

Annual Town Meeting  
May 4, 2015

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM in the auditorium of the Hanson Middle School with, Jerome Thompson, Gerard A. Lozeau and Antonio Santalucia appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Jason Talerman from Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Elizabeth Botieri, John D. Buckley, Robert A. Buotte, Sr., Joseph Michael Duffy, Ronald R. Grattan, Peter J. Jones, Thomas P. Mosher, Evelyn Meinhold, Kathleen O'Brien and James Wildes.

A quorum was present with 216 voters in attendance.

The Moderator requested a motion to have Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare a determination of a voice vote of Town Meeting. Motion was made by Donald Howard, seconded by Bruce Young with a Vote, Aye voice.

The Moderator indicated that the Town Meeting would be run by the rules of Town Meeting Time.

The Town Administrator Ron San Angelo was introduced and thanked everyone for coming out to Town Meeting and thanked everyone that put this year's budget together, Todd Hassett, Merry Marini, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Finance Committee and all the Department Heads.

The Finance Committee Chair, Barbara Arena was introduced and thanked the voters for attending Town Meeting. She explained how the Finance Committee reviews and recommends the Budget to Town Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:51 PM to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 PM.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Reports voted on are those published in the 2014 Town Report. To hear the report of the Maquan School Building Committee.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice to hear any reports of the various Town Offices, Committees and Special Committees.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2016 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** Every year this article is voted. It simply allows the Treasurer/Collector to maintain accounts using credits instead of money to pay for banking charges.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2016 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This money will be used to cover the costs incurred for filing and advertising properties with delinquent taxes, and also to pay any legal fees resulting from this process.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bruce Young

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$20,000.00 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows:

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>
Town Clerk	\$62,714.00	\$64,595.00
Tree Warden	\$2,851.00	\$2,936.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

**Explanation:** This article sets the salaries limits for the elected officials. Article 5 funds the salaries.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bill Scott

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, and Election Fund Ch. 503, Acts of 1983 to

defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2016 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2016 Annual Budget Lines

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenny Mitchell

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2016 Budget Appropriations with the following amendments – Voted Aye 110 , Nay 58 to amend Line 9 from \$137,656 to \$137,959 motion- Bruce Young 2<sup>nd</sup>-Doanld Howard. Voted Aye, voice to amend all the following salary lines:**

<b>Line 11</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 179,940</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 180,288</b>
<b>Line 16</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 105,549</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 105,860</b>
<b>Line 18</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 7,169</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 7,205</b>
<b>Line 21</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 7,177</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 7,505</b>
<b>Line 23</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 57,657</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 57,955</b>
<b>Line 25</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 62,998</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 63,296</b>
<b>Line 34</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$1,796,387</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$1,797,566</b>
<b>Line 39</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$1,606,727</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$1,607,276</b>
<b>Line 42</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 78,662</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 78,828</b>
<b>Line 44</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 5,718</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 5,746</b>
<b>Line 46</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 5,501</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 5,528</b>
<b>Line 48</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 3,247</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 3,263</b>
<b>Line 50</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 17,404</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 17,489</b>
<b>Line 52</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 28,630</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 28,771</b>
<b>Line 54</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 2,881</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 2,894</b>
<b>Line 62</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 435,363</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 435,704</b>
<b>Line 69</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 93,873</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 94,142</b>
<b>Line 72</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 71,307</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 71,560</b>
<b>Line 79</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>\$ 251,794</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>\$ 252,550</b>

motion-Bruce Young 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron San Angelo. Voted Aye 118, Nay 44 to amend the amended Line 62 from \$435,363 to \$443,278 motion- David Hanlon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Brown. Voted Aye, voice to amend Line 75 from \$17,861 to \$20,908 motion – Tom Dahlberg 2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Edgehille. Voted Aye, voice to amend Line 88 from \$1,584,127 to \$1,534,127 motion- Ron San Angelo 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Hayes.

