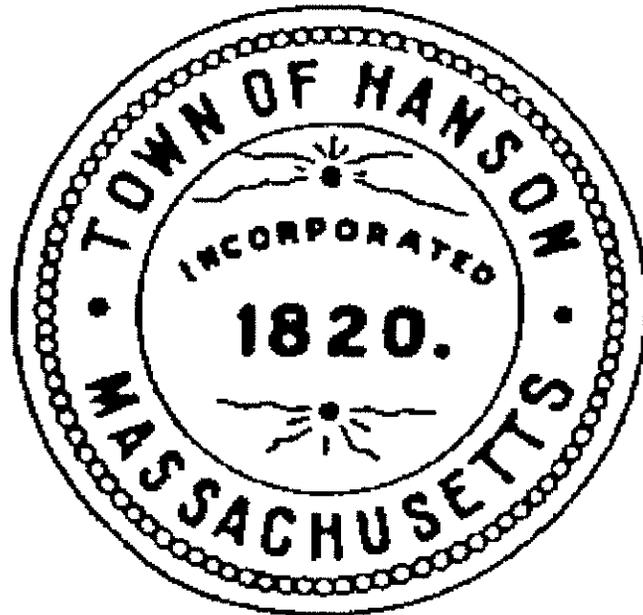


# **Town Meeting Informational Warrant**

*OCTOBER 6, 2014 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING*

**Hanson Middle School – 7:30 p.m.**



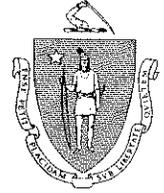
**Prepared by the Town Administrator and Executive Assistant**

**at the direction of the Board of Selectmen**



# Town of Hanson

## Board of Selectmen



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Oct. 1, 2014

To the citizens of Hanson,

Enclosed is an informational copy of the warrant for the October 6, 2014 **SPECIAL** Town Meeting. The legal warrant was posted on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2014, by the Constables of the Town of Hanson, in accordance with state law. This informational warrant provides you with the most current information on each article, including explanations and recommendations.

As Town Administrator, I am pleased to announce that Free Cash has been certified by the State of Massachusetts in the amount of:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$1,446,879</b>
<b>Recreation Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>\$156,963</b>

As you may be aware, this is an unusually high amount of Free Cash, which is a result of the unanticipated revenues and budget line balances as highlighted below.

### Explanation for Increase of Free Cash:

#### Revenues:

Back Taxes (Tax Liens Redeemed – Actual taxes)	\$398,000
Interest on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$116,000
Supplemental Taxes (New construction/Improvement)	\$86,000
Inspection Permits	<u>\$73,000</u>
	\$673,000

#### Expenditures: (Less than expected)

Group Insurance (based on Enrollment at May TM)	\$65,000
Regional Schools (Norfolk Aggie)	\$31,000
Legal Services (Utilizing Legal services as needed)	<u>\$27,000</u>
	\$123,000

**Total swing in one time Free Cash** **\$796,000**

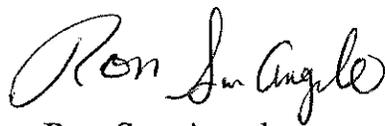
This increase in Free Cash was the direct result of the hard work of various town departments working together to collect back taxes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of billing out of Supplemental taxes, and a spike of Inspection Permits.

Special thanks go out to the Treasurer/Collector, Building, Planning, Health, and Selectmen's offices for their efforts in collecting back taxes. It is great to see all departments working together on behalf of the citizens of Hanson.

While we are pleased that we have experienced a significant bump in Free Cash, we also understand that this is a one year increase and will not be available in future years.

I want to thank each of you for attending this important town meeting and participating in democracy in action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron San Angelo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron San Angelo,  
*Town Administrator*

# TOWN MEETING

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hanson, in the County of Plymouth  
GREETINGS,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hanson, qualified to vote in Town affairs, and elections, to meet in the Hanson Middle School, Liberty Street in said Hanson on Monday the Sixth day of October 2014 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization to pay unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2014 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** There are a few unpaid bills from various departments, which were received after the end of fiscal year 2014. *Requires a 9/10 vote.*

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

**Explanation:** This money will be used to increase the Stabilization Fund. A stabilization fund is a mechanism for setting aside money either for unforeseen needs or for capital projects. Such a fund is intended to equalize the effect of capital expenditures over time and to provide a “rainy day” fund. The dollar amount appropriated under this article will increase the Stabilization Fund to \$1,017,000 which represents 5% of the operating budget. The Town’s target has been to maintain close to 5% which is the industry standard minimum amount for Stabilization Funds as recommended by our auditors and will help to maintain a positive bond rating for future borrowing purposes. Estimated \$25,000. *Requires a 2/3 vote.*

