

Town of Hanson

Finance Committee

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Minutes of: September 8, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM
Adjourned: 9:15 PM

M: SM, (2nd) by KN - V: 4-0

	Mike Wojdag <i>Chair</i>	Steve McKinnon <i>Vice Chair</i>	Joe Pelligra	Michael Dugan	Kim Nourse
Present	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Expires	6/30/2016	6/30/2016	06/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2018
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Also attending: Jerry Thompson, Fire Chief
Rich LaCamera, Interim Town Administrator
Ken Mitchell, Selectman
Bob Brown, Highway Surveyor

2016 Opening Reserve Fund Balance:

Assignment of Department Liaisons ~

It was recommended that assignment of department liaisons be deferred until sometime in September.

Approve Prior Minutes ~

8/25/15 Minutes Approved as Written by SM, 2nd by KN - Vote: 4-0

New Business ~

Mr. Wojdag mentioned a letter was received from WHRD that the FY2016 district operating budget was amended by an increase of \$125,777 due to anticipated additional State revenue.

Discuss and/or Vote Warrant Articles of October STM ~

Mr. Jerry Thompson, Fire Chief, was in attendance to discuss articles as follows ~

#3 – Item 3 – FF Salaries (\$55K) - Chief Thompson stated that the Fire Department needs adequate staffing to deal with normal daily risks faced by the community. 1,238 runs have been made and 377 more calls, 200 from assisted living, from last year. Costs are for covering vacation time and does not include benefits. Staffing of 4 firefighters for initial calls when vacation time is used would be desired with a Lieutenant. Currently, there is no Lieutenant on duty which is crucial especially with the number of newer and younger members.

#6 – Highway Building (\$30K) – Funds needed to develop plans to renovate buildings at Hawks Avenue.

Mr. Brown mentioned that the State Fisheries and Wildlife will be taking over the back end of the property. A

company has been contacted to begin cleanup. Two buildings look great; one is approximately 18K square feet and the other approximately 22K square feet. Mr. Brown stated that engineers need to look at whether a steel building can contain salt. Mr. LaCamera mentioned if it isn't suitable a salt shed will need to be built. A concern about operating costs was raised by Mr. Wojdag, i.e., heating costs; buildings do not have separate meters. Mr. McKinnon asked whether or not a cost benefit analysis has been performed. The design study should include options in the plan. It was reiterated by Mr. Mitchell that options will be included in engineering study. \$30K is for basic engineering study and additional monies may be needed to expand plan. Mr. Wojdag and Mr. McKinnon mentioned that they will do a walkthrough of buildings. No deed has been signed so not committed.

#7 - Firefighters Retirement (\$17) – To cover costs for unexpected retirement.

#20 – Compression System (\$28K) – allows for continuous CPR so that other life saving measures can be administered, standard of care.

#21 – Replace Furnace at Main Street (\$9K) – Current hot water furnace is over 30 years old.

#22 – Redesign Liberty Street Station (\$20K) – Costs to address immediate needs to reconfigure front room area for operational needs to include a conference room, necessary furniture, wall paint. Living area in back; front room for training.

#23 – Fire Station Septic/Floor Drains (\$30K) – When it rains heavily, groundwater fills D tank and they have taken care of pumping out themselves. Can't use land by cell tower and drains are not in compliance. For DEP, it would be 30 days out to bid and could possibly be done in November at a cost of \$57K.

Mr. Rich LaCamera and Ken Mitchell discussed the following articles ~

#3, Item #1 – Public Buildings (\$10K) – Mr. Mitchell stated the building attached to Hanson Food Pantry needs significant work. The roof was leaking and work has been completed. Building needs to be re-shingled; have shingles from the Food Pantry. Mr. LaCamera explained the difference in costs between pine and PVC; pine costing \$10K and PVC costing approximately \$12.6K. It was suggested that PVC might be more cost effective based on life span. Question was raised as to what is/will the building be used for?

#3, Item #2 – Utilities (\$15K) – To cover costs for utilities for the Food Pantry. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that he had met with the Board and utilities will be paid by the Food Pantry themselves. Request will be withdrawn and an additional \$5K will be requested to cover costs for PVC shingles regarding Public Buildings.

#3, Item #6 – OPEB (\$10K) – Mr. LaCamera mentioned funds are for setting up the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) program to satisfy federal government regulations.

#16 – Mr. LaCamera stated that the Highway loader will not be a lease. It will be a bond with a rate of 1-1/2% for 3 years with a payment of \$60K/year.

