

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 8, 1990**

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 8, 1990. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. 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 receive and place on file the reports of the Town Officers and Committees without ratification of any action taken or authorization of any action proposed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend various portions of Article 5 of its bylaws, known as the Personnel Bylaw, by deleting the Classification Plan, and Pay Matrix of Section 9.

"Position Classes: Salary, Wages and Miscellaneous Compensation Schedules" and replacing it with the Classification Plan and Pay Matrix as submitted by the Personnel Board as printed in this warrant; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend various portions of Article 5 of the bylaws, known as the Personnel Bylaw, by deleting the Classification Plan, and Pay Matrix of Section 9, "Position Classes: Salary, Wages and Miscellaneous Compensation Schedules" and replacing it with the Classification Plan and Pay Matrix as submitted by the Personnel Board as printed in this warrant.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

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 1991, 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to amend the Planning/Conservation Commission Office FY 1991 Budget to \$20,349.

Finance Committee Member Peter Race addressed the Town Meeting to give a financial overview of the Town.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, the sum of \$317,064 for General Government.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, the sum of \$170,672 for Finance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, the sum of \$852,801 for Public Safety.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, the sum of \$4,824,985 for Education.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, the sum of \$515,952 for Town Maintenance.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, the sum of \$41,624 for Inspectors.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED- by unanimous voice vote, the sum of \$409,365 for Insurance and Pensions.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,992,965 and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$139,498 for a total of \$7,132,463 for the FY 1991 Budget.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Wetlands Protection Act fees collected, a sum of money to the fiscal year 1991 Conservation Commission operating budget; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to appropriate from the Wetlands Protection Act fees collected in the sum of \$4,390 to the FY 1991 Conservation Commission office budget.

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, 1990 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, 1990, 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 to fund the repair and maintenance of various roads in the 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 hand count, 198 in favor and 108 opposed, to defeat the article.

(A 2/3 vote was needed to pass the article.)

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$125,000 to Purchase a bucket track bulldozer or similar equipment for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or dispose of the John Deere 655 and Cat DH6 bulldozer in any manner which they 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 majority voice vote, to transfer \$1,020.00 from Article #11 of the May 14, 1985 Annual Town Meeting; \$496.28 from Article #18 of the May 13, 1986 Annual Town Meeting; \$2,970.64 from Article #8 of the October 14, 1986 Special Town Meeting; \$699.00 from Article #10 of the May 12, 1987 Special Town Meeting; \$500.00 from Article #21 of the May 12, 1987 Special Town Meeting; \$2,791.35 from Article #1 of the May 10, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$2.00 from Article #14 of the May 10, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$500.00 from Article #25 of the May 10, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$2,000.00 from Article #6 of the May 10, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$25,000.00 from Article #28 of the May 11, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$15,000.00 from Article #46 of the May 18, 1988 Annual Town Meeting; \$1,094.95 from

Article #2 of the July 14, 1987 Special Town Meeting; \$332.20 from Article #1 of the August 9, 1988 Special Town Meeting; \$118.65 from Article #13 of the March 7, 1989 Special Town Meeting; \$69.11 from Article #2 of the May 9, 1989 Special Town Meeting; \$.25 from Article #9 of the May 17, 1989 Annual Town Meeting; \$563.00 from Article #14 of the May 17, 1989 Annual Town Meeting; \$376.00 from Article #20 of the May 17, 1989 Annual Town Meeting and \$53,766.57 from Free Cash for a total of \$107,300 for the purpose of funding the purchase of a bucket track bulldozer or similar equipment for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or dispose of the John Deere 655 and Cat DH6 bulldozer in any manner which they deem advisable, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the construction, necessary equipment and operating costs for a recycling facility to prolong the life of the landfill; 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 \$20,850 for the construction, necessary equipment and operating costs for a recycling facility to prolong the life of the landfill.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of funding a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer \$160.75 from Article #38 of the May 12, 1987 Annual Town Meeting; \$535.75 from Article #3 of the August 9, 1988 Special Town Meeting; \$5,673.25 from Article #27 of the May 17, 1989 Annual Town Meeting; and \$5,630.25 from Free Cash for a total of \$12,000 for the purpose of funding a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Moderator Minich declared a short recess at 9:30 p.m. The Annual Town Meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to reconsider ARTICLE #6.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$150,000 to fund the repair and maintenance of various roads in the Town, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the purchase of a set of three (3) hydraulic rams, one manifold for the Hurst tool "Jaws of Life" and one Fold a Tank for the Fire 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 transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,896 to fund the purchase of a set of two (2) hydraulic rams, one manifold for the Hurst tool "Jaws of Life" and one Fold a Tank for the Fire Department, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the purchase of an above ground or in ground gasoline storage facility to be used by the Fire Department, Police Department and 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 majority voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$41,000 to fund the purchase of an above ground or in ground gasoline storage facility to be used by the Fire Department, Police Department and Department of Public Works, 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, a sum of money to purchase a Base Station, Antenna, cables, etc. to be placed at the West Fire Station to improve the quality of communications with mobile and portable units in the "northern" most area of 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 majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,500 to purchase a Base Station, Antenna, cables, etc., to be placed at the West Fire Station to improve the quality of communications with mobile and portable units in the "northern" most area of Town, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$18,000 to purchase and equip one police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or dispose of the existing vehicle in any manner which they 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 majority voice vote, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to purchase and equip one police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or dispose of the existing vehicle in any manner which they deem advisable, 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, the sum of \$2200 to purchase a personal computer and associated equipment and/or supplies for the Planning/Conservation office 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to defeat this article.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to replace the roof and storm windows and screens on the West Boxford Library, and to purchase an air conditioner for the Boxford Village Library; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to postpone action on this article until the second evening of this annual Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1300 to set the bounds at the entrance to the Town's land at Wildcat Reservation at two points; (1) at the intersection of Ipswich Road and; (2) at the point where the entrance meets the "body"