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 - 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$28,500.00 from the Recreation Commission Enterprise fund to the Hanson General Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** These funds are to reimburse the Town for a Reserve Fund Transfer which was authorized by the Finance Committee during Fiscal Year 2014 and funding provided from Free Cash via Article 2 line 12 of the May 2014 Special Town Meeting.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Recreation Department Enterprise fund for fiscal year 2015, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as follows:

**Estimated Revenues**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$308,385	\$256,320
Retained Earnings	0	\$ 21,680
Taxation	0	\$ 30,385
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$308,385	\$308,385

**Estimated Expenses**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Unchanged</b>
Salaries	\$155,385	\$155,385
Expenses	\$153,000	\$153,000
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$308,385	\$308,385

**Net Profit/Loss: \$0.00**

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** - This is a housekeeping article. The Estimated Revenues did not properly reflect the retained earnings and taxation amounts.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 - 1 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Estimated Revenue as follows and to include all receipts generated at the Transfer Station retroactive to July 1, 2014.

**Estimated Revenues**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$200,000	\$200,000
Transfer Station Receipts	0	\$ 20,000
Taxation	\$154,000	\$132,112
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$200,000	\$352,112

**Estimated Expenses**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Salaries	\$ 92,000	\$ 90,112
Expenses	\$262,000	\$262,000
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$354,000	\$352,112

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** - This is a housekeeping article. The Transfer Station Receipts, which include receipts for Trip Tickets and payments received from vendors for recyclables, should be included in the Enterprise Fund.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to HOLD*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the following budget lines from Article 5 of the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting:

	<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Line 67 Solid Waste Salaries	\$90,112	0
Line 68 Solid Waste Expenses	\$254,909	0
Line 94 Recreation Salaries	\$155,385	0
Line 95 Recreation Expenses	\$153,000	0

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Town Accountant

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article relative to Articles 4 and 5, which corrects a double appropriation for the Solid Waste and Recreation budgets.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Hold*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization in the amount of \$82,880.00 under the vote of Article 12 of the October 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting which vote originally authorized said borrowing for the acquisition of the land known as the Stone Property, for conservation and passive recreation purposes or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article, which is necessary to remove the borrowing authorization in the amount of \$82,880.00, which appears as authorized and un-issued debt against the Town. The Town received a State Grant in the amount of \$82,880.00 in August 2014 and was borrowing was not required. *Requires a 2/3 vote.*

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to be added to Article 6 of the May 2013 Special Town Meeting, removal of invasive Phragmites at Camp Kiwanee or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission.

**Explanation:** These funds are requested for the second year phase of a five year plan to remove the Phragmites australis, also known as common reed or phragmites, which is an invasive perennial grass that has spread rapidly throughout coastal and interior wetlands, riparian corridors, roadside ditches and other disturbed areas. This Article provides for funding for the Conservation Commission for removal of this invasive species from Town owned properties. Estimated \$10,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year contract for the removal of invasive Phragmites at Smitty's Bog located on Indian Head Street or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission.

**Explanation:** The removal of the invasive species is a requirement of the USDA agreement. The USDA will provide the funding for the project. However the Town is responsible for contracting the work. The project is a worked over a five year period in order to properly eradicate the invasive species. Estimated \$51,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to grant a drainage easement to the owner of 4 William Way, as depicted on a plan entitled Drainage Easement Plan of Land in Hanson, MA dated April 22, 2014 John W. Delano and Associates, Inc. on file with the Town Clerk's office or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

***Explanation:*** The drainage easement is requested to alleviate flooding at 4 William Way. The drainage will direct water into the Town owned retention area.

***Recommendations:*** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to extend the term of the inter-municipal agreement for regional cooperation in the provision of solid waste and recycling services for the South Shore Recycling Cooperative for an additional term through June 30, 2018 and, further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver an amended inter-municipal agreement, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to effect the extension of the term and other changes set forth therein; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Board of Health

***Explanation:*** In accordance with the terms of the agreement and MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, each member town must accept reauthorization of this agreement every five years. The funds were appropriated at the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

***Recommendations:*** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to the amounts appropriated in Line 80 - Library Expense in the budget approved by the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting for replacement of defective windows at the Library/Senior Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Library Director &  
Director of Elder Affairs

***Explanation:*** These funds are needed to replace eight I.G.U. windows which have condensation problems due to seal failure. Approximately \$5,200

***Recommendations:*** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funds to conduct a needs assessment of the redesign of the Library/ Senior Center Roof by an exterior envelope specialist or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Director of the Hanson Public Library  
and the Director of Elder Affairs.