Explanation on amendments are as follows: The salary Lines 9, 11, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 34, 39, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 69, 72 & 79 were increased from 2% to 2.5% for Department Heads. Line 62 Highway Salaries increased to give the Administrative Assistant an increase of 5 more hours a week. Line 75 Veterans Salaries increased to give the Veteran's Agent a higher salary to bring the position comparable to other Town's and to reflect the job that is required. Line 88 Group Insurance was decreased because the amount came in less than anticipated.

Motion: Bruce Young  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to accept the Budget Article as amended.**  
(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
1. Salaries	\$ 163,055
2. Expenses	25,635
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
3. Salaries	1,550
4. Expenses	450
5. Reserve Fund	75,000
135 ACCOUNTANT	
6. Salaries	107,095
7. Expenses	2,100
8. Audit	27,500
141 ASSESSORS	
9. Salaries	137,959
10. Expenses	7,250
145 TREASURER/COLLETOR	
11. Salaries	180,288
12 Expenses	7,200
13 MWPAT Admin Expenses	10,000 MWPAT
Title V Interest	
151 LEGAL SERVICES	
14. Expenses	140,000
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
15. Expenses	120,000

161 TOWN CLERK

16. Salaries	105,860
17. Expenses	3,945

162 ELECTIONS

18. Salaries	7,205
19. Expenses	8,967
20. Special Election Expenses	0

163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

21. Salaries	7,505
22. Expenses	1,782

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

23. Salaries	57,955
24. Expenses	4,436

175 PLANNING BOARD

25. Salaries	63,296
26. Expenses	4,550

176 APPEALS BOARD

27. Salaries	33,379
28. Expenses	720

180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

29. Expenses	0
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190 POSTAGE

30. Expenses	24,000
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192 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

31. Salaries	50,393
32. Expenses	13,125

196 UTILITIES

33. Expenses	109,145
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**SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

1,501,345

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

210 POLICE

34. Salaries	1,797,566
35. Expenses	164,210
36. Capital Outlay	121,000

215 COMMUNICATIONS

37. Salaries	345,880
38. Expenses	35,550

220 FIRE & AMBULANCE

39. Salaries	1,369,776
Fund	237,500 Ambulance
40. Expenses	150,353
Fund	25,000 Ambulance
41. Capital Outlay	0

241 BUILDING INSPECTION

42. Salaries	78,828
43. Expenses	7,000

242 GAS INSPECTION

44. Salaries	5,746
45. Expenses	0

243 PLUMBING INSPECTION

46. Salaries	5,528
47. Expenses	0

244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES

48. Salaries	3,263
49. Expenses	400

245 WIRING INSPECTION

50. Salaries	17,489
51 Expenses	0

292 ANIMAL CONTROL

52. Salaries	28,771
53. Expenses	2,870

294 TREE WARDEN

54. Salaries	2,894
55. Expenses	5,000

<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>4,404,624</b>
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**EDUCATION:**

300 WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL

56. Operating Assessment	7,524,572
57. Transportation Assessment	98,607
58. Debt Assessment	392,264

59. 330 SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	847,339
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60. 340 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	254,034
<b>SUBTOTAL, EDUCATION</b>	<b>9,116,816</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

