

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 12, 1981**

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 12, 1981. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. The Reverend Stuart Nutter led voters in a moment of prayer. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. Bills of Charge.**

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1979 the sum of \$31.54, from Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1978 the sum of \$980.35, from Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of October 1979 the sum of \$379.38, and from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$692.00, for a total of \$2,083.27, to pay bills of charge.

**ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.**

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as presented in the Town Report.

**ARTICLE 3. To act on the proposed budget and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the use of several departments for the current fiscal year, 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, or take any other action thereon.**

On the floor of town meeting, the following budget changes were made: Town Counsel, reduced from \$9,000.00 to \$8,000.00; Police Department, added line item, Wages, for \$2,667.00, and reduced Overtime - Full Time Force from \$22,335.00 to \$19,668.00; Libraries, reduced from \$71,460.00 to \$69,178.00.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate a grand total town budget of \$3,537,660.00.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account, the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote 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 July 1, 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the 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 less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, 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 July 1, 1981, in accordance with the provisions of the 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 less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received as State Aid for Libraries, for the use of the Boxford Town Library, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$2,282.50, received as State Aid for Libraries, for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received from the County on account of dog licenses, for the use of the Boxford Town Library, 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 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for proposed drainage work on Washington Street, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$8,305.00 for proposed drainage work on Washington Street.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for materials to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in the Town of Boxford, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$14,021.00 for materials to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in the Town of Boxford.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,528.00 to meet Chapter 90 State Aid Allotment, expenditure of said monies predicated on amount of State reimbursement. Reimbursed monies will be credited to the General Fund, when received.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, because of the extraordinary exigency of the Acts of 1980, Chapter 580 (Proposition 2½), to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the amount of \$34,528.00 to meet Chapter 90 State Aid Allotment, expenditure of said monies predicated on amount of State reimbursement. Reimbursed monies will be credited to the General Fund, when received.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,780.00 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 appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing, the sum of \$6,780.00 for the use of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Town unemployment compensation fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$12,780.00 to be added to the Town unemployment compensation fund.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the town insurance 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 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to reimburse Mr. Alerson Noyes for work performed regarding the Recycling Operation for the Town of Boxford for the upcoming fiscal year 1981-1982, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1980 the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used to reimburse Mr. Alerson Noyes for work performed regarding the Recycling Operation for the Town of Boxford for the upcoming fiscal year 1981-1982.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to complete a municipal audit in uniformity with Federal Revenue Sharing requirements, and to authorize the Selectmen to engage outside auditors, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$9,000.00 to complete a municipal audit in conformity with Federal Revenue Sharing requirements, and to authorize the Selectmen to engage outside auditors.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500.00 for materials to close in the lobby at the Police Station in order to provide needed security and to prevent heat loss, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the article to include the words "and labor" after "materials."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1979 the amount of \$1,500.00 for materials and labor to close in the lobby at the Police Station in order to provide needed security and to prevent heat loss.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 to replace the present tape recording system presently used on the telephone and radio systems at the Emergency Center, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1978 the sum of \$1,435 to augment the present tape recording system presently used on the telephone and radio systems at the Emergency Center.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for continuing a program of cataloguing and conservation-preservation of Town records by the Town Clerk, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1978 the sum of \$1,000.00 for continuing a program of cataloguing and conservation-preservation of Town records by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the printing of the Town Bylaws as amended through May 31, 1981, 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 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and equip a new sedan to be used as a police car or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$8,600.00 to purchase and equip a new sedan to be used as a police car.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for various engineering site plan development, and other renovation costs, in order to relocate the current Boxford Town Hall into the Aaron Wood School, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$47,000.00 for various engineering, site plan development, and other renovation costs, in order to relocate the current Boxford Town Hall into the Aaron Wood School, said relocation contingent upon the final negotiations being completed for the Post Office to be moved into the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to formally accept all future responsibility for the complete care, maintenance and operation of the Aaron Wood School, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to formally accept all future responsibility for the complete care, maintenance and operation of the Aaron Wood School.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to contract for a feasibility study for: \*(1) Remodeling of Town Hall for use as a Post Office; (2) Remodeling of the Cole School for multiple municipal purposes; (3) Expansion of Spofford Pond School for educational purposes. These monies to be expended by the Selectmen of the town, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to exclude the location of the East Village Library from the multiple municipal purposes outlined in this article. The motion was defeated by land count vote, 118 affirmative and 172 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED by hand count vote, 165 affirmative and 149 negative, to amend the article to exclude the East Fire Station from the multiple municipal purposes outlined in this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the article was defeated by a majority voice vote.

\*The original motion, as made, deleted (1).

