

BOXFORD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 14, 1994 - 7:30 p.m.

The voters of the Town of Boxford met at Masconomet Regional High School on Wednesday, December 14, 1994. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new truck, its use and description to be specified at the Special Town Meeting; said funds to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; and, that the Selectmen be permitted to dispose of an existing vehicle as is in the best interests of the Town; 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 \$25,000 to purchase a pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works, as well as one additional truck body for the use of the Fire Department; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year of the F.Y. 1995-1997 collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Boxford and the Boxford Police Benevolent Association; 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 \$20,769 to fund the first year of the F.Y. 1995-1997 collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Boxford Police Benevolent Association.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the F.Y. 1995 collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Boxford and the Boxford Police Reserve Association, 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 \$522 to fund the first year of the F.Y. 1995-1997 collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Boxford Police Reserve Association.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the installation of a well and water irrigation system at the Boy Scout Park Athletic Fields; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon.

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Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from free cash the sum of \$11,500 to fund the installation of a well and water irrigation system at the Boy Scout Park athletic fields; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$304,528 for highway maintenance and construction in anticipation of state aid allotment, said monies predicated on state reimbursement of the following; or take any other action thereon. Chapter 85, Section 2A, Acts of 1994, \$304,528. (MA#35457)

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$304,528 for highway maintenance and construction in anticipation of state aid allotment, said monies predicated on state reimbursement of the following: Chapter 85, Section 2A, Acts of 1994.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to renumber Articles 7-3-1 through 7-3-, " of the General Bylaws of the Town, as passed as Article 44 of the Warrant for the May, 1994 Annual Town Meeting, so that they shall read 7-4-1 through 7-4-4, to correct an error in numbering only, with no other changes to the language of the bylaws; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to renumber Articles 7-3-1 through 7-3-4 of the General Bylaws of the Town, as passed as Article 44 of the Warrant for the May, 1994 Annual Town Meeting, so that they shall read 7-4-1 through 7-4-4, to correct an error in numbering only, with no other changes to the language of the bylaws

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will transfer control of the land on which Chadwick Field and the two new soccer fields occupy at the landfill site to the Boxford School Committee to become part of the Spofford Pond School grounds; said transfer to take place upon completion of the construction of the fields as determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health; or take any other action thereon.

Moderator DeWitt Minich called a short recess at 8:29 p.m. The meeting was called back in session at 8:31 p.m.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, was VOTED, by majority voice vote to include the phrase, "as shown on the plan prepared by the SEA Engineers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 1994, 11 immediately following the phrase "landfill site."

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Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 117 in favor and 35 opposed, to transfer control of the land on which Chadwick Field and the two new soccer fields occupy at the landfill site, as shown on the plan prepared by the SEA Engineers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 1994, to the Boxford School Committee to become part of the Spofford Pond School grounds; said transfer to take place upon completion of the construction of the fields as determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to receive and place on file the final report of the Boxford School Space Needs Committee, which calls for the construction of up to 18 additional classrooms, with accompanying renovations, to the Harry Lee Cole Elementary School and the Spofford Pond Elementary School to handle the projected growth in the school age population within the next 10 years; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to receive and place on file the final report of the Boxford School Space Needs Committee, which calls for the construction of up to 18 additional classrooms, with accompanying renovations, to the Harry Lee Cole Elementary School and the Spofford Pond Elementary School to handle the projected growth in the school age population within the next 10 years.

NOTE: At this time, we anticipate that Article 9 will be offered as a "contingent appropriation." This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Special Town Meeting, that appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money to fund the architectural, designer and engineering services and to fund related permits and expenses necessary to obtain the required approvals for the expansion and renovations of the Cole and Spofford Pond Elementary Schools; said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 132 in favor and 24 opposed, to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow the sum of up to \$330,000 to fund the architectural, designer and engineering services and to fund related permits and expenses necessary to obtain the required approvals for the expansion and renovations of the Cole and Spofford Pond Elementary Schools; said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee; said appropriation to be fully

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contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot question.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve this Special Town Meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Registered voters attending this meeting were 168. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Patricia Shields.

A true record.

ATTEST:

Patricia A. Shields
Town Clerk

TRANSFERS:

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| Article 1 (from free cash to Department of Public Works and Fire Department) | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Article 2 (from free cash to Police Department) | \$ 20,769.00 |
| Article 3 (from free cash to Police Department) | \$ 522.00 |
| Article 4 (from free cash for well and irrigation system, Boy Scout Park Athletic Fields) | \$ 11,500.00 |
| Total to be Transferred | \$ 57,791.00 |

APPROPRIATIONS:

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| Article 5 (for highway maintenance and construction predicated upon state reimbursement, Chapter 85) | \$304,528.00 |
| Article 9 (contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question) | \$330,000.00 |
| Total to be Appropriated | \$634,528.00 |