



# Town of Hanson

Finance Committee  
REVISED

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Minutes of: March 24, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:03 PM  
Adjourned: 9:15 PM

M: SM (2<sup>nd</sup>) MD V: 6-0

	Barbara Arena <i>Chair</i>	Steve McKinnon <i>Vice Chair</i>	Joe Pelligra	OPEN	Michael Wojdag	Teresa Fettig	Michael Dugan
<b>Present</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Exp</b>	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/2017
<b>Time</b>							

**Also Present:** Ron SanAngelo, Town Administrator  
Todd Hassett, Town Accountant  
Bob Brown, Highway Surveyor  
Nancy Cappellini, Library Director

<b>2015 Opening Reserve Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$86,187</b>
<b>8/12 Town Hall Phone System:</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>
<b>1/6/15 Approvals:</b>	
BOH - VNA Services	(\$2,000)
HWY - Equipment Repair	(\$3,500)
HWY - Overtime	(\$4,000)
Tree Warden - Tree Removal	(\$6,500)
<b>2/24/15 Balance:</b>	<b>\$55,187</b>
<b>3/24/15 Approvals:</b>	
BOH - VNA Services	(\$1,168)
Library - Remove snow from roof	(\$5,500)
Highway - Repair	(\$6,733)
Highway - Traffic Light	(\$2,724)
Highway - Meals	(\$3,313)
<b>3/24/15 Balance</b>	<b>\$35,749</b>

7:03 pm - Meeting opened with an introduction and welcome to new member, Joe Pelligra, for a three month term.

Ron SanAngelo reported on current fiscal matters of the Town including detailed Free Cash appropriations of \$583,200. Listed below is the Special Town Meeting Warrant -

- Article 2 \$65,000 Supplement FY2015 Operating Budgets
- \$400,000 including snow and ice removal deficit
- Article 5 \$25,000 Transfer to Stabilization Fund
- Article 6 \$10,000 Transfer to School Stabilization Fund
- Article 7 \$6,200 Clean Monponsett Pond
- Article 8 \$10,000 Study Wampatuck Pond
- Article 10 \$9,000 Rebuild Chimney at Fire Station
- Article 11 \$10,000 Grade Private Ways
- Article 12 \$3,000 Purchase Dropbox (Treasurer/Collector)
- Article 20 \$30,000 Firefighter Retirements

Conservation appropriations consisting of \$5K for Conservation Fund; \$5K to Update Open Space and Recreation Plan; \$5K for Drainage Restoration along Katy Did Lane will be assigned Article numbers by the Conservation Committee.

In addition, \$176,000 for Capital Plan of which \$80,000 for Fire Alarm Panels for Indian Head Middle School, \$40,000 for the Town Hall and Fire Station parking lots - Annual Town Meeting Warrant. All numbers are as of 3/24/15 with a balance of \$11,560 in Free Cash.

Borrowing authorizations include \$633K for technology replacement at WHRSD, \$266K for roof repairs at Maquan School and \$100K (placeholder) for roof repair at the Library. Bob Kern is handling all aspects of the roof repair at the Library.

Snow and Ice Deficit - Budget funded for increase in snow and ice removal. In addition, need to follow up with insurance for possible coverage for all town buildings.

A presentation to the Selectmen regarding the above has not been scheduled as yet.

Submitted by: Maureen Lowe

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#### Pay as You Throw Program

The Town's goals and objectives of this program have been met based on a six month review from July-December 2014 as follows: 2,508 households obtained transfer station stickers, bag sales achieved a net revenue of \$107K, trash tonnage decreased 64%, recycling increased 15% mainly due to contractor dumping which has been rectified, and tip fee and hauling costs budget savings of \$39K.

#### 2016 Revised Budget

Todd Hassett reported on the revised 2016 Budget noting a tax levy base increase of 2.5% over last year for new growth through June 30<sup>th</sup>; MSBA and local receipts increased over 6% with the total receipts of \$21K to support next year's budget; added \$176K to Free Cash – capital plan; \$20K to Overlay Reserve; \$262K in ambulance fees to support fire. Based on preliminary budget numbers dated 3/24, there is no negative growth and is considered flat to 2015.

#### Reserve Fund Requests

- Library - \$5,500 - Nancy Cappellini attending – Remove snow from roof  
Motion to Approve, Approve – SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> - MD, All in Favor Vote: 6-0
- Highway - \$6,733.46 – Bob Brown attending – Drainage  
Motion to Approve, Approve – SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – MD, All in Favor Vote: 6-0
- Highway - \$2,724 – Bob Brown attending - Repair/replace traffic light amp at Middle School, Liberty Street  
Motion to Approve, Approve – SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – MD, All in Favor Vote: 6-0
- Highway - \$3,313.50 – Bob Brown attending - Staff meals for overtime  
Motion to Approve, Approve – SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – MD, All in Favor Vote 6-0
- Board of Health - \$1,168 (through June '15) – no attendee – Check MAVEN on a daily basis  
Motion to Approve, Approve – SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> – JP, All in Favor Vote 5-1 with MW against  
(Please request less searches performed and consider prior to renewing contract.)

#### Lite Control Committee

Ms. Arena reported no further update on Lite Control Property Committee.

Future meeting dates: 3/31/15 and 4/7/15

9:15 pm Motion to Adjourn by SM, 2<sup>nd</sup> MD, All in Favor Vote: 6-0