**Explanation:** The Library/ Senior Center Roof has had minor repairs done to it since 2006. Repairs have been made to the roof but with each rain storm, another leak shows up. According to the most recent Town Of Hanson Facilities Review, it is the structural design of the present roof that continues to allow water to enter the structure. Depending on the rain storm, or ice dams, leaks appear all over the library and in the community room, and foyer. Estimated \$10,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source for the purchase of computer equipment, software, and computer hardware for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation: *Technology Upgrades for Police:*** \$17,750 to replace a minimum 5 desk top computers, replace a network switch, acquire back up services, and purchase software for policy and document management, and update software licenses.

The Police Department has 25 computers that act as work stations as well as run various systems within the building. (such as the radios, training rooms, building security, etc...)They were all purchased in 2007 when the Police Department opened. We replaced two work stations last year using grant money. I do not foresee us having access to any further grants at this time. The network switch that needs to be replaced is older than the station. It had been recycled from the old police station and is beyond its life expectancy. I have replaced one network switch with grant money that was failing this year. This request is to replace a second switch that handles almost half of the computers in the building. This switch is critical to the operating of the Police Departments Network.

We need to acquire an offsite secured backup solution for our data. We currently do not have off site back up capabilities. The approximate cost is \$1000 a year to keep our records backed up off site. The alternative is to back up our records in another location in Town. This would be more expensive up front and would still leave the data at risk if a natural disaster struck the Town.

The Policy Software will allow for better management of documents and training schedules then currently exists. The policy software is important as it allows the

Administration to distribute policies and procedures to the employees. It allows for a centralized location for training scheduling and recording. It also allows for the accurate accounting of policies that maybe needed for court cases and potential civil litigation. We also need to update a number of software licenses to protect the network. Windows operating system licenses were purchased recently and are being installed.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source for the purchase of protective clothing and safety clothing for the police department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** *Protective/safety clothing:* \$4400 to issue each officer an external carrier for their protective vests and issue each officer a reflective safety vest. Currently the officers have one external carrier that was purchased last year. Some of the carriers are already showing signs of wear. Providing a second carrier to each officer will allow for the extended life of the current carrier. This will also allow the officers to continue to maintain a professional image. Currently not all officers have the same reflective vests. Providing the officers with the same equipment allows for uniformity throughout the department and allows the public to better identify Hanson Officers.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source for the purchase of tire deflation devices for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** *Tire Deflation Devices:* \$4500 Tire Deflation Devices (also known by the brand name Stop Sticks) are an important safety tool for Officers. The Devices allow for the slow release of air in the tires of a vehicle being pursued. These devices are credited with ending numerous police pursuits safely. Funding for this would allow us to purchase 9 sets of Stop Sticks, one for each marked cruiser.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 3 – 2 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source for the purchase of new patrol rifles for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** The current rifles were purchased in October 2008. They are not compatible with surrounding communities' weapons. The current rifles are also limited in allowing for aftermarket sights and accessories. The new rifles would be an AR based model with parts and accessories more readily available. AR based models tend to also be easier to use for most officers. Estimated \$11,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 4 – 1 Not to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source for upgrades and maintenance at the Main Street Fire Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This transfer is requested to pay for the purchase and installation of energy efficient windows as well as to repair the siding at the Main Street Fire Station. Estimated \$16,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$240,000 from the ambulance account to purchase and equip a Mini-Pumper or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee  
and the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This transfer is requested to fund the purchase of a Mini-Pumper. The purchase of this vehicle will reduce wear and tear on our apparatus and delay incurring capital expenses to replace apparatus.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source to be added to the amounts appropriated at the May 2014 Annual Town meeting article 5 line 40 fire expense for the purchase of protective clothing or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee  
and the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This transfer is requested to replace 17 sets of protective clothing that will become non-compliant in July of 2015 per NFPA 1851. Estimated \$36,500

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funds to be added to the amounts appropriated to Article 8 of the October 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting, Fire Station Septic repair or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** Additional work is required to due to the unanticipated relocation of the floor drains. Estimated \$10,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to name the playground on Hancock Street in honor of Army Sergeant James Francis “Red” Harrington who was killed on April 8, 1951 while serving in Korea or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Following High School James Francis “Red” Harrington served two years in the army and then enrolled in the army reserves. During his junior year at Boston College he was recalled to active duty in Korea. He left for Korea in January 1951 and was killed on April 8, 1951. While serving in Korea, Sergeant Harrington volunteered for the position of “forward observer”, taking upon himself the responsibility of relaying to the artillery gunners the location of the enemy. Sergeant Harrington spent many hours of his youth enjoying the Hancock Street Park with friends and family.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or available fund a sum of money to be added to the amounts appropriate at the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Line 76, Veterans Expense, to provide a marker for the memorial park or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's agent.

