

**ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**October 28, 1998**

Moderator Gerald R. Johnston called the second session of the Boxford Special Town Meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. The articles of the warrant were disposed of as follows:

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$12,019 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 1999 share of the Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program in order to hire an additional full time police officer, 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 \$12,019 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 1999 share of the Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program in order to hire an additional full time police officer, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

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**NOTE:** At this time we expect that **Article 18** will be offered as a "contingent appropriation." This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Town Meeting, that appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.  
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**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$90,000 to fund the construction/expansion of the Spofford Pond School Parking Lot - Phase I; 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, a motion to amend the article by transferring the \$90,000 from Free Cash failed by hand count vote, 67 in favor and 143 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to fund the construction/expansion of the Spofford Pond School Parking Lot - Phase I; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; said appropriation to be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article subject to successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question.

Capital Budgeting Committee recommended adoption of this article subject to successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$8,250 to fund the Design work for the construction/expansion of the Spofford Pond Parking Lot - Phase II, 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 \$8,250 to fund the Design work for the construction/expansion of the Spofford Pond Parking Lot - Phase II, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its prior action at the Annual Town Meeting, May 13, 1998, Article 3, and appropriate the following new sums to fund the Roadside Collection Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 1999, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health:

Expenses, Contract	300,000
Expenses, Sticker Printing	4,200
Expenses, Bulldozer Operation	20,000
Miscellaneous	<u>7,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>331,200</b>

and that \$331,200 be raised as follows:

\$221,200 to be raised from the enterprise fund receipts,  
 \$ 60,000 be transferred from retained earnings,  
 \$ 50,000 to be transferred from free cash;

or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to rescind the Town's prior action at the Annual Town Meeting, May 13, 1998, Article 3, and appropriate the following new sums to fund the Roadside Collection Solid Waste and Recycling Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 1999, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health:

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\$ 50,000 to be transferred from free cash.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.  
Capital Budgeting Committee rated this expenditure a "High Priority."

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the Annual Town Meeting, May 13, 1998, Article 2, and set a new annual curbside solid waste collection fee at \$2.00 per 32 gallon bag or container (each use) commencing January 1, 1999, said fee to fund the town wide curbside collection service and related expenses for Fiscal Year 1999; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to rescind the action taken at the Annual Town Meeting, May 13, 1998, Article 2, and set a new annual curbside solid waste collection fee at \$2.00 per 32 gallon bag or container (each use) commencing January 1, 1999, said fee to fund the town wide curbside collection service and related expenses for Fiscal Year 1999.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following new section to the General Bylaws as follows:

### **Article Three - Appointed Officers and Boards**

#### **Section 14 Land Committee**

3-14-1 A Land Committee consisting of five members shall be established. Members of the Land Committee shall be appointed as follows:

One member selected by and from the Planning Board and appointed by the Selectmen.

One member selected by and from the Conservation Commission and appointed by the Selectmen.

One member selected by and from the Finance Committee and appointed by the Selectmen.

Two members to be selected and appointed by the Selectmen.

It is desirable that at least one member of the Land Committee have professional experience in the field of commercial real estate financing and/or acquisition.

3-14-2 Members shall be appointed for a term of three years. Initially, however, the members shall be appointed by the Selectmen as follows: One Selectmen's appointee to a one year term; two members, one from the Finance Committee and one from the Conservation Commission, to two year terms; and two members, one from the Planning Board and one Selectmen's appointee, to three year terms.

3-14-3 The Land Committee shall function as follows:

