	
Tax Collector	12,215	
Assessors	16,150	
Finance Committee	100	
TOTAL		\$ 44,896

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	\$161,492	
Fire Department	39,527	
Communications	52,435	
Dog Officer	1,800	
Inspector of Animals	225	
Building Inspector	5,000	
Electrical Inspector	2,000	
Gas Inspector	300	
Board of Health	15,792	
Civil Defense	100	
Ambulance Service	7,700	
TOTAL		\$ 286,371

SCHOOLS

Elementary	\$1,003,535	
Masconomet	1,375,826	
Regional Vo-Tech.	12,599	
TOTAL		\$2,391,960

LIBRARIES

	\$ 62,078	\$ 62,078
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DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries, Wages & Overtime	\$ 82,540	
Materials	89,644	
All Other	80,604	
TOTAL		\$ 252,788

## UNCLASSIFIED

General Insurance	\$ 4,125	
Health & Life Insurance	33,627	
Town Cemetary	50	
Village Cemetary	300	
Brookside Cemetary	100	
Mt. Vernon Cemetary	100	
Soldier's Graves	500	
Harmony Cemetary	200	
Veterans' Benefits	3,100	
Selectmen's Contingency	1,600	
Interest on Loans	5,500	
Retirement Pensions	1,130	
Town Reports	3,000	
Memorial Day	700	
Town Forest	100	
Historic District Commission	50	
Moth Suppression	1,400	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 55,582</b>

GRAND TOTAL TOWN BUDGET **\$3,150,366**

## Additional Items

Article 1	\$ 1,551.50	
Article 10	6,000.00	
Article 13	34,528.00	
Article 14	105,000.00	
Article 17A	2,000.00	
Article 18A	5,000.00	
Article 19	10,139.60	
Article 28	5,000.00	
Article 29	6,300.00	
Article 34	3,434.84	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 178,953.94</b>

TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED **\$3,329,319.94**

## Transfers

Article 5	\$ 1,711.88	
Article 6	480.06	
Article 7	8,945.00	
Article 8	3,515.60	
Article 9	17,559.92	
Article 10	4,000.00	
Article 11	2,000.00	
Article 12	4,546.00	
Article 15	6,750.00	
Article 34	25,565.16	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 75,073.62</b>

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Town Election May 14, 1979  
The polls opened at the Spofford Pond  
School at 12 noon and closed at 8:00 PM.  
Votes cast were Precinct I - 1031, Precinct 2-325  
for a total of 1406

Total Vote 1406

Precincts I & II

TO VOTE FOR

## MODERATOR, for one year

vote for one

DeWITT T. MINICH, 13 Sunrise Road 1200  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Blanks 206

## SELECTMAN, for three years

vote for one

CHARLES E. KILLAM, 124 Depot Road 912  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

LOREN M. WOOD, 20 Kelsey Road 485

Blanks 9

## TOWN TREASURER, for three years

Vote for one

FRANCIS F. PERRY, 36 Ipswich Road 1196  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Blanks 210

## TOWN COLLECTOR OF TAXES, for one year

Vote for one

FRANCIS F. PERRY, 36 Ipswich Road 1179  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Blanks 227

## ASSESSOR, for three years

vote for one

CLINTON E. FRENCH, 154 Ipswich Road 1210  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Blanks 196

## ASSESSOR, for two years

vote for one

WESLEY B. SWANSON, 9 Crooked Pond Drive 1088

Blanks 318

## PLANNING BOARD, for five years

Vote for one

ROBERT M. HACKING, 53 Lawrence Road 710  
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

DAVID J. WHITE, 288 Main Street 563

Blanks 133

## PLANNING BOARD, for one year

Vote for one

JOHN E. MAY, 77 Herrick Road 579

ELEANOR H. ROCK, 80 Ipswich Road 731

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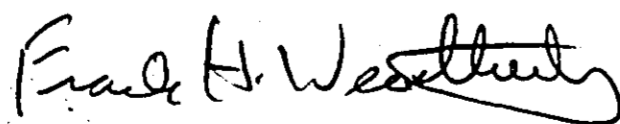
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1200

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

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## SELECTMAN, for three years

vote for one

CHARLES E. KILLAM, 124 Depot Road

912

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

LOREN M. WOOD, 20 Kelsey Road

485

Blanks 9

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563

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## PLANNING BOARD, for one year

Vote for one

JOHN E. MAY, 77 Herrick Road

579

ELEANOR H. ROCK, 80 Ipswich Road

731

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<b>BOARD OF HEALTH, for three years</b>		<b>vote for one</b>
CHARLES W. DAVIS, 46 Ipswich Road		1120
	Blanks	286
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for three years</b>		<b>vote for two</b>
ELAINE F. LINCOLN, 5 Spruce Wood Circle <small>CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION</small>		941
BARBARA HOPPER, 26 Crooked Pond Drive		293
BARRY HUTCHINSON, 247 Georgetown Road		550
	Blanks	528
<b>REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years</b>		<b>vote for one</b>
Kenneth Littlefield - 46 Highland Road		93
	Blanks	1313
<b>CONSTABLE (EAST PARISH), for one year</b>		<b>vote for one</b>
HAROLD O. SEDERQUEST, 22 Hemlock Road <small>CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION</small>		737
ALICE FARNSWORTH, 57 Sunrise Road		556
	Blanks	113
<b>CONSTABLE (WEST PARISH), for one year</b>		<b>vote for one</b>
EARLE BLAKE, 50 Stiles Pond Road		804
JOHN W. O'CONNELL, 550 Ipswich Road		382
	Blanks	220
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for three years</b>		<b>vote for three</b>
RUTH P. FAULKNER, 61 Woodcrest Road <small>CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION</small>		955
JUDITH A. HUFFSMITH, 145 Lake Shore Road <small>CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION</small>		950
THOMAS C. BARNES, 128 Spofford Road		802
ROSALEE D. WEATHERBY, 20 Roberts Road		741
	Blanks	770

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for two years</b>		<b>vote for three</b>
NATHANIEL S. COOLIDGE, 42 Topsfield Road		1036
RONALD N. KOZLOWSKI, 6 Bridle Spur Road		940
ROGER L. MARTIN, 96 Herrick Road		951
	Blanks	1291
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, for one year</b>		<b>Vote for one</b>
EDWARD H. HAYNES, 57 Main Street		737
EVELYN WEST, 17 Carleton Circle		463
	Blanks	206

**NON-BINDING REFERENDUM**

Pursuant to the intent of Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of June 27, 1978, please VOTE for ONE of the following questions. This referendum is NON-BINDING.

TO VOTE, MARK A CROSS (X) IN THE SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OF THE ALTERNATIVE WHICH YOU PREFER.

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?

812

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?

564

Blanks 30