**Explanation:** If the preceding article is approved, these funds will be used to purchase the appropriate marker. Estimated \$1,200

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to fund the FY 2017 Triennial Recertification of the Town's Real Estate and Personal Property values, as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 797 acts of 1979 or take any other action on relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** M.G.L. requires that valuations be recertified every three (3) years. All building schedules, land tables, depreciation schedules, etc. are recalculated according to the current real estate market. New Income and expense figures are also adopted based on the current commercial/industrial market. Estimated amount \$25,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to be added to the amount appropriated at the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Line 6, Accountant Salaries or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

**Explanation:** The Town Accountant is a key component of the management team. The position is responsible for professional accounting work of a supervisory and participatory nature with responsibility for maintaining financial records and supervising and controlling expenditures of all town funds. Hanson's Budget is approximately \$21.6 million dollars of which \$9 million is for Education. The town has posted this position publically on two occasions and has not been able to attract quality candidates at the current salary level. Currently there are a limited number of municipal accountants, since this is a highly specialized field. The increase proposed in this salary line is for the purpose of attracting higher quality candidates.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Passover*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Not to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or available funds a sum of money to be added to funds appropriated for Stormwater Management, for the purpose of complying with the EPA'S 2013 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) General Permit, Education or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** The May 5, 2014 an article was submitted for \$15,000.00 to help with the Town finances. The additional \$15,000.00 is to add to the total what was intended at the May 5, 2014 Special Town meeting to the Stormwater account to comply with Stormwater mandates, educational. Approx. \$15,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or available funds a sum of money for the grading of private ways under the direction of the Highway Surveyor or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** These funds are used to purchase supplies and for the grading of private way which the Town maintains. Approx. \$4,000.00

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or available funds a sum of money to be added to the amounts appropriated in the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 65, Highway Street Sweeping or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** These funds were spent from the FY15 budget to complete the sweeping of the Towns Street, as we had to stop sweeping in FY14 due to insufficient funds. Because of the harsh winter and the shortage of salt more sand was used. Estimated \$7607.25

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or available funds a sum of money to remove existing danger sign on the curve of Route 27, Franklin Street to furnish and install one (1) 36 X 36 double sided graphic arrow LED sign or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** These funds will be use to remove existing sign, salvage existing concrete foundation and reset to plumb furnish and install one (1) 36 X 36 double sided graphic arrow LED sign. This sign is outdate and out of commission. Approx. \$9,900.00

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from Free Cash or available funds a sum of money to be added to the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Article 8, for the purse of drainage improvements, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** The purpose of this article is to appropriate the additional funds of what was not funded at the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting. These funds are used to do new drainage and reconstructing of existing drainage. Estimated \$15,000

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to reimburse the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for repairs of the following items:

Maquan School cafeteria and corridor floors asbestos abatement and tile replacement

Maquan School boiler and heating plant repairs

Indian Head School entry sidewalk repairs

Indian Head School library carpet replacement

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** **Reimbursement of immediate repair items**

The items above were reviewed by the Indian Head and Maquan School Priority Repair Committee and Town of Hanson Selectmen with the need to be addressed in advance of opening schools for the 2014-15 school year. The repair items were presented to the Selectmen at the August 12, 2014 meeting. This article reimburses the District for expended funds. Estimated \$95,500

