

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 14, 1985

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on May 14, 1985. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. In observance of the Town's Tricentennial Celebration, Moderator Minich read from remarks recorded at the 1919 Town Meeting when the present Town Meeting gavel was presented to the Town. 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, a sum of money to pay bills of charge from Fiscal Year 1984, 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 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 use of several departments for fiscal year 1986, to wit: General Government, Finance, Public Safety, Education, Town Maintenance 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 majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,621 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119,170 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$407,624 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300,352 for Education.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$363,668 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,290 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,869 for Insurance and Pensions.

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, 1985 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, 1985 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.

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5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received as for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Libraries, said funds to expended direction of the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library, or take any other action

motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to te the sum of \$2,687 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the own Libraries, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of rd Town Library.

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received from y on account of dog licenses, for use of the Boxford Town Library, said funds to ed under the direction of the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library, or take any on thereon.

motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to te the sum of \$799.55 received from the County on account of dog licenses, for Boxford Town Library, said funds to be expended under the direction of the f the Boxford Town Library.

7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the provisional 5 year l plan for the Sanitary Landfill as presented by the Board of Health for the total sum of \$326,690.00, commencing July 1, 1985, such funds to be used rder and direction of the Board of Health, and reimbursement for such funds ght from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any other action

motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to nd accept the provisional 5 year operational plan for the Sanitary Landfill as by the Board of Health for the estimated total sum of \$326,690.00, ng July 1, 1985, such funds to be used under the order and direction of the health, and reimbursement for such funds to be sought from the Common-Massachusetts.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from nds, or bond a sum of money, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of en to borrow through State House Notes the sum of \$326,690.00 to be used by of Health to administer and direct all renovations, required for the provisional ational plan for the Sanitary Landfill, commencing July 1, 1985, said funds to nd under the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action thereon. motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 255 and 17 negative, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the to borrow through State House Notes the sum of \$326,690.00 to be used by the Health to administer and direct all renovations required for the provisional 5 tional plan for the Sanitary Landfill, commencing July 1, 1985, said funds to be under the direction of the Board of Health.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from nds, or bond a sum of money, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of en to borrow through State House Notes the sum of \$130,000 to reconstruct ce certain roads in town; said funds to be expended under the direction of the electmen, or take any other action thereon.

motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to ppropriate the sum of \$130,000 to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase or lease/purchase a new backhoe for the Department of Public Works, 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 transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$28,670 to purchase a new backhoe for the Department of Public Works, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow through State House Notes a sum of money for repairs to and replacement of the roof at the Spofford Pond School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 286 affirmative and 3 negative, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow through State House Notes the sum of \$145,000 for repairs to and replacement of the roof at the Spofford Pond School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to hire two additional full time patrolmen to provide increased coverage, said funds to be included in the budget of the Police Department, or take any other action thereon.

(Estimate:		
Salaries:	\$	40,000
overtime:		6,077
reserves:		1,068
all other:		7,449
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TOTAL:	\$	54,594)

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,845.18, and to transfer the sum of \$20.95 from Article 15 of the 1976 Annual Town Meeting; \$86.50 from Article 5 of the June 27, 1978 Town meeting; \$.55 from Article 8 of the December 17, 1981 Town Meeting; \$90.00 from Article 29 of the May 14, 1983 Town Meeting; \$64.77 from Article 30 of the May 10, 1983 Town Meeting; \$21.00 from Article 31 of the May 10, 1983 Town Meeting; \$17.03 from Article 32 of the May 10, 1983 Town Meeting; \$500.00 from Article 16 of the May 10, 1983 Town Meeting; \$4,815.06 from Article 21 of the May 13, 1980 Town Meeting, \$22.68 from Article 1 of the May 8, 1984 Town Meeting; \$3.00 from Article 8 of the May 8, 1984 Town Meeting; \$134.03 from Article 16 of the May 8, 1984 Town Meeting; \$103.25 from Article 22 of the May 8, 1984 Town Meeting; and \$950.00 from Article 38 of the May 8, 1984 Town Meeting; for a sum of \$6,748.82 and a combined total of \$54,594, to hire two additional full time patrolmen to provide increased coverage, said funds to be included in the budget of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to pass legislation enabling the Town of Boxford to implement a landbank program for the purchase of real estate interests for conservation or preservation of open space, wetlands, water resource areas, or wildlife areas, funded by a fee of up to 1/2% on real estate transfers, such petition to be submitted in the discretion of the state legislators representing the Town, or to take any other action thereon.