410 ENGINEERING

61. Expenses	8,500
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420 HIGHWAY

62. Salaries	443,278
63. Expenses	142,982
64. Snow & Ice	250,000
65. Street Sweeping	35,000

424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL

66. Expenses 135,000

430 SOLID WASTE

67. Salaries

68. Expenses

**SUBTOTAL, PUBLIC WORKS 1,014,760**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

511 BOARD OF HEALTH

69. Salaries 94,142

70. Expenses 7,235

71. VNA Services 5,280

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

72. Salaries 71,560

73. Expenses 9,100

74. VNA Services 6,800

543 VETERANS

75. Salaries 20,908

76. Expenses 2,100

77. Assistance 47,500

544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES

78. Expenses 2,000

**SUBTOTAL, HUMAN SERVICES 266,625**

**CULTURE & RECREATION:**

610 LIBRARY

79. Salaries 252,550

80. Expenses 123,863

630 RECREATION

81. Salaries 0

650 PARK & FIELDS

82. Expenses 10,000

83. 692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM 2,000

**SUBTOTAL, CULTURE & RECREATION 388,413**

**FIXED COSTS:**

710 DEBT SERVICE

84. Principal 395,000

115,000 MWPAT

Rcpts reserved

85. Interest 125,217

4,328 Debt

Premium reserved

86. 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT 1,287,561

87. 913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 29,700

88. 914 GROUP INSURANCE 1,534,127

89. 945 RISK MANAGEMENT 278,000

**SUBTOTAL, FIXED COSTS 3,768,933**

**SUB TOTAL \$ 20,461,516**

**WATER:**

90. Salaries 418,394 Water

Revenue

91. Expenses 381,800 Water

Revenue

92. Debt Service 244,365 Water

Revenue

93. Indirect Cost 150,000 Water

Revenue  
**SUBTOTAL, WATER** **1,194,559**

**TOTAL – ALL BUDGETS - GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 21,656,075**

The Moderator took Article 28 (the Revolving Funds Article) out of order and had Town Meeting vote on it after the Budget Article.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2016, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

**Estimated Revenues**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$260,000
Retained Earnings	\$ 18,000
Taxation	<u>\$ 41,356</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$319,356

**Estimated Expenses**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries	\$157,356	\$125,000 Program Revenue \$ 32,356 Taxation
Expenses	\$153,000	\$135,000 Program Revenue \$ 18,000 Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$319,356	

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** Recreation program cost now shown in this Enterprise Fund budget. With the exception of the Administrative Assistant position, all costs related to the operation of Camp Kiwanee are projected to be offset by the program revenues. All surpluses of this account at the end of the year will remain within the account.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: David Blauss  
 Second: Donald Howard

An amendment to this Article by the Finance Committee was not passed.

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during the fiscal year 2016, under provisions of M.G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2016, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

**Estimated Revenues**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$255,250
Taxation	<u>\$110,701</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$365,951

**Estimated Expenses**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries	\$112,025	\$35,000 Program Revenue \$77,025 Taxation
Expenses	\$220,250	Program Revenue
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 33,676</u>	Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$365,951	

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$365,951. A portion of the Salaries \$77,025 and expenses \$33,676 will come from general taxation. The balance of expenses \$255,250 will be paid through the Enterprise Fund.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Gilbert Amado  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during the fiscal year 2016, under provisions of M.G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½**

<b>Estimated Expense Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$112,025</b>	<b>\$20,000 Program Revenue \$92,025 Taxation</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$220,250</b>	<b>Program Revenue</b>
<b>Indirect Cost</b>	<b>\$ 33,676</b>	<b>Taxation</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses:</b>	<b>\$365,951</b>	

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.  
And Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Norton  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$176,000 to various department Capital Accounts for the following items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY16 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Schools	Replace Fire alarm & smoke detectors at Indian Head & Middle Schools	\$80,000		Free Cash
2	Selectmen	Paving for upper Town Hall Parking lot	\$40,000		Free Cash
3	Fire	Paving Fire Parking Lot	\$56,000		Free Cash
4	Highway	Front End Loader	\$168,000		Free Cash
5	Highway	New Ford F150	\$45,000		Free Cash

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &  
Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Item 1 -The fire detection devices are reaching the end of life (15 Years). This appropriation will replace all field devices and fire alarm panels in the Indian Head and Hanson Middle Schools. Item 2 - Repaving of the upper Town Hall parking lot is necessary due to the installation of new front stairs. Item 3 - Repaving of the Fire Department parking lot has been on the capital improvement plan for several years and is in serious need of repair. Item 4 Front end load and Item 5 Ford F150 are included in the article if funding permits

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Norton

Second: Donald Howard

Original motion was made to vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 and to transfer \$136,000 from Free Cash to various department Capital Accounts for the following items Lines 1,2 & 3 as printed in the warrant.