- A) All potential acquisitions of land, improved or unimproved, by the Town for conservation or municipal needs, will be referred to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen and the Land Committee will jointly determine whether the potential transaction fits within the Town's long range priorities and plans, and will outline the required due diligence process. If approved, the Land Committee shall be involved in all phases of the proposed acquisition from this point on.
- B) The Land Committee will obtain from the owner, or from other available sources as may be necessary, all pertinent information regarding the real estate in question. The Land Committee will perform a due diligence process, as required, for each potential acquisition. This due diligence will consist of, but is not limited to, appraisal(s) by an independent licensed appraiser, and land use plan by a registered engineer, as reviewed by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. A title search and an environmental profile study may be required as specified in section D below. Other steps may be added at the discretion of the Land Committee, as deemed necessary. The Board of Selectmen and the Land Committee may agree to waive or modify these requirements depending on the particular real estate involved.
- C) The Land Committee will render written and oral recommendations to the Selectmen, with copies to the Finance Committee, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Capital Budgeting Committee. The report will be submitted in a timely manner, providing adequate time for review and recommendation prior to potential Town action. The Land Committee's report will include the reasons for such recommendation and shall include a review of all appraisals and data supporting such appraisals, and any other information deemed necessary by the Land Committee.
- D) If the Town votes to acquire land recommended by the Land Committee, the Board of Selectmen will authorize the Land Committee to purchase services to conduct an examination of the record title. The Board of Selectmen will also authorize the Land Committee to purchase services to conduct an environmental profile study (i.e., Chapter 21E), when it is deemed necessary by the Land Committee and the Board of Selectmen, to ensure the satisfactory condition of the property before authorizing the acquisition of the real estate in question.
- E) The Land Committee will request an annual budget which will be used in part to cover the cost of appraisals, title searches, and environmental studies as specified above, and for any other services necessary to carry out its obligations as set forth in this bylaw. The Land Committee, when authorized by the Board of Selectmen, will have the authority to contract for such services.
- F) The Land Committee will report its activities to the Board of Selectmen on a regular basis, or as requested by the Board of Selectmen.
- G) The Land Committee shall schedule, post and conduct meetings in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, the so-called "open meeting law." Written minutes shall be taken, a copy of which shall be made available in the Selectmen's Office.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, an amendment to delete the last sentence in 3-14-3, Paragraph B, was defeated by a hand count vote, 80 in favor and 82 opposed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to add the following new section to the General Bylaws as follows:

### **Article Three - Appointed Officers and Boards**

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3-14-3 The Land Committee shall function as follows:

A) All potential acquisitions of land, improved or unimproved, by the Town for conservation or municipal needs, will be referred to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen and the Land Committee will jointly determine whether the potential transaction fits within the Town's long range priorities and plans, and will outline the required due diligence process. If approved, the Land Committee shall be involved in all phases of the proposed acquisition from this point on.

B) The Land Committee will obtain from the owner, or from other available sources as may be necessary, all pertinent information regarding the real estate in question. The Land Committee will perform a due diligence process, as required, for each potential acquisition. This due diligence will consist of, but is not limited to, appraisal(s) by an independent licensed appraiser, and land use plan by a registered engineer, as reviewed by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. A title search and an environmental profile study may be required as specified in section D below. Other steps may be added at the discretion of the Land Committee, as deemed necessary. The Board of Selectmen and the

Land Committee may agree to waive or modify these requirements depending on the particular real estate involved.

C) The Land Committee will render written and oral recommendations to the Selectmen, with copies to the Finance Committee, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Capital Budgeting Committee. The report will be submitted in a timely manner, providing adequate time for review and recommendations prior to potential Town action. The Land Committee's report will include the reasons for said recommendation and shall include a review of all appraisals and data supporting such appraisals, and any other information deemed necessary by the Land Committee.

D) If the Town votes to acquire land recommended by the Land Committee, the Board of Selectmen will authorize the Land Committee to purchase services to conduct an examination of the record title. The Board of Selectmen will also authorize the Land Committee to purchase services to conduct an environmental profile study (i.e., Chapter 21E), when it is deemed necessary by the Land Committee and the Board of Selectmen, to ensure the satisfactory condition of the property before authorizing the acquisition of the real estate in question.

E) The Land Committee will request an annual budget which will be used in part to cover the cost of appraisals, title searches, and environmental studies as specified above, and for any other services necessary to carry out its obligations as set forth in this bylaw. The Land Committee, when authorized by the Board of Selectmen, will have the authority to contract for such services.

F) The Land Committee will report its activities to the Board of Selectmen on a regular basis, or as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

G) The Land Committee shall schedule, post and conduct meetings in accordance with MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, the so called "open meeting law." Written minutes shall be taken, a copy of which shall be made available in the Selectmen's Office.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following new section to the General Bylaws as follows:

### **Article Three - Appointed Officers and Boards**

#### **Section 15 Computer Management Committee**

3-15-1 A Computer Management Committee consisting of five members shall be established. Members shall be appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years, except that initially the terms of appointment shall be determined by the Selectmen, so that one member so appointed shall initially have a one year appointment, two members so appointed shall have a two year appointment, and two members so appointed shall initially have a three-year appointment.

