

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 10, 1983

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 10, 1983. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. The Reverend Stuart Nutter led voters in a moment of meditation. 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 hand count vote, 293 affirmative, 8 opposed, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$337 to pay several Bills of Charge.

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

Selectmen requested and were granted approval to delay their report on Town Hall to just before Article 12. The Moderator also announced at this point that Articles 12, 13 and 14 would be considered together, but voted on separately.

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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,612 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Assessors budget by decreasing it from \$38,056 to \$29,671.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,824 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$359,771 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Library Operating Expense budget by decreasing it from \$82,645 to \$79,783.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the Library Bond Repayment budget by increasing it from \$41,630 to \$52,208.

A motion was made and duly seconded to increase the North Shore Vocational budget from \$29,500 to \$36,764. The motion was defeated by hand count vote, 92 affirmative, 223 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,865,711 for Education.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$314,202 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,764 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,875 for Insurance.

ARTICLE 4. 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983 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 the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983 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 the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 5. 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 Reserve the sum of \$48,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to request the Planning Board to study what modifications of Boxford's zoning bylaws are required to permit the construction of suitable dwellings for the town's elderly citizens, and to report its findings to the Town at or before the next Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon.

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ARTICLE 7. 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 \$2,687 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

ARTICLE 8. 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 appropriate the sum of \$175 received from the County on account of dog licenses, for the use of the Boxford Town Library.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$33,550 to meet Chapter 90 State Aid Allotment, said monies predicated on state reimbursement, all reimbursed money to be credited to the General Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$33,550 to meet Chapter 90 State Aid Allotment, said monies predicated on state reimbursement, all reimbursed money to be credited to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$110,000 to reconstruct and resurface Bare Hill Road, Section 2, Middleton Road and a section of Route 133, 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 \$45,540, and from Overlay Surplus Reserve the sum of \$64,460 to reconstruct and resurface Bare Hill Road, Section 2, Middleton Road and a section of Route 133.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,100 for proposed drainage work on certain roads in the Town of Boxford, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Overlay Surplus Reserve the sum of \$10,100 for proposed drainage work on certain roads in the Town of Boxford.

Selectman Donald Behrens presented the Selectmen's report on Town Hall and the old Fire Station, recommending that the Town Hall be razed and the Fire Station be refurbished.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to renovate the Old Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

A motion was made and duly seconded to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to appoint a five-member Committee, consisting of one member from the Historic District Commission, one member from the Council on Aging, one member from the Planning Board, and two at-large, said Committee to review the utilization of the Old Town Hall and Fire Station complex.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the article as above.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to appoint a five-member Committee, consisting of one member from the Historic District Commission, one member from the Council on Aging, one member from the Planning Board, and two at-large, said Committee to review the utilization of the Old Town Hall and Fire station complex.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to renovate the Old Fire Station, 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 dismantle the Old Town Hall and/or Old Fire Station and make a Town Common of the existing lot, 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Insurance 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 Reserve the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Insurance Fund.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$500 to be used to reimburse Mr. Alerson Noyes for work performed regarding the Recycling Operation for the Town of Boxford for the fiscal year 1983-1984, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 1981, the sum of \$500 to be used to reimburse Mr. Alerson Noyes for work performed regarding the Recycling Operation for the Town of Boxford for the fiscal year 1983-1984.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$12,000 for police and other services at the landfill to enforce regulations imposed by State Agencies and the Board of Health; said services to be supported by sales of annual dump permits at a cost of \$10.00 per household, or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,900 for the support 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 transfer from Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of October 3, 1978, the sum of \$500; transfer from Article 15 of the May 8, 1979 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$69.36; transfer from Article 24 of the May 12, 1982 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$6.00; transfer from Article 42 of the May 13, 1980 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$611.50; transfer from Article 20 of the May 12, 1981 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$314.00; transfer from Article 26 of the May 11, 1982 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$196.00; transfer from Article 26 of the May 11, 1982 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$54.00; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,149.14; said total to equal \$7,900 for the support of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,300 to repair equipment in and maintain all ballfields under the direction of the Recreation Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Article 2 of the December 29, 1966 Special Town Meeting the sum of \$1,061.50; transfer from Article 13 of the March 6, 1972 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$1,105.96; transfer from Article 33 of the 1975 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$401.23; and transfer from Overlay Surplus Reserve the sum of \$3,731.31; said total to equal \$6,300.00 to repair equipment in and maintain all ballfields under the direction of the Recreation Committee.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 p.m. and reconvene on Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m., at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 368.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 10, 1983

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 10, 1983. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1982 to establish separate accounts for tuitions of non-resident students, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept Chapter 43 of the Acts of 1982 to establish separate accounts for tuitions of non-resident students.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the amount of \$476 to meet additional Chapter 90 State Aid allotment, said monies predicated on State Reimbursement, all reimbursed monies to be credited to the General Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$476 to meet additional Chapter 90 State Aid allotment, said monies predicated on State reimbursement, all reimbursed monies to be credited to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000 to complete the re-construction project on Bare Hill Road, 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 sum of \$12,000 to complete the re-construction project on Bare Hill Road.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Police "salary" account to the Police "reserve" account, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer the sum of \$3,100 from the Police "salary" account to the Police "reserve" account.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to add to 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 pass over the article.

ARTICLE 6. 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 dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 88. 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 3

\$12,000

Article 4

3,100

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED

\$15,100.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Article 2

\$ 476

TOTAL TO BE APPROPRIATED

\$ 476.00