**VOTED Aye, voice Line 1 to transfer \$80,000 from Free Cash to replace fire alarm and smoke detectors at Indian Head and Middle Schools. Motion-Helen Vess 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Howard. Voted Aye voice to amend Article 9 to pass over Line 2, Motion- James McGahan**

2<sup>nd</sup>-Dave Hanlon. **Voted, Aye voice Line 3 to transfer \$56,000 from Free Cash for paving of the Fire Parking Lot.** Motion- Joe Weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Howard. **Voted Aye, voice to pass over Line 4.** Motion- John Norton 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Howard. **Voted Aye, voice to pass over Line 5.** Motion- John Norton 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Howard. **VOTED Aye, voice to amend Article 9 to transfer \$136,000 from Free Cash to various department Capital Accounts for Line 1 \$80,000 from Free Cash to replace fire alarm & smoke detectors at Indian Head & Middle School and Line 3 \$56,000 from Free Cash to for paving the Fire Parking Lot, Motion: John Norton, Second Donald Howard.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to replace the Roof at the Library Senior Center or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.  
Library Director and Director of Elder Affairs

**Explanation:** The roof has been leaking at the library/senior center on and off since 2006 requiring period repairs. During this past winter, there were as many 15 different leaks in the library, one in the main entry way and 3 in the senior center. The roof needs to be replaced. Requires two thirds vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Nancy Cappellini  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$70,000 from Free Cash to replace the roof at the Library/Senior Center.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from Free Cash for the purpose of making the first annual payment of a three (3) year annual lease to purchase payment plan for two (2) police cruisers or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** The article will fund the first year of a three year lease to purchase plan for two (2) Police Department Cruisers. Cost \$70,000.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Joseph Yakavonis  
Second: Bruce Young

**VOTED Aye, voice to Passover Article 11.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town of Hanson to accept state funding, including Chapter 90 funding for accepted roadways. This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the legislature and governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: Stephen Amico

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County for road construction projects, as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Fund estimated** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$137,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** This article ensures that Hanson's Community Preservation Accounts are compliant with the Community Preservation Act which requires that a certain portion of the CPA funds be set aside for open space projects, community housing projects, historical projects and recreation projects. In addition, it sets aside money for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:**

**Appropriations:**

**From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses     \$ 10,000**

**Reserves:**

**From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve             \$ 21,000**

**From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve         \$ 21,000**

**From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve                 \$ 21,000**

**From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve                     \$137,000**

**ARTICLE 14:**                     To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from the Historical Resources Community Preservation Fund to be used to repair the rafters and the floors in the town-owned Bonney House located on High Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:**                     This is the third step in a five step process to bring the Bonney House back to a viable state such that the Hanson Historical Society's records and artifacts can be safely stored in a weather-tight, climate-controlled and structurally sound building. Once completed, the Bonney House will be open to the public.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate \$25,000 from the Historical Resources Community Preservation Fund to be used to repair the rafters and the floors in the town-owned Bonney House located on High Street.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Historic Resources Community Preservation Fund and \$50,000 from Undesignated Community Preservation Fund Balance for the repair of the cabins located on the north end of Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** The cabins on the north end of Camp Kiwanee are in a state of disrepair. This prevents the full utilization and enjoyment of the property by Hanson residents and the renting public. Restoration of these cabins will improve the overall aesthetic appeal of the entire camp. In addition, it will increase the number of sites that can be rented and allow Camp Kiwanee to explore additional revenue opportunities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice appropriate \$50,000 from Historic Resources Community Preservation Fund and \$50,000 from Undesignated Community Preservation Fund Balance for the repair of the cabins located on the north end of Camp Kiwanee.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to replace the Hot Water Heater at the Indian Head School or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** The hot water unit at Indian Head School is unreliable for delivery of hot water. It would replace the PVI unit in the basement with a high efficiency hot water system. It will be a wall mounted, tankless Rinnai water heater. The Indian Head hot water heater, installed in 1998, continues to be unreliable. If this PVI hot water heater fails, the Indian Head School will be without hot water. There is no back up water heater. Estimated cost: \$24,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bob Hayes  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$24,000 to replace the Hot Water Heater at the Indian Head School.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to repair and/or replace windows at the Maquan School or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** Remove the existing (2) windows on second floor at back of the building and replace. Remove existing caulking and re-caulk the exterior of (11) openings. To remove (10) vent covers and install new vents (supplied by district). There have been several attempts to stop leaks when there is a high wind rain storm through the masonry and awning type windows installed in 1989. Estimated cost: \$11,788