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to repair or replace sections of the Indian Head School cafeteria floor and office carpets or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** **Indian Head School- cafeteria/office floor repairs/replacement**  
This request would provide funding for repairs and replacements of sections of the Indian Head cafeteria floor and office carpets which present a trip hazard due to tiles and carpets lifting in sections of the floor.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the town will vote, in accordance with the recommendation of the Whitman Hanson Regional School Committee, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available sources and/or borrow a sum of funds, not to exceed \$850,000.00, for the purpose of funding repairs of the slate roof of the Indian Head Elementary School and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all necessary actions associated therewith; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** This request would provide funding for the funds needed to repair the existing slate roof at the Indian Head School. It has been documented that the slate tiles pose a safety hazard as many are prone to sliding off the roof.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Passover  
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Not to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the town will vote, in accordance with the recommendation of the Whitman Hanson Regional School Committee, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available sources and/or borrow a sum of funds, not to exceed \$850,000.00, for the purpose of funding replacement of the slate roof of the Indian Head Elementary School and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all necessary actions associated therewith; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** This request would provide funding for the funds needed to replace the existing slate roof at the Indian Head School. It has been documented that the slate tiles pose a safety hazard as many are prone to sliding off the roof.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the town will vote, in accordance with the recommendation of the Whitman Hanson Regional School Committee, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available sources and/or borrow a sum of funds, not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the purpose of funding replace to the lintels of the Indian Head Elementary School and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all necessary actions associated therewith; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** This request would provide funding for the funds needed to repair the lintels at the Indian Head School. It has been documented that the lintels pose structural problems to the facility.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to create an additional Capital Stabilization Account to be known as “Regional Schools Capital Stabilization “ for the purpose of accruing and expending Town funds for capital expenditures for Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School; that said funds shall be expended upon a vote of Town Meeting; and to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash into such Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This Stabilization Fund sets asides funds for the exclusive use of paying for capital improvements to the Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman Hanson Regional High School. *Requires a 2/3 vote.*

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 110A, to authorize the Town Clerk’s office to remain closed on Saturdays and to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday for purposes of calculating the time frame for filing and other matters relating to Town Clerk services or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

**Explanation:** Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 110A, authorizes towns move voter registration and last day to submit or obtain election paper work to the following work day instead of keeping Town Hall open on a Saturday

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting***

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 – 12 Classification and Compensation, Section 11D last line by deleting the words “revolving account” and inserting in their place the words “Enterprise Fund” or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article. In May 2013 Town Meeting approved the establishment of an Enterprise Fund for the operations of the Recreation Commission.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-Laws, Article 3 – 23, Junk Dealers and Collectors, Section 11 by deleting in the third line “Article 3-21” and in its place inserting “Article 3-23” or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator.

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article which corrects the appropriate reference.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or available funds in order to update a plan entitled “Proposed Sidewalk Design North Side of Main Street from High Street to Indian Head Street, Hanson, MA.” This will include, but is not limited to, updating existing conditions survey originally performed in 2002, delineation and location of any wetland resource areas within 100’ of proposed construction and preparation of an existing conditions base plan for use in design of sidewalks or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this Article is to update a plan for the construction of sidewalks along the North side of Main Street. The plan will be updated with the existing conditions being brought up to current conditions and the proposed sidewalk design being updated to meet current Massachusetts Design Criteria along with ADA requirements. Estimated \$12,750

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*  
*Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Not to Recommend*

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by deleting the existing Section VI. L., **TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS** in its entirety and to further amend the Table of Contents of the Town of Hanson Zoning By-law to delete Section VI.L Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The Town of Hanson approved the aforementioned by-law establishing a temporary moratorium, ending on June 30, 2014, on the use of land or structures for medical marijuana treatment centers. In recommending this bylaw, the Planning Board found the approximately 9 month moratorium is a reasonable exercise of the Town's zoning power because it allows the Town to manage a new use and take time for study, reflection and decision on a complex subject matter. Subsequently, this moratorium has expired and the Town of Hanson has adopted Section VI L Special Requirements for Medical Marijuana Facilities, therefore the moratorium is no longer necessary.

*Requires a 2/3 vote.*

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to delete in its entirety the existing Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Land Use Regulations Zoning Bylaw amended May, 2014 and accept in its entirety the re-codified Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Land Use Regulations Zoning Bylaw dated **August 18, 2014**, said recodification consisting solely of clerical and administrative changes, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Zoning By-law Committee

**Explanation:** The current Zoning Bylaw numbering structure no longer allows for the inclusion of additional amendments. Additionally, over time, various amendments have been included in the Bylaw in Sections that do not make sense to the average reader, which makes it more difficult to find information. Codification of the Zoning Bylaw involves the change in the format, layout and numbering structure of the Bylaw. This is purely a housekeeping change; there are no amendments to the language of the Bylaw.

Copies of the re-codified Zoning Bylaw may be downloaded from the Town of Hanson website at [www.hanson-ma.gov](http://www.hanson-ma.gov) Citizen's Library and are also available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA.

*Requires a 2/3 vote.*

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*