

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 10, 1988

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 10, 1988. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. 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 take Article 1 out of order and act on it immediately preceding Article 64.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend various portions of Article 5 of its bylaws, known as the Personnel Bylaw, be deleting the Pay Matrix of Section 9, "Position Classes: Salary, Wage and Miscellaneous Compensation Schedules" and replacing it with the Pay Matrix as submitted by the Personnel Board which will increase the matrix by 2.8%, as filed with the Town Clerk in April 1988, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote to amend Article 5, the Personnel Bylaw of the Town, as follows:

1. Wage and miscellaneous compensation schedules, (the Pay Matrix), by deleting Section 9 and inserting the following new Section 9, Pay Matrix exactly as printed in the warrant for the May 10, 1988, Annual Town Meeting, except that Grades One and Two shall be deleted from the Pay Matrix, and Grade Three, Entry Level, shall be amended to read \$3.75.

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 1989, to wit: General Government, Finance, Public Safety, Education, Town Maintenance and all other necessary proper expenses during said fiscal year, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Board of Health budget by increasing it to \$40,805.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$269,435 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,011 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Communications-Salary budget by raising it to \$97,684.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,257 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,194,652 for Education.

A short recess was called at 8:33 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:37 p.m.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Building Maintenance budget by raising it to \$28,524.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Cemeteries budget by raising it to \$1500.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$466,642 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the Inspector of Buildings budget by reducing it to \$26,130.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,413 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the \$275,876 for Insurance and Pensions.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,157,286 for the amended FY 1989 Budget.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will 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, 1988, 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

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, 1988, 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.

ARTICLE 5. 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 action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to complete a State required audit of the Town accounts containing federal funds, 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 postpone action on this article to Wednesday, May 11, 1988, when it will be the first article to be acted upon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 41C, to increase the amount of the elderly exemption provisions stated in clause 41B of said Chapter and Section, effective with the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1988, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, clause 41C, to increase the amount of the elderly exemption provisions stated in clause 41B of said Chapter and Section, effective with the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1988.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 40, and provide for State reimbursement of the cost to pay all teachers, except a person in training and except a person employed as a temporary substitute, in the Boxford Public Schools at a rate of not less than \$20,000 for the school years commencing after July 1, 1987.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend the article, to read... "Boxford Public Elementary Schools".

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 40, and provide for State reimbursement of the cost to pay all teachers, except a person in training and except a person employed as a temporary substitute, in the Boxford Public Elementary Schools at a rate of not less than \$20,000 for the school years commencing after July 1, 1987.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund repairs and general maintenance to several Town owned buildings, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,881 to fund repairs and general maintenance to several Town owned buildings, said 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 the sum of \$6900 to fund the following items for the Communications Department: (1) two portable radios (\$2,000); (2) Intercity base station (\$3,900); (3) Antenna and Cables (\$1,000), said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,900 to fund the following items for the Communications Department: (1) two remote radios (\$2,000); (2) Intercity base station (\$3,900); (3) Antenna and Cables (\$1,000), 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 the sum of \$4,500 to purchase and equip one computer system for the Building Department, as recommended by the Computer Study Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,500 to purchase and equip one computer system for the Building Department, as recommended by the Computer Study Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a library computer system, Phase II and Phase III, for the Boxford Town Libraries, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees.

The Finance Committee recommended option of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a library computer system, Phase II and Phase III, for the Boxford Town Libraries, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 13. 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 computer system in the Police/Communications Departments, as recommended by the Computer Study Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

An amendment to limit the use and location of the computer to the Communication/Police building was defeated by hand count, 90 affirmative and 133 negative.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$52,000 to purchase and equip one computer system in the Police/Communications Departments, as recommended by the Computer Study Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the development of an asbestos management and removal plan for the Spofford Pond and Cole schools, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,960 to fund the development of an asbestos

management and removal plan for the Spofford Pond and Cole schools, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate \$68,294 and to transfer \$62,778.16 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, \$1200 from Article #34 of the May 8, 1984, Annual Town Meeting, \$85.00 from Article #19 of the May 14, 1985, Annual Town Meeting, \$3.52 from Article #7 of the May 13, 1986, Annual Town Meeting, \$101.00 from Article #19 of the May 13, 1986, Annual Town Meeting, \$10,000 from Article #10 of the October 14, 1986, Special Town Meeting \$8.84 from Article #4 of the October 14, 1986 Special Town Meeting, and \$7,529.48 from Free Cash to reconstruct and resurface certain roads in the Town, 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 fund the installation of a drainage system at the intersection of Round Top Road and Campground Road to correct an existing standing water problem, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,410 to fund the installation of a drainage system at the intersection of Round Top Road and Campground Road to correct an existing standing water problem, 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$34,000 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 to purchase 12 police radios for the Police Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,050 to purchase the 11 police radios for the Police Department, 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 20 bullet-proof vests for the Police Department, said funds to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,400 to purchase 20 bullet-proof vests for the Police Department, 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 a sum of money to purchase and equip one 3/4 ton, 4-wheel drive diesel pickup truck with plow, 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.

The Finance Committee Recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$16,065 to purchase and equip one 3/4 ton, 4-wheel drive pickup truck with plow, for the Department of Public Works, 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 the sum of \$11,500 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.

The Finance Committee Recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$11,500 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 22. 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 (HAWC) program, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$500 for the purpose of participation in Help for Abused Women and their Children (HAWC) program, 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 the sum of \$3,000 to continue to research full titles to all Town owned land, and to create surveyors' 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,000 to continue to research full titles to all Town owned land, and to create surveyors' plans to all Town owned land, 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 \$7,000 to fund a water quality testing program in the Town of Boxford under the direction of the Board of Health, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee Recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000 to fund a water quality testing program in the Town of Boxford under the direction of the Board of Health, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 to fund the preparation of three groundwater related maps for the Town of Boxford, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee Recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 to fund the preparation of three groundwater related maps for the Town of Boxford, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to pass legislation enabling the Town of Boxford to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000 to fund a grant and loan program which shall assist low income residential property owners in financing the removal of their underground fuel storage tanks and the replacement of a fuel storage tank in-basement or above ground through revolving load funds and the recapture of deferred loans upon the sale of property, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, such petition to be submitted at the discretion of the state legislators representing the Town, or to take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or bond a sum of money, or borrow through State House Notes, a sum of money to fund the moving and renovating of Lincoln Hall, said building to be relocated to a site to be determined in West Boxford, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the article was defeated by hand count vote, 41 affirmative and 146 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 p.m. and reconvene on Wednesday evening, May 11, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 230. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Frank H. Weatherby.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 10, 1988

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium on May 10, 1988. 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 transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills of charge from FY1987 or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,791.35 to pay unpaid bills from FY1987.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Finance Committee Reserve fund, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The following resolutions were introduced:

RESOLVED that the Town express its best wishes, its deepest thanks and its highest accolades to C. Richard Cunningham in recognition of over forty years of selfless, continuous and superior service to the grateful inhabitants of the Town of Boxford.

RESOLVED that the Town express its thanks to retiring School Committee Members Gyonegyi Quinn and Ann Trull for their six years of service to the Town.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 125. 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	\$ 2,791.35 (Free Cash)
Article 2	<u>100,000.00</u> (Free Cash)

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED

\$102,791.35