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bob Hayes  
Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$11,788 to repair and/or replace windows at the Maquan School.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to repair the roof at the Maquan School to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** To tear off the existing roof of approximately 4" tar and gravel roof over the gym and cafeteria and replace with new PVC roof system with 4 " of insulation. This will address the replacement of the existing tar and gravel roof over the gym and cafeteria that is original to the school 1966. Estimated cost: \$266,000

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Bob Hayes  
Second: Steven Amico

**VOTED Aye, voice to Passover Article 18.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authority for \$64,555.00, which constitutes the balance that is not going to be borrowed for the Woodbine Avenue Extension water main project; Article #18 of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** The Woodbine Avenue Extension water main project cost less than expected.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice to rescind the borrowing authority for \$64,555.00 the balance that is not going to be borrowed for the Woodbine Avenue Extension water main project; Article #18 of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$900,000, to supplement the amounts appropriated to Article #14 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting; to provide additional funds for the tank rehabilitation project; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** The two tank bids received exceeded what the Town had appropriated in the May 5, 2014 Annual town meeting; therefore the project will need to be re-bid. Requires two thirds vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: Stephen Amico

**VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to raise through borrowing \$900,000 to be added to Article 14 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting; to provide additional Funding for the Tank Rehabilitation Project under MGL Chap. 44, Section 8(4).**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus, \$52,000 to purchase and equip an asphalt patch box or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board Water Commissioners

**EXPLANATION:** This patch box will allow the water department and the highway department to repair roads efficiently.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus, \$52,000 to purchase and equip an asphalt patch box for the water department.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water surplus, \$75,000 to be added to Article 16, Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This meter replacement is the continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading records. This will allow the department to purchase 300 water meters and MXU's.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from water surplus, \$75,000 to be added to Article 16, Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from water surplus for engineering for water exploration; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** The water department is starting to explore another new water source for the town. Currently; the town has only one source off Main Street (Crystal Spring Wellsite) which consists of four wells. The Town explored different sites in the 1990's

with D.E. P.'s approval; however; none of those sites were developed. It's time the town explore for another new source.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000 from Water Surplus for engineering for water exploration.**

**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$1,300,000.00 for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This will allow the water department to replace old water mains; eliminate bleeders on dead ends streets; for better water quality. Requires two thirds vote

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard  
Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, declared 2/3 by moderator to raise through borrowing \$1,300,000.00 for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will pursuant to M.G.L. c.71, §16(d) approve or disapprove the debt authorization voted by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District in the amount of \$633,500 for the purpose of purchasing and upgrading computers in the Hanson elementary and middle schools and Hanson's portion of the Regional High School or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** The desktop computers in the school district are currently 10 years old. This appropriation will upgrade all the existing computers to provide students and staff with greater capabilities and a better user experience for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Estimated cost: \$633,500

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bob Hayes  
Second: Stephen Amico

**VOTED Aye, voice to approve the debt authorization voted by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District in the amount of \$633,500 for the purpose of purchasing and upgrading computers in the Hanson elementary and middle schools and Hanson's portion of the Regional High School provided that said approval is subject to and conditional upon an affirmative vote by the voters of the Town of Hanson to exempt said debt from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote contingent upon the passage of a ballot question, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of authorizing certain borrowing for capital costs for regional schools located in the Town of Hanson, in a form substantially as follows:

***AN ACT REGARDING BORROWING FOR CAPITAL COSTS FOR  
REGIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN OF HANSON***

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

***SECTION 1.***

***WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson is a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District; and***

***WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson is bound by both the terms of a certain Regional School Agreement by and between the member Towns, and the procedures regarding borrowing to pay for capital costs, including, without limitation, the procedures of Section 16(d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws; and***

***WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson seeks to ensure that borrowing for capital costs for Regional Schools located wholly in the Town of Hanson is approved by the Hanson Town Meeting in a manner that is similar to borrowing for other capital projects within the Town of Hanson.***

***SECTION 2***

***NOW THEREFORE, Notwithstanding any provision of applicable law, and without waiver of any of the requirements of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as the same may apply to the incurring of debt for Regional Schools, no debt shall be incurred for capital costs attributable to regional school buildings located in the Town of Hanson unless and until the amount of the proposed debt has been specifically approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at an Annual or Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hanson.***

### **SECTION 3**

*This act shall take effect upon its passage.*

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** If passed by the voters at the May 16, 2015 Town Election and the Legislature, this act will require a two-thirds vote for all borrowing for capital costs for Regional school projects in the Town of Hanson.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Bruce Young

Second: Donald Howard

Discussion of this Article was on whether South Shore Vo-Tech and Northfolk Agricultural Schools should be added to this Article or not. Voter's discussed the pros and cons for passing this Article.

**VOTED Aye 70, Nay 90 for the Town vote contingent upon the passage of a corresponding ballot question, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of authorizing certain borrowing for capital costs for regional schools located in the Town of Hanson, in a form substantially as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2012, an Act Relative to the Position of Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson by allowing the Selectmen to enter into an employment contract with such Highway Surveyor the term of which shall not exceed three years.

Said Legislation to read as follows:

#### **An Act Amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2012, An Act Relative to the Position of Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Hanson Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

The following sentence shall be added to the end of Section 1 of said Special Act:

*The Selectmen shall be permitted to enter into an employment contract with such Highway Surveyor, the term of which shall not exceed three years.*

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The amendment to the Special Act will give the Board of Selectmen the ability to contract with Highway Surveyor.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2012, an Act Relative to the Position of Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson by allowing the Selectmen to enter into an employment contract with such Highway Surveyor the term of which shall not exceed three years as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which shall be kept separate and apart from other monies by the Treasurer, and which shall be deposited receipts received that may be spent only from those sources identified below under "Source of Funds" without further appropriation during Fiscal Year 2016 and as identified below under "Use of Funds", and shall be expended under the direction of those so indicated. Said annual amount expended from each revolving account shall not exceed the amount indicated below under "Annual Expenditure"

Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Expended Under Direction of:	FY 16 Limit
<i>Assessors</i> Counter Sales of Maps	Purchase and Maintenance of maps including GIS	Board of Assessors	\$1,500
<i>Parks &amp; Fields</i> Recycling, rental fees Repair reimbursement & Donations	Park & Field Maintenance and equipment	Parks & Fields	\$10,000
<i>Library</i>	Library Operations, Copier	Board of Library	\$7,000

Fines, Fees and Copier Charges	Purchase, maintenance, Repair & supplies. Printer Supplies. Replacement of Lost or damaged books		
<i>Senior Center</i> Events, programs and Education Seminars	Senior Center Operations Events, programs, Seminars Training & Reimbursements	Director of Elder Affairs	\$2,500
<i>Senior Center</i> Program Fees	Supportive Day Care Program	Director of Elder Affairs	\$95,000
<i>Conservation Comm.</i> Wetlands Fees	Engineering, Surveying Legal & Environmental Consulting	Conservation Commission	\$7,500
<i>Nathaniel Thomas Mill</i> Rental Fees	Maintenance & Repairs of building and grounds	Conservation	\$1,500

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** There are the annual revolving accounts which have been consolidated into one article to streamline the warrant process.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bill Scott

Second: Donald Howard

**VOTED Aye, voice to reauthorize the previously approved revolving accounts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which shall be kept separate and apart from other monies by the Treasurer, and which shall be deposited receipts received that may be spent only from those sources identified below under “Source of Funds” without further appropriation during Fiscal Year 2016 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the town will vote to increase the Board of Health’s elected Board from 3 to 5. Having a 5 member board would create more transparency, and help foster public trust in the department due to questionable actions of past and present 3 members boards or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Petition Article  
Helen M.Vess and 23 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Helen Vess

Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye 72, Nay 80 to increase the Board of Health's elected Board from 3 to 5.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the town will vote to remove Hanson Elementary and Hanson Middle Schools from Whitman Hanson Regional School District or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Petition Article  
Jeffrey McNeil and 17 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**The Moderator declared Article 30 Failed as no one stood up to move the motion.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the town of Hanson will vote A NON BINDING REFERENDUM to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Whitman Hanson Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, History/Social Science and associated testing known as MCAS. Or take any other action in relation thereto.

