

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 13, 1986

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on May 13, 1986. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:58 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, a sum of money to pay bills of charge from Fiscal Year 1985, 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 see if the Town will vote to amend its bylaws by eliminating Article 5 in its entirety and adopting a Personnel Bylaw, together with a Classification and Pay Plan as Article 5, as submitted by the Personnel Board and filed with the Town Clerk in April, 1986, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote with a show of hands, to amend under Section 5, the longevity payment schedule contained in Section 5-5-8 to read:

| Length of Service | Additional Compensation Received |
|---------------------------|--|
| Under 10 Years | None |
| Over 10 to Under 15 Years | 2½% of base wages received in previous fiscal year |
| Over 15 Years | 5% of base wages received in previous fiscal year |

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the bylaws by eliminating Article 5 in its entirety and adopting a Personnel Bylaw as amended, together with a Classification and Pay Plan as Article 5, as submitted by the Personnel Board and filed with the Town Clerk in April, 1986.

ARTICLE 4. 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 1987, to wit: General Government, Finance, Public Safety, Education, Town Maintenance and all other necessary 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 \$138,915 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,811 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$530,531 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,561,706 for Education.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,666 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,117 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,319 for Insurance and Pensions.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to act on the proposed budget and see that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,955,075 for use of several departments for fiscal year 1987, to wit: General Government, Finance, Public Safety, Education, Town Maintenance and all other necessary proper expenses arising during said fiscal year.

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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, 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, 1986 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 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 Libraries, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees 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 a sum of \$2,687 received as State Aid for Libraries for the use of the Boxford Town Libraries, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees 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 use of the Boxford Town Library, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees 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 a sum of \$1,560.89 received from the County on account of dog licenses, for use of the Boxford Town Library, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boxford Town Library.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in town; 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 \$71,527.92, transfer from federal revenue sharing \$18,818.40, and transfer from old warrant articles (as listed below) \$9,653.68 for a total of \$100,000 to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in town, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; said old warrant articles as follows:

\$36.89 from Article 1 of the 12/1981 Town Meeting,
\$2,506.26 from Article 3 of the 5/1983 Town Meeting,
\$10.00 from Article 29 of the 5/1983 Town Meeting,
\$67.86 from Article 1 of the 1/1984 Town Meeting,
\$2,893.15 from Article 12 of the 5/1984 Town Meeting,
\$2,315.50 from Article 14 of the 5/1984 Town Meeting,
\$1,793.00 from Article 33 of the 5/1984 Town Meeting and
\$30.42 from Article 14 of the 5/1985 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for additional classroom space for students of the Cole School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Boxford School Committee, or take any other action thereon.

EXPLANATION: Increasing enrollments in primary years has created a need for one additional classroom in the 1986/1987 school year. At press time, exact details of obtaining space for another classroom were uncertain.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 to provide for additional classroom space for students of the Cole School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Boxford School Committee.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to resurface the driveway and parking lot at the Spofford Pond School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Boxford School Committee, 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 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,000 to purchase a new oil burner at the Spofford Pond School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Boxford School Committee, 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 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,846 for repair/replacement of damaged flooring and other repairs at the Cole School and Spofford Pond Schools, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action thereon.

An amendment to require at least three quotes was defeated by voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,846 for repair/replacement of damaged flooring and other repairs at the Cole School and Spofford Pond School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, to provide for an \$18,000 minimum salary for teachers, effective July 1, 1986, and provide for state reimbursement of the cost of raising salaries to \$18,000 for fiscal year 1987, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, to provide for an \$18,000 minimum salary for teachers, effective July 1, 1985 and provide for state reimbursement of the cost of raising salaries to \$18,000 for fiscal year 1986 and fiscal year 1987.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve the action of the Masconomet Regional School Committee in its acceptance of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, to provide for an \$18,000 minimum salary for teachers, effective July 1, 1986, and provide for state reimbursement of the cost of raising salaries to \$18,000 for fiscal year 1987, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to approve the action of the Masconomet Regional School Committee in its acceptance of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, to provide for an \$18,000 minimum salary for teachers, effective July 1, 1986, and provide for state reimbursement of the cost of raising salaries to \$18,000 for fiscal year 1987.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and equip one diesel 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 negative majority voice vote with a show of hands, to defeat the article.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a diesel mower, 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 \$7,210 to purchase a diesel mower, 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 purchase and equip two 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 \$29,942 to purchase and equip two cruisers for the Police Department, 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 for minor renovations to the Police Station for security 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 majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for minor renovations to the Police Station for security purposes, 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 a sum of money to purchase a video camera and video cassette recorder (VCR) for the Police Department to film DWI detainees, 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to purchase a video camera and video cassette recorder (VCR) for the Police Department to film DWI detainees, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,045 to hire a Director of Activities (Grade 11, Step A) for the Senior Center at the Community Center, 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 voice vote, 151 affirmative and 21 negative, to move the question.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,045 to hire a Director (Grade 11, Step A) for the Senior Center at the Community Center, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, at 1:14 p.m., to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Masconomet.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 429.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 1986

Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the second session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Boxford to order at 7:40 p.m.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,168.00 to fund a full time position of Secretary I (Grade 13, Step A) for the Inspector's Office at the community Center and the Selectmen's Office, 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,887 to fund a full time position of Secretary I for the Inspector's Office at the Community Center and the Selectmen's Office, 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 a sum of \$2,500 to repair the three apparatus doors and to install energy saving fans in the West Fire Station, 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 \$2,500 to repair the windows in the three apparatus doors at the West Fire Station and to install eight energy saving fans in both fire stations.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase ten (10) portable pagers for the Fire Department, 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, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to purchase ten (10) portable pagers for the Fire Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,300 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,300 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500 for the purpose of participation in Help for Abused Women and their Children (H.A.W.C.) program, 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 \$500 for the purpose of participation in Help for Abused Women and their Children (H.A.W.C.) program.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to convey a certain parcel of land (approximately 4,000 square feet) owned by the Town of Boxford to William H. Sullivan, 29 Topsfield Road, Boxford to correct a zoning problem, said conveyance subject to compensation to be approved by the Board of Selectmen but not less than a dollar amount to be determined by Town Meeting, 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 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel of land in Boxford known as Cedar Pond on a plan entitled "Boxford Olde Farms, Boxford, Mass.; Developer: Reynold B. Nippe, 45 Prospect Street, Topsfield, Mass., 01913; Engineer: Frank C. Hancock, Essex Survey Service, 47 Federal Street, Salem, Mass. 01970, Scale 1" = 100', dated June 24, 1968, Revised August 19, 1968", recorded in the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 112, Plan 78, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of the subject premises, containing 9.8 acres, more or less, and subject to certain restrictions, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority hand count vote, to accept a certain parcel of land in Boxford known as Cedar Pond on a plan entitled "Boxford Olde Farms, Boxford, Mass.; Developer: Reynold B. Nippe, 45 Prospect Street, Topsfield, Mass., 01913; Engineer: Frank C. Hancock, Essex Survey Service, 47 Federal Street, Salem, Mass. 01970, Scale 1" = 100', dated June 24, 1968, Revised August 19, 1968", recorded in the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 112, Plan 78, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of the subject premises, containing 9.8 acres, more or less, and subject to certain restrictions.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$5,000 to begin to research full legal titles to all town owned land, and to create surveyor's plans to all town owned land, 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to begin to research full legal titles to all town owned land, and to create surveyor's plans to all town owned land, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Bylaws by adopting the following new section: "Article 9, Section 1, Paragraph 5: 9-1-5. All boarding or rooming houses or accessory apartments shall be registered annually during the month of January with the Town Clerk, including a list of occupants, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 9B. The registration fee shall be ten (10) dollars. The Town Clerk shall be notified within 30 days of any changes in occupancy. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred (300) dollars.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend its Bylaws by adopting the following section: "Article 9, Section 1, Paragraph 5: 9-1-5. All boarding or rooming houses or accessory apartments shall be registered annually by the owner during the month of January with the Town Clerk, including a list of occupants, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 51, Section 4. The registration fee shall be five (5) dollars. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred (200) dollars."

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Bylaws by adopting the following new section: "Article 7, Section 2, paragraph 3: 7-2-3 Sanitary Landfill facilities shall be for the exclusive use of Boxford residents. Residents wishing to use said facilities must present a valid Landfill Permit, affixed to their vehicle, to the caretaker at the facility upon entry. To obtain said Landfill Permit, residents must present valid registration certificates for each vehicle, and present evidence that said vehicle is garaged in Boxford."

Landfill Permits shall be issued for a two year period with specified expiration date. Fees for said permits shall be prorated as follows:

First Vehicle - 1-2 year validity = \$20.00
Less than one year validity = \$10.00

Second and Subsequent Vehicles - All times = \$1.00

Replacement Permits - All times = \$1.00

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the sentence "...at the facility upon entry" of the motion to read: "to obtain said Landfill Permit, residents must present valid registration certificates showing a Boxford address for each vehicle or present evidence that said vehicle is garaged in Boxford."

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend its Bylaws by adopting the following new section: "Article 7, Section 2, paragraph 3: 7-2-3 Sanitary Landfill facilities shall be for the exclusive use of Boxford residents. Residents wishing to use said facilities must present a valid Landfill Permit, affixed to their vehicle to the caretaker at the facility upon entry. To obtain said Landfill Permit, residents must present valid registration certificates showing a Boxford address for each vehicle, or present evidence that said vehicle is garaged in Boxford." It was further moved that the first \$9,000 for fiscal 1987 only shall be transferred into the 1987 Board of Health Budget to fund increased supervision of the landfill.

Landfill Permits shall be issued for a two year period with specified expiration date. Fees for said permits shall be prorated as follows:

First Vehicle - 1-2 year validity = \$20.00

Less than one year validity = \$10.00

Second and Subsequent Vehicles - All times = \$1.00

Replacement Permits - All times = \$1.00

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 57, adopted as Chapter 640 of the Acts of 1985, relative to the granting or renewing of certain licenses and permits in cities and town, 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 Laws, Chapter 40, Section 57, adopted as Chapter 640 of the Acts of 1985, relative to the granting or renewing of certain licenses and permits in cities and towns.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the "Parker River Protective Order," as negotiated by the Parker River Protective Order Committee, comprised of representatives from each of the towns of Boxford, Groveland, Georgetown, and Newbury, and filed with the Town Clerk in April, 1986, 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 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Bylaws by adopting a Wetlands Protection Bylaw as Article 12, filed with the Town Clerk in April, 1986, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend its Bylaws by adopting a Wetlands Protection Bylaw as Article 12, filed with the Town Clerk in April, 1986, and as corrected at Town Meeting by oral report.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to add Section V-A-13 to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

"Accessory Apartments in Residence Districts

- a) Purpose and intent: It is the specific intent of this section to allow accessory apartments, including kitchens, within single family properties in Residence Agricultural Districts for the purpose of meeting the special housing needs of grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, children and their respective spouses of families of owner-occupants of properties in the Town of Boxford. To achieve this goal and to

promote the other objectives of this bylaw, specific standards are set forth below for such accessory apartment uses.

- b) Owner Occupancy Required: The owner(s) of the single family lot upon which the accessory apartment is located shall occupy at least one (1) of the dwelling units on the premises. The special Permit shall be issued to the owner of the dwelling units on the premises. Should there be a change in ownership or a change in the residence of the owner, the Special Permit use and the certificate of occupancy for the accessory apartment shall become null and void.
- c) Apartment size: The maximum floor size for an accessory apartment within a principal dwelling building shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the habitable area of the dwelling in which it is located.
- d) Code compliance: The accessory apartment must be determined to comply with current safety, health, and construction requirements before occupancy and at every change in occupancy.
- e) Preservation of single family characteristic: The accessory apartment shall not change the single family characteristic of the dwelling except for the provision of an additional access or egress.
- f) Existing detached structures may continue to be used for the same purposes subject to special conditions imposed by the Board of Appeals.
- g) There shall be no more than one (1) accessory apartment for a total of two (2) dwelling units permitted per lot.
- h) Current non-conforming apartment uses may be continued only as long as the present occupants remain in residence."

A motion to amend the article by striking out section (h) was defeated by hand count vote, 48 affirmative and 72 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 71 affirmative and 61 negative, to amend section (h) to read as follows:

h) Current apartment uses, effective date this ordinance, may be continued only as long as the present occupants of the accessory apartment remain in residence.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 94 affirmative and 46 negative to amend Section V-A-13 to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

"Accessory Apartments in Residence Districts

- a) Purpose and intent: It is the specific intent of this section to allow accessory apartments, including kitchens, within single family properties in Residence Agricultural Districts for the purpose of meeting the special housing needs of grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, children and their respective spouses of families of owner-occupants of properties in the Town of Boxford. To achieve this goal and to promote the other objectives of this bylaw, specific standards are set forth below for such accessory apartment uses.
- b) Owner Occupancy Required: The owner(s) of the single family lot upon which the accessory apartment is located shall occupy at least one (1) of the dwelling units on the premises. The special Permit shall be issued to the owner of the dwelling units on the premises. Should there be a change in ownership or a change in the residence of the owner, the Special Permit use and the certificate of occupancy for the accessory apartment shall become null and void.
- c) Apartment size: The maximum floor size for an accessory apartment within a principal dwelling building shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the habitable area of the dwelling in which it is located.
- d) Code compliance: The accessory apartment must be determined to comply with current safety, health, and construction requirements before occupancy and at every change in occupancy.
- e) Preservation of single family characteristic: The accessory apartment shall not change the single family characteristic of the dwelling except for the provision of an additional access or egress.

- f) Existing detached structures may continue to be used for the same purposes subject to special conditions imposed by the Board of Appeals.
- g) There shall be no more than one (1) accessory apartment for a total of two (2) dwelling units permitted per lot.
- h) Current apartment uses, effective date this ordinance, may be continued only as long as the present occupants of the accessory apartment remain in residence."

Kurt Kaiser 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 amend Section VI-B-2-c-1 of the Zoning Bylaw to add the words "except a common driveway or other easement" so that the Section will then read:

- "1) In computing the area of any lot, no part of a public way, except a common driveway or other easement for non-motorized recreational use, and no part of a pond or river shall be included."

EXPLANATION: This Bylaw change would clarify the standing of common driveways and encourage the creation of bridle paths.

An amendment to qualify the area computation was defeated by voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 122 affirmative and 8 negative, to amend Section VI-B-2-c-1 of the Zoning Bylaw to add the words "except a common driveway or other easement for non-motorized recreational use," so that the Section will then read:

- "1) In computing the area of any lot, no part of a public or private way, except a common driveway or other easement for non-motorized recreational use, and no part of a pond or river shall be included."

Peter Shulman of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to add Section VI-B-11 to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

"11. Following acceptance of this Bylaw no lot for residential use shall be laid out which is irregular in shape:

- 1) A lot with at least 250' of street frontage is substantially irregular in shape if the area of the lot is less than 66.7% of the area of a square lot of the same perimeter; and
- b) A lot with less than 250' of street frontage is substantially irregular in shape if the area of the lot is less than 50% of the area of a square lot of the same perimeter.

The aforementioned percentage standards may be applied to the entire lot or, at the discretion of the owner to the minimum lot area which conforms to all other requirements of these bylaws."

EXPLANATION: This Bylaw change would reduce the number of marginal lots which wasteland, create essentially unusable land, or otherwise defeat the intent of the Bylaws. As the amount of developable land decreases, the pressure increases to create marginal lots.

An amendment to change the percentages as moved was defeated by voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to add Section VI-B-11 to the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

"11. Following acceptance of this Bylaw no lot for residential use shall be laid out which is irregular in shape:

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- a) A lot with at least 250' of street frontage is substantially irregular in shape if the area of the lot is less than 50% of the area of a square lot of the same perimeter; and
 - b) A lot with less than 250' of street frontage is substantially irregular in shape if the area of the lot is less than 20% of the area of a square lot of the same perimeter.

The aforementioned percentage standards may be applied to the entire lot or, at the discretion of the owner, to the minimum lot area which conforms to all other requirements of these bylaws."

Darman Wing of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section III A of the Zoning Bylaw to read:

- "1. A non-conforming single or two family residential structure may be altered or extended provided that the Inspector of Buildings determines that doing so does not increase the non-conforming nature of said structure.
2. If the Inspector of Buildings finds that the proposed change may have an adverse effect upon an abutter, he may require a Special Permit.
3. Other non-conforming structures or uses may be extended, altered, or changed in use on Special Permit from the Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Section X if the Board of Appeals finds that such extension, alteration or change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use.
4. Once changed to a conforming use, no structure or use shall be permitted to revert to a non-conformancy."

EXPLANATION: This Bylaw change would clarify the duties of the Building Inspector with regard to possible present non-conformities.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend Section III A of the Zoning Bylaw to read:

- "1. A non-conforming single or two family residential structure may be altered or extended provided that the Inspector of Buildings determines that doing so does not increase the non-conforming nature of said structure.
2. If the Inspector of Buildings finds that the proposed change may have an adverse effect upon an abutter, he may require a Special Permit.
3. Other non-conforming structures or uses may be extended, altered, or changed in use on Special Permit from the Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Section X if the Board of Appeals finds that such extension, alteration or change will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use.
4. Once changed to a conforming use, no structure or use shall be permitted to revert to a non-conformancy."

Kurt Kaiser of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to make the following minor corrections/clarifications to the Zoning Bylaws in the following specified sections:

Page 3, Section II-A: following "Zoning Map dated May 10, 1977" **add: "and including subsequent amendments."**

Page 12, Section E-6-a: exchange and renumber Sections No. 2 and No. 3 and **add** to present Section 2 **"facilities for"** rental of boats and canoes.

Page 15, Section VI-B-1: Line 6 after "non-conforming as to ... **add "frontage."**

Page 16, Section VI-B-4-b-1: first line after "the minimum width ... **add: "or depth,"**

Page 17, Section VI-B-4-c-2: last line - **delete "or changed in size or shape."**

Page 19, Section VI-D-1-h: second line - **delete "or land associated therewith."**

Page 22, Section VI-F-g: last line after "loud speakers" **add: except emergency alarms."**

Page 23, Section VI-G-1-a: second line "...for occupancy as a dwelling..." **add: "except in an Elderly Housing District."**

Page 23, Section VI-H: first line on page 24 after "Industrial District..." **add: "or Official or Open Space District."**

Page 28, Section IX-B-2: fifth line after "Variance" **add: "or Special Permit if required..."**

Page 29, Section IX-D: after "Inspector of Buildings or other..." **add: "Zoning" (Administrative Officials).**

Page 30, Section X-B: next to last sentence after "...his or her place shall be taken by an associate member..." **delete: "designated by the Selectmen."**

Page 31, Section X-E: last sentence relating to "initial report...following receipt of application..." **delete in entirety.**

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted by unanimous voice vote to make the following minor corrections/clarifications to the Zoning Bylaws in the following minor corrections/clarifications to the Zoning Bylaws in the following specified sections:

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Kurt Kaiser of the Planning Board made an oral report of a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board.

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ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bylaw Revision Committee to be comprised of five citizens of the Town appointed by the Board of Selectmen, said committee to report to the 1988 Annual Town Meeting with recommendations for changes in the General Bylaws, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to establish a Bylaw Revision Committee to be comprised of five citizens of the Town appointed by the Board of Selectmen, said committee to report to the 1988 Annual Town Meeting with recommendations for changes in the General Bylaws.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Town Insurance Fund.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to the Town Unemployment Fund, 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 \$10,000 to the Town Unemployment Fund.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Town Stabilization Fund, 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 \$30,000 to the Town Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 44. 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 11:14 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 161. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST: Frank H. Weatherby
Town Clerk

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

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|------------|----------------|
| Article 4 | \$4,955,075.00 |
| Article 8 | 71,527.92 |
| Article 9 | 7,000.00 |
| Article 12 | 9,846.00 |
| Article 16 | 7,210.00 |
| Article 17 | 29,942.00 |
| Article 18 | 3,000.00 |
| Article 19 | 1,200.00 |
| Article 20 | 11,045.00 |
| Article 21 | 11,887.00 |

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| Article 22 | 2,500.00 | |
| Article 23 | 3,500.00 | |
| Article 24 | 10,300.00 | |
| Article 25 | 500.00 | |
| Article 28 | 5,000.00 | |
| Article 40 | 10,000.00 | |
| Article 41 | 10,000.00 | |
| Article 42 | 50,000.00 | |
| Article 43 | 30,000.00 | |
| TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED | | \$5,229,532.92 |
| APPROPRIATE | | |
| Article 6 | \$ 2,687.00 | |
| Article 7 | 1,560.89 | |
| TOTAL TO BE APPROPRIATED | | \$ 4,247.89 |
| TRANSFERS | | |
| Article 8 (Federal Revenue Sharing) | \$ 18,818.40 | |
| Article 8 (Old Warrant Articles) | 9,653.68 | |
| TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED | | \$ 28,472.08 |

**TOWN OF BOXFORD
1986 - 1987 BUDGET**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. General Government | FY 87 Budget |
| Selectmen | \$ 61,325 |
| Town Clerk | 16,526 |
| Town Counsel | 16,500 |
| Planning Board | 3,167 |
| Board of Appeals | 1,287 |
| Recreation Committee | 10,200 |
| Council on Aging | 4,972 |
| Conservation Commission | 2,791 |
| Board of Health | 22,147 |
| TOTAL | \$ 138,915 |
| 2. Finance | |
| Accountant | \$ 56,553 |
| Assessors | 40,344 |
| Finance Committee | 1,216 |
| Tax Collector | 23,471 |
| Treasurer | 17,727 |
| Interest on Loans | 2,500 |
| TOTAL | \$ 141,811 |

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| 3. | Public Safety | |
| | Police - Salary | \$ 234,735 |
| | Police - All Other | 66,101 |
| | Police - Reserves | 29,133 |
| | Police - Overtime | 30,474 |
| | (Police - SUBTOTAL) | (360,443) |
| | Fire | 49,370 |
| | Communications - Salary | 66,678 |
| | Communications - All Other | 17,673 |
| | (Communications - SUBTOTAL) | (84,351) |
| | Dog Officer | 6,360 |
| | Parking Officer | 1,007 |
| | Ambulance Service | 29,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 530,531 |
| 4. | Education | |
| | Library - Salary | \$ 67,117 |
| | Library - All Other | 29,337 |
| | (Library - SUBTOTAL) | (96,454) |
| | Elementary Schools | 1,578,273 |
| | Masconomet | 1,866,498 |
| | North Shore Vocational | 20,481 |
| | TOTAL | \$3,561,706 |
| 5. | Town Maintenance | |
| | DPW - Salary | \$ 134,397 |
| | DPW - Materials | 119,337 |
| | DPW - All Other | 99,092 |
| | (DPW - SUBTOTAL) | (352,826) |
| | Building Maintenance | 23,100 |
| | Cemeteries | 1,250 |
| | Moth Suppression | 1,500 |
| | TOTAL | \$378,676 |
| 6. | Inspectors | |
| | Animal | \$ 923 |
| | Building | 17,471 |
| | Electrical | 6,723 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 25,117 |
| 7. | Insurance and Pensions | |
| | Health and Life Insurance | \$ 68,500 |
| | General Insurance | 107,069 |
| | Veteran's Benefits | 1,500 |
| | Retirement Pension | 1,250 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 178,319 |
| | GRAND TOTAL TOWN BUDGET | \$4,955,075 |

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 1986

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on May 13, 1986. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the 1985-1987 collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Boxford and the Boxford Reserve Police Association, 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 see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to resurface certain roads in town, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made a duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$30,000 to resurface certain roads in town, 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 a sum of money to construct a parking lot behind the new Community Center, including funds to screen the lot from the street, 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 \$10,150 to construct a parking lot behind the new Community Center, including funds to screen the lot from the street, 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 a sum of money to construct a commuter parking lot behind the East Fire Station, including funds to screen the lot from the street, 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, 156 affirmative and 116 negative, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,280 to construct a commuter parking lot behind the East Fire Station, including funds to screen the lot from the street, 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 Department Salary Account to the Police Department Reserves 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 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Department of Public Works Fiscal Year 1986 budget, 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Police Department Fiscal Year 1986 budget, 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 \$2,200 to the Police Department All Other Account Fiscal Year 1986 budget.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Fire Department Fiscal Year 1986 budget, 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 \$7,220 to the Fire Department Fiscal Year 1986 budget.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for preliminary architectural design study work for the purpose of providing additional classroom space for the elementary school students to accommodate increasing student enrollment. This design work will include all necessary drawings so that said design can be presented by the School Committee to a Special Town Meeting in September 1986 for approval and funding by the Town, 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 \$5,000 for preliminary architectural design study work for the purpose of providing additional classroom space for the elementary school students to accommodate increasing student enrollment. This design work will include all necessary drawings so that said design can be presented by the School Committee to a Special Town Meeting in September 1986 for approval and funding by the Town.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,250 to install safety fences for the protection of players and spectators at the five baseball/softball fields in Town, or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 143 affirmative and 166 negative, to defeat the article.

A motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting was defeated by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

A resident of the Town spoke to the voters urging their support of the Fire Department putting a non-pressurization water system from Fishbrook into the East Village for the use of fire department purposes only.

A resident of the Town spoke to the voters regarding the Police Department being so underpaid with other districts.

RESOLVED. That the Town approves and supports the Board of Health proposal to set in place additional regulations for commercial use of herbicides and pesticides in the Town of Boxford, said regulations to be for the protection of public health and safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by negative voice vote, to defeat the resolution.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 314. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Frank H. Weatherby
Town Clerk

TRANSFERS

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| Article 2 | \$30,000.00 (Free Cash) | |
| Article 3 | 10,150.00 (Free Cash) | |
| Article 4 | 7,280.00 (Free Cash) | |
| Article 7 | 2,200.00 (Overlay Surplus) | |
| Article 8 | 7,220.00 (Overlay Surplus) | |
| Article 9 | <u>5,000.00 (Overlay Surplus)</u> | |
| TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED | | \$61,850.00 |