

TOWN OF BOXFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2007

Voters of the Town of Boxford met at the Masconomet Regional District High School on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

Articles of the Special Town Meeting were disposed of as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$28,606 to implement and fund the FY 2007 portion of the “FY 2007 to FY 2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Boxford and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO State Council 93, Local 939 Boxford Clerical and Library Employees”**, and to allocate said appropriation among several departments and supplement their FY 2007 department budgets as follows:

Town Clerk – All Other	\$ 251
Municipal Finance Department	\$ 3,024
Board of Appeals	\$ 84
Building Inspector	\$ 278
Board of Health	\$ 368
Conservation Commission	\$ 339
Fire – Salary	\$ 496
DPW – Salary	\$ 1,083
Council on Aging	\$ 1,224
Library	\$ 21,459

said funds to be expended under the direction of the appropriate listed department; 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 transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$28,606 to implement and fund the FY 2007 portion of the “FY 2007 to FY 2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Boxford and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO State Council 93, Local 939 Boxford Clerical and Library Employees”**, and to allocate said appropriation among several departments and supplement their FY 2007 department budgets as follows:*

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ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **take by eminent domain the 13.775 acre “Parcel B” and receive as a gift the 1.781 acre “Parcel C” of the Walker Property**, both as described below, and to appropriate \$40,000 in land acquisition and legal costs, \$80,000 in land acquisition/damages expenses, for a total appropriation of \$120,000 to **enable the Town of Boxford to acquire for the purposes of conservation, the protection of wetland habitat, the protection of flood storage, and any and all response actions required to achieve regulatory closure of any contamination present**, and to accept the deed to the town of fee simple interest or less, two parcels of land on Baldpate Road, Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, being a portion of the property currently known as the Walker Property, the first parcel identified as “Parcel B”, consisting of 13.775 acres and the second parcel identified as “Parcel C”, consisting of 1.781 acres; both parcels as shown on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in Boxford, MA, Property of Jeffery A. and Pamela A. Walker, dated January 17, 2007, prepared by Donohoe & Parkhurst, Inc., 363 Boston St., Topsfield, MA, on file with the Town Clerk, together with all flowage rights and easements and subject to all well rights and easements; said land to be managed and controlled by the Boxford Board of Selectmen; and that the Town and Board of Selectmen 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 eminent domain taking and receipt of gift; and to take any and all actions and pursue such regulatory applications and activities as indicated in the “Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release” executed by the parties in February, 2007, or take any other action thereon.

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Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article
Capital Budgeting Committee Recommendation: "A" Essential

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED by greater than two thirds voice vote to transfer from the **Overlay Released** by the Assessors \$114,824 and transfer from Free Cash \$5,176 for a total of \$120,000 and to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain the 13.775 acre "Parcel B" and receive as a gift the 1.781 acre "Parcel C" of the Walker Property, both as described below, and to appropriate \$40,000 in land acquisition and legal costs, \$80,000 in land acquisition/damages expenses, for a total appropriation of \$120,000 to enable the Town of Boxford to acquire for the purposes of conservation, the protection of wetland habitat, the protection of flood storage, and any and all response actions required to achieve regulatory closure of any contamination present, and to accept the deed to the town of fee simple interest or less, two parcels of land on Baldpate Road, Boxford, Essex County, Massachusetts, being a portion of the property currently known as the Walker Property, the first parcel identified as "Parcel B", consisting of 13.775 acres and the second parcel identified as "Parcel C", consisting of 1.781 acres; both parcels as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Boxford, MA, Property of Jeffery A. and Pamela A. Walker, dated January 17, 2007, prepared by Donohoe & Parkhurst, Inc., 363 Boston St., Topsfield, MA, on file with the Town Clerk, together with all flowage rights and easements and subject to all well rights and easements; said land to be managed and controlled by the Boxford Board of Selectmen; and that the Town and Board of Selectmen 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 eminent domain taking and receipt of gift; and to take any and all actions and pursue such regulatory applications and activities as indicated in the "Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release" executed by the parties in February, 2007.*

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ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$321,742 for highway maintenance and construction** in accordance with the FY 08 Chapter 90 local transportation aid, as authorized by an award issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 29, 2007, funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action thereon.

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Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **\$20,000 to supplement the FY 2007 Finance Committee Reserve Fund**, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Finance Committee
Finance Committee recommends adoption of this article

*Upon a motion made and duly seconded it was **VOTED** by unanimous voice vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to supplement the FY 2007 Finance Committee Reserve Fund, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee.*

ARTICLE 5. 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 Special Town Meeting @ 8:58 pm.*

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Counter and checkers for Special Town Meeting were appointed by Town Clerk, Patricia Shields. Attendance for Special Town Meeting was about 250.

TRANSFERS:

Article #1	From Free Cash	\$28,606.00
Article # 2	From Free Cash	\$ 5,176.00
Article # 2	From Overlay Released by Assessors	\$114,824.00
Article #4	From Free Cash	\$ 20,000.00
	TOTAL	\$168,606.00

APPROPRIATE:

Article #3	State Highway Chapter 90 Funding	\$321,742.00
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A True Record.

ATTEST: 
Town Clerk