EXPLANATION: Although the state encourages municipalities to acquire real estate interests for conservation and has a funding program in place to assist in such acquisitions, no actual state funds have been made available to Boxford. Under this proposal, Boxford could develop a source of funds directly through a fee of up to 1/2% on future real estate transfers in the Town. To "enable" the town to levy such a fee, the state must pass the requested legislation. Among other real estate interests, the town could purchase conservation easements as well as actual land. The Boxford funds would be under the jurisdiction of elected officials and the Conservation Commission, and any expenditures would also be subject to Town Meeting approval, except for deposits on acquisitions up to \$50,000. The Town could discontinue the fee by a vote at Town Meeting if it later wanted to do so. For further information, refer to the proposed legislation "Open Space Land Fund for the Town of Boxford."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 181 affirmative and 101 negative, to petition the General Court to pass legislation enabling the Town of Boxford to implement a landbank program for the purchase of real estate interests for conservation or preservation of open space, wetlands, water resource areas, or wildlife areas, funded by a fee of up to 1/2% on real estate transfers, such petition to be submitted in the discretion of the state legislators representing the Town.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to lease purchase or purchase cruisers for the Police Department, 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 raise and appropriate, the sum of \$15,439 and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,561, for a total of \$26,000, to purchase cruisers for the Police Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$4,400 to purchase a new Breathalyzer for the Police Department, 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 \$3,900 to purchase a new Breathalyzer for the Police Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to lease purchase or purchase a dump truck for the Department of Public Works, 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, 135 affirmative and 106 negative, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,262 to purchase a dump truck for the Department of Public Works, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to lease purchase a dump body, sander and hydraulic pump for the 1985 dump truck, 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 \$14,934, to purchase a dump body, sander and hydraulic pump for the 1985 dump truck, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase a new high frequency radio system for the Police Department to replace the inadequate low frequency system presently in 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 transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the amount of \$19,629 to purchase a new high frequency radio system for the Police Department to replace the inadequate low frequency system presently in use, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,200 to purchase a video recorder and camera to record prisoner activities while confined to a cell, 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 \$1,200 to purchase a video recorder and camera to record prisoner activities while confined in a cell, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow through State House Notes a sum of money to purchase a new fire engine to replace Engine 3, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present Engine 3 (a 1963 vehicle) in any manner which they may deem advisable, 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$120,690 and from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$9,336 to purchase a new fire engine to replace Engine 3, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present Engine 3 (a 1963 vehicle) in any manner which they may deem advisable, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to purchase the Hirst "Jaws of Life" rescue tools, 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 \$7,900 to purchase the Hirst "Jaws of Life" rescue tools, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$8,570 for the support of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc., 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 \$8,570 for the support of the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services, Inc., said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase a generator for the Spofford Pond School for emergency shelter purposes, 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money, or authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow through State House Notes a sum of money for the reconstruction, renovation and/or addition to the Old Town Hall, 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, 136 affirmative and 52 negative, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow through State House Notes the sum of \$229,400 for the reconstruction, renovation and addition to the Old Town Hall, 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 11:25 p.m., to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Masconomet.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 306.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 14, 1985

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on May 14, 1985. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to dedicate the common area at the Main Street/Elm Street/Topsfield Road intersection in the memory of James L. Melvin, a resident of Boxford, who died in the service of his country in the Vietnam conflict, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dedicate the common area at the Main Street/Elm Street/Topsfield Road intersection in the memory of James L. Melvin, a resident of Boxford, who died in the service of his country in the Vietnam conflict.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to offset expenses at the dedication of the veteran's memorials on May 26, 1985, 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 to offset expenses at the dedication of the veteran's memorials on May 26, 1985, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds money for landscaping on the site of the Old Fire Station (between the Old Town Hall and the store's parking lot), 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 \$5,500 for landscaping on the site of the Old Fire Station (between the Old Town Hall and the store's parking lot), said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000 for the final payment on the completion of the soccer field at Boy Scout Park, 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 for the final payment on the completion of the soccer field at Boy Scout Park, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5. 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 \$8,536 from the police salary account to the police reserve account.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the operating budget of the police department, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer the sum of \$2,400 from Free Cash to the reserve account of the police department.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the operating budget of the fire department, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote to transfer the sum of \$8,705 from Free Cash to the operating budget of the fire department.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the operating budget of the Department of Public Works, 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 \$2,300 to the salaries account and \$3,000 to the all others account of the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A resident of the Town spoke to the voters urging their support for a crime prevention and community awareness program in town.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve the meeting at 7:53 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 2	\$	1,000.00	
Article 3		5,500.00	
Article 4		4,000.00	
Article 5		8,536.00	
Article 6		2,400.00	
Article 7		8,705.00	
Article 8		<u>5,300.00</u>	
TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED	\$		35,441.00