

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 8, 1984

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 8, 1984. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,338.10 to pay the following bills:

Electrical Inspector		\$ 800.00
Mechanics Uniform		117.10
Neptune, Inc.		110.00
Granz Marine & Mower, Inc.	\$150.33	
	33.23	183.56
Dube Lock Co., Inc.		66.40
C. & C. Elliot, Inc.		38.36
Georgetown Lumber		22.68
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		\$1,338.10

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 unanimous voice vote, to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

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.

The Moderator announced that the Town will be voting on the budget for FY1985.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,586 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,905 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,958 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the Elementary Schools budget by increasing it from \$1,203,232 to \$1,234,071.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,016,410 for Education.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$331,311 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,923 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the General Insurance budget by decreasing it from \$66,796 to \$64,536.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,036 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, 1984 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 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 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 the sum of \$45,000 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 Overlay Surplus Reserve, the sum of \$45,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposal passed on March 7, 1984, by the Masconomet Regional School District to amend the agreement establishing the Masconomet Regional School District (a) by providing that the District will assume jurisdiction over all grades from Kindergarten to grade 12 as of January 1, 1985 and that all existing town elementary schools within the District will be leased to the District for nominal consideration by the member towns to become District elementary schools; (b) by providing that capital costs and operating costs for elementary schools in each town shall be apportioned among the member towns on the basis of their enrollments in the elementary schools of each town; (c) by providing that capital costs and operating costs for schools other than elementary schools shall be apportioned on the basis of total enrollments in such schools; (d) by providing for a Regional School Committee comprised of four members from the Town of Boxford, four members from the Town of Topsfield, and three members from the Town of Middleton; initially, two each to be selected from the present Elementary School Committee and five to be selected from town delegations on the present Masconomet School Committee. (e) by providing for the location of District elementary schools with the restrictions that students in grades K-6 shall attend schools in their town of residence. However, the Regional School Committee may determine by a majority vote to assign an elementary student to a school other than his/her town of residence in case of emergency which prevents use of a building in whole or part, enrollment in special education classes or with parental approval in special circumstances. In addition, the Regional School Committee may assign elementary students to a school in other than their town or residence only after a favorable vote at a town meeting on the part of both sending a receiving towns involved in the assignment; (f) by providing that at or after the 1988 annual town meetings, member towns may withdraw the elementary schools, Kindergarten through grade 6, from the District by a majority vote in two of the three towns at their respective Annual Town Meetings, or in the event that one town, by a majority vote at two successive Annual Town Meetings, votes to withdraw the elementary schools, all the elementary schools Kindergarten through Grade 6, would revert to town schools on July 1st following the calendar year in which the decisive vote was taken; (g) by making technical changes incidental to the foregoing amendments. Copies of the revised agreement with all proposed amendments are available at the office of the Town Clerk.

An amendment to pass over the article was defeated by a hand count vote, 86 affirmative and 262 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the article was defeated by a hand count vote, 160 affirmative and 257 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 228 affirmative and 71 negative, to consider Articles 35, 36, 37, and 38 before Article 7.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500 for architectural plans to renovate the old Town Hall facilities; the present Town Hall, when vacated, to be used for other community activities, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other

action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 265 affirmative and 16 negative, to move the question.

A motion that the vote be taken by Australian ballot was defeated by a majority voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 148 affirmative and 132 negative, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,500 for preliminary architectural plans and cost estimates to renovate the Old Town Hall for community purposes, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to raze the old Town Hall and utilize the open space for a Town Common, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, 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 raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 for architectural plans to renovate a portion of the old Fire Station for community use, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, 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 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,000 to raze all of the old Fire Station complex and utilize the open space for a Town Common, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, 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 \$1,950 to raze all of the old Fire Station complex, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, at 11:13 p.m., to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., at Mascommet, and to start with Articles 24 and 25 at that time.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 432.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 8, 1984

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on May 8, 1984. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 the sum of \$2,000 to increase the budget of the Electrical Inspector's Department, 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 \$2,000 to increase the budget of the Electrical Inspector's Department.

ARTICLE 2. 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 transfer from Overlay Surplus Reserve the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Town Insurance Fund.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to various departmental budgets for expenses incurred due to the storm emergency of March 29-30, 1984, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer the sum of \$14,021 from Article 9 of the 1981 Annual Town Meeting and \$21,000 from Overlay Surplus Revenue to the DPW budget for expenses incurred due to the storm emergency of March 29-30, 1984, and for other unanticipated expenses within the DPW.

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 dissolve the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 60. 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	\$ 2,000.00
Article 2	5,000.00
Article 3	<u>35,021.00</u>

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED

\$42,021.00