

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**August 8, 1995**

The voters of the Town of Boxford meet at Masconomet Regional High School on Tuesday, August 8, 1995. Moderator DeWitt T. Minich called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 or charges from prior fiscal years; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to pass over Article 1.

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NOTE: At this time we anticipate that Article 2 will be offered as a "contingent appropriation." This means that although the appropriation for a specific article could be approved at the Special Town Meeting, that appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 override ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.  
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**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow, an amount to enable the Conservation Commission to purchase for Conservation purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C, a 21.15 acre parcel of land (more or less) located at the intersection of Main Street and Ipswich Roads, known as "Witch Hollow Farm;" said purchase to be contingent upon the approval by the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for partial funding to the Town through the "Self-Help Grant"; or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this Article.

Mr. Badge Blackett, from the Trust for Public Lands, a non-voter, was allowed to speak before the Town Meeting by a unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by hand count vote, 330 in favor and 28 opposed, to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$490,000 to enable the Conservation Commission to purchase for Conservation purposes, to be managed by the Conservation Commission pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C, a 17.334 acre parcel of land (more or less) located at the intersection of Main Street and Ipswich Roads, known as "Witch

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Hollow Farm," said purchase to be contingent upon the approval by the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for partial funding to the Town through the "Self-Help Grant", and that the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary, on behalf of the Town of Boxford, to affect said purchase, said appropriation fully contingent upon successful passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 (so called) ballot question.

A two-thirds vote was required for passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Police Budget for FY1996, to fund the Town's share of the cost for the federal COPSFAST grant award to hire one additional full time police officer; 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 the sum of \$12,019 to be added to the Police Budget for FY1996, to fund the Town's share of the cost for the federal COPSFAST grant award to hire one additional full time police officer.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to drill, construct and perform all associated testing on a test well for possible public water supply on Town owned property off Spofford Road intended to provide potable water for current and future municipal buildings located on that property; 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 hand count vote, 278 in favor and 42 opposed, to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$30,000 to drill, construct and perform all associated testing on a test well for possible public water supply on Town owned property off Spofford Road intended to provide potable water for current and future municipal buildings located on that property; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

A two-thirds vote was required for passage of this Article.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following new section under Article 3:

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Section 13 School Building Committee

3-13-1 There shall be a committee to study the requirements and needs of school building issues in the Town of Boxford, said committee to be known as the School Building Committee. Said committee shall manage school building projects as charged by the Town pursuant to votes of Town Meeting, and pursuant to any responsibilities under the Massachusetts General Laws.

3-13-2 The School Building Committee shall be comprised of nine members, appointed annually as follows: The School Committee shall appoint four members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen; the Board of Selectmen shall appoint five members, and of these five, one shall be a member of the School Committee and one shall be a member of the Finance Committee;

3-13-3 All members of the School Building Committee appointed and dutifully sworn in as of the effective date of this Section 13 shall retain their positions until the expiration of their term. The two new members shall be appointed as per section (2), and the terms of the new members shall expire on June 30 of the following 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 majority voice vote, to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following new section under Article 3:

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3-13-1 There shall be a committee to study the requirements and needs of school building issues in the Town of Boxford, said committee to be known as the School Building Committee. Said committee shall manage school building projects as charged by the Town pursuant to votes of Town Meeting, and pursuant to any responsibilities under the Massachusetts General Laws.

3-13-2 The School Building Committee shall be comprised of nine members, appointed annually as follows: The School Committee shall appoint four members, and of these four members, at least one and no more than three shall be members of the School Committee; the Board of Selectmen shall appoint five members, and of these five, one shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen and one shall be a member of the Finance Committee;

3-13-3 All members of the School Building Committee appointed and dutifully sworn in as of the effective date of this Section 13 shall retain their positions until the expiration of their term. The two new members shall be appointed as per section (2), and the

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terms of the new members shall expire on June 30 of the following year.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Elementary School Budget for FY1996, to fund the hiring of a new second grade teacher position; or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended against adoption of this Article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,402 to be added to the Elementary School Budget for FY1996, to fund the hiring of a new second grade teacher position.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the FY 1996 budget of the Inspector of Buildings, to be added to the salary of the Inspector of Buildings; or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended against adoption of this Article.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, Article 7 was defeated by majority voice vote.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the FY1996 portion of the contract between the Town and the Boxford Public Works Employees Association; 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 the sum of \$5,510 to fund the FY1996 portion of the contract between the Town and the Boxford Public Works Employees Association.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,519 to fund the FY1996 contract between the Town and the Executive Secretary; 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 the sum of \$1,519 to fund the FY1996 contract between the Town and the Executive Secretary.

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ARTICLE 10: 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 this Special Town Meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Registered voters attending this meeting were 382. Counters and checkers for this meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Patricia Shields.

A true record.

ATTEST:

*Patricia Shields*  
 Patricia Shields  
 Town Clerk

TRANSFERS:		
Article 4		\$ 30,000
(From Stabilization Fund to Board of Selectmen--well drilling)		
Total to be Transferred		\$ 30,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE:		
Article 3		\$ 12,019
Article 6		25,402
Article 8		5,510
Article 9		<u>1,519</u>
Total to be Raised and Appropriated		\$ 44,450
APPROPRIATIONS		
Article 2		\$490,000
Total to be Appropriated		\$490,000