

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 1, 1981

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on December 1, 1981. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. The Reverend Stuart Nutter conducted a moment of meditation and prayer. The Moderator announced that the Salvation Army is seeking donations of cash and food for the Lynn Fire Relief following the disastrous fire on Saturday, November 28. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 21 of the May 1981 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$47,000 for various engineering, site plan development, and other renovation/moving 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, an amendment requesting the town to study the relocation of the current Boxford Town Hall to the Aaron Wood School was defeated by majority voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Article 21 of the May 1981 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$47,000 for various engineering, site plan development, and other renovation/moving costs in order to relocate the current Boxford Town Offices into the Aaron Wood School.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town would vote to authorize the Boxford Board of Selectmen to lease, demolish or sell the present Boxford Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to authorize the Boxford Board of Selectmen to examine the feasibility of either leasing, demolishing or selling the present Boxford Town Hall, and report back to the Annual Town Meeting in May of 1982.

ARTICLE 3. 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 majority voice vote, to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$8,056.26 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 4. 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 move Article 4 for discussion following Warrant Article 15.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the completion of the revaluation of all real estate in Town to a full and fair cash value, said program to be finalized under the supervision of the Board of Assessors, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of funding the completion of the revaluation of all real estate in Town to a full and fair cash value, said program to be finalized under the supervision of the Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,270.00 to amend/increase the "F.Y. 82" Clerical Budget for the office of the Town Accountant, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,270.00 to amend/increase the "F.Y. 82" Clerical Budget for the office of the Town Accountant.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000.00 to amend/increase the "F.Y. 82" budget for the office of the Boxford Electrical Inspector, or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or bond, or borrow, the sum of \$253,300.00 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by a hand count vote, 474 affirmative and 88 opposed, to transfer the sum of \$175.57 of Library planning money from an article established by Article 25 of the May 1977 Annual Town Meeting, to transfer the sum of \$14,350.00 of Library planning money from an article established by Article 29 of the May 1978 Annual Town Meeting, to transfer the sum of \$11,474.43 from Federal Revenue Sharing funds, and to borrow by issuance of State House Notes for a term of five years a sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$226,000.00, 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.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,900.00, such money to be expended by the Fire Department in order to present to the next annual town meeting a firm bid for construction of a new East Fire Station on the Town owned lot adjacent to the present station on Middleton Road, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 276 affirmative and 246 opposed, to amend the article by deleting from the motion the phrase, "on the Town owned lot adjacent to the present station on Middleton Road."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00, such money to be expended by the Fire Department in order to present to a future town meeting a firm bid for construction of a new East Fire Station.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Bylaw: (Proposed as Article one, Section 6, (1-6-1)), Any non-voter wishing to address the Town Meeting body may do so only after a 2/3 vote allowing him/her to do so, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adopt the following Town Bylaw: (Proposed as Article one, Section 6, (1-6-1)), Any non-voter wishing to address the Town Meeting body may do so only after a 2/3 vote allowing him/her to do so.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Fiscal Year 1982 State Budget (outside Section 115) Sub-Section 20A½, which allows the Town of Boxford to enforce various parking regulations and to collect revenues for such violations as of January 1, 1982, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 315 affirmative and 146 opposed, to accept the provisions of the Fiscal Year 1982 State Budget (outside Section 115) Sub-Section 20A½, which allows the Town of Boxford to enforce various parking regulations and to collect revenues for such violations as of January 1, 1982.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to revise and amend Article 31 of the May 10, 1977 Annual Town Meeting and the zoning map dated May 10, 1977 as amended, by deleting the B-1B zone as shown on said plan and accepting and inserting a new B-1B zone as shown on a plan recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 149 Plan 49 said zone to be the actual West Village Store lot as shown on said plan, or take any other action thereon.

There was an oral report given by Craig Falk of the Planning Board recommending favorable action on the article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to revise and amend Article 31 of the May 10, 1977 Annual Town Meeting and the zoning map dated May 10, 1977 as amended, by deleting the B-1B zone as shown on said plan and accepting and inserting a new B-1B zone as shown on a plan recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 149 Plan 49 said zone to be the actual West Village Store lot as shown on said plan.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Livermore Road from station 00 + 00.00 to station 10 + 47.91 as a town way, 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 aerial spray certain sections in the Town of Boxford with the pesticide _____ for the purpose of gypsy moth infestation control, said spraying to be done in the spring (1982) and under the supervision of the Moth Superintendent, Town Forest Committee and Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$156,000.00 to spray with the pesticide Sevin (mixed in oil).

The article was defeated by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to increase/supplement various ground spraying activities in certain sections in the Town of Boxford with the pesticide _____ for the purpose of gypsy moth infestation control, said spraying to be done in the spring (1982) under the supervision of the Boxford Moth Superintendent, Town Forest Committee and Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to spray with the pesticide Sevin.

The article was defeated by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. 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 transfer from free cash the amount of \$43,497.94 in order to reduce the tax rate for fiscal 1982.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting, or take any other action thereon.

Selectman Chairman Charles Killam proposed a resolution that a vote of thanks be given to Jeffrey T. Zager, Executive Secretary for the Board of Selectmen, who is leaving this month for a position with the Town of Lynnfield. The vote was enthusiastically given.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 595. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Frank H. Weatherby
Town Clerk

TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

Article 5	\$ 12,000.00	
Article 6	2,270.00	
Article 9	<u>2,900.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 17,170.00

TRANSFERS

Article 1	\$ 47,000.00	
Article 3	8,056.26	
Article 8	26,000.00	
Article 4	<u>43,497.94</u>	
TOTAL		\$124,554.20

BORROWING

Article 8	\$200,000.00	
TOTAL		\$200,000.00