

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 2001

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Spofford School on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. Moderator Gerald R. Johnston called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.. The Articles of the Warrant were disposed of accordingly.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fund the FY 2001 portion of the Personal Service Contract between the Town of Boxford and the Police Lieutenants; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Estimate: \$5,000.00
Finance Committee requests adoption of this Article

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was **VOTED** by majority voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the FY 2001 portion of the Personal Service Contract between the Town of Boxford and the Police Lieutenants.*

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$290,000** for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck to replace a 1975 International 1000 G.P.M. pumper fire truck and fund necessary alterations to other fire vehicles in order to deploy transferred equipment; funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; further to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old pumper fire truck and any resulting surplus equipment pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B §15; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.
Capital Budgeting Committee recommends adoption of this article (A Essential)

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was **VOTED**, by unanimous voice vote, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow the sum of **\$290,000** for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck to replace a 1975 International 1000 G.P.M. pumper fire truck and fund necessary alterations to other fire vehicles in order to deploy transferred equipment; funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; further to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old pumper fire truck and any resulting surplus equipment pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B §15.*

NOTE: At this time we anticipate that **Article 3** will be offered as a "contingent appropriation". This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Special Town Meeting, the appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 ½ capital exclusion ballot question. Should the capital outlay expenditure exclusion ballot question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$60,000** to purchase new computer related technology hardware and software, including: CPU's, servers, monitors, printers, scanners, modems, laser disc devices, CD ROM drives and writers, work stations and other peripherals, equipment, software licenses, support services and all other incidental items necessary to continue the implementation of the technology plan for the Boxford Elementary Schools, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Elementary School Committee.
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.
Capital Budgeting Committee recommends adoption of this Article (B Important)

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was **VOTED**, by a greater than 2/3rd voice vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** to purchase new computer related technology hardware and software, including: CPU's, servers, monitors, printers, scanners, modems, laser disc devices, CD ROM drives and writers, work stations and other peripherals, equipment, software licenses, support services and all other incidental items necessary to continue the implementation of the technology plan for the Boxford Elementary Schools, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Committee, said appropriation subject to successful passage of the related proposition 2 1/2 capital outlay expenditure exclusion ballot question.*

AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3 was introduced as follows:

To amend Article 3 by changing the amount from \$60,000 to \$18,000.

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was **VOTED**, by majority voice vote, to defeat the Amendment.*

NOTE: At this time we anticipate that **Article 4** will be offered as a "contingent appropriation". This means that although the appropriation could be approved at the Special Town Meeting, the appropriation would be fully contingent upon successful passage of the related Proposition 2 1/2 permanent override ballot question. Should the permanent override ballot question fail, the appropriation would be rendered null and void.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$23,944** to fund the salary necessary to hire a new part-time 30 hours per week, Reference Librarian for the Boxford Town Libraries; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees
Finance Committee does not recommend adoption of this Article.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to pass over Article 4.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$20,000** to purchase two 11' power angle plows with all necessary mounting equipment and hydraulic equipment to replace existing outdated plow units on DPW vehicles, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

Capital Budgeting Committee recommends adoption of this Article (A Essential).

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to transfer from free cash the sum of \$20,000 to purchase two 11' power angle plows with all necessary mounting equipment and hydraulic equipment to replace existing outdated plow units on DPW vehicles, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$28,000** to purchase one new Police cruiser and necessary equipment to replace a current vehicle, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old cruiser pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B §15; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

Capital Budgeting Committee recommends adoption of this article (A Essential)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to transfer from free cash the sum of \$28,000 to purchase one new Police cruiser and necessary equipment to replace a current vehicle, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old cruiser pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B §15.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$7,500** to supplement existing funding for the purchase of forty-five UHF radio frequency voice pager receivers for the Fire Department to replace existing outdated VHF units, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

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ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2002, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
<i>Appropriations:</i>	
Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
<i>Reserves</i>	
Open Space	\$ 30,000.00
Historic Resources	\$ 30,000.00
Community Housing	\$ 30,000.00

or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

Explanation: Boxford expects to realize approximately \$300,000.00 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from Real Estate tax receipts in fiscal year 2002. The recently formed Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has not yet identified specific projects or properties for the use of this money; therefore, the above budget merely reserves the required statutory minimums for each of the required three categories of expenditure and appropriates the statutory maximum to be available for CPC expenses should the CPC decide to seek professional assistance in development of its long range plan. Any unexpended administrative expenses are returned to the general Undesignated CPA funds. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in FY 2003.