**"WHEREAS:** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has had the highest educational standards in the country for decades because of effective policy handled by local school boards with input from parents; and

**WHEREAS:** Education is most effectively handled at the local level, where parents can have direct control over school curriculum and policy; and

**WHEREAS:** The federal government's takeover of education, known as "Common Core", threatens parental control over their children's education"<sup>1</sup> as noted below:

"The Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is a set of national K-12 standards developed primarily by a nonprofit called Achieve, Inc., in Washington, D.C. under the auspices of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The Common Core was developed without state legislative authority."<sup>2</sup>

By linking Race-to-the-Top grant funds to the implementation of Common Core State Standards "and linking the Common Core to No Child Left Behind waivers, the federal government is acting as the "enforcer" to herd states into the "one-size-fits- all" Common Core in spite of the fact that three federal laws"<sup>2</sup> (*The Department of Education Organizational Act, established in 1979, Section 103b; The General Education Provisions Act; and The Elementary and Secondary Act, first enacted in 1965*) "prohibit the federal government from guiding the educational curriculum of the states. Not only the U.S. Constitution, but also state constitutions maintain that education is a power reserved to the states and their citizens. Yet, state legislatures or state school boards cannot change the Common Core."<sup>2</sup>

"Taxpayers pay hundreds of billions in state and local taxes per year for K-12 education. Yet, the Common Core guarantees taxpayers and parents NO VOICE in math and English content standards of their states and thus no control over what children will learn in these subjects. In fact, most states agreed to implement the

Common Core before the standards were even released, all without state legislative approval or even public hearings.”<sup>2</sup>

“The Common Core ensures that the states build expensive high-tech systems that will track student performance and other personal data and provide that information to the federal government. The unfunded mandates associated with the Common Core are open-ended in areas such as professional development, new textbooks and instructional materials, testing, and data-tracking systems. A recent study shows implementation will cost \$16 billion or more nationwide, with about 90 percent of this paid for by states and local districts, despite the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top grants. The Common Core fuels a money pot of tax dollars going to pre-selected vendors.”<sup>2</sup>

**THEREFORE:** We reject the use of the Common Core State Standards and the associated testing known as PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) which stifles academic freedom and achievement, and return control over education to the local school district of Whitman and Hanson, Massachusetts. We choose to use the Pre 2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, and History/Social Science and associated testing, known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation, and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

1. Educate through local control petition

<http://throughlocalcontrol.wix.com/educatetlc#!petition/c24vq>

2. [www.stopcommoncore.com](http://www.stopcommoncore.com)

### **Proposed by Petition Article**

Michael McLeod and 24 Others

**Executive Summary:** This is a NON BINDING ARTICLE to authorize the town to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Whitman Hanson Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, History/Social Science and associated testing known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Michael McLeod

Second: James McGahan

**VOTED Aye, voice a NON BINDING REFERENDUM to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Whitman Hanson Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, History/Social Science and associated testing known as MCAS.**

**ARTICLE 32:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, two Constables for three years, Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three

years, and two Water Commissioners for three years and one Water Commissioner for one year and two questions.

**Question 1** Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay its allocable share of the bond issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the purpose of purchasing new computers Hanson Schools and Hanson’s portion of the Regional High School including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Question 2** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of authorizing certain borrowing for capital costs for regional schools located in the Town of Hanson, in a form substantially as shown below:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 3**

*This act shall take effect upon its passage.*

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Donald Howard

SEE: Town Election, May 16, 2015.

**VOTED Aye, voice at 11:51PM to recess until Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 32 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.**

**A true copy of the vote, Attest:**

**Elizabeth Sloan, CMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk**