

***Hanson Board of Selectmen  
School Committee Meeting in the  
Whitman-Hanson Regional High School Library  
followed by Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
at WHRHS, Room 201  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
5:30 P.M.***

**WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

***Discussion with Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Representative***

***Re: School Assessment Methodology*** – The Hanson and Whitman Boards of Selectmen attended this evening's WHRSD School Committee meeting at that that committee's invitation to meet with representatives of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Christine Lynch and Michelle Griffin, to discuss the school assessment funding formula.

Ms. Lynch started the meeting with some historical background on changes to state funding formulas for public school systems. The 1991 agreement for the Whitman Hanson Regional School District specified a per pupil assessment formula (known as the Alternative Method) which was typical for regional school systems since the 1950s. In 1993, the Education reform Law passed, creating major changes to Chapter 70 funding methodology (known as the Statutory Method): DESE established a minimum local contribution for municipalities based on a number of factors to reach a foundation level of spending. When regional school systems objected to this funding formula, the legislature declared that both the statutory and alternative assessment methodologies are legal, and district school committees can decide which methodology to use.

Ms. Lynch told those present that if Hanson and Whitman cannot agree on a methodology, whether the statutory or the current alternative method or some compromise (such as a phased in approach in changing over to the statutory method of assessment) for FY21, the Commissioner of Education is authorized to set a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget for the district using the statutory method until a district budget is approved. If there is no local budget by December 1<sup>st</sup> by a majority vote of both towns affirming one of the methods, the statute also requires the Commissioner to take over fiscal control of the district, and could ultimately result in a super town meeting to decide.

Mr. Lynch urged both towns to work together to a mutually satisfactory decision. On several occasions, WHRSD School Committee Chairman Bob Hayes echoed Ms. Lynch's advice for officials from Hanson and Whitman to collaborate and compromise. Chairman Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett told Chairman Hayes that the Hanson Board of Selectmen is ready to stand by the school committee's decision to avoid state takeover.

Whitman Finance Chairman Richard Anderson and Selectman Vice Chairman Dan Salvucci told the school committee that both of their boards had voted unanimously that the aggregate, wealth-based statutory formula as the only acceptable methodology for Whitman taxpayers.

The school committee will consider whether to have both towns' Selectmen, Managers and Finance Committee members back after having a week to reflect on this evening's dialogue.

At 7:30 p.m., the Hanson Board of Selectmen left the WHRSD School Committee meeting and reconvened in Room 201 to conduct regular Hanson town business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

***Vote to award the bonds issued for Water Department purposes &***

***Vote to award bonds to refund callable maturities of 2007 bonds issued for the police station***

Town Administrator Meredith Marini told the Board that the purpose of the refinancing of the bonds for Water Department projects and the police station project is to save the Town approximately \$126,000 over the bonds' lifetimes.

The Clerk of the Board, Wesley Blauss, proceeded to read the vote in its entirety (attached), then ***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the issuances of the bonds.

***Voted 5 - 0***

***Discussion regarding the establishment of a committee to review the school assessment*** - This item was tabled this evening.

***Vote to change hours/rates of Senior Tax Abatement Program*** – Mrs. Marini reminded the Board that at the May 6, 2019 Town Meeting, Hanson's voters approved an increase in the amount that homeowners over 60 and veterans can earn in tax abatement dollars from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 under the Senior Tax Abatement Program (STAP). Mrs. Marini met with Hanson's Council on Aging Director, Treasurer/Collector, Assessor and Veteran's Agent to discuss the process. Since 1997 the Town has used the federal minimum wage as the hourly rate (currently \$7.25). The group is requesting the Board to consider increasing the hourly rate to \$10.00 per hour, halfway between the state and federal minimum wages, thereby establishing a 100 hour work requirement to earn the \$1,000 abatement.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve this recommendation.

***Voted 5 - 0***

***Declare Recreation cots and kayaks as surplus*** – This item is continued to the Board's next meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

***Vote Private Way Plow List 2020– See Attached*** – The Board reviewed the proposed list of private ways to be plowed by the Town in FY20.

***MOTION*** by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve this list (attached). ***Voted 4 – 0 with Mr. Dyer abstaining.***

### **APPOINTMENTS**

***200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comm.–Patricia Dransfield, 14 George Street – Term to expire 12/31/2020***

***MOTION*** BY Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to appoint Patricia Dransfield to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2020.

### **ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES – Camp Kiwanee**

***South Shore Children's Museum, Friday, Nov. 15th, 7:00-10:00 p.m., comedy night***

**MOTION** BY Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve this one day license.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

***October 7<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session***

***October 15<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session***

***October 16<sup>th</sup> Reg. Session (no quorum, informational only)***

**MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the minutes (listed above).

***Voted 5 - 0***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations for collective bargaining sessions with the Hanson Police Relief Association and the chair has declared that it would be detrimental to conduct in open session -*** The Board did not convene in executive session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** BY Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greer Getzen  
Executive Assistant

## VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hanson, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held November 5, 2019, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund the Town's \$5,482,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2007 Bonds dated November 15, 2007, maturing or subject to mandatory redemption (as applicable), on November 15 in the years 2020 through 2025 (inclusive) (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$4,275,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2019 Bonds of the Town dated November 14, 2019 (the "Bonds"), to Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC, at the price of \$4,911,531.40 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on February 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$610,000	5.00%	2026	\$580,000	5.00%
2022	625,000	5.00	2027	210,000	5.00
2023	625,000	5.00	2028	210,000	5.00
2024	625,000	5.00	2029	90,000	4.00
2025	610,000	5.00	2030	90,000	3.00

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$600,000 1.67 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town being issued as a State House Note and dated November 15, 2019, and payable September 4, 2020 (the "Note"), to TD Bank, N.A. at par and accrued interest, if any.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 29, 2019, and a final Official Statement dated November 4, 2019 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth

in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds and Note were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended.

Dated: November 5, 2019

  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

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PRIVATE WAY PLOW LIST 2020  
(To be approved by Selectmen for Plowing Snow)

Alden Way *	Indian Head Pond Development
Arthur Avenue	Kiwanee Road
Arthur Street	Lakeside Road
Audubon Lane	Leon Court
Azalea Way *	Litchfield Lane
Beckett Street	Meadow Lane
Boston Avenue	Ocean Avenue Ext.
Briggs Street	Pearl Street
Charles Street	Pennsylvanie Avenue
Christopher Lane *	Pine Grove Colony
Cranberry Lane	Proud Foot Way
Cushman Street	Rollercoaster Road
Depot Street	Santos Court
Emory Street	Snow Street
Equus Drive	Spofford Avenue
Fallon Point Road	Station Street
Ferris Street	Stringer Lane *
French Street	Union Park Street
Gray Lane *	Upton Street
Hanson Court	Valley Forge Road *
Hawthorne Street	Village Road
Hemlock Drive*	Wilbur Avenue
Hill Road (Off Monponsett)	Wilkie Terrace-entrances only
Independence Avenue	Woodbine Avenue Ext.
	Woodman Terrace

November 5, 2019

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\* Will be billed if not plowed by Contractor/Owner