#18 – Deeds for required properties and drainage have been obtained. The 48 pipe drains into the wetlands are working properly. Catch basins are done by residents. Development company is responsible for all costs; Town has no issues. It was mentioned by Mr. Dugan that addition needs to be added to the existing plan.

FinCom voting warrant articles as attached.

Next Meeting Date: 9/22/15, 10/5/15

Adjourned: 9:20p – Motion to Adjourn by SM, 2nd by KN - Vote: 4-0



**Whitman-Hanson
Regional School District**

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August 24, 2015

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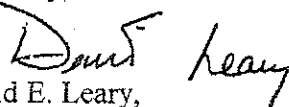
Dear Mr. LaCamera:

This letter is to inform you that the FY2016 district budget has been amended.

At the August 19, 2015 regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, the Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee members voted unanimously to amend Whitman Hanson Regional School District Operating Budget by an increase of \$ 125,777 due to anticipated additional State revenue from Chapter 70, Chapter 71 Transportation and Charter school reimbursements, as presented.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Dr. Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent of Schools, at 781-618-7471. If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


David E. Leary,
District Treasurer

cc: Dr. Ruth C. Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent of Schools
Christine Suckow, Director of Business Services
Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee
Town of Whitman and Town of Hanson Finance Committee Chairpersons ✓
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OCTOBER 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 5, 2015

8/20/15 Selectmen recommend
9/8/15 FinCom recommend

Article	DEPT.	ITEM	AMOUNT	SOURCE	Free Cash	R&A	Other Sources	Selectmen Recommend	Finance Recommend
1	BOS	Unpaid Bills	\$2,600	FC	\$2,600			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
2	Selectmen	Create OPEB fund	\$0	N/A				Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
3	Selectmen	Supplement Budget	\$105,500	FC and R&A	\$10,000	\$105,500		Recommend 5 - 0	
4	Fin Com	Fund Stabilization	\$25,000	R&A		\$25,000		Recommend 5 - 0	
5	Treasurer/collector	Purchase Drop Box	\$3,000	FC	\$3,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Not Recommend 4 - 0
6	Highway Building	Engineering plans & design	\$30,000	FC	\$30,000			Recommend 5 - 0	
7	Selectmen	Firefighters Retirement	\$17,000	FC	\$17,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
8	Selectmen	Fund Reg. School Capital Stabilization account	\$10,000	R&A		\$10,000		Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
9	School Comm.	Replace HS water heater	\$12,100	R&A		\$12,100		Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
10	School Comm.	Repairs to HMS	\$79,841	R&A		\$79,841		Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
11	Selectmen	Study Wampatuck Pond	\$10,000.00	FC	\$10,000			Hold	Not Recommend 4 - 0
12	Police Chief	Replace Radio Repeater	\$20,000.00	FC	\$20,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
13	Water Dept.	Add to Emergency Fund	\$20,000.00				\$20,000	Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
			\$335,041.03		\$92,600	\$232,441	\$20,000		

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14	Water Dept.	Water survey/audit	\$17,000.00				\$17,000	and rec.	Recommend 4 - 0
15	Water Dept.	New SCADA computer	\$15,000.00				\$15,000	Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
16	Highway Surveyor	Loader for Highway lease	\$60,000.00	R&A		\$60,000		Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
17	Highway Surveyor	New Pickup truck	\$45,000	FC	\$45,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
18	BOS	Invest. Water flow Main St.	\$25,000	FC	\$25,000			Hold	Not Recommend 4 - 0
19	BOS	Utilities for Food Pantry	\$10,000	R&A		\$10,000		Hold	
20	Fire Chief	Compression System	\$28,000	Amb.			\$28,000	Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
21	Fire Chief	Replace furnace Main St.	\$9,000	FC	\$9,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
22	Fire Chief	Redesign Liberty St. station	\$20,000	FC	\$20,000			Recommend 5 - 0	
23	Fire Chief	Septic & floor drains	\$30,000	FC	\$30,000			Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
24	W&P	Correct Comp. Plan		N/A				Recommend 5 - 0	Recommend 4 - 0
25	Selectmen	By-laws restrict service of Board members		N/A				Recommend 5 - 0	Refer to Town Meeting 4 - 0
26	Planning Board	recodify Zoning by-law Table of Contents		N/A				Recommend 5 - 0	Refer to Town Meeting 4 - 0
27	Planning Board	Zoning by-law reduce set backs		N/A				Recommend 5 - 0	Refer to Town Meeting 4 - 0
			\$594,041		\$221,600	\$302,441	\$80,000		