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote and confirmed by a show of hands, to defeat this article.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$9,770.73 to additionally compensate the McGregor-Smith Laidlaw Motor Coach Company for providing ten (10) school buses for the transportation of school children to and from the Boxford Elementary Schools for the 1990-1991 school year, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, with the advice of the School Committee; or take any other action thereon.

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

The Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase testing equipment for underground fuel storage tanks, said funds to be spent 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, 187 in favor and 61 opposed, to postpone action on this article until the second night of this annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,650 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 the Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures the sum of \$12,650 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.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$750 for the purpose of participation in the 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.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from the Reserve for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures the sum of \$750 for the purpose of participation in the Help for Abused Women and their Children (HAWC) program, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from membership in the Essex County Mosquito Control Project, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1958; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote and confirmed by a show of hands, to withdraw from membership in the Essex County Mosquito Control Project pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1958.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to establish the following schedule of fees for the sealing of the following weighing or measuring devices, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 98, Section 56:

- (a) Each scale with a weighing capacity of more than ten thousand pounds, fifty dollars.
- (b) Each scale with a weighing capacity of five thousand to ten thousand pounds, thirty dollars.
- (c) Each scale with a weighing capacity of one thousand to five thousand pounds, twenty dollars.
- (d) Each scale with a weighing capacity of one hundred to one thousand pounds, ten dollars.
- (e) Scales and balances with a weighing capacity of more than ten pounds and less than one hundred pounds, six dollars.
- (f) Scales and balances with a weighing capacity of ten pounds or less, five dollars.
- (g) Each liquid capacity measure, except vehicle tanks, of the capacity of more than one gallon and measures on pumps, eighty cents.
- (h) Each liquid measuring meter, except water meters, the diameter of the inlet pipe of which is one half inch or less, four dollars, more than one half inch but not more than one inch, eight dollars; for each such type of liquid measuring meter, the diameter of the inlet pipe of which is more than one inch, the following shall apply, vehicle-tank pump sixteen dollars, vehicle-tank gravity twenty dollars, bulk storage forty dollars, bulk storage user furnishes certified prover twenty dollars.
- (i) Each taximeter or measuring device used upon vehicles to determine the cost of transportation, eight dollars.
- (j) Each machine or other mechanical device used for determining linear or area measurement, five dollars; except for yard sticks and tapes, fifty cents.
- (k) Milk bottle or jars, eight dollars per gross.
- (l) Vehicle tanks used in the sale of commodities by liquid measure shall be charged for each hundred gallons or fraction thereof, two dollars. An additional fee of four dollars per sealed indicator shall be received.
- (m) All weights and other measures, one dollar each; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote to establish the following schedule of fees for the sealing of the following weighing or measuring devices, adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 98, Section 56, as printed in the warrant for this annual Town Meeting:

- (a) Each scale with a weighing capacity of more than ten thousand pounds, fifty dollars.
- (b) Each scale with a weighing capacity of five thousand to ten thousand pounds, thirty dollars.
- (c) Each scale with a weighing capacity of one thousand to five thousand pounds, twenty dollars.
- (d) Each scale with a weighing capacity of one hundred to one thousand pounds, ten dollars.
- (e) Scales and balances with a weighing capacity of more than ten pounds and less than one hundred pounds, six dollars.
- (f) Scales and balances with a weighing capacity of ten pounds or less, five dollars.
- (g) Each liquid capacity measure, except vehicle tanks, of the capacity of more than one gallon and measures on pumps, eighty cents.
- (h) Each liquid measuring meter, except water meters, the diameter of the inlet pipe of which is one half inch or less, four dollars, more than one half inch but not more than one inch, eight dollars; for each such type of liquid measuring meter, the diameter of the inlet pipe of which is more than one inch, the following shall apply, vehicle-tank pump sixteen dollars- vehicle-tank gravity twenty dollars, bulk storage forty dollars, bulk storage user furnishes certified prover twenty dollars.
- (i) Each taximeter or measuring device used upon vehicles to determine the cost of transportation, eight dollars.
- (j) Each machine or other mechanical device used for determining linear or area measurement, five dollars; except for yard sticks and tapes, fifty cents.
- (k) Milk bottle or jars, eight dollars per gross.

(l) Vehicle tanks used in the sale of commodities by liquid measure shall be charged for each hundred gallons or fraction thereof, two dollars. An additional fee of four dollars per sealed indicator shall be received.

(m) All weights and other measures, one dollar each.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 p.m. to a time certain, Wednesday, May 9, 1990, 7:30 p.m., at the Masconomet Regional High School auditorium.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 345.