3-15-2 The Computer Management Committee reporting to the Board of Selectmen is charged as follows:

A) All computer related requests for special warrant articles or any computer related purchases shall be submitted first to the Computer Management Committee for review and consultation with the requesting Committee, board or department. The request shall be submitted in a timely with the requesting committee, board or department. The request shall be submitted in a timely manner so as to allow adequate time for review and discussion between the requester and the Computer Management Committee.

The Board of Selectmen shall require that the requesting board, committee or department and Computer Management Committee agree as to the configuration and specifications prior to purchase of said items.

B) The Committee will request an annual budget to be used in part to cover the cost of Town-wide service and training as may be necessary.

C) The Committee will report its activities to the Town and Board of Selectmen yearly, or as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

The Computer Management Committee shall schedule, post and conduct meetings in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to amend section A of 3-15-2 by deleting the words "with the requesting committee, board or department. The request shall be submitted in a timely" (which appeared twice in the paragraph).

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to add to the second paragraph of section A of 3-15-2 the following sentence, "The Computer Management Committee's recommendation for or against the board's, committee's or department's purchase must be reported in the warrant article or purchase request;" and to insert the words "work in good faith to" between the words "Computer Management Committee" and "agree" in the first sentence of the same paragraph.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote to add the following new section to the General Bylaws as follows:

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The Board of Selectmen shall require that the requesting board, committee or department and Computer Management Committee work in good faith to agree as to the configuration and specifications prior to purchase of said items. The Computer Management Committee's recommendation for or against the board's, committee's or department's purchase must be reported in the warrant article or purchase request.

B) The Committee will request an annual budget to be used in part to cover the cost of Town-wide service and training as may be necessary.

C) The Committee will report its activities to the Town and Board of Selectmen yearly, or as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

The Computer Management Committee shall schedule, post and conduct meetings in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500 to fund costs associated with altering a current landfill drainage system at the Boxford Sanitary Landfill, 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 pass over Article 24.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000 to fund costs associated with engineering services for a closure plan and to conduct a risk evaluation and assessment analysis for the Boxford Sanitary Landfill, 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 from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 to fund costs associated with engineering services for a closure plan and to



conduct a risk evaluation and assessment analysis for the Boxford Sanitary Landfill, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.  
Capital Budgeting Committee rated this article "essential."

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NOTE: At this time we expect that Article 26 debt appropriation will be offered as a "contingent appropriation." This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Town Meeting, that appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.  
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ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow through notes or bond, a sum of money for costs associated with the closure of the Boxford Sanitary Landfill; 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 appropriate the sum of \$1,050,000 for costs associated with the closure of the Boxford Sanitary Landfill; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,050,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, section 8(24), of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, this appropriation to be fully contingent upon successful passage at Town election of a Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question.

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article subject to successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question.

Capital Budgeting Committee rated this article "essential" and recommended the same as the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$321,266 for highway maintenance and construction in accordance with Chapter 11 Section 2B, Acts of 1997, (M O A #37226), or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$321,266 for highway maintenance and construction in accordance with Chapter 11 Section 2B, Acts of 1997, (M O A #37226).

Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article.

The Planning Board has held the appropriate hearings on the following five articles.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following as a public way:  
**ARROWHEAD FARMS ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 24+89.01 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to accept the following as a public way:

**ARROWHEAD FARMS ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 24+89.01 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following as a public way:  
**FOREST LANE** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 24+64.24 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the following as a public way:

**FOREST LANE** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 24+64.24 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following as a public way:  
**SEDGEWICK LANE** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 5+12.59 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the following as a public way:

**SEDGEWICK LANE** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 5+12.59 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following as a public way:  
**BARNSIDE ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 12+97 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry

of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the following as a public way:

**BARNSIDE ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 12+97 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following as a public way:

**HAYMEADOW ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 14+37.01 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to accept the following as a public way:

**HAYMEADOW ROAD** in its entirety from station 00+00 to station 14+37.01 as shown on plan "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Arrowhead Farms," Boxford, MA, prepared for Arrowhead Farms Realty Trust by Thomas E. Neve & Associates, Inc., dated November 5, 1986 and recorded in the South Essex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 220, Plan 63, including any easements appurtenant thereto.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of \$30,000 for bond, procurement and legal expenses and \$275,000 (for a total of \$305,000) to enable the Conservation Commission to purchase a parcel of land, known as the Haynes property, for conservation purposes containing 4.95± acres, more or less, at the corner of Main Street and Middleton Road, Town of Boxford, shown as lots 1 and 2 on a plan of land on file with the Town Clerk prepared by Matlock Associates on January 26, 1998, further identified as a portion of the land recorded in the Registry of Deeds, County of Essex, book 12906 page 415, and further identified as a portion of the parcel shown in the records of the Boxford Assessors as Map 32, Block 3 Lot 25; said land to be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission, said funds to be expended from the debt authorized under Article 37 of the Boxford Annual Town Meeting, May 14, 1997; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by a greater than 2/3 voice vote, to approve the expenditure of \$30,000 for bond, procurement and legal expenses and \$275,000 (for a total of \$305,000) to enable the Conservation Commission to purchase a parcel of land, known as the Haynes property, for conservation purposes containing 4.95± acres, more or less, at the corner of Main Street and Middleton Road, Town of Boxford, shown as lots 1 and 2 on a plan of land on file with the Town Clerk prepared by Matlock Associates on January 26, 1998, further identified as a portion of the land recorded in the Registry of Deeds, County of Essex, book 12906 page 415, and further identified as a portion of the parcel shown in the records of the Boxford Assessors as Map 32, Block 3 Lot 25; said land to be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be managed and

controlled by the Conservation Commission, said funds to be expended from the debt authorized under Article 37 of the Boxford Annual Town Meeting, May 14, 1997.

Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article.  
Capital Budgeting Committee did not recommend adoption of this article.

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**NOTE:** At this time we expect that **Article 34** debt appropriation will be offered as a "contingent appropriation." This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Town Meeting, the appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question. Should the override question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.  
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**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow through notes or bond, to fund the expenditure of \$30,000 for bond, procurement and legal expenses and \$400,000 (for a total of \$430,000) to enable the Town to purchase a parcel of land, known as the Haynes property, for **general municipal purposes** containing 4.95± acres, more or less, at the corner of Main Street and Middleton Road, Town of Boxford, shown as lots 1 and 2 on a plan of land on file with the Town Clerk prepared by Matlock Associates on January 26, 1998, further identified as a portion of the land recorded in the Registry of Deeds, County of Essex, book 12906 page 415, and further identified as a portion of the parcel shown in the records of the Boxford Assessors as Map 32, Block 3 Lot 25; or take any other action thereon.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, Article 34 failed, by more than a 2/3 voice vote.  
Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article  
Capital Budgeting Committee rated this article "high priority."

**ARTICLE 35.** To conduct any other business to legally come before this meeting.  
Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to dissolve this Special Town Meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Registered voters attending this meeting were 204. Counters and checkers for the meeting were appointed by Town Clerk Patricia Shields.

A true record.

**ATTEST:**

Patricia Shields, Town Clerk

**TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE:**

Article 18 (Prop 2-1/2 override) \$ 90,000  
**TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED:** \$ 90,000

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

Article 20 (from Enterprise Funds \$ 221,200  
to Roadside Collection)  
Article 27 (for Highway Maintenance) 321,266

**TOTAL TO BE APPROPRIATED** \$ 542,466

**TO BE TRANSFERRED:**

Article 1	(from Free Cash to Director of Communications)	\$ 2,000
Article 2	(from Free Cash to Animal Control Officer)	5,342
Article 3	(from Free Cash to Animal Control Officer)	3,500
Article 4	(from Free Cash to Town Accountant)	3,833
Article 7	(from Free Cash to Computers-Selectmen)	3,000
Article 8	(from Free Cash to Computers-Board of Health)	4,000
Article 10	(from Free Cash for Financial Audits)	10,400
Article 11	(from Free Cash to Council on Aging)	3,000
Article 12	(from Free Cash to Utilities/Maintenance)	8,400
Article 13	(from Free Cash to Cleaning Services)	8,200
Article 17	(from Free Cash to COPS)	12,019
Article 19	(from Free Cash to Spofford Parking - Phase II)	8,250
Article 20	(from Enterprise Fund)	60,000
	(from Free Cash to Roadside Collection)	50,000
Article 25	(from Free Cash to Sanitary Landfill)	<u>75,000</u>

**TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED** \$ 256,944

**TO GO TO BOND:**

Article 26	(for Landfill Closure) (Prop 2-1/2 override)	\$1,050,000
Article 33	(funded by Art. 37, ATM, 5/14/97)	<u>305,000</u>

**TOTAL TO BOND** **\$1,355,000**