A motion was made and duly seconded to recess the meeting. The motion was defeated by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money for the renovation of and an addition to, and equipping the Cummings Memorial Building for use as a Town Library and to authorize and instruct the present Boxford Village Library Building Committee to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town and supervise the execution of such contract until completed, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$202,350.00 and from Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1978 the sum of \$14,350.00, said sums equalling \$216,700, for the renovation of and an addition to, and equipping the Cummings Memorial Building for use as a Town Library and to authorize and instruct the present Boxford Village Library Building Committee to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town and supervise the execution of such contract until completed.

The motion was defeated by hand count vote, 168 affirmative and 130 negative, since a transfer from the Stabilization Fund requires a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money for the construction of a new East Fire Station to be located on Town owned property adjacent to the present fire station on Middleton Road. Such sum to be expended under the direction of a building committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$295,000.00 and from Free Cash the sum of \$26,650.00, for a total of \$321,650.00, for the construction of a new East Fire Station to be located on Town owned property adjacent to the present fire station on Middleton Road. Such sum to be expended under the direction of a building committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The motion was defeated by hand count vote, 85 affirmative and 187 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to recess the meeting at 11:33 p.m., until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1981, in the same location.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 432.

Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the second session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. on May 13, 1981. The Reverend Stuart Nutter led voters in a prayer for Pope John Paul II's recovery from an attempted assassination.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed, without consideration, from Haywood Associates, Inc. in the following described premises, the land in Boxford being shown as Lot 6A Pond Street, on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Boxford, Ma., prepared for Haywood Associates, Inc., Scale 1" = 100', September 23, 1980, Hancock Survey Association, Inc., 85 Maple Street, Danvers, Ma." said plan recorded with Essex South District, Page of Deed Plan Book 164 as Plan 26. Plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said lot. Said lot contains 7,800 ± square feet according to said plan.

The grantor reserves unto itself, its successors and/or assigns, the right to pass and repass on said lot 6A to and from Lot 6, as shown in said plan, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept a deed, without consideration, from Haywood Associates, Inc. in the following described premises, the land in Boxford being shown as Lot 6A Pond Street, on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Boxford, Ma., prepared for Haywood Associates, Inc., Scale 1" = 100', September 23, 1980, Hancock Survey Associates, Inc., 85 Maple Street, Danvers, Ma." said plan recorded with Essex South District, Page of Deed Plan Book 164 as Plan 26. Plan reference may be made for a more particular description on said lot. Said lot contains 7,800 ± square feet according to said plan.

The grantor reserves unto itself, its successors and/or assigns, the right to pass and repass on said Lot 6A to and from Lot 6, as shown in said plan.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 of the General Bylaws by adding the following thereto: "Any person(s) found drinking any alcoholic beverages in such public place shall be arrested and prosecuted according to law."

Amended Article 10 to read as follows:



No person(s) 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 or license, park or playground, school grounds, or private land or place without the consent of the legal owner or person in control thereof. Any person(s) found drinking any alcoholic beverages in such public places shall be arrested and prosecuted according to law. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this Bylaw shall be seized and safely held for trial before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person(s) entitled to lawful possession, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Whoever violates this Bylaw shall be subject to a fine of fifty (\$50.00) for each offense.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority show of hands, to amend Article 10 of the General Bylaws to read as follows:

No person(s) 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 or license, park or playground, school grounds, or private land or place without the consent of the legal owner or person in control thereof. Any person(s) found drinking any alcoholic beverages in such public places shall be arrested and prosecuted according to law. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this Bylaw shall be seized and safely held for trail before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person(s) entitled to lawful possession, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Whoever violates this Bylaw shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw or take any other action thereon: Article 3, Section 11, 3-10-1, A gas inspector shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 142, Section 11, as amended.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the following bylaw: Article 3, Section 11, 3-10-1, A gas inspector shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 142, Section 11, as amended.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw or take any other action thereon: Article 11, Section 5, 11-5-1. Any violation of the provisions of these general bylaws which is subject to a specific penalty, the enforcing person, as an alternative to initiate criminal proceedings, may proceed with a non-criminal disposition of said violation in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21(d), as amended.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the following bylaw: Article 11, Section 5, 11-5-1. Any violation of the provisions of these general bylaws which is subject to initiate criminal proceedings, may proceed with a non-criminal disposition of said violation in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21(d), as amended.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 20 C (as amended) dealing with the establishment of a parking violation penalty/fine structure for the Town of Boxford, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 20 C (as amended) dealing with the establishment of a parking violation penalty/fine structure for the Town of Boxford.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Bylaw: (8-4-6) Any owner or keeper of a dog three months of age or older in the Town of Boxford shall cause that dog to be licensed as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140 within the stipulated time.

A prerequisite of application for the license shall be the accompanying submission of proof of vaccination of the dog for rabies within the preceding period as required by the laws of the Commonwealth by a person qualified to administer such vaccination which vaccine shall have been approved by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth.