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<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT</u>
<i>Appropriations:</i>	
<i>Committee Administrative Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 15,000.00</i>
<i>Reserves</i>	
<i>Open Space</i>	<i>\$ 30,000.00</i>
<i>Historic Resources</i>	<i>\$ 30,000.00</i>
<i>Community Housing</i>	<i>\$ 30,000.00</i>

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following telephone communication line item sums from the individual department FY 2002 budget appropriations previously voted to the Building Maintenance Utilities Budget and the Communications budget in order to consolidate the telephone communication line items as follows:

Transfer from the following FY 2002 budgets:

Selectmen	\$15,017.00
Conservation	\$ 600.00
Fire-All Other	\$ 2,135.00
Animal Control	\$ 900.00
Communications-All Other	\$ 4,100.00
Public Works-All Other	\$ 365.00
Board of Health	\$ 1,500.00
Council on Aging	\$ 1,750.00
Library	\$ 3,040.00
Elementary School	\$ 9,400.00
Total	\$ 38,807.00

To the following FY 2002 budgets:

Building Maintenance: Utilities	\$ 35,942.00
Communications – All Other	<u>\$ 2,865.00</u>
Total	\$ 38,807.00

or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was **VOTED**, by unanimous voice vote, to reserve transfer the following telephone communication line item sums from the individual department FY 2002 budget appropriations previously voted to the Building Maintenance Utilities Budget and the Communications budget in order to consolidate the telephone communication line items as follows:*

Transfer from the following FY 2002 budgets:

<i>Selectmen</i>	<i>\$15,017.00</i>
<i>Conservation</i>	<i>\$ 600.00</i>
<i>Fire-All Other</i>	<i>\$ 2,135.00</i>
<i>Animal Control</i>	<i>\$ 900.00</i>
<i>Communications-All Other</i>	<i>\$ 4,100.00</i>
<i>Public Works-All Other</i>	<i>\$ 365.00</i>
<i>Board of Health</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.00</i>
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<i>Library</i>	<i>\$ 3,040.00</i>
<i>Elementary School</i>	<i>\$ 9,400.00</i>
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To the following FY 2002 budgets:

Building Maintenance: Utilities	\$ 35,942.00
Communications - All Other	<u>\$ 2,865.00</u>
Total	\$ 38,807.00

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$105,810.70 for highway maintenance and construction in accordance with Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1999, as authorized by a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and executed by the Town on May 30, 2001, funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by unanimous voice vote, to appropriate the sum of \$105,810.70 for highway maintenance and construction in accordance with Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1999, as authorized by a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and executed by the Town on May 30, 2001, funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend its bylaws by inserting a new section entitled, "Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings and Structures" as printed on page 7 in this warrant regulating the demolition of any building in the Town of Boxford that is over 75 years old; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Historic Districts Commission

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED, by majority voice vote, to pass over Article 11.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED by unanimous voice vote to dissolve this Special Town Meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Registered voters attending the meeting were 134. Town Clerk Patricia Shields appointed counters and checkers for the meeting.

A true record.

ATTEST:


Patricia Shields
Town Clerk

BORROW:

Article 2 \$ 290,000.00

TOTAL TO BE BORROWED \$ 290,000.00

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE:

Article 1 \$ 5,000.00

Article 3 60,000.00

Article 4 (Proposition 2-1/2 Override) 23,944.00

TOTAL TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED 88,944.00

APPROPRIATION:

Article 10 – Highway Chapter 253 \$ 105,810.70

TOTAL TO BE APPROPRIATED \$ 105,810.70

TRANSFER:

Article 5 (from Free Cash to purchase power angle plows) \$ 20,000.00

Article 6 (from Free Cash to purchase new Police cruiser) 28,000.00

Article 7 (from Free Cash to supplement funding for purchase of voice pager receivers for Fire Dept.) 7,500.00

Article 10 (from FY2002 budgets) listed below:

Selectmen \$15,017.00

Conservation \$ 600.00

Fire-All Other \$ 2,135.00

Animal Control \$ 900.00

Communications-All Other \$ 4,100.00

Public Works-All Other \$ 365.00

Board of Health \$ 1,500.00

Council on Aging \$ 1,750.00

Library \$ 3,040.00

Elementary School \$ 9,400.00

Total

\$38,807.00

(to the following FY 2002 budgets) listed below:

Building Maintenance: Utilities \$ 35,942.00

Communications – All Other \$ 2,865.00

Total

\$ 38,807.00

TOTAL TO BE TRANSFERRED \$ 94,307.00