The fee for such license shall be in the amount required by M.G.L.A., Chapter 140, Section 139 as amended.

Should any owner or keeper of a dog fail to license that dog before June 1st, that owner or keeper shall pay a late fee of five dollars plus

an additional fee of one dollar per month beginning June 1, before obtaining said license, excepting a dog brought into the Town as provided in Section 138 of Chapter 140 M.G.L.A., this late fee shall be applicable from the 61st day after arrival of such dog.

Any person maintaining a kennel in the Town of Boxford, who fails to license as prescribed by this section and the laws of the Commonwealth, shall pay a late fee of ten dollars plus an additional fee of two dollars per month beginning June 1.

Such fees as collected by the Dog Officer or Town Clerk shall be accounted for and paid over to the Town Treasurer to be incorporated into the General Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the bylaw, as read, under Article 8, Section 4 of the General Bylaws: 8-4-6

Any owner or keeper of a dog three months of age or older in the Town of Boxford shall cause that dog to be licensed as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140 within the stipulated time.

A prerequisite of application for the license shall be the accompanying submission of proof of vaccination of the dog for rabies within the preceding period as required by the laws of the Commonwealth by a person qualified to administer such vaccination which vaccine shall have been approved by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth.

The fee for such license shall be in the amount required by M.G.L.A., Chapter 140, Section 139 as amended.

Should any owner or keeper of the dog fail to license that dog before June 1st, that owner or keeper shall pay a late fee of five dollars plus an additional fee of one dollar per month beginning June 1, before obtaining said license, excepting a dog brought into the Town as provided in Section 138 of Chapter 140 M.G.L.A., this late fee shall be applicable from the 61st day after arrival of such dog.

Any person maintaining a kennel in the Town of Boxford, who fails to license as prescribed by this section and the laws of the Commonwealth, shall pay a late fee of ten dollars plus an additional fee of two dollars per month beginning June 1.

Such fees as collected by the Dog Officer or Town Clerk shall be accounted for and paid over to the Town Treasurer to be incorporated into the General Fund.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V, A, 1 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by adding after "One single family detached dwelling" the following: Which shall have adequate access (which need not be used for a driveway) from the frontage to the dwelling site. Every driveway shall be located entirely within the lot that it serves and shall not serve another lot except as provided in Section V, A, 12, or take any other action thereon.

**EXPLANATION:** This zoning amendment was voted by the Town at the May 20, 1980 Town Meeting by a margin of 148 to 1. It was subsequently disapproved by the Attorney General because of a procedural flaw. It is presented again for approval this year exactly as it was voted last year.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend Section V, A, 1 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by adding after "One single family detached dwelling" the following: which shall have adequate access (which need not be used for a driveway) from the frontage to the dwelling site. Every driveway shall be located entirely within the lot that it serves and shall not serve another lot except as provided in Section V, A, 12.

Robert Hacking of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V, A, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by adding the following:

12. Subject to the grant of a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as follows:

A driveway may be shared by more than one lot, but not more than three lots, so long as the driveway shall be located entirely within the lots being served. Every such shared driveway must be regulated by a recorded maintenance agreement running in perpetuity with the land and satisfactory to Town Counsel. The Board of Appeals shall impose such conditions, to be made a part of the special permit, as are necessary to provide adequate access including conditions that assign responsibility for maintenance and snow removal, or take any other action thereon.

**EXPLANATION:** This zoning amendment was voted by the Town at the May 20, 1980 Town Meeting by a margin of 111 to 36. It was subsequently disapproved by the Attorney General because of a procedural flaw. It is presented again for approval this year exactly as it was voted last year.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend Section V, A, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by adding the following:

12. Subject to the grant of a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as follows:

A driveway may be shared by more than one lot, but not more than three lots, so long as the driveway shall be located entirely within the lots being served. Every such shared driveway must be regulated by a recorded maintenance agreement running in perpetuity with the land and satisfactory to Town Counsel. The Board of Appeals shall impose such conditions, to be made a part of the special permit, as are necessary to provide adequate access including conditions that assign responsibility for maintenance and snow removal.

Robert Hacking of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V, E, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by striking the reference in the last sentence "Section VI, B-2-c" and substituting "Section VI, B-2-a," or take any other action thereon.

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this zoning amendment is to correct a typographical error by striking sub-clause letter c and substituting the letter a.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend Section V, E, of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford by striking the reference in the last sentence "Section VI, B-2-c" and substituting "Section VI, B-2-a."

Robert Hacking of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to add to Section VI-B-2-C of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford (page 16) the words "or land submerged during the entire year" so that the first sentence will then read "1) in computing the area of any lot, no part of a public or private way and no part of a pond or river or land submerged during the entire year shall be included.", or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the article was defeated by hand count vote, 50 affirmative and 54 negative.

Robert Hacking of the Planning Board made an oral report of an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to add to Section VI B-2-C-2 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford the word "existing" so that the first part of the first sentence will then read "At least one (1) existing acre of contiguous land of every lot laid out for residential use after adoption of this amendment . . . etc.", 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 37. To see if the Town will vote to add a third (Paragraph #3) to Section VI B-2-C of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford (computation of lot area) specifying that "No land having any dimension of less than twenty-five feet (25') shall be included in the contiguous buildable area.", 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 38. To see if the Town will vote to add to Section VI B-4-a-1 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Boxford (minimum lot frontage) to the sentence ending "there shall be a minimum continuous lot frontage of two hundred and fifty (250) feet" the words "which shall have a depth of not less than fifty feet (50') measured from the street line.", 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 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 4G which authorizes increase by the amount to four-thousand dollars for which specified bidding procedures must be followed, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 4G which authorizes increase by the amount to four-thousand dollars for which specified bidding procedures must be followed.

ARTICLE 40. 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 majority voice vote, to pass over the article.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to utilize free cash to offset any short fall between total appropriations and receipts, provided that no less than \$80,000. remains in the free cash account, 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 42. To see if the town will vote to accept a portion of High Ridge Road, Station 00 + 00 to Station 49 + 00, as a town way.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept a portion of High Ridge Road, Station 00 + 00 to Station 49 + 00, as a town way.

ARTICLE 43. 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 9:12 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 112. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Frank H. Weatherby  
Town Clerk

**BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1981 - 1982****GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Selectmen	\$ 23,595	
Clerical	5,167	
Town Clerk	6,245	
Registrars	1,850	
Elections	1,100	
Town Counsel	8,000	
Planning Board	2,869	
Appeals Board	1,000	
Recreation Committee	1,300	
N.S. Child Guidance Center	2,697	
Council on Aging	1,146	
Conservation Committee	475	
Advertising Expense	1,100	
TOTAL		\$ 56,544

**FINANCE**

Accountant	\$ 12,538	
Treasurer	7,645	
Tax Collector	13,660	
Assessors	21,100	
Finance Committee	400	
TOTAL		\$ 55,343

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Department		
Salaries - Full Time Force	\$ 143,965	
Over-time - Full Time Force	19,668	
Wages	2,667	
All other	56,541	
	\$ 222,841	
Fire Department	45,152	
Communications	54,939	
Dog Officer	1,900	
Inspector of Animals	225	
Building Inspector	5,000	
Electrical Inspector	2,080	



## TOWN CLERK

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Gas Inspector	400	
Board of Health	17,046	
Civil Defense	514	
Ambulance Service	<u>8,018</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 358,115
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
Elementary	\$1,122,059	
Masconomet	1,490,530	
Regional Vo-Tech.	<u>18,385</u>	
TOTAL		\$2,630,974
<b>LIBRARIES</b>		
		69,178
<b>*DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
Salaries, Wages & Overtime	\$ 91,898	
Materials	98,608	
All other	<u>107,844</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 298,350
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>		
General Insurance	\$ 14,000	
Health & Life Insurance	31,600	
Town Cemetery	50	
Village Cemetery	300	
Brookside Cemetery	100	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	100	
Soldier's Graves	500	
Harmony Cemetery	200	
Veterans' Benefits	2,000	
Selectmen's Contingency	1,600	
Interest on Loans	11,000	
Retirement Pensions	1,216	
Town Reports	4,000	
Memorial Day	940	
Town Forest	100	
Historic District Commission	50	
Moth Suppression	<u>1,400</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 69,156
GRAND TOTAL TOWN BUDGET		<u>\$3,537,660</u>

\*Article #10 on warrant of \$34,528 will supplement the total \$298,350

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 12, 1981**

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 12, 1981. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$31,107.00 in order to comply with the Town's Chapter 90 State Aid Fund which is a "forced account," or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$31,107.00 in order to comply with the Town's Chapter 90 State Aid Fund which is a "forced account."

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to make the following transfers of funds from budgets or other available funds, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from the D.P.W., Materials, Snow and Ice Account, the sum of \$1,300.00 to the D.P.W. Salaries, Wages and Overtime Account; from the D.P.W., Materials, Snow and Ice Account, the sum of \$5,622.00 to the D.P.W. All Other Account; and from the Police Department Salaries Account the sum of \$5,000 to the Police Department All Other Account.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the free cash account to estimated receipts and available funds account to offset a shortfall between total appropriations and receipts in fiscal year 1980-1981, 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 4. 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 Special Town Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 61. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Frank H. Weatherby  
Town Clerk

TRANSFERS

Article 1	\$31,107.00
Article 2	<u>11,922.00</u>

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